



# Sefton Advanced Motorists

*In Association with*

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## January 2022

A Happy New Year to all members and associates and welcome to the January 2022 edition of the flyer.

The committee held this month's meeting online by Zoom on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

### Christmas Party

The committee is pleased to announce that the postponed SAM Christmas Party will now be held at **7.15pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February** at the Southport & Birkdale Sports Club, Trafalgar Road, Birkdale, Southport.

The main attraction for the meeting will be the magician Pete Turner, who has confirmed his booking.



Pete is a full-time professional magician and has appeared at thousands of events, UK and world-wide, including overseas cruises. He will give a talk titled 'Sleight of Mind' and will also be doing some table magic.

This will be a 'cabaret' style event, with a number of tables and social distancing will be observed wherever possible. The committee discussed the possibility of having a finger buffet but in the light of current concerns, it has been decided to forego this in favour of 'sweets and treats', with individually wrapped chocolates, crisps, cakes and mince pies. We will also have a table top quiz and, of course, the bar will be open.

As this promises to be a fun filled evening please do make every effort to attend, along with your spouse, partner or friend, who would be most welcome. The show starts at **7.30pm.**

*It would be helpful if members and associates would please indicate whether they will be attending by responding via the link contained in Brian Dring's email which accompanies this flyer. This will take you to the events page of the IAM Sefton Group where you will find details of the venue, with directions, and you can indicate the number in your party.*

## **Motorcycle Section**

Members will be aware of the Continuous Professional Development program, which is intended to encourage rider progression and group participation at Silver, Gold and Masters level. Local Observer Brian Lavery has recently passed his Gold course (congratulations Brian) and three further riders have been in touch to request a Masters taster.

Paul Acres and Brian Dring have been liaising with North West Blood Bikes, at their request, with a view to organising a session to introduce advanced riding to their members and to conduct taster rides during February.

NW Blood Bikes is a voluntary organisation that provides out of hours transportation of urgent medical items such as blood, samples, patient notes, in fact anything that can be carried by motorcycle. They also use a number of car drivers to provide their services.

Approximately 20 of the organisation's members have shown an interest, as well as a number of car volunteers. Brian will pass these onto the car team in due course.

The use of Southport Fire Station for the advanced rider courses looks as though it may resume in the not too distant future. The group is continuing to liaise and it is hoped that things might open before April.

## **Car Section**

Congratulations to Yan Ryan, who passed to advanced level in December 2021 (a first success for observer Kieran Murphy) and also to Duncan Mitchell, who passed as a 'Fellow' at the end of November with a F1RST.

2022 has begun with three drivers taking their tests. Congratulations to Alison Filson, who obtained a very solid pass and also to Mike Whalley, who obtained a F1RST despite only having three drives.

A further member will re-commence training this week with every expectation of a successful pass next time. A further associate has a test date confirmed for this week and there are six other associates at various stages of training.

Five new associates have been signed up, including two from a Liverpool based company that is looking to put its entire workforce through the advanced course.

## Other News

Ross Maule will be sending an advice email to all members regarding subscriptions, adding detail to renew standing orders for 1<sup>st</sup> April. Some associate members may not have received IAM starter packs. If any associate has not received theirs, could they please contact Ross at [caradmin@samadvanced.co.uk](mailto:caradmin@samadvanced.co.uk)

As mentioned in December's flyer, Rob Simpson has been redesigning the SAM web page, which can be found at [www.iamroadsmart.com/groups/seftonam](http://www.iamroadsmart.com/groups/seftonam). This has now been completed and as well as making the website more user friendly and attractive, Rob has included a tab for the group's events, which will be updated as appropriate – check out the web page for details of the Xmas do.

The committee would still welcome any suggestions from members for group meetings. Gary Williams has arranged to have Ed Fletcher, CEO from Fletcher's Solicitors for an interesting talk in the March meeting with the theme 'My biker clients and other interesting animals'. He will talk about legal cases and have a few anecdotes – more about that in next month's flyer.

If anyone has any group or associated news that they would like to add to the flyer, or indeed any suggestions for its improvement, please let me know at

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Best wishes to all for 2022.

John.

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