

## THE LATEST FROM IAM LINCOLNSHIRE

### *Summer news!*

Welcome to our Summer newsletter, we hope you enjoy it.

It continues to be a busy 2022, we've held our Annual General Meeting and already achieved as many new advanced drivers this year as we did throughout the whole of 2021. We've completed the current funded PCC funded Young Driver Courses and we're hopeful of announcing a new offer for young drivers shortly.

Find out more in this edition of our newsletter.



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## GROUP UPDATE

### *Observer/Associate update*

We're making good progress on our Advanced Driver Courses so far in 2022.

We've achieved 35 test passes and currently have over 40 associates undertaking courses. We are hopeful of launching a new offer for young drivers (17-24 year old) shortly.

Throughout the course of 2022, we're still offering free taster drives and enjoyed our first Confident Driving presentation of the year at Sleaford U3A in May. Several of their members signed up for free taster drives.

Congratulations to the 35 new Advanced Drivers who have passed their tests so far in 2022			
Associate	Pass Date	Observer	Check Drive Observer
Ben Mander	03/08/2022	Les Robey	Simon Clayton
Charles McNab	29/07/2022	Tony Larvin	Tony Lofts
Rebecca Ramsden	15/07/2022	Tony Lofts	Ashley Behan
Sandra Parker	07/07/2022	Steve Waltham	Roger Hicks
Colin Lane	26/08/2022	Geoff Coughlin	Ashley Behan
Charlotte McCracken	18/06/2022 F1RST	Bob Bates	Tony Lofts
Laura Enright	18/06/2022	Tony Larvin	Tony Lofts
Thomas Hallam	17/06/2022	Martin Dodsworth	Ashley Behan
Andrew Kernick	12/06/2022 F1RST	David Hosegood	Simon Clayton
Malcolm Cammack	10/06/2022	Tony Larvin	Roger Hicks
Steve Hendry	09/06/2022 F1RST	Paul Russell	Richard Hardesty
Jack Buxton	07/06/2022	Simon Clayton	Ashley Behan
Yolanda Martin	17/05/2022	Roger Hicks	Tony Larvin
Alexandra Jones	13/05/2022	Roger Hicks	David Jones
Jill Dixon	09/05/2022	Simon Clayton	Ashley Behan
Mark Johnson	07/05/2022 F1RST	Ray Whitaker	Tony Lofts
Porsha Sykes-Dixon	01/05/2022	Richard Hardesty	Paul Russell
Abbie Hall	29/04/2022	Mat Goddard	Ashley Behan
Gerald Abel	24/04/2022	Roger Hicks	Geoff Coughlin
Dawn Zalas	09/04/2022 F1RST		Roger Hicks
Jamie Nowell	09/04/2022	Tom Burton	Tony Lofts
Peter Davy	01/04/2022 F1RST	Ray Whitaker	Roger Hicks
Peter Thompson	20/03/2022 F1RST	Les Robey	Geoff Coughlin
Ryan Tittershill	12/03/2022	Ray Whitaker	Roger Hicks
John Leventhall	26/02/2022	Roger Hicks	Geoff Coughlin
Isabel Read	21/02/2022	Chrissie Larkin	Ashley Behan
Will Harrison	18/02/2022 F1RST	Keith Lovering	Ashley Behan
Joe Blackburn	30/01/2022	Tom Burton	Tony Lofts
Scott Jennings	23/01/2022 F1RST	Simon Clayton	Richard Hardesty
Steve Goodwin	23/01/2022	Mat Goddard	Ashley Behan
Linda Adams	23/01/2022	Ashley Behan	Richard Hardesty
Dawn Bibb	23/01/2022	Ashley Behan	Richard Hardesty
Hannah Broadbent	23/01/2022	Thomas Holm-Johansen	Ashley Behan
Max Haywood	19/01/2022	Geoff Coughlin	Ashley Behan
Sam Keyworth	06/01/2022	Keith Lovering	Ashley Behan



### UPDATE FROM OUR AGM

June 2022

We held our Annual General Meeting on 14th June 2022 and were joined by 42 members along with guest speaker Richard Gladman, IAM RoadSmart's Heading of Driving and Riding Standards.

Roger Hicks, Chair and Chief Observer, opened the meeting and presented his report which focused on the groups activity over the previous 12 months and success achieved, despite COVID-19 frustrations. Roger thanked members for their support and talked of plans to increase the number of member events over the coming year, ensuring that these are kept relevant and interesting.

Les Robey, Treasurer, presented an update on the groups finances which remained in a healthy position. The accounts have been reviewed by an accountant and agreed as an accurate record. They were adopted by the members on the night.

Richard Hardesty, Social Media Officer, presented his report on the groups activity on social media and in the media. IAM Lincolnshire continues to recognise the importance of all media platforms in growing the reach of the group and its aims and objectives.

Finally, the election of Officers and Committee Members was held. All of the six Committee Members stood for re-election and this was accepted by the membership.

At the end of the formal meeting, Richard Gladman presented certificates to several members who had recently passed their advanced tests.

Richard also presented certificates of achievement to former IAM Lincolnshire Chair, Committee Member and Observer, Ken Green, on retiring his membership after 40 years and to Mike Hill former Committee Member and Observer for 50 years service to the IAM.

IAM Lincolnshire would like to put on record our sincere thanks and appreciation to Ken and Mike for their dedication to the group over many years.

A buffet and raffle followed this along with a talk and Q&A session by Richard Gladman which was well received.

A copy of the full documents, reports and finances can be [viewed here](#).



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We have a great turn out at tonight's AGM, with committee reports and elections plus an engaging EV presentation from [@RichGladmanIAM](#).

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We are grateful to Richard for presenting certificates to recent successful associates.



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And for presenting certificates of appreciation to Mike and Ken who have dedicated 90 years of volunteer service to [@IAMRoadSmart](#) between them!



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## MOTHER AND DAUGHTER ACHIEVE ADVANCED STANDARD

*The following article was written by IAM Lincolnshire Member Linda Adams from Skegness. We were sad to learn that Linda passed away in June following a short illness. Our thoughts are with Linda's daughter Dawn, granddaughter Steph and their family. It was Linda's wish along with her family's to publish this article.*

Having noticed an online post offering fully funded Advanced Driver Courses for 17-24 years old, promoted by IAM Lincolnshire and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire, I thought this may be good for my grand-daughter Stephanie, who passed her driving test a year ago, and is definitely a petrol-head.

Being a driver for a number of years myself, and having developed a few bad habits along the way, in particular harsh braking, Stephanie said I'd never pass a driving test if I had to take it again. Worse still, her mum, Dawn, agreed!

So, rising to the challenge, I discovered we could take a no-obligation taster test with IAM Lincolnshire, and the first time we met Ash Behan, Dawn (my daughter) and I didn't know what to expect. He took us both, separately, for a drive from Tesco car park (in Skegness) through Orby and Ingoldmells to assess our driving, with scores of 1, 2 or 3, being excellent, competent or needing improvement.

Horried at the number of 2's and 3's I'd received, and in Dawn's case, as she wanted to improve her driving as she now had young grandchildren to consider in the car, we both decided to enroll on the Advanced Driving Course.

We found Ash to be a great observer, who gave us tips and ways to improve our driving skills and there's nothing like a bit of family competition and good-hearted rivalry to spur you on and so Stephanie signed up for the young driver's course, although she's had to pause due to work and college commitments. We did feel sorry though for Ash, as he had three hours in Skegness, observing Dawn, myself and Stephanie!

We rose to the challenge and after many hours of Reg Local videos and miles of practice, we had run sheets where we were lost the 'three's' and were scoring 1's and 2's, had a check drive with Richard Hardesty and put in for the test.



We were not familiar with the areas around Boston and Spalding that we took the test in, which took over an hour, but were delighted when both of us passed.

I know my driving has greatly improved and braking has never been smoother and I am inspired to drive to more areas I'm unfamiliar with. I wonder now how I used to drive before! Dawn is more confident in her driving and feels happier to take her grandchildren out in the car.

I am sure Stephanie won't be far behind us (a full time student who hasn't got as much time to practice, like we had), and we will be there to 'observe' her along with drives with Ash.

Although we haven't been able to attend any member's events due to covid restrictions, we are looking forward to the social aspect of meeting other members and perhaps even attending skills days. We are definitely going to miss our drives with Ash. Both him and Richard are great!

**Linda Adams, IAM Lincolnshire Member**  
Linda and Dawn pictured above with DCS Andy Cox presenting their certificates



## HOW OFTEN ARE YOU DISTRACTED WHEN DRIVING?

### *Tips to manage distractions whilst driving from IAM RoadSmart*

We all know that in an ideal world our eyes and minds would be 100% on our driving, 100% of the time.

However, in the real world we are easily distracted by all sorts of things – from children or pets in the back seat, the radio, mobile phones, other road users and, increasingly, in-car technology, such as infotainment systems.

In fact, a recent IAM RoadSmart Twitter poll found that just under half (44.4%) of respondents said they find infotainment systems distracting, while 42.1% found other road users distracting; and research by road safety charity Brake and Direct Line insurance found that 91% of drivers believe adjusting their satnav is a distraction.

Distractions impair our ability to react quickly and could have serious consequences for you, the driver, other passengers - plus of course other road users and pedestrians.



### **New legislation**

The law also recognises the danger that being distracted while driving can pose. While it's been illegal to use a hand-held mobile phone since 2003, in March this year the law changed yet again in response to the fact that mobile devices are now capable of so many more things than making and receiving calls and text messages.

The update now means it's also illegal to unlock any handheld smart device to pretty much anything on it,

including accessing the internet, using any app, checking notifications, or accessing any stored data, such as files, playlists, photos, or messages. There are exemptions when you need to use your phone in an emergency, to make a contactless payment for goods or services – such as at a road toll, and also using a phone for navigation. However, it **MUST** be in a cradle, not your hand.

### **Here are some IAM RoadSmart tips to help you avoid distractions while you're driving:**

- Set your destination on your satnav *before* you start your engine to avoid trying to key in details while you're moving or even in stationary traffic.
- Avoid playing with infotainment settings while you're driving. Instead, select your favourite radio station and load the CD play before you set off.
- Newer mobile phones include a setting that will limit notifications whilst driving. If yours doesn't, either turn it off, put it in the boot, or switch to aircraft mode so you're not tempted to check it. If you need to make a call or send a text stop at a service station or in a layby.
- If you're faced with an emergency and you must make or receive a call while driving, preferably pull over and stop the car. Always ensure you use hands-free mode when moving.
- Avoid eating and drinking while you're driving because dropped food or a spilled drink will mean your mind isn't on the road.
- If you're feeling tired, stop at the next services to take a break. Have something to eat and drink, stretch your legs and if necessary, take a nap.
- Passengers can be a great accompaniment on a long journey, but don't let them distract you; if children are playing up in the back of the car, stop as soon as you can to calm them down. Try to give them suitable games or toys to help keep them occupied during the journey, plus frequent stops for drinks, snacks and the toilet will help prevent problems.
- When driving on busy roads, try not to let the actions of other motorists distract you; concentrate on keeping a safe distance between you and the vehicles in front, and increase that distance if the vehicles behind you are too close.

## FORDIE'S WORLD

*The thoughts of IAM Lincolnshire member, Graham Ford*

Firstly, let me start by congratulating Roger and Ash on resitting and passing their IAM Masters with Distinction, very well done Gentlemen!

With reference to the AGM which took place in June and is reference earlier in this newsletter, it is heartening to learn that "our" group is one of the most successful in the country in terms of membership, test passes potential new members and financial stability. This is due to the leadership, enthusiasm and organisational skills of Roger, Ash, Les the treasurer and all the committee members and observers. In view of recent circumstances, Gentlemen, I commend you!



For some time now Jan and I have been considering training for our Masters, but after the presentation by Richard Gladman at the AGM where he touched on the test criteria for the Masters, we wondered if we are being a little ambitious! As I am much nearer eighty than seventy, I would still like to prove I can drive to IAM standards and hopefully inspire, were I to pass, other senior members to take the test. Jan's reasons are very similar, to inspire the "more mature" lady members to try for the test.

Now, the ongoing saga of the transfer of "Ford Towers" from a three-bedroom terrace house of doubtful vintage to a second-floor apartment (sounds more up-market) in a complex. This accommodation is ideal for me but thank heaven for lifts. Mount Street had been my home for nearly 50 years and I was amazed at the amount of "stuff" that was acquired, much has gone to charity with still more to go. Even more has gone to the council

waste recycling centre, so much so I feel I have been doing an early summer season there including matinees on Saturdays! The staff even give me "friendly" greetings such as "you again?", "have you got a bed here" or "even another WOMAN?". The answer to all of this is an emphatic NO!

This wouldn't be Fordie's World if I didn't have a "grump", you know you like 'em...

Now is it my imagination or do owners/drivers of certain German models take a perverse delight in exceeding speed limits and tailgating us mere mortals. I know it's not always easy to stick to the speed limit, my own car has a tendency to pick up speed while barely touching the accelerator.

Next 'query', have drivers forgotten how to turn the steering wheel? Just lately, so many drivers seem to "run wide" on corners almost as if the drivers suddenly realise they have to STEER the car. There is NOT an "app" on their smartphone to do this... just yet!

More minor niggles... unless it has recently changed, there is a 30mph speed limit on South Park Avenue and it is NOT clearly marked. Secondly, trees and bushes are beginning to obscure road signs. They are urgently in need of trimming. Thirdly, will contractors remove "Diversion" or other temporary signs promptly as it is hard to decide whether or not they are still relevant.

I have to confess, this is the third attempt at this edition of Fordie's World, currently we are in Jan's holiday lodge near Sheringham. It's a glorious evening, sunny and quiet.

This is England as it should be and all is well with our world!

Enjoy your summer motoring (if you can afford the fuel) .

## Fordie





## DRIVING ON COUNTRY LANES

### *Advice from IAM RoadSmart*

**IAM RoadSmart's Head of Driving & Riding Standards Richard Gladman offers sound safety advice for driving on narrow country lanes in part three of his expert driving tips.**

The key piece of advice for driving on country roads is to remember the environment you are in.

And perhaps the second biggest piece of advice is, don't swerve to miss animals or birds that might run or fly out in front of you...don't kill yourself to save a rabbit: We've published this advice before and received a lot of push back – particularly from a lady who said what we'd essentially said was 'kill the rabbit'. And actually, I 100% stand by that advice if it's a choice between you, any other occupants of your car, and the rabbit.

However, wouldn't it be better not to put ourselves in the situation where we had to make that choice and simply respect the countryside and the creatures that live in it?

**Share the road** When you're driving in the countryside you should of course expect rabbits and other wildlife, such as deer, to run out in front of you...if you drive around a corner and there's a line of ducks crossing the road, none of us is heartless enough to want to run them over. So wouldn't it be nice if when we came around the corner, we were driving slowly enough not to have to choose between the ducks and crashing the car?

Drive at a pace that allows you to share the road with its regular residents...one day that line of ducks is going to be a combine harvester...and that would hurt.

You should always be able to stop in the distance you can see to be clear on your side of the road – and have a clear view of what's on your side of the road. That's part of road craft we teach people on our courses – but of course the word missing is 'comfortably'.

When I was a police officer teaching trainee officers about driving to emergencies, I told them their stop didn't need to look pretty, they just had to bring the car to a halt: At IAM RoadSmart, I tell members that not only do they have to stop, but stop comfortably, and it's got to look pretty.

**Look out for warning signs** And if you're coming up behind a flock of sheep, or horses, you have to realise you're going to be there for 20 minutes or so. It's their environment – not yours – you have to be prepared to share. Slow down, take in all the information about what might be around the corner. UK roads are actually pretty good at that.

If there's a warning sign about horses, someone has put it there for a reason. There might not necessarily be horses on the road at that moment, but perhaps a bridleway crosses close by, or there's a riding school. The sign is saying 'heighten your awareness to horses'. Similarly, if there's a sign with a tractor on it, you know that somewhere close, a tractor or combined harvester will be coming onto the road frequently.

If I see a church steeple in the distance, I don't just think 'oh there's a lovely church', I'm thinking 'steeple, people' and that I'm approaching a village and the speed limit is going to change. I'll be

thinking about it and ready for it.

But going through a small village at 30 mph is actually still quite fast, especially if there are chickens or ducks. Look out for hand-written signs. It might not be an official road sign, but someone has taken the time and trouble to create it and put it there. Use it to your advantage.

There are usually other indications that you need to be more vigilant. For instance, if there's fresh horse dung in the road, you know the horse is close by. If that dung is flattened out, the horse was there earlier, and might be coming back.

If there's one cyclist, you know it's likely there will be more – they often ride in twos or more.

**Single-track roads** When it comes to a single-track roads, remember you should be able to stop in half the distance you can see. You can go quickly on the straight stretches but should be much slower on blind bends.

Look at the edges of the road. If they are broken up, you know that large vehicles, such as tractors have been there. Make a note of the passing places as you drive past them and be prepared to reverse to let a tractor or other farm machinery through.

**Don't forget** To sum up: Share nicely; be prepared to stop in half the distance you can see – and put the word 'comfortably' in there. Take in all the information that's there to help you drive safely on country roads and respect the fact that other people and animals live there.

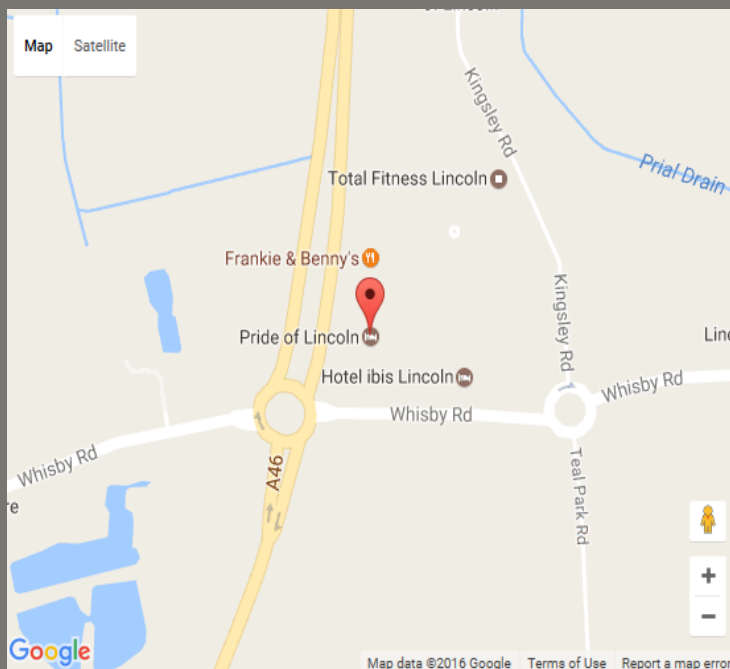
### OUR VENUE

#### WHERE TO FIND US?

**Windmill Farm** Function Room for a **7pm start**  
Kingsley Road off Whisby Road  
Lincoln LN6 3QZ

Our events are subject to change; please visit the Events section of our website prior to attending and for further details about specific events.

### 2022 EVENTS



~~Tuesday 8 February 2022~~

~~Detective Chief Superintendent Andy Cox,  
Lincolnshire Police Head of Crime Intelligence.  
National lead for fatal collision investigation  
reporting~~

~~Tuesday 14 June 2022~~

~~Annual General Meeting (AGM), IAM RoadSmart  
Head of Driving Standards  
Richard Gladman~~

~~Tuesday 23 August 2022~~

~~Advanced Driver Course Refresher / Car  
Maintenance Practical~~

Tuesday 11 October 2022

Reg Local - Advanced and Performance Driving

Tuesday 13 December 2022

Christmas Quiz/Social Evening

### NEXT EDITION *Autumn22*