



Sefton Advanced Motorists

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Welcome to the April 2024 edition of the SAM Newsletter.

Hello everyone, and welcome any new associates. This is our newsletter that advises you of forthcoming events, celebrates passes and feeds back what is happening with the IAM and SAM. I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the sun when it appears. I know they say ne'er cast a 'clout' till May is out but I had hoped we would be a tad warmer by now. Moan over.



Now I must apologise for the lateness of this newsletter. As from my email, that although I had mastered the art of cut copy that I shrank the said item, usually photos, did not alter their document became too big to email. Normally this would not but I was going away the following day. Unable to resolve this without help and unable to send it to myself so I could work on it whilst away it could not be distributed. Please can I say a big THANK YOU for all the emails of support I received, many of them with offers of support and ideas as to how I could edit the photos. It made me feel less guilty whilst on my hols!



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We did not have speaker last month therefore no feedback on that and no date set for this month as it's the AGM, 20th May 2024. Please come along to see what SAM is planning for you and put a face to a name.



On the 19/4/24 I sent out a notification and information from Tony regarding the 40th Celebrations. Thank you for the responses so far, keep them coming and don't forget to ask neighbours and friends if they would like to join in too. We are making progress with our route planner for the Treasure Hunt, booking a venue to start, end and cater for us. To keep the cost down the SAM committee agreed that the group would subsidise and fund some of the cost. However we would like your donation of £5.00 from each adult (kids eat free) towards the catering. Now we need to make a commitment to everyone concerned so I am asking you to please send confirmation of attendance and your £5.00 to either of the following

Tony Hey Bank Transfer AJ & HM Hey Sort Code 07-08-06 Account No 35172111

Alison Filson For any cheques or cash. 596 Liverpool Road PR8 3BQ

Please would you secure your place by the 9th June so we can pass the appropriate deposit on.



CAR Section

We would very much like to say well done and congratulations to Mark Preston who received his FIRST test PASS this month.



How can I benefit?
There isn't a great deal about driving that we don't know about.

The First thing you'll notice is that you'll drive a car that's different.

You'll find that you'll explore the value of better driving than you do. You'll be able to do it for your own benefit. It's a different way of thinking.

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Why are they good?
For a start, it's free.

There are a lot of other advantages. With all the knowledge you gain, it's a different way of thinking. It's a different way of thinking.

Subject to availability, we'll be pleased to see you for a free trial session.

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How do I book?
Call 01924 501 240
Visit www.btinternet.com

Our first sessions are subject to availability and may not be available in all areas. There is no charge for a trial session. The trial session is a 15-minute session. It is a different way of thinking.

AMM RoadSmart

- Specific to your own car
- 100% off an advanced driver course
- Single cost rating and better driving
- Free advice sessions with qualified instructors

You'll learn a lot! Even if you decide not to do anything more.

As well as getting recognition for your skills, when you've passed your advanced test, you'll become a full AMM RoadSmart member with access to insurance benefits.

Our skills programs have a distinct advantage over learning the hard way - on the busy road.

Ross, Car Observer and membership secretary has had 2 successful drives with 2 ladies who had lost confidence when driving. He was able to advise and guide them in forward thinking strategies which enabled them to drive with more knowledge and in turn confidence and become a more positive and safer driver. If you know someone who would benefit from these session please show them the information leaflet.

Free taster sessions
Discover how to be a better driver with

SEFTON ADVANCED MOTORISTS

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Who's it for?

Our tasters are for anyone who wants to improve their driving skills but would rather do it before they buy.

It doesn't matter what vehicle you drive, what age you are (as long as you have a current licence) or your level of experience.

You could be a professional driver who wants to add a qualification to your CV, a seasoned driver who wants to improve their skills, or a new driver who doesn't want to stop at the driving test, or someone who simply wants to improve their driving skills.

Driving is a challenge and the confidence you could gain is immeasurable.

Last month one of our members created a driving day for our car members. Sadly this did not seem to raise much interest. Therefore I would like to ask the car section members what you would like from us? Please email me > alisonfilson@btinternet.com

MOTORCYCLE Section



As one of a number of events arranged to celebrate the 40th anniversary of our formation the motorcycle section hosted a training and development day for local groups from region 6 on Sunday 14th April. On a sunny and dry spring day 59 riders from South Lancashire, Wirral,



Congleton and Macclesfield, Manchester 500 and Sefton groups gathered at Mere Brow village hall for a full day which was focussed on developing Masters riders, providing taster sessions for riders interested in taking Masters courses and to developing skills for observers. David Cox, the ASDM for region 6 and Andrew Bloomer, an observer assessor started the day by leading discussions and answering questions on what was required to qualify and operate as a Master rider or observer.



After a lively and informative session members were split into groups and taken for observed and taster rides by Masters mentors and observer trainers and for peer review rides. After returning for lunch in the hall groupings were changed for a series of rides



during the afternoon before a final wash up session and discussions of run sheets led by Chris Kelly from Manchester. Feedback on the day was very positive with many commenting on the value of meeting, training and exchanging ideas with riders from other groups and several attendees have already enrolled on Masters courses. A rather more leisurely day enjoying a treasure hunt is the next 'anniversary' event planned for all members of our long established group - so we hope that the weather will be as kind on that occasion.



CHAIR

If you would like to ask a question regarding driving riding and road safety please send all enquires to enquiries@samadvanced.co.uk

NEWS and VIEWS



Thank you everyone for your responses to my poser which I cannot not take credit for so I thank David, one of our members, who has had frustrations at roundabouts with people unsure which lane to be in and signalling right only to take the second or straight ahead exit. Below are extracts from the Highway Code I hope you find it helpful.

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On approaching a roundabout take notice and act on all the information available to you, including traffic signs, traffic lights and lane markings which direct you into the correct lane. You should

- use **Mirrors – Signal – Manoeuvre** at all stages
- decide as early as possible which exit you need to take
- give an appropriate signal (see Rule 186, below). Time your signals so as not to confuse other road users
- get into the correct lane
- adjust your speed and position to fit in with traffic conditions
- be aware of the speed and position of all the road users around you.

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When reaching the roundabout you should

- give priority to traffic approaching from your right, unless directed otherwise by signs, road markings or traffic lights
- check whether road markings allow you to enter the roundabout without giving way. If so, proceed, but still look to the right before joining
- watch out for all other road users already on the roundabout; be aware they may not be signalling correctly or at all
- look forward before moving off to make sure traffic in front has moved off.

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Signals and position. When taking the first exit to the left, unless signs or markings indicate otherwise

- signal left and approach in the left-hand lane
- keep to the left on the roundabout and continue signalling left to leave.

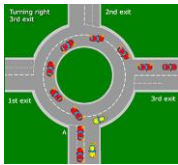
When taking an exit to the right or going full circle, unless signs or markings indicate otherwise

- signal right and approach in the right-hand lane

- keep to the right on the roundabout until you need to change lanes to exit the roundabout
- signal left after you have passed the exit before the one you want.

When taking any intermediate exit, unless signs or markings indicate otherwise

- select the appropriate lane on approach to the roundabout
- you should not normally need to signal on approach
- stay in this lane until you need to alter course to exit the roundabout
- signal left after you have passed the exit before the one you want.



When there are more than three lanes at the entrance to a roundabout, use the most appropriate lane on approach and through it.

You should give priority to cyclists on the roundabout. They will be travelling more slowly than motorised traffic. Give them plenty of room and do not attempt to overtake them within their lane. Allow them to move across your path as they travel around the roundabout.

Cyclists, horse riders and horse drawn vehicles may stay in the left-hand lane when they intend to continue across or around the roundabout and should signal right to show you they are not leaving the roundabout. Drivers should take extra care when entering a roundabout to ensure that they do not cut across cyclists, horse riders or horse drawn vehicles in the left-hand lane, who are continuing around the roundabout.



MEMBERSHIP 154

Please be advised that your SAM subscriptions are now due.

Thank you to the members who have already paid their subscriptions and for those who still have it on their 'TO DO List' here 's a reminder of ways to pay.

Bank Details as follows

Sefton Advanced Motorists

Royal Bank of Scotland

Account number 12148445

Sort Code 16-20-12

Amount £12.50

CHEQUE

For members requesting postal subscription you can send a cheque for £12.50 you're your membership number on reverse. Either IAM or SAM number if you know it .

posted to >
Mr Ross Maule
57 Melling Road
Southport
PR9 9DU

SOCIAL MEDIA

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Dates for the Diary

The next committee meeting will be held on 8th May 2024 at 7.30pm S&B
this is in readiness for our AGM on >

Monday 20th May 2024 7.40pm S&B Sports Club Trafalgar Road
Birkdale. All welcome. Register your attendance at
chair@samadvanced.co.uk

Sunday 12th May 2024 Observers Breakfast Ride see John Dickens for
details of times etc

Monday 27th May 2024 Mawdsley Classic Car and Motorcycle Show

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we are looking for volunteers to go on a rota for a
couple of hours and keep our enthusiasm fresh
and spread the load. There is an element of free
admission if you are a volunteer on a stand so
please contact John Dickens our Secretary for
more details. secretary@samadvanced.co.uk

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Many Thanks for reading this, I might be back on teas and coffees next month! Alison Filson

