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Cover Photo – Waddesdon Manor Buckinghamshire

Waddesdon Manor was built by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild between 1874 and 1885 to display his collection of arts and to entertain the fashionable world. Opened to the public in 1959, Waddesdon Manor is managed by the Rothschild Foundation, a family charitable trust, on behalf of the National Trust, who took over ownership in 1957. It's home to the Rothschild Collections of paintings, sculpture and decorative arts.

Forthcoming Gatherings and Events

**Monday 3rd
October
8pm**

**Tony Dyson of
Kia Motors**

Birkenshaw Liberal Club
10 Croft Street
Birkenshaw BD11 2HT

**Monday 7th
November
8pm**

**The AEC Routemaster
Graham Crawshaw**

Birkenshaw Liberal Club

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR MYAM ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

It appears that some Associate Members who initially joined MYAM and the Institute of Advanced Motorists Roadsmart (IAMR) twelve months or more ago are receiving communication from IAMR by letter or email asking them to renew their IAMR Associate Membership.

Due to the Covid outbreak restrictions were placed on all IAMR Area Groups whereby all observation drives by Observers with Associate Members had to be postponed. Whilst these restrictions have now been removed we have a number of Associate Members who have now re-commenced their observation drives with their nominated MYAM Observer and we have also been able to start observation drives with some Associate Members, there are still a number of Associate Members who are waiting to be allocated to a MYAM Observer. The agreement between IAMR and MYAM is that all MYAM Associate Members will have their IAMR Associate Memberships extended until such time as they have passed their Advanced Driving Test.

Therefore if any MYAM Associate Member receives a request from IAMR to renew their Associate Membership please do not respond to IAMR but instead contact the Membership Secretary, Graham Crawshaw (contact details are at the end of this Newsletter), so he can contact IAMR and remind them of the agreement that MYAM have with IAMR and he can arrange to have their Associate Memberships automatically extended.

From the Editor

It's going to be one of those questions in the coming years "where were you when you heard of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II." In our case we were on our way down to the deep South (near Aylesbury actually) for a family wedding. We heard the concerns for her health on the radio as we drove down, then when we turned on the TV in the Travelodge we heard the news.

Like most people I have spent my entire life as an Elizabethan having been born in the same year she acceded to the throne. I was around for the Coronation but I was outside a neighbour's house in my pram as my parents were crowded inside with the rest of the neighbours watching on a small screen TV. We have to thank Queen Elizabeth for insisting that the Coronation be televised, I believe it was one event that raised the spirit of the whole country so soon after the end of the war.

Her reign will be a hard act to follow but King Charles III has been in training for most of his life and I'm sure he will carry on where the Queen left off but with his own slant on things

There have been many changes throughout the Queen's long reign, probably more than even in Queen Victoria's long reign. Science and technology have changed our lives forever, some may say not for the better. Advances in medicine mean we are living longer as many diseases are now not feared as they once were.



Many people have met the Queen and the picture shows when my mother (circled) nearly met Princess Elizabeth when she visited Birmingham in 1951. Have you ever met the Queen or have any recollections of her visits? If you do please send them to me.

Keith

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

No new members this month

Congratulations

On passing the Advanced Test

Kevin Chadwick (F1RST) - Observer Les Horsman

Oliver Tibble - Observer: Ken Sykes

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Observer Meeting 1st October

An Observer meeting/forum is been organised for Saturday 1st October 2022, 09.00 – 12.00. It will be held at the new venue for MYAM's social meetings, The Birkenshaw Liberal Club 10 Croft Street, Birkenshaw, Bradford BD11 2HT (refer to page 7 in the newsletter for full directions to the club). Light refreshments will be served from 09.00 to allow for a prompt start of the meeting at 09.30.

There will be a number of topics for discussion and a formal agenda will follow ahead of the meeting. If you have any item or subject you would like to see covered please let me know as soon as possible to allow for inclusion in the agenda.

It would great to see as many Observers and trainee/prospective Observers attend.

Should you have any questions relating to the meeting please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,

Chris Marrison

Chief Observer

Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists

Please note that I received this notification after the September newsletter went out which meant the closing date for confirmation has passed. All Observers should have been notified of the meeting but if you do wish to attend please contact Chris as soon as possible.

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.



FACEBOOK provides details of events and local news. Go and visit www.facebook.com/midyorkshireiam and like our page.

How about inviting a few of your Facebook friends to like our page too. It helps getting our name out there.



TWITTER We have our own Twitter account which can be found at twitter.com/MYAM4178

Group Telephone number is 0113 314 9969

Data Protection – Privacy Notice (GDPR)

Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists (MYAM) is committed to looking after the information that it holds on behalf of its members in a way that complies with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

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.

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.

September Meeting -

Are You and Your Car Ready for Winter?

We had a good turn out at our new social meeting venue where, after a few technical hitches, Bob showed us a couple of videos about driving in winter conditions. We are particularly bad at winter driving in this country probably because we do not experience bad winters often enough to gain the experience to cope. In some countries winter tyres are compulsory throughout the winter months but in the UK how many people regularly change between summer and winter wheels/tyres. Very few I'd imagine. One problem may be where to store a set of wheels or in our case two sets of wheels, one for each car. We just do not have the space in the garage.

Before driving off do not forget to clear any snow from the windows, roof and bonnet to prevent snow falling off into the path of the vehicle behind and make sure your windscreen is clear. Some cars are fitted with a heated windscreen which I thoroughly recommend as they ensure your windscreen is completely clear. I've had one on several cars and in winter after a snowfall at work would go to the car, clear the side and rear windows and clear the roof, then get in the car start it up, press the magic button then after a minute or so operate the wipers allowing me to watch everyone else in the car park still clearing the snow from their cars! I suspect this very useful feature may disappear on electric cars as it does take a lot of energy to clear the screen.

It was also suggested that when setting off in snow you should turn off any traction control system but once you were moving turn it back on as it will help to keep you on the road. The videos also explained why it is better to change to a higher gear as it reduces the torque at the driving wheels

After the videos Janice went round the room asking what people kept in their car in winter.

There was quite a selection and after the meeting as I was preparing the newsletter Janice asked me would it all fit in her MGB and would there be room for her in the driving seat!

So in no particular order of preference he's the list we all came up with. There are several obvious items but some surprising items were suggested and once the reasons were explained it became obvious why they had been suggested

Soft brush for cleaning windows
Stiff sweeping brush
Shovel
Blankets
Old towels
Umbrella
Ice scraper
Snow blanket
Snow Socks or chains for tyres
Shopping bags (to slide under wheels)
Screen wash + water to dilute
Old newspapers
Sunglasses to deal with the glare from the snow
Hi-viz jacket
Waterproof boots or stout shoes

Waterproof and warm coat
Waterproof and warm trousers
Warm socks
Hat (to cover ears and shade eyes)
Bottles of water
Flask and hot drink
Chocolate
Food
Mobile phone and Charger
Charging pack for phone
Torch
Tow rope
Flashing emergency light
Jump leads
First-aid kit
Maps

If you can leave your car at home, don't forget some money for bus fare or a bus pass!

All Season tyres were suggested as a compromise between having to swap between summer and winter tyres. I have these on my car and had few problems when driving home in snow when I was at work. My daughter had them on her previous car and had no problems getting up her road but after she changed her car the problems of getting up the hill in winter returned, she now has All Season tyres fitted.

It is often said that a 2 wheel drive car on winter tyres is better than a 4 wheel drive car on summer tyres but I think that even on summer tyres a 4 wheel drive car has the advantage going up hill – at least that has been my experience.

Gerry Byrne

Last month I announced the death of former IAM examiner and member of the former Wakefield group Gerry Byrne but inadvertently misspelt his name. I had received the information via a text message, which contained the misspelt name, shortly before his funeral. I apologise if this has caused any inconvenience.

September Presentation



Our first meeting at our new venue and our first certificate presentation since March 2020.

Here we see Sue Smith being presented with her certificate by Janice. In spite of the screen behind them displaying some of the clubs advertising I managed to get one photo without the advertising.

Her observer was David Stringer.

Congratulations to Sue.

Car owned by Princess Diana sold for £650,000

A car used by Diana, Princess of Wales has sold for £650,000 at auction. The black Ford Escort RS Turbo, driven by Diana from August 23, 1985 to May 1, 1988, sold to a UK buyer at the Silverstone Auctions sale.

Diana was previously pictured with the RS Turbo Series 1 outside the boutique shops of Chelsea and the restaurants of Kensington. She preferred to drive her own car and had a member of the Royalty Protection Command (SO14) in the passenger seat.

The car is believed to be unique as the first and only black RS Turbo Series 1, as agreed by SO14 and the Ford PR department for reasons of discretion, instead of the only-white manufactured model. The Ford factory's special vehicle engineering department was tasked to supply the car and it fitted a regular five-slat front grille to assist in the "stealth makeover".

There was also a secondary rear-view mirror for the protection officer with a radio in the glove box, with the cable still visible. The car has just 24,961 miles on the clock.



20 Million Electric Cars Built a Year?

Elon Musk wanted to build 20 million electric vehicles per year by 2030, but he has backed away from that pledge. Why? Mineral costs have more than doubled and supply shortages are predicted.

Green technologies rely on mining and according to a new analysis by Mining.com, the raw materials to build 20 million Teslas would have cost \$44.8 billion when Musk, Tesla's CEO, made the pledge in 2020. The cost of the minerals has more than doubled since then to over \$100 billion.

Now, Elon Musk says building 20 million electric cars per year is an “aspiration, not a promise...We may stumble and not reach that goal. There are some raw material constraints that we see coming, in lithium production, probably in about three years, and in cathode production”

Prices for many metals used in batteries and other green technologies are expected to rise further in coming years and many experts believe there will be supply shortages because there simply are not enough mines in the world to meet the huge new demand.

Tesla has also given up on a plan to build a relatively inexpensive (\$US25,000) EV for the mass market. Mining.com argues that the increase in metal prices would make a mass market Tesla at that price point almost impossible to build.

If we do not have enough minerals to build green technologies, or if prices become too high for people to buy them, the green transition will be delayed.

Why not just increase mining of these materials to solve the problem?

The process of exploring for mineral deposits and getting permits to operate a mine takes so long, that it's hard to see how all these additional minerals can be supplied to meet climate goals. The International Energy Agency says it takes an average of 16.5 years to put a mine into production. The International Monetary Fund says it takes 19 years.

A mineral deposit discovered today would not get into production until about 2038, based on the IEA's analysis, and not until 2041 based on the IMF's.

A Reuters column argued that meeting targets for adopting clean energy means “Governments will have to do much more to speed up permitting and environmental approvals, and finally, those with an interest in meeting the net-zero by 2050 will have to overcome their innate distaste for mining.

In Nova Scotia, the provincial government should support the mining industry by, for example, reducing red tape in the permitting process while still ensuring the highest environmental standards are applied. It should also fund Minerals Play Fairway, a proposal for \$19.5 million in geophysical surveys across the province that would help identify areas with potential for critical minerals and increase our knowledge of the province’s geology.

Nova Scotia has the potential to supply a number of minerals used in green technologies. Doing so would allow us to contribute to global supply while also creating jobs for Nova Scotians and government revenues to help pay for programs like health and education.

The world needs hundreds of new mines to achieve climate goals. See why at <https://www.facebook.com/MiningNS/posts/pfbid02fzkFC3MKBJ71KHs4ubAqSorzLPWZxdY4dnHFhevdFwb4USnspjHX7JyauSP7Wtr9l>.

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I found this on the internet and it does highlight one of the many issues with “going electric”. Most of the mining for the raw materials for EV batteries takes place in the “less developed” areas of the globe which effectively transfers the “emissions and environmental damage” away from us. Electric cars are zero CO₂ emissions **at the point of use** but more CO₂ is normally generated in their manufacture than for an equivalent ICE car.

Another issue is what to do with the thousands of damaged, faulty and otherwise unusable batteries that will inevitably appear as electric cars reach the end of their lives and are scrapped. Currently (pun intended!) it is very difficult to recycle these batteries to recover the valuable metals for reuse in new batteries. Scrapping electric cars early in their life could become common if the battery fails prematurely as a replacement battery could cost more than the car is worth. Some manufacturers do guarantee the battery for a long period but would a replacement battery actually be available if a claim was made near the end of the guarantee period?

How often are you distracted while driving?

We all know that in an ideal world our eyes and minds would be 100% on our driving, 100% of the time.

However, in the real world we are easily distracted by all sorts of things – from children or pets in the back seat, the radio, mobile phones, other road users and, increasingly, in-car technology, such as infotainment systems.

In fact, a recent IAM RoadSmart Twitter poll found that just under half (44.4%) of respondents said they find infotainment systems distracting, while 42.1% found other road users distracting; and research by road safety charity Brake and Direct Line insurance found that 91% of drivers believe adjusting their satnav is a distraction.

Distractions impair our ability to react quickly and could have serious consequences for you, the driver, other passengers - plus of course other road users and pedestrians.

New legislation

The law also recognises the danger that being distracted while driving can pose. While it's been illegal to use a hand-held mobile phone since 2003, in March this year the law changed yet again in response to the fact that mobile devices are now capable of so many more things than making and receiving calls and text messages.

The update now means it's also illegal to unlock any handheld smart device to pretty much anything on it, including accessing the internet, using any app, checking notifications, or accessing any stored data, such as files, playlists, photos, or messages. There are exemptions when you need to use your phone in an emergency, to make a contactless payment for goods or services – such as at a road toll, and also using a phone for navigation. However, it **MUST** be in a cradle, not your hand.

Here are some IAM RoadSmart tips to help you avoid distractions while you're driving:

- Set your destination on your satnav *before* you start your engine to avoid trying to key in details while you're moving or even in stationary traffic.
- Avoid playing with infotainment settings while you're driving. Instead select your favourite radio station and load the CD play before you set off.
- Newer mobile phones include a setting that will limit notifications whilst driving. If yours doesn't, either turn it off, put it in the boot, or switch to aircraft mode so you're not tempted to check it. If you need to make a call or send a text stop at a service station or in a layby.
- If you're faced with an emergency and you must make or receive a call while driving, preferably pull over and stop the car. Always ensure you use hands-free mode when moving.
- Avoid eating and drinking while you're driving because dropped food or a spilled drink will mean your mind isn't on the road.
- If you're feeling tired, stop at the next services to take a break. Have something to eat and drink, stretch your legs and if necessary, take a nap.
- Passengers can a great accompaniment on a long journey, but don't let them distract you; if children are playing up in the back of the car, stop as soon as you can to calm them down. Try to give them suitable games or toys to help keep them occupied during the journey, plus frequent stops for drinks, snacks and the toilet will help prevent problems.
- When driving on busy roads, try not to let the actions of other motorists distract you; concentrate on keeping a safe distance between you and the vehicles in front, and increase that distance if the vehicles behind you are too close.

And Finally.....

Paddy was driving through Dublin with a friend when he came to a set of traffic lights on red. He drove straight through them without stopping. “Why did you do that?” asked his friend.

“Ah Murphy does it all the time” replied Paddy.

The same happened at the next set of lights and the next.

At each set of lights Paddy said “Ah Murphy does it all the time”.

They finally came to set of lights on green and Paddy stopped abruptly.

“Why did you stop when the lights are on green when you went through all the others on red?” asked his friend.

“Ah, Murphy may be coming the other way”, said Paddy.

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This Month’s Teaser

Who is the only person in the UK allowed to drive a vehicle without a registration number?

Last Month’s Teaser

Last month I asked “Which engineer/scientist introduced the unit of power known as the Horse Power?”

The answer – James Watt the Scottish engineer after whom the SI unit of power, the Watt, is named.

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Due to computer hacking and high levels of spamming we have had to remove the hyperlinks to our e-mail addresses and have replaced the @ symbol with (at) so you will need to retype the address in the correct e-mail format, i.e. replace (at) with @, with no spaces.

URGENT REQUEST

We are in need of Speaker secretary and a Minutes secretary for our committee meetings and someone to look after the Website. Please contact any member of the committee if you are interested in any of these positions.