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Welcome to York IAM Group Newsletter

WINTER 2022

Forthcoming Events – dates for your DIARY

DECEMBER 2022

Tues 20th 7.00pm

Pike Hills

MEMBERS' MEETING

Find out about Drink Drive Rehab and DD MYTHS
Enjoy a light supper & the Xmas Quiz
Members and Guests welcome

PLEASE BOOK BY CONTACTING SHEILA JEFFERSON – Secretary

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JANUARY 2023

Thurs 5th 7.00pm

Pike Hills

Observers' Meeting

Tues 10th 7.00pm

Easingwold

Committee Meeting

FEBRUARY 2023

Sat 4th 9.30am

Pike Hills

ADC Launch – new Associates

21st Feb 7.00pm

Pike Hills

AGM – full details tbc

MARCH 2023

Thurs 2nd 7.00pm

Pike Hills

Observers' Meeting

APRIL 2023

Tues 18th 7.00pm

Pike Hills

Members Meeting – Speaker tbc

More details will follow

NEWS from our Chair & Membership Secretary

Our November members meeting attracted a record turnout for the Group – I hope this means that you are enjoying our road safety topics. One of our members reports on page four.

We have lots more to look forward to in 2023.

Have you recently refreshed your driving by booking in for a session with an Observer? See details on our Chief Observer page...



We currently have 19 Associate members driving with us, 16 starting at our recent Course Launch morning on 1st October.

Two have already passed the IAM Advanced Driving Test.

The launch mornings are proving very popular, giving all Associates the chance to meet each other, the Observer team, and committee members as well as enjoying an introduction to the course. Would you like to come along and help? Perhaps refresh your course knowledge at the same time? Please do get in touch!

Our total number of Advanced Driving Test successes this year stands at 48.

F1RSTs were awarded to 12 of these members.

Well done to all Associates and their Observers.

Our next Course Launch is on 4th February 2023.

KEEP KIDS SAFE

We have welcomed 31 associates within this scheme during the year and the North Yorkshire Police Fire & Crime Commissioner has congratulated us on their results – all these people now driving better with and without their children in the car! The initiative will continue in 2023 – please do pass on details to anyone you know in our area who regularly drives with child passengers.

Are you interested in
IMPROVING CHILD SAFETY?
YES ?

Then YOU should take the IAM
Advanced Driver Course

This 3 month course (weekly drives) will:-

Refresh/Update your driving SKILLS
Address any BAD driving HABITS
Build or rebuild driving CONFIDENCE

This course is extensive, enjoyable and lots of fun !

FULL REFUND on completion

Sue Kemp

News from our Chief Observer

We currently have 14 operational Observers we are well into guiding our October started associates. Some are now almost ready for test which is testament to the good quality of guidance and experience of the observers.

This last year has been busy one for the observers with 2 full training days and a day's outing on the skid pan. This is helping to develop a good level of team and relationships which is paying dividends for those coming onto the Advanced Driving Course.

We have sadly lost one of the long serving Observers in Neil Harrison who passed away recently. Neil was held in high esteem within the team and over the years saw many associates through to test. He will be missed as he always had a sense of fun and humour which always lifted the meeting he attended. Our thoughts at this time are with his wife Doreen.

I must just mention a young man who 5 months ago passed his DVLA driving test and with his father's encouragement had applied to take the advanced driving course. He has now passed the Advanced Driving Test with a F1RST which is a wonderful achievement for one so young but yet so capable. So keen is Daniel Grey that both him and his father are coming along to be trained as observers in the new year. This is a terrific moment as he will be our youngest observer in the group's history. We will also be welcoming Mike Hammond also a recent F1RST in the advanced driving test and there are potentially 2 further gentlemen who are showing interest in becoming Observers. This is all good for future associates as we should have the capacity to deal with bigger groups of associates in the future.

Long may it continue.

Ian Goring

Chief Observer/Training Manager

York Advanced drivers



Members' Refresher Drives

These can be arranged by contacting Ian Goring Chief Observer on 01904 700489. Member's Refresher Drives offer the free opportunity to check your driving skills with one of our qualified Observers. Times and dates by individual arrangement to suit members.

Usually arranged to start from
DOBBIES Garden Centre Car Park YO26 6QE.

News about our most recent Members meeting



Traffic Constable Dan Stoppard Road Safety Officer from North Yorkshire Roads Policing Group came to talk to us to explore BLUE LIGHT AWARENESS both from the police and the general public's perception.

As an Advanced Driver, he is eligible to drive any high performance vehicle, has done his Tactical Pursuits and Containment training (TPAC) and is also an Advanced Motorcycle Rider.

We watched videos of various traffic offences, including anti social driving where drivers drove as fast as they could, posting it on social media as 'the best burn out.'

Operation Snap is where people can report careless and anti social driving by sending dashcam footage to police.

Dan told us about the Fatal Five:

1. Careless and inconsiderate driving
2. Drink and drug driving
3. Not wearing a seat belt
4. Excessive speed
5. Using mobile phone



Every month North Yorkshire Police focus on one aspect. November was lack of car insurance. December it's drink and drug driving. This targeted policing has resulted in a 10% reduction in offences.

Dan drives a BMW 330 diesel, a high speed Interceptor, fitted with the latest LED lighting, matrix sign and siren. The cockpit reminded me more of a jet cockpit than a traditional car. It was full of computers, microphones, cameras, gauges and buttons. It was a really informative and enjoyable evening.

Ali Moore

Ali joined the Group this year and achieved a F1RST when she took the ADT in April 2022.



IAM certificate presentations by TC Dan Stoppard – 15 November 2022



We are pleased to share the link from IAMRS about how to Manage driving over the Christmas period. For more information copy and paste the full address given below.

During the coming festive season most of us will be running around shopping and meeting with friends and family to celebrate their hard earned break. These tips give advice on how to deal with fatigue whilst travelling during this busy season.

Plan your journey before you set off.

On long trips travel when you would normally be awake to minimise the risk of falling asleep at the wheel...

Don't start a long trip if you feel exhausted. Prevention is better than cure.

Take proper breaks every two hours and don't rely on caffeine or energy drinks alone.

Implement a 'buddy' system. Driving with a partner on long trips can be the safest thing to do. Make sure you passengers are comfortable and the children have some activities to keep them occupied

Christmas driving can be a pleasure if you plan ahead.

Always take some time to load the car properly as those nicely wrapped presents could become dangerous projectiles if you have to brake suddenly.

<https://www.iamroadsmart.com/about-us/news-and-insights/advice-and-insights/2016/12/14/tis-the-season-to-be-worn-out>

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