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Welcome to York IAM Group Newsletter **SPRING 2023**

Forthcoming Events – dates for your DIARY

MARCH 2023

Mon 13 th	7.00pm	Pike Hills	Meet the Examiner Associates / Observers
Members welcome by arrangement...			

APRIL 2023

Tues 18th	7.00pm	Pike Hills	Members Meeting
Julian Fowell – Magistrate			
Traffic laws explained & updated			

MAY 2023

Thurs 4 th	7.00pm	Pike Hills	Observers' Meeting
Sat 13 th	9:30am	Pike Hills	Course LAUNCH morning

JUNE 2023

Tues 20th	7.00pm	Pike Hills	Members Meeting
details tbc			

NEWS from our Chair & Membership Secretary

Thank you to all members and guests who attended our recent AGM – the room was very nearly full!
We have had a very busy and successful year since I last reported to you.

50 ADT passes in 2022

A huge well done and THANK YOU to our Observer team!



More than 20 associates are currently driving with the team – 14 of whom started with us in February with our (now normal) launch meeting. We do this on a Saturday morning approximately every three months – so four courses a year. They meet each other, the training team, committee members and have a brief introduction to Advanced Driving in general. These meetings have been very well received by recent clients. Thank you to Ian for the time and effort he puts into planning these for us – if you would like to help and meet new members, please get in touch.

In 2021 we had 20 passes, and during 2020/21 a total of 25 associates joined our Group. I am happy to report that we can now see that 20 of these people have renewed their membership with IAM and York Group – this tells us that the experience was good!

Thank you to all 20 of you – and please do remember to keep in contact and refresh your driving on a regular basis.

MEMBERSHIP – work ongoing

Our growth is continuing, in large part because we are building a network of local contacts to find new clients ourselves, but also because recent clients are recommending York Advanced Drivers. The funding from the NYPF&CC has given us added credibility in the community – it has been a good way to start lots of conversations. Please pass information to family and friends.

This year our growth is being generated locally, and it demonstrates to IAM and our neighbouring groups that York Advanced Drivers is a strong and sustainable IAM Group going forward – we now have a new IAM Regional Manager – Steve Ellis who has pledged to help us generate more new activity. We also support IAM well with our professionalism and positivity towards commercial clients backed up by our organisational and training skill across the whole team. Thank you to everyone who contributes to our wonderful ROAD SAFETY charity!

Do you have IT / computer / social media skills? If so please do come and talk to us if you have some time to give in support of the Group.

SUE KEMP

News from our Chief Observer – Ian Goring

Our observers have a busy year and I am pleased to say that the test results show a consistency in their guidance to the new associates. As a team we meet regularly and help each other to discuss any issues relating to their associates to enable them to keep the same standards.

We are fortunate to have eight new observers joining our team this month and they are under training at the moment. This increases the numbers observers to 20 so allowing us to take on more associates and also allow a little bit of flexibility in allocating observers to associates each time we run a course. This will reduce the risk of any burn out of Observers.

Two training days are planned for this year and they are designed to help the observers maintain their driving skills.

Again can I remind members that there is still the opportunity to have their driving checked by one of our Observers. Something which those who have already had a check will tell you how beneficial it was. Just call me if you would like to have check drive done.

Ian Goring
Chief Observer/Training Manager
York Advanced Drivers



Members' Refresher Drives

These can be arranged by contacting Ian Goring Chief Observer on 01904 700489. Member's Refresher Drives offer the free opportunity to check your driving skills with one of our qualified Observers. Times and dates by individual arrangement to suit members.

Usually arranged to start from DOBBIES Garden Centre Car Park YO26 6QE.



Richard Gladman, IAM RoadSmart Chief Examiner, was the guest speaker at our AGM.

He's an Advanced Police Driver, Advanced Police Motorcyclist, he worked as Roads Policing Senior Investigating Officer and as Instructor, at the Police Motor Driving School in Hendon.

He talked to us about the 'bible' - ie Roadcraft and how it all began in note form and word of mouth, by 6th Earl of Cottenham in 1937. In its written form, in 1954, it was called Attention all Drivers, which later became Roadcraft, as we know it, in 1960.

We watched a video of a busy, wide road, with two carriageways, somewhere in India. There appeared to be no rules, yet the traffic, which included pedestrians, kept moving. How? The unspoken rule there, which works, is that 'the vehicle that keeps moving retains the right of way, regardless of its size.' The video then showed a car which stopped while trying to cut across the traffic and caused gridlock. Fascinating.

Richard showed us dashcam footage of appalling driving by motorcyclists, including one who was showing off and nearly hit an oncoming car. His evasion tactic was to crash into the adjoining field. Another, traveling at speed, simply wasn't looking ahead and had no option but crash between two HGVs whilst saying, s**t !!

Richard played a motorway dashcam clip of a motorcyclist crashing into the back of a car, which had just changed lanes. The rider catapulted up and over the roof of the car because the motorist braked. It was pointed out that if we hear a loud bang, we should not brake automatically, but slow gradually.

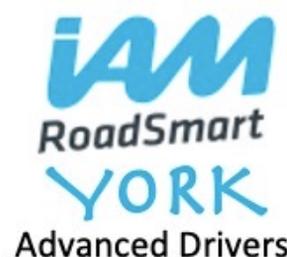
We discussed the dangers of handsfree mobile phone calls whilst motoring and how our driving becomes impaired. We debated the difficulties and distractions of huge touch screens in modern cars, against simple buttons in older vehicles. We were told about the dangers of sitting alongside an HGV, possibly in a blind spot and reminded to wait until it is safe to overtake fully, even if the driver behind you is impatient.

Finally, we watched a Dashcam Confession from America, with the camera on the driver. He was playing loud music, moving to the music, occasionally taking both hands off the wheel and singing along, having a great time. Not to be recommended, but it gave us all a good laugh.

Here's the link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8XFBUM8dMqw>

How's his driving???



2023 AGM Awards Presented on 28 February 2023

The PRESIDENT'S SHIELD of MERIT
(for a committed and hard-working committee member).

This was presented to SHEILA JEFFERSON – Group Secretary.

Sheila joined the team in March 2022 at the request of our Chair as 'temporary' secretary. During the last year she has embraced the role, introducing new procedures to help us, spending time in launch and other meetings trying to meet as many of our members as possible. In addition, hardly a day goes by without Sheila recommending the Advanced Driving Course! Several WI members have successfully completed ADTs following Sheila's efforts – and most recently she has sold the course to her next door neighbour! Well done – we are delighted that you have volunteered to continue supporting us!



CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY (for outstanding service to the Group's training activities).

This will be presented to Observer SIMON LITTLEJOHN who passed the ADT 54 years ago! Simon has driven with 4 associates during 2022. All have passed the Advanced Driving Test – and 2 gained F1RSTs – a great achievement for them and Simon. Diligent in his work ethic both with associates and with his commitment to meeting attendance, Simon always has useful comments to make. His associates have told us that his patience and attention to detail are exemplary – we agree!



YORK GROUP ANNUAL QUIZ SHIELD

This was presented at our Christmas meeting– 20 December 2022 to Dan & Martin Grey along with Andrew Graham. They will now have the envied task of setting our next Xmas Quiz!

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Three HONORARY Members were recognised this year:

VAL WALLER
JOHN FARLEY
JOHN WILKINSON

Now retiring from committee work we thank them all for their long service and commitment to York IAM Group.



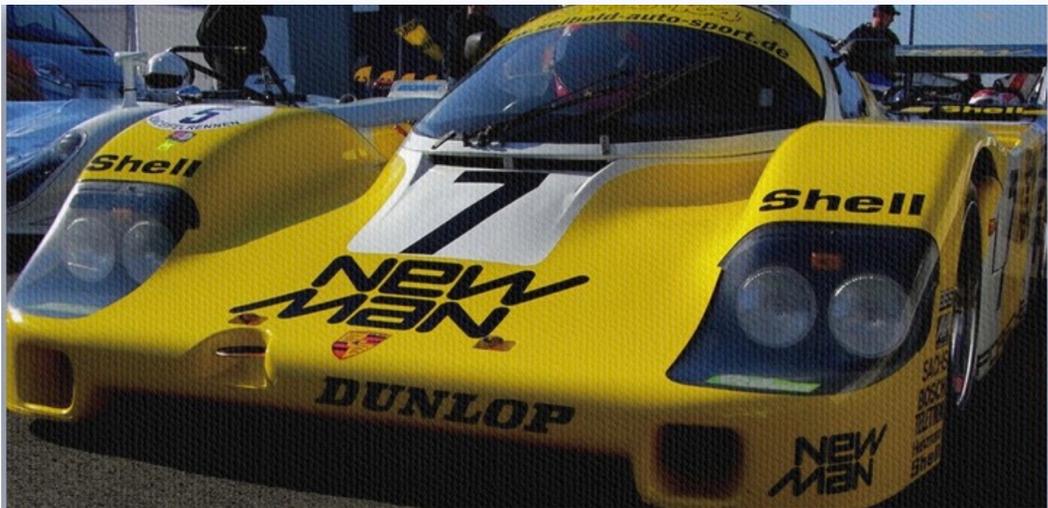
The BEN FORD TROPHY (for success in the IAMRS MASTER'S TEST)

Not presented this year as no York member took a Master's test in 2022, but we currently have one Observer who is in training, and also one of our committee members.... Meanwhile the trophy remains with Peter Langridge who recently gained a distinction in his first re-test at Masters – Well done!

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Hello to everyone

Sue has asked me to pen a few words of personal introduction so here goes...

I have been, "persuaded" to become the new Treasurer and by way of a thank you for all that I have had from being a member of York Group since January of 2022, it gives me a deal of satisfaction to be able to contribute something back through taking up this role.

I passed my advanced test with the group last summer and I'm now trying my hand at the Master's Programme. I've come to realise how much time and effort it takes from all the volunteers to make this work so I'm very pleased to be able to do my bit as well.

Through a business career spanning more than 45 years in business finance with organisations large and small around the York area I hope to bring a wide range of knowledge and experience to the tasks in hand.

Some will remember Redfern National Glass in Fishergate York where I had my first post, then to The Eclipse Copper Company of York before joining fledgling business, Holmes Catering Equipment Ltd, which became my career for more than 25 years as their accountant and Financial Director.

I also have a first-class honours degree In Business Management gained whilst working full time etc etc however outside of my business roles my real passion apart from my wife and son, is cars. Particularly fast German ones.

I'm a fast Audi devotee, having owned nearly 9 and counting, but my real weakness is Porsche; a Turbo-S for the road and a 917 or 956 in my dreams for the track, Oh and I must get myself to the Porsche Museum in Stuttgart before I'm too much older!

Hopefully the Treasurers job will not be as demanding as the Masters course, and I look forward to meeting more of you all in the coming months to talk about driving, cars and of course finance!

Anthony Lawson

York Group Treasurer

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IAM RoadSmart: 2023 price increase

In order to sustain all the great work that groups, volunteers and IAM RoadSmart staff deliver, we need to more accurately reflect the premium products, services and benefits that we have within our pricing, and at last year's AGM, members voted in favour of an annual membership increase, with the agreed increase below taking effect from 1st April 2023.

	2022/23 pricing (£)	2023/24 pricing (£) - new
Membership		
Direct debit	£39.00	£43.00
Cheque, bank transfer or debit / credit card	£43.00	£48.00
Fellows subscription (includes 3 yearly test)		
Direct debit	£55.50	£61.00
Cheque, bank transfer or debit / credit card	£59.50	£66.00

If you currently don't pay by Direct Debit, we strongly encourage you to sign up to this payment method as it will save you £5 on your membership

IAM RoadSmart membership will continue to offer you exclusive member benefits, such as:

- dedicated membership communications such as monthly newsletters and IAM RoadSmart magazine, with driving and riding tips, blogs, latest news, press releases, policy and research, opinion polls, competitions and more,
- access to further skills development opportunities, e.g., Masters course,
- opportunity to book tickets to our Skills Days events at racing circuits, and other member events, such as online webinars,
- access to special offers and discounts from our partners,
- opportunity to join local groups for social activities with like-minded individuals,
- competitive and price matched insurance offers,
- ability to shape the future of the charity by voting in IAM RoadSmart election and participating in the Annual General Meeting,
- feeling proud to be part of a force for good and contributing to safer roads.

Contacting York IAM Group

Please contact any member of the committee via email yorkdrivers@hotmail.com.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

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