

# ARE WE THERE YET?



Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists Newsletter

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### **Cover Photo – MG P type at the Pateley Bridge show**

The MG P type was launched in March 1934 and was considered by Autocar as an improvement on previous models. It was fitted with a new 847cc engine which gave it a top speed of 76mph and a 0-60 time of just over 32s. 1973 cars were produced in its two year production run.

## Forthcoming Gatherings and Events

**Sunday 31st  
August 2025  
10am to 5pm**

**Wetherby Classic Car  
Show**

Wetherby RUFC,  
Grange Park Sports Club,  
Old Boston Road,  
Wetherby LS22 5NB

**Monday 1st  
September 2025  
8pm**

**Carlisle to Vaduz – but  
when?  
David Rockliffe**

Birkenshaw Liberal Club  
10 Croft Street  
Birkenshaw, BD11 2HT

**Monday 6th  
October 2025  
8pm**

**TBA**

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.

Currently our speaker secretary, Sally, has two options for our October meeting and is waiting to confirm which option will be available on the night. You'll have to wait for next month's newsletter to find out which of the two options will be at the meeting.

## Newsletter Delivery Issues

As you may know I send out the newsletter by email in several batches. Recently I have been having a few issues with several email addresses being rejected as they are considered as spam by the delivery system. I have resorted to sending newsletters to these email addresses individually which overcomes the rejection issue but is very time consuming.

The rejected addresses are mainly btinternet addresses although not all of those members with a btinternet email addresses are rejected. To those of you with a btinternet email address it is suggested that you set up your email system to indicate that the newsletter email address is not spam.

## **From The Editor**

The summer holiday is almost over and the kids will soon be back at school. I'm not looking forward to this coming term as a road near us that is often used as a rat run is being closed until Christmas. This means the road by the local school will be a nightmare to negotiate when I'm taking our grandchildren to and from school.

The road is being closed to repair a wall which has seen better days. The work was also to include a section of wall on my in-laws land that was knocked down last November. Following a notice from the council this was repaired by my in-laws. So we are wondering whether the workmen will demolish the recently repaired wall so they can rebuild it. It appears that the two council departments involved do not talk to each other. Why doesn't that surprise me?

The road by the school was also supposed to be resurfaced in July after the school term had ended but is still in as bad a state as it was at the beginning of the year. I suspect the council have realised that the building work at the school is not yet finished. It's probably just as well that they didn't resurface it as there are now temporary traffic lights on the road around another hole in the road. That is going to cause much congestion when the school re-opens. Fortunately there is an alternative route for me to take the grandchildren to school. It's longer but may be quicker!

Over the Summer we attended several shows and pictures from the Pateley Bridge MG show are included later in the newsletter.

**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

No new associates this month

# Congratulations

On passing the Advanced Test

**Zachery Stringfellow - Observer Stuart Symes**

**Armon Williams - Observers Mick Coley and trainee observer**

**Adrian Wilkinson**

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Here's one for Graham. Taken at the Beamish Museum.



# ***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](http://www.iamroadsmart.com/groups/midyorkshire) or scan the QR code.

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

**The Group Telephone number has changed to 07412 986690**

## **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.

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  $\frac{1}{2}$  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.

## **Drivers Make Feelings Clear By Urging Major Car Brands To Make Huge Changes To New Vehicles**

Drivers are calling for major manufacturers to ditch modernity and return to a time when buttons were commonplace in vehicles.

New research has found increased demand for automakers to bring back buttons on dashboards, in contrast to the trend of infotainment screens.

From 2026, Euro NCAP, the European car safety programme, will introduce new rules aimed at promoting safer driving.

Stricter testing protocols will launch to mandate physical controls for key functions to reduce the amount of time drivers are looking away from the road.

Drivers have called for manufacturers to bring back car buttons.

Breakdown specialists Start Rescue have warned that scrolling through on-screen menus to perform basic functions is too distracting for motorists.

On many modern vehicles, touchscreen features have replaced even the simplest functions, like opening windows and doors.

This has become such an issue that Start Rescue has seen a rise in touchscreen-related call-outs from people complaining that technology had let them down.

Commenting on the concerns, Lee Puffett, managing director of Start Rescue, said: "Our UK support centre is receiving calls from customers facing touchscreen issues."

Experts have urged automakers to prioritise safety features and make them easy to find.

"We're receiving reports of screens 'freezing' and individual operations not responding with customers thinking there's a much wider problem."

"We're backing manufacturers re-introducing more buttons, switches and rotary controls."



He stated that a return to traditional switches would be "welcome from a safety perspective".

The expert specifically highlighted how drivers could face issues in the winter when they can't demist their screens with a "quick click" without being reliant on a touchscreen.

Experts, including Start Rescue, are now calling on manufacturers to prioritise a hybrid dashboard that combines physical and digital interfaces.

Other demands include ensuring safety features are not buried in menus and allowing drivers to customise alerts and display preferences.

The final point is for automakers to improve software to prevent screen freezes and lag, which has been noted by some drivers of modern vehicles.

Manufacturers are able to issue over-the-air software updates that should improve the technology inside the vehicle without needing to visit a garage or dealership.

Start Rescue reported that it had received complaints from drivers that steering wheels were "juddering" when the lane assist systems are activated, potentially putting them further at risk.

Stuart Masson, editorial director of The Car Expert, backed the move, saying that it was "good news" that manufacturers were listening to drivers.

He added: "Important new cars we've evaluated from several major brands now offer more well-positioned buttons and that's a direct result of customer feedback."

"Motorists are also being given more choice over the alerts they receive from the Advanced Driver Assistance Systems featured in all new vehicles, some of which can be distracting like a suddenly, juddering steering wheel."

"The option to store your personal preferences is also a step in the right direction."

Do you have any opinions on the use of screens instead of real switches and buttons?  
Let me know if you do - Ed



**27th to 31st October 2025 - Rufforth, Yorkshire**

Dear Ken,

We've just started our August #SafeAt17 event at Rufforth East Airfield near York. This August, an additional 100 young people becoming safer drivers as a result of attending Pathfinder. We're asking for **your help** to promote our [next Rufforth event that runs during the October half-term](#).

Do you know anyone that might be interested, or someone who is turning 17 in the coming months? Let them know about **our next Rufforth event**, where they can learn to be a safer driver in a safe environment. We're also running other events in the October half-term if you have friends or relatives who may find other locations more convenient!

Pathfinder is run on a not-for-profit basis with a **bursary scheme** partly funded by Safer Roads Humber & The Under 17 Car Club Charitable Trust. This **reduces the cost** for young people resident in Yorkshire and North East Lincolnshire to £220 for the week (£70 deposit + £150 final payment).

**Further bursaries are available upon request** - please [complete the form on our website](#). These are granted to students who for financial, educational, health or other personal reasons could not otherwise take part.

**27th to 31st October 2025 - Rufforth, Yorkshire**

Please support us to spread the word by sharing our events with any friends or family who may be interested in joining us!

The Pathfinder team - [admin@under17driver.co.uk](mailto:admin@under17driver.co.uk)



# **IAMRoadSmart**

## **Mid Yorkshire Group of Advanced Motorists (MYAM)**



### **IAM Advanced Driving Courses at MYAM**

MYAM is a well-organised, professional Group with IAM/IMI Qualified Trainers. All our driver training is tailored to your personal needs, and the course typically consists of:

**8 – 12 PRACTICAL SESSIONS IN YOUR OWN CAR**  
(usually over a 12 week period)  
**REFRESHING YOUR DRIVING SKILLS**  
**HELPING TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY**  
**ADDRESSING ANY BAD HABITS**  
**IMPROVING DRIVING CONFIDENCE (when required)**

All our IAMR Advanced Driving Courses are on a one-to-one basis (you and your Observer) and will begin as soon as an Observer is available in your area

**The Advanced Driver Course costs only £200**

The objective is to develop your driving and improve road safety, preparing you for the

**ADVANCED DRIVING TEST**

[www.iamroadsmart.com/courses/advanced-driver](http://www.iamroadsmart.com/courses/advanced-driver)

MYAM is a local registered charity (number 1053843), which is fully affiliated to IAMRoadSmart (The Institute of Advanced Motorists)

To find out more, please contact the Membership Secretary (Graham Crawshaw) on 07412 986 690 or [myam.membership@outlook.com](mailto:myam.membership@outlook.com)

**This is the flyer that we hand out at events. If you know anyone who could benefit from Advanced Driver training print this page and hand it to them.**

## At The Pateley Bridge Show

We had a stand at the annual Pateley Bridge MG show on 3rd August. Here are a few photos of cars, and a tractor, spotted at the show and our stand.

There were some stunning cars on show, not necessarily MGs, as can be seen.





### **New data reveals bad business driver habits that could be putting motorists at risk and costing thousands**

- 23 percent of business drivers admit to tailgating other drivers
- Almost a third of business drivers are not checking their mirrors or blind spots

Almost a third of business drivers are not checking their mirrors or blind spots, potentially endangering themselves, other drivers and more vulnerable road users like cyclists according to new research published by the road safety charity IAM RoadSmart.

Another fifth (23%) tailgate other drivers, a dangerous habit which can lead to rear end collisions.

Data taken from more than 4,500 participants in the charity's 'Driving for Work' training course revealed a series of potentially dangerous habits that are impacting both safety and fuel economy.

Some of the most concerning findings affecting safety included:

- Tailgating: 23 percent of business drivers do not maintain a safe following distance to vehicle ahead of them.
- Poor perception: 28 percent were failing to check their mirrors or blind spots; 22 percent were failing to observe the road ahead for potential hazards.

Meanwhile, there were several behaviours observed that have the potential to impact fuel economy for fleets. These included:

- 33 percent of business drivers were rated as below average for gear selection appropriate to their speed.
- 34 percent were classed as poor for being able to manage speed and space around their vehicle.
- 19 percent of drivers routinely failed to change gear at the correct time, leading to unnecessary revving.

Commenting on the data, Nicholas Lyes, Policy & Standards Director at IAM RoadSmart, said: “These findings will make disappointing reading for many fleet managers who are on the frontline for ensuring safety and reducing their organisation’s cost and carbon footprint.

“What these results show is that bad habits creep in over time, even with good drivers. The implications for fleets are significant, not only in terms of damage to vehicles, but for the safety of drivers and other road users and as a consequence, reputation. In far too many cases, drivers are failing to carry out even basic actions, like checking their mirrors or maintaining a safe distance from the vehicles in front.

“These actions also have cost implications – but a few small changes can make a big difference – such as eliminating over-revving and managing speed. By doing so, modestly sized fleets save tens of thousands of pounds each year, while larger fleets are potentially wasting more than £70,000 annually.

“Regular top-up driver training is the best way to maintain standards, keep safe on the roads and prevent the costs that come from poor driving behaviours from spiralling out of control.”

IAM RoadSmart’s flagship ‘Driving for Work’ training course has been created specifically with business drivers in mind and is designed to equip them with the knowledge and skills that help them to stay safe on the road.

For further information on IAM’s Driving for Work course, visit <https://www.iamcommercial.co.uk/driving-for-work/>.



To mark Bradford’s status as the city of culture for 2025 new signs have been erected to replace the original signs on the borders of the city. This is one on the Brighouse Denholme road.



# And Finally.....



**Spot the speed camera**  
**(Hint it's at the top of the yellow pole behind the tree)**

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## **This Month's Teaser**








What is the specific model of Mini in the picture on page 12?

## **Last Month's Teaser**

Last month I asked "What does the name of the Chinese company BYD stand for?" It has no particular meaning but the company started using the slogan "Build Your Dreams" when it participated in the 2008 North American International Auto Show.

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