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EGM
4th October
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Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists Newsletter

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Cover Photo – Guillotine Lock on the Stratford on Avon canal

At the junction of the Birmingham and Worcester and the Stratford on Avon canals in Kings Norton in Birmingham is this guillotine lock which serves to isolate the two canals. I was surprised to discover that this is actually a grade II* listed building.

Forthcoming Gatherings and Events

As the Covid restrictions are being lifted we are hoping to restart the social meetings at the Carlton Club, commencing with the AGM in October, however the meetings below are still subject to any changes in the restrictions. Should we be unable to hold the AGM at the Carlton Club we will hold it via video conferencing as we did last year. Confirmation of the location will be published in the October newsletter.

Monday 4th October 7:30pm	MYAM AGM* MYAM EGM*	Carlton Social Club Main Street Carlton WF3 3RW See page 7
Monday 1st November 8pm	MYAM Social Evening Steve Ellis, our new Area Service Delivery Manager will introduce himself	Carlton Social Club Main Street Carlton WF3 3RW
Monday 6th December 8pm	MYAM Social Evening Christmas Quiz and Buffet	Carlton Social Club Main Street Carlton WF3 3RW

*Please note that although visitors are always welcome at our social meetings only full MYAM members may vote at the AGM and EGM. There will be buffet provided after the EGM if the meeting is held at the Carlton Club.

We will inform members of the resumption of the skill check meetings via the newsletter, and our Facebook and website pages.

Committee Contacts

I often get emails from members after I've sent out the newsletter regarding membership enquiries or associates asking about the status of their observed runs. I always pass these requests onto the appropriate committee member but it can take some time for me to do this as I do not continuously monitor the newsletter email account. Therefore I would ask you if you have an enquiry for a committee member to contact them directly at the email address on the committee page. This will ensure a faster response to any enquiry.

From the Editor

As you will see we are planning to hold an EGM after the AGM on October 4th. We hope this will be at the Carlton Club but this is still to be confirmed. Please note the earlier start time for the AGM in order to accommodate the EGM.

This month we also welcome quite a few new associates, ten of them from Northern Power Grid. This influx of associates, coupled with the potential increase in the area MYAM, serves increases the burden on our observers meaning a longer wait for observed runs for the associates. Can you help by volunteering to become an observer? Contact our Chief Observer Chris Marrison for more details.

Because of the addition of the EGM notice, agenda and Janice's report this issue contains fewer of the more general items I normally like to include. I have a few items waiting for publication but would always welcome contributions from our members. Are you planning a holiday or outing that would provide a few photo opportunities that could be shared with the membership through the newsletter. Send any items for publication to me via email at the address on page 16.

I don't know if you are aware that the price of secondhand cars is rising. Apparently this is due to the shortage of new cars which in turn is due to a shortage of electronic components used in the many ECUs fitted in modern cars. The manufacturers of these components shifted production away from those used in the ECUs to other consumer items because of Covid. I've heard adverts on the radio offering £1000 above list price for trade ins but if you do get a higher price for your trade in would you be paying a higher price for your replacement used car? Have you experienced this hike in prices if you've been trying to change your car?

On page 12 there is an announcement from IAM RoadSmart regarding the extension of associate memberships. The committee will be discussing this at our next meeting so please see next month's newsletter as to how MYAM associates are affected.

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

**Matthew Allen, Dave Burrow, Mark Callum, Anne Cooper,
Sally Daley, Alan Hodgart, Tony Kurasz, Mohamed Ragaa,
Jonathan Schofield, Michael Szczygielski, David Van Kesteren,
Martin White, Ryan York**

Congratulations

On passing the Advanced Test

No test passes this month
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Former Harrogate Members will be sad to hear that Ruth Gilliam died at the end of July. Ruth was very much a stalwart of the Harrogate Group and served as Secretary for many years. It is believed that Ruth and her late husband were founder members of the Harrogate Group.

Ruth moved to Argyll a few years ago to be closer to her family, but still received our newsletter as a link to the Group. A note of condolence has been sent to her family.

Social Media

Do you use social media on a regular basis? Are you familiar with setting up and running social media accounts? If so you could be just the person we are looking for. As you may know MYAM has a presence on Facebook and we are looking for someone to look after our account and to keep our website up to date. If you think you can help us please let either our chairman Janice or secretary Paul know at the addresses on page 16.

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.

The Group Telephone number is 0113 314 9969

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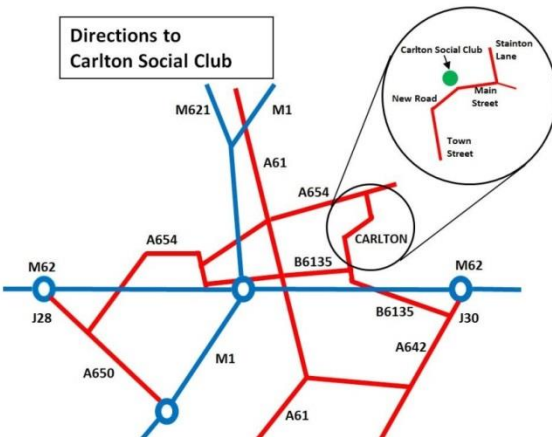
Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists (MYAM) is committed to looking after the information that it holds on behalf of its members in a way that complies with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

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 Carlton Social Club

Main Street, Carlton, Wakefield WF3 3RW



From the M62 West leave at Junction 28 and take the A650 towards Wakefield. At the next set of traffic lights turn left onto the A654 toward Rothwell. Follow the A654, turning left in Thorpe on the Hill. Cross the A61 and continue into Carlton. Turn right into Stainton Lane then turn right into Main Street. The Social Club is on the right immediately after the Unicorn pub.

From the M62 East leave at junction 30 and take the A642 towards Wakefield. Take the next right, B6135, towards Lofthouse. Follow the B6135 under the M62 onto Ouzlewell Green towards Carlton and Rothwell. Follow the road past Carlton Primary School and the Social Club is on the left just before the Unicorn pub.

There is a car park with overspill parking available on the grass area opposite the club.

Extraordinary General Meeting

As you will see from this newsletter, the MYAM Committee has called an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM), which will take place at 8:30pm, immediately following our AGM on Monday 4th October 2021. In order to accommodate this additional short meeting, please note that the time of the AGM has been brought forward to 7:30pm, and the reason for the EGM is as follows:

A few weeks ago, a member of the Skipton & Craven Group Committee contacted me to say that, for various reasons beyond their control, their Group would unfortunately have to close. As a result, the Committee had asked him to contact me and ask whether the MYAM Group would be willing to consider their Members joining us.

As this is an old-established Group with a small, but loyal, membership, I am reluctant to see its disappearance, and so I am writing this article to you, the MYAM Group Members.

Obviously, in such a situation, both the Skipton & Craven and the MYAM Groups have to follow correct courses of action as laid down by both the Charities Commission and the IAM RoadSmart regulations. These procedures include the calling of individual EGM's by both Groups to ensure that all the Members are in full agreement with the winding up of Skipton & Craven and their subsequent joining with MYAM.

The Skipton & Craven Group EGM will be held on the 29th September 2021, and, providing that two thirds of the Members attending the meeting are in favour of winding up the Group and the Membership's joining with MYAM, then the MYAM Group must hold our own EGM to agree to accept the amalgamation. As our own AGM has already been called for the 4th October, then it seems only sensible to hold the EGM immediately following on the same evening. There will be only one item on the agenda of the EGM, i.e. whether the Members of MYAM are in agreement with the Members of the Skipton & Craven Group's joining the MYAM Group.

In order to give you some facts prior to the EGM, this is the information I have been given so far:

1. The current membership of the Skipton & Craven Group is approximately 40.
2. At least one Member of the Skipton Committee is willing to join the MYAM Committee.

3. The Skipton Group's Chief Observer (National Observer, Local Observer Assessor, and Observer trainer) is willing to join MYAM and continue in those roles.
4. In addition, 2 qualified Observers and 2 trainee Observers are willing to join the MYAM team.
5. The Skipton & Craven Group funds will be available for transfer to MYAM. This will help with training, purchase of equipment and recruitment.

It must be borne in mind that the Skipton & Craven Group territory is large, but, with the support of the membership of both Groups, it is better that we engineer a joining of the Groups rather than allow a Group to be lost. However, in order to carry this out, we do need the help and support of all the Members of both Groups. We urgently need more Observers throughout both areas (particularly in the North and West of the current MYAM area), and I am now asking whether you would be able to give the time to train as an Observer and take on at least one Associate. At the moment, both Groups have a waiting list of Associates, and so any additional Observers will be very welcome to reduce the waiting time – and you would certainly play a large part in helping an organisation which I know you hold in high esteem.

Please think very carefully whether you could give a little time to your Group. If you can give some time, please contact the MYAM Chief Observer, Chris Marrison, on myam.chiefobserver@outlook.com or me direct on myam.chairman@outlook.com

I do hope you will vote in favour of the Skipton & Craven Group's Members joining MYAM, but, in the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to seeing you on the 4th October.

Very best regards,

Janice N. Haigh, BA, FISM
Chairman
MYAM Group



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Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given by order of the Group Committee that the
 Annual General Meeting of
 Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists
 will be held on
 Monday 4th October 2021 at 7:30pm
 Venue: Carlton Social Club, Main Street, Carlton, Wakefield WF3 3RW
 Or Via Teams Video-link

The Trustees of the Group (Registered Charity No. 1053843) will present the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2021, for approval by the Group Full Members and conduct an election.

All Group Full Members, Associates, and Friends are invited to attend, but only Group Full Members may vote.

A Member entitled to vote at the General Meeting may appoint a proxy to vote in his/her stead. A proxy need not be a Group Full Member.

Current Officers: All Officers retire annually and may offer themselves for re-election.
 The current Officers are:

Chairman	Janice N. Haigh	Will stand
Secretary	Paul Macro	Will stand
Treasurer	Rosemary Bricis	Will stand

Please do attend the AGM, show your support to your Committee, and let us know your views.

Full details of the 2021 AGM were given in last month’s newsletter along with the agenda and the minutes from last year’s AGM. If you wish to nominate someone or be nominated to stand on the committee please see the email attachment that accompanied last month’s newsletter or contact the secretary for a nomination form.

N.B. All Committee Nomination Forms must reach the Group Secretary by Friday 24th September 2021. (Rule 3.5)



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Extraordinary General Meeting

Notice is hereby given by order of the Group Committee that an
Extraordinary General Meeting
of
Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists
will be held on
Monday 4th October 2021 at 8:30pm

Venue: Carlton Social Club, Main Street, Carlton, Wakefield WF3 3RW
and/or Via Teams Video-link

The purpose of the EGM is to consider the proposal and conduct a vote that the Members of the Skipton & Craven Group be accepted to join the MYAM Group of IAM RoadSmart.

This EGM will only take place should the Members of the Skipton & Craven Group vote in favour of winding up their Group and joining the MYAM Group at their EGM to be held on the 29th September 2021.

Only MYAM Group Full Members may vote at this EGM

A Member entitled to vote at the EGM may appoint a proxy to vote in his/her stead. A proxy need not be a Group Full Member.

N.B. The venue for both the AGM and the EGM will be confirmed in the October newsletter or by e-mail.



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Extraordinary General Meeting

Venue: To be advised

Date: Monday 4th October 2021. Time: 8:30pm

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Resolution: "That the Members of the MYAM Group of IAM RoadSmart agree to the joining of the Members of the Skipton & Craven Group to the MYAM Group following the winding up of the Skipton & Craven Group."
3. Result of the vote
4. Any Other Business

Meeting closed

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Associate Membership Extensions - Update

A 3-month extension to Associate membership will be offered to Associates who fit the following criteria:

- **Purchased their course after 30 June 2019**
- **Receive their renewal invitation on or before 30 September 2021**
- **Have been unable to complete their coaching and test within their first 12 months of membership**

If Associates wish to extend, they must contact the Customer Care team and request an extension. The above criteria must be met for an extension to be granted on request and all requests outside this criteria will be reviewed case by case.

Please note, we are unable to process bulk extension requests by groups.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Customer Care team on 0300 303 1134 or by emailing support@iam.org.uk between 8.30am and 6pm, Monday to Friday.

IAM RoadSmart welcomes Direct Vision Standard to reduce lorry blind spots



IAM RoadSmart, the UK's largest independent road safety charity, has welcomed the enforcement of rules to raise driver visibility standards in lorries to reduce incidents caused by blind spots.

It follows moves that now require all lorries over 12 tonnes to have a Direct Vision Standard (DVS) safety permit which is enforceable across inner and outer London in a bid to provide more protection for vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians and cyclists.

More than 90,000 heavy goods vehicles have already been awarded permits.

The legislation is part of London Mayor Sadiq Khan's 'Vision Zero' initiative aimed at eliminating road deaths and serious injuries on London's streets by 2041.

The legally required safety permit is based on a Vision Star rating which shows how much a driver can see other road users directly from their HGV cab and, subsequently, if any safety equipment needs to be fitted to the vehicle.

Neil Greig, IAM RoadSmart Director of Policy & Research, said: "Once again Transport for London is leading the way on the use of procurement standards to drive road safety.

"If direct vision standards can be a requirement in London, then IAM RoadSmart can see no reason why they should not be specified in transport contracts across the UK."

Safety technology to bring non-compliant lorries up to the required standard includes blind-spot cameras with in-cab video displays, audible left-turn warning systems and prominent warnings on the rear of the vehicle.

Meanwhile, IAM RoadSmart is urging that direct vision should be a contractual requirement for companies buying in transport services in urban or sensitive areas where they know pedestrians and cyclists may be at risk.

Neil added: "While a few companies understand that good road safety helps them deliver on corporate social responsibility, every company understands financial benefits and these can be substantial for fleets who embrace a safer culture. The new standards are a big step in the right direction, but they could be enhanced even more if TfL was to insist on mandatory training for HGV drivers. Educating cyclists and pedestrians on the risks to them caused by limited vision from large vehicles must also continue."

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Observer Training Day

The Group is proposing to hold an Observer Training Day on Saturday 25th September with a 9:30am arrival for a 10:00am start and finishing at 3:30pm. The venue is yet to be confirmed but hopefully no more than a 45 minute journey for any attendee.

The day will be jointly run by MYAM (David Stringer and myself) alongside Steve Ellis, IAM RoadSmart Area Service Delivery Manager, and a number of supporting instructors. The focus will be on the development of Observer Competencies both at Local and National Observer level. The introduction and initial presentations will be delivered at the selected venue followed by on-the-road sessions using both instructor and observer vehicles with a maximum of 2 observers and 1 instructor per vehicle. Observers must therefore be comfortable travelling and driving with a number of passengers. It is planned to provide refreshments and a light buffet lunch.

In order for the planning and preparation of the day, can I please ask for confirmation of your attendance at the event by no later than Monday 6th September. If you have any specific dietary requirement/restriction, please provide details at the time of confirming your attendance.

A number of venues are currently being discussed however, should you be aware of a venue meeting requirements and providing easy access to suitable training routes, please feel free to forward details onto me for consideration.

If you have any item/subject you would like to see covered during the day or have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Chris Marrison – Chief Observer

And Finally.....

GCSE essays part 1

These are metaphors from actual GCSE essays

His thoughts tumbled in his head, making and breaking alliances like underpants in a tumble dryer.

The little boat gently drifted across the pond exactly the way a bowling ball wouldn't.

Her vocabulary was as bad as, like, whatever.

The door had been forced, as forced as the dialogue during the interview portion of Family Fortunes.

The young fighter had a hungry look, the kind you get from not eating for a while.

Her artistic sense was exquisitely refined, like someone who can tell butter from "I Can't Believe It's Not Butter."

He was deeply in love. When she spoke, he thought he heard bells, as if she were a dustcart reversing.

The ballerina rose gracefully en pointe and extended one slender leg behind her, like a dog at a lamppost.

Shots rang out, as shots are wont to do.

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This Month's Teaser

I noticed a bottle with an odd looking label at home. It looked like it said "oodways". But I wasn't looking at it correctly. What was in the bottle?

Last Month's Teaser

Last month I asked "What was WC Fields real name?" It was William Claude Dukenfield.

Your Committee

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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.