

ARE WE THERE YET?

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Established in 1945 by Sir Bernard Lovell, the Jodrell Bank site near Holmes Chapel in Cheshire was originally used to investigate cosmic rays using war surplus equipment. The iconic 76m diameter dish was completed in 1957 just in time to track the Russian Sputnik. In the following years it was used to track several space probes as well as for its intended function of scientific observations of the universe.

FORTHCOMING GATHERINGS

Date	Meetings	Location
Sunday 6th August	Harrogate MG Show	Bewerley Park, Pateley Bridge, HG3 5BD
Monday 7th August 8 pm	MYAM Social evening Tracy Gregory from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance	The Manor Golf Club. Bradford Road, Drighlington, Bradford, BD11 1AB (See page 7 for directions)
Sunday 13th August 9:30 am	Sunday Driving Sessions Assessment runs for all Associates & Members. Look for the caravan.	B&Q Car Park, Aspen way, Glasshoughton, Castleford. WF10 4TA
Sunday 20th August 10 am	Sunday Driving Sessions Assessment runs for all Associates & Members. Look for the caravan.	McDonalds car park On the roundabout with Oakwood Lane and Easterly Road LS8 2RB
Sunday 3rd September 9:30 am	Sunday Driving Sessions Assessment runs for all Associates & Members. Look for the caravan.	B&Q Car Park, Aspen way, Glasshoughton, Castleford. WF10 4TA
Monday 4th September 8 pm	MYAM Social evening Aldene Woodward from the Fire Service on the RTC.	The Manor Golf Club.

Everyone is welcome at these events and they are an ideal opportunity to meet new people socially, find out about what is going on within the Group and listen to an interesting talk on a variety of topics, sharing our skills with other serious drivers and keeping up-to-date on club and driving matters.

Will any Member wishing to have an item, article or picture included in the newsletter please submit it to the editor no later than the 15th of the month, these may be edited to save space. Thank you.

ISSUES OF ‘ARE WE THERE YET?’ ARE ON THE GROUP WEB SITE

FROM THE EDITOR

As I write this the sun is shining and I'm thinking what am I doing indoors. Perhaps it's the fact that we've spent some time outside making the most of the good weather sorting out our back garden and I need a break. As the weather has been good we've also been out and about visiting events and attractions around Yorkshire.

One event was the Thornes Park classic car show where not only did we visit the MYAM stand but I had a touch of nostalgia when I saw not one but two Fiesta XR2s. Having owned one of the last ones off the production line between 1983 and 1991, I was pleased to see them and in such good condition. There's a picture of one on page 9 with other pictures of the show.



August 1983 – Me and my XR2

We also found an interesting mill which is completely independent of mains electricity and water but more of that in a future newsletter.

We used sat-nav to help us to get to these places but found one disadvantage of the system. It's only as good as the map database as one road I had thought we would use on one outing wasn't included and we went on a roundabout route to get there. Still it's all part of the learning process.

I've had several contributions sent to me recently for the newsletter, so many that I've had to hold a couple over for a future issue. In spite of this I'd still welcome any contributions so if you have an amusing story or photo or would like to recommend somewhere to visit please send it to me.

Keith

Newsletter delays

I normally aim to send out the newsletter to the email recipients 7 to 10 days before the social meeting. Postal recipients receive their copies a few days later. Due to holidays the September newsletter may be delayed, however I should be able to send it out before the September meeting. If you do not receive your newsletter by the 2nd September please let me know.

Welcome to the Group

New Associates

**Colin Edwards
Francis Hale
Helen Iveson
Keith James
Chris Makin**

Congratulations

On passing the Advanced Test

**Yasmin Ahmed - Observer David Rockliff
Deborah Hewitt - Observer David Stringer
Lee Pritchard - Observer Bill Jackson**

On becoming a Local Observer

Ruth Watson

Happy Birthday this month goes to

**Wendy Barton, Audrey Cartwright, Joseph Convery, Michael Dennis,
Chris Dicken, John Dyson, Phill Eaglen, Derek Ellis, Malcolm Ellis,
Katherine Fenton, Paul Fletcher, Tony Freeman, John Gibbon,
Lee Jones, Rosemary Jones, Judy Lawton, Lionel Levine, Derek Matt,
Joe Miller, Ann Pearce, Sue Slocombe, Barrie Warner, Ruth Watson,
Cathy Wilson, Kenneth Wise, Simon Yorke-Davies**

MYAM Online

MYAM COMMITTEE MINUTES NOW AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

The Committee has now agreed that in the interests of transparency the minutes from the MYAM Committee meetings will now be available to Members on the Group website once they have been accepted as a true record by the Committee. So please feel free to check them out. They can be found on the Committee Members page under Our Team. The minutes are located at the bottom of the page.



FACEBOOK provides details of events and local news. Go and visit www.facebook.com/midyorkshireiam and like our page. How about inviting a few of your Facebook friends to like our page too. It helps getting our name out there.

WEB SITE As part of the changes at IAM to introduce the new IAM RoadSmart branding, we now have an all new look website and a new website address. If you use the old address you will be redirected to the Local Groups page on the new IAM RoadSmart website. To go to our new page enter:-

www.iamroadsmart.com/groups/midyorkshire

or use the QR code.



On the website you'll find details of our events, courses, the latest news from the group and copies of previous newsletters.



TWITTER We now have our own Twitter account which can be found at twitter.com/MYAM4178.

The Group Telephone number is 0113 314 9969

GROUP NOTICES

Directions to the Manor Golf Club, Bradford Road, Drighlington, Bradford, BD11 1AB

The carpark is well lit and for those who find walking difficult please park to the right hand side of the entrance where there is a ramp up to the doors.

Directions

The Manor Golf Club is situated on the B6135, half a mile off the A650. If travelling from M62, M621 exit at Junction 27 onto the A650 to Bradford. At the second roundabout take the third exit onto the B6135, the entrance is on the left, immediately after the change in speed limit to 40.

From the A58 Leeds turn right at the traffic lights in Drighlington towards Bradford and the entrance is on the right immediately before the national speed limit sign.

From A58 Halifax turn left at the traffic lights in Drighlington towards Bradford and the entrance is on the right immediately before the national speed limit sign.

Disclaimer

The items contained in this newsletter are the views of the Members who contribute and not necessarily the views of the Institute of Advanced Motorists (I.A.M) or MYAM.

DATA PROTECTION ACT

MYAM holds Membership detail records on computer, these are confidential and for club use ONLY. The information is used to run the Group and consists of various details such as class of Membership, date of joining & subscription expiry dates. It is also used for the production of address labels for the distribution of the newsletter and recording training for Observers.

Visiting London by Train

If you're planning a visit to London by train, you'll arrive at one of the main rail stations and probably travel to your final destination on the Tube. It's fairly well known that you can book rail tickets online up to about three months in advance, which can save money, but it may not be too well known that you can book your ticket to any station in London.

For example travelling from Yorkshire you'd arrive at Kings Cross but if you wanted to go to Victoria station you'd need to buy Tube tickets when you arrived in London for the second part of the journey. Instead of booking a ticket to Kings Cross, book your ticket to Victoria. In that way your Tube fare is included and you'll save time in London trying to buy a tube ticket. As an example the cheapest fare I could find from Halifax to Kings Cross in three months' time was £13.70. Changing the destination to Victoria the fare was £16.70 meaning the tube fare is £3 compared to £6.60 for a one off tube journey. (Information taken from Transport for London website - Tube and rail fares July 2017)

July Meeting - Reg Local

July's meeting was scheduled to be author and Youtube video producer Reg Local. Unfortunately he couldn't make it so he sent his alter ego John Gregory to talk to us.

John is an ex police officer who actually enjoyed the police advanced driving courses unlike many of the other participants and ended up on the much tougher police driving school instructor course qualifying to teach advanced driving to the police. He is also an examiner for both the IAM and ROSPA.

After leaving the police he began writing for a motoring website and ended up with enough material to write a book, Advanced and Performance Driving, which was published through Amazon and proved popular.

The success of his first book prompted a second book, How Not to Crash, also available from Amazon.



Over the years Reg, aka John, has developed his 11 principles of advanced driving.

1. An open mind and a willingness to learn
2. A realistic assessment of your own abilities
3. A calm and composed attitude with just the right amount of assertiveness
4. An ability to remove emotion from driving
5. An active (but not overactive) imagination
6. Sustained concentration
7. Planning
8. Smoothness with the controls
9. Accuracy
10. Mechanical sympathy
11. Feel

For more information on these you'll have to read his books!

Finally John gave us some surprising statistics based on the accident reporting system used by the police where the cause of the accident is selected from a list of possibilities. In 2014 exceeding the speed limit was a contributory factor in 4% of accidents but 16% of all fatal accidents.

42% of all accidents are attributed to the driver or rider failing to look properly and 22% to the driver or rider failing to judge the other persons path or speed.

Thornes Park Classic Car Show



The MYAM stand and display



Morris Minor Owners club



The optimist



Nostalgia – I had one of these



Only five of these left



Moggy Minor with attitude



Any more bits in the accessories catalogue?



Three wheels on my wagon

Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists Approved Logo

Those of you who were at the July social meeting will have seen the new MYAM logo unveiled. Each part of the logo represents a different aspect of Yorkshire.



The black cross represents the coal mining areas with a white border to represent the historical links of the West Riding to wool production.

The White Rose represents Yorkshire.

The gold represents the corn and rape fields of which there are many, together with the sun needed to ripen the crops.

The green represents the Pennines, moors, dales and valleys.

The blue represents the rivers and canals that played a key role in heavy goods transport.

Silver represents the steel industry

The red circle represents the road signs we must obey.

The inspiration for this logo has partly come from a flag design produced by a member of the Yorkshire Boundary Society in 2013. Permission for the use by MYAM was requested from the original designer. No objection was received.

This is the link to the original artwork:-

<https://yorkshireboundariesociety.wordpress.com/2013/04/15/west-riding-flag-voting-final-week/>

Flag F is towards the bottom of the page.

Is parking the bigger picture? Tips from IAM RoadSmart

Many of us can find parking and looking for the right spot quite challenging but sometimes we also forget about checking our surroundings when we leave the car. A few simple checks can avoid costly and irritating car park mistakes and make your trip a lot less stressful. This week's tips give advice on parking from IAM RoadSmart's head of driving and riding standards, Richard Gladman.

- Pick the right spot. If you are out with friends or off to watch a movie alone, be conscious of the area in which you choose to park. The far end of a dark car park may not be the safest choice for a lone traveller returning late at night.
- Costs of parking. Always carry change, a mobile phone or a bank card. If you are not a change carrier leave a few coins in your coin compartment and close the lid.
- Timing is everything. Try not to choose a location you know will be busy at peak times or wait for the key time when the parking regulations change. Always check the local sign posts and markings as ignorance is no defence. Definitions of days such as bank holidays can also vary between places. If in doubt ask a parking attendant. Technically you should have a few minutes grace to get back to your car but it's not worth the risk as fines are always much more than the parking charge.
- Take your time. Don't succumb to the pressure of time or people around you. Rushing could lead to costly mistakes.
- Be on the lookout. Always check whether a parking permit is required and take note of where you parked. In a strange city or a huge car park it can be easy to lose your car. There are several parking apps available that you can use. If you are really worried about finding your car, a sticker in the windscreen may help.
- Spot the danger signs – for example parking next to the trolley bay on a Saturday afternoon, broken glass in the darkest corners or parking next to a scruffy vehicle or people carrier. Young children don't tend to think about other cars when they fling the doors open.

Richard said: "The competition for parking spaces can be really fierce in some towns and cities. By staying calm and giving yourself time, flexibility and a good grounding in local knowledge you will stand a much better chance of bagging that perfect space. If you want to stay healthy and save money then parking a little further away and walking can be a win – win."

Pathfinder Project

You will probably have heard of The Under 17 Car Club, a charity that IAM RoadSmart supports, which operates in the south of England. They do excellent work coaching teenagers 11+ to learn safe driving skills in a controlled environment, to have a better chance of not being involved in an accident and staying alive once they get out on the roads.

Twice a year, at Easter and October half term, they run the Pathfinder Project, which is a 5 day course aimed at 15 – 17 year olds. These young people along with their parents/guardians will learn about and practice some of the core driving skills required to become safer drivers, covering observational skills, theory, manoeuvring, Highway Code and management of peer pressure. The Police's Roadcraft is at the core of all learning.

Ian Goring and John Buffoni from York & Scarborough Groups have been working hard to organise and fetch the Pathfinder Project here to Yorkshire on the 23rd - 27th October 2017 at Rufforth Airfield, York.

The cost is £170 for the full five day course which is fantastic value for what the young people will gain and could mean fewer driving lessons once on the road post 17.

Please do have a look at the Pathfinder Project website www.under17driver.co.uk to find out more or contact Ian Goring ian.goring@btinternet.com or John Buffoni johnbuffoni@ryedalegroup.co.uk or pass this information on to family or friends who it may be of interest to.

The October course will need volunteers for marshalling, cone setting, admin etc. please have a think if you could help out in this way, even if it's only for half a day, refreshments will be provided.

Your support would be most appreciated.

Many thanks

Lesley Pollard

Sat-Nav Stories

Before I tell these stories, I must explain that I often cause electrical equipment (especially computers) to go wrong. The tills at the supermarket check-outs always have a fit; routers in friends' houses go on the blink; computers at airport check-in desks blow fuses; and my own satnav has been known to start giving directions in German!!!

That sets the scene for my stories:

About eight years ago, a friend and I were on holiday in Devon and Cornwall visiting National Trust properties. As my friend, Tony, was a technophile, he always used the satnav app on his mobile 'phone and had no time for maps.

Although I do use a satnav, I also like to use a map, so that I have a picture of the route in my head. So, I insisted on taking my trusty Collins large scale map with us on the holiday - much to the amusement of Tony.

On the third day, as we were leaving a stately home, Tony asked me for the postcode of the next destination, and he input the details into his satnav. At the same time, I looked on the map to get an idea of the route. Not far along the road, the satnav told him to turn right off the main road, and Tony duly did as he was told. However, the map showed a different scenario, and I knew we should have continued on the main road and then turned left!

I was trying to be diplomatic and not criticise the satnav, and so I kept my own council.

As we followed the road, it became just a country lane and became narrower and narrower. Eventually, the wing mirrors had to be pulled in, and the hedges were brushing the sides of the car. I dread to think what would have happened if we had met another vehicle!!!

After about twenty minutes of very careful driving along the lane, it finally got a little wider, and we could see a T-junction ahead. I still had the map on my knee, and I looked down to check where we had emerged.

Suddenly, Tony exclaimed, "I don't believe it!!!" When I looked up, I realised we had gone round in a complete circle and had finished up at exactly the same place where we had turned off the main road. We laughed until the tears rolled down our cheeks!

Needless to say, my response was, "Turn the bloody satnav off, and I'll do the navigation!" Much to my surprise, Tony did just that, and I did all the navigation for the remainder of the holiday. We didn't get lost once!

Janice Haigh

That's part 1 of Janice's Sat-nav story. Part two next month.

Jeffrey Longs Birthday Walk

Jeffrey's 85 Miles for 85 Years



Jeffrey Long MBE, 12th Bn PARA veteran and PRA member is celebrating his 85th birthday with an 85 mile walk along the Leeds-Liverpool Canal. And he's doing it to Support our Paras.

Jeffrey will set off for his solo walk unsupported, but will be joined for part of the way by the Mayor of Skipton.



This isn't the first time Jeffrey has taken on a huge distance walk for his birthday. Last year, he walked the 84 miles of Hadrian's Wall for his 84th birthday and he has also previously walked 625 miles from London to Lausanne.

SUPPORT OUR PARAS is a charity which supports The Parachute Regiment through the welfare of serving soldiers and families and those affected by recent operations, and through the maintenance of its regimental efficiency, ethos, spirit and heritage.

To support Jeffrey's event, please visit mydonate.bt.com/events/jeffreylongmbe

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Back in August 2015 we published an article on 84 year old Jeffrey Long who walked the length of Hadrian's Wall to raise funds for the British Legion.

This year, to celebrate his 85th birthday, he walked the length of the Leeds Liverpool canal a feat which took him 8 days.

The photo shows Jeffrey with the Major of Skipton who walked with him along the canal from the Rendezvous Hotel to the canal basin dressed in his robes and wearing his gold chain.



Should you wish to make a donation to Jeffrey's chosen charity, Support Our Paras please visit <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/jeffreylongmbe/>

David Dobson

MYAM members will be sad to hear that David Dobson, one of our local Examiners, died at the end of June. David has been less active in recent years but former Harrogate members will remember his excellent presentations about advanced driving.

And Finally.....

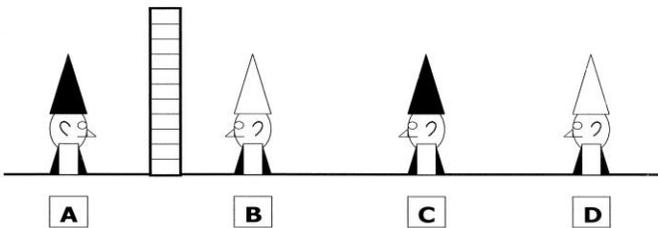


David Robinson provided this guessing game.

This Month's Teaser

What is the make of the three wheel car in the Thornes Park Classic car show?
(It's not what you might first think)

Last Month's Teaser



For last month's teaser I asked which of the four men could identify with 100% certainty the colour of their hat. Obviously it's not A or B as they can only see the wall. D can see two different colour hats and knowing there are two hats of each colour cannot be sure what colour his hat is.

C can see only one hat and realising that if his hat was the same as B then D would be able to identify the colour of his own hat. As D hasn't said anything C realises that his hat must be different to B's hat. So it's C who calls out and all four are set free.

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URGENT REQUEST

We now have a Group Secretary however we also need a Speaker Secretary to organise the social meetings at the Manor Golf Club. To find out more contact the Secretary.