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Michele and Alick at October Lunch

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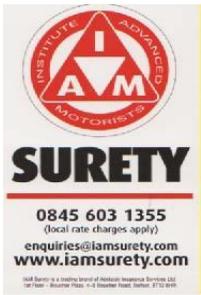
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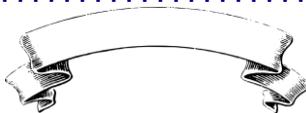
PLEASE attend the forthcoming Sunday &/or Saturday guidance sessions at the **SAINSBURYS CAR PARK** as listed in 'What's On'.

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 Ian Jenkins who passed his test on

1st September 2016.

His Observer was Bob Stone.

Spoken thoughts From the President

With only a couple of months to go before I hand over the Presidency of this fine group to someone who will lead us towards our 50th anniversary, I thought, this month, I would look back over the 100 or so articles I have written to see if there have been any developments over any of the concerns highlighted.

Most are personal “grievances”, but some of them may strike a chord with you. Firstly a comment.....the latest “hot off the press” recommendation from the IAM is when on test give the examiner your SPOKEN THOUGHTS! I wonder if they realise that we at Chesterfield have been doing this for forty years, adding to the formal commentary by not only saying what you see BUT what you intend to do about it. (Those of you who have been out with me on a pre-test run will know that I always advise to say your plan as soon as you start the test, and keep on all through whenever any hazard appears – this way the examiner may not even ask for a formal, timed, commentary!)

One of the first grumbles I made was that driver education – post L test needed to be undertaken as a way of keeping up standards. I am not convinced there has been much progress on this front. The only “formal education” is on a speed awareness course, and the means of getting this is not to be recommended!!

Another early concern was the overuse of headlights/rear fogs when not necessary; I’m afraid for me and all others with sensitive eyes, the problem has got much worse with DLR and HI bulbs. Another aside here...does everyone with DRL know that there is nothing showing at the rear?

I have just realised that there is more than one article if I am to continue this theme, so until next month...

Stay safe and happy

Mike.

September and October Socials:

The September social didn't really happen because the intended speaker couldn't attend. There were 7 members there – not a good turn out – but members had a general chat about the new Handbook and other related issues.

Mike Hodgkins came and gave us a talk about how he came to be a fire-fighter and told us many stories of his days in the fire service. There were many amusing anecdotes and stories, and also a few gruesome ones! He also brought with him various photos taken over the years, helmets, memorabilia etc. A very interesting talk, sadly poorly attended by members.



SOCIALS

November's talk promises to be an interesting one too – details on the back page, so **PLEASE DO TRY TO ATTEND.**

The Committee is at a loss as to how to encourage people to attend socials so at the AGM in January we may have to address the whole 'Social Night' issue.



For the attention of all
Associates/Observers/Members

As of October the new IAM Roadsmart system will be changing and observing techniques will now be adopted to reflect this change.

October Lunch Club at The Peacock, Owler Bar – Michele Young

This Lunch Club gathering was particularly enjoyable as it fell on 12 October which happens to be my birthday and what nicer way to celebrate it than with my IAM friends! There were 9 of us and we were seated in a room just off the main dining area on a large round table which always makes conversation with everybody much easier. The Peacock, a Grade II listed 19th century turnpike inn, has recently been refurbished in modern contemporary colours and one of the best features are the spectacular views over the Caudwell Valley towards Barlow and Chesterfield. There was a good choice of classic pub dishes with lunch time specials and attentive service. The deserts were delicious and beautifully presented and rated highly by our pudding king, Jeff!



There are a number of pubs/hotels near Chesterfield called 'The Peacock'. The newest one to open on 4 October is 'The Peacock at Barlow' which used to be called 'The Old Pump' until it shut down and lay empty for over a year. It has been brought by the same family that owns The Tickled Trout in Barlow and been extensively renovated and reinvented as a luxury village pub with four boutique bedrooms. I was curious why this pub was being renamed 'The Peacock' and found out that this was the title it was given by landowners The Dukes of Rutland when it began its life as a busy 18th century coaching inn.

The Dukes of Rutland were major landowners in this region and they gave The Peacock name to all the inns in their area probably because their family crest is a peacock. The family name is 'Manners' and they own Haddon Hall near Bakewell. The Peacock Hotel at nearby Rowsley was originally built in 1652 and it became a hotel in 1828. A peacock carved by Trevis Bath sits over the 2 storey porch. Lady Manners School was founded in 1636 by Grace. Lady Manners and the school emblem probably now called a logo is a Peacock. There are 2 pubs in Bakewell linked with this family The Peacock and The Manners.

The Peacock Inn Baslow became part of the Devonshire's family estate around 1830 when it was acquired from the Duke of Rutland. Its name, however, was changed to the Cavendish Hotel after extensive renovations in 1975 becoming a more upmarket establishment. There is also a Peacock Inn at Brampton, the Peacock Coffee Lounge in Chesterfield town centre and The Peacock at Cutthorpe.



(Peacocks everywhere – I took this one who I saw strutting around a historic building during our recent trip to Cuba! – Editor)



**November Lunch Club –
Wednesday November 9th at
The Robin Hood, Baslow, DE45 2PQ**

Table booked for 1 p.m.

The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) wants the public to give their views on plans to improve the car driving test.



The government is committed to reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured on Great Britain's roads. Changing the driving test will help to do this, by making it a better assessment of the candidate's ability to drive independently in modern driving conditions.

What the proposed changes are

- Increase the 'independent driving' part of the test from 10 to 20 minutes
- Ask candidates to follow directions from a Sat Nav during the 'independent driving' part
- Replace the 'reverse around a corner' and 'turn in the road' manoeuvres with more real-life scenarios, eg driving into and reversing out of a parking bay
- Ask 1 of the 2 vehicle safety questions (known as the 'show me, tell me' questions) while the candidate is driving, eg asking them to use the rear heated screen

Why the changes are important

Road collisions are the biggest killer of young people. They account for over a quarter of all deaths of those aged between 15 and 19.

DVSA wants to make sure that training and the driving test reduce the number of young people being killed in collisions.

These changes have been proposed because:

Most fatal collisions happen on high-speed roads (not including motorways) - changing the format of the test will allow more of these types of roads to be included in driving test routes.

52% of car drivers now have a sat nav - DVSA wants new drivers to be trained to use them safely. Research has shown that new drivers find 'independent driving' training valuable - they can relate it to driving once they've passed their test.

The above has been quoted from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/driving-test-changes-plans-revealed-to-improve-road-safety>

Submitted by Gavin Keymer



Bob and I have just returned from a brilliant and informative week in Cuba during which we witnessed some interesting and inventive forms of transport – the roads are, shall we say, in need of urgent repair as are most of the buildings. . . Potholes? Derbyshire has nothing on Cuba – and that’s just the potholes in the pavements, let alone the roads!

Some photos next month Yvonne



Yes folks, it's that time of year again when we start to think of Turkey!

I have booked a **pre Christmas lunch** at the Bowshaw, Dronfield . on Wednesday 7th December. I have booked for the carvery menu which offers a choice of 4 roast meats with veg. The cost is £6.29 for the main course and starters and puddings are available from about £2 - £2.50. There are vegetarian options.

I have initially booked the table for 12 people, so please let me know if you will be coming **a.s.a.p.** in case I need to change numbers.

(Yvonne, 01246 568894, email ymstone@aol.com)

Future Dates: - December

Guidance	Sunday 4 th
No Saturday Guidance In December	
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 7 th , 1 p.m. The Bowshaw, Dronfield S18 2GA
Christmas Social	Thursday 15 th 7.30 pm.
NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN DECEMBER	

Diary Dates

November 2016

Sunday 6 TH	Guidance	9.30 am Sainsbury's Car Park
Wednesday 9 TH	Lunch Club	1 pm. Robin Hood, Baslow DE45 2PQ
Saturday 12 th	Guidance	9.30 am Sainsbury's Car Park
Thursday 17th	Social – Vivian Hutson will be coming to talk to us about strategy of the huge WWII British bomber force. PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND	7.30 pm. ST Thomas's Centre Brampton
Tuesday 29 TH	Committee Meeting	7.30 pm. Chesterfield Library Cafe

