

Warrington Group of Advanced Motorists

(Registered Charity Number 1048554)



An IAM RoadSmart affiliated Group for Cars and Bikes
<https://www.warram.org.uk>

Group Newsletter



October / November 2019

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by order of the Group Committee, that the 39th Annual General Meeting of "WARRINGTON ADVANCED MOTORISTS" will be held at **8.00pm on Wednesday 16th October 2019** at **Grappenhall Cricket Club, Broad Lane, Grappenhall, WA4 3ER** to enable the Trustees of the Group (Registered Charity No 1048554.) to present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2019 for approval by the Group Members and to conduct an election.

Secretary's Name: [Mrs. Jean Carter](#)
Address: 74 Forshaw Street,
Warrington,
WA2 7HD.

Date: 8th August 2019
and 3rd October 2019 for
final notice.
Group No. 5075

All Members, Associates and Friends are invited to attend but only fully paid up members of the Institute and of the Group may vote.

CURRENT OFFICERS

All Officers retire annually but may stand for re-election (Group Rule 3.3)

Mr. Andrew Bloomer.	Chairman	Standing for re-election
Vacant	Vice Chairman	
Mrs. Jean Carter.	Secretary	Standing for re-election
Mr. Steve Segar.	Treasurer	Standing for re-election

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

One third of the committee (excluding Officers) must retire annually but may stand for re election (Group Rule 3.3)

A RETIRING BY ROTATION AND STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION

B RETIRING AND NOT STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION

[Mr Chris Harris.](#)

C COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT RETIRING (remaining yrs of office)

Mr. Simon Jones, Mr. Tim Bolton, Mr. John Dorman, Mr. Vince Scriven.	1 yrs
Mr. Peter Marsland.	2 yrs

D CO-OPTED MEMBERS, STANDING FOR ELECTION

[Mr. John Bellamy, Mr. David Cox.](#)

E OTHER MEMBERS STANDING FOR ELECTION (as at going to publication - closing date for Nominations 4th October 2019)

NOTE - The total number of Committee Members including the Officers must not exceed twenty. Please see the NOMINATION PAPER (available from the Secretary) for further detail.

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

As the summer rapidly becomes a distant memory and autumn is upon us and the nights are getting darker, I'm encouraged to see that the usual Thursday evening Chippy Runs are still active and a special mention must be made to Simon Jones, who not only plans routes and destinations almost every week, but also religiously attends almost all regardless of weather conditions. Simon is one of our many unsung heroes and doesn't get the plaudits he deserves. Well done and a big thanks to Simon from ALL the Group!

The car side remains quite buoyant with regular run outs on Sunday mornings where we have Jean & Vince managing the associates and observers with military precision so that everyone is catered for. We also run sessions during the week for those associates who struggle to make Sunday mornings. A big thanks you to both Jean & Vince, but also all the observers who regularly attend.

I'd also like to make a special mention to Mike Lyne. Mike has been with the Group for a long time and has held numerous positions within the Group and Committee, and even spent time working as an IAM Council Member (working with HQ). Mike is one our of current National Observers and Local Observer Assessors, as well as being responsible for setting up our new web page. For those of you who don't know by now, Mike is relocating with his wife Kathy back down to Cornwall to be closer to their family. Mike and Kathy will be missed, but our loss will be another Groups gain as he's intending to join his local Group and continue his journey with the IAM. I'd also like to say a big thank you to Kathy, who turns up almost every Sunday to help with the associates and observers and she will also be missed. We all wish you both all the best for this latest chapter in your lives.

Finally, here's another Sudoku puzzle for you to have a go at, and as always, the answer will be found later in the newsletter.

Keep Safe
Andrew Bloomer

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS AND CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome to new member Rachel Burns who has joined the car section. Also Alexander Perez and Paul Williams who have joined the Bike section. Should you have any questions or queries please ask and we will endeavour to resolve them. We would also like to welcome new observers to the Motorcycle side as Dave Cox and Phil Buckley have joined the group.

WELCOME

Congratulations to Owen Battye on passing his car test and Gareth Mills and Steve Ineson (First) on a successful motorcycle test.



When you pass the Test and receive your membership information from head quarters could you please let me know so that the membership records can be updated with your IAM membership number and expiry date?

A special note for our email members, please keep your mailbox cleansed as they sometimes bounce back, also if you are thinking of changing your email address then please remember to let me know at distribution@warram.org.uk

With thanks
Vince

DIRECT BANKING TRANSFER TO SETTLE YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

For those members of the group who are ultimately organised this is forward notice that WAM group subscriptions are due 1st October 2019 for the 2019/2020 year. Subscription rate remains at £5 for full membership. Details to make a bank transfer are as follows:-

Sort Code: 09-01-51 Account No: 71840801
Account Name: Warrington Group of Advanced Motorists

As you can appreciate there will be lots of entries all for £5 and so the treasurer requests that you place your name in the payment reference field.

For those members who prefer traditional methods then a cheque payable to Warrington Advanced Motorists or cash can always be sent in the customary white or brown envelope to:-
Mr Vince Scriven.
10 Martindale Road, Beechwood, Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 2TU.

Associates still under training are exempt from this fee as are honorary members. We no longer need the membership form to be completed but please do contact our membership secretary if your personnel details have changed (contact@warram.org.uk).

Receipt of your subscription will be deemed as allowing WAM to hold your personnel data in accordance with new GDP regulations 2018.

FORMER PRESIDENT ALAN DOMVILLE CONTINUES HIS REMINISCENCES AS A MOTORING WRITER & LIFELONG GROUP FRIEND.....

Almost every time I attend a new car launch these days so many of my senior journalist colleagues declare words to the effect that "We've had the best days and they won't be coming back." They are referring especially to lavish trips to all points of the globe which took up to a week to undertake - about which I have reminisced in my series of contributions to our newsletter over the years.

Another well-used comment is "Who are these people?" This is a reference to the presence of non-journalists who have created websites, allegedly in order to obtain test cars.

And there's another. "Who could possibly consider inviting him or her - they cannot even drive!" In this instance the "Glass Half Empties" are complaining about the "influencers" who push products with the prestigious backcloth of, say, an Audi or a Mercedes-Benz.

To the first comment I would say the "days" are as enjoyable as they ever were; foreign trips are as plentiful as ever for those who supply cuttings after events. To the second the fact is that if companies' press officers were not receiving value for their outlay their accountants would by now have certainly let them know. And to the third the internet cannot be uninvented.

We live in an age where young children (or rather their parents) can make millions simply by opening the wrappings and playing with the toys inside on You Tube. Sadly there has inevitably become a rift between the different sets of guests on launches with too little effort being made to understand each others' roles.

I was greatly embarrassed recently when going down to breakfast during a launch with a colleague, one of the "others" invited us to join him at his table. My colleague made a weak excuse and walked on. I'm sure that when I became a motoring correspondent the doyens of the day - Lord Strathcarron, Raymond Baxter, John Bolster, Basil Cardew, Patrick Mennem, Courtney Edwards - may well have wondered 'who was this young whippersnapper from the sticks who joined their company?'

One of them, Jack Nihill had been invited to the Volkswagen Beetle Mark One launch attended by Adolf Hitler in 1938. But never at any time did I feel there was any animosity towards me. Indeed to a man (there were no women correspondents in those days) they were always helpful and supportive. And what stories they could tell!

What my pessimistic colleagues should be doing today is to adjust to and welcome the times in which we live and not continually yearn for days gone by.

There are around 60 million people living in Great Britain. There are around 60 professional motoring writers. Each of us, then, could be said to be one in a million.

We really are privileged and still have a wonderful profession to enjoy and I am certain there are still many exciting times and experiences ahead.

GROUP SIGN OFF BY PORTFOLIO



Warrington Advanced Motorists have just completed their first IAM Roadsmart Group Sign Off by Portfolio.

Mike Lyne, one of our Local Observer Assessors (Car) was the actual Observer who delivered the course and the successful recipient was Lizbeth Spence. Andrew Bloomer, our Chief Observer, was the other Observer involved.

Pictured is Mike Lyne presenting Liz with a certificate recommending her for Full Membership of IAM Roadsmart by Portfolio.

BIKER DOWN COURSE AT LYMM FIRE STATION (FREE)

We are planning another "Biker Down" event at midday on Sunday 13th October. Venue is at Safety Central (the new Lymm Fire Station) Cliff Lane, Lymm, Warrington WA13 0TE.

The Course will run until around 4pm and is free for anyone to attend. Covering "scene of accident management, riding strategy, first aid and some other elements". Free coffee, tea & biscuits.

Personalised certificate for all who attend. Please contact Simon Jones via text on (07957 170185) or WhatsApp to reserve a place. Just name and contact number please!

DRIVING THROUGH AUTUMN: TIPS FROM IAM ROADSMART

It's now officially autumn so we're going to take a look at some of the hazards you may come across. Follow these tips by IAM RoadSmart's head of driving and riding standards, Richard Gladman, to make sure you stay safe whilst driving throughout autumn.

- Check your battery before the winter arrives. In winter we often place a strain on the battery with lights, heated screens, seats and the air conditioner to demist and keep us warm. If there are any sign of your car battery struggling now, it's likely to let you down as it gets colder
- Prepare for darker mornings and evenings. You'll be doing a lot more driving in the dark when autumn hits, so ensure you're confident whilst driving in the dark
- That low winter sun can be an issue so keep a pair of sunglasses in the car and also make use of the sun visor too. If you are dazzled, slow down immediately
- Now is the time to check your antifreeze levels. The good thing about antifreeze is that it contains additives that prevent corrosion and rust, and during the summer it helps keep the engine from overheating
- Top up the windscreen washer with de-icing additive - the colder it gets the stronger the solution needs to be
- Check your windscreen wipers. If they begin to blur the front/rear window or begin making an awful squeaking noise, it's time to replace them with new ones
- Have a look at your car headlights. It is dangerous for you and for the other road users if your lights do not work properly. Changing a bulb is often a complicated job these days so do it at home and not at the roadside
- Leaves or pine needles on the road can turn into a mushy film which obscures potholes, road markings and increases stopping distance. Anticipate problems when you approach woods and trees and slow down until the road is clear
- Watch out for animals. October through to December is considered the highest risk of deer collisions in the UK, so take notice of any wildlife signs that you come across and take extra care

There may be more distractions over the next few months with events taking place, such as Guy Fawkes night. There may be fireworks going off so ensure you're alert for any scared animals that may run into the road. Also, Halloween is approaching, so you'll have some ghouls and ghosts walking the streets so be sure to look out for them.

Richard said: "As the temperature drops, your car is a nice cosy place to be when it is working properly - sound preparation will help your journey go smoothly. Frosty mornings and falling leaves might be picturesque but they can cause all sorts of problems, particularly for two-wheeled road users. Give motorcyclists and cyclists more room and anticipate their actions."

"Drivers also need to stay alert for blocked drains and localised flooding at this time of year. Your aim should always be to have a clear view of the changing seasons around you, and for other road users to be able to see you."

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER SOLUTION

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INTERESTING CAR FACTS (WELL I THOUGHT SO!) [Ack: thefactfile.org]

- The world's **first automobile** was developed by Carl Benz in 1885. The top speed of the motor car was 16 km per hour. It had a one cylinder four-stroke engine installed horizontally on a specifically designed chassis. It was known as the Benz Patent Motorwagen.



- In 1908, the Model T developed by Henry Ford became the first car available to the masses. This was a low-cost car. It cost around \$850 in 1908 and \$260 in 1925 (the reduction in the cost of the car was because of the invention of the assembly line).
- The first self-propelled vehicle-Cugnot Fardier—was made by Nicolas-Joseph Cugnot in 1769. It was a steam-powered tricycle.
- The world's first Internal Combustion engine-The Pyr  olophore—was probably built by Nicephore Niepce in 1807. The inventor is also credited with the invention of photography.

- Carl Benz applied for a patent for his "vehicle powered by a gas engine" on January 29, 1886. The patent application, bearing the number DRP - 37435 could also be referred as the birth certificate of the automobile. The patent application was registered with the German Imperial Patent Office in Berlin.
- There are an estimated 1.2 billion cars in the world today while there were only 500 million in 1986. According to a report released by a research house Bernstein, there will be a total of 2 billion cars on the planet by 2040.
- Almost 95% of a car's lifetime is spent parked.
- Surprisingly, 80% of an average car is recyclable. In the U.S. alone, 12 million vehicles are recycled every year. Interestingly, automotive recycling is the 16th largest industry in the U.S.
- Almost 65% of the world's population drives on the right side of the road.
- A crash typically happens within an average of three seconds after a driver is distracted. According to a source, texting while driving increases the chances of an accident by 23 times.
- Driving a car with a standard or manual transmission is not an easy job for Americans. Note that more than 95% of the cars in the U.S. have automatic transmission. On the other hand, in Europe and Japan, more than 80 percent of cars sold have manual transmissions.
- In 2013, white was the world's most favorite car color. According to an Australian study, white vehicles are 10% less likely to be involved in an accident. Moreover, cars that have mainstream colors are prone to theft more than those that have less popular colors.
- In 2017, Tesla became the world's second most valuable car company.
- In case of a crash or an impact, airbags inflate in just 30 milliseconds.
- In 1980, Japan became the world's leading auto producer. However, currently, it is the world's third largest producer of cars (behind China and the US).
- From 1909 to 1927, Ford built more than 15 million cars. Initially, the Model T took 12 hours for assembly. With the help of the assembly line technique, this amount of time was cut to 8 minutes for each car in 1913, and finally in 1927, during the last years of the production of the Model T, the factory was delivering a completely assembled car in just 24 seconds. Now that's the power of innovation.
- One of the worlds' most loved cars; the Volkswagen Beetle has sold 20 million and more units worldwide and was the most popular car of the 20th century.
- The Toyota Corolla is the world's best selling car. The Corolla is sold in over 150 countries and the company sells 1 Corolla every 15 seconds. Since its launch in 1966, the company has sold more than 44.1 million of these cars and that is roughly equivalent to 20% of the company's overall sales.
- Electric cars are not a new phenomenon. Thomas Davenport is credited with building the first practical electric vehicle — a small locomotive.
- According to a source, in the U.K, almost £70,000 is spent on fuel by the average motorist over their lifetime.
- The word "car" comes from the Latin word "carrus" - a two-wheeled wagon.
- Almost three-quarters of the Rolls Royce cars ever produced are still on the road today.

YOUNG DRIVER AND PASSENGER DEATHS 'SWEEPED UNDER THE CARPET' COMPARED TO KNIFE CRIME AND DRUGS, SAYS IAM ROADSMART

Road safety charity IAM RoadSmart has called for the issue of deaths of young people in car crashes to be given equal attention to knife crime and drugs in government plans.

The charity reiterated its call for tighter restrictions on young new drivers in response to the government's research into how the number of serious and fatal crashes can be reduced.

Friday saw IAM RoadSmart, the UK's biggest road safety charity, make its submission to a road safety inquiry by the House of Commons Transport Committee, which recently launched an investigation into ways of cutting the number of crashes involving those under 25.

In its submission, Neil Greig, IAM RoadSmart director of policy and research, said: "The risk factors are well known; lack of experience in all traffic conditions including rural roads, darkness and poor weather, distraction by peer passengers or mobile phone use and alcohol.

"Choosing restrictions to limit these risk factors should be the key objective of the government in creating a new graduated licensing system that is practical, affordable and effective in reducing young driver road deaths and injuries."

IAM RoadSmart is calling for a number of measures to be introduced which would tackle this tragic issue and ensure young drivers are less at risk when they take to the road for the first time:

- Road safety education should be part of the National Curriculum and theory and hazard perception training and testing should take place within the education system.
- IAM RoadSmart supports a 12-month minimum learning period with an online learning log for learner drivers to complete prior to taking the practical test.
- The practical driving test should include driving on high speed and rural roads.
- IAM RoadSmart strongly supports the development of a post-test phase to the licensing system. After passing the practical test, refresher and eco-driving lessons must be taken before full license status is granted.
- Alongside these interventions IAM RoadSmart supports graduated licence controls in the first months of driving to allow only one peer passenger (but no limit on older passengers) and a zero blood-alcohol limit.
- IAM RoadSmart does not support night-time curfews on young drivers as they reduce opportunities to gain experience, impact on the economy and job prospects and raise problems of enforcement.
- IAM RoadSmart is ready to provide its knowledge and expertise in developing the content of the minimum learning period and post-test interventions.

Neil added: "Successive governments have brushed this issue under the carpet which is disgraceful as road crashes are the biggest killer of young people today, yet it gets scant attention in terms of time and effort at the top level of government and in the media compared to knife crime or drugs.

It is time that the government took this seriously at last and show that it cares for the young people of the UK by supporting fundamental changes to save these valuable young lives."

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The only method available to receive our group's newsletter is to send your email address to distribution@warram.org.uk and ensure your mail browser does not reject messages from this address.



Contributions to the October/November newsletter are more than welcome. Please send them to: newsletter@warram.org.uk or pass them to any committee member. The deadline for next newsletter is Sunday 17th November 2019.



QR CODE

The group has set up a QR code - simply scan the image with a smartphone and it will take you to our website.



FACEBOOK

You can find us on Facebook - just look up Warrington Advanced Motorists. There is also a national IAM Facebook group: IAMRoadSmart.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

[Cars] Sundays at 10:15: Every Sunday except Christmas and New Year and Easter Sunday	Observed Runs (car) Refresher Runs (car)	Holiday Inn Woolston Grange Avenue Woolston, Warrington WA1 4PX
[Bikes] On arrangement with your observer	Observed Runs (bikes)	On arrangement with your observer
Sunday 27 th October Sunday 24 th November	End of month run (bikes)	Poplar 2000, Lymm
Every Thursday at 19:00 (weather permitting)	Chippy Run (bikes)	Let's Eat Cafe and Tall Trees filling station layby (off A49 in Lower Whitley)
Wednesday 6 th November at 19:30	Committee Meeting	Holiday Inn Warrington, WA1 4PX
Sunday 17 th November	Newsletter deadline	

Further details of all of these events can be found on our website:
www.warram.org.uk or by asking any committee member.

FINISHED READING? PASS IT ON....



Personal recommendations from members are one of the main ways we recruit new associates, so please feel free to pass on this newsletter.