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**GROUP NEWSLETTER**



Roger Bates, Sil and Anita Kinder at April Lunch Club

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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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**APOLOGIES!!!**

**In last month's newsletter I put in the wrong dates for May guidance. Please note they should be Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Editor**



## Just two topics this month      From the President.

There has been some debate recently concerning the number of road signs littering our highways. Obviously most are required, but there are areas where the sheer volume of information being offered can be a distraction rather than a help, such as missing the only one relevant to you at the expense of learning that “Tiredness Kills”.

The one that gave me some trouble recently was on approach to a roundabout I had not been to before, to find the direction arrows painted on the lanes were all covered with a long line of waiting traffic and although I knew where I wanted to go, was not 100% convinced I was in the correct lane. As it happens, I was, but it had still given me a moment of doubt. This only goes to show that some signs are in the wrong place, a better route board would have been more helpful.

Have you had a similar experience? Which road signs would you do away with?

In the past if you wanted to cut down on your car insurance premiums, you had to increase your excess or reduce your annual mileage. Now, some companies will reduce your premium if you install a dash cam in your car. Over 3 million motorists own one. The most obvious reason is to prove innocence in an accident, especially if there are no witnesses. They are also very helpful in a “crash for cash” claim where the camera records the run up to the collision, and shows what really happened and could lead to prosecution of the fraudsters. But BEWARE.....some cameras have GPS which records both location and speed, which shows if you were exceeding the limit at the time of the incident.....BUT you can turn this feature OFF!!.

Anyone , any stories on the subject of dash cams?

Stay safe and happy      Mike.

## **APRIL LUNCH CLUB**

On Wednesday 13 April six of us: Jeff & Sue, Silwood & Anita, Roger and me, met up at the Harvester which is one of several eateries in the Alma Leisure Park near Cineworld. Yvonne had booked a table but was unable to come as she and Bob were on their travels in Spain. We were well looked after by a very pleasant young waiter, Luke, who took our drink order and gave us time to choose our food. There was certainly a good range of choices on the menu with the special offer menu -2 courses for £7.99. They also have the unlimited salad bar including freshly baked bread rolls which we all started with – Roger initially wasn't going to have the salad but when we returned with our filled bowls he quickly changed his mind! Roger, Anita and I chose the simply chicken with garlic mash and peas while Sue, Jeff and Sil had gammon and egg with chips and peas. Jeff, Sue and Sil then decided to have the ice-cream and toffee sauce to finish –there was a variety of sauces and toppings to choose from.

We spent a very enjoyable 2 hours eating and chatting in pleasant surroundings. The Lunch Club has taken us to a variety of different venues such as The Four Cottages, Hasland; The Barley Mow, Wingerworth; The Market Pub in town, Chesters' Fish Restaurant (I thought it was only a Takeaway). These social outings give the opportunity of getting to know fellow members a bit better and we always have an enjoyable time. So if this has wetted your appetite why not come along to our IAM Lunch Club which is held on the second Wednesday each month –details of the venue can be found in the Newsletter.

Michele Young. |



***We send our Best Wishes for a speedy recovery to Ray Parker who has been quite poorly recently. Hope you will soon feel well Ray.***

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**Ho hum – the joys of trying to find a different car .....**

I currently own a Chevrolet Aveo automatic, which I have had for three years. Some of you may remember my predicament in trying to find a different car back then – it had to be the right price, appealing to my eye, and practical. Well, I am fed up with practical cars – most of my driving life I have had practical cars and decided I wanted something eye catching and sporty! So I considered a Merc SLK but I had a friend who owned one and I did find getting in and out, shall we say, sometimes difficult because of the lowness of it – these back problems and arthritic knees aren't conducive to low cars.

I did a test drive in a hybrid – very quiet, very smooth drive, but not much on the excitement factor and definitely not sporty. I saw a car which I have always liked the look of in a local garage – a Chrysler Crossfire – very easy on the eye. So I booked a test drive expecting great things. I was quite disappointed with the performance of it, as I expected it to have a lot of 'Oomph' as it had a 3 litre engine. Alas no. Bob also had a drive in it and was similarly underwhelmed.

I decided I liked the look of the Citroen DS3, but because I want another automatic, it is quite difficult to find exactly the car you want. I have done a test drive in a DS3 manual and also the auto, the auto being quite nippy and 'bouncy' and is a possibility. I have also had a test drive in an Alfa Romeo Mito. Very nice, solid car. .... but apparently not as good as it claims to be on MPG. Meanwhile Bob has been out and obtained a new shiny white car – not brand new but very smart all the same. But for me it has far too many buttons and gadgets inside – too many things to distract the driver!

At the time of going to press, I am still mulling things over ..... Yvonne, Editor

**Social Night Report – April 2016 - Diabetes UK.**

Two members of the local Diabetes UK organisation came to give us a talk about dealing with diabetes and information in relation to driving if you have the condition.

If you have diabetes which is controlled by diet or tablets, you do not need to inform the DVLA, but if your diabetes is treated with insulin you must inform the DVLA. Similarly if you have more than one episode of severe hypoglycaemia (low blood sugar levels), which involves requiring the assistance of another person, you must also inform the DVLA. You will need to obtain form DIAB1 from the DVLA. If for any reason the DVLA decide to revoke your licence, you can ask them to reconsider the decision. You can appeal against the decision to the Magistrates Court. You must appeal within six months of the decision.

More information can be found on [www.direct.gov.uk/driving](http://www.direct.gov.uk/driving) and [www.diabetes.org.uk](http://www.diabetes.org.uk)

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**Future Dates: June**

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| Guidance:     | Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| Lunch Club    | Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>                          |
| Committee Mtg | Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>                           |

**NO SOCIAL IN JUNE**

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# Diary Dates

**MAY 2016**

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| Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>    | Guidance                                                                                  | Sainsbury's Car Park<br>9.30 am                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Guidance                                                                                  | Sainsbury's Car Park<br>9.30 am                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Wednesday<br>11th         | Lunch Club                                                                                | 1 p.m. Young Vanish - Menu includes fish and chips, Balti chicken, pie of the day, desserts of fudge cake, ice cream, apple pie etc. If you go on the website you can get a voucher for a free starter/dessert with every main meal purchased. (Just Google Young Vanish Chesterfield and click on Offers). Please can you let Jan know if you are attending as the venue want numbers. |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> | Social – Alan Roberts will give us an illustrated talk about Turnpike Roads around Buxton | 7.30 p.m.<br>St Thomas' Centre, Chatsworth Road<br>Brampton                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>  | Committee Meeting                                                                         | Chesterfield Library Café, 7.30 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |