

ARE WE THERE YET?



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Cover Photo – Mystery Motor Race

Back in 1986 I went to a motor race, not Formula1, in a city location somewhere in the UK. This is one of the pictures I took. I won't reveal the location as it's the teaser for this month's newsletter on page 15. I'll give the answer next month.

Forthcoming Gatherings and Events

<p>Saturday 4th May 2024 9am – 5pm</p>	<p>In conjunction with the York group we have a stand at The Motorist</p>	<p>The Motorist New Lennerton Lane Sherburn in Elmet, Leeds LS25 6JE</p>
<p>Saturday 11th May 2024 10am – 4pm</p>	<p>Harrogate Motor Show & Family Fun Day</p>	<p>Harrogate Rugby Club, Rudding Lane, Harrogate HG3 1DQ</p>
<p>Sunday 12th May 2024 10am – 3pm</p>	<p>Tadcaster Classic Car Show</p>	<p>John Smiths Brewery Car Park, Tadcaster LS24 9HD</p>
<p>Monday 13th May 2024 8pm</p>	<p>MYAM AGM and buffet</p>	<p>Birkenshaw Liberal Club 10 Croft Street Birkenshaw, BD11 2HT</p>
<p>Monday 3rd June 2024 8pm</p>	<p>MYAM Social Meeting Helen Kilner Wakefield Road Safety Officer</p>	<p>Birkenshaw Liberal Club</p>
<p>Monday 1st July 2024 8pm</p>	<p>MYAM Social Meeting The Yorkshire Air Ambulance</p>	<p>Birkenshaw Liberal Club</p>

Everyone is welcome at these events and they are an ideal opportunity to meet new people socially, find out about what is going on within the Group and listen to interesting talks on a variety of topics, sharing our skills with other serious drivers and keeping up-to-date on club and driving matters.

If you intend attending the AGM and buffet can you let either Sally Lawrence or myself know by 10th May. You are welcome to bring a guest but please let us know if you are bringing a guest and to ensure we can cater for everyone can you let us know if you have any specific dietary requirements.

Please also note that although guests are welcome only full members of MYAM can vote in the elections.

From the Editor

Our next meeting at the Liberal Club is our AGM and you will find the agenda later in this newsletter along with the minutes from last year's AGM. I've also included the various reports presented at the last AGM. Because of this I've had to move many of the regular features to a future issue. However I am proposing to publish the committee reports from this year's AGM in the next issue rather than wait until next year.

As mentioned last month the committee will have a different look following the AGM as Janice will be standing down as chairman but will remain on the committee. Paul Macro is offering himself as chairman and had offered to act as secretary until a replacement could be found. However we really need to elect a new secretary at the AGM. Please contact Paul should you wish to undertake the role of secretary or need more information on the role of secretary. You can of course be nominated for the committee at the AGM. If you do wish to be nominated at the AGM please see Paul at the AGM.

As you can see from the Events page we have a full programme of attendance at car shows in our region. If you are attending any of these events please come over and say hello. Of course if you can help out on our stand, even for an hour, you would also be welcome.

Keith

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Will any Member wishing to have an item, article or picture included in the newsletter please submit it to the editor no later than the 15th of the month. These may be edited to save space. Thank you.

Disclaimer

The items contained in this newsletter are the views of the Members who contribute and not necessarily the views of the Institute of Advanced Motorists (I.A.M.) or MYAM.

GROUP MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to the Group

**Dudley Bush, James Cooper,
James Cowen, Elizabeth Tonner**

Congratulations

On passing the Advanced Test

No new passes reported

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Tesla Garage Leeds IAM Event

We have been notified of a possible IAM event at the Tesla showroom in Leeds. Currently we have no details of what this event entails but we may be asked to assist.

If you would be interested in taking part can you let us know. Once we receive confirmation of the event we will let those interested know what will be required.

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Wales Has Second Thoughts On The 20mph Speed Limit

Following a massive petition with nearly half a million signatures the Welsh government is having second thoughts on the 20mph speed limit brought in last year. The Welsh government is considering reverting many of the 20mph limits back to the previous 30mph limit although some limits, such as outside schools, will remain at 20mph

MYAM Online



WEB SITE Our website is packed full of information and is the go to place for everything you need to know about our events, courses, meetings and news about us as a Group. How about copies of the newsletter going back a few years.

Need to know who the Committee are or see our Observer team? We are all on there.

See us at www.iamroadsmart.com/groups/midyorkshire

We are adding to the content all the time so keep dropping in to see what we are doing.



X We have our own X account which can be found at X.com/MYAM4178

Group Telephone number is 0113 314 9969

Data Protection – Privacy Notice (GDPR)

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MYAM has a legitimate interest in keeping sufficient personal information to communicate with its members and other local people with an interest in road safety, and to permit the renewal of subscriptions. A member can ask to see a copy of their personal information, correct any errors and ask for all or part of it to be deleted.

MYAM is affiliated to the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) and will use a member's information to support them if and when they are assessed by IAM. MYAM will also ensure that any data shared with IAM is accurate. We will not share your details with anybody else.

David Rockliff is our GDPR Manager. Please contact him if you have any GDPR related issues.

Directions to the Birkenshaw Liberal Club

10 Croft Street, Birkenshaw, Bradford, BD11 2HT



From the M62 West leave at Junction 26 and take the A58 towards Leeds. At the second roundabout turn left into Bradford Road (A651) after about 700yds by the George pub, turn right into Town Street. Croft Street is approximately 60yds from the junction (top photo left) but to avoid the potholes carry on up Town Street and turn right into Old Lane. After approximately 100yds turn right into Croft Street (middle picture left between the car and the house next to it).



From Bradford follow the A650. Turn right onto the A651 at the traffic lights just before Tong Academy. Then just after the George pub turn left into Town Street and follow the previous directions.



From the M62 junction 27, take the A650. Turn left onto the A58. After approximately ½ mile turn right into Old Lane After approximately 550yds turn left into Croft Street (bottom picture left).

There is a large car park and the entrance is down the right hand side of the club as shown in the top picture.

Our meetings are held in the function room.

April Meeting -

A Miscellany of Video and Audio Clips

Although our speaker secretary, Sally, has been working hard to arrange the speaker programme we occasionally have a speaker drop out at the last minute. To cope with this eventuality we have a few backup presentations ready. For our April meeting we had to use one of these backups with a few video clips and a couple of audio clips that I had prepared.

The first video followed on from the dashcam footage shown last year with a couple of cyclists completely ignoring a red traffic light. They were fortunate that there was nothing coming across the junction. Then an obvious overtake at well over the speed limit and a near miss when a van overtook my car and a bus on double white lines. Again a lucky near miss.

Gliding at the Wolds Gliding club near Pocklington followed, when one of my work colleagues arranged an evenings gliding. I think everyone who took to the air had a big smile on their face when they landed.

You may have heard of the Toboggan Run on the Island of Madeira where the locals used to transport goods down to the harbour using a sledge like carrier. Now instead of goods they transport tourists about 2km along public roads on sledges. When Caroline and I visited the island a few years ago I videoed the whole trip and edited it into a short video. It sounds “dangerous” but they have been doing it for years and it is quite safe as long as the traffic is stopped on the road that crosses the route. I’d highly recommend it if you ever visit the island although the average speed is only around 11mph!

I’ve also been experimenting with making time lapse videos and, as we have a view of fields from our house, the next video was hay making speeded up. They work fast in our area!

Finally a couple of audio clips but the laptop and speakers appeared to be almost inaudible so the clubs PA system was used to boost the sound of firstly “Balham Gateway to the South” a spoof travelogue from the 1950s by Peter Sellers. This was actually engineered by George Martin who a few years later became the “fifth” Beatle looking after their recording sessions.

The second audio clip was how to deal with unwanted cold callers. I’m not sure how many of us would have the nerve to treat the cold callers in the same way but if you can it can be a source of great amusement. This was followed by an impromptu discussion on ways the members present had dealt with cold and spam callers. Some great ideas were explored. Must remember to try some of them the next time I receive an unwanted call!

Annual General Meeting
at
Birkenshaw Liberal Club, 10 Croft Street, Birkenshaw, BD11 2HT
Monday, 13th May 2024, at 20.00 hrs

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2023 AGM, 5 June 2023
3. Adoption of the 2023 AGM Minutes
Resolution: **That the Minutes of the 2023 AGM be approved as a true record**
4. Matters arising from the AGM, 5 June 2023
5. Chairman's Report
6. Secretary's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Adoption of the Accounts for 2023/24
Resolution: **That the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024, be approved**
9. Chief Observer's Report
10. Membership Secretary's Report
11. Election of Group Officers
12. Election of Group Committee Members
13. Address by the Chairman
14. Authority to Increase Subscriptions during the Current Financial Year
15. Any Other Business



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Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday, 5th June 2023

Time: 20:00 hrs.

Venue: Berkenshaw Liberal Club, Birkenshaw

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Group Members, Associates, and Guests to the AGM.

There being 19 full Members in attendance for the meeting, it was declared quorate.

Everyone was reminded that only Full Members of the Group were entitled to vote during the elections and for approvals and adoptions.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Rosie Bricis (Treasurer) and Lesley Pollard.

2. Minutes of the 2022 AGM

A copy of the 2022 minutes had been included in the May newsletter.

3. Adoption of the 2022 AGM Minutes

Proposed : Charles Holland-Keen Seconded : Chris Marrison

The adoption of the minutes was approved unanimously.

4. Matters arising from the 2022 AGM Minutes

There were no matters arising from the 2022 minutes.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman summarised her report which is attached to these minutes.

In addition, the Chairman announced that David Stringer would not be standing as President for the coming year and thanked him for the contribution to the Group both as President and in assisting the Chief Observer in recent years, but also for his many years of service to MYAM and preceding groups.

6. Secretary's Report

The Secretary gave an update on the current position of the Group following a relatively quiet year.

No changes to the rules of the Group had been made in the previous year, and all Committee meetings had been held successfully.

7. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer (due to ill-health) the Secretary presented the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023. Summary accounts are attached:

- Our costs in 2022-23 exceeded our income, as it has in most years (except for Covid years), though we have reserves in the bank to cover these.
- *Income*
 - Associate fees were lower than last financial year, as MYAM did not take on new Associates for most of 2022-23.
 - £475 received in Gift Aid includes 2021-22, as well as 2022-23 (claims made July 2022 and February 2023)
- *Costs*
 - Biggest costs are those for meeting/speaker expenses, which increased as we started to meet more often following Covid; included buffets at the AGM and the Christmas quiz.
 - Our next biggest expense is printing and posting physical copies of the newsletter.
 - Observers catching up on the training of existing Associates resulted in extra mileage being claimed.

There were no questions from the Members regarding the accounts.

8. Adoption of Accounts for 2022/23

Resolution: That the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023, be approved and adopted.

Proposed : Paul Macro

Seconded : Giles Dive

The accounts were approved and adopted unanimously.

9. Membership Secretary's Report

The Membership Secretary presented his report, and this is attached.

10. Chief Observer's Report

The Chief Observer summarised his report, which is attached to these minutes.

11. Election of Group Officers

Bob Rowles conducted the election.

The Secretary confirmed that all nomination papers had been received and properly completed.

The nomination papers were read, and it was agreed that the Officers should be elected en bloc.

Chairman: Janice N. Haigh

Secretary: Paul Macro

Treasurer: Rosie Bricis

The Officers were elected nem con.

12. Election of Group Committee Members

The Chairman read the following information:

Two Committee Members had offered themselves for re-election and two co-opted members were required to be ratified:

- a) Graham Crawshaw offered himself for re-election to the Committee as Membership Secretary.
- b) Alan Jones offered himself for re-election to the Committee as Events Co-ordinator
- c) Sally Lawrence had been co-opted to the Committee during the year as Speaker Secretary and was required to be ratified.
- d) Ken Newton had been co-opted to the Committee during the year and was required to be ratified.

There were no nominations from the floor for Committee appointments.

The nominated Members were elected to the Committee nem con.

13. Address by the new Chairman

The Chairman thanked the Members for re-electing her to the post of Group Chairman and noted the Committee's ongoing requirements for assistance.

14. Authority to Increase Subscriptions during the Current Financial Year

The Chairman explained that this is a standard item on the AGM agenda, and it is not the Committee's intention to make any further subscription increase for the foreseeable future.

The proposal was passed unanimously.

15. Any Other Business

The Secretary reminded members of an offer to attend a WYAMs event being held in the coming weeks.

The meeting closed at 21.05 hrs.

Chairman's Report 2023

As many of you are already aware, I found it necessary to take a sabbatical following a bad reaction to the Covid-19 vaccine. However, thanks to the support of our President and all the wonderful members of the Committee, I am now feeling better and very pleased to be with you at this AGM.

This has been very much a "catch-up" year. Following the pandemic and the lockdown, we found ourselves with a long waiting list of Associates wishing to take the IAMR test and a severe lack of Observers. However, I am pleased to say that, thanks to the efforts of our Chief Observer (Chris Marrison), with the support and guidance of our President (David Stringer) and senior National Observer (Bob Rowles), the waiting list has been addressed. As a result, we are now "open for business" once more and taking on new Associates.

Chris and Graham Crawshaw (our Membership Secretary) will be giving you more detailed information on Associate, Membership, and Observer numbers, along with details of our pass rates.

Your Committee continues to work very hard on your behalf, and, during this year, we have been pleased to co-opt two new Members – Sally Lawrence and Ken Newton. Sally has kindly taken over the task of Speaker Secretary, and it would be very helpful if you could let her know if you have any ideas for speakers. Ken is still finding his feet with us all, but I am sure we will find him a "job" before too long. We will be electing them onto the Committee officially during this AGM.

I must admit it has been lovely to see everyone "face to face" again at both Committee and speaker meetings. During the past year, we have had a number of varied speakers, and they have all been extremely interesting. On my part, the most useful was Keith's

presentation on “Using Your Dash Cam”. I have had one for several years, but have never really got to grips with it! I learned a great deal that evening, but it was also a relief to find I was not on my own! Please remember that the monthly speaker meetings are free, and you are very welcome to bring guests with you. Everyone is always welcome.

On a sad note, we now find ourselves in a position where we must sell the Group caravan. The Wakefield Council depot where it is currently stored is moving, and we still do not have anyone to tow it on a regular basis. However, Chris has found alternative venues as bases for Observer training and Associate runs, and we may still be able to attend some classic car rallies in the future, as we still have a gazebo. The decision has therefore been taken to advertise the caravan, along with some of the duplicated equipment we currently hold. If you are interested, please keep a look out for further information in the newsletter.

On a final note, we love receiving ideas from you and we do love seeing you at our meetings. So, please come along to the meetings, look out for interesting speakers in the newsletter, and do think about joining the Committee to help MYAM continue to be an even more successful Group.

Janice N. Haigh, BA, FISM
 Chairman
 Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists



Treasurer’s Report

	2022-23	2021-22
Income	2,534	3,559
Subscriptions and Gift Aid	2,257	1,951
Associate fees	208	1,426
Interest, donations, misc	69	182
Expenditure	3,486	1,991
Meetings	1,050	672
Training	747	233
Events	-	-
Caravan	358	201
Travel	-	-
Stationery, printing, postage	652	424
Equipment	393	-
Other	286	461
Surplus for year	(952)	1,568



Membership by status

	31/3/2022	31/3/2023	
Total Full members	339	312	-27
Fellows	9	7	-2
Full members	248	236	-12
Associates	82	69	-13

Reduction in numbers due to :

- Deaths
- Non-Renewal of MYAM Memberships
- Embargo on allocation of new Associates to MYAM from IAMR
 - usually 2 to 3 new Associates allocated each month
- 15 Associates passed their ADT in 2022/2023 all becoming Members of MYAM
- 1 Associate decided not to take the ADT Test
- 12 Associates decided not to start/recommence due to delays due to Covid



Membership by location

	Fellow	Full Members	Associates	Total
Blackburn	-	2	-	2
Bradford (inc Keighley, Skipton and Settle)	-	49	17	66
Halifax	-	6	1	7
Harrogate	2	19	10	31
Huddersfield	-	9	2	11
Leeds	3	89	26	118
Sheffield	-	1	-	1
Wakefield (inc Dewsbury)	2	56	13	71
York	-	4	-	4
Dudley	-	1	-	1
Total	7	236	69	312

Chief Observer Report to MYAM AGM - 5 June 2023

Period 1 May 2022 - 30 April 2023

Key Milestones

- Full resumption of Associate guidance - July/August 2022
- Observer Forum - September 2022
- Group introduction of new Observer qualification structure - December 2022

- National Observer Assessment training sessions to support the revised Observer qualification structure - Q1 2023
- Introduction of Observer Skill Check sessions
- All member email requesting trainee Observers
- Removal of allocation block on new Associates
- Introduction of Associate Triage system prior to commencing course

Test Results

Passes - 12 (5 F1RST & 2 re-tests)

Fails – 3 (2 of which subsequently passed on a re-test)

Fellows 3 year re-assessments - 4

Observers

National Observers - 17

Local Observers - 5 (2 scheduled to undertake National Observer assessment June 2023)

Trainee Observers - 4

Associates

In training - 12

Awaiting allocation - 19

On hold - 9

Planned Events

Observer Forum/Strategy/Training meeting - September 2023

Meet the Examiners with Q&A

Introduction of digital platform

Challenges

Observer recruitment

Observer retention/Observer demographics

MYAM operational area

IAMR requirements

Finally

Thank you to:

David Stringer, Bob Rowles, All Observers

Observers and Associates.

We currently have more Associates than Observers and there is also a mismatch between areas with available Observers and waiting associates.

Your Committee has been aware of this and each new Associate over the past year has been asked how far they are prepared to travel to pair up with an Observer.

We have 3 observers without an associate in their catchment area, currently Harrogate, and would like to match them with the Associates prepared to travel a little further.

If you are an Associate awaiting allocation of an Observer, then please contact me by email and I shall endeavour to pair you with an Observer.

We would also like to encourage full IAM RoadSmart members to become Observers.

Ken Newton MYAM.associatecoord@outlook.com

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Pathfinder Yorkshire 2nd – 6th April 2024

This was the first event at this site and the owner was most welcoming and showed enthusiasm for the event. All pre-visits were very satisfactory and the dates were confirmed and we were given the go ahead. Being slightly larger than the previous site with a near perfect surface we knew that we could now develop a more useable road layout before and after the initial ungraded areas were completed.

Monday was spent setting up all the facilities and preparing the layout of the cones ready for the course to begin on the following day.

On the Tuesday all but one of our clients arrived and we duly went through the morning briefing and dispatched the young drivers and their associates to their ungraded areas.

Lunch time went as expected with a presentation from Safer Road Humber on Speed Awareness and by end of the first day we had 13 who had reach level 3 a lower number than expected but we had the space to remove one ungraded area to design a different road layout for them.

Wednesday saw rain but we managed to get all but one to Level 3. The police camera van saw many visitors. Over lunch there was a session on Causes of Collisions. The rain returned in the afternoon meaning the braking demo had to be postponed.

With better weather on Thursday, Overtaking was practiced throughout the day with a lunchtime briefing on the consequence of collision and the braking demo went ahead in the afternoon.

Friday began damp but the sun came out and dried the surface allowing further instruction on the course to be given. The lunch time session was Assertiveness.

The last day, Saturday, turned out to be dry but very windy and it dried up most of the standing water on site and, to the delight of everybody, an unmarked BMW estate police car turned up. It arrived because one of the associates (who works for the police in Durham) had arranged for it to here all day AND allow the young drivers to drive it with full blues and twos. The smiles on their faces was still there at the end of day. The presence of such a vehicle has now been arranged for the last day on each of the next two courses.

In conclusion, with more space, a better road surface and with the enthusiasm of the volunteers we had a very good week and with almost 50% of the young drivers reaching level 1 which is testament to the fact that what we are doing is keeping up the interest and standard of driving amongst young people contributing to the saving of lives.

Ian Goring

Course Leader.

The next Pathfinder course at the Rufforth East Airfield runs from Monday 12th to Friday 16th August. For more details or to book, visit [Yorkshire 12th - 16th August - The Pathfinder Initiative \(under17driver.co.uk\)](http://www.yorkshire17.co.uk)

And Finally.....



My thanks go to Cliff Baker for sending this photo of two contradictory road signs on the A628 leaving Ackworth for Pontefract. If you have photos of similar combinations of road signs please send them to me at the address on the next page.

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This Month's Teaser

The picture on the front cover was taken in 1986 at a motor race somewhere in the UK but where was it and why was the race cut short?

Last Month's Teaser

Last month I asked "Who is the biggest tyre manufacturer in the world?" The answer is not who you'd expect but is Lego who produce around 300 million tyres a year.

Your Committee

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