

IAM NEWSLETTER

DRIVING ROAD SAFETY Autumn 2016 Issue 7

Welcome to the Autumn 2016 edition of our newsletter – Really Autumn? Not sure where that has come from!

In this issue we are fortunate enough to have an article from Michael Morgan on his experience of doing his training with me! I promise I have not edited this or paid any bribes of any kind!

As ever we are always grateful for articles – If you do not send them in you just got more of me and Terry, which must be encouragement to supply some stories, experience, advice or even just about what you did last month. Basically anything you think may be interesting to other people!

This week I was fortunate enough to be able to go around the Cadwell Race track with a South African 'Flying Squad' officer – wow he was fast! I also spent half a day with the Lincs Road Safety Team and a Police accident investigator. Through the day we discussed what caused accidents, what we can do to try and avoid them and experience what our machines were capable of in a safe, off road, environment.

But do you know the one thing which was raised by just about every biker on this course? Drivers not looking – the syndrome known as 'I did not see you'.

Does this raise a question; do we look enough? I remember someone once telling me (sadly I cannot remember who!) the ditty of 'Dipped Beam, Full Beam, Rear Lights'. This translates as - look in front, look higher / plan ahead, look behind you and so on....

So let's keep driving safe and observing well!

Nigel Hobson
Editor



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Social meetings held on:

October 26th (Quiz Night)

All social meetings are held at the Redbourn Club,
Cemetery Road, Scunthorpe.

Meeting at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

We got Mail!

You can email, tweet or post a letter to
the following addresses.

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SPECIAL OFFER

FOR A LIMITED TIME
ONLY

IAM Scunthorpe are delighted to introduce a brand new promotion for people living in the North Lincs Area.

The project will allow 18-24 year old's to receive a full refund once they have completed the 'Skills for Life' course. A big thank you to Richard Hall (who is the manager of the 'Roads Safety Team' working for the North Lincolnshire Council) for helping to fund this project.

T&C's apply, please see our website for more details.

Become an advanced driver!

The price for the Skill for Life package is £149.00, but you can join for a one off payment of only £125.00.

**PLEASE NOTE THIS OFFER IS FOR A
LIMITED TIME ONLY**

To receive an application form please send your name and contact details along with payment to:

**Mr. M Gothard
7 West Green
Messingham
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DN17 3QT**

**Cheques should be made payable to
'The Institute of Advanced Motorists.'**

Applications made through the Scunthorpe Group of Advanced Motorists will qualify for the discounted rate.

The discount is a local agreement only.

Any applications made through head office in London will pay the usual rate of £149.00.

For more information contact Terry Heath on 01652 655601 or visit our website on:

www.scunthorpeadvancedmotorists.co.uk

THE GROUP SHOP

**FOR ALL YOUR ADVANCED MOTORING
NEEDS. [Ring IAN WALPOLE 01724-337547]**

Anyone wishing to purchase a Scunthorpe Group polo shirt or fleece please contact Paul Johnson on:

01724 721156 or 07902 010420.

**Polo Shirt red/black with logo a
£15**

**Anyone wishing to advertise in
the newsletters should contact
Geoff Tew.**

**The cost of advertising is: Full
Page £40.00 1/2 Page £20.00
per annum (four quarterly
issues).**



JOB VACANCY- PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

- Commencement date - to start ASAP
- Salary, there isn't one - incurred expenses paid.
- Job satisfaction – Great!
- Hours - negotiable, but mainly to suit yourself.
- No experience necessary - just a willing worker

Job description, the successful applicant will be expected to and be required to promote the group and its functions in every way, through all the relevant mediums. He/she must be computer literate and be prepared to use their own PC. The candidate will need to be dynamic in the approach to helping to select and secure guest speakers and thanking speakers by letter or email. The group needs someone skilled in the ability to sell our product, i.e. "the skill for life" For more details, why not contact group chairman; Terry Heath on 01652 655601
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OBSERVATION

What is Observation?

In short noticing what is happening around you. Watching continuously as things unfold around you.

How should you Observe?

Move your eyes – Where your eyes move to your brain focuses attention on. Stare continuously at one point and part of your brain shuts down - ever gone in a blank stare? This is not good at 70mph!

An advanced driver should be continually scanning the area around them – actively looking for objects, hazards and where you may become a hazard to other road users.

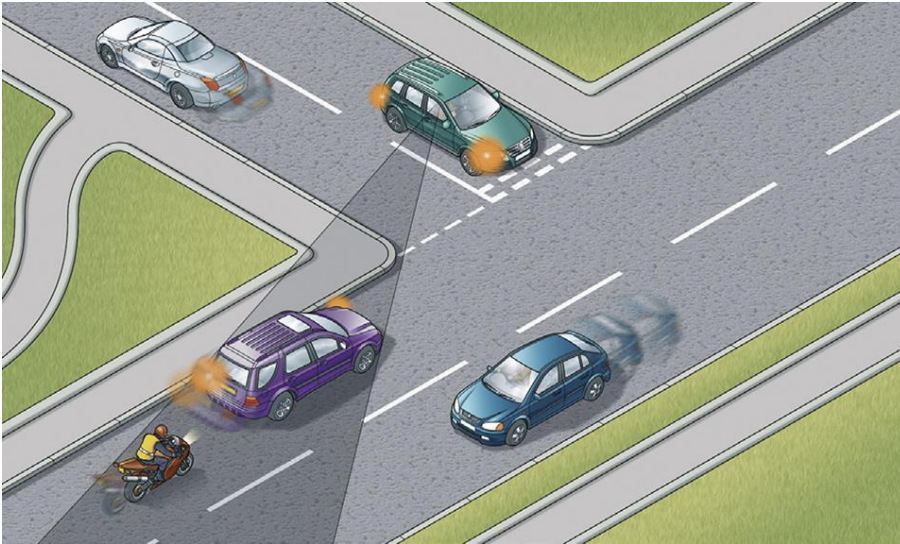
According to the 'Analysis of Casualties from Collisions Involving Drivers or Riders who 'Failed to Look Properly' in North East England, 2008–2012' people are more likely to 'fail to look properly' on urban roads with 30mph speed limits, especially when negotiating a junction.

Nearly half of all accidents were 'Car on Car' – due to the car driver not looking properly.

And that in more than 40%, which involved motorcyclists and cyclists in collisions with a car or larger vehicle, the drivers were judged to have 'failed to look properly'.

So why do we not see the motorcycle or cyclist? We all scan the area for hazards and we are more likely to see what we **expect to see** – for example a car or a lorry. Do we expect to see a motorcyclist? Well if we actively look for them we will see them, stop 'looking' and you will not. How strange does that sound? Have a look at the picture on the next page.

'An estimated 20% of accidents on trunk roads and motorways are sleep-related – don't drive tired'



'Motorcyclists account for just 1% of total road traffic, but 19% of all road user deaths.'

Would you see the car or the motorcycle or both?

Accidents happen right? – the definition of an accident is;

1. an unfortunate incident that happens **unexpectedly** and unintentionally, typically resulting in damage or injury.
2. an event that happens by **chance** or that is without apparent or deliberate cause

So my question to you is 'Do you expect a motorcycle to be there? Do you expect a car to be around that blind bend? Do you expect'

If you expect it – is it still an accident?

Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance gave a great presentation at the last social meeting!



Experiences and Thoughts about the IAM Skills for Life Course – Mick Morgan

With the passing of my sixty fifth birthday, and the purchase of a new automatic Honda Jazz at the end of October 2015, I was interested in the BBC news coverage during December about the ability of older drivers. I was aware that my driving had become more hesitant and I thought it would be useful to obtain a second opinion about my capabilities. (And, if I am honest, I think the heart attack that I suffered in 2011 had also played a part in my not being so confident behind the wheel.)

In early January 2016 I contacted Terry to find out what IAM offered . . .

A few days later I found myself driving from my home in Crowle out to Reedness to meet my observer and assessor, Nigel. I was immediately put at ease and undertook a one-hour test drive. Nigel was quite complimentary about my driving overall, but he made some pertinent observations and comments that were thought provoking and helpful. At the end of that first session he took me for a short spin in his own vehicle and I was staggered by his observation skills as he gave his driving commentary. I was very impressed and began to realise what advanced driving was all about!

Over the following weeks I fully read IAM's "How to be a better driver" and "Roadcraft" and kept dipping into them both as appropriate. I guess this was the ex-teacher within me, trying to brush up and revise in preparation for my ultimate test. Additionally, I bought myself an up-to-date Highway Code and was able to find information about all the road signs that we might expect to meet – if we are observant – in the DfT booklet, "Know Your Traffic Signs". (Hands up if you know what this sign to the right means – I didn't.)



Youtube was a useful source for honing my commentary skills and also had countless examples of reverse parking into a bay, parallel parking, etc. It is no joke trying to twist around in your seat and turn your head for those of us of advanced years. Things are not as supple and flexible as they once were!

After further sessions with Nigel I began to put into practice those things that he had been trying to instil in me. I was enjoying the whole experience immensely, was regaining my confidence and actually taking pleasure from driving again. On more than one occasion Nigel commented that I knew what needed to be done from all my reading and his tuition, but I did not always execute things correctly and was sometimes a little erratic. . . . so the less said about my negotiation of a certain mini roundabout in Scunthorpe the better! However, after eight sessions he decided I was ready for my check test . . . or perhaps he could not face accompanying me anymore(?!)

I felt the check test with Ian went really well and he confirmed Nigel's opinion that I was ready for the real thing. Less than a week later, in early April, I left Morrison's car park at 1pm and when I returned almost ninety minutes later I was told I had passed. Although I did not feel I had driven quite as well as on the check test, it was satisfying to learn from Roy Hindmarsh that, "This was an excellent test drive, with excellent use of the system and hazard management". But having said that, it was noted that I have still got a little work to do with regard to "making more progress".

Overall the course has increased my confidence and made me a better driver for sure. I would like to thank Nigel for helping me achieve a higher standard of driving and road craft and I hope to improve and practise further the principles that he taught.

TEST PASSES



Congratulations

To Michael Morgan on passing your IAM test, shown with Roy Hindmarsh and observer Nigel Hobson.

WELL DONE!

Congratulations

To James Dannatt on passing your IAM test, shown with Richard Hall (North Lincs Council Road Safety Team) and observer John Wigmore.

WELL DONE!





Congratulations

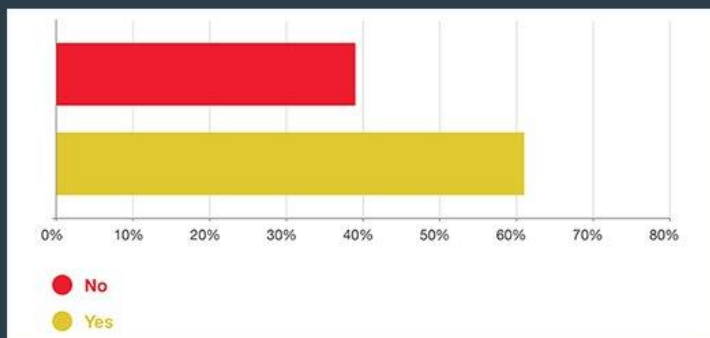
To Lucie Windle on passing your IAM test, shown with Richard Hall (North Lincs Council Road Safety Team) and observer Brian Viney.

WELL DONE!

We asked UK motorists...

Should all drivers be encouraged to improve their driving skills by taking advanced tuition & passing an advanced driving test?

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RoadSmart



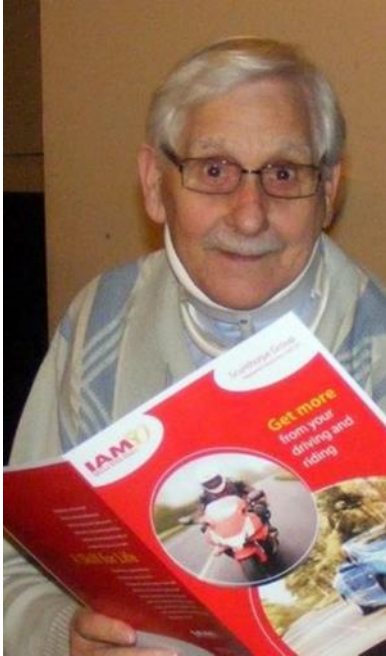
6 in 10 drivers said YES

(based on 1824 completed surveys)



'60% of all fatalities occur on country roads. Stay in control and give yourself time to react. Brake before the bend, not on it.'

Chairman's Chatter



Hi folks, my Chairmans Chatter comes this time with great sadness as I have to report the sad death of one of our long standing members, Gordon Leech. Gordon sadly passed away in mid July after a short illness. I had the pleasure of training Gordon and he reached a very high standard at test level.

It wasn't long before he became an observer, and started training people himself. I soon realised, like many in the group that we would become life long friends, and it was certainly a friendship I value to this day.

All of Gordon's candidates, or "Victims" as he called them played a contributing part in a story that was to unfold in years to come.

After some years he received a "Senior observers accreditation" and continued getting more and more through the test,

month by month. Eventually I christened him

GLASOM which stood for Gordon Leech Advanced School Of Motoring, a joke which stuck with him forever. Gordon continued to get more drivers through the test, and eventually a surprise event was planned at a social meeting where we did a "this is your Advanced driving life" on the theme of the TV programme. We had the first victim there, the 50th victim there and many more. At this time the grand score of 100 test passes had been reached.

Due to failing health Gordon's progress slowed down, and he finished his observer career at 106 test passes, a record he was proud of and we as a group were and still are just as proud.

We are in frequent contact with his widow Freda and daughter Jean, and we're trying to sell his car, but having very little success. The vehicle is fully converted to hand controls and has a hoist fitted in the rear and an electric wheelchair. If you know of anyone that might be interested please contact me in the first instance. Hopefully there will be enough room in the mag to show you the advert for the car..

Other news, Sue Harris is taking over observer assessments as I can never find the time..... All our observers except one, are now using the new standard of observing recently installed, the one that hasn't is busy editing this mag !!

That's all for now, thanks for being members and friends of this group.

Kind regards Terry Heath

HONDA CR-V FOR SALE!



This car is in excellent condition for its year and would be most suited for a disabled driver. It has just had a new battery fitted, and still has a full tank of petrol.

The vehicle has been fully converted to hand controls and is equipped with a 100kg Olympia Hoist and also includes an Eden Hula power-chair with a larger footrest for greater comfort. This car and its contents have been meticulously maintained to a very high standard, and has a well-documented history to confirm this.

The mileage is 79957 and MOT expires 31/10/16.

Price £2750 o.n.o.

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