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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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APPEAL FOR SECRETARY AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR

As you know, Bob and I will be moving out of area **very** soon. This leaves two vacancies, the most important of which is the post of Group Secretary. Bob has a Job description so please consider whether you can help out with this post. The same goes for Newsletter Editor. The group has it's own printer and I can provide a stick with all relevant templates, lists etc. The Group definitely CANNOT manage without a secretary.

Possibly one of the most demanding aspects of the IAM test is what is now called “spoken thoughts”, but it need not be with a little help and practice. Most, at first, tend to say too much about a single hazard, sometimes it is passed before finishing. The secret is to be brief using key words , giving time to state your plan which is the most important aspect of the exercise. Here are a few “briefs” and their meanings.

- Share the gap.....there is enough room for me and the oncoming vehicle
- Movement.....looking for any activity at schools, hospitals, petrol stations
- Cross view.....looking sideways through hedges, gaps, fields
- Tyres and tarmac.....leaving enough room in case an overtake is needed, also acts as a safety margin (when stationary)
- Trim the bend.....slightly straitening of a corner. If safe to do so
- On a bus route.....looking out for stops and passengers
- Eyes on full beam.....looking as far ahead as possible so as to be prepared
- Layby ahead..... look to move over if safe to do so, if needed
- Limit points.....the maximum distance possible using the road surface
- Lower/higher limit ahead.....prepare to pass the sign at the exact speed (lower limit) and prepare to make progress (higher limit)

I would recommend also stating three “considers” during the test.....consider a horn....lets the examiner know you are aware of the correct use...consider an overtake...go through the routine even if an overtake is not on, it shows you know how to do it.....consider a signal.....many times they are not needed, if you give one and there is no one

there, it shows you have not looked, remember signals are to help other road users and must not be automatic. (I live on a fairly quiet road, not much traffic, yet some drivers signal to enter their drives even when no one is there!)

Another car auction to look out for this summer...a rare, rare barn find.. an E type Jaguar, put away 40 years ago and 'forgotten'. Worth £90,000 when restored! (Are you interested Dom, as a joint project?)

Finally , recently heard a lovely saying from the film Best Marigold Hotel
Quote "It will be alright in the end, and if it's not right now, it's not the end"

Stay safe and happy Mike



Congratulations to member John Todd who recently passed the IAM Fellows test. Over the last 4 years he has obtained 4 ROSPA Gold passes and I am sure he won't mind me quoting that he is an Octogenarian, so well done!

Paul Daly recently took his Observer's test and passed with flying colours. Congratulations to Paul.

Not feeling car-less any more

Back in the April newsletter I wrote a little piece about feeling car-less as I had sold my Mito. Things were working out OK. Bob and I hadn't fallen out over car sharing, but sometimes it was awkward, and I started to feel more and more 'trapped' if he was out playing golf, or at a whole day IAM event! OK, so I used the bus a few times into town flexing my Old Persons Card, but getting anywhere apart from the town centre seemed problematic. I didn't have the inclination to swap buses to get somewhere else!

After 4 months of being without a car of my own, I started to hunt around for another one. I scoured all the websites on a daily basis but nothing was grabbing me at all. I wanted an automatic, with a bit of 'oomph', so small cars with engines of 1000cc weren't going to be in my radar. It's no fun trying to get up Slack Hill with a 1000 engine! And of course I had a budget, which was "I'm not going to spend more than I sold my last car for". So even more restrictions I suppose.

I saw a Yaris advertised at a dealership and went to have a test drive. It was definitely a no-no. Of course I am not saying all Yaris's are bad, but this particular one was! Lots of rattles and bumps and I think the brakes were dusty too. A most uncomfortable and noisy ride.

Eventually a vehicle came up which sounded just right, at a dealer over near Nottingham, a 2012 Peugeot 2017, automatic, fsh, low mileage, etc.etc. So we went over there and I had a test drive and thought it was just what I wanted. OK, so there are one or two faint scratches, and a tiny dent at the back but I wasn't concerned about that. After a bit of negotiation I said yes to it, and I am enjoying my new toy. It's very nippy. Bob thinks it sounds 'tinny' when you shut the doors, but again, I can put up with that. The thing is, it goes up hills without a problem, and as we will be moving to Crowborough in the not too distant future, being able to get up hills is a necessity (Crowborough is the highest town in East Sussex)!

Yvonne

More photos from Staveley Canal Festival



Diary Dates

AUGUST 2018

Sunday 5 th	Guidance	9.30 am Sainsburys Car Park
Saturday 11 th	Guidance	9.30 am Sainsburys Car Park
Wednesday 8 th	Lunch Group	The Woodside, 343 Ashgate Road, S40 4DB, 1 p.m.
Sunday 19 th	Chesterfield Motor Fest, autojumble, classic car display etc.	Marketplace, Chesterfield 8 am – 4 p.m.
Tuesday 28 th	Committee Meeting	Chesterfield Library Café, 7.30 p.m.

Future Dates: -

Guidance – 2 September, 8 September
Social - 20 September – to be announced

Other Socials:

October – Simon Came, Highways England
November – Jan Murphy – The Black and White buildings of Chesterfield
December – Christmas Social.
January – AGM followed by Paul Newsham, Criminal Forensics.