



Sefton Advanced Motorists

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Welcome to the December 2024 edition of the SAM Newsletter.



Hello my festive readers, I hope this newsletter finds you well and not suffering too much from the festive indulgences we have been partaking of? I had a very fun packed busy time with my family one of whom woke me at 5.30am on Christmas morning grrrr who invited grandkids! The knee is improving and I am intending to get my tap shoes back on in January. 😄

This is a reminder to put a date in your new year's calendar to support our first speaker as detailed below on **Monday 20th January 2025** at 7.30 Southport and Birkdale Sports Club Trafalgar Road PR8 2HF.

Please come and meet > (Reg Local)

JOHN GREGORY

He loves anything to do with cars, driving, motorcycling and motorsport. Website: [Reg Local – Enjoy Driving & Riding & Stay Safe](#)

He was a police officer for many years, during which time he worked as a traffic officer and eventually as an advanced police driving instructor.

He has published two books, both of which became number 1 bestsellers on the Amazon Kindle charts.

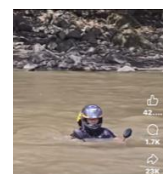
His first book "[Advanced & Performance Driving](#)" examines the skills required to become a better, smoother and safer road driver. It's aimed at enthusiastic drivers who want to get the most from their car on the road whilst keeping risks to a minimum.

His second book, "[How Not to Crash](#)" examines all the major causes of road accidents in the UK and gives straightforward advice on how to avoid making those mistakes, and how to avoid other drivers' accidents.

John has also recently started a [YouTube channel](#), in which he gives demonstrations of the skills and techniques involved in becoming a better skilled and higher performance road driver or motorcyclist.



Ooooo errr



He offers a coaching service to anyone who wants to improve their driving - from recently qualified drivers, through those who are studying to pass an advanced driving course, those who are already advanced drivers and looking for something more, and those who drive high performance cars and are looking to get the best from themselves and their car.

He has recently started giving advanced motorcycle coaching

John gives presentations on a wide range of motoring-related subjects to IAM groups, RoSPA groups, motor clubs and other similar organisations.



MOTORCYCLE Section



No tests were taken this month so no passes. Happy New Year to all our members and associates



CAR Section



This month we welcome three new Associates to SAM, Adam Preston, Dominic Kershaw and Francis Hewson. Hopefully we will get their Courses underway early in the New Year.

John Hatchard

After 12 years as a National Observer, and the last five as Chief Car Observer, John has decided the time has come to “hang up his boots”. He will leave IAM/RoadSmart and Sefton Advanced Motorists on the 20 January 2025. Ever increasing family and work commitments mean that he no longer has the time to commit to Observing new Associates.

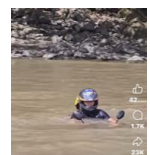
During his twelve years as an Observer, John has helped countless Associates to become Advanced Drivers, not just by teaching one to one, but by conducting pre test drives, taking a lead in classroom sessions, and helping other like minded drivers, me included, to take the next step after becoming Advanced Drivers to Observing. During his time with SAM, John, a self confessed “petrol head”, has gained several qualifications including National Observer, Local Observer Assessor, and is currently a Masters (with distinction) qualified driver.

John’s leaving will be a big loss to the Car Training Team, and I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Team to thank him for the huge contribution he has made to helping members become better drivers and ultimately making the roads safer for us all. Thank you John.

Tony Hey



Yikes!



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Tony and his team are still recruiting observers, If you have some time to spare please contact> tony.hey@outlook.com

NEWS & VIEWS (Mumbles & Grumbles)

No views and grumbles its Christmas!

As usual many thanks go to Brian for all the effort he put into a fun and mentally challenging evening on the 16th. There was a lot of head scratching and laughing and in my opinion a very creative way of scoring so that I didn't come last again ! Thank you for the drink and the chocolates too



Please email alisonfilson@btinternet.com

CHAIR

I'm sure I speak for myself and all our members when I say that there will have been many families in Southport this Christmas who will have gathered as families in a very different way and remember absent loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them.

For any comments please email chair@samadvanced.co.uk

Phew



MEMBERSHIP 148

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook likes: 884 followers: 905

X following: 913 followers: 882

Dates for the Diary

The next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 7.30pm S&B Trafalgar Road Birkdale. **PR8 2HF**.

The next Group meeting will take place on **Monday 20th January 2025** 7.30pm S&B Trafalgar Road Birkdale **PR8 2HF**. This is our first guest speaker for 2025 as featured in New Views and Grumbles see you on the night to meet Reg Local



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