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CHALLENGE CHESTERFIELD ADVANCED MOTORISTS GROUP NEWSLETTER



Fran Thompson, Local Examiner at February Social



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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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Odds:

- *The Newsletter will be slightly late in April, and will probably go to print late in the first week or early in the second week.*
- *If you are interested in joining a team to enter the Matlock IAM quiz, please let Bob Stone know a.s.a.p. (Tuesday 7*

March at Darley Dale)



Craig Holmes receiving his Pass Certificate from Tony Pope.

His Observer was Selwyn Gough.



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March social Thursday 16th



James Pogson, Director of Northern Tea Merchants, has travelled widely to producer countries to purchase his teas and coffees. In his talk on 'Fairtrade Tea', he will explain about how tea is picked and manufactured, and explain the workings behind the Fairtrade Mark that help to benefit farmers in the Third World.

This promises to be a very interesting evening so please come along – **family and friends very welcome.**

FEBRUARY SOCIAL

At our Social evening on Thursday 16th February we received a visit from local Examiner Fran Thompson. The evening was mainly of interest to Observers and Associates so an invitation was also given to Matlock and attendance at 25 was above our regular numbers and we also welcomed a visitor from the Congleton Group.

Fran began by outlining the subjects she would look to cover but was open for questions right from the start and soon was being quizzed on a number of matters.

Her talk proper started with Fran outlining how she conducted Tests and the areas where she liked to ask Highway Code and IPSGA questions. For the benefit of Observers and Associates alike, these were:-

Highway Code

- Types of pedestrian crossing (and overtaking on approach)
- Double white line systems
- Use of flashing headlights
- Hazard warning lights
- Stopping distances (and practical approach that was discussed)
- Motorway signage including studs
- Box junctions
- Large vehicles e.g. Arctic's turning, what to be aware of re positioning
- Managed motorways and gantry signs
- Traffic signs and road markings

IPSGA

- Applying IPSGA to a situation or hazard
- Taking, using and giving information
- Overtaking positions
- Cornering positions/limit point
- Observation, anticipation and planning
- 4 key principles of cornering
- Trimming bends and straight-lining roundabouts
- Motorway overtaking
- Pre-drive checks and cockpit drill

The room then went on to discussing the following in a free flowing question and answer atmosphere.

- Safe Positioning on bends – always consider position of safety, and demonstration of positioning for view is mainly expected at higher (>40mph) speeds,
- Brake/Gear overlap – it is acceptable that the elements are run together but not excessive.
- Steering – control is the main concern and if this is compromised two hands is the preferred method.
- Overtakes & Speed – Never plan to break the limit but if circumstances change then safe progress is paramount.

Everyone I asked felt that the evening had been very informative and felt it would be worth repeating later this year and Fran confirmed to me that she would be happy to be invited back. As a final step, a question raised from Matlock concerned trimming corners with a specific junction in mind and Fran has volunteered to visit the location and give 'a ruling'.

Bob Stone



MY IAM JOURNEY

I became a full member of the IAM in December 2016 after being an associate since August.

Many hours and many many miles passed as I was gradually trained, observed and advised by members of our Chesterfield group. I travelled on every type of road in places I had never been, some never heard of !! Gradually after a while everything started to make sense and fall into place.

Well I take a pride in my driving now and no longer worry when I approach a speed camera van - previously I only ever saw them at the last moment. So much more to think about and concentrate on.

I am so much more aware of everything around me and yet more relaxed. I'm really enjoying my driving in a way I never have before.

This is all thanks to you - the 'boys and girls' of the Chesterfield group who give up your free time as volunteers to help us to improve our skills and pass our driving exam.

A lot of hours and hard work is put into running the group and I've been very impressed how approachable and friendly everyone has been. I've been made to feel very welcome.

Thank you everyone.
Paul Daly.

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Please consider having this newsletter delivered to you by way of email to save on printing and postage costs. The appeal in last month's newsletter only prompted two positive responses!

Diary Dates

March 2017

Sunday 5 th	Guidance	Sainsbury's Car Park, 9.30 am
Saturday 11 th	Guidance	Sainsbury's Car Park 9.30 am
Tuesday 7 th	Matlock IAM Group Quiz 7.30 pm	Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale
Wednesday 8 th	Lunch Club (Thanks to Paul Daly for organising)	Harvester, Treble Bob A619 Worksop Road, Barlborough S43 4TX
Thursday 16 th	Social – James Pogson from Northern Tea Merchants FAMILY AND FRIENDS WELCOME	St Thomas's Centre, Chatsworth Road, Brampton, 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 28 th	Committee Meeting	Chesterfield Library Café, 7.30 pm

Future Dates: - April

Sunday 2 nd	Guidance
Saturday 8 th	Guidance
Wednesday 12 th	Lunch Club
Thursday 20 th	Social An entertaining talk by Paul Longden, retired Solicitor from Jones 'n Middleton (now Banner Jones).