



Two exciting forthcoming events being staged again this year.

We have been invited to join the activities at our local fire station in North Marine Road in aid of safety in the home and on the roads. This will be our third year which gives the group an opportunity to spread the word on advanced driving and riding. Volunteers will be most welcome as in past years it has been a busy and successful event, **August 10th** not to be missed, also on show, fire engines, ambulance, mountain rescue and more.



August 17 is the annual Scarborough Rotary Cavaliers street fair, again we have been invited to attend this wonderful day with upto 40 charity stalls. Our group will be based with the gazebo outside the Brunswick centre a position which catches all the locals and visitors coming to see the event. It's a fun day, volunteers would be welcome to join us and give much needed help. If you want more info please contact The Editor of this newsletter.

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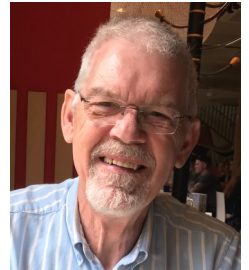
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Chairman's Musings

Colin Godfrey MBE, CF.



As our members will know from the acronym 'IPSGA' 'information' runs as a thread throughout the whole process of the driving system; in the modern world we are of course under a constant deluge of information, much of it unsought and much of it seemingly irrelevant to our wants and needs.

We do perhaps become somewhat complacent and selective about information presented to us, how many of us for example read the 'T & Cs' Terms and Conditions, in such things as Guarantees, access to articles on the web, tickets sold to us?

The ongoing Inquiry into the Post Office/Horizon failures highlight the impact disinformation (the deliberate attempt to mislead) can have on those subject to it. In driving terms we seek to eliminate 'misinformation', incorrect information received and disseminated but not intended to mislead by constantly incorporating systematic scanning and observation into our driving and riding.

Sadly it is not uncommon to witness examples of road users seemingly oblivious to information available to them leading to avoidable incidents and 'near misses'.

Encouragement therefore that we continue, as Advanced Drivers and Riders, to advance our observation and information gathering skills, always.

On a slightly different note, Phil Brown a founder member, former Chief Observer, Training Officer and long-standing Committee member will be 'retiring' from IAM RoadSmart and our Committee a little later this year.

Phil has been a major contributor to the work of Scarborough Advanced Drivers and Riders since 1982, his experience, expertise and bonhomie will be missed by all in our Group and we wish him and his wife well for the future.

Finally, we will be attending 2 notable events in Scarborough in the summer: the Fire Station Open Day on August 10th, and the Rotary Community Street Fair on August 17th..join us, pop in and say hello, and look for us on Facebook.



Motorcycle News

Stephen Richards (National Observer and Co-Ordinator)



Hi, we have had a change of Coordinator, Mike Hawkins has stepped down due to other commitments and I have taken over the role, I would like to thank Mike for all his hard work over the many years of service to the IAM.

I have worked with Mike over the last 5 years as a Local Observer and now National Observer on keeping the Scarborough IAM Bike section alive a kicking.

We are in the process of getting all Observers through their National Observer qualification as this is now IAM policy. We have a new Observer Chris Dyson who is in training at the present time and we are looking for more motorcycle riders to train as Observers to help us.

I ride a 1991 Pan European which I have had for 7 years now, new bikes are nice but I ride on a budget, as long as it passes the MOT and is safe all is good.

At the moment we are not doing any monthly ride outs as I don't have time to do the planning. If anyone in the Group would like to take this role on please do so, all group ride outs must be to IAM standard of riding remembering safety first while following all the rules of the Highway Code and laws of the road.

If any of our members are interested in joining a ride out, YORK IAM Bikers (YAMS) do rides most weekends, you will be most welcome to join them, they are a friendly bunch! (contact is via the web site on Facebook first).

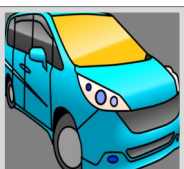
This is a photo of Andrew Poultney one of our new committee members and Associate on his new to him Kawasaki Versys 1000. He is training as an observer at the moment and will be joining our training team soon.



I wish you all safe and happy riding over the coming year and if any of our members would like a check ride to see if they are still up to standard, please get in touch with me.

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Membership Secretary

Janet Bate



Since my last report we have had several new Skill for Life Associates join our Group and we are delighted to welcome:

Iain Appleton, Brendan Conway, and Andrew Richardson to the Motorcycle section
and
Jimmy Lee, Terry Norland, and David Dixon to the Car Section

also Congratulations to

Tom McManus
for passing his Advanced Driving test
Thank you to Colin Godfrey, his Observer, who helped him achieve his ambition

During the summer we will be attending various public events to promote safer driving and riding and offering a variety of courses. I encourage you to speak to all your friends and family, tell them how much your advanced driving and riding skills have helped you to stay safe and please promote the taster sessions and courses so they can benefit from similar skills.

Check out our website www.iamroadsmart-scarborough.co.uk or facebook.com/Scarborough-Advanced-Drivers-and-Riders

Janet Bate
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Diary Dates 2024

COMMITTEE MEETINGS (First MONDAY of the Month)		MONTHLY MEETINGS - (third TUESDAY of the Month)		
January	8th	February	20th	Table Top Rally
February	5th	March	19th	Public, try before you buy.
March	4th	April	16th	Observer Training
April	8th	May	21st	Route 66 The Adventure Trail
May	13th	June	18th	Recruitment (committee task)
June	3rd	September	17th	Driver Training
September	2nd	October	15th	Desk top Quiz
October	7th	November	19th	Annual General Meeting (AGM)
November	4th			

When I decided to change my car earlier this year, I had a decent look at all the alternatives, but in the end, I opted for a full hybrid like the one I already had. Part of me felt that I really ought to go full electric but range, cost and the availability of charging seemed to be significant issues against the change. My view was reinforced by stories in the media about a collapse in resale prices of electric cars, insurance costs, battery longevity, reliability and the occasional report of electric cars bursting into flames.

I still don't know if I made the right decision to avoid full electric just now, but my view does appear to be shared by others. So much so, that the motoring and business press is now reporting that, this year, car makers will miss key Government targets for electric vehicle sales.

The House of Commons Transport Select Committee recently heard that the share of the new car market held by pure battery electric vehicles (EV's) is predicted to be just 19.8 per cent for cars and 8.3 per cent for vans this year. This is against a target of at least 22 per cent for new cars and 10 per cent for new vans needed under the Government's zero emission vehicle mandate for 2024. The target will rise annually until it reaches 100 per cent by 2035.

Under the rules of the mandate, manufacturers risk being required to pay the Government £15,000 for

every new vehicle sold that is not zero emission. However, ministers do not expect any fines this year as businesses will be able to use flexibilities in the system such as purchasing credits from other companies. Despite this, the pressure is on, and the industry needs to secure sales of many more zero emission vehicles which, for the foreseeable future, effectively means battery vehicles.

So how to access the hearts, minds, and wallets of new car buyers? Quentin Wilson is an award-winning motoring journalist who presented Top Gear for ten years, has driven EV's since 2009 and is certainly not part of the anti-driving lobby. More recently, he founded the electric vehicle campaign group FairCharge and has called for inexpensive incentives to encourage ownership of EV's. He has also argued that misinformation is really putting people off buying them. The FairCharge website is well worth a look - just search FairCharge. I found particularly useful its "little-book-of-ev-myths" which deals very comprehensively with the issues that are often raised against going electric. It is well worth a read and addresses all the issues, and more, that worried me. It is not too long (16 pages), quite readable and can be downloaded for free here:- <https://www.faircharge.co.uk/little-book-of-ev-myths>.

I didn't know about FairCharge when I made my recent decision and while I can't say for sure that it would have changed my mind, it would certainly have made me better informed.

Table-Top Rally

This years first Group meeting was the annual Table-Top Rally, a light hearted challenge to find your way on a map with the help of various clues to work out a route from one place to another. This year the roads in the environs of York was the area and the route started at Bishop Wilton (a chess piece plus a word rhyming with a cheese) and ended at Wheldrake (a healthy duck) Competitors had to solve clues like "a rise with a pot of money" (Kitty Hill); "a junction with multi termini" (Four Lane Ends) as well as pictures representing Butter-crambe (a slab of butter; Steve Cram; a bumblebee) and another of a statue of a naked little boy relieving himself (Peacock Farm) - this was a picture of the Manneken Pis a famous bronze fountain landmark in central Brussels, Belgium and ideal for a play on words for the answer to the clue! After arriving in Wheldrake the teams were asked to identify three places near to their route and finally calculate the mileage. (28 miles)

The prize winners were Frank Smith and his sister Sue, the only team to get all the answers but one correct and their mileage was spot on. Well done to them and thanks to all who turned up to an enjoyable evening, and thanks to Christine who supplied the light refreshments at the end.

My thanks to Gordon for his hard work producing the evenings entertainment. *Editor*

Chief Observer

Christine Roberts



Hello Everyone,

I do hope you are fit and well after all the wind and rain, which at times becomes continuous. Hopefully as we enter June the weather is warmer with plenty of sunshine as the days have lengthened, evening or early morning motoring /riding may become dangerous, with a low sun at both ends of the day, especially if the opposing traffic is looking into the sun, everyone must travel with care. Being one step ahead of the driver whose sight is impaired may save a collision.

Being aware that we are moving into the holiday season, mainly the school holidays, traffic will probably not flow as we would like. Be considerate to other road users, they may be lost but hopefully they have arrived in Scarborough and the surrounding area to enjoy themselves and spend their cash.

Before you set off, there are the usual checks you need to aware of with summer coming. You still require extra on board coolant, cold drinks etc.

Overheating, the vehicle and you could be a problem during stationary traffic, you know your vehicle, precautions are cheaper than repairs.

Wishing everyone safe motoring throughout the summer/Autumn.

At the beginning of September last year, our car observers (Janet Bate, Janice Morritt, Colin Godfrey, Roger Chapman and myself) were invited to join the York group, for an Observer Training Day at North Dalton, arranged by Ian Goring and Sue from the York IAM group.

Ian briefed the group with the requirements and routes. We were all partnered up to an Observer we had never met before, so that was interesting.

Several routes were composed by Ian and were interesting as we had directions to follow. I met up with Riki, who drove the first run, a very interesting chap who was aiming to become a National Observer and required a little polish to his driving skills. I drove the route in the opposite direction and we still made it back in time for lunch.

In the afternoon I was linked up with Mike, another interesting chap. He knew his slight faults, and just required assistance with the timing of his run. Again, I did the return run and we all made it back for the debriefing. (Goggles and helmets have been returned to Riki and Mike).

With the assistance of the dry, sunny day and company, an enjoyable day was had by all.

11 May this year the Scarborough group car Observers were again invited to a training session by friends in the York IAM group. Hovingham village hall was the chosen venue for the meeting, start 9am?

A similar set up to our previous meet, drivers were allocated buddies and given a route through winding country side. The basic idea is to take it in turns to comment on the drive. Looking for technique, observation, progress, courtesy to other road users, not dissimilar to the test we all took following training and passing the IAM Advance Driving Test, albeit to a much higher standard. The oral commentary is a very important part of advanced driving hence using minor roads where the terrain is changing by the minute unlike for example the Scarborough to York road which can be similar mile after mile.

Our thanks to the York group for the opportunity to share standards and to Ian Goring and Sue for organising the day.

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REACTION: IAM RoadSmart comments on the British Medical Association's calls to lower the drink-drive limit

IAM RoadSmart Director of Policy and Standards Nicholas Lyes said: "The number of people killed on our roads where at least one driver was over the limit has remained stubbornly high for over a decade. Cutting the drink-drive limit would be a positive step forward in reducing road casualties but we also need to see an increased emphasis on re-training. Evidence suggests that those who take a drink-drive rehabilitation course in the UK are two-and-a-half times less likely to reoffend."





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