



Sefton Advanced Motorists

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Welcome to the November edition of the flyer, now being prepared by John Dickens.

The Sefton Advanced Motorists' monthly meeting, held at the Southport and Birkdale Sport and Social Club on Monday 15th November, saw a fantastic turn out of 40 members and associates for the 'Meet The Examiner' session with IAM examiner, Dennis Nicholson. In addition to his 30 years in the police, during which he was an advanced rider, Dennis has been an examiner for the IAM for 17 years and also provides the same service for ROSPA.

Dennis talked about what he is looking for when testing associate members for both the car and motorcycle sections, including the preparation and planning by associates for the test, as well as the various aspects of the IAM course. Dennis answered numerous questions from the group, all of which provided for a very interesting and informative evening.

The committee held this month's meeting at the Southport & Birkdale Club on Wednesday 17th November. Alan Wilde, Chair, passed on his thanks to members and associates for the good turnout at the monthly meeting on Monday.

New Car and Bike section shirts have been ordered for observers and committee members, along with amended badges, which were shown to the committee.

The committee discussed a matter that was raised by Ken Standring at the Monthly meeting, being that of the no entry signage at each end of Queens Road in Southport. Ken has been in correspondence with Cambridge Ward councillors and the committee will await any reply.

Other matters discussed included the return to the committee of Rob Simpson and the SAM website is in the process of being updated.

Members should also be aware that the committee has agreed that, as an incentive for potential associates, the 2021 discounts on courses should continue into 2022. These were first raised in the meeting and flyer of last January and offer 50:20:10 discounts - For 35's and under, 50% (£75*) of your course fee is paid back from the group on completion of training. If 36 and over, 20% (£30*) will be paid back. All drivers and riders are eligible for a free taster drive or ride before joining and this qualifies for a 10% discount (£15*), applied by the IAM when signing up.

Christmas Party

As mentioned in the October flyer, the magician, Peter Turner, has been booked for the Christmas Party, to be held at the S & B Club at **7.45pm on 20th December 2021**. This will be a 'cabaret' style event, with tables. Brian Dring will be making enquiries with the S & B about the possibility of having a light finger buffet and will also be organising a table top quiz. 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 8pm.

The itinerary for the 2022 monthly meetings is currently under planning. If any member or associate has a suggestion for social meeting topics we would be pleased to hear from them. Please forward suggestions to secretary@samadvanced.co.uk.

Motorcycle section

There were two passes to advanced level with Ruth Hill and Denis Knowles. Very well done to both. Two further riders are now test ready and training for new associates will resume in March.

Owing to the Covid situation, since March 2020 the bike section has been operating on a 1 to 1 basis with associates rather than having the regular weekly meetings at Southport Fire Station. Whilst we would like to eventually return to the Fire Station, should this situation endure, we would welcome suggestions from any members who could recommend alternative venues. If the venue were to be provided free, that would be perfect but we wouldn't rule out a venue with a small charge. Adequate parking for c.30 bikes would be needed and AV facilities for powerpoint type presentations would also be preferable. Any suggestions welcome – please send them to secretary@samadvanced.co.uk.

As a reminder the Continuous Professional Development (CPD) programme 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 for further information.

Car Section

The car section currently has 14 associates signed up and at various stages of their training. Two associates, Harriet Maughan and Jim Meehan, have recently passed to advanced level, with Jim achieving a F1RST. Jim has also started his local observer training. Very well done to both.

Martin Robinson, who has several years experience as an observer, both with the IAM and ROSPA, will be joining Sefton Advanced Motorists as a National Observer.

If anyone has any group or associated news that they would like to add to the flyer please let me know at cjtdickens@gmail.com

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