

Hello Everyone

I sincerely hope you are all well?

In an effort to keep you all up to speed with what's currently happening within the Group, I've put together a short Interim and Informal newsletter.

EGM

At the EGM held on February 6th five members of the Committee stood down after many years of service to the Group and added together it must total more than 100 years.

The new Committee would like to say a huge thank you to them all for their input and support. As Incoming Chairman (and indeed past Chairman for many years) I would like to add my personal thanks for all their help over the past decade.

Karl Spooner

Karl stood down as Chairman but for many previous years had been Group Treasurer. He kept us solvent and never failed to entertain us at the various AGMs with his memorable presentations and good sense of humour.

Sandra Wootton

Sandie had compiled and published the Newsletter for as long as most members can remember. She has been invaluable over the years, tirelessly taking committee minutes in shorthand, distributing them to committee members and generally keeping us on track.

Kath Hawker

Kath has been on Committee for many years. Over time she served as Chair herself and has been a great support to many new incoming Chairs. She was the membership secretary for several years including a time when membership numbers were very high.

Glynnis Jeavons

Glynnis was Group Secretary for many years and has a deep knowledge of the IAM procedures and rules. She had recently returned to committee after a break of several years.

Chris Rice

Chris served on committee for a number of years and had been very active in organising social events. His Fish and Chip Quiz nights were legendary and will be missed.

NEW COMMITTEE

Your new committee elected at the EGM is as follows

Martin Goad Chairman

Josie Hubbard-Palmer Secretary

Ian Locke Treasurer

Duncan Gleig, Simon Arnold, Stephen Manison, Ashley Jenkins.

Alison Kimberley Remained standing from the previous committee

FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING

The committee met for the first time on Monday 14th February and a number of items were discussed.

The first item on the agenda was to assign committee roles to the various new members. The outcome looks like this;

Duncan Vice Chairman

Josie Chief Observer

Stephen Membership Secretary/Associate Coordinator

Alison Web site

Simon Observer Support

Ashley Event and Function Coordinator

The role of Newsletter Editor is still to be allocated.

OBSERVER TRAINING

The Committee approved a Training budget to purchase further books and training materials including an Online course for all existing and new Trainee Observers.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

Our next regular Group meeting is scheduled for Sunday 6th March. You are all cordially invited to attend. As usual there will be copious amounts of tea, coffee and biscuits available.

Please do consider coming along for a catch up, we would love to see you. Feel free to bring a friend or partner with you. We plan to offer some on road training depending on the numbers present.

NEW OBSERVERS

We need more Observers. We have already had a good response from members and five have already committed to begin training but ideally, we would like two or three more. Please speak to us if you are interested.

CONGRATULATIONS

Huge congratulations to the following Associates who have recently passed their Advanced Driving test

Orfana Manzoor

John Pearce

Lucy Mott

Ashley Jenkins

Stephen Manison

Very Best Wishes to you all