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# CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT



Its the 40<sup>th</sup> year of our group and we are planning several events to make it a special year.

The next on in the pipe line is a **Treasure Hunt** event. Its been over 10 years since we held the last one. It will be on a Sunday, probably in July, but like many things in our Group it requires you to participate to make it worthwhile. So please get in touch with myself to register your interest Ideally in the next two weeks but before the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. We will start from a well-known place and you will follow a route stopping to pick up clues on route to a finish point where there will be a buffet with light refreshment. Whist the scores are totalled so a winner can be declared. There will be a small participation fee to cover the cost of the buffet and venue hire.

This, like many things the Group does require the help and support by people generously giving up some of their time to make things happen. So, if you can spare some of your time and you are willing to help please get in touch. Without labouring the point, we will be out promoting what our Group does and persuading people to take the **Advanced Test** at several events in the coming weeks.

For example, the putting-up or taking down of the Gazebo, to do this without the risk of damage needs 4 people takes less than an hour. But we really need 4 people which can often be a challenge. Often the same faces have helped in the past however 3 regulars sadly are no longer able help this year. So please get in touch with me ASAP ideally just after you read this. An email, text or phone call would be so appreciated. I really don't want to be on the end of a phone saying we are having to cancel our Groups attendance at an event.

We have a few Committee Roles which urgently need to be filled. If you are not sure what type of group of member s comprise our present committee and what happens at a meeting, then you are more than welcome just to sit in to see what goes on to make our Group happen.

If there are things that you are unsure about any of the above, please ask me, there are no silly questions.

Our Group website is a fantastic source of both new and factual information, if you haven't see it recently please make a point the next time you have 5 minutes.

And one final appeal, if there are any visits you have been on that a fellow Group member might enjoy, please get in touch with me as we are always looking for new ideas otherwise we will soon be returning to those we have visited in the past. Whilst a visit to the **Motorway Control Centre** is great if you've never been and of interest to see the changes if you've visited sometime back, we don't want to keep repeating what we have previously done.

**Paul Williamson** 

Until next time safe driving!

#### FORTHCOMING GROUP EVENTS

#### Treasure Hunt -

- A Treasure Hunt is to be organised for later this year.
- Dates are yet to be finalized however it will be on a Sunday.
- A driver and a navigator are the minimum team;
- If you fancy a fun day out and are interested could you e-mail events@wolvesiam.org
- Full details will be circulated as soon as they are available.



### **50TH ANNIVERSARY IAM MEMBERS**

You may all be aware that the Institute of Advanced Motorists started in 1956 some 61 years ago. Within our Group we have two **Barry Sadler**, (M00067977) and **Peter Spillan**, (M00075090) both of whom are in their fiftieth year of membership with IAM RoadSmart.

#### A Note of Thanks

I would like to send everyone within Wolverhampton Advanced Motorists Group a Thank You for the kind gift, given to me following my being a Member of the IAM, now IAM RoadSmart, for Fifty Years.

The event was of course noted by IAM RoadSmart Head Office and my many friends within the organization however the recognition by my Group was of greater value as it is within this area that I have spent my time supporting the development of safer driving throughout the years.

I am still working as an Observer and enjoy my time with my Associates especially helping them to achieve a better standard of driving and to pass their Advanced Driving Test. I would commend any of you reading this, who are Full Members of IAM RoadSmart, to consider becoming an Observer, it is of course a commitment, but not a significant one and one that can be fitted around your work and other draws on your time and will give you a good deal of satisfaction knowing that you have helped others to enhance their driving skills.

**Barry Sadler** 

### MEMBERSHIP & TALKS/MEETINGS

• Your IAM and Group Membership Detail

Members are reminded that <u>any</u> 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 <u>and</u> the IAM itself as soon as they happen. <u>The IAM and your Group cannot effectively contact you if your detail on our databases is out of date.</u>

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 any Group Committee Member (see page 9 of this newsletter). All contributions will be welcomed! \*\*DO remember to check your Email & Group Website (www.wolvesiam.org) 'regularly' - as changes often take place!\*\*

## "Advanced Driving .... by the "**Thinking Driver**"?"

### 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—<u>must</u> be completed by the Associate at their first run. Attendance at both 'Associate Evenings' 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. **Associates—do be aware—** that this will be **your** Test arrangement with the Examiner, so do stay in contact with him should anything change that may affect it.

**After taking your test** - please let your Observer <u>and</u> 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.



### FROM YOUR CHIEF OBSERVER

There is an increasingly ageing population within the UK—with some four million residents of 70 years and over currently holding a full driving license.

Currently there is no mandatory upper age limit on driving, all that is necessary is for a person to renew their license at the age of 70 years, and subsequently every three years thereafter. No medical or assessment of capability is required and the form is merely a "self-declaration" as to the state of fitness to drive.

Unfortunately, it comes to us all at some time that as we age, our driving abilities change. *Everyone ages differently*—and it is therefore extremely difficult to determine a "cut off" point as to when someone should stop driving other than perhaps, that they are unable to assimilate and handle the traffic conditions that exist.

Primary conditional changes—are slowed ability to assimilate to receive incoming information and react to that information, lack of physical flexibility causing narrowing of field of view, lower levels of endurance causing earlier onset of fatigue as well as of course reducing acuity of eyesight and other physical conditions that can impact the ability to handle clutch, brake or steering control.

How do we know when is the time right to give up driving, (possibly forfeiting our independence)? This is a tough decision but will need to be made if, even with corrective lenses, you find yourself unable to read a vehicle number plate at twenty metres or you have other physical limitations that would mean that you may not be in full charge of your vehicle at all times you are in the driving seat.

If you feel that you may fall into one of the above categories—then it is worth talking with your GP as it may be that through some focussed medication or other forms of palliative treatment that your safe driving life can be extended. If it cannot then you should not continue to drive however balance this against the amount of time that you need to drive and the current cost of maintaining a vehicle, it may well be that you are substantially better off using taxi services when transport is needed rather than using your own car!

It is important that in this matter that you are realistic and assess your skills objectively; if you have any doubt then please contact myself or one of our Group Observers; we will be only too happy to go for a short drive with you and provide a realistic independent assessment of your capabilities. A better option than taking risks! Early indications of reducing capability can be that you notice that other people are using their horns to warn you of their presence, that you are drifting across white lines when you don't mean to, that you are missing warning signs, that you are braking and accelerating harder than is consistent with a smooth drive, that you find yourself travelling faster, (or slower), than is consistent with the road conditions.

I have a couple of friends, both in their 80's, remarkable in mind and body for their age, (obviously not withstanding the usual aches and pains associated). Both have been driving for many years for business and pleasure, covering many thousands of "safe" miles and any thoughts of giving up driving on the grounds of age alone has not entered their thought process at this time. Both have recognised their own limitations when driving, and, more importantly acted upon them; planning journeys more carefully, taking longer breaks, leaving at times when traffic is lighter, travelling only in daylight, steering clear of road and weather conditions that are bothersome, motorways perhaps or town driving and so on; by doing these things driving continues to be a pleasure and not a chore.

Let me leave you with some final thoughts, be realistic about your capabilities, recognise how dangerous a car in unsafe hands can be and rather than following the approach of simply ignoring the problem, take a proactive approach and speak with us to help you make the right decision about the way forward. Sometimes the requirement is for nothing more than guidance about how to handle current road conditions.

Until the next time, stay safe, enjoy your motoring. **Roy Richards** 

# Are you using 'IPSGA' ....?

### ASSOCIATE RESPONSIBILITIES

Attendance at <u>both</u>— Associate Evenings — is strongly suggested.

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

If you cannot keep an appointment— tell your observer. Observers are volunteers and have lives of their own to fit around observing. It is only courte-

ous to let them know in a timely manner.

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

A successful pre-test run—still means that you continue your 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.



### IAM.RoadSmart & Group Evening

Press Release Wolverhampton Advanced Motorists Group

**The Wolverhampton Advanced Motorists Group** hosted two presentations including one by the legendary rally-cross driver Paddy Hopkirk at their monthly group meeting held at the Mercure Goldthorn Hotel on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

<u>IAM RoadSmart's Mature Driver Ambassador, Paddy Hopkirk MBE</u>, has recently been elected to one of the highest profile roles in motorsport, President of the British Racing Drivers' Club (BRDC). Paddy has been a member of the BRDC since 1965, and for the past 10 years has been the organisation's Vice-President.

He is perhaps best known for winning World Championship rallies in Monto Carlo and Greece in the 1960s, but has competed in road and rally events all over the world including Bridgehampton and Sebring in the US and the Le Mans 24 Hours; achieving class wins.

Paddy has been the Mature Driver Ambassador for Britain's biggest independent road safety charity IAM RoadSmart for the past two years.

Supporting Paddy at the venue was <u>David Gallagher</u>, <u>Young Driver Ambassador for IAM</u> <u>RoadSmart</u>. David, who was appointed to this position at IAM RoadSmart towards the end of 2017 has the task of helping younger drivers improve their road safety.

The meeting was filled to capacity with over one hundred attendees including members of other local Advanced Motoring and Riding Groups from Walsall, Kidderminster, Stafford, Redditch and Lichfield as well as a good number of people who were interested in seeing both Paddy and David and gaining a better understanding of road safety.

David presented guidance and many tips to help all drivers but with particular emphasis on the younger driver; Paddy focused on his lengthy and fascinating career giving a light-hearted overview of his prestigious career and the people that he has had opportunity to work with. Everyone attending agreed that this was a fascinating night with opportunity to meet one of the UK's leading characters in motorsport.

Additional support was provided to the event by Rybrook Mini Wolverhampton who bought one of their current offerings to show the differences between the famous mini's driven by Paddy in the 1960's and those now manufactured, (still at Oxford), by BMW.

Free Advanced Driving Taster Drives along with further information about IAM RoadSmart and all aspects of advanced driving can be found at the Groups website www.wolvesiam.org

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12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Gathering and using available **I**nformation?



### YOUR GROUP WEBSITE

WE'RE TRYING TO KEEP CALM BUT WE NEED YOU!!

**Serious question—when did you last access it?** You can find it on <a href="https://www.wolvesiam.org">www.wolvesiam.org</a> . It is quite a large website for our size of group when compared to many others within the IAM.RS Groups UK-wide.

We invite you to explore this veritable mine of information, videos, group event diary, membership forms, point of access to your committee and so much more.

Do use this point of contact facility at any time as it goes directly to your Group Secretary for action and soonest reply back to you. Got an idea for your Group, something that needs to be put before your committee, a grumble or a thank you? Contributions are always welcome.

### IAM RoadSmart—Car 'Tasters' & Gift Vouchers

#### New free car 'Taster' website

The new web page for free car taster sessions is now live at <a href="www.iamroadsmart.com/drivefree">www.iamroadsmart.com/drivefree</a> ahead of the official launch. Every group that provided an email address is listed; those who were blank or provided web or phone numbers instead are not listed.

#### Join us now for a free advanced driving introduction.

#### Your first step to becoming an advanced driver is free.

If you're interested in finding out what advanced driving techniques and skills could do for your confidence and ability, then this is for you. We believe that the very best way to understand and develop new skills is to see and feel them in your own car, with the guidance of an IAM RoadSmart qualified Observer.

#### We'll help you to develop new skills quickly and easily.

Your free drive lasts around an hour, usually arranged at a time and location convenient to you - although some of our groups host drives on set days and locations. It is a relaxed and enjoyable experience with the opportunity to ask questions. There are no special requirements and the offer is open to everyone, providing you have a full licence and your own car. You'll gain some new ideas and skills, plus tips on how to develop your driving abilities.

#### How to book your free session.

Simply click on the location closest to you below. You'll then be able to email your details directly to the local organiser - please include your name, phone and email details plus the car you drive. They will make contact with you and arrange your free driving session.

#### Come and enjoy finding out all about advanced driving with us, you'll love it!

As a thank you IAM RoadSmart will also offer you 10% off (£134) our Advanced Driver Course if you then decide to take the challenge of becoming an advanced driver with IAM RoadSmart.

# Alternatively might this be of interest to you as something for a family member to try perhaps?

Successfully completing the advanced driver course would make that person a better and safer driver, and could allow them to benefit from better car insurance premiums. Purchasing such a course has been popular with both parents, grandparents, etc. for their younger family members.

#### Why not Gift an Advanced Driving course?

IAM RoadSmart courses (https://www.iamroadsmart.com) make thoughtful, practical and hugely enjoyable gifts.

IAM.RS offer a number of courses as gift vouchers presented in attractive gift packs. So whether you wish to help someone you care about to also benefit from the skills that you learned with us, or you are simply looking for a unique, thoughtful present, then take a look at the gift packs that are offered. If you need any help then please call Customer Care on 0300 303 1134 during office hours..

Always in the right **P**osition, ....?



### **Group & IAM.RS Young Driver Ambassador**

### **Driving test changes**

It's often easy to forget as advanced drivers that our journey started, as everyone else's did, as a learner driver. The kind of assessment that we had when learning to driver varies from person to person depending on how recently you passed your test.

Britain's young drivers face an imminent change to their driving test.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December is the date that the DVSA driving test will change, the new test will be adopting different manoeuvres and scrapping some of the old ones, and it will include a section where the candidate has to follow satnay instructions.

There will also be two vehicle safety questions asked during the test; a "tell me" question where the candidate will explain how they carry out a safety task at the start of the test, and a "show me" question where the candidate demonstrates how to perform a safety task such as using the windscreen washers whilst driving.

When I took my driving test in 2011 there was a change to the test incorporating more independent driving into the test, naturally this caused a lot of uncertainty with learner drivers who were scared if they couldn't remember specific instructions that they might fail a test that they'd otherwise pass with the old format.

With change imminent I expected the case to be the same with this latest change to the driving test, so at a young driver's road safety night last month I took the opportunity of talking to a number of learner drivers and driving instructors (including my own driving instructor) about it.

Amazingly not one of the people I have spoken to (out of about 30) were worried or concerned about facing the new test. Most people said that they would prefer to pass under the old system but that was because they hoped to be at a standard to take their test before the changes were in place.

Learners felt that it was important to embrace vehicle technology rather than discourage it and some even felt that existing licence holders should undergo some kind of assessment to prove that they are competent using the equipment that their vehicle has...wouldn't that cause a stir?!

I would love to hear your thoughts on the latest changes to how our newest generation of drivers are to be tested.

#### **David Gallagher**

WAM Group and IAM RS Younger Driver Ambassador

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At the right **S**peed ...?



### OBSERVER AND ASSOCIATE EVENINGS

Observer Evenings (Holiday Inn, Wolverhampton Racecourse, Gorsebrook Road, Wolverhampton) at 7.30pm unless advertised or advised directly otherwise:

N.B. Observers should attend each evening.

<u>Associate Evenings</u> (Holiday Inn, Wolverhampton Racecourse, Gorsebrook Road) at 7.30pm unless advertised or advised directly otherwise:

N.B. Associates should attend both Parts 1 & 2 during their guidance runs period.

\*\*\* NOTE: Occasionally circumstances may dictate 'movements' by us against these dates, so do remember to check our website ( www.wolvesiam.org ) 'Events Diary'!

All such Evenings will usually be posted on our website, but do keep an eye on your email inbox too!

### **Your Group Committee Members**



Hello, I am **Tony Robson** your Group Secretary, Membership Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Group Observer and committee member for more years than I would care to admit to!

Having passed my driving test in 1973 my driving instructor was ex. police so it would have been him that planted my continuing interest in driving ever since.

The IAM came into my life via a 'What's On' listing in our local newspaper, the Express and Star in 1985 when our Group Secretary was Judith Rowley, one of our current Vice Presidents. I recall my Advanced Driving Test

quite clearly, my Examiner was Harry Rhodes. I still use parts of my test run on my observed runs with Associates to this day after some 32 years. Driving continues to 'float my coracle' even after 44 years on our everchanging national roads. My late father was an IAM member too.

Born in Sunderland, Tyne and Wear (then County Durham). I left school in 1960 and joined the RAF doing an aircraft apprenticeship before servicing V-Bombers, jet fighters, heavy transport aircraft and helicopters in the UK and Middle East. Married some 52 years ago I settled in Wolverhampton and working for the then Boulton Paul Aircraft Company in Pendeford. I then moved to the Turner Manufacturing Company in Fordhouses, Wolverhampton later part of the international US Dana Corporation, in quality control related system aspects travelling throughout the UK and Europe, Turkey, India, South and Central America, the USA and Canada until just on the Millennium. In the few years following I put my driving to good use and chauffeured MPs, entertainment personalities and finally a director of a large national financial company.

Having joined the IAM and the then Wolverhampton Advanced Motorist and Motorcyclists Group (WAMM) and passing my Test another of our current Vice Presidents, Joe Brookes (then our Chief Observer) suggested that I may like to put something back into the Group that had been given to me by becoming an Observer. This is what I still suggest to my Associates ever since. As Newsletter Editor you may also find I mention it within each issue of our newsletter.

With a successful test pass under your belt you should only drive the one advanced driving style always planning your drive and driving your plan, taking, using and giving information, being in the right place at the right time, speed and gear. Hopefully, by your example, what goes around comes around spreading polite better driving and road safety.

Driving is a responsibility that should not be taken lightly, ever.

Our Group is on the cusp of its 40th year which we will be celebrating with your assistance.

Do keep a close eye on all communications on this wherever it may come from, typically through email, website and newsletter.

It is always nice to receive contributions from group members for possible talks, places / events to visit, etc. supported by detail in order for us to review and hopefully take the appropriate steps to make them happen over the coming membership year. These do not have to be motoring orientated.

In closing, one final thing, if you would like to put something into your group and not as an Observer, might you consider joining your Group Committee? If so please contact me or our Chair, **Paul Williamson** (contact details on page 9 of each Newsletter).

**Tony Robson** 

In the right **G**ear, ....?



### IAM—ADVANCED DRIVING TEST

The test is the culmination of your training, it is your opportunity to show how good you are and justify your observer's faith in you. A little bit of nerves can be a good thing. Stay focused and try to enjoy it. The perfect driver has not yet been discovered but how close are you?

What to expect during the test:

•The administration process •The test •You •At the conclusion of the test

The administration process Having applied for your test (within WAM Group—via your Group Secretary and the DTE Database link we share with IAM RoadSmart following an acceptable Group pretest run) you will be contacted by your examiner either by telephone or email. This is to arrange a mutually convenient date, time and location for the test to take place. The location should be safe, easy to find, of no cost to either of you with facilities and easy access to a variety of roads. Supermarket car parks and fast food restaurants are often chosen. (Beware of time limited parking).

The test This should be about 75 minutes from start to finish with no more than 60 minutes riding or driving.

What will be tested? After the document disclaimer is dealt with the examiner will conduct an eyesight check. This is the same as the DVSA test or a police roadside check. You must be able to read a standard number plate at a distance of 20.5 metres. During the drive you can be tested on anything from the course material. It may not be possible to assess some areas practically so the examiner may ask questions.

You will be asked—to conduct a practical real life manoeuvre or demonstrate competency in course of test and your decision making process is part of the assessment. On a motorcycle you may be asked to perform a slow riding manoeuvre if this has not been displayed during the test. Your drive must be safe and legal. Use your speedometer to keep to the speed limits which must be adhered to at all times, there are no exemptions when making an overtake so do not plan to exceed the speed limit when deliberating.

Your Examiner—All of the IAM examiners are advanced police drivers and have experience in dealing with road safety matters.

They will: - •Put you at ease. •Set the scene for you and explain what they are looking for. •Explain clearly the route directions and how they will communicate them. •Explain test protocols such as safety and commentary. •Explain that any road traffic offence is likely to lead to a fail. •Explain about their note taking (they write positive points as well as areas for development) •Give advice on how mistakes will be dealt with (you will not necessarily fail for a minor mistake) •Answer any questions you may have You We know that you will be nervous, we all were in the same circumstances. Your examiner will have been through the assessment process a number of times from both seats. If you have any concerns or are unsure of anything don't be shy, ask the question, there is no such thing as a stupid question and you will get an answer to help put you at ease. If you are suffering from any disability or mobility issues let the examiner know. If you are dyslexic or hard of hearing let the examiner know. All reasonable adjustments will be made to the test to make it all-inclusive. It must however be assessing a standard that is perceivably higher than the DVSA test.

You will be asked to attempt a commentary. To achieve a F1RST you must have tried (unless medical reasons apply) - give it a try it can help you to focus.

During the test if you don't hear or think you may have misunderstood an instruction, ask. We are all human.

At the conclusion of the test. You will be told your result straight away Pass or Fail You will be given verbal feedback followed by a written report containing the detail of your drive or ride. If you are successful you will be given an interim pass certificate.

You will also be given advice on other options within the IAM

Applying the right degree of **A**cceleration ...?"

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# 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? Yes, you!!

#### Requirements for <u>current</u> 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 Welvyn Garden City HQ which you send back to them.

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

**Current memberships**— are a *mandatory* requirement for <u>all</u> 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, memory stick, 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.

#### Your Group Website.

It contains a great deal of current and pertinent detail—please use it—regularly!

### CLOSING DATE FOR YOUR NEXT ISSUE: 1st July 2018

Tony Robson - Editor.

#### **Committee &Trustees**

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# **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:

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#### **Associate Membership**

Upon joining usually as part of the IAM RoadSmart Advanced Driving program. Within this program you get the cost of your Advanced Driving Test and your 1st 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 <u>in</u> addition to that of your Group.
- If your are a Group Observer - you must be a fully paid up member of both



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'Advanced Driving'



#### IAM RoadSmart

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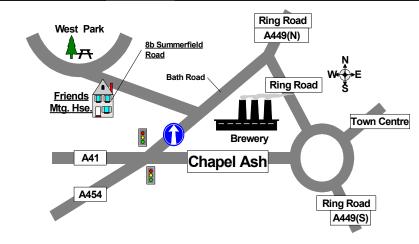
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"Each time, every time .... Well, are you?"



#### **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'. It is better to refer to the Events Diary in our Group website - www.wolvesiam.org to find all meeting' detail which include maps, SatNav detail also.

### **NEW ASSOCIATES / IAM MEMBERS**

#### Welcome to Associates:

- John Skelding
- Phillip Compton
- · Akiff Janjua
- Deborah Judd
- Robert Harbon

#### Welcome to IAM Member:

- David Holds
- John Clark

#### Members requalifying:

- Kurt Dreslin (IAM Fellowship)
- David Holds (IAM Fellowship)
- Jonathan Hughes (NO/LOA & Masters)
- Roy Richards (NO/LOA)
- Mike Leadbeater (IAM Fellowship)
- Alan Bates (NO)

# TEST PASSES

- Peter O'Brien (Observer: Peter Spillan)
- Michael Brooks (Observer: Alan Bates)
- David Barley (Observer: Roger Denley)
- Kathryn Ball (Observer: Graham Trusselle)
- Malcolm Hill (Observer: Mike Leadbeater)
- Chris Piper (Observer: David Gallagher)
- John Skelding (Observer: Mike Leadbeater)

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 your skill and guidance.

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