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Welcome to the February 2024 edition of the SAM Newsletter.

Hello everyone I hope this newsletter finds you well. Bed making over I've now started on outside painting but that's very patchy as our dry days are few and far between, but aren't they lovely when they do arrive? Even if you cannot get out for a walk its lovely to see the sun, warming us through the window. 🎨 ☀️ Don't forget the sunscreen.

Car Section

We don't have any passes this month to congratulate therefore I am going to keep in Tony's words from last month, as this ongoing and new members may not have read last month's newsletter. This offer is open to all members without discrimination to age or any gender identification. So come and join us.

"The Car Team is currently looking to recruit and train up, up to six new National Observers.

This is a voluntary role, which, when you have qualified, allows you to coach Associates to become Advanced Drivers.

We are particularly short of Observers in the Formby and North Liverpool areas, although we are happy to recruit from the Southport/Ormskirk areas.

If you think that this is something you might be interested in, please contact Tony Hey at tony.hey@outlook.com or 07836 567345".



Even Fred started
somewhere



all welcome,(come on
ladies let's share our
skills) 😊



Motorcycle Section

The spring bike course begins on 2nd March so there are no passes from associates to report yet. However, on 28th February Nick Shore passed his North West Masters assessment, achieving a distinction. Nick passed his advanced test in 2015 and returned last summer to join the CPD programme. Congratulations Nick.



Nick is about to begin training as a National Observer and we look forward to him joining the observer team, along with Gary Charlton and Niall Miller. Best of luck to them all.



Last weekend saw eighteen SAM riders head out to Knott End for a breakfast ride. Led expertly by Dave Mercer and tail ended equally so by Rob Simpson, we had a gloriously sunny day even though it was cool. Look out for more rides soon.



CHAIR

I was notified recently by Stewart Gaukroger that he is standing down from his membership of the Committee. Stewart has been a stalwart of the bike section, having trained me to take my bike test as far back as 2001, He became Bike Secretary soon after until 2012 but remained as a senior observer until last year. Alongside his bike commitments he has served the main committee for many years, several as treasurer and most recently taking responsibility for our connection with the Charity Commission. We all owe Stewart a great debt of thanks, not only for his service throughout the years, but also for his knowledge and experience which has always offered willingly and kindly. Thank you Stewart.



That brings forward a timely reminder to ask any members who are interested in serving on the committee to come forward and express your interest. Just come along to a committee meeting to observe what happens and what we do before making a commitment to "sign up".

Please contact me via chair@samadvanced.co.uk or to secretary@samadvanced.co.uk

Alan Filson Award



This year's Alan Filson Award for outstanding contribution, goes to Dave Mercer. Here we see Dave receiving his award from Barry Hesketh for his outstanding contribution to all our SAM riders who have been on any of his impeccably detailed planned 'ride outs'.

Although it can feel like herding cats to get the bike members to answer Whatsapp requests for choice of food/drink, Dave has been ride leader from the beginning of last year and is carrying on this year. However, he can't commit to every ride so is looking for willing volunteers from the bike members to offer to lead and/or tail end the rides. Volunteer via the SAM Ride Outs Whatsapp group.

News and Views

I must start with a big thank you to Keith Hick, who gave us a really interesting and knowledgeable talk on 19th February, on Sir Henry Seagrave. We sometimes forget what great facilities we have on our coastline. He is an eloquent speaker who did not need the sound system we now have available for our speakers.



If you have ever been to a talk and not been able to hear what was said as you were at the back, don't be put off, now we have access to S&B sound system (speakers and mike). I felt the room acoustics were not as good as the Clifton or am I just getting harder of hearing in my senior years.



On the subject of speakers, do my readers have any requests or ideas or know of someone who has an interesting life they would share with us? After living near a neighbour for over 15 years I recently found out that he is an avid fan of the Beatles and will do small tours of all the venues they performed in around Southport. Who knew



It has been agreed we will arrange a treasure hunt drive / ride / out to celebrate our 40th year so if you have some ideas and would like to get involved please contact me at.

enquiries@samadvanced.co.uk

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Get involved !

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

Dates for the Diary

The next committee meeting will be held on 13th March

The next Group meeting will on Monday 18th March at 7.30pm

S&B Sports Club Trafalgar Road Birkdale

The speaker for this date has not fully been finalised, so we will send out the information in a separate email.

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