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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 **Bob Stone** on **01246 568894** 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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Congratulations

to **Tony Pope** who recently passed his test.

His Observer was Roger Bates, and occasional runs with Bob Stone.

All white again, and more,

From the President

The Society of Motor Manufactures and Traders have reported that white was the most popular colour for new cars in 2014 for the second year running. (Black second Grey third). Of the 2,476,435 new cars registered last year, 22.2% were white. In 2010 only 10% were this colour, the sixth most popular. In 2005 only 1% were white. Just to complicate matters, there are many shades of white, including a metallic one!

A new breed of gadget is set to divert some drivers' attention away from the road -- a smartwatch, probably a "must have" device for a certain section of the community. It is 12 years since using a hand held phone was banned, yet according to one survey, 48% of motorists admit to being distracted by incoming calls and texts and 22% say they would check these calls whilst driving! Oh dear.

Cyclists come in for some criticism also as a lot of drivers single them out as "outside of their control" (I rather like that phrase). The biggest distraction of all, however, is none of these but (can you guess?).....yes.....children!

A question was raised recently concerning MPH.....speedo or sat nav? The EU law requires that speedometers never under-read but can over-read by 10% plus 6.25mph, so manufacturers set them to over-read slightly. GPS/sat nav is obviously more accurate.

For now and the future????

A people carrier has already been fitted with a device that can read and react to speed limit signs.

Biometrics is the technology that enables devices to identify you by scanning your physical features such as fingerprints or eyeballs. There is no doubt that "fingerprint" unlocking and starting your car is not far off.

Vehicle to vehicle communication is on the way – cars on the same stretch of road can tell each other their location and speed, so avoiding collisions!

Automatic parallel parking is here already and cars that drive themselves on motorways will use V2V technology.

Head up displays beamed onto the windscreen are promised, so there is no need to take your eyes off the road.....this seems like a great safety feature

Any thoughts on these ideas?
Stay safe and happy

Mike.



The IAM caravan will be at Clay Cross Motorcycles on the following dates:

Sunday 31 May, Sunday 14 June, Sunday 26 July, Sunday 13 September

The caravan will be there from 9.30 a.m.

Anyone who can pop down to CX Motorcycles to help 'man' the van would be welcome, there will be free coffee and apparently a burger van if you get peckish.



Jan Creswell is still recovering from a nasty fall and (we suspect) very frustrated at being a bit immobile.

We hope that things will be improving very soon for you Jan, and send our best wishes.

Renishaw Hall Classic Car Show

Wednesday 10 June, 3pm – 8 pm

The IAM caravan will be at the above event, setting up there from around 2 – 2.30 p.m. before the event is open to the public.

There are a couple of offers of support but if any members can provide an hour or two to help 'man' the van, please let Bob Stone know, on 01246 568894.

It is always an interesting event with many classic cars and motorbikes on show.



(Organised by the Rotary Club of Chesterfield ,
in aid of Ashgate Hospice, Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice
& Weston Park Hospital Cancer Charity)

Image courtesy of Chesterfield Rotary Club

May Social – Doug Bradbury – Master Farrier

Apparently this was a very entertaining and interesting talk given by Doug, Master Farrier from Clay Cross. Unfortunately Bob and I missed it as we were away but we are hoping that Doug can come back next year to give us another talk. Unfortunately the attendance wasn't that good which is disappointing. It is especially unfortunate if we have an outside speaker and the response is poor, so please, please do try to attend our social nights. The room at St Thomas's is very nice and bright, car parking available and coffee, tea and biscuits are on hand.

We are hoping to arrange a visit to Doug's Museum in the future.

Lunch Club – Wednesday 17 June, at 12.45 at The Inn at Kelstedge, Matlock Road, S45 0DX

As well as their usual menus, they also have a 'Golden Years' menu for the over 60's – two courses for £8.95, and £1.95 extra if you want a dessert.

Please let me know if you will be coming a.s.a.p. so that I can confirm numbers.
(phone Yvonne on 01246 568894, or email ymstone@aol.com)



Diary Dates

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Guidance	Sunday 7 June	Sainsbury's Car Park 9.30 a.m
Guidance	Saturday 13 June	Sainsbury's Car Park 9.30 am
Lunch Club	Wednesday 17 th June	12.45 p.m. The Inn at Kelstedge, See Advert
Committee Meeting	Tuesday 30 th June	Chesterfield Library Café, 7.30 p.m.

Future Dates:

July Guidance	Sunday 5 th , Saturday 11 th
Proposed Lunch Club Date	Wednesday 8 July
Clay Cross Motorcycles	26 July
Committee Meeting	Tuesday 28 th July.