



# Sefton Advanced Motorists

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## December 2023

**Welcome to the December 2023 edition of the SAM Newsletter.**

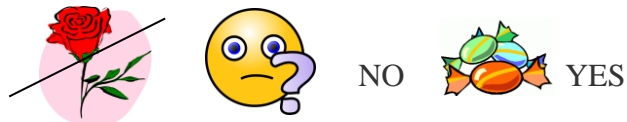
**Happy New Year** and apologies for the lateness of the Newsletter. I do hope you all had a good time and Santa was able to deliver all things hoped for. I have had a 'very' busy festive period and not all social as you might think at this time of year.



However the grandchildren have been very well entertained. And all my house guests left this morning now I need to get back on track.



19/12/23 Oh we did have a titter at the 'quiz nite' Lots of fun and laughter and the odd tough question too which keeps the old grey cells working, that are usually very overworked at that time of year. Mince pies a plenty and Roses too.



### Car Section

We would like to say congratulations and well done and welcome to the group to Ian Marsh and John King who have passed their Advanced Driving Test. John having achieved a FIRST.



Well Done John King →



## Motorcycle Section



The photographs are of Frank Lang and Aamir Shaikh receiving their certificates at the Christmas Quiz Group night.



Well done.



## CHAIR

SAM member Alan Wilde, addressed the committee about his recent success in gaining a qualification with Mental Health England. Alan has undertaken a course and is now a qualified mental health first aider. He informed the committee of what he can now do in this role. How he is able to talk to a person if they share concerns about their mental health, how he can listen, support and signpost. If you recall we had a talk from Steven Carr in June 2022 who was advising us of the initiatives from the IAM into supporting male motorcyclist mental health. Alan has agreed to come and share his knowledge at a group meeting date to be agreed

The group have been contacted by Matthew Mort from Arriva Transport regarding an initiative in road safety and children. The following is a synopsis of his work and a link to find out more about this initiative.

“I was a member of IAM Wirral many years ago, and passed my assessment under examination by Jeff Mather with a F1rst in 2016.

I now work in Road Safety for the local bus operator Arriva and I’m contacting you to share a safety campaign that I’ve been running this school term, in the hope that you can share this with your members when they are out teaching/learning and increase awareness of the hazards around buses and potential for harm.

The campaign is called **Stop and Stay**, and it stems from us witnessing an awful incident (on average once every three months) where a child gets hit by a vehicle as they leave our buses and walk into traffic. The campaign is shared with school children to encourage them to stop and stay when they get off the bus, to let the bus leave and to then cross the road in the safe way. Our website is [www.arrivabus.co.uk/stopandstay](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk/stopandstay).

To go further I want to share the campaign with road users too, hence me contacting you. Not all incidents are unavoidable by the drivers action, and I’d like to share the message of being aware of what hazards there are when a bus is at a stop, particularly at going home time for school children. “

I have checked on the link which takes you to Arriva where you can get more information. We hope you find this useful.

## News and Views

I must say thank you to David Simister and Tim Robinson who have shared their views experiences and pointed us to relevant guidance from the Highway Code etc. This month will be no different, so here's your next point to ponder, from Tim.

Q1. You arrive at a red traffic light at a well-sighted junction. You have been waiting there for ten minutes. Do you conclude that the lights are faulty and *cautiously* advance over the give way line and proceed when safe?

Q2. You're driving along the M6 and traffic is flowing freely [I said these were hypothetical!]. You're making good progress (i.e. 70mph) in Lane 3. One of the overhead gantries with variable speed limits shows '40', however the previous gantry was showing 'NSL' and you can see the next gantry is also on 'NSL'. You have sight of the entire carriageway in between and there are clearly no unusual hazards. Do you slow to 40? Do you slow at all?

Answers on a postcard please .....ha-ha no you can reply to the email below. It will be forwarded to me.

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

MEMBERSHIP 146

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook likes: 890 followers: 911

Twitter following: 933 followers: 900

## Dates for the Diary

There will be no group meeting in January.

The next committee meeting will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at S & B

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