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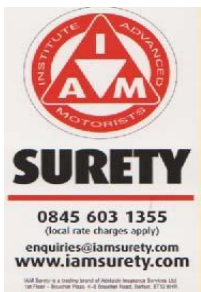
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ASSOCIATE MEMBERS –

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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Eden Camp

Some of you may well have been before and some of you may not even know about it. I have only been once and missed quite a bit so I am thinking we could get a group of us together and pay it a visit. We will share cars but it’s a good way to go. It’s address is Eden Camp, Malton, North Yorkshire, YO17 6RT. It’s 93 miles and takes about 1 hour 45 Mins. The museum opens at 10am and closes at 4pm. Entrance fee is £7 and £6 concession. Eden Camp was once a prisoner of war camp built to keep Prisoners from Africa and Europe and opened in 1942. If you want to know more then give me your name and contact number and I will sort out a date for us to go which could possibly be in June. Either way I will go. My number is 01246 206959 or 07908 080285 or just e-mail me at rayparker744@btinternet.com

From the President

Dear members,

As you may know, it has been my privilege and honour to be President of the Chesterfield Group of the IAM for the past 20 years. A few years ago I set myself the target of being there to congratulate the Group on its 40th anniversary, which I was very pleased to do this past January at our celebratory dinner, and would like to express my thanks, once again , to all those whose efforts made this evening possible and such a success.

I feel, however, it is the right and proper time now to “hand over the reins” to someone new who will help guide the Group to the next milestone, namely the Golden anniversary, and if the next nine years go as quickly as the last, then it will not really be all that long!

My last act as President will be to present the Rosebowl for 2016 at the AGM in January 2017, then afterwards the new committee will appoint my successor.

Over the past 40 years since passing the IAM Test in 1976 there have been , thankfully, a large reduction in annual road deaths from approximately 9,000, to the present 2,000, still far too many, but the numbers are going in the right direction.

This is due mainly to the safety features now incorporated as standard in our modern cars – the introduction of compulsory fitting and wearing of seat belts saw injuries, both fatal and life changing, drop dramatically “over night”. Many recent improvements such as air bags, crumple zones, better braking systems and others have all helped in the aim of Road Safety, but I would also like to think that driver education has had an impact as well.

There will be a few more articles until the end of the year from me and I hope that you have found something of interest in my ramblings over the past few years.

Once again I thank the Committee for appointing me as your President for so long, it has been a great honour for me to hold this position and now look forward to the advancement of the Group to the next milestone.

Please stay safe and happy Mike.

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Italian Car Show Event
SUNDAY 19 JUNE 2016 - 10.30 A.M. – 4.30 P.M.
MFN Club
Shipley Gate, Eastwood, Nottingham, NG16 3JE

Show attractions include:

- ❖ **IAM Manoeuvrability Course**
- ❖ **Rolling Road**
- ❖ **Bungee Run**
- ❖ **Show and Shine Car Display – Shiny Italian Cars Only !**
- ❖ **Music, hot and cold food, Themed Bar, Italian Gelato (yum)**

Full details can be found on the website www.Forzalive.co.uk or contact Dom Booth (but preferably look at the website because Dom is a busy man)!

Members of Chesterfield IAM will be going down to set up the day before. Any help would be appreciated and **at least 6 members are required to help on the day please.**

Should be a great day out so please come and help if you can.

MAY LUNCH CLUB

The venue for this month's Lunch Club on Wednesday 11 May was 'The Young Vanish' at Glapwell. I remembered the name of this Pub because when I was young being pony mad, I entered a competition where the topic was pub signs with horses on. The Young Vanish sign had a horse's head which I took a photo of and I think I had The Horse and Jockey at Wessington and a White Horse from some village in Derbyshire whose name escapes me – it was a great many years ago. I didn't win a prize but I was looking forward to see The Young Vanish pub sign again. I was, however, disappointed because as I drew close I was greeted with a Crown Carvery pub sign and not a horse's head in sight!

As usual I was the last to arrive and spotted our group at the far end of the restaurant. Ray and Roger had arrived early and were already tucking in to their roast lunch. Yvonne and Bob and Jeff and Sue were at the carvery counter where I joined them. There was the usual selection of roast meats to choose from – turkey, beef & gammon plus a Yorkshire pudding and a good choice of vegetables. We all enjoyed our lunch and some of the group completed their meal with a pudding - Jeff's sundae looked particularly spectacular. Crown Carveries are certainly good value for money and after our roast lunch we were all pleased that we would not have to cook an evening meal!

When I got home I decided to find out a bit more about 'The Young Vanish'. In July 2008 when our Social evenings were held at the Markham Arms, we had a talk by Jenny Ainsworth about the Legends of Derbyshire which included The Young Vanish. The pub was originally called the Blacksmith's Arms, but was renamed after a successful racehorse that won a number of races between 1827 and 1831.

Vanish was stabled at nearby Glapwell Hall, long since demolished. Local tradition has it that the landlord of the pub, William Whitworth, backed Vanish in his races. As the winnings mounted, it's said that the grateful landlord renamed his pub. I was unable to discover what races Vanish had one but his name lives on at this historic pub in Glapwell.

Another Derbyshire Pub named after a famous racehorse is The Flying Childers Inn in Stanton in the Peak. Flying Childers was a champion racehorse undefeated in the 18th century and owned by the 4th Duke of Devonshire. He was foaled at Carr House near Doncaster and has a race named after him at Doncaster Racecourse. I will have to visit this pub to see if its' sign still features a horse!

MICHELE YOUNG

(Sounds like another possible venue for the lunch club Michele!)

PHOTOS FROM MAY LUNCH CLUB (courtesy of Michele Young)



Jeff and Sue tucking into pudding



PHOTOS FROM CLAY CROSS MOTORCYCLES STUNT BIKE DAY



Bits and Pieces

- The new IAM Roadsmart website has been launched and can be found at www.iamroadsmart.com
- To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the organisation, there are two parties coming up celebrating all things bike and car – a bike party at the National Motorcycle Museum in Birmingham on 2 July and a car party at the British Motor Museum in Gaydon on 9 July. Details are on the website.
- Chesterfield IAM have purchased a new caravan (as seen on front cover) to replace the existing one which is past it's 'Use by' date. There is work to be done on the new caravan, (which Sil Kinder has already commenced) so watch this space.
- I finally made a decision about which car to buy. Having said I didn't want to go back to a manual gearbox, I have. I had a few test drives in automatics, but none of them inspired me at all. I decided to be a bit self-indulgent and had a test drive in a manual Alfa Romeo Mito and loved it. There were two on offer within my budget, one had in-built sat nav and Bose speakers – neither of which I felt the need of but I went for the cheaper model which has reversing sensors which I did want! Oh and the registration number starts with my initials – so I had to have it!

It does have functions I won't use – like the start/stop function – never sure of the point of that apart from maybe saving a bit of fuel which is probably useful if you live in a big city where there are a lot of traffic jams? Anyway I turned that function off straight away. Bluetooth connectivity – nah! I'm a dinosaur and haven't even got a Smartphone. It does have sport mode (yay!) and bad weather mode which is good. I am still finding my way around the dashboard and working through the 300 page Owner's Manual, so fear not - it will be some time before I bore you all with details of my car hunting again.

Editor



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In the news

Drivers could face fines of up to £70 for parking on the pavement as ministers reportedly look to extend the ban outside of London to the rest of England.

Parking on the pavement has been illegal in London for more than 40 years unless the exceptions to the rule have been clearly marked by blue parking signs or white bay lines. But ministers have confirmed plans to extend this ban for the rest of the country could carry a fine of £70, according to The Times.

The newspaper reports the Department for Transport's cycling and walking investment strategy claimed the department would address "pavement parking outside London" this year, which includes the examination of an "alternative parking regime".

But the AA has expressed concerns that a ban on pavement parking could create more problems for drivers. Luke Bosdet, a spokesperson for the AA, told *The Independent*: "When you look at what has been happening over the last five to 10 years, where people haven't been able to afford housing and have been living with their parents or rented houses with three or four working people living at the same address, it means there are more cars parked outside.

"So if you're going to look at a blanket ban on pavement parking, you've got to sort out your housing crisis."

A DfT spokesperson said: "We are currently considering the rules around pavement parking, including whether more can be done to make it easier for councils to tackle problem areas in a consistent way. Work is ongoing and no decisions have been made."

Extract of article from The Independent

There was also a report that driverless cars may be adopting a 'fly paper' type of protection on the bonnet of cars, to avoid further injury in the case of an accident. An American internet company has patented a very strong adhesive which could lead to crash victims being stuck fast to the bonnet, rather than the nasty scenario of them 'bouncing off' cars and ending up in the road. This would work with an eggshell coating over the bonnet which would crack on impact and release the adhesive. Although there are no immediate plans to introduce 'human flypaper' the company insist that it shows they are "taking road safety seriously".



LUNCH CLUB – PLEASE NOTE IT IS THE 3RD WEDNESDAY IN JUNE, NOT THE SECOND WEDNESDAY. THIS IS DUE TO RENISHAW HALL CAR AND BIKE SHOW ON THE 8TH

PLEASE COME AND JOIN IN OUR LUNCH CLUB – WE DON'T GO TO REALLY EXPENSIVE PLACES, BUT USUALLY HAVE A NICE MEAL IN GOOD COMPANY – AND YOU WON'T HAVE TO COOK AT HOME THAT DAY!

Future Dates: July:

Guidance

Cutthorpe Gala

No Social in July

Ashover Car and Bike Show

Committee Meeting

Sunday 3rd, Saturday 9th

Saturday 9th

Sunday 24 July, 10 am – 4 p.m.

Tuesday 26th

August:

Car 'Treasure Hunt' followed by BBQ **Sunday 21st August** details TBA but probable set off late morning from a venue just outside the town centre. Matlock group will be joining in.

Diary Dates

JUNE 2016 – No social in June

Sunday 5 th	Guidance	Sainsburys' Car Park 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday 8 th	ECKINGTON CLASSIC CAR & BIKE SHOW	Renishaw Hall, Eckington, Derbyshire, S21 3WB - 3.00pm to 8.00pm
Saturday 11 th	Guidance	Sainsburys' Car Park 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday 15 th	Lunch Club	Old Poet's Corner Ashover S45 0EW 1 p.m.
Sunday 19 th	FORZA DAY - Help Needed	10.30 am – 4.30 pm See Advert
Tuesday 28 th	Committee Meeting	7.30 p.m. Chesterfield Library Café

