

**MELKSHAM & DISTRICT GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS**



**The Riverside Club**

**Social Evenings**

Our monthly Social Evenings feature a guest speaker or other event, chat, tea and raffle, and are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. They take place at 19:30 at the Riverside Club, Bath Road, Melksham, SN12 6LP, unless otherwise advised – if needed, there is a map on our Website. There is a modest charge of £1 to cover refreshments and a ticket for the raffle.



**Classic British Cars**  
**Triumph TR6 (1974)**

**Bring a friend: All are welcome, including non-members and members of other groups.**

**COMING EVENTS (2018)**

**19:30 Thursday 20 September.** Social evening at the Riverside Club. Christopher Clark from the Highways Department, Wiltshire Council, will be giving a presentation. Any questions should be forwarded to Richard Clark, in advance.

**19:30 Thursday 18 October.** Social evening at the Riverside Club. David Douch, from the Swindon Group, will be giving a talk on Car Design and Security. Come along. Knowing David, it will be an interesting evening.

**19:30 Thursday 15 November.** Social evening at the Riverside Club. Wiltshire Police will be giving a talk on their role with firearms.

**19:30 Thursday 14 December.** The MAM will be holding its Christmas Meal at the Barge Inn, Seend. All members are invited. This is the same venue as last year, and all who attended had a very good evening, so please come along and join in. The menu will be issued, when available.

### **NEWS ITEMS**

**Congratulations.** Congratulations to Sharon Aspinall and Julian Sims on passing the Advanced Driving Test.

**September News Magazine.** Please note that there will be no News Magazine in September, as the editor will be absent on holiday sampling muchisimas tapas y Rioja tinto.

### **Eight Go Rallying – The Road to Saigon.**

If you want to see some examples really dreadful driving, then watch this program on BBC2 TV, Sunday evenings, at 21:00. It stars eight TV celebrity couples, making their way across the Far East in a classic car rally.



### **ARTICLES**

#### **The Triumph TR6**

The British sports car **Triumph TR6** was built by the Triumph Motor Company between 1968 and 1976. By the end of its production, it was the best-seller of the TR range. Of the 91,850 TR6s produced, 83,480 were exported; only 8,370 were sold in the UK.

The bodywork was generally similar to the TR4 and TR5, but the front and rear ends were squared off, reportedly as a result of a consultancy contract involving Karmann.



All TR6s were powered by Triumph's 2.5-litre straight 6, with the same Lucas mechanical fuel-injection as the TR5, for the United Kingdom and global markets, but carburetted for the United States. The TR6PI (petrol-injection) system helped the home-market TR6 to produce 150 bhp (110 kW) (145 hp DIN).

The TR6 featured a four-speed manual transmission. An optional electrically switched overdrive operated on second, third, and fourth gears on early models, and third and fourth on later ones. Construction was traditional frame. Other features included semi-trailing arm independent rear suspension, rack and pinion steering, 15-inch (380 mm) wheels and tires, pile carpet on floors and trunk/boot, bucket seats, and full instrumentation. Brakes were discs at the front and drums at the rear. A factory steel hardtop was optional, requiring two people to fit it. The dashboard was walnut veneer. Other factory options included a rear anti-roll bar, and a limited-slip differential.

The UK version TR6PI could accelerate from 0 to 60 mph (96 km/h) in 8.2 seconds, and had a top speed of 120 mph (190 km/h).

As of 2016, out of the 8370 original British cars produced, approximately 3400 licensed and 1300 SORN TR6s were registered with the DVLA in the UK.

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**UK has second highest fine in Europe for using phone while driving. Yet heavy fines and extra points are "not enough" (Source The Sunday Times Driving 2016).**

MOTORISTS in the UK are slapped with some of the highest fines in Europe for using a handheld mobile phone while driving, a new study has found. Yet a worrying number of drivers still flout the law.

It's illegal to hold a phone or sat nav while driving or riding a motorcycle in Britain, and the penalty for offending was increased 12 months ago to six points on your driving licence, which means an automatic ban for anyone who passed their test in the last two years, and a £200 fine.

German motoring organisation ADAC found that many European countries have much lower financial penalties. Bulgaria, Iceland, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Austria, Poland, Switzerland, Slovakia, Hungary and Czech Republic all have fines of under €100 (£88).

Germany fines up to €100 Euros, while France sets the payment at €135, Italy at €160, and Spain and Denmark at around €200 Euros.

At the equivalent of around €225, UK fines are only surpassed by the Netherlands, where it will cost you €230 if you're caught using a handheld phone at the wheel.

**Fine rates throughout Europe for using a hand held mobile phone while driving.**

Netherlands	€230	Slovenia	From €120	Poland	From €50
UK	€225	Belgium	From €110	Slovakia	From €50
Denmark	€200	Germany	From €100	Austria	From €50
Spain	€200	Finland	From €100	Hungary	From €50
Sweden	€160	Greece	From €100	Bosnia & H	From €50
Italy	From €160	Switzerland	€90 Euro	Czech. R	From €40
Norway	€135	Lithuania	From €85	Iceland	€40
France	€135	Luxembourg	€74	Bulgaria	€25
Romania	From €125	Croatia	€70	Latvia	€15
Portugal	From €120	Ireland	From €60		

Despite our tough penalties, a recent study showed one in five UK motorists still admit to using a handheld phone while driving.

Figures published by the Ministry of Justice show the number of offenders convicted of “using or causing others to use a handheld mobile phone while driving” stood at 11,961 for 2016 (the last year full statistics are currently available).

A study by road safety campaign group IAM RoadSmart showed that 90% of drivers are concerned by the amount of drivers flouting the law, saying the dangers caused by people accessing social media or email messages while driving was a significant threat to their personal safety, and they felt it was an even bigger threat than drink-driving.

Sarah Sillars, of IAM RoadSmart, said: “Motorists need to make the connection that using a handheld phone is a major distraction to the task of driving. There is no such thing as multi-tasking when it comes to driving – when you drive, there is nothing else you should be doing.

“Handheld mobile phone use is a top concern for British drivers and heavy fines and extra points are a key part of the government strategy to combat it. Clearly this is not enough and unless selfish drivers fear that they will be caught, far too many will continue to flout the law.

“What we want to see is a combination of effective penalties, more personal and corporate responsibility and vehicle, smartphone and social media companies working together to generate hi-tech solutions to the distractions caused by their technology.”

She added: “No call is worth risking your own or someone else’s life for. Remember, make the glove box the phone box and put temptation out of reach.”

Editor’s comment: People have been killed as a result of others using a mobile whilst driving. In my opinion, offenders should be given a ban of at least one year for use of a hand held phone, and more for texting etc. Would anyone like to comment on this issue? Please forward comments to the editor at [john\\_morley@live.co.uk](mailto:john_morley@live.co.uk).

### **PUZZLES AND QUIZZES**

#### **Know Your Driving and Car?**

Answers at the end of the News Magazine (No cheating please!)

<b>QUESTION</b>		<b>ANSWER (multiple choice)</b>
1.	What does BMW stand for?	Bavarian Motor Works, Berlin Motor Works, Brunswick Motor Works, or Borgholzhausen Motor Works?
2.	Which 2014 BMW model has the highest starting MSRP?	X6 M, ALPINA B7, 760Li, or M6 Convertible?
3.	Which is NOT a BMW model?	1600, 2001C, Z8, or 2800CS?
4.	The 2014 BMW 740i and 750i sedans produce how much horsepower respectively?	315/445, 265/325, 290/375, or 400/560?
5.	Which BMW has the quickest 0-60 time?	2009 BMW ActiveHybrid 7, 2011 BMW 640i SE Convertible, 1994 BMW M5, or 1997 BMW M3 Sedan?
6.	In 1998 BMW acquired which luxury car brand?	Jaguar, Maserati, Bentley, or Rolls-Royce?

7.	Which BMW model has the most horsepower?	2014 BMW X5 xDrive50i, 2013 BMW 335i xDrive, 2000 BMW M5, or 1981 BMW M1?
8.	The Jaguar F-Type S is the BMW Z4 sDrive35, as the Jaguar XFR-S is to the BMW?	M5, M3 Convertible, 760Li, or X6 M?
9	In which German city is the BMW headquartered?	Nuremburg, Munich, Stuttgart, or Berlin?
10.	What is BMW's all-wheel-drive system branded as?	4Motion, X-Drive, Quattro, or 4MATIC?
11.	Which of the following has been a BMW slogan?	The art of performance, Don't dream it. Drive it? Sheer driving pleasure, or The best never rest?
12.	In what years did the BMW E30 3-Series span?	1990-1999, 1982-1992, 1975-1983, or 1998-2006?
13.	How many 1978-1981 BMW M1 cars were built and sold to the public?	51, 456, 147, or 288?
14.	What does the "M" stand for on BMW's M models such as the M6?	Maximum Excitement, Motorsport, Műnzenberg (German City), or Maximum Horsepower?

### **FUN CORNER**

One day a 12-year-old boy was walking down the street when a car pulled up beside him and its window was wound down.

"I'll give you a bag of lollies if you get in the car," said the driver.

"No way, get lost!!" replied the boy.

"How about a bag of lollies and £10?" the driver asked.

"I said no way!" replied the irritated youngster.

What about a bag of juicy lollies and £50, eh?" Quizzed the driver, still rolling slowly to keep up with the walking boy.

"No! I'm not getting in the car!" answered the boy.

"Okay, okay. I know what you want. I'll give you £100 and a bag of lollies," the driver offered.

"No!" screamed the boy.

"What will it take to get you into the car?" asked the driver in a long sigh.

The boy replied: "Listen Dad, you bought the Lada, you live with it!"

## **READER'S LETTERS/EMAILS**

### **Received from Jack Iason:**

I was walking the dog at the corner of Warren Crescent, about 21:15 on Tuesday the third of July. A man on a bike, coming from Porte Marsh direction, was looking at his phone. With a car behind him, he swung into Warren Crescent at about 15 mph, regardless of the car following him. To do this he had to put both hands on the handle bars.

This caused him to drop his phone, so immediately he jammed on his front brake, and as the law of motion decrees he went over the handle bars, and went rolling across the green at the corner of the road. His bike finished up, after hitting the curb, in the middle of the road junction.

The man concerned jumped up, recovered the battery of his phone, and the phone, and stood in the middle of the road putting them back together, having satisfied himself that the phone was ok, he picked up the bike, jumped on it, and had to straighten the handle bars with the front wheel as they were twisted, pedalled off, and was still looking at his phone.

Luckily the car driver was only going slowly, so it caused no emergency braking, and the car driver carried on his way down Wood Street. Perhaps a football fan!!!?.

## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

None this month.

Please forward any questions on motoring and cars etc to [john\\_morley@live.co.uk](mailto:john_morley@live.co.uk) and an expert will hopefully answer them within the News Magazine.

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**Members who have news items or articles that may be of interest are invited to forward them to John Morley at: [john\\_morley@live.co.uk](mailto:john_morley@live.co.uk). Please title all emails "MAM News Item".**

## **FURTHER NOTICES**

- **Email addresses:** Help the environment - if you have an email address but receive your newsletters by post please let the Editor, John Morley, know your email address. You will benefit from early receipt of the News Magazine, early notice of special events, and we save on postage, time and effort, as well as using up fewer trees! A win-win situation.
- **Speakers:** If you know of someone who could give us an interesting talk, or have a suggestion for a talk, at our social evenings please advise the Events Coordinator, Richard Clark or Caroline Marsden.
- **Publicity:** Current post vacant.
- **Contact Details:** If you move house, or your email or telephone number changes, please inform John Morley so that you don't lose contact with us.
- **Drive Check:** Remember that MAM is offering a FREE observed run for all potential new members so tell your friends now! For more information please contact David Major.

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### **Answers to the quiz:**

1. Bavarian Motor Works
2. 760Li
3. 2001C
4. 315 / 445
5. 2009 BMW ActiveHybrid 7
6. Rolls-Royce
7. 2014 BMW X5 xDrive50i
8. M5
9. Munich
10. X-Drive
11. Sheer driving pleasure
12. 1982-1992
13. 456
14. Motorsport