

# 'THE THINKING DRIVER'



## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Events and Meetings Detail	2
M/ship and Associate Runs	2
From the Chief Observer	3
Are you a Young Driver?	4
IAM RoadSmart—2016 thru 2017.	5
Associate & Observer Mtgs.	7
The Advanced Driving Test	8
From the Editor	9
Membership	9
Committee Listings	9
Venue for Group Meetings	10
New Members and Test Passes.	10
Special points of interest:	
Observed / Pre-test Runs.	
Events & Meetings for you to attend.	
Associate responsibilities.	
Membership requirements.	



Group 3081

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2017 and I'd like to share some items with you following recent Committee and other meetings.

The surprising fact that has come to light is that people who passed their Advanced Driving test over five years ago are at a slightly raised risk of becoming an Insurance claim statistic, unless they have undertaken further training or guidance within that period.

There is now a situation that **IAM Surety Insurance** will only give their best rate to those who have passed the Advanced Test in the last 5 years and this will be starting to be applied very soon. So be aware of this should this be your choice of insurance company.

This has given me some significant food for thought and with it being almost 20 years since I took my Advanced Car test believe I should lead by example as your Chairman, so will be applying for a voluntary re-test in the coming months.

Also—all of your Group Committee who have not passed their Advanced Test within the last 5 years will be retaking their Advanced test too! Your Chief Observer, **Roy Richards**, has already retaken successfully. Question for you—will you retake yours? A thought for you!

If any of you would like to have some support ahead of you taking your own re-test then let us know and I am sure we will help you to achieve the right outcome again.

This year both IAM RoadSmart and our own Group are focusing the recruitment of younger drivers and I am pleased to advise we and they are going to offer fully funded places to a limited number of young drivers (persons under 25) giving them a full refund on the successful completion by passing their test, having been given guidance through our Group.

**David Gallagher**—is now our Young Driver Ambassador, please pass his contact details which are on our Groups Website and page 9 of this Newsletter. Also, he has written an article as the Group Young Driver Contact introducing himself and the associated subject detail for our readers (see page 4).

We are at that time of our year again when your Group membership renewal is due at the end of March. For those of you who don't have a Cheque book or who may wish to pay by electronic bank transfer we are pleased to announce we will be more than happy to accept your payment by this method this year. More details of this will follow with our groupwide membership renewal mailing together with your membership form.

We, as your Group Committee, often wonder if we are keeping in touch with what you would wish from your Group, so we will be launching a feedback questionnaire soon to ask you about your thoughts and feelings. Please do respond to it in a timely fashion.

In closing— since our last issue – 4 Test passes, 2 of which are F1st Register passes!! **YES!!** Really well done, guys!

Until the next time. Safe driving! **Paul**

## ATTENTION ALL READERS!

- **If you are a 'young driver'** - (up to 25 years old) - we have a new Young Driver Contact now, **David Gallagher**, who is writing to all on page 4 of this newsletter. We are hoping that there will be articles for you specifically in future. David and our Group would love to hear from you at any time (see page 9 for contact details).
- **Membership renewal due—31st March**— as you may already know as we have emailed to most and 'snail-mailed' the remainder of our group. Hopefully you will be renewing for the coming 2017-2018 year—but—should you not be we would appreciate being informed preferably by email or if not call any committee member (see page 9).
- **Our Events Organiser**—is stepping aside after 4 years sterling service. See page 7.



## EVENTS & MEETINGS

### 8th March

8pm—Talk by Paul Williamson, Group Chair 'Title tba' (Australia & places in between going west & back the long way round).

### 12th April

8pm—'Examiners' Night' - IAM Examiner, Steve Tyler, your chance to ask the questions!

### 7th May (Sunday)

British Mini-car Day at Himley Hall – Volunteers needed to meet the public and staff our Group Stand—contact Nigel Packer on page 9.

### 10th May

8pm—'Group AGM' with a talk by an IAM Visitor (tba).

Visit—t.b.a.—to Toyota (Derby) - extremely popular by many—our group will register interest in a tour in 2017.

### 14th June

Eloise Peabody-Rolf (IAM RoadSmart Young Drivers Ambassador) - **\*\*To be confirmed\*\***

### 12th July

Visit to Signal Radio—Dicky Dodd—**\*\*To be confirmed\*\***

### Observer Evenings

(7.30pm Friends Meeting House): - see Page 5!

### Associate Evenings

(7.30pm Friends Meeting House): - see Page 5!

### **\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\***

Details in this section are correct "at the time of issue"—but **DO** check both your emails **AND** ([www.wolvesiam.org](http://www.wolvesiam.org)) - often for any changes!!

**Event Venues:** - see map on page 10 & our group website ([www.wolvesiam.org](http://www.wolvesiam.org)) for 'Events Diary' Map links.

## MEMBERSHIP & TALKS/MEETINGS

### • Your IAM and Group Membership Detail

Members are reminded that any change in their detail previously supplied to the Group via a Group Application Form on joining or renewal of memberships needs to be passed to your Group Secretary and the IAM itself as soon as they happen. **The IAM and your Group cannot effectively contact you if your detail on our databases is out of date.**

### • Talks/Meetings

Rather than just waiting for things to be arranged, have you got any details of talks, visits, etc. that you may have experienced or from other interests in your lives that could be transferred to your WAM Group? Yes / No? If you have, please contact our Group Events / Talks Officer, **Nigel Packer** (see page 9 of this newsletter) or any other listed committee member. All contributions will be welcomed! **\*\*DO remember to check your Email & Group Website ([www.wolvesiam.org](http://www.wolvesiam.org)) 'regularly' - as changes often take place!\*\***

## OBSERVED & PRE-TEST RUNS

**Full and Associate Members—please note** - that a valid Group Membership card must be produced upon request. Failure to do so or if the card is invalid, that particular activity shall not take place.

**IAM Documents Declaration Forms—must** be completed by the Associate at the first run.

**Attendance at one 'Associate Evening' by Associate Members—is** required.

**Do remember** - When you have taken a 'pre-test' drive - and have been recommended to take your actual IAM Test be aware this recommendation will come from you having demonstrated the standard that we expect of you to pass - however - it will still depend on your driving on the actual day of your IAM test with an IAM Examiner. Your actual Test application will done via the IAM DTE database and the group's database user. *Within 2-3 weeks* - an Examiner will normally contact you to arrange a date, time and location for your actual test.

**After taking your test** - please let your Observer and Chief Observer know of the result as soon as possible. This allows us to say 'well done' — and to free your Observer for any waiting Associate.

**Observers—** tell your Chief Observer when your Associate passes—as we would much rather be told twice than not at all!

*"Advanced Driving  
....?"*



## FROM YOUR CHIEF OBSERVER

On 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016, Jonathan Hughes and myself, represented our group at the National Conference held at Aston University Birmingham. The day consisted of a series of five Workshop sessions attended by between 180 and 200 delegates,

At the start of the Conference, we were split into groups, each group proceeded to attend all of the workshops, on a rotational basis, throughout the day. Full copies of each of the Workshop presentations are now available on our group website.

Space does not permit me the opportunity to cover each presentation however the workshop relating to insurance matters was of particular importance.

In attendance on the day, were representatives from IAM Surety. The presentation revealed some interesting and, thought provoking facts, from statistics gathered over the last ten years (the time that Surety has been operating on behalf of the I.A.M.).

- All members of staff at IAM Surety offices in Belfast are now also members of the IAM and therefore do understand the nature of advanced driving.
- 90% of IAM membership do receive "matched" or lower premiums upon yearly renewal.
- The over 70 age group member's claims are **higher**, than those of the **general public** who have not taken an advanced driving test of any kind.
- 60% of claimants took their advanced driving test more than 10 years ago.
- Some members may not have tested their advanced skills for over 50 years.
- Claims double after 5+ years since the taking of the advanced driving test.

When back at home I reflected on these statistics and how they related to my own situation. I took my test in 1993, (24 years ago). And though I have undergone assessments, as necessary, for Senior Observer and subsequently National Observer status, these relate to abilities in communication and Associate management rather than specific driving skills, certainly not a current advanced driving test. This begged the question, "do I now really know if I am still driving to an advanced standard" especially with the introduction of the new standards? My thought process led me to decide that there is only one sure way of finding out, re-take the test! This I have now recently done, and I can report that I passed.

During discussions at a recent Committee Meeting it was suggested that all Committee members should lead by example and retake their tests, all present indicated that they were willing to do so. **Christine Westwood**, **David Gallagher** (First register certified pass) and **Jonathan Hughes**, have all recently passed tests including the latter gaining of a 'Masters' with distinction. It is hoped that all Group Members will consider the good sense of ensuring that their skills are up to cst with flying colours. If you are interested, then please contact me directly or any member urrent standards; your Group Observers are all here to ensure that you pass such a re-teof the Committee to make arrangements to move your skills forward; a taster or refresher drive can easily be arranged by your Group.

Until next time

Stay safe, enjoy driving.

**Roy Richards, Chief Observer**

**OBSERVERS AND ASSOCIATES - PLEASE NOTE:** Do read the Events and Meetings sections as there are evenings that you are required to attend. Equally do regularly check your email and Group Website ([www.wolvesiam.org](http://www.wolvesiam.org)) for coming and changed dates/times! 'Ooops!' - is not a reasonable response to a missed attendance, don't you know!

## ASSOCIATE RESPONSIBILITIES

**Attendance at one Associate Eve.**—is required.

**Keep in touch with your Observer**—it is your responsibility to do so.

**If you cannot keep an appointment**—tell your observer. Observers work on a voluntary basis and have lives of their own to fit around their observing. It is only courteous to let them

know in a timely manner.

**If you do not keep in touch with your observer**—it will be assumed that you no longer wish to continue and your observer will be assigned to another associate. Our observers and their time are a scarce commodity so we have to make best use of them.

**A successful pre-test**

**run**—still means that you continue your observed runs right up to the actual test. Do not go off the boil! Your IAM test result will be on how you drove on that test run.

**When you pass your test**—let us know via your observer so that all the group can celebrate your success.

*Are you using  
TPSGA' — gathering  
and using available  
information?*



## Are you a 'Young Driver'?

90,000 Members! Since 1956 the Institute of Advanced Motorists, IAM RoadSmart, has developed into a significant organization but sadly with not that many young members. A charity dedicated to improving road safety with a driving test based on the same book that the police use to train its very best drivers. As the best drivers on the road why does the IAM struggle to attract a younger audience? Unfortunately, I can't answer that, nor can anyone else it seems, but the organisation is trying very hard to try to fix this issue.

As a local group we have made a small and continuing contribution to the history of the IAM in that we have the first Young Drivers Contact outside of the IAM RoadSmart offices in Welwyn Garden City, and since we have launched our two new social media pages at [www.facebook.com/wolvesIAM.RS/](http://www.facebook.com/wolvesIAM.RS/) and [www.instagram.com/wolvesiam.rs](http://www.instagram.com/wolvesiam.rs), (please do take the time to look, you don't need an account to view them), we have become possibly the first IAM RoadSmart Group to have both a Facebook page and an Instagram page specifically focussed on the younger driver.

I am 23 years old and from an early age I've been interested in anything with an engine; driving my neighbours ride on tractor when I was five to learning how to drive a car on the grounds of my dad's school aged eleven. At seventeen I passed my DVSA test first time. After being advised to pursue advanced driving at eighteen I took a course with the IAM called Momentum. I spent two hours with a police driver who showed me much of what influences the way I drive today. He encouraged me to go ahead and take my Advanced Driving Test. I enrolled onto the Advanced Driving Course in November 2015 and got a 'F1rst Register' pass.

As the Group's Young Drivers Contact, my objective is pretty clear but how it is achieved is far from straightforward. It is important to remember that the Wolverhampton Advanced Motoring Group has been around since 1982; some of the Group's original members are still here today. These long serving members carry years of experience and knowledge, not only of the Group, its Members, the local area but also Advanced Driving. What is apparent is that the route to the success and encouragement of a younger driver within the Group will be somewhat different to that which is currently meeting the needs and expectations of the existing Membership; there is no harm in this as is demonstrated through a dynamic Facebook and Instagram page on our web site; the two groups can co-exist and the goals of safer, more capable and more pleasurable driving can be achieved by both.

The easiest way to start being more attractive to the younger driver is to be more visible to that group of people to which end it is my intention to ensure that Wolves-IAM have a presence wherever we can at events which are attended by the under thirty-year-old driver. To spend time dispelling the belief that is often articulated that IAM RoadSmart is only for the older driver and is nothing to do with everyday driving and cannot be applied to the drive to work or a weekend away with friends.

To do this we need involvement and input from our Members. I'm not suggesting that you all become Group Committee members but we do need additional feedback and suggestions from our current Membership; notwithstanding the existing commendable schedule of activities that are managed by our Events Manager we need to introduce additional more involving activities specifically focussed at the younger driver; we not only need ideas for these activities but also our current Membership's support to help make them happen. Please don't remain silent, get in touch! My email address is [young.driver@wolvesiam.org](mailto:young.driver@wolvesiam.org), I look forward to hearing from you.

So far, we have launched two new social media accounts, and produced fresh new business cards to promote what we do to those who may be interested. We are looking at ways that we can experience driving at the limit of our capabilities, (something I'm sure many keen drivers would love to do, but obviously not something that can be done on the road), with things such as skid pans, off road driving et cetera. The future is going to be very interesting and for the Group I hope very exciting.

**David Gallagher** (Group Young Driver Contact)  
T:01902.679489  
[young.driver@wolvesiam.org](mailto:young.driver@wolvesiam.org)

*Each time every time?*

## OUR NEW IAM-RS AREA SERVICE DELIVERY MANAGER (ASDM)

### Robbie Downing – Area Service Delivery Manager for Region 4

Robbie has been a Car and Motorcycle examiner for IAM RoadSmart since 1988.

More recently, he has been a member of the Avon and Somerset Driver Training Unit delivering and assessing not only car and motorcycle courses from basic level up to Class 1 advanced level (including pursuit courses) but also HGV and PCV training to DVSA test level.

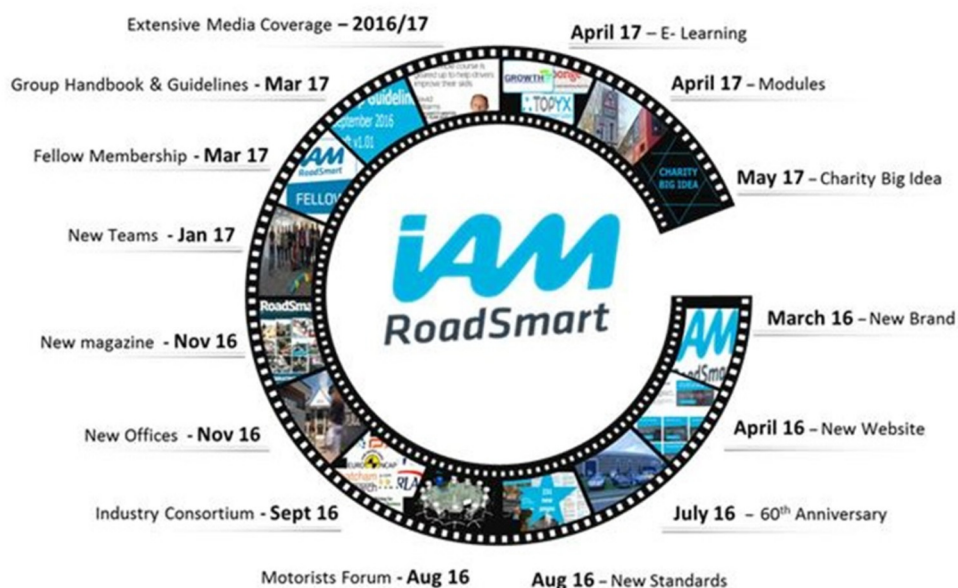
Between 1995 and 2010 Robbie was responsible for the Force 'Ride to Arrive' and 'Bikesafe' motorcycle road safety initiatives which were aimed at motorcycle collision reduction for members of the public.

Our Group welcomes Robbie to our recently adjusted IAM-RS Regional Area and to meeting him at our Group and Region 4 Forum Meetings.

## A year in the life of IAM RoadSmart

What has happened, is and will be happening within IAM RoadSmart and across the UK Groupwide affecting all of us?

Do take the time to access the IAM-RS website—[www.iamroadsmart.com/](http://www.iamroadsmart.com/) -



*Are you always in the right place, ....*

plus links within it and of course our own Group website—[www.wolvesiam.org](http://www.wolvesiam.org). You are missing a wealth of information that is always there just waiting for you to access and say 'hello'!

Added to this there is:

- Twitter,
- Facebook,
- YouTube,
- Google+,
- LinkedIn, etc.





## IAM-RS Posted Blogs

### Service, I say, Service!

Being safe, reliant and efficient road users are the key things that enable greater safety on the roads and allow them to run smoothly. It is vital to continue this mission of endless safety by maintaining your vehicle and ensuring that is serviced and up-to-date.

These tips give advice as to why it is important to get your motor serviced, from IAM RoadSmart's head of technical policy and advice Tim Shallcross.

- Make sure the oil and oil filter are changed on time and the correct engine oil is used; neglecting an oil change or using the wrong oil is the quickest way to increase wear on a modern engine, especially for highly stressed parts such as turbochargers and pistons
- Anti-freeze must be checked every year and should be changed every other year. It does much more than protect the engine in winter; it prevents corrosion inside the engine. Blown head gaskets are a typical symptom of not enough or old antifreeze
- Change the timing (cam) belt on time, when the mileage or age limit is reached. It might look OK and it's an expensive job, but if the belt breaks, it generally means you need a new engine
- The alternator drive belt must be inspected at each service and changed if worn or when the manufacturer recommends. If it suddenly snaps, you suddenly lose power steering on most cars
- The cabin air filter or pollen filter keeps clean air coming in through the heater vents. If it isn't changed on time, you may get debris in the heater unit which is expensive to remove and clear and you will be more prone to misted up windows restricting your view

Tim said: "Make sure the service is noted properly in the car's record book and the garage stamps it. A full, documented service history makes the car much easier to sell; no history or gaps can knock hundreds or even thousands of pounds off the price you'll get."

### More sunshine ... more glare time

While any amount of sunshine is welcomed at this time of year, the glaring low winter sun is taking no prisoners. In 2015 dazzling sun was a factor in over 2,500 crashes including 17 fatalities. Even though we have many tools that aid in protecting us from the glare, we often forget to use them. This week's tips give advice on how to stay safe on the road with the glare of the sun on rampage, from IAM RoadSmart's head of driving and riding standards Richard Gladman.

- Keep your windscreen clean both inside and out. Dirt or salt residue will magnify the effect of the sun
- On the outside check for chips or cracks, replace worn wiper blades and make sure your washer bottle is kept well topped up with good quality screen fluid strong enough to avoid freezing
- Keep a cloth or chamois to wipe away the dirty film that builds up on the inside due to screen heating and condensation.
- Use your sun visor. It may sound pretty standard but a surprising number of people forget.
- Invest in polarized sunglasses and remember to take a rest. Your eyes will strain quickly if you are squinting.

Slow down and leave extra space between you and the driver ahead if you are dazzled. This will give you more time to regain full control and assess the situation.

Richard said: "Low winter sun may not deliver a useful tan but a clear view of the road ahead is vital if you are going to get through the winter as safely."

*At the right speed, in  
the right gear to apply  
the right degree of  
acceleration ...*



## OBSERVER AND ASSOCIATE EVENINGS

**Observer Evenings** (*Friends Meeting House*) at 7.30pm unless advertised otherwise:

**N.B.** Observers should attend each evening.

February 21st, June 20th, October 24th.

**Associate Evenings** (*Friends Meeting House*) at 7.30pm unless advertised otherwise:

**N.B.** Associates should attend one evening during their guidance runs period.

January 17th, March 21st, April 18th, May 23rd, July 18th, August 22nd, September 19th, November 21st.

**NOTE: Remember to check our website 'Events Diary' also!**

## Group Talks and Events

### 8th March

8pm—Talk by Paul Williamson, Group Chair 'Title tba' (Australia & places in between going west & back the long way round).

### 12th April

8pm—'Examiners' Night' - IAM Examiner, Steve Tyler, your chance to ask the questions!

### 7th May (Sunday)

British Mini-car Day at Himley Hall – Volunteers needed to meet the public and staff our Group Stand—*contact Nigel Packer on page 9.*

### 10th May

8pm—'Group AGM' with a talk by an IAM Visitor (tba).

**Visit—t.b.a.**—to Toyota (Derby) - extremely popular by many— our group will register interest in a tour in 2017.

### 14th June

Eloise Peabody-Rolf (IAM RoadSmart Young Drivers Ambassador) - **\*\*To be confirmed\*\***

### 12th July

Visit to Signal Radio—Dicky Dodd—**\*\*To be confirmed\*\***

### **\*\*Please note\*\***:

*Those of you with email should all have had a general groupwide emailing from our Events Organiser, Nigel Packer, as follows:*

"I am resigning as Events Organiser for Wolverhampton Advanced Motorists at the AGM in May so the group will be looking for someone to take on the role. I have been in post for 4 years and will continue to help anyone who would like to take on the position.

Nigel Packer"

Your Group: - has really appreciated Nigel's excellent sterling work over these 4 years in giving and arranging much varied talks and events for us all. We thank him on the behalf of all members.

We thank you, Nigel!

This leaves his position vacant and we would very much appreciate it if you could consider taking on this role. He has said that he will help anyone in taking on this important group role.

If you feel that you would like to take on this role, please contact Paul, myself or indeed any of your Committee Members listed on page 9 of this Newsletter.

He will be continuing giving excellent service in his other group roles as Associate Controller, qualified Group Local Observer, Committee Member and regularly representing our group at IAM RoadSmart Forum Meetings with some 35 other Groups that are within our IAM-RS Region.

*Are you always in the  
right place, ....*



# IAM—INFORMATION

## THE ADVANCED DRIVING TEST

### What the Examiner expects

The Test takes about 90 minutes, over all types of roads and using your own car. The four essential qualities are **Concentration**, **Observation**, **Anticipation** and **Planning**. The Examiner is the holder of a Police Advanced Driving Certificate. A full understanding of what is expected can be found in the IAM publication "Advanced Driving". A number of important points are mentioned here:

### THE PRINCIPLES OF ADVANCED DRIVING

- Do you concentrate properly and avoid distractions?
- Can you read the road and anticipate potential hazards in good time?
- Are hazards dealt with in a planned and systematic way?
- Do you use your mirrors before changing your speed or position and do you always give a signal to other road users if they will benefit or appreciate one?
- Can you drive with reasonable restraint, but not indecision?
- Is your judgement of speed and distance accurate?
- Do you drive with courtesy and consideration for other road users, including pedestrians?
- Are you always in the right place on the road, travelling at the right speed with the right gear engaged and able to stop safely in the distance you can see to be clear?

### HANDLING SKILLS

- Are steering actions safe, smooth and accurate, and do you pass the wheel through your hands?
- Are gears smoothly and correctly selected?
- Do you make full use of automatic transmission, if your car is fitted with it?
- Is your braking smooth and progressive?
- Do you use "acceleration sense"?

### ADVANCED DRIVING SKILLS ON THE ROAD

- Do you keep up a reasonable pace and maintain good progress if conditions permit?
- Do you anticipate and react correctly to the situations developing ahead?
- Are the correct road position chosen and signals given in good time for the next manoeuvre?
- Are all signals, signs and road markings observed, obeyed and approached correctly?
- Are overtaking manoeuvres carried out smoothly, decisively and safely?
- Do you drive with proper restraint and proper sensitivity of control when the roads are slippery or visibility is reduced?
- Are manoeuvres such as parking, reversing, carried out smoothly and competently with effective all-round observations?

**Advanced Drivers are expected to control the risks, despite the incorrect actions of others. Every journey can have its unexpected moments.**

**However, even successful candidates have made minor mistakes, which did not prevent them from passing the Advanced Driving Test.**

*"....Are you then a  
'Thinking Driver'  
always planning your  
drive and driving your  
plan—24/7?"*





## FROM THE EDITOR

### HELP REQUIRED!!

Please search your diaries for blank spaces and for things that are of low priority that can be deleted or put back. Your group needs help in order to keep going. Why not give something back against all that you have gained from becoming an advanced driver? How? Easy, become a committee member or an observer. **Well? Well - why not? Eh? Me? Yeah, you!!**

### Requirements for current Group and IAM membership.

Please keep a close eye on the status of both of these! Do ensure that you complete the Group form with each Group annual renewal - and/or - change in detail and send them together with the applicable monies in a timely fashion to our Membership Secretary. In this way you confirm contact details and affirm your

driving documents legal. Also the IAM form from London HQ which you send back to them.

**Group renewal date** is **April 1st** each year!

**Current memberships** are a mandatory requirement for all observers.

**Timely renewals**—are a must. Those not renewing will cease to be a group member, associate, observer, etc.

**Please complete your membership renewal forms**—with all relevant detail so that we can maintain our group and IAM files.

### What is missing from your Newsletter?

To a great degree — contributions from you! We get little or nothing from you. Your newsletter does not appear like magic! (Doesn't this fellow ever shut up? No!). Do send

your letters, articles, etc. to me preferably on a disc or as an attached file on an e-mail in an MS Office program format but hard copy will do if you do not have a computer. My contact details are in the column to the right.

Should your input not be part of the next issue rest assured that it does go on file and will be used.

## CLOSING DATE FOR YOUR NEXT ISSUE: 1st May 2017

Tony Robson - Editor.

### Committee & Trustees

- **President**  
Graham Foulkes
- **Vice Presidents**  
Joe Brooks  
Judith Rowley
- **Chairman**  
Paul Williamson  
[chairman@wolvesiam.org](mailto:chairman@wolvesiam.org)  
M:07475552258
- **Secretary**  
Tony Robson  
133 Elston Hall Lane  
Wolverhampton  
WV10 9HD  
[secretary@wolvesiam.org](mailto:secretary@wolvesiam.org)  
M:07594 747821
- **Treasurer**  
Graham Foulkes  
T:01902.896492
- **Membership Secretary**  
(see Group Secretary)
- **Chief Observer**  
Roy Richards  
[chiefobserver@wolvesiam.org](mailto:chiefobserver@wolvesiam.org)  
M:07752.837881
- **Newsletter Editor**  
(see - Group Secretary)
- **Minutes Secretary**  
Christine Westwood
- **Associate Controller**  
(see - Publicity Officer)
- **Test Administrator**  
(see - Group Secretary)
- **Events Coordinator**  
(see Publicity Officer)
- **Publicity Officer**  
Nigel Packer  
[events@wolvesiam.org](mailto:events@wolvesiam.org)  
T:01902.897203
- **Young Driver Contact**  
David Gallagher  
T:01902.679489  
[young.driver@wolvesiam.org](mailto:young.driver@wolvesiam.org)
- **Web Admin.**  
Jonathan Hughes  
[webadmin@wolvesiam.org](mailto:webadmin@wolvesiam.org)
- **Committee Member**  
Jonathan Hughes
- **Additional Trustees**

## MEMBERSHIP

### Data Protection

(Data Protection Act 1984) Details are kept on file for all of our Members, Associates, Regional and IAM RoadSmart contacts in order that we may print address labels and perform other necessary administration tasks. If you object to any of this information being kept on file please inform the Group Membership Secretary in writing. Such information held will only be used by the Group / IAM and will not be passed on to other bodies or organisations.

### Group Membership Fees

Associate Membership Renewal - £12

*Full Membership* (effective each 1st April) - £12

*Family / Joint Membership* (2 Full members at the same address—effective each 1st April) - £18

*Cheques* - please forward them (payable to 'W.A.M.' with your Group Membership number on the back) together with your completed form to:

Tony Robson  
133 Elston Hall Lane  
Bushbury  
Wolverhampton  
WV10 9HD

### Associate Membership

*Upon joining usually as part of the IAM RoadSmart Advanced Driving program.* Within this program you get the cost of your Advanced Test and your 1<sup>st</sup> years IAM and group memberships.

*Literature* - is part of this package and comprises 'How to Pass your Advanced Driving' Book.

*Guidance* - will be from the Group Local Observer assigned to you up to the

day of your advanced test. This also requires a successful pre-test run with a Group National Observer before the Group can apply for the IAM Advanced Test via the Group IAM DTE database access on the Associate's behalf.

*New Members* - are required to complete the Group Membership Form which can be downloaded from our website and sent to the Group Membership Secretary.

• **Full Members** - please note - 'IAM RoadSmart' Membership' - is required in addition to that of your Group.

• **If your are a Group Observer** - you must be a fully paid up member of both.



Group 3081

GROUP MAIN CONTACT:  
Wolverhampton Advanced  
Motorists  
Group Secretary  
Phone: 07594 747821

*'Advanced Driving'*



**IAMRoadSmart**

Registered Charity: 249002

**Wolverhampton Advanced  
Motorists**

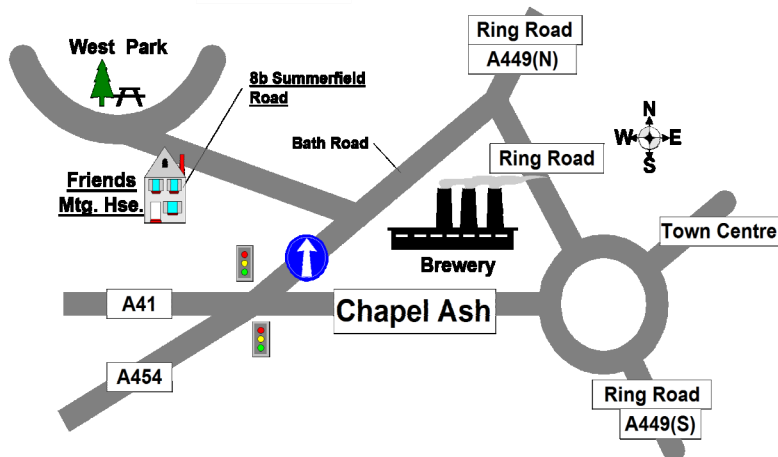
Group: 3081

Registered Charity: 1053330

**Group Website:**

[www.wolvesiam.org](http://www.wolvesiam.org)

*"...Well, are you?"*



## VENUE FOR OUR GROUP MEETINGS

- The Friends Meeting House  
8b Summerfield Road  
Wolverhampton WV1 4PR

At the gate—follow down the drive towards the back of this property and car park. The Meeting House is at the very back. The map shows Bath Road is a 'one way road' - albeit briefly—when approached from Chapel Ash. You cannot turn right into Bath Road when coming out of town. Taking the Ring Road (northbound) from the Chapel Ash roundabout turn first left into Bath Road then second right into Summerfield Road. For other approaches see your 'A-Z'. See website - [www.wolvesiam.org](http://www.wolvesiam.org) for maps—and SatNav details too.

## NEW ASSOCIATES / IAM MEMBERS

### Welcome to Associates:

- Jaishree Matto
- William Hudson
- Chris Piper
- Lee Platt

### Welcome to IAM Member:

- Nil

## TEST PASSES

- Lee Morris (F<sup>1</sup>st pass)  
(Observer: Paul Williamson)
- Prity Patel (Observer:  
Mike Leadbeater)
- Neil Abel (Observer:  
Nigel Packer)
- Neil Mason (F<sup>1</sup>st  
pass) (Observer: Brian  
Kerrigan)

**Well done and  
congratulations to both  
Member and their  
Observer!**

Hopefully your next move might be to become an observer yourself to put back in some of what you have received. Added to this you will continue to hone your 'advanced driving' by this passing on

and guidance.

**Passed your test just recently??**

Have you shared your success by telling your Observer? If not please contact any Committee Member.

### **\*Disclaimer Statement**

Please note: See [www.wolvesiam.org](http://www.wolvesiam.org) and [www.iamroadsmart.com](http://www.iamroadsmart.com) for further detail on this subject.