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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 Sue Hemsley who passed her test on 12<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Her Observer was Selwyn Gough.**

## Forge visit and a bit more .....From the President

I find it rather disconcerting to visit a museum and find articles from my childhood displayed alongside stone age arrowheads and Roman horse shoes! Yes, it was the visit to Clay Cross Forge Museum, courtesy of Mr Doug Bradbury, Master Farrier, on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July..... and what a visit. There may well be more than one report on this as it was so enthralling, one personal view is inadequate to do it justice.

Downstairs is a working forge, making all the necessary items needed for a modern farrier – upstairs.....well....where does one start? Four or five rooms jammed with artefacts from Roman to present day “horsey” stuff including a life size horse and various parts of horses!!! Yes, legs and feet for “educational use only!”

World war 1 and 2 memorabilia, ration books, gas masks, medals and so much more displayed with letters from the front, even some more recent petrol coupons.( I have some of these !) I think his collection can be summed up, thus...Where could you find another WW2 babies’ gas mask, complete with “baby”? Oh yes, there’s another one under the table!

Many thanks to Doug and Mrs Bradbury who laid on some refreshments for us.. much appreciated.

Doug’s workshop/museum is open every day if you wish to visit – his number is 01246 863557 to arrange, his postcode is S45 9JR, and the address is 40 Thanet Street Clay Cross, or search Google... Forge in Clay Cross. Highly recommended.

Now for something completely different. A really encouraging report recently appeared entitled Congratulations to British Car Workers.

Each worker builds an average of 11.5 vehicles a year and is responsible for generating £440,000 in turnover. 1.6 million vehicles were built last year with a turnover of £69.5 billion (SMMT). Motor industry jobs are up 3.5% to just under 800,000 after 27,000 new jobs were created in 2014. Looking good.

Stay safe and happy                      Mike

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# Driver's Guide to Bikers

- Filtering is legal - give riders space to do it and don't block them, it could cause a collision. **A motorcyclist won't hold you up.**
- A motorcycle rider may move around within their lane to improve vision into a corner or other hazard or to avoid a pothole, diesel spill or other surface defect. They're not just weaving about or moving over to allow you to overtake. **Give them space.**
- Bikes only have two wheels so in poor weather conditions a rider may be considerably slower than a car in bends, roundabouts and through junctions. **Back off and give them extra space.**
- Even a small bike can out accelerate most cars so allow for this at junctions, lights and turnings.
- Motorcycles can move through small gaps in traffic easily, seemingly appearing from nowhere, so consider where one might appear from - just because a gap is too small for a car to get through doesn't mean a bike won't appear through it seconds later!
- **Motorcycle riders are people just like you, trying to have a quick and hassle-free journey.**

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Article courtesy of Ray Parker

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Those nights seem to be getting dark earlier already!

This month I'm writing about the Jeep Grand Cherokee, along with others. I'm sure you'll have seen it in the news recently that a number of vehicles in America including the Grand Cherokee, Ram's and a Dodge Viper can be 'hacked', and taken full control of remotely. This is because the cars entertainment system is connected to the internet, and the cars internal network of computers that control everything are connected to the entertainment system. These systems communicate to each other using CAN commands, which is exactly what the hackers send through the entertainment system to the other parts of the car including the steering, brakes, and engine.

The people that have been working to prove this exploit have tested it on a live car driving at 70mph on an American 'highway', with the hackers at home miles away. They started by just turning the blower fan up to full, then the radio turned on full. When the driver tried to turn down the volume, or turn the radio off altogether, he couldn't. Next the windscreen washers were turned on by the hackers, followed by a photo being shown on the dashboard. Then they completely disabled the engine slowing the Jeep down to a crawl.

When the driver was in the more controlled environment of a car park the hackers showed the full extent of what they could do to the car remotely. Driving round the car park they took over control of the steering, followed by disabling the brakes completely!! Could you imagine driving along enjoying the drive out into the countryside, when suddenly you have no brakes, and your car suddenly steers off into the verge? Quite a sobering thought really isn't it?

Following this 1.4 million vehicles have been recalled to avoid this happening. Vehicles sold in the UK are NOT affected.

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Editorial comments .....

Regrettably Claire Webster has decided that she has to resign from her position as ALP. The Committee reluctantly accept this, but thank Claire for her past commitment and help with the caravan on guidance days.

The Committee has been struggling to be quorate at Committee meetings recently, which is a difficult situation should there be the need to take a vote on policy. A 'quorate' for our committee is 6 committee members and whilst it is accepted that people can be absent due to sickness, holidays or other commitments, it remains an on-going and difficult situation.

The committee does have the power to 'Co-opt' members so please consider taking on an existing vacant post or just becoming a member 'without portfolio' in order that the group can continue to operate successfully and is fairly represented for its' members.



Social visit – 16 July – Forge Museum, Clay Cross

As Mike mentioned in his article we had an evening visit to Doug Bradbury's extensive museum on 16<sup>th</sup> July. Mike explained the set up of the museum, and of course during the tour Doug was happy to tell lots of tales of various jobs and encounters in the past, and was happy also to answer any questions. I personally was surprised at how much training a Farrier has to undertake and the various levels of qualifications. And yes, it is very disconcerting when you see things in the museum which remind you of your own childhood – in my case a mangle, various food tins, 78 records etc. etc.!!

Doug regaled stories in his humorous and inimitable style, and Mrs Bradbury kindly provided refreshments for those who wanted them.

We hope to invite Doug back to one of our social nights in 2016.

## **Article from the IAM website - 23 July 2015**

New research by the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) reveals the shocking extent to which drivers use their phones and tablets to take selfies, make video calls and watch videos while driving.

The findings come from research commissioned this month exclusively by the IAM, which asked 500 drivers how they use their smartphones and tablets in the car.

Results show that nine per cent of drivers admitted to taking a selfie while driving 'in the last month'. This increases to 15 per cent of young drivers aged 18-24 and 19 per cent of 25-35 year olds. Women are less selfie obsessed than men, with just five per cent of women citing they have taken a selfie while driving compared to 12 per cent of men.

Eight per cent of drivers admitted to driving while using a video-calling application such as FaceTime and Skype to make and receive video calls, rising to 16 per cent among 18 to 24 year olds.

An IAM study in 2012 showed that using a smartphone while driving is more dangerous than driving at the legal alcohol limit or when using cannabis. Drivers have much slower reaction times, difficulty staying in the same lane and are less able to adapt to even slowly changing circumstances.

IAM's chief executive officer, Sarah Sillars said: "Everyone knows how dangerous using a smartphone or tablet is while driving. That's why it's shocking to see new trends like taking selfies and making video calls becoming common practice.

"Safe driving is everyone's responsibility and more must be done to catch drivers using these devices dangerously by increasing the fines and points for smartphone and tablet use at the wheel – there is simply no excuse.

“Campaigns must also be introduced that raise awareness of the prevalence of the issue in society and make this behaviour socially unacceptable as drink-driving”.

Other findings include:

Seven per cent of drivers admit to watching videos and stream catch-up television on the road, rising to 13 per cent of drivers aged 18-24 and 15 per cent of 25-32 year olds.

Eighteen per cent of drivers have accessed the internet using their smartphone or tablet, rising to 27 per cent of drivers aged 18-24 and 34 per cent of drivers aged 25-34.

Despite this, the number of drivers given penalty points for using a smartphone at the wheel fell by more than 40 per cent in 2014.

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More photos from the visit to the Forge Museum .....



## Lunch Club

Come and join us at the lunch club. We usually have a few giggles – one member recently began to drive home then realised he hadn't paid his bill! Another asked for Cajun Chicken, but then asked not to have the salsa, cheese or coleslaw! He then ordered trifle for dessert and was asked by the waiter "Do you want anything left out of it"? Of course, no names mentioned here. We also had a special young guest who brought his colouring book with him!

Next Lunch Club is at **Chesters' Restaurant, 151 Sheffield Road, Chesterfield S41 7JH, Wednesday 12 August, 1 p.m.**

They do other meals apart from fish and chips.

Please let me know if you are coming.

Yvonne

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*Photo courtesy of Google Images*

A Tron-style Lamborghini Aventador, a 6-wheeled Mercedes G-Class, and two tone Porsche 918 Spyder and a gold wrapped Ferrari 458 Spider. Have you seen any of these cruising around Chesterfield lately?

Well, no, which is hardly surprising, because according to a national newspaper in the Driving section, in August you may see these and similar vehicles on a regular basis if you are down in London. What is happening is that wealthy people from the Middle East transport their cars over by aircraft, so that when they visit London to escape the extreme heat in their own countries, they can cruise around and entertain the tourists. Apparently residents don't like the arrival of these 'super cars' but traffic wardens love 'em!

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The main areas where these can be seen is Knightsbridge, Hyde Park Corner etc. (what a surprise!). Wardens have new powers this year to issue fixed penalty notices to chauffeurs who sit in these cars with the aircon on, radio blaring, engine running with fumes wafting over passers-by. But of course this £20 penalty will mean not a lot to the owner when it costs around £10,000 to ship the car over in the first place, and it is very difficult to track the owners down once they have returned to their home country.

So if you are heading down to London in August, and visit said areas above, you may be in for a spectacular show, especially in the evenings when some of the cars are lit up with mood lighting.

OK this article has nothing to do with the IAM but I thought it was interesting!  
Pity we are not going down to London until September! Yvonne  
*(Any opinions in articles by the Editor are purely personal and not necessarily the opinions of the IAM)*

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## The happy band of helpers at Ashover Classic Car Show, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July.



