

ARE WE THERE YET?



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Cover Photo – The Market Square, Stratford upon Avon

Known primarily for its association with Shakespeare and the Royal Shakespeare and Swan Theatres, Stratford upon Avon is a market town and major tourist attraction in Warwickshire.

FORTHCOMING GATHERINGS

Date	Meetings	Location
Sunday 2nd December 9:30 am	Sunday Driving Sessions Assessment runs for all Associates & Members.	B&Q Car Park, Aspen way, Glasshoughton, Castleford. WF10 4TA
Monday 3rd December 8 pm	MYAM Social Evening Christmas Quiz and Buffet	Carlton Social Club Main Street Carlton WF3 3RW See page 7
Monday 7th January 8pm	Observers Meeting With Richard Gladman. Head of Driving Standards IAM Road Smart	Carlton Social Club
Sunday 20th January 10 am	Sunday Driving Sessions Assessment runs for all Associates & Members.	McDonalds car park On the roundabout with Oakwood Lane and Easterly Road LS8 2RB
Sunday 3rd February 10am – 6pm	Sunday Driving Sessions Assessment runs for all Associates & Members.	B&Q Car Park, Aspen way, Glasshoughton, Castleford. WF10 4TA
Monday 4th February	MYAM Social Evening William Merritt Centre	Aire House 100, Town Street Rodley Leeds LS13 1HP

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.



FROM THE EDITOR

As you are aware the newsletter is primarily distributed by email and I have a dedicated email address for this purpose. The distribution normally goes smoothly but when I sent out the October issue I had a problem. I normally send out the newsletters in batches of around 60 with the recipients being blind copied and a confirmation copy being sent to myself. In this way I receive confirmation that the newsletter has been sent and each recipient does not receive the email addresses of the other recipients. However when the October issue went out some of the batches were rejected by the email system. Not knowing exactly why I reduced the size of the batches and after several attempts the newsletter was sent to all recipients on the list.

Roll on another month and the November issue was ready and I was prepared to send smaller batches. This time I managed to send it to about a 100 recipients before the problem re-appeared but I couldn't resolve it by sending out smaller batches. I spent several hours trying to solve the problem but only managed to lock myself out of the email account. By this time it was after midnight, not the best time for rational thought.

In the morning with a clearer head I tried to contact Microsoft support then went out for the day. I'd contacted out IT guru David who suggested a few things and on returning from our day out found I was still locked out from the account as it required a password, but not the one I'd set up when I opened the account. I found I could access the account via the Outlook website and used this to send out the newsletter to the remaining recipients. This didn't all go according to plan so some of you received no attachment but should have received a second copy with the attached newsletter. I found out I needed an "app password" (oh how I hate that "app" word) and on requesting it and inserting it into the popup security box regained access to the account. Later I received a reply from Microsoft who confirmed the need for the "app" password and in spite of what people say about them I found them very helpful.

I can now send and receive emails on the newsletter account and hopefully the December issue distribution will have gone smoothly. However I may have to send it out over several days as I believe there may be a limit on the number of emails I can send in a day but I will endeavour to get it sent out to all recipients before the December meeting.

Keith

Welcome to the Group

New Associates

Nadia Ahmed, Kabir Azam, Colin Harris,
Matthew Wayne, Aidan Woodley

Congratulations

On passing the Advanced Test

Phillip Jagger - Observer Nigel Butterfield
Hilary Krouse - Observer Clive Nunnington
Marc Neale - Observer David Rockliff
Sue O'Shea - Observer Lesley Pollard
Matthew Webster - Observer David Rockliff

Marc also passed with a F1RST and was also David's first F1RST
Phillip passed with a F1RST and was Nigel's first associate. Nigel
passed his advanced test in 2016 with a F1RST

Ken Sykes passed his Masters reassessment with a Distinction

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR MEMBERS**



MYAM Online



WEB SITE Our website is packed full of information and is the go to place for everything you need to know about our events, courses, meetings and news about us as a Group. How about copies of the newsletter going back a few years.

Need to know who the Committee are or see our Observer team? We are all on there.

See us at www.iamroadsmart.com/groups/midyorkshire

We are adding to the content all the time so keep dropping in to see what we are doing.



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.

The Group Telephone number is 0113 314 9969

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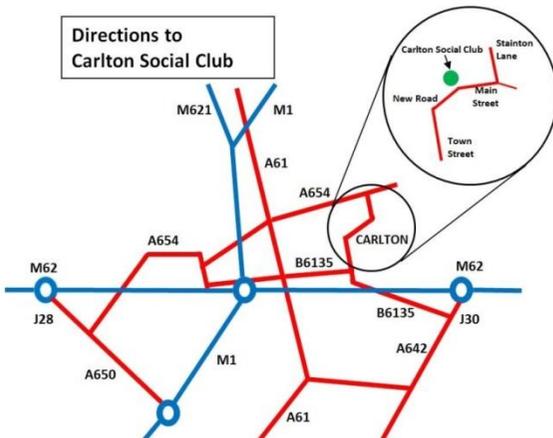
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MYAM has a legitimate interest in keeping sufficient personal information to communicate with its members and other local people with an interest in road safety, and to permit the renewal of subscriptions. A member can ask to see a copy of their personal information, correct any errors and ask for all or part of it to be deleted.

MYAM is affiliated to the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) and will use a member's information to support them if and when they are assessed by IAM. MYAM will also ensure that any data shared with IAM is accurate. We will not share your details with anybody else.

Directions to the Carlton Social Club

Main Street, Carlton, Wakefield WF3 3RW



From the M62 West leave at Junction 28 and take the A650 towards Wakefield. At the next set of traffic lights turn left onto the A654 toward Rothwell. Follow the A654, turning left in Thorpe on the Hill. Cross the A61 and continue into Carlton. Turn right into Stainton Lane then turn right into Main Street. The Social Club is on the right immediately after the Unicorn pub.

Take the next right, B6135, towards Lofthouse. Follow the B6135 under the M62 onto Ouzlewell Green towards Carlton and Rothwell. Follow the road past Carlton Primary School and the Social Club is on the left just before the Unicorn pub.

From the M62 East leave at junction 30 and take the A642 towards Wakefield.

There is a car park with overspill parking available on the grass area opposite the club.

November Meeting - Come Fly with Me

Whatever form of transport you can think of, trains, boats, busses etc. there will be a group of enthusiasts who are passionate about it. For our November meeting David Senior from the Yorkshire Aviation Society spoke about the history of plane spotters and aviation enthusiasts.

It all started during the Second World War when the Royal Observer Corps were tasked with recognising and reporting on the movements of enemy aircraft once they had crossed the coast. At the end of the war many continued to “spot” aircraft but this time as a hobby and in 1948 the enthusiasts formed Air-Britain. In 1964 the West Riding branch was formed with 27 members.

David led us through the major aircraft manufacturers and their current products. Many of the manufacturers have manufacturing facilities in different countries and use specially modified aircraft to transport components between their facilities.

Modern aircraft have features, such as winglets shown in the picture, which you may have seen and wondered why they are fitted. It’s all to do with reducing drag and improving fuel consumption. Different manufacturers have different designs but they all provide similar functions.



Like cars aircraft have to have registration numbers comprising a country code followed by the individual registration letters. And like cars some of the major airlines have personalised registrations

Rates compared to other forms of transport (per billion Km travelled)

Motorcycle	108.90
Foot	54.20
Cycle	44.60
Car	3.10
Water	2.60
Rail	0.60
Bus	0.40
Air	0.05

You may not know it but when compared to other forms of transport air travel is one of the safest in terms of the accident rate per billion km travelled and accident rates have been falling as a result of improvements in engineering, learning from the investigations of previous accidents, training and the duplication of aircraft systems. From previous experience working in aircraft related industries I know that all components fitted to aircraft have to be documented and certified to a very high standard.

Aircraft enthusiasts enjoy many aspects of the hobby including Aviation history, aircraft modelling, collecting memorabilia and photographing aircraft. The Yorkshire Aviation Society arrange visits to airports, have a monthly magazine and meeting at Leeds Bradford airport. For more information see their website <http://www.airyorkshire.org.uk/>.

Ed

Jeffrey's Flying High



After Completing his 100 mile military charity walk in September

Jeffrey Long MBE, Former Paratrooper and Life Member of the Royal British Legion

In his 88th year he is going for a tougher challenge, 20 miles a day in November.

He is walking with Joanne Cadman, Chairman of the Royal Society of St. George.

Starting at Sandwich on 6th November and walking 100 miles to Newhaven, They will arrive in time for the Service of Remembrance at the Newhaven Cenotaph on 11th November.

Last year, with a bit of help, he raised £120,000.

This year the target is £125,000!

Let's make that target together!

Both Jeffrey and Joanne are raising money for

The Royal British Legion.

Donate at

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jeffrey-long2

Or by a cheque made payable to The Royal British Legion

Sent to J Long, 19 Heather Court Park Road, Bingley, BD16 4BA

Pathfinders U17 Car Club - Driffield

Some of you may remember a very interesting and informative talk given by Ian Goring at the June Social Evening about the Pathfinders Under 17 Car Club. They run week long courses to provide teenagers with the opportunity to learn to drive in a safe environment and according to the principles of Advanced Driving.

Following this, MYAM were invited to attend the latest course in our region. This was held at Driffield Camp, East Yorkshire between 29th October and 2 November. Janice Haigh and I therefore went along on Thursday 1 November.

The course is run on an old airfield and so there are a number of acres of concrete and perimeter roads free of any real obstacles (apart from a few rogue sheep) for the attendees to practice on. The attendees have to bring their own car (or someone else's)– which ranged from a “well-used” Toyota Yaris, through Renault Clio's and Ford Fiestas to a BMW 7 Series and a nearly new Range Rover Velar (brave parent!).

The day started with a briefing session in the tent, and then attendees got out on the ‘road’. The organisers had laid out a full road complex using coloured cones to denote entries and exits, roundabouts and even a long straight section described as the ‘motorway’ (where the speed limit was up to 50 mph – but still quite scary when you've only been driving a couple of days!).

The attendees receive a couple of hours of lessons each day from qualified observers, with their parent/guardian sitting in the back. They then go out to practice what they have been taught alongside their parent/guardian (a number of whom also admitted to having learned things during the week!).

At lunch time there was a further briefing session and also some ‘class room’ type teaching – when we attended it was on how to resist peer pressure to go faster, just have one drink, get in a car with someone who has been drinking etc. along with a terrible statistic - the largest killer of teenage girls are their boyfriends in cars.



Janice and I were able to watch a number of the exercises, including emergency braking (and swerving around obstacles) and how not to lift off the brake when the ABS kicks in.

We were also lucky enough to go out with a couple of the attendees on practice drives. Given they hadn't driven a car less than 4 days

previously they were very impressive, with attempts at smooth gear changes, good forward observation and anticipation at 'junctions' and even detailed cockpit drills prior to setting off.

All in all, Janice and I were extremely impressed with the overall set up and organisation of the event and the keenness to learn and skills displayed by the teenagers. Installing Advanced Driving principles at this very early stage certainly looks to pay dividends (and indeed statistics show that attendees chances of having an accident once they pass their test are dramatically reduced compared with their peers who haven't).

It's a real shame that more (all?) teenagers can't have the opportunity to attend such a course – our roads and accidents statistics would be very different if they did.

Paul Macro

Letters

Following on from last month's letter from Anne Pearce I received the following email.

My wife is now 80 years old and does not drive so relies on me to take her about! So I would say that ALL people at 80/85 should automatically be issued a Blue Badge if they ask for one. My father was 98 years old when he was refused a renewal of his existing one!

S. Furness

November Presentations



Tom Mcleash (observer Charles Holland-Keen) and John Hotowka (observers Brian Morley & David Rushfirth) receiving their certificates from Janice



Ken Sykes receiving his Masters certificate with distinction

Important News About Your Annual Subscription

As you know from previous newsletters, MYAM will give members the option of their 2019 annual subscriptions using a direct debit payment. It has also been agreed that the annual subscription will be £10.00 for all paying members from 1st January.

The Group does receive some money from IAM for each Associate taking an Advanced Driver Course with us, but your subscriptions make up most of what we need to keep the Group going. A move to direct debits will help the volunteers that look after this important aspect of MYAM administration.

Thanks to a lot of work done by Paul Macro, we now have a contract with GoCardless Ltd. Their website is '<https://gocardless.com>' if you want to read a bit more about them. They will administer the direct debits on our behalf. Using GoCardless also means that **MYAM does not know your bank account details**, with all the security problems that involves.

MYAM does not have a fixed subscription renewal date. All of our constituent Groups had different dates and IAM Associates join at any month during the year. We have decided that 2019 renewals will take place on the 28th of each month. About two weeks before each month the Membership Secretary will send out details to the members who are due to renew. You will be asked to submit your direct debit details to GoCardless using an online web link that is unique to MYAM and to that month. It is a simple process for each member and saves a lot of administration time.

IMPORTANT – Unless you know that your standing order is scheduled to pay your subscription in late November or December 2018, please cancel your existing standing order. We do not want you to pay twice.

David





Budget Pothole Fund Not Nearly Enough For Disillusioned Drivers, Say IAM Roadsmart

Leading road safety charity IAM RoadSmart has said while the £420 million in new investment in tackling Britain’s pothole crisis is welcome, it doesn’t go nearly far enough and is merely a drop in the ocean to deal with a long-term and major issue.

November’s budget saw Chancellor Philip Hammond announce the cash injection for our beleaguered roads, alongside a £28.8 billion fund to upgrade England’s motorways.

Mr Hammond announced £25.5 billion for Highways England for major road upgrades between 2020 and 2025 and an extra £3.5 billion of funding allocated to major local routes, under the jurisdiction of local councils. The £420 million for potholes is on top of an existing fund of almost £300 million.

However just three months ago IAM RoadSmart conducted a survey of over 7,000 of its members, finding how disillusioned they had become with Britain’s rotten roads.

Some 47% - over 3,400 respondents – said they had experienced damage to their car, commercial vehicle, motorbike or bicycle or personal injury as a result of hitting a pothole.

Around 90% had spotted a deterioration of some level in the roads they use with just over 50% rating the state of their roads as ‘much worse’ in the past three years and 38% rating them ‘worse.’

Some 81% - close to 6,000 people – said they have noticed ‘many more’ potholes in the past three years, adding in the 13% who have seen ‘a few more,’ that gives a total of 94% who report more potholes.

Over 56% said they have to take avoiding action on every journey to dodge potholes, while 27% said they have to steer around a pothole every day.

Neil Greig, IAM RoadSmart director of policy and research, said: “IAM RoadSmart welcomes the commitments to building more modern safe highways. What we really need to see however is the same long-term funding approach applied to potholes.

“Extra money is always welcome but when it arrives unpredictably for one year at a time it does little to help the long term planning needed to really attack the pothole problems drivers and riders see and feel every day.”

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Have you ever had your car damaged by a pothole and did you manage to get compensation from the relevant council? I've had a tyre and alloy wheel damaged by a pothole and my daughter's boyfriend has had a broken suspension spring as a result of hitting a pothole.

Until fairly recently a local road didn't need speed bumps as it was a series of potholes which had the same effect!

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Thank You Halfords

Last year Halfords in Wakefield provided prizes for the raffle at our December meeting for which we thank them. This year, thanks to the efforts of Alan Jones, they are once again providing prizes so again we have to thank them.

As a thank you from us to Halfords all they ask is that you call in and tell them where you heard about them. This is a relationship we can build on with your help. So please visit and let them know where you heard about them even if you don't buy anything. The manager needs to know that our members have visited his shop, which let's face it is only fair.

See their website at <http://www.halfords.com/> for their full range of products, services and store locations.



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And Finally.....

Danger Low Bridge



I'm sure you saw this on the news a few weeks ago. Anyone fancy a convertible Range Rover?

This Month's Teaser

Following the success of the Mini BMC introduced the equally successful Austin and Morris 1100. As with the Mini it was designed by Alec Issigonis but which company was responsible for the styling?

Last Month's Teaser

Last month I asked "When the Mini was introduced in 1959 there were two versions of the car. What were the two versions and how much did they cost?" They were of course the Austin Seven and the Morris Mini Minor and cost £496

Your Committee

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Due to computer hacking and high levels of spamming we have had to remove the hyperlinks to our e-mail addresses and have replaced the @ symbol with (at) so you will need to retype the address in the correct e-mail format, i.e. replace (at) with @, with no spaces.

URGENT REQUEST

We are in need of a Group Secretary and Speaker Secretary for the committee. Details of what is involved for these positions is on our website and on page 9 of this newsletter