

## THE LATEST FROM IAM LINCOLNSHIRE

### *New year news*

Welcome to our first newsletter since Summer23 - we've got plenty to update you on.

Firstly, we celebrated our 50th birthday in October with an event at The Bentley Hotel. Read more about that on page 3. We were delighted to be joined by members past and present, along with special guests, including IAM CEO, Tony Kildare pictured below.

In this edition, read about Keira's advanced course journey, a new year motoring changes update from IAM RoadSmart, the latest from

group member Fordie and much more.

We'll also update you on our Advanced Driver Courses as we once again aim for 50 test passes in 2024.

Thanks for your continued support.

### *Committee Update*

Our Annual General Meeting for 2023 was held in October, along with our 50th anniversary event.

Our next AGM will be held in May or June (date TBC). Your committee members until then are:

#### **Chair & Chief Observer**

Roger Hicks

#### **Vice Chair & Secretary**

Ashley Behan

#### **Treasurer**

Simon Clayton

#### **Training Officer**

Geoff Coughlin

#### **Fundraising Officer**

Tony Lofts

#### **Committee Member**

Dawn Zalas

We'd like to welcome Simon and Dawn to the team and thank them for giving their time to our work.

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## ADVANCED DRIVER COURSE UPDATE

### 2024 (8 passes year to date)

Associate	Pass Date	Observer	Check Drive Observer
Lucille Stones	09/03/2024	Tom Burton	Ashley Behan
Marjorie Stein	29/02/2024	Ray Whitaker	Steve Waltham
Robert Magill	24/02/2024 F1RST	David Hosegood	David Jones
Morgan Jones	14/02/2024	Simon Clayton	Ashley Behan
Louise Cummings	10/02/2024 F1RST	Dawn Zalas	Roger Hicks
Cory Hickinbottom	06/02/2024	Simon Clayton	Ashley Behan
Keira Brown	14/01/2024	Ashley Behan	Tony Lofts
Grace Hogan	06/01/2024	Ashley Behan	Tony Lofts

### Congratulations to the 32 drivers who passed their Advanced Driving Test in 2023

Associate	Pass Date	Observer	Check Drive Observer
Abbiegale Grey	02/12/2023	Tony Lofts	Ashley Behan
Peter Duncan	11/11/2023	David Jones	Roger Hicks
Callum Proudley	11/11/2023	Tony Lofts	Ashley Behan
Karen Kowzan	03/11/2023 F1RST	Roger Hicks	
Conall Meehan	04/10/2023	Martin Dodsworth	Ashley Behan
Anona Willows	30/09/2023	Tony Lofts	Tony Larvin
Finn Bennett	22/09/2023	Dave Jones	Geoff Coughlin
Lewys Whitfield	07/08/2023	Richard Hardesty	Ashley Behan
Hannah Stafford	05/08/2023	Steve Waltham	Ray Whitaker
Dan Swindells	04/08/2023	Dawn Zalas	Roger Hicks
Sam Parker	29/07/2023 F1RST	Geoff Coughlin	Ashley Behan
Alicia Woods	22/07/2023	Paul Russell	Richard Hardesty
Simon Wiles	21/07/2023	Dawn Zalas	Roger Hicks
Caroline Brookfield	13/07/2023	Tony Larvin	Ray Whitaker
Stuart Robertson	10/07/2023 F1RST	Tony Larvin	Geoff Coughlin
Gurtej Singh	24/06/2023	Malcolm Crosher	Roger Hicks
Codati Ramesh	20/06/2023	Malcolm Crosher	Roger Hicks
Liam Smalley	31/05/2023	Ray Whitaker	Roger Hicks
Martyn Everett	15/04/2023 F1RST	<i>Member Re-Assessment</i>	Tony Larvin
Richard Ellis	15/04/2023	Tony Larvin	Tony Lofts
Peter Mottram	15/04/2023	Tony Lofts	Ashley Behan
Stephen Johnson	07/04/2023 F1RST	Andy Coward	Ashley Behan
George Hone	01/04/2023	Tony Larvin	Tony Lofts
David Jardine	01/04/2023	Roger Hicks	Ray Whitaker
Jacqui Elton	01/04/2023	Richard Hardesty	Ashley Behan
Jack Milner	01/04/2023	Simon Clayton	Tony Lofts
William Adcock	28/03/2023 F1RST	Ray Whitaker	Roger Hicks
David Olverson	25/03/2023	Malcolm Crosher	Roger Hicks
Paul Reeve	21/03/2023 F1RST	Tony Lofts	Tony Larvin
Jennifer Thornton	18/03/2023	Dawn Zalas	Geoff Coughlin
Gerry Long	17/03/2023	Chrissie Larkin	Ashley Behan
Thomas Watson	20/01/2023	Ray Whitaker	Steve Waltham

## IAM LINCOLNSHIRE CELEBRATES 50th BIRTHDAY IN 2023

IAM Lincolnshire celebrated their 50th anniversary with a social meeting which also incorporated their AGM.

The group were delighted to be joined by Ida Pankhurst, the widow of Ken Pankhurst who founded the group in 1973, together with her daughter and son. Ken launched the group together with Police Sergeant, Bob Hardisty, who was already an IAM examiner in the county. Between them, they developed and ran the group very successfully for many years. Also at the meeting were Glenys Allerton and Jenny Currie both of whom were officers of the group from the outset together. Several other longstanding members also attended.

The group were also very grateful to be supported at the meeting by Marc Jones, Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Stuart Donald IAM Chairman, Tony Kildare IAM CEO and Steve Ellis, IAM Area Service Delivery Manager. Lincolnshire Police Sgt Mike Templeman, gave a short talk on the importance of road safety and shared details of his upcoming run for charity in memory of the 48 people who lost their lives on Lincolnshire's roads in 2022.

Tony Kildare presented the group with a certificate in recognition of achieving 50 years of service to the IAM and improving road safety.

The members were given a short presentation covering the groups history, including past successes such as the training of the entire Red Arrows team of 1991. This was supported by a display of photos and memorabilia from the past including a photo of the then Chief Observer, Glenys Allerton, sitting in the cockpit of a Red Arrows

aircraft!

IAM Lincolnshire Chairman, Roger Hicks, said he was delighted that the group, after 50 years, was still successful and continues to make better drivers in Lincolnshire as a fitting tribute to Ken and Bob's foresight in 1973.

The meeting concluded with a buffet and our special guest, Ida Pankhurst, cutting the anniversary cake.



# KEEPING YOU ON THE ROAD IN 2024

## Road maintenance update from Lincolnshire County Council

A thousand potholes filled, miles of resurfacing and footpath rebuilds plus hundreds of drains cleaned – a typical working week for Lincolnshire Highways. And things are going to get better in 2024.

Lincolnshire County Council is the roads authority for our county. Just keeping the huge 5,500-mile-long, mostly rural road network going is a big job and the past few years of dealing with extreme weather, reduced Government funding and increased costs for Lincolnshire's roads have made that task increasingly difficult to deliver.

But deliver it the county council has. By putting in

unprecedented amounts of reserve money, working smarter and combining jobs where possible, we have been able to begin turning the corner. Roadworks happen at a fast rate, with more roads being repaired every day.

LCC recognise that things aren't brilliant everywhere and there's more work to do, and that's at the heart of the continuing highways change that's happening across Lincolnshire.

Residents and businesses can help

by reporting road issues on Fix My Street, or directly to their local county councillor. This localised, expert data shared with LCC has helped to hugely focus roadworks where they are most effectively needed.

Over the past year more than 110,500 potholes have been fixed, 224 miles of roads repaired, 77 miles of footpaths rebuilt and 192,235 drains cleaned.

are still asking everyone who has an issue with the roads to please get in touch.

When a problem is known, highways inspectors can prioritise and assess it and put in a plan of action. Information can reach LCC by the Fix My Street app, our own website: Faults – Lincolnshire County Council or by going directly to your local county councillor.

Cllr Richard Davies, executive member for Highways said: "Our team has been delivering a huge amount of work right across the county and we're seeing a real turn of the corner in what we are doing.

"There's no easy fix for any of the roads maintenance issues we face. It's down to lots of hard work and clever execution of work programmes by

dedicated crews on a vast scale that makes things better when we're all traveling.

"Over the coming year, we are going to make everyone more aware of the work we're doing and how we are continuing to improve the roads in the most effective ways possible."

For more information about roadworks, go to: [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/roadworks](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/roadworks)

LCC recently launched its Highways campaign for 2024, under the banner 'Keeping you on the road in '24'.

Stay tuned for updates throughout the year, where LCC will talk more about the sheer scale of the work required to maintain and improve the road network. There's widescale improvement happening right across Lincolnshire and we're going to let you know more about it, as it happens.

In order to deliver that desire, LCC



# GROUP PARTNERSHIP AWARD FOR IAM LINCOLNSHIRE



**GROUP PARTNERSHIP  
OF THE YEAR AWARD**  
**IAM LINCOLNSHIRE  
GROUP**

IAM Lincolnshire invited local Police and Crime Commissioner Marc Jones to take an advanced course to highlight collision risks for young drivers. He was so impressed that he provided finance to support 100 young driver courses. On the day of launch, the Group received nearly 200 applications. The project was so successful it's been extended by 50 places. Roger Hicks (pictured): "Everyone at IAM RoadSmart Lincolnshire was delighted to win, and to prove that 'good partnerships divide the effort and multiply the success'."



We are delighted to have been successful in winning IAM RoadSmart's group partnership of the year award for 2023.

The award was given in recognition of our partnership with Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Marc Jones.

Also shared in the most recent edition of *RoadSmart* magazine, IAM Lincolnshire Chair, Roger Hicks, attended an awards presentation at IAM HQ in Welwyn Garden City.

The partnership with the PCC in Lincolnshire has seen 150 young drivers undertake an Advanced Driver Course in Lincolnshire since 2020.

The current funding agreement comes to an end in March 2024 and both IAM Lincolnshire and the Police and Crime Commissioner look forward to working with IAM RoadSmart to ensure courses for young drivers can continue across the county.



## KEIRA'S ADVANCED JOURNEY

*Keira Brown's advanced driver course experience*

Keira's advanced driving journey began with her Dad, who had previously taken an advanced driving course whilst working for the Police, and had seen the benefits firsthand.

advanced driving course. As a young driver, insurance costs are so expensive and you are more at risk of having an accident. I wanted to be more confident as well."



Keira worked on improving her techniques, following advice from her observer and understanding the competencies in the Advanced Driver Course handbook. The course takes place over around 8-10 drives over a 4-6 month period. During her observed drives, Keira found that her observations improved and this helped plan for hazards proactively, rather than reacting. 'Spoken thought' whilst driving helped her to notice road signs and marking, anticipating hazards, and dealing with these effectively.

Following 10 drives and a check drive with another observer to check her progress had made the standard, Keira's test came on a wintery morning in January.

Keira said "I felt I was ready for the test, so I was really pleased to pass. I enjoyed the whole course and now I'm trying to encourage my friends and family to do it. I feel much safer and more confident on the road now and the course has really benefitted me."

Congratulations to Keira on her advanced driving achievement.

Keira, 19, passed her driving test in March 2022 and had been driving for a year when her Dad saw IAM Lincolnshire's partnership scheme with Police and Crime Commissioner, Marc Jones.

The Young Driver Project sees fully funded Advanced Driver Course for 17-24 year olds across Lincolnshire. Keira's deposit was quickly paid, and her advanced journey began in the summer of 2023.

Keira said "My Dad wanted me to get some of the driving skills and knowledge he'd learnt during his



## FORDIE'S WORLD

*The thoughts of IAM Lincolnshire member, Graham Ford*

Although some time has passed since the Christmas period, I shall start this Winter edition of Fordie's World in the traditional way, by hoping you survived the festivities without committing atrocities upon the spouse, granny, cat, TV, kids or the turkey – not to mention the credit card! Both Jan and I wish you a peaceful and prosperous 2024.



May the value of your car increase and the price of fuel drop like a stone.

The 50 year celebrations of the Lincolnshire group back in October were a great success, due in no small part to the photographs provided by Glenys and Jenny and whoever made that special 50 year cake can make me one any time!

You will, no doubt, have read Roger and Ash's summing up of 2023 – much good news indeed!

A "new" car has arrived at Ford Towers, this time a Hyundai Kona, in gleaming black. 70 plate, 16,500 miles, powered by a 3-cylinder 998cc turbocharged motor hitched to a 6-speed gearbox. I was a bit dubious at first because I keep dropping engine sizes, but the car goes well. It needs to be held back so I'm well pleased. Having said all that, the "infotainment" system is still a puzzle to me, I shall have to sit at the wheel with the hand book and "fiddle", however, one important gadget has been sorted largely due to Jan's prowess is the setting of the speed limiter. I used the one on the Vauxhall a lot and I shall use it on the Kona as I feel it's invaluable in town. It amuses me somewhat as many, many moons ago I had a Vincent motorbike and sidecar, a v-twin engine also of 998cc, quite a

fearsome beast and now I have a lovely comfortable car with better performance and it doesn't knock out back tyres and chains in less than 3000 miles! The Vinnie? It had to go, couldn't afford it!

I made mention in the last Fordie's World of the "rollator" walking aid, it really has proved a boon. I can now enjoy a walk around the Carlton Estate, where I now live, it has helped my walking and posture greatly, though I'm still trying to work out where to fit the rearview mirror! I may yet substitute a klaxon horn for the orange flashing beacon, that should clear my path!

Now, these smart phone thingies. I use mine a lot like a mini TV, watching clips and cartoons (sad), but a source of interest are the mechanics of the middle east area repairing all sorts of goods vehicles. Their main tools seem to consist of a sledge hammer, adjustable spanner, acetylene cutting torch, welding kit and an old lathe. Somehow, they get the repairs done. Not only that, they even construct "new" vehicles by a similar method. Double skinning chassis rails, lengthening and so on, "I have ma doubts" as to their safety. Personal protection kit is non-existent. Their dress is a tunic top, trousers and open toe'd sandals – no hard hat and steel toe capped boots, etc. Our health and safety boys would have several field days and duck fits!

Time for a little grump (always get one in) South Park, Lincoln - It's a 30mph limit BUT there is no proper marker or repeater signs, a lot of drivers seem unaware of this and steam along at 40mph or so. The other part of this is leaving Canwick Road onto South Park is two lanes merging into one, it would benefit from some "Merge in turn" signage to encourage all that this is an acceptable manoeuvre – provide it's done in the right manner, of course. That's it, grump over.

Stay safe, happy motoring!

*Fordie*



## KNOW YOUR STUFF

### *New year, new changes*

Motorists across the country are facing several changes in 2024, and with new driving rules around safety and fuel, it is best to know about them ahead of time. Changes include the introduction of low-emission zones in Scotland, updates to DVLA (Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency) services, and possible changes to the driving test eyesight.



IAM RoadSmart has the low down on the changes.

### **Car tax changes**

Vehicle Excise Duty, sometimes also known as car tax, is set to rise on April 1, 2024. HM Revenue and Customs has previously confirmed the new VED charges will be based Retail Price Index inflation from the spring. How much motorists will pay will depend on how 'green' their vehicle is. The measures will affect motorists who drive a car, van, or motorcycle.

### **Low-emission zones**

Three Scottish cities will see enforcement begin in 2024 in a bid to improve air quality. Under the rules, vehicles must meet certain emission standards or face a hefty penalty. In Aberdeen and Edinburgh, enforcement will kick off on June 1; in Dundee, it will be on May 30. Unlike England's Clean Air Zones where non-compliant vehicles pay a daily fee, Scotland's low emission zones prohibit non-compliant vehicles, and the fine is substantially more than a daily charge.

### **Zero Emission Vehicle Mandate (ZEV)**

As of January 1, 2024, car manufacturers will need at least 22% of their car sales and 10% of their van sales to be fully electric. The UK government's planned ban on the sale of new petrol and diesel vehicles from 2030 has now been pushed back to 2035.

### **Eyesight Test Changes**

The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency is holding a consultation on possible changes to eyesight requirements for 2024. Currently, during the test, the driver must read a number plate from 20 metres to pass. The DVSA is currently consulting with a team of medical experts on how the procedure should look and asking drivers and experts for better ways to conduct the test.

### **Budget**

The 2024 spring budget will take place on March 6, with drivers keeping a keen eye on what the Chancellor announces. There is expected to be an update on fuel duty. The 5p cut on the cost of fuel duty will run out at the end of March, and many drivers are calling on Chancellor Jeremy Hunt to extend the measures.

### **Policy and Standards Director Nick Lyes said:**

"The new year will bring additional challenges for drivers and riders to be aware of. Most notably, motorists in Scotland heading into some cities must check their vehicle meets emission standards or they could face a hefty fine if their vehicle is non-compliant. All eyes turn to the Chancellor in March with the current 5p cut in duty possibly being re-added to the current 52.95p rate, which will increase costs for drivers at the pumps."



### OUR VENUE

#### WHERE TO FIND US?

**The Bentley Hotel**  
for a **7pm start** Newark Road,  
South Hykeham, LINCOLN,  
LN6 9NH (just off Pennell's  
Roundabout on the A46).

Our events are subject to  
change; please visit the Events  
section of our website prior to  
attending and for further  
details about specific events.



### 2024 EVENTS

**Tuesday 13 February 2024**

*Jonathan Herrick, Blue Light Driving*

**Tuesday 9 April 2024**

*Graham Feest, UK Road Safety Consultant*

**Tuesday 11 June 2024**

*Annual General Meeting (AGM), Guest speaker TBC*

**Tuesday 13 August 2024**

*Advanced Driver Course Refresher*

**Tuesday 8 October 2024**

*Guest speaker TBC*

**Wednesday 11 December 2024**

*Christmas Social Evening*

### NEXT EDITION *Summer24*