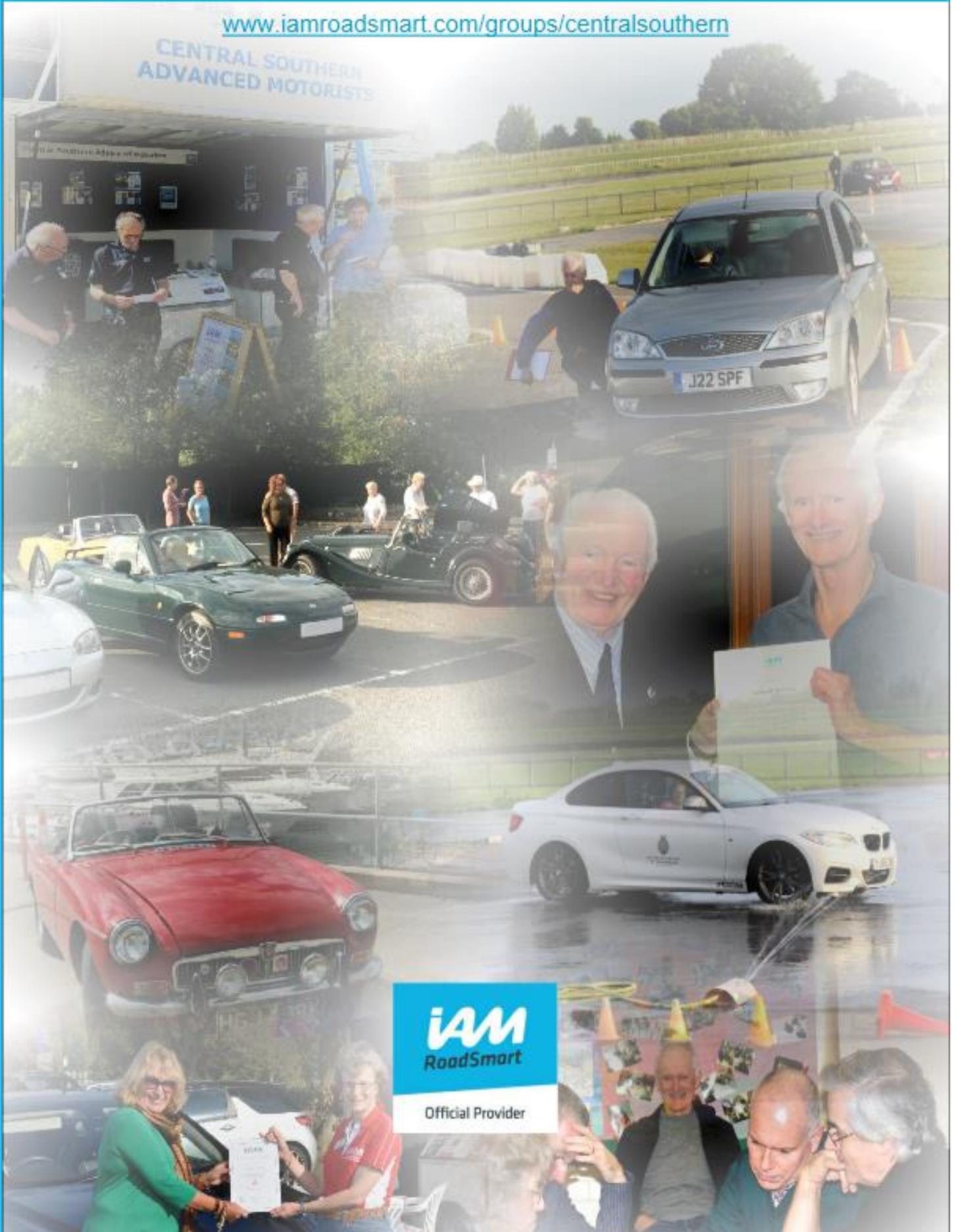


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## From the Editor



Welcome to our Summer Newsletter for 2021.

Just prior to starting work on this edition our newsletter I spent a couple of weeks in our wonderful West Country. The first week we were in a cottage at Washfield, near Tiverton in Devon. This was a great break with visits planned to Kilerton and Knightshays, both National Trust properties, and a visit to RHS Garden Rosemore, thereby finally making use of memberships which had been largely forgotten about during

lockdown.

Some of the roads were what used to be termed "single track roads with passing places". One road in particular on the approach to cottage we were staying at was so narrow that the grasses on each side were brushing against the both sides of the car at the same time.



Plenty of practice for reversing when meeting oncoming traffic when you had only just passed one of the passing places, a reminder also that you should be able to stop in just half the distance that you can see to be clear, because oncoming traffic require the other half, when traveling on these roads.

Also a reminder that even on a very hot day, when the air conditioning is working hard, drop the driver's window in an attempt to hear oncoming vehicles before you see them.





The second part of our break was added at the last minute, we decided to spend some time in a B&B at St Ives. When I attempted to book this I found that the only places available were some miles outside St Ives so I booked one for the extra days unaware at the time of booking that the G7 meeting was going on and that St Ives would be almost locked down by the security people. I later heard that many Hotels and B&Bs were block booked in the area and that many of these paid for rooms remained unoccupied, all parts of the G7 planning. Arriving at our B&B on the Friday we were unable to enter St Ives until the following Monday, once G7 was finished. Once again our National Trust Membership was put to good use with visits to St Michaels Mount and Godrevey Beach arranged for the days when our lords and masters had taken over St Ives.

There were lots of Police about in cars, vans, on motorcycles and on foot. Police motorcyclists in groups of six or more was not something I had seen on the road since my early teen when I would see groups of police men on training runs from Chichester riding Velocette LEs but here in Cornwall they were riding much bigger machines. I thought that it was good so many members of our Police force doing a serious job in a good natured way. The roads were not the only place where we encountered a security presence, whilst relaxing on Godrevey Beach we could see the Naval ship just off St Ives' Bay, HMS Tyne, and various small but fast craft in the waters of the bay. There were also regular military drone flights over the beach to remind you just how seriously the Government were taking the security of the G7 conference. All other drones and aircraft were forbidden to fly in the area for the duration of the conference.



Even once the conference was finished you would still find local roads that were closed off whilst temporary security structures were disassembled and removed on very large lorries which were a tight fit for the narrow roads.

So, for anyone planning a staycation holiday this year, my advice would be to check what else is happening in your chosen destination at the time that you have chosen to visit.

## CSAM People

We wave goodbye to Sally Franks who is relocating to the West Country. Sally was already a stalwart of the Chichester Group when I joined back in 1995. More recently Sally has, at various times, been involved with, but not limited to, Group Committee, Observing and Observer Training. I personally thank her for her assistance when I was looking to move from Local Observer to National Observer. Good luck Sally, your help with the group will be missed.

Sadly I report the recent death at the end of May of Frank Warren, who many members will remember, at the age of 96. Frank was also already with the Chichester Group when I joined, he served the group as both a Committee Member and as an Observer. He passed peacefully at the Kings Lodge Nursing home where he had been resident for some months.

**I am always looking for articles for this newsletter, if you have anything to say which you think our members would appreciate please forward a copy to me. Contributors, both old and new, would you please forward your work to my newsletter email address, [editor@csam.org.uk](mailto:editor@csam.org.uk).**

Andy Wilson,

Newsletter and Website Editor

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## Forthcoming CSAM Events

Members are advised to check the Events page of the CSAM website before setting out in case of last minute changes. Please click on the links on the website to find maps showing approximate location of venues.

Unless otherwise indicated, events and activities are open to all Members; everyone is encouraged to come along and, if they wish, to bring a guest or family member(s).

### [CSAM Events Page Link](#)

Date	Event	Location
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> July From 9:30am	Free Observed Runs for Associates and members of the public with one of our highly qualified Observers. Full Members are also encouraged to book a refresher drive. See website for other dates, then please contact our Chief Observer Phil Coleman to book. Contact details on page one.	NCP
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> August From 9:30am	Free Observed Runs for Associates and members of the public with one of our highly qualified Observers. Full Members are also encouraged to book a refresher drive. See website for other dates, then please contact our Chief Observer Phil Coleman to book. Contact details on page one.	NCP
Tuesday 31st August 19:30	A talk by a representative of Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance	AFH
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> September From 9:30am	Free Observed Runs for Associates and members of the public with one of our highly qualified Observers. Full Members are also encouraged to book a refresher drive. See website for other dates, then please contact our Chief Observer Phil Coleman to book. Contact details on page one.	NCP
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 19:30	Better Driving Course, this course is open to all members of the public who wish to improve their driving. The course will be held over five consecutive Tuesdays, the first date being 28th September.	AFH
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> October From 9:30am	Free Observed Runs for Associates and members of the public with one of our highly qualified Observers. Full Members are also encouraged to book a refresher drive. See website for other dates, then please contact our Chief Observer Phil Coleman to book. Contact details on page one.	NCP

BC: Billingshurst Centre, Roman Way, Billingshurst, RH14 9EW

NCP: Northgate Car Park, Chichester (entrance on eastern side of large roundabout)

AFH: Allan Fletcher Hall, Offington Park Methodist Church, South Farm Road, Worthing, BN14 7TN (entrance to the car park is in Broomfield Avenue)

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## From Our Chairman



I am so pleased to have something tangible to write about in this newsletter having had a hiatus in operations for so long.

In fact, there are two key items to inform you of... hold on to your hats!

Firstly, I am very pleased to announce the successful merging of Worthing Advanced Motorists (WAM) into Central Southern Advanced Motorists (CSAM) this completed on 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2021 and we are now one group. All former WAM members who consented to us holding their personal details have been set up as members of CSAM and the WAM funds from WAM have been transferred.

Worthing has had a long and successful history delivering the IAM RoadSmart Advanced Driver course with excellent results; they also have developed a Better Driver Course which is well received and is a great way to recruit new Associate members. WAM also had a vibrant events schedule which will not only continue but be expanded upon and made available to all CSAM members.

The new geographical footprint of our group is:



Given the size of the area we now cover, and based on feedback from Members, we are introducing the notion of "hubs" within the group. While under consideration for a little while, the completion of the WAM merger has been the catalyst to put this plan into action. Our hubs will aim to bring localised events.

We will start with "CSAM Worthing" and "CSAM Horsham". Sally Holmes and Oliver Farley are the respective hub leads and were co-opted onto the Committee in the March meeting. Sally has already organised some virtual events and there's more to come. Oliver is working hard

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to arrange a monthly Sunday morning meet for public taster runs, member refresher runs and Associate runs based out of Horsham.

If anyone would like to volunteer to start a hub in the East (Hayward Heath), I'd be very grateful and would love to hear from you.

Next, with the lockdown easing, we have restarted our on-the-road activities again. Our timeline for the restart was in line with guidance from both the Government and IAM RoadSmart. Observers and Associates are under no pressure to start on this timeline as all of our circumstances and preferences are different. In the brief resumption we had in the middle of last year, we provided rigorous guidelines for a safe observed run along with PPE; we will continue with this until the risks are lower.

As I write this, I am acutely aware of the next spike in cases coming and rest assured, we will carefully monitor the situation and react appropriately – the safety of our members is our number one concern.

Thanks to our Chief Observer, Phil, Observers have been attending virtual training sessions while we were unable to get out on the road, thereby keeping their skills refreshed. Of course, there's nothing like getting out on the road, so Observers are also going out in pairs to cross-check each other prior to going out with Associates.

I very much look forward to starting to hear about successful test passes in the near future.

Stay safe,

David.

Chairman

Central Southern Advanced Motorists



When I was in Asda car park a few years ago, I'd put all the shopping in, slammed the boot shut, and realised that stupidly I'd shut the keys in, and was locked out.

I tried all the doors, but with no luck, and looked around in despair, wondering what to do next. This particular Asda is right by a military base, and there happened to be a squaddie walking by on his way to the store.

I explained my plight and he offered to help. I watched as he walked round the car to the driver's side, and pushed on the door with his hip. To my amazement the lock popped up and he opened the door for me.

"How on earth did you do that?!" I asked

"Oh, it's easy," he said. "It's just these khaki trousers..."

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## Chief Observer's Corner



Yes we have restarted observed runs, albeit with restrictions. In line with government and IAM RoadSmart advice we are beginning to return to normal. We do still need to follow the Covid prevention guidelines regarding social distancing and the wearing of PPE. At this time we do not know when the guidelines will be changed.

Currently we have 37 Observers, including 1 Trainee Observer. Since my last Newsletter article Michael Coombes, David Lane, Paul Knapp and Sally Franks have stood down, we thank all four of them for their service to IAM RoadSmart and CSAM during their time as Observers, we will miss them. We also have four Observers who have declared that they will not be able to restart just yet. As a result of those Observers leaving and not being able to restarting just yet, there will be a need reassign several Associates. In the short term our Associate waiting list has grown. If you have been put on the waiting list please bear with us, you will be assigned a new Observer as soon as one is available. You may be asked if you are prepared to travel to meet an Observer, if you can this will help us and may mean that you can restart a little quicker.

We are always looking for new Observers, so if you would like join our Observer training program please let me know, we are especially interested in members from the Brighton area. If you have spoken to me in the past and you are still interest I'd be very happy to hear from you, I will also be trying to contact you.

In pairs, our Observers have been on the road practicing their skills and are now able to resume runs with their Associates to the same high standard that they had before the lockdown. Your Observer will be contacting you over the next period of time, you are welcome to contact them or me if you haven't heard anything.

Many Associates memberships have been extended due to the time that you have lost because of the lockdown, if you are unsure regarding your membership status please ask me or our Associate Liaison, John France.

### Restarting Chichester Northgate Runs

We are restarting the Chichester Northgate Sunday morning sessions on Sunday 18th July. If you would like to book a run please let me know so that I can book you in. We run two sessions 9:30 and 10:45, please include your preference when you contact me and I will try to accommodate your preference. The sessions are open to Associates, CSAM members, IAM members and members of the public.

Phil Coleman

Chief Observer



Two old guys sitting chatting.

The first guy says, "I hear up in the Manchester it rains cats and dogs!"

"Oh!" the second guy answers. "That doesn't sound so bad. I hear in London it's hailing taxis!"

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## Membership Mumblings!



I hope you are keeping well and enjoying meeting with family and friends within the current restrictions. Everything feels like it is moving along more now, the year is flying by yet so many milestones and achievements have occurred to get us to this point. Humanity has shown its strength and although there is mixed feelings about the delay to "freedom day" I never thought we could be in a position where all the protection in place was there one day and gone the next. As more people are vaccinated I am really hoping we will see a dramatic stall of transmission and if it takes an extra four weeks to see this to bring reassurance to the future it is a small number of days to wait compared to what we have all been through.

Things are returning to pre-covid levels within my area of work but recovery has, and continues to bring challenges in the aftermath. So many changes have occurred, some were built for safety but others created opportunity for service improvement. Teams really came together over the last year with more multidisciplinary and regional working that I am really excited to nurture and develop this year.

Things have started to pick up within my role as membership secretary for the IAM. There are now more queries and more people interested in taking advanced driving training. I didn't share membership numbers with you during lockdown, things got extremely busy for me. I am almost up to date with sending out reminders regarding membership expiry and numbers will return to the newsletter in future editions. As expected membership has fallen during COVID, some members are finding themselves no longer driving and we haven't had the new membership from associates that balance those that no longer want to be part of the group. Your continued support really helps CSAM ensure better drivers are on the road in this area and as we come out of this pandemic and as things continue to open up we will once again be able to build on this.

I think you will all agree that the roads have been very different but I have started to notice an overall positive change on the roads. Yes the roads are certainly busier and some of the commuter routes are becoming congested during busy times but the majority of people's driving is much calmer and much more confident compared to the end of last year. It is great to see that learner drivers are now having the opportunity to get ready for their test and also that CSAM is starting to offer observed drives to its associates and look forward to restarting myself in the next couple of weeks. All our observers are having an observed drive before they meet their associates and I have mine this weekend. This ensures that we haven't adopted any bad driving habits over lockdown and ensures that we will offer the same standing of training once again to our associates.

I say overall positive change but I still witness some dangerous behaviours that remind me of the importance and the gratitude for the training I have had and continue to receive from CSAM. I was traveling south along the A3. I had seen a group of "sports cars" on the slip road to the services on the M25 earlier but witnessed the front of this group speed past and then slit into each lane of the A3 and in a line break so that they could create a gap and have a drag race. This was then proceeded to the rest of the group playing catch up before reaching Guildford. It appeared they came off in Guildford as they overtook me again the other side of Guildford. This was unnerving, there was no consideration of the impact any mistake in their drive would have and the emotional changes you could see in the drivers being held back before they started their race. I've seen this on the A27 too and I think it was these

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experiences, especially occurring with my family in the car, was the start of very different choices I seem to make about the choice of route.

My reflective personality didn't stop there and I now wonder how dependent we are on satnav apps that will send us down the "quickest route" home. There is an app that I have been using since I changed jobs resulting in an 80 mile round trip to Worthing. This app is supposed to help avoid the traffic but I found of late it seemed to do the opposite. I ended up ignoring it/switching directions off on several occasions and found quicker routes. One of the most significant changes that followed was my acceptance to learn multiple routes and to stop the commuting drive and adapt the route depending on what I was experiencing around me. What I am finding is the enjoyment that comes back, a larger proportion of my route to work is different everyday, and I am once again making progress. I really recommend looking at a road map, explore those unknown parallel routes and break away from satnav apps that are finding the best route for you.... based on roads others are using.

Matt

Membership Secretary

### Associates' News



We were all hoping that by now all restrictions would have been lifted.

Since May 17, observed runs have been possible with the agreement of both Associate and Observer. However, we now know that it will be another month until we are able to operate without restrictions.

Combining Worthing Advanced Motorists with C.S.A.M has brought several benefits one of which is that C.S.A.M now have additional Observers who will be able to help in geographic areas that were traditionally difficult for us to service.

With summer and the end of restrictions approaching, there is a clear increase in the number of new Associates joining C.S.A.M. Associates who have been "On Hold" or who were reluctant to start have also begun to come forward to enquire if Observers are available.

I am very pleased that, with our Observers support, we have been able to place 16 new Associates with Observers since the last Newsletter. However, our Waiting List is still a concern. I would like to ask every Observer to look closely at their current workload to see if they have space for another Associate and if so, to please let me know.

Just a reminder that IAM have produced online training modules for Associates. Hopefully, these modules will help support their course work and encourage everyone to improve their driving skills.

John France

Associate Liaison

TIME TO GET RID OF THE DANGLING DANGER (From UK Road Safety Network - Part of The Graham Feest Consultancy)

Derek Cozens raises the issue of windscreen and vision obstruction

It is surprising just how many vehicles are being driven around with objects dangling from the rear view mirror. There is potential for accidents not just from the loss of direct vision but also from the dulling down of the sensitivity of the peripheral vision because the driver's brain has to ignore the swinging movements of the obstruction.

Drivers may miss observing a whole range of near side dangers, vehicle doors being opened, children in the road, the opportunities for errors are all too apparent.

There is legislation in place to cover this problem and the fact that it is being ignored is probably down to two issues, the lack of central leadership on road safety matters and a lack of engagement with the drivers in a safety training process. Doubtless the individual drivers involved in death or injury would be all too readily prosecuted should screen obstructions be deemed the cause but as with the many other safety weaknesses on our roads, the control measures needed for accident prevention are not yet in place.

The government guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/stickers-or-other-items-in-front-and-rear-windcreens/view-to-the-front-and-windscreen-obscuration>

Driver Habits See Effects Of Covid (From IAM Roadsmart)

500 offences detected during a police road safety operation over the Bank Holiday weekend.

61% of UK drivers believe they are 'COVID Drivers' with car accidents increasing sharply by 22% over the late May Bank Holiday.

44% of drivers feel nervous about taking long-distance drives post-lockdown.

47% admitted to picking up bad habits during Lockdown which they are now taking onto the road.

26% of drivers said they feel more pressure driving now, due to busier roads.

A nationwide study by Nextbase, market-leader of in-car technology, has revealed that UK drivers believe the lockdown has massively impacted their driving habits and that they are sure they would FAIL their driving test if they had to take it again today. With 47% admitting to picking up bad driving habits during lockdown which they are now taking onto the road.

And these habits have only worsened during lockdown. The study also found that 29% of UK drivers said they are worrying about motorway driving now. When questioned about habits they have picked up whilst driving during the pandemic, more than one in five (22%) said they steer one-handed, 12% confessed to getting easily distracted when in the car, while 15% said they drive far too quickly.

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Nextbase aims to get UK motorists back on the road safely this summer, that's why they have recently partnered with the UK's leading road safety charity, IAM RoadSmart to develop their Driving Intelligence e-learning modules.

The post COVID study further found that 44% of motorists said they were feeling nervous about driving long distances post lockdown. This extended break from driving might lead to some hairy moments on the road, according to the data, 38% of surveyors expect to see an increase in road rage due to a traffic increase post lockdown.

42% of the 1,500 UK motorists polled confessed their driving skills were more than a little rusty following a decrease in their time spent on the road, while more than one in 10 (14%) say they have completely forgotten how to drive their car.

When questioned about their driving knowledge, over one in ten (11%) of those polled insisted they cannot remember a single thing from their theory test and 14% admitted they see signs on the road every day which they do not understand.

The Nextbase and IAM RoadSmart Driving Intelligence e-learning modules are free of charge with the purchase of any Nextbase dash cam. The modules help drivers learn about managing their speed and its impact on stopping distances, smart motorways and – via a simple quiz – important driving safety facts.

Tony Greenidge, CEO of IAM RoadSmart concludes: "It was inevitable that Lockdown would leave many drivers and riders with confidence issues, stress and rusty skills due to their enforced break from the roads. With any skill you learn, you need to improve and refresh it to remain top of your game. Driving and riding is no different. Our on-road courses and e-learning modules are designed to help boost confidence, improve existing skills, and widen knowledge. These proactive interventions help create more considerate road users and ultimately our goal is to make driving and riding enjoyable, fun and safe."

Do not miss out! Available on a first come first served basis only! Visit <https://www.nextbase.com/driving-intelligence/> to find out how you can download the Driving Intelligence modules with your dash cam purchase.

Bryn Brooker, Head of Marketing at Nextbase, which commissioned the study, said:

"As rules change over time and roads get busier it is understandable that people start to feel less confident on the roads. It is important, whether you are a new driver or have been driving for years, that you keep on top of your driving skills, and use everything at your disposal to assist you in driving safely and responsibly."

He continued to say:

"At Nextbase we pride ourselves on helping people on the roads feel secure and protected. "If you are looking to get your confidence back when out of the road the Driving Intelligence modules are a great place to start your revision. Additionally, a dash cam offers many solutions not just in the event of an incident, but as a deterrent – we've found that 54% of people will adjust their driving to be less aggressive if they see dash cams in the cars around them."

For more information on the new Nextbase training course please contact [nextbaseconsumer@agencybrazil.com](mailto:nextbaseconsumer@agencybrazil.com).

## SALLY FRANKS

Sally has recently moved to Nailsea in Somerset to be near her family.

Sally has been involved with the IAM since the early 1970's, starting in the Brighton Group then helping get the newly formed Chichester Group started and latterly with Central Southern Advanced Motorists. Sally has been an Observer for many many years where people will know her from but she has held various roles within the Groups. She has helped probably hundreds of Associates over the years and also Observers with their training and progress.

Sally has lived in Sussex for almost her entire life so this is a big step which she will relish and greatly enjoy especially being near to her family. Her loss to the Group will be someone's gain and we wish her all the very best in her new adventure in life.

Supplied by Gary Smith

## PAUL KNAPP

Paul Knapp joined what was Worthing Group Of Advanced Motorists (later to be called Worthing Advanced Motorists) in 1984 and shortly after became an observer, progressing to senior observer and - later - National Observer.



Paul was always a very active member of the Group. He was heavily involved with outside activities and events that Worthing Advanced Motorists (WAM) used to run. He was also a WAM Committee member helping to set up the original WAM website and holding the post of Webmaster for a brief period of time. He actively encouraged advanced driving, giving talks on behalf of WAM at various clubs and events. He also designed the WAM logo that was used until the Group joined with CSAM.

Paul took a lead in running the Better Driving course which he did twice a year for several years. This course was originally launched by Sussex Police with WAM Observers taking participants on observed drives. WAM took the course over when Sussex Police did not have time to commit to the course although they still supported the course by taking course participants on demonstration drives.

Paul has been a very successful Observer, seeing many drivers pass their Advanced test with his guidance. He also became a Local Observer Assessor, supporting other drivers to become Observers.

We are very grateful to Paul and all that he has done volunteering for WAM over the last 34 years. We wish him a well deserved retirement.

Supplied by Sally Holmes



If you have the inclination it's never too soon to talk to us about joining the Committee; we are currently in need of a Vice Chair, Young Persons Representative and a Social Media Coordinator.

Normally the Vice Chair would also be Chair Designate, able to deputise for the Chair should they be unavailable for any reason and ready to step up when the current Chair steps down.

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The role of Social Media Coordinator is not an arduous task and the updating on our various media accounts would be able to be undertaken at your convenience but would assume that you are currently active on Social Media.

The Young Persons Representative would also be a younger person themselves and able to connect well with both our younger current group members and also to communicate well with potential new young members.

It is possible that the Young Persons Representative and the Social Media Coordinator roles could be undertaken by one person.

Each of these roles would also present the opportunity to influence the future of Central Southern Advanced Motorists via a seat on the group committee. The posts are unpaid, voluntary positions, although you would not be expected to be out of pocket and pre-agreed expenses would be reimbursed.

For further information about any of these roles please contact David, our Chairman, using the contact details on page one.



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For those who still have a daily commute to work be grateful that your route does not include traveling on Columbia's TRAMPOLIN DE LA MUERTE Highway. Watch out for further pictures in this series, suggested by Malk Monro, in later newsletters.

IS YOUR VEHICLE UP TO E10 (From UK Road Safety Network - Part of The Graham Feest Consultancy)

This summer the standard petrol grade in the UK will become E10. Currently, UK petrol is E5, meaning it contains up to 5% bioethanol. E10 petrol will see the amount of bioethanol increase to 10%.

Petrol cars manufactured after 2011 and most modern motorcycles are E10 compatible. However, around 5% of petrol vehicles made before 2011 will need to continue to use E5 petrol which will remain available as the super grade petrol option at the pumps.

Using E10 fuel in an incompatible petrol vehicle will not cause immediate harm but continued use could damage your engine's parts. If in doubt about the compatibility of your vehicle, you can use the online E10 vehicle checker or seek further advice from the vehicle manufacturer or garage.

You can use this link to check that your car/motorcycle is compatible using E10

<https://www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-e10-petrol>

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IAM Roadsmart say "We have had a great response to our Member Get Member campaign that we launched back in 2019. Now it's time for an exciting refresh with new incentives and a fantastic prize draw!

Our members are at the heart of our charity and we appreciate your continued loyalty and support to help make our roads a safer place.

The Member Get Member scheme is a really good way of recruiting like-minded individuals who can advocate and promote our mission to make better drivers and riders, improve road safety, inspire confidence, and make driving and riding more enjoyable. Encouraging drivers & riders to expand their knowledge and skills by taking the Advanced Courses is a great way to protect those close to you and benefits all other road users.

As a member, for every referral you make you will get entered into our prize draw to win a £250 Virgin Experience Days Gift Card. Whether it's a track day with a friend who you haven't seen for a while or a hot air balloon ride – one to tick off the bucket list.

The referee will get 10% off an Advanced Course as well as an entry into the prize draw. We will be running these competitions each quarter with lots of amazing prizes to be won.

To book a course the referee will need to call our customer care team on 0300 303 1134 quoting your membership number and name. This will ensure you both get entry into the prize draw and that the 10% discount is applied to the booking.

The competition ends on 30 September 2021. The winner will be announced on our Social Media channels and emailed by 4 October 2021."

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If you are interested in taking a current version of a [Theory Test](#)

Suggested Advanced Driving videos, anything by [Reg Local](#) or [Chris Gilbert](#) on YouTube, both have worked as advanced police driving instructors.

## PLEASE NOTE

The deadline for contributions to the next Newsletter is 31st of August 2021

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