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CHESTERFIELD ADVANCED MOTORISTS  
GROUP NEWSLETTER

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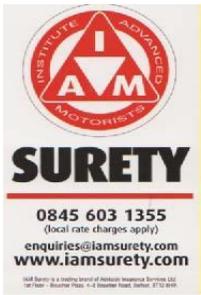
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**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS –**

**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 **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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**A note from the Editor:**

Please consider coming along to the AGM on 21 January at St Thomas’s Brampton, and offering your help and support to the current committee. Not all of the committee posts are onerous but some members are finding themselves tackling two or even sometimes three posts, and more help is needed to spread the load. There is a requirement for a Vice Chair, Social Secretary and Guidance Officer.

Thanks.

D.L.R. again... and more From the President

Have you noticed that in this murky , drizzly weather, some drivers have their daylight running lights on—mainly, I guess, because they come on automatically with the ignition BUT, how many realise there is NOTHING showing to the REAR!!

Some “progress” is good, but in my view, anything that discourages the driver from thinking about the ever changing conditions, both as road hazards or weather conditions cannot totally be justified. For example.....reliance on “self-parking” – just another skill not to be learned, “anti-lane wander” –why should that really be necessary? “sleep awareness” sensors—oh dear! Perhaps some brave vehicle manufacturer could come up with a built-in breathalyser or texting/hand held phone sensor that immobilises the ignition (a bit extreme.....perhaps cut the power down or trigger claxons to make its point) ... now that would be “progress”! What are your views?

Apparently, penalty points on driving licences are costing British motorists around £132 million a year in extra insurance. This is the finding of research done jointly by the IAM and MoneySuperMarket.com. Sarah Sillars, IAM's CEO states “ If people don't understand the dangers of the offence which earned them the penalty points, they should certainly understand the damage it will do to their bank balance. Driving safely could put thousands of pounds back in your pocket”. Hear Hear.

A couple of very serious items there, so I end on a frivolous question for your amusement..

Question.: Who is the world's largest manufacturer of TYRES? Answer later in the newsletter.

Don't forget we want to see you at the Anniversary dinner in January if you can possibly make it.

Mike.

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Apologies that the Newsletter is a little late this month – this was due to printer problems, and lack of articles (initially)!

But now, as you can see, we have glorious Technicolour!

Editor

## **NOTICE of GROUP AGM**

**Notice is hereby given by order of the Group Committee that the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chesterfield Group of Advanced Motorists is to be held at St Thomas's Centre, Chatsworth Road, Brampton, Chesterfield on Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup> 2016, 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 2015, and for election of the 2016 Committee.

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

### **Election of 2016 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 / Associate Liaison Officer / Webmaster, plus additional committee members.**

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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**2016 AGM - 7.30 pm Thursday Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 2016**

**AGENDA**

- Apologies For Absence
- Minutes of 2015 AGM  
**Resolution – That the Minutes of the 2015 AGM be approved as a true record.**
- Report on 2015 by Chair – D Booth
- Report on 2015 by Secretary – R Stone
- Report on 2015 by Treasurer – J Snape  
Resolution – That the Annual Accounts for year ended 31 Dec 15 be approved.
- Report on 2015 by Guidance Officer – R Stone
- Report on 2015 Social Scene –
- Report on 2015 by Web Master – D Booth
- Election of Committee for 2016
  - Chair
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - and
  - Membership Secretary
  - Social Secretary
  - Guidance Officer
  - Webmaster
  - Associate Liaison OfficerAnd Other Committee Posts (Without Portfolio) at discretion of Chair

**R J Stone  
Hon Secretary**

## **Don't let wet weather rain on your parade, says the IAM**

27 December 2015

With wet weather continuing to engulf the UK, the Institute of Advanced Motorists' (IAM) director of standards, Mark Lewis, looks at how drivers can best prepare for driving in heavy rain.

\*Before setting off, check for any weather alerts, traffic updates or planned road closures that may affect your journey. Only travel in extreme adverse weather conditions if it is really necessary.

\*Check the lights and windscreen wiper blades are clean and working properly. Also check the tyre pressure and tread depth to ensure the best possible grip on wet surfaces.

\*Plan your route in advance and try to avoid any roads that are prone to flooding, even if it extends your journey.

\*Heavy rain often leads to damaged road surfaces and puddles can hide deep potholes – look for clues such as loose chunks of tarmac.

\*In heavy rain, don't forget to switch on your dipped headlights so other motorists can see you easily. Reduce your speed when travelling in the rain to decrease your stopping distance. This will also help you pass through large puddles and potholes smoothly, without spraying other road users or risking aquaplaning.

\*Torrential rain may interfere with the electrics of a vehicle causing a breakdown. Prepare for the worst by keeping your mobile phone charged and with the number of your breakdown service provider already saved on it. While you wait for help keep your bonnet closed as soaking the engine will only make it worse.

**Matlock IAM are holding a Quiz Night on Tuesday 1 March 2016, at 7.30 p.m. at the Duke William, Matlock.**

**If you are interested in coming along to make up a team from Chesterfield IAM please contact Bob Stone, and be prepared to bring along your motoring and general knowledge!**

# Diary Dates 2016

January

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Guidance	Sainsbury's Car Park 9.30 a.m.
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Guidance	Sainsbury's Car Park 9.30 a.m.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>AGM followed by Social</b> – a talk given by ex- Policeman Roger Bowler, on the Drugs Act of March 2015 with specific relevance to driving.	St Thomas's Centre, Chatsworth Road, Brampton, 7.30 p.m.
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner</b>	<b>Walton Golf Club</b> <b>7.30 p.m.</b>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	Chesterfield Library Café, 7.30 p.m.

## Future Dates:

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7TH

GUIDANCE

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

GUIDANCE

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

SOCIAL

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23RD

COMMITTEE MEETING

Answer to question on TYRES..... LEGO!!!!