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Welcome to January 2025 edition of the SAM Newsletter.



Hello my lovely readers, I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying some of the lovely sun we had today (Thursday). How did you fair in those winds Eowyn and Herminia? I was very lucky this time and no more panels blew off my garage roof. 😞 Also I'm very pleased to say that normal dance classes have resumed without any negative effects on my knee YAY. 🙌

So if your ready make that hot drink, pull up your chair and read on. 😄

MOTORCYCLE Section



Welcome to this month's new associates

Mark Grace, Andrew Bailey, Robert Baldwin Jason Yandle, Andrew Sproston, welcome

Report from Paul Acres, Bike Chief Observer. Given the winter weather and the instability that snow chains bring to motorcycles the group has curtailed it's on road activities but is busy planning for 2025. The training group met in January. A meeting of all observers will be held in February to review its systems and to set its programmes for the next 12 months. A group of willing volunteer observers has been formed to structure a formal programme of social rideouts during the year.

The next course is scheduled to start on 1.3.25. To date 7 associates have enrolled to take it. 3 riders from previous advanced courses who suspended training for various personal reasons will join the spring course to complete their training.

CPD Gold diploma One member who has completed the course awaits assessment and one other member has asked to join the course later in the year.

Bikesafe The group will continue to support Bikesafe through this year.

New developments The group has expressed an interest in becoming a pilot group to test new computerised run sheets which the IAMR propose to introduce this year. A final

decision on whether or not to join the pilot will be made in discussion with the IAMR once the systems have been fully developed. At a recent meeting of the Northwest Regional Forum the group proposed there should be a system of exchanging best practice between groups. Our ASDM strongly supported that proposal and has said that he will organise meetings to discuss this. In advance of that we have already met with the Chief observer of the Warrington group to exchange information about our systems.

CAR Section



Welcome to this month's new associates

John Harrison, welcome aboard



Last month Tony thanked John Hatchard for his huge contribution to the car section and the car associates. On the 20th January we were able to present this first class chap with a gift of two Chrystal glasses to commemorate and validate his time with SAM. Here we see our President Stella Owen presenting John with his gift.



Johns leaving will create opportunities for further skill development, to promote safer driving and road use, If you have some time to spare please contact tony.hey@outlook.com



NEWS & VIEWS (Mumbles & Grumbles)

Wow wow wow what an interesting, entertaining and well attended talk we had from John Gregory (Reg Local) on the 20th of this month. If you were lucky enough to attend you will know what I am talking about. The time flew by as we were entertained and educated at the same time from videos clips of other people's view, of his You Tube Videos, about driving and riding. Our President Stella was quick to ascertain if he would be able to come back and give another talk later in the year. I'll keep you posted when we have programme of speakers confirmed, I for one will be looking forward to that one.



I am pleased to announce our next speaker for the 21st February 2025

MAHMOOD 'MEBS' AHMED

Retired Lancashire police officer,

Part One 21st February 2025

My Life's Journey - The Early Years.

Part Two 21st March 2025

My Life's Journey - My Career with Lancashire Constabulary and, My Life's Journey - The People Who Helped to Shape Me.

Meb was an incredibly shy boy from rural Pakistan fulfilling his dream of living in England. Sadly the new environment failed to remove the psychological barriers created by his fear of life and people. He failed at school and wasn't good enough for a career in football. He settled for jobs he didn't like and agreed to marriage.

He then meets someone who helped change his life. Eventually he joined Lancashire Constabulary, not necessarily an easy choice for an Asian man. He became a community officer and then a minority ethnic communities liaison officer. He learns about discrimination and how to support others. Mebs later became Chair of the Lancashire Black Police Association, a role which took up 50% of his working time.

After leaving the police he became a diversity and unconscious bias trainer, author and speaker.

Don't forget to put these dates in your diary.



I noted in the IAM newsletter a reference to Cornmarket Insurance, and how in the past an IAM member could get a small discount on their insurance. With this in mind I'm hoping to book a speaker to give us some advice about insurance and how to get a product that meets your needs. In the interim does anyone have any tips when 'comparing the market' (other search engines are available) they could share with us?

Please email alisonfilson@btinternet.com



CHAIR

It was a true pleasure to see over 40 members and guests attend our social meeting on the 20th with John Gregory. Thanks go to our President, Stella Owen, who has been working hard in the background to make contact with potential speakers and hopefully matching their topics to the interests of a group such as ours. Please do your utmost to attend if you can. You are all welcome to bring family and friends too. It was also fitting to have Stella present John Hatchard with a gift from the group, acknowledging his contribution to the car section. His young family is now the priority and we wish John well for the future.

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

MEMBERSHIP 147

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook likes: 884 followers: 894

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Dates for the Diary

The next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 7.30pm S&B Trafalgar Road Birkdale. **PR8 2HF**.

The next Group meeting will take place on **Monday 17th February 2025** 7.30pm S&B Trafalgar Road Birkdale **PR8 2HF**.



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Did you know that St Georges Hall in Liverpool, which is a Grade I listed building, is the location of the world's very first air-conditioning system.

Alison Filson

