



# Sefton Advanced Motorists

*In Association with*

***iAM***  
**RoadSmart**



Charity number 517780

## March 2022

Welcome to the March 2022 edition of the flyer.

The committee held this month's meeting on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March by Zoom. Amongst other routine matters under discussion, the committee discussed the new Highway Code rules relating to the hierarchy of road users and certain aspects that may be confusing or misinterpreted and whether or not the IAM should have made any representations. It was decided that the Group would not be sending an email to IAM about this but the committee would welcome member's comments about any examples of misinterpretations of the rules.

The committee discussed an email from the IAM about a £150 bonus due to the group. It has been decided that this would be utilised for the updating of pull-up banners for both the car and bike sections and also for the purchase of new observer handbooks and road books.

The SAM Group currently has 170 members and associates.

### **Motorcycle Section**

The spring course is now underway, with seven new associates. The course theory sessions, usually held on Saturday mornings, are continuing to be held by Zoom on Thursday evenings prior to the observed rides held on a one to one basis.

A number of taster rides have been taking place and a few have signed up for the June course, including Alan Moore and Peter Summers. A warm welcome to all.

An invitation has been received for the group to present our riding course information to the Red Rose Harley Davidson Chapter on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

The group will be linking up with South Lancashire Advanced Motorists (SLAM) for the North West Masters Programme and this will be integrated into the group's Continuous Professional Development Programme. As a reminder, this starts at silver level, for riders wishing to refresh to advanced standard. Gold is the next level for advanced riders who wish to aim for a F1RST level pass. Contact [secretary@samadvanced.co.uk](mailto:secretary@samadvanced.co.uk) for further information.

SAM member and observer Stewart Gaukroger recently passed his CPD to gold level and was presented with his certificate on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March by President, Clive Woodhams:



## Car Section

Edith Campbell has signed up for an advanced car course. Welcome Edith.

## Social Meetings

Ed Fletcher, CEO of Fletcher's Solicitors of Southport gave a terrific talk, with anecdotes, on *"My biker clients and other interesting animals"*. Ed is an inspirational character and related how, as a young newly qualified trainee, he severed his spinal cord

in a motorcycle accident, which changed his life. He went on to become a specialist in motorcycle accidents, representing individuals suffering from serious injuries, helping them to obtain compensation and to rebuild their lives.

Despite it being a serious subject, Ed's presentation was funny and light hearted and well received by all who attended.

**April's meeting will be held at the Southport & Birkdale Sports Club on 25<sup>th</sup> April – 8pm start.** The guest speaker will be Southport historian Keith Hick, who will talk about the Bluebird speed record.

## Other News

As a reminder, Ross Maul has recently sent out an advice email to all members regarding subscriptions, which are due by 1<sup>st</sup> April.

The committee would still welcome any suggestions from members for talks etc. at group social meetings. One suggestion is to hold a group BBQ at the S & B, once the better weather gets underway. 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,

John.

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