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## **CHALLENGE**

### **CHESTERFIELD ADVANCED MOTORISTS**

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year - 1976 - 2016**

### **GROUP NEWSLETTER**



**Observer of the Year, 2015  
– Roger Bates with Bob  
Stone**

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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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We understand that Diip has been poorly recently and the committee send their best wishes, with hopes that he has a speedy recovery.

Transcript of the speech given at the celebration dinner  
on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Group.



Presidents' reflections on the past 40 years

When I was asked to say a few words about the history of our group, I soon realised it could not adequately covered in a few words, so I shall attempt to do it justice from my own point of view as others will no doubt fill in on specific topics at another time, so please bear with me.

Ladies, gentlemen, colleagues and friends of the IAM welcome to this very special anniversary tonight -- I hope you are all adequately refreshed. Who would have thought that in 1976 when I first met Jeff, our treasurer from day one and Beryl ,committee member and shopkeeper for many years, that 40 years later I would be standing here celebrating our Ruby anniversary -- and still going strong –that is the group, and not necessarily the condition of the three of us!!

There have been many milestones in the group's history – the first being able to form a Full Group so quickly and (no offence intended) to break away from our Sheffield parents in just over one year. Expanding to a membership of 200 was another landmark and the 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> celebrations came and went so very quickly.

Seeing so many drivers join us and pass the test has been reward enough, knowing that there are about 600 advanced drivers in the vicinity who had the courage to put their skills to the test for the advancement of Road Safety. A large part of my personal enjoyment of the Chesterfield Group has been the friends I have made and to those present tonight I thank you.

Now, just a few events the group has been involved in over the past years --- we marshalled the Cycling Proficiency Tests in Queen's Park for many years, we delivered Christmas hampers on behalf of the Derbyshire Times to some elderly folk around Chesterfield, we raised over £2,000 for Ashgate Hospice through our annual auctions, we ran the Driver of The Year competition at various venues for a good number of years, we held inter-group quizzes and driving tests and we are STILL the outright winners of the North East Derbyshire Road Safety quiz --- as no one wanted to take us on after so many wins!!

We acquired our first caravan in 1983 and became a registered charity in 1993. There are many more but time and memory are limited.

No group can function for any length of time without the effort made by individuals, so it is right and fitting on an occasion such as this to mention those who have been major players for this group, but sadly are no longer with us. Firstly Howard Hill the founding Chairman and motoring correspondent , and later editor of the Derbyshire Times who encouraged me to take over the chair in 1979.

Frank Goldthorpe – a regular observer and quite a character

Bob Bunyan who took over as Guidance officer from me and continued for many years in that role

John Lomas who followed on as chairman in 1996 sadly missed

Eric Ashmore one of our early Presidents and a class 1 with a big claxon!!!

Philip Ward - ex Kommandant of the Specials who ran our Social scene for many, many years

Alan Morgan,--I once described him as a man of few words-----he would use a few where one would have done, but we really appreciate the fine job he and his motley crew did.

Just touching on the social scene for a moment, as well as a couple of hundred guest speakers, one or two other events stand out in my mind. The evening we went to Leeds to see a couple of recordings of Countdown –yes, Richard Whitely and Carol Vorderman – quite an experience, and then a day out in the Cotswolds where it never stopped raining. Picture the scene.---40 drowned rats queuing up for the conveniences in Broadland to use the hot air hand driers before we were let back on the coach. We had skidpan training and track days at numerous venues and the strange experience of manoeuvring Segways around Clumber Park.

On the publicity front, we've done a couple of short local TV appearances, local radio station chat shows and many talks to schools and other organisations including an After BREAKFAST talk to local businessmen.

The caravan has been on display all around the county manned by the diehards of the group regularly for many years---- oh the joy of standing in a wet field for hours on end –wonderful!!

There have been many changes in the structure of the IAM over 40 years, far too many to list here, but changes to the status of our observers have seen a much more professional approach and indeed recognised as a national qualification.

I would like on behalf of the group to thank the past and present members of the committee for their hard work and dedication and a big thank you to the wives (especially mine) and husbands and friends who have added so much to keep this group active in our road safety activities and also socially. May I pause here for a moment to offer, on behalf of the wider IAM organisation, a sincere thank you to all our observers, for certainly without you the group could not function---it takes a special kind of dedication to turn up month after month in all weathers, giving up time and effort at the expense of other things you could be doing. If I was wearing my hat I would take it off for you. Thank you.

As you know, each year the Presidents Rose bowl is presented for outstanding contributions to the group....this year it will be slightly different as it is not for ONE year, as is usual. But for a lifetime achievement, as they say at the Oscars. The recipient already has his name on one plaque but has devoted so much time and effort to the group over the past two decades....I was going to say...how has his wife put up with it....but I DO know how... he enrolled her into his team. Do you really need me to name him...yes Bob, it's you... Congratulations. And for Yvonne, a rose bowl to keep.

My final thanks to one or two others who hopefully are still with us ...they deserve a special mention for their contributions to the history of this group....Fred and Doreen Clarke, committee members for a long time, Chris and Nick Roberts also long serving members, Michael and Mrs Moore social scene, Gwen Webber our secretary for many many years, John Beresford our first Guidance officer and more recently Ray ,Selwyn, John, Maynard, Jan, Roger, Jeff, Reg Holmes, Bill Harrington, Chris Lake and our present Chairman Dom Booth, and those I have surely missed.

Finally, our Golden Anniversary in only 10 years away but that must be down to the younger members to ensure that Chesterfield Group of the IAM reaches that special milestone.

THANKYOU.

Mike.

# 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Photographs





**These are just a few of the many photographs taken by members on the night. Check out the Group page on Facebook for more photos.**



## 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – BRIEF RESUMÉ

The AGM took place on 21<sup>st</sup> January at St Thomas's Centre. Attendance was low in number. No nomination forms had been received by the Secretary.

The following positions were re-elected:

Chairman	Dom Booth
Secretary	Bob Stone
Treasurer	Jeff Snape
Membership Secretary	Maynard Stephens
ALP	Roger Bates
Webmaster	Dom Booth
Committee members without portfolio	Ray Parker, Sil Kinder
Guidance Officer	Bob Stone

**There were no volunteers for the following posts which are therefore vacant:**

Vice Chairman/Chairwoman  
Social Secretary  
Observer Training Officer  
PRO

The award for Observer of the Year 2015 was presented to Roger Bates.

It was reported that most of the socials for 2015 were organised by various members of the committee. **More input and pro-activeness would be welcomed by all members in 2016.**

Due to the fact that some members are no longer able to deliver Newsletters by hand, there have been increased costs regarding postage of these. Please consider receiving your Newsletter by e mail in future as this will save not only postage costs but also stationery.

## **Bits and Pieces:**

### **Eat at the table – not in the car!**

You may have read the recent story where a lady was fined £145 and had 3 points put on her licence because she was spotted peeling and eating a banana whilst in her car. (If she had paid up on the spot it would only have cost £100). One report said the following:

“ Ms ..... was stuck in traffic in Weymouth, Dorset, last June when she decided to eat a banana as a snack. A police officer noticed her remove her hand from the wheel – while the car was stationary – to finish peeling the banana. The officer – in an unmarked car - issued Ms ..... with an on-the-spot fine of £100 for “not having proper control of her vehicle whilst driving”. “She had been seen peeling a banana whilst driving with no hands on the steering wheel, risking the safety of other road users,” continued the statement by Dorset Police on Facebook.

So two different scenarios there from the same report – one she was stationary stuck in traffic and the other peeling a banana whilst driving with no hands. But I suppose in the end the message is the same – save your protein snack for when you can eat it safely. (Her insurance has also increased by 40%).

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**According to the energysavingtrust,. smart driving techniques could save you as much as £230 a year.**

**For eco-driving tips visit:  
[www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/domestic/drivesmarter](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/domestic/drivesmarter)**

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**Lunch Club – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – 1 p.m.**



The Market Pub, New Square, Chesterfield, table booked for 6-8 people, just turn up.



Matlock IAM Group Quiz  
Tuesday 1 March, 7.30 pm  
The Duke William, Matlock  
Let's get a team together –  
ask Bob Stone for details.

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***February Social –  
Richard Booth will come and give  
us a Powerpoint presentation  
about his 'Ride of a Lifetime' trip  
across the USA on  
Route 66.  
Tea/Coffee and raffle as usual.***

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# Diary Dates

## FEBRUARY 2016

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Guidance	Sainsbury's Car Park, 9.30am
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Guidance	Sainsbury's Car Park, 9.30 am
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Club	The Market Pub, New Square, 1 p.m.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Social – Richard Booth - Route 66</b> - A presentation of the ride of a lifetime across America on Route 66, on a classic Harley Davison motorcycle.	St Thomas's Centre, Chatsworth Road, 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Committee Meeting	Chesterfield Library Café, 7.30 p.m.

## Future Dates: - March:

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Matlock Group Quiz
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Guidance
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Club
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Guidance
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Social
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting