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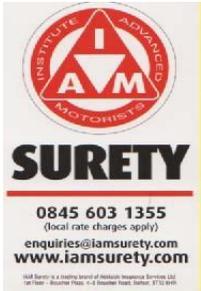
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**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS –**

**PLEASE** attend the forthcoming Sunday &/or Saturday guidance sessions at the **SAINSBURYS CAR PARK** as listed in 'What's On'.

If this causes any difficulty, please contact **Ray Parker** on **01246 206959** so that other arrangements can be made. New joiners are welcome to come along at anytime during the morning for a free assessment drive, or you can phone Ray to arrange a drive at any suitable time.

**It is a fundamental part of your on-going training that you attend at least one, if not both of the guidance sessions each month. So please try to attend.**

**WE THANK THE MANAGEMENT OF SAINSBURY'S SUPERMARKET FOR ALLOWING US TO USE THEIR CAR PARK FOR OUR GUIDANCE SESSIONS**

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**FOR WINTER DRIVING ADVICE GO TO:**

**[WWW.DRIVINGADVICE.ORG.UK](http://WWW.DRIVINGADVICE.ORG.UK)**

**[www.derbyshire.gov.uk/snow](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/snow)**





## **Volvo – the way forward? From the President.**

To do justice to the recent statement from Volvo, I make no excuses for quoting almost in full the article seen this week in a morning newspaper. I quote “Volvo is developing a car that will drive itself and will be impossible to crash.

The computerised vehicles will be fitted with high-tech sensors and will refuse to be steered into other objects. Volvo says they will be on sale by 2020, but that some of the life-saving technology will be incorporated into its vehicles from 2014. Spokesman Anders Eugensson said ‘Our vision is that no one is killed or injured in a new Volvo by 2020’.

Volvo said the first versions of its crash-free cars will be designed for driving in town at a maximum speed of 31mph.”

The final word from Mr Eugensson , “ the car of the future will be like the farmer’s horse... the farmer can steer but if he falls asleep, the horse will refuse to walk into a tree or fall off a cliff”. End of quote .

This is such a big story, I’m sure there are differing views, so let’s have some response to this – how would you feel playing second fiddle to a “black box?”

Next.....One winter scenario seems to be becoming more regular – a wet road surface and a very low sun, causing dazzle and possible blindness in the mid to far distance. I tend to wear sunglasses to counteract this, but at this time of year, the sun appearing is not predictable and the last thing you want is trying to put on your “shades” while driving. (Well it was quite cloudy when I started my journey!). Any ideas?

Finally, not long now to the charity auction – it should be a great evening. Thanks to gifts already handed over “pre-auction” and putting them for sale in the Hospice shop, another £20.50 has been added to our running total this month, now standing at £1864.

May I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas, and a really good New Year. Here’s to continued safe driving and doing our bit to further Road Safety in 2013.

Best wishes , Mike.

## **Thoughts, Reports and Retorts.**

**from the chairman.**

2013 is just around the corner or even here depending on just when you get this magazine, yes we are a little early this month due to the impending incidence of Christmas. As 2012 fades into obscurity it leaves us with one very important message to all motorists – Watch the Weather- we already have a sample of what may well be to yet come as the whole of the local area slipped and slid on roads and pavements in a very similar manner to ducks landing on a frozen lake. Did you see the clip on Look North of the man exiting his house and attempting to get to his car, I hope he realised the situation and abandoned the attempt to drive until conditions improved to a safe level, and anyone contemplating using the roads on two wheels, whether pedal or motorcyclists were at even greater risks. As I said last month the IAM now issue weekly Press Releases on current subjects, and if you don't see them I will once again issue two very important and relevant issues on the above subject of The Weather.

**28 November 2012**

### **All ice on the road**

Road safety charity the IAM is offering weekly motoring tips from Britain's top advanced driver, Peter Rodger. This week, with the Met Office having issued warnings of icy conditions across the country, he is advising on driving on frost and ice.

IAM chief examiner Peter Rodger said: "Now is the time to start thinking about how to adapt your driving to the wintry weather, so that when conditions become dangerously slippery you are ready to react safely."

Peter Rodger offers some tips to drive confidently in icy surroundings:

- 1) Check the weather in advance – don't ignore police warnings about closed roads.
- 2) Ensure you have de-icer and a scraper. Before setting off, make sure you clean any ice or condensation from all the windows to optimise visibility.

- 3) A squirt of WD40 will prevent your door locks from freezing up.
- 4) When you set off, do so in second gear, releasing the clutch and accelerating gently, avoiding high revs – this will prevent wheel spin.
- 5) Use the ‘ice’ setting if your car has one
- 6) As you drive, stay in higher gears and don’t drive too fast to avoid losing control.
- 7) Stopping distances are increased by up to 10 times in icy conditions, so leave plenty of distance between your car and the car in front - plan so that you’re not relying on your brakes to stop - on ice they may not do that for you. On bends, approaching junctions, and going downhill, reduce your speed early so you have control and are in a suitable gear before driving through them.
- 8) Skidding on ice is the main concern for those driving in freezing conditions. If your car loses grip, take your foot off the accelerator, and point the front wheels where you want to go. If you find yourself in a skid, steer into it.
- 9) Keep to the main roads as they’re more likely to be gritted. Also bear in mind that after the frost has gone, ice can remain in areas which are shaded by trees and buildings.
- 10) Where you park can help reduce your risk of being involved in someone else’s accident. So look for off road parking where possible or gritted roads if not.
- 11) Make sure your wipers are in the off position when you stop – they can freeze to the window.

Rodger said: “When the roads are icy the best advice is to drive as if you’re

walking on eggshells. Be prepared for the worst – icy conditions can affect accelerating, steering and braking. Being mentally prepared as well as having the right equipment is vital, so think about any problems you encountered last winter, and what you need to do to overcome them if they recur this year.”

To keep drivers safe this winter, the IAM has launched a website, [drivingadvice.org.uk](http://drivingadvice.org.uk), with traffic updates, weather forecasts and tips on how to drive safely in winter.

Tips cover rain, snow, ice, fog and wind – everything you can expect in a typically unpredictable British winter. Check it out before you travel.

ENDS

The second release concerning driving in snow is as follows and even if you think you are familiar with the details in either of the articles a timely reminder does not go amiss at this time of the year, so read on.

## **News Release**

**04 December 2012**

### **Ready, steady, snow**

The IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists) has today issued advice on driving in snow and ice, with freezing conditions across the country set to continue for days to come.

IAM Chief Examiner Peter Rodger said: “Avoid travelling unless completely necessary, and don’t ignore police warnings or advice to avoid specific routes. Can you work remotely, or change your schedule? ”If staying at home in the warm is not an option, the IAM offers the following advice on driving

safely through snow:

- Ensure your windows are clean and clear, and that you have all-round visibility before you set off. Also take the time to clear snow off the roof of your car.
- When driving in snow, get your speed right - not too fast that you risk losing control, but not so slow that you risk losing momentum when it is needed
- From stationary, start gently and avoid high revs. Stay in a higher gear to avoid skidding and maximise control. If it is very slippery, in a manual car move off in a higher gear, rather than just using first.
- If you get yourself into a skid, the main thing to remember is to take your foot off the pedals and steer. Only use the brake if you cannot steer out of trouble.
- Double or even triple your normal stopping distance from the vehicle in front so you are not relying on your brakes to be able to stop; it simply may not happen!
- It's better to think ahead as you drive to keep moving, even if it is at walking pace.
- Plan your journey around busier roads as they are more likely to have been gritted. Avoid using short cuts on minor roads – they are less likely to be cleared or treated with salt, especially country lanes and housing estates.
- Bends are a particular problem in icy conditions – slow down before you get to the bend, so that by the time you turn the steering wheel you have already lost enough speed.

- On a downhill slope get your speed low before you start the descent, and do not let it build up – it is much easier to keep it low than to try and slow down once things get slippery.

And if the worst does happen:

- Keep track of where you are. If you do have to call for assistance, you need to be able to tell the breakdown or emergency services your location.
- If you must leave your vehicle to telephone for assistance, find a safe place to stand away from the traffic flow. If you have just lost control, the next driver could well do the same in the same place.

If you break down or have to pull over on a motorway or dual carriageway, it is always better to leave your vehicle and stand a short distance behind and to the safe side of it. Don't stand in front of it if at all possible. Balancing the risks of a collision and hypothermia is something that depends entirely on your situation.

ENDS.

Before I close may I remind you about the forthcoming AGM and say how welcome you will be if you choose to attend. Details will no doubt be shown elsewhere in this magazine so if possible make a note in you diaries, and weather permitting we hope to see you on the evening. In the mean time may I wish you well with safe and happy driving throughout the coming year of 2013.

PS. We really do want you to attend the AGM – no pressure, but you might just like to consider joining the committee where you could make a real difference – Think about it.

Bill Harrington.

## **CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE – BUT IT’S NOT TOO LATE!**

Some of you may have already finished all your gift buying for 2012, but some of you may be considering last minute purchases from the internet. Well why not consider helping Chesterfield Group of Advanced Motorists raise funds at the same time by logging onto:-

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/chesterfieldiam>

### **So how does it work?**

You shop directly with the retailer as you would normally, but if you sign up to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/chesterfieldiam> for free and use the links on the easyfundraising site to take you to the retailer, then a percentage of whatever you spend comes directly to us at no extra cost to yourself.

### **How much can you raise?**

Spend £100 with M&S online or Amazon and you raise £2.50 for us. £100 with WH Smith puts £2.00 in our pocket and so on. There are over 2,000 retailers on their site, and some of the donations can be as much as 15% of your purchase.

Some retailers will give away money for nothing, by agreeing to have a brochure or agree to join up with Blockbuster and receive a free DVD rental for 2 weeks the group will receive £6.25.

### **Save money too!**

easyfundraising is FREE to use plus you'll get access to hundreds of exclusive discounts and voucher codes, so not only will you be helping us, you'll be saving money yourself.

So remember to make purchases online: the web address is:-

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If you require any further information please contact myself on 07885 746371

Jeff Snape  
Treasurer

## **NOTICE of GROUP AGM**

**Notice is hereby given (Under Rule 2.2.1 section 4.12) by order of the Group Committee that the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chesterfield Group of Advanced Motorists is to be held Club Chesterfield (also called the Chester Street Miners Welfare) at the junction of Ashgate Road and Chester Street, Chesterfield, S40 1DL on Thursday January 24<sup>th</sup> 2013, starting at 7.45pm.**

The AGM is to enable the trustees of the Group (Charity number 1017471) to present for approval the Annual Report and Accounts for the year 2012, and for election of the 2013 Committee.

All members and friends are invited to attend but only fully paid up members of the IAM and Group will be eligible for election at to vote.

### **Election of 2013 Committee**

In accordance with our past practice, all committee members will be retiring and therefore all posts are open for nomination.

#### **Committee Posts to be elected are :**

**Chair / Vice Chair / Secretary / Treasurer / Membership Secretary / Social Secretary / Guidance Officer / Observer Training Officer / Public Relations Officer / Newsletter Distributor / Webmaster plus a number of additional committee members without specific portfolio.**

**Should you be interested in standing for any post the Secretary holds outline Job Descriptions for all posts, please contact him for a copy.**

Nomination forms are available from the Secretary. Please submit nominations to the Secretary before the start of the meeting.

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Lunch at  
The Bowshaw  
10 December 2012



## *IAM Driver Skills Days Croft Circuit - Wednesday 8th May 2013*

Croft Circuit in North Yorkshire is by far the longest circuit used for IAM Driver Skills Days. Set in beautiful countryside a few miles south of Darlington this 2.1 mile track has some challenging corners and extensive straights, which give a really broad spectrum of experiences to help drivers develop their skills.



You have the choice of a morning or afternoon session. Both offer seven 15 minute outings on the circuit with your dedicated IAM instructor from the Region 4 Training Team. The instructor will develop your observations and your techniques of car control so that you are able to make rapid and smooth laps of the circuit. You will work on positioning, braking, gear choice and acceleration technique. Repeated laps of the same circuit allow you to experiment with different variations of approach, and you demonstrate how critical the right choice is to making the drive feel absolutely right. It doesn't have to be done at fearsome speeds. You can enjoy the Skills Day at your own pace and your instructor will work with you in whatever way suits you best. The circuit environment allows you to experience the subtleties of your car's

handling. You are in a controlled space. The usual hazards associated with the public roads are entirely absent. The setting for Skills Day training is unique.

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***An IAM photographer will be present and a full set of shots is sent to every driver a few days after the event.***

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**Booking form available from Bob Stone**

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Telephone payment by credit or debit card will taken by IAM House staff when your reservation has been confirmed following receipt of the booking form.

When you are bored with the tellybox over the festive season:

Can you rearrange the letters in the anagrams below to make festive phrases? The numbers in brackets after each anagram indicate the number of words in the festive phrase.

Solutions at back of Newsletter (No cheating)!

- Travel and Dance (2)**
- Rich Star Meets (2)**
- Smashing tricks cost (2)**
- Wean again Mary (4)**
- Vicars Themes (2)**
- The magic swiftness heart-throb (5)**
- Spice in 'em (2)**
- Modestly switch after-shave (5)**
- He's Fat, Smart, Rich (2)**
- Scathing mud drips (2)**
- Red Ernie (1)**
- Let in Things (2)**



Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas,  
and safe driving in 2013.

(Thanks to everyone who has contributed articles in 2012  
and keep them coming in 2013)!

Yvonne, Editor

## **An IAM Training Day, with 'White Roses', skeletons and being pole-axed, whatever next?**

You don't get a bunch of white roses for passing your IAM Advanced Driving Test, Special Assessment, or IAM Masters; it's just the usual certificate, but sometimes you can get more than you bargained for from IAM Training. Little snippets unexplained and at the time thought irrelevant, can give way to a wealth of startling information.

I spent some time watching the Region 4 Training video, looking for some clue as to what to include or exclude when doing a commentary. The video included an observed run around the villages of Garforth and Towton in Yorkshire complete with a comprehensive commentary. There was also a drive through Towton on one of the training days; and my mentor mentioned a battle. "There was a battle here in that field, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 1461". My thought at the time was, "so what", but did look it up on the map when I arrived home; and there were the two 'crossed- swards' with the date just as he had said, 1461. That was over a year ago now and I have thought little about it since then, until a few days ago. I had turned on the TV a little before the program I wanted to watch, to make sure that I didn't miss the start and gone into the kitchen to make coffee. It was Tony Robinson's voice<sup>1</sup>, you know the man who narrates 'Time Team', who caught my ear as he was talking about Towton a village very near to Saxton in Yorkshire, (that's top side of Ferrybridge and the M62), my ears pricked up and I walked back into the sitting room. Just to clarify things a bit, Towton is pronounced, Tow as in cow and not tow as in towing. The majority of village-names have meanings, and Towton is no exception: TOW being the personal name Tofi, certainly of Norse origin<sup>2</sup>, in other words language and names brought over by the Vikings.

The scene was a large field in Towton, the date Palm Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 1461; it had been snowing, with a blizzard forecast for that day. Troops had been camped nearby overnight, in the already settled snow, ready for the battle, a most bloody battle that was to follow. It was a very significant battle in 'The War of The Roses' when the Lancastrians fought the Yorkists, red rose against white rose. The 'War of the Roses' continued for some twenty four years, after the battle at Towton; a fair estimation of troops would be in the region of 50,000 in the field that day, with between 13 to 28,000<sup>3</sup> seriously injured or killed; this is the largest casualty figure in history. Spine chilling yells were heard, skulls crushed, heads severed and the snow ran red with blood. It has been said of various battles, that the sky went overcast and dark as the archers fired their longbows upon the advancing troops; this was the largest archery battle in English History, it had put father against son, brother against

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<sup>1</sup> Gilleam, S. *Yesterday*, 11.40am 24<sup>th</sup> November 2012: channel 12

<sup>2</sup> Gelling, M. *Signposts to the Past*, Chichester 2000: p 229

<sup>3</sup> Cox, H. Towton Battlefield expert.

brother and saw the killing of English people on English soil. The men killed just lay where they fell; and the sound of breaking bones could be heard across the field as the armies advanced or retreated. Some trooped retreated over the river; they crossed by walking over the corpse of their fellow men.

The weapons used were, the longbow, the poleaxe and a gun in the very early stages of construction.

The longbow was approximately 6 to 6 ½ foot in height, made of Yew primarily because it was more springy; and the cord has to be pulled back to accommodate the arrow so that firing could take place. Arrows were made by the thousand: Short and Longer Bodkin as well as Blade and Broadheads, cheap to make from Yew and with a steel tip: travelling at speeds in the region of 100/120 mph. Bodkins will go through slits in the armour, whilst Broadheads leave a smaller entry hole and were used to bring down the horses. These arrows would pierce through three layers of clothing before entering the flesh; those of padding, chain mail and armour. For survivors, of whom there were few, it meant the removal of the arrow and cauterising of the entry wound without anaesthetic. It was grit your teeth sort of stuff, but with the knowledge that the excruciating pain would not last more than a few seconds. As the troops moved forward they picked up and reused all arrows; early recycling at its best.

The poleaxe, a formidable weapon, was like a brush tail with a spike on the end, but it also had a bone spike, crushing hammer and two spikes on the shoulders all set at right angle to each other, about 6 to 8 inches below the main spike. It was a devastating weapon of choice, crushing stomachs and bursting internal organs on entry. The smell must have been horrendous.

The gun, one of the earliest on record in this country, marked the turning point in British arms even though it had been used in China from the 1200's. It was a short range terror weapon, filled with shot, nails, metal scraps, gravel or any other rubbish to hand; not needing to be particularly accurate; as if it missed you it would hit the man next to you, as the troops were marching forward shoulder to shoulder.

That field is awash with skeletons, some have been taken to the University of Bradford for examination. Some years later in the village itself; foundations were being dug for a garage and yet again they turned up more skeletons; it has been suggested that these were prisoners of war who were executed and placed in a small cramped grave. When we hear of 'The War of The Roses' Towton is one battle that is never mentioned; I hope that by this I have introduced you to this battle and that perhaps some of you will go on and read more, possibly go to the area and have a look round the field. There is also a walk, so that you can take in the whole battle site.

Do we ever think about the roads we have travelled, and that they might hold an underlying story; no not really we are Advanced Drivers, out on a run to try and improve our driving. We are concentrating on our performance, trying to squeeze the very best out of our vehicle, and to work at one with it. Well my eyes were opened on that training day, but I wonder if all the other IAM members who have travelled that road learned the significance of Towton. It's a wonderful story, and one that should not be hidden from sight.

Isn't it amazing what you learn on an IAM Training Day, but I would not have missed this one for the world?

Jan

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Dear Ray

from Diip

Your interesting article about naked streets reminded me of the following naked and semi- naked cities -

1) Cairo: The largest naked city in the world without doubt is Cairo. With upwards of 18 million inhabitants and countless buses, taxis, scooter taxis, camels, pushcarts and horses the streets are permanently grid locked. And there are no traffic lights! I watched the traffic from the hotel balcony and listened to the raucous noises and horn concertos from the cars inching forward, criss-crossing in front of each other with inches to spare. It was safe to cross the streets darting and dancing in front of virtually stationary cars. And yet there was no road rage. The drivers just say ' insallah ' - God willing - and drive on. The Arabic culture imbues the drivers with zen -like patience and fortitude.

2) Calcutta is half-naked, with traffic lights that are for show only. The lights are ignored if the traffic is heavy and Calcutta has more citizens and animals on the road than even Cairo. My taxi driver Anwar blithely ignored it when it suited him and frequently jumped the queue by driving on the wrong side. And yet I felt completely safe and even helped him by pulling in the driving mirror on the passenger side when he pushed his way between buses with inches to spare. Again there is no road rage for it is said in the Hindu religion that ' what is written is written '. If accidents happen it is preordained - just accept it and drive on.

3) Mexico City is also half-naked. In 2009 it was the largest city in the world with about 22 million inhabitants. There is no animal traffic but millions of huge, rusty and lopsided American pick-up trucks that ignore the lights and small cars and barge past insolently. The smaller car drivers develop uncanny survival instinct and I did not witness any accidents. Perhaps it helps that you do not need to pass the driving test to get a licence. My Mexican daughter-in-law got her licence by just filling in a form. My son, however, has forbidden her to drive in London.

4) Murmansk is a bleak and wind swept Siberian city in Barent sea. It is too cold to be a naked city with 5 months of darkness and often temperatures of -50 C. The Russian drivers drive 60 year old Ladas and rusty armour plated buses, often with bullet-riddled windscreens, with great skill and aplomb. In winter the huge frozen Siberian rivers become the motorways with no traffic lights, with heavy traffic of monster trucks carrying supplies to the Arctic Ocean oil terminals.

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### **CHRISTMAS EVENING MEAL**

Thursday 3rd January 2013

7pm for 7-30pm

**The Carnarvon, Teversal, NG17 3JA**

**Best 'Bib and Tucker' required!**

***Deadline for articles for February magazine to be with Editor by noon on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January please.***

## Eight Letters

Eight letters, two words, but these are two words that mean a great deal. Two words that make you feel good, glad that someone has remembered what you have contributed to the group. It falls on me as group PRO to say these two words to all who have contributed in any way. You all know who you are, so I will only mention just a few of you.

Thank you to members who have helped at events we have attended, such as local shows and Chesterfield Market. Some of you have stood for many hours in fields, giving out leaflets and the IAM message. In particular I wish to thank those who helped recently at an event in Rykneld Sq. Chesterfield; it was the day that the rain came down. Black ice, frost to -6, followed by rain, rain and more rain; resulting in everyone feeling frozen to the core, as well as like drowned rats, but you came and again we gave out leaflets, ice scrapers, and the IAM message. Thank you to those who tow the caravan, making going to events possible. I must not forget the person who brings the supplies; and the lady who has made us endless cups of coffee, to sooth our frozen fingers at Guidance, and then done all the washing up for us as well.

It doesn't seem much just to say THANK YOU, eight letters, two words; but it is a heart-felt thank you, to you all. I wish you all health and happiness during the festive season and every good wish for the coming year.

Jan



Just before going to print with this newsletter I was listening to a radio discussion. This concerned the death of a 25 year old man who was knocked off his bicycle last June on a busy road in London. A stationary car was in a parking spot and the driver opened the door without looking, knocking the cyclist under the wheels of a bus which was following behind. On looking at CCTV footage it appears the cyclist had no chance of avoiding this 'obstruction'. He was killed instantly. A charge of manslaughter was sought but the car owner was (not surprisingly) found Not Guilty. It seems there is no law to cover this sort of 'accident'. We have to rely on people using common sense. I don't rely on mirrors to check when pulling out or opening my car door, I always turn and glance behind. This is something I learned from our motorcycling days because often people just do not look when opening doors. A caller to the radio programme mentioned that in Germany, when you are learning to drive they teach you to reach across with the opposite arm so that you are forced to look to the side. A good idea perhaps but will it ever be adopted here?

Editor

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## **Joke Corner**

On a beautiful summer's day, two English tourists were driving through Wales.

At Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobysllantysiliogogoch they stopped for lunch. One of the tourists asked the waitress "Before we order, I wonder if you could settle an argument for us. Can you pronounce where we are very, very, very slowly"?

The girl I leaned over and said, "Burrrrr.....gurrrrrrr..... King".

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**I would like to share a personal experience with my closest friends about drinking and driving.**

**As you well know, some of us have been known to have had brushes with the authorities on our way home from an occasional social session over the years.**

**A couple of nights ago, I was out for an evening with friends and had a couple of cocktails and some rather nice red wine.**

**Knowing full well I may have been slightly over the limit, I did something I've never done before ~ I took a cab home. Sure enough, I passed a police road block, but since it was a cab, they waved it past.**

**I arrived home safely without incident, which was a real surprise; as I have never driven a cab before and I am not sure where I got it or what to do with it now that it's in my garage.**

## NOTICE

### POST OF SOCIAL SECRETARY

Nominations are invited for the post of Social Secretary with Chesterfield Group of Advanced Motorists for 2013.

Nominees are requested prior to the AGM on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> 2013

For further details and a description of the post, please contact Bob Stone, Hon secretary or Susan Wheatcroft, Social secretary.



### ANAGRAM ANSWERS:

*Advent Calendar  
Christmas Tree  
Christmas Stockings  
Away in a manger  
Christmas Eve  
Twas the night before Christmas  
Mince Pies  
The Twelve Days of Christmas  
Father Christmas  
Christmas Pudding  
Reindeer  
Silent Night*



**WHATS ON IN THE NEAR FUTURE**

**JANUARY 2013**

|                                  |                                                    |                                                    |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January | Evening Meal<br>The Carnarvon Teversal<br>NG17 3JA | 7.00 FOR 7.30 P.M.                                 |
| Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>           | GUIDANCE                                           | 9.30 A.M.<br>Sainsbury's Car Park                  |
| Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>        | GUIDANCE                                           | 9.30 a.m.<br>Sainsbury's Car Park                  |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>        | A.G.M.                                             | <b><u>7.45 p.m. sharp</u></b><br>Club Chesterfield |
| Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>         | Committee Meeting                                  | 7.30 p.m.<br>Chesterfield Library<br>Café          |

**FUTURE EVENTS:**

**February**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Guidance

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**Social Night – Mike's Charity Auction**

Committee Meeting