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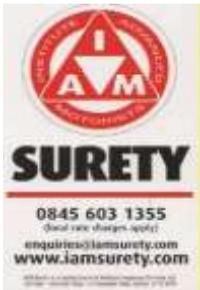
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ASSOCIATE MEMBERS –

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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EDITOR'S NOTE

IT'S A PITY THAT THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER IS ONLY 12 PAGES LONG. I KNOW THAT A LOT OF DISCUSSION TAKES PLACE AT 'OUTDOOR EVENTS' AND GUIDANCE ABOUT CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE IAM, SO IF YOU WANT TO PUT ACROSS A POINT OF VIEW, PLEASE THINK ABOUT SUBMITTING AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER TO MAKE IT INTERESTING AND THOUGHT PROVOKING FOR MEMBERS.

THANK YOU.

Tinted windows and more, from the President

Passing through Holmewood recently with a friend in his Ford Galaxy, we were “pulled over” by the police and ushered into the Trading estate car park, joining quite a queue of other drivers, all looking slightly bewildered. Our “offence”, slightly tinted front windows – the rear glass is almost black – this is quite OK, “You could paint them with tar and it would still be alright behind the driver” said the PC in yellow.

Using a special light meter attached to the glass, the reading should show that at least 70% of light is allowed to pass through – the Galaxy was 32% -FAIL. No points or paperwork, but two more yellow PCs attacked the glass with 50 pence pieces (very high tech!) and proceeded to peel off the thin film adhered to the glass. They managed to clear about half of each window before announcing “You can finish off at home” was their considered advice! It took another 2 hours to remove the remaining awkward bits. As the adhesive was only softened by very careful use of a hairdryer and cellulose thinners – being careful not to touch the paintwork. I do not know who sets the 70% limit but the irony is that these windows are factory fitted, as original spec, AND THE FIRST OWNERS OF THIS VEHICLE WERE.....THE POLICE!!!!

Finally.....Is it just me or has anyone else noticed this quirk of human nature?

Went to my local PO early on in the day, but finished up in Cliffe Park car park as all the on street parking spaces were full. I was the only one there, came back 10 minutes later – two more cars had arrived. Where did they park? YES YOU’VE GUESSED ITeither side of me!!! All the other 20 or so bays are still empty. WHY?

This is certainly not the first time it has happened.....have you any strange acts of parkingalia to tell us about. (is there such a word as parkingalia, well I’m sure you know what I mean).

Stay safe and happy

Mike

Driverless cars to be tested on UK roads by end of 2013

Driverless cars will be tested on public roads by the end of 2013, says the UK government. So far, UK trials of the autonomous vehicles have taken place only on private land. Driverless cars are guided by a system of sensors and cameras and are seen as potentially safer and more efficient than regular vehicles. As a safety measure, a back-up driver will ride along during tests who can take over in case of emergency.

Test track

The plans have been unveiled in a blueprint by the Department for Transport, as part of a £28bn investment in British roads to reduce congestion. The report says driverless vehicles are capable of driving on their own "using knowledge of the environment in which they are driving". "They maintain a safe distance from the vehicle in front at a set speed and without deviating from their lane - all without the driver's input," said the report. For now, the cars will be driven on lightly-used rural and suburban roads in a "semi-autonomous" mode which gives human passengers the choice to intervene.

The AA

They will be tested by the same team of Oxford University researchers who have been developing and testing autonomous car technology on an adapted Nissan Leaf around Oxford Science Park. The technology uses lasers and small cameras to memorise regular journeys like the commute or the school run. Prof Paul Newman, who leads the Oxford team, told the BBC he was excited by the public trials in the UK. "It's a great area to be working in because it's IT and computers and that's what changes things. The British government sees that engineering is important." The UK announcement follows public trials in other parts of the world. The US is leading the way, with three states - Nevada, Florida and California - all passing legislation around autonomous cars.

"Far fetched"

Google has led efforts in the private sector, with its fleet of prototypes of a converted Toyota Prius covering more than 300,000 miles on public roads. Google co-founder Sergey Brin said he believed the self-driving car would "dramatically improve the quality of life for everyone", and that it would be commercially available within the decade. Prof Newman acknowledged that Google were "trailblazers" but added: "They're not the only game in town."

Although initiatives so far have focused on adapting existing cars, many leading car makers including Ford, Audi and Volvo have also expressed their interest in developing the technology as the cost comes down, potentially paving the way for widespread use in mid-range vehicles. They link an array of technologies inside the vehicle such as lane keep assist, advanced intelligent cruise control and advanced emergency braking in a so-called "sensor fusion".

Paul Watters, head of roads policy at the AA, urged caution. "In the past our members have expressed concern about fully autonomous cars, preferring human interaction," he told the BBC.

"The notion of reading the newspapers and drinking a cup of coffee is a bit far-fetched. It's early days and driverless cars won't be mainstream for a long time."

"But we have a variety of in-car technologies already, including guided parking and adaptive cruise control, so fully driverless cars will be the culmination of a gradual evolution, not an overnight revolution."

Article submitted by Ray



Thanks to Ray
for these signs.



Observer's Corner



The Anatomy of an Accident – from Jan

A recent conversation with Bryan Darley, my Associate who has served with the Ambulance Service for many years resulted in this. I thought it needed sharing with you all; please read carefully and inwardly digest.

The following injuries can be sustained in high impact car accidents of 30 mph and above,

0.02 seconds The engine is pushed into the bulkhead of the passenger compartment with the steering column and wheel starting to impact the chest and face of the driver. Ribs fracture causing blood loss as the lungs are punctured, airways are obstructed and there are facial injuries.

0.05 seconds As the front of the car continues to invade the passenger compartment, the legs become trapped against the seat squab with fractures of the lower legs and or ankles occurring. Fractures can be open or closed, open being most serious with severe blood loss.

0.07 seconds Kneecaps are compressed against the lower ends of the thigh bones which in turn are pushed backwards against the seat. This can cause the thigh bones to fracture, usually mid-shaft, causing eruption through the skin thus becoming an open fracture with severe to massive blood loss and bone compression. The thigh bone is a strong bone so may not fracture, if so it is pushed hard against the back of the seat causing fracture at its joint, resulting in severe blood loss.

1.00 second Rear passengers will now become involved and if not wearing seat belts will be projected forwards hitting the rear of the front seats, the driver or front passengers. Injuries sustained will be facial, whiplash neck, unconsciousness and airway problems.

If the crash involves being shunted into stationary traffic the injuries will become more serious due to the cars length reducing as it folds.

Remember the faster the speed the more damage, resulting in more serious injuries. Think what could happen when you are travelling at 60 or even 70 mph. Drive safely.

Journey to Egypt on a 1952 BSA Bantam.

I have arranged for Gordon May to come to
The Duke William, Church Street, Matlock on

Tuesday 6th August 2013, at 7.30pm.

Gordon came a couple of years ago and gave a presentation on his trip to India on his Royal Enfield, and it was a really good evening. I purchased a copy of his book which was one of the best reads I had that year.

Gordon is away later this year on another expedition, and is fast becoming one of those riders people follow and go out of their way to meet.

Please put this in your diary and come along.

Gordon only asks for expenses, but he does try and sell copies of his books to make it worth his while.

Bill Storey, Matlock IAM



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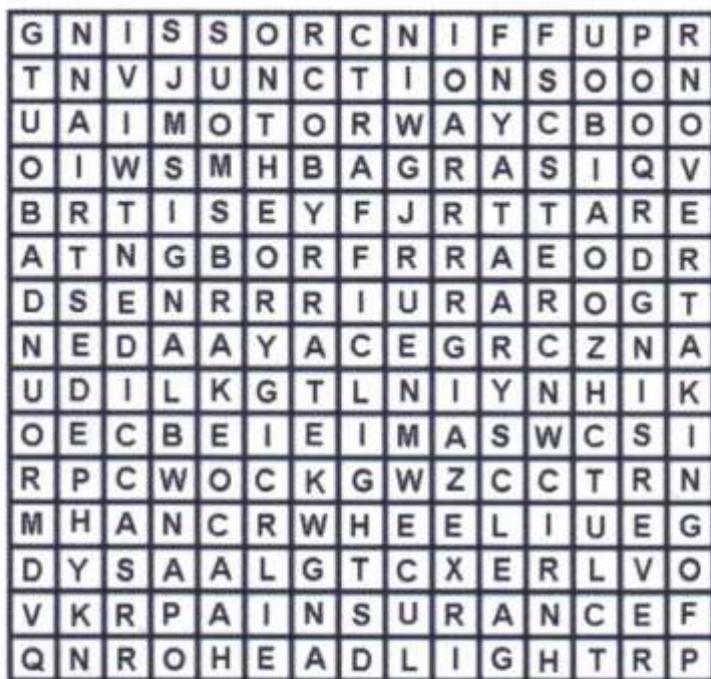
So let's look at how it will affect you as a driver. First thing to do is check your water both in radiator and washer bottles more than you normally do. Carry a bottle of water or your favourite drink, and I'm not talking about alcohol. You can dehydrate quickly in this kind of heat,

Now that's you dealt with so let's look at the roads and what you're doing. We always say to associates to tell us when there is a change in road surface as you get different adhesion qualities. But right now there is another thing to watch for and that is where the road surface is melting. I was stood talking to someone who said laughingly, hey look the gritters are out. Yes they will be because they do dusting on the roads when you get a lot of tarmac showing through. Without that we will have cars skidding all over the place and not to mention tarmac splashing up on your paintwork. So please keep an eye out for that change in surfaces.

The other thing is a word of caution when on country roads and lanes. Imagine a nice long road lined with tree and bushes. Sun shining through and it does look nice. As you drive through patches of sun and shadow it gives a strobe light effect and can send your eyes funny or even make you feel drowsier and as you come out of the shade the bright light will hit you hard. The other side of that is when entering a road like that you may have a short period where you can't see much at all till your eyes adjust. There could be anything in those shadows so watch out. And when I say anything I mean things like animals, cyclists, walkers or even a motorcycle.

Safe Driving
Ray

WORD QUIZ



Word List

Acceleration, Accident, Brake, Carriageway,
Clutch, Fog, Headlight, Highwaycode,
Horn, Insurance, Junctions, Mirror,
Motorway, Obstructions, Overtaking, Parking,
Pedestrian, Pelicancrossing, Puffincrossing, Reversing,
Roundabout, Signal, Theory, Trafficlights,
Wheel.



WHATS ON IN THE NEAR FUTURE

AUGUST 2013

Guidance	Sunday 4th	Sainsbury's Car Park 9.30 a.m.
Guidance	Saturday 10th	Sainsbury's Car Park 9.30 a.m.
MATLOCK SOCIAL	Tuesday 6th	See Advert
Committee Meeting	Tuesday 27th	Chesterfield Library Café, 7.30 p.m.

Future Dates:

Guidance	Sunday 1 September
Guidance	Saturday 7 September
September Social	Thursday 19 th John Rogers Derby DriVability
Committee Meeting	September 24 th