

# GUILDFORD & DISTRICT GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS

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## NEWSLETTER



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## Summer 2007

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**Summertime!**

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*Copy date for the autumn edition is Friday 7 September 2007.*

### **KEY DATES**

#### Observed Runs

#### **Sunday runs 2007 - all 3rd Sundays this year**

19 August

16 September

21 October

18 November

16 December

#### Committee Meetings - Ripley Small Hall

Thursdays between 8pm and 10pm

6 September

1 November

#### AGM & Open Meeting - Ripley Large Hall

Saturday 8 September 9.30am - 1pm

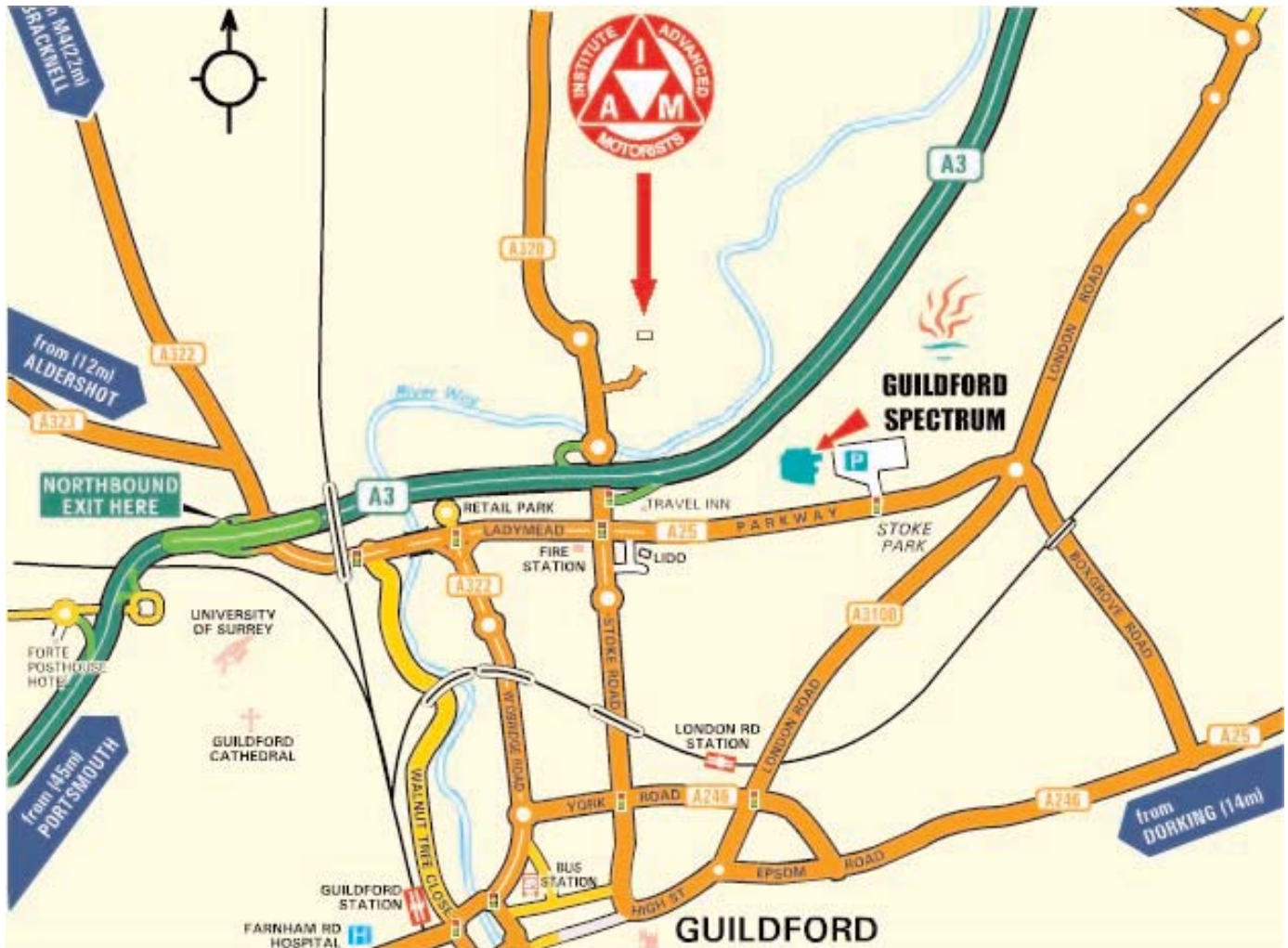
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Associate Membership £85

Entitles the Associate to 6 Observed Runs in their own vehicle during the 12 months following the date of their first appointment, and includes:

- + the cost of the IAM Advanced Test and
- + the first year's membership of the Institute on passing the test
- + copy of 'How to Be an Advanced Driver' book
- + copy of 'The Highway Code'

Full Group Membership (whilst a Member of the Institute) £5 per annum

**DON'T FORGET! Associates aged 25 years and under enjoy a discount of:**

**£10 off the Associate fee**

**£10 off the IAM fee**

**- that's all the benefits of IAM training for only £65!**

**Help a younger driver be a safer driver - pass on our details!**

Hello and welcome to the Summer edition of the Guildford and District IAM Group's newsletter.

In this issue you'll read about Chloe and Martine Wilson who recently passed their Advanced Driving Test - well done and may all of us at the Guildford group wish you many years of happy, safe motoring.

We also look at our Group at the Surrey County Show; and a review of the recent Better Driving lecture kindly given by Surrey Police.

We'd like more stories about you, our Members, so please don't be shy in sending in your letters, both good and bad! Your feedback is invaluable, and your positive stories offer inspiration to new members.

I look forward to hearing from you soon,

Louisa Wright-Wastell  
Editor

## **EDITOR'S NOTES**

Please may I print a correction to the spelling of the name of our new Front Desk Manager. Shân Hughes is welcomed into the role.

Also a big thank you to all those who renewed their membership so promptly, your support is extremely valuable.

### **AGM**

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**EVENT: 32nd Annual General Meeting of the Guildford Group**

**WHEN: Midday on Saturday September 8th**

**WHERE: Ripley Village Hall**

**WHO: All members are encouraged to attend**

**YOUR SAY:** If there are any matters that Members wish to have discussed at the meeting would they please forward these in writing to the Secretary (address at the back of the newsletter) by 31 August 2007.

All are also invited to attend the general meeting at 9.30am with a **guest speaker**.

**FREE refreshments will be provided!**

## A NATIONAL FIRST FOR THE GUILDFORD AND DISTRICT GROUP!

Nineteen-year-old twins Chloe and Martine Wilson from Cobham have become the youngest twins in the UK to pass the Advanced Driving test, so well done to them both and also to the group Observers who prepared them for their test. You may have seen the great coverage in the local Cobham paper. Of interest they both attended the skidpan course at the Mercedes-Benz world at Brooklands and thought it was very good.

At this stage in the year I am usually thinking about preparing the car for the hot summer months. Well after the fine weather in April I am a little late. The sunny weather has certainly highlighted a couple of points. Firstly with the sun still low in the sky there is the problem of being blinded and losing sight of not only the road but also oncoming vehicles. It is a difficult problem but you can reduce your speed a little, although not too much or you risk being run into by following vehicles! Also, concentrate on the edge of the road as a guide. With the sun behind you there may be merit in turning on the headlights to assist oncoming drivers. The other point is to ensure that the windscreen is kept clean. It is very easy for dirt and grime to build up and at the first shower of rain the windscreen becomes very smeared and visibility is difficult.

The number of Associates coming forward to prepare for the Advanced Driving Test was been a bit thin during the first couple of months this year but has now picked up. However, if you know of anyone, friend/relation/work colleague who might be interested, encourage them to contact Chris Hughes, our First Point of Contact. Remember that there is the 'DriveCheck' for those who just want their driving given the once-over. As you will read later in the newsletter we attended the Surrey County Show at the end of May and I look forward to an influx of new Associates to keep our band of Observers in business. If you have recently passed your Advanced Driving test, how about a short piece for the newsletter about the experience?

Following on from the item in the March newsletter on Shared Space I have seen a considerable increase in the amount of unnecessary road markings in and around Farnborough where I live. We have a filter lane for a right turn, which is so narrow that only a motorbike can use it with safety. If a car is in the lane another vehicle cannot pass on the left, so what is the point of it? Also we have the hashed dividing lines in a residential area. What is the point - has someone a job lot of white paint?! Do you have ridiculous road marking in your area? I would like to compile a list of the most pointless and send them to the authorities responsible, together with a copy of the Shared Space article.

Oh well, keep taking the tablets and whatever you do and wherever you go, enjoy your summer driving and stay safe.

Paul Wallace-Stock  
Chairman

The IAM experience is a fantastic opportunity to improve the driving skills of people from all different ages focusing essentially on the safety of you the driver, and all those who use the roads. We decided to enroll for the IAM award for several reasons; to gain a greater knowledge of the use of cars, to keep driving as safely as possible and to remain a competent and safe user of Britain's roads. Not only that but all too frequently do we witness atrocious accidents such as the recent accidents involving coaches on some of the dangerous motorways e.g. M1 and M25. Also the frequency of newly qualified drivers who become involved in accidents soon after passing brings to attention the necessity to carry on the learning experience of driving, as arguably the present driving test does not necessarily and automatically mean you can drive a car properly and safely, or leave you exempt from being involved in an accident.



The IAM course involves at least 6 runs once a month, with an Observer who gives advice on how to improve your driving skills to become safer but also helps you to understand how to use the car more efficiently. You also learn new driving skills, which are not provided by the basic driving test such as night and motorway driving both of which we undertake extremely often if not daily. Once you reach a suitable standard the Observer puts you forward to do a run with a Senior Observer who will determine whether or not you are up to the impressive standard of an Advanced Driver. Then you are tested by a retired police driver, ours were both Surrey Police Pursuit Officers who get you lost immediately and then test how you can negotiate various different (and often unfamiliar!) types of road e.g. narrow country lanes, towns, motorways and with different types of hazards such as pedestrians, cyclists and other traffic.

Another unique part of the advanced driving course, although not compulsory (but still favoured by the examiners) is the commentary. Although we have to admit we dreaded it, as it was hard at first and a little embarrassing, it was a fantastic way to force yourself to notice all the hazards that are ever changing on and around the roads and by doing that you are able to recognise those dangers and adapt your driving appropriately to become safer and avoid hazards which could turn into the cause of your accident! Not to mention that we found it a great way to gain some 'Brownie points' from the examiners who were actually both really friendly.

Overall we believe the IAM course to be tremendously beneficial especially for young and inexperienced drivers. It is something that does not take up too much time but has amazing rewards. Not only do you have much more reassurance that you are a safe driver but your driving style improves, you learn to understand your car better and it helps with the insurance which is an advantage for many young drivers.

You can have all of this for a very small financial outlay. It will be money well spent.

April 23 marked the start of a United Nations initiative to reduce the road accidents that kill more than half a million children and young adults around the world each year.

To support the UN Global Road Safety Week, the IAM Motoring Trust (the research and advocacy arm of the Institute) produced **Children and Road Safety: A Guide for Parents**.

With the school summer holidays fast approaching, we thought we'd tell you about this guide - it may prove very useful to parents in protecting their children's safety, allowing them to enjoy the all the benefits of being outside while minimising, as far as possible, the dangers inherent in being near today's busy road environment.

The guide identifies where and when children - in five distinct age groups - are most at risk on the road, and offers advice on what parents can do to minimise the risk.

"The statistics show clearly the dangers to children of starting a new journey pattern, by changing school, for example, or a new mode of travel as they progress from walking to cycling to driving." says Neil Greig, IAM Trust Assistant Director.

Although the number of children in Britain who are killed or seriously injured in road accidents each year has **halved** since 1990, the road toll remains high.

About 550 children will lose their lives this year - 400 of them from the most vulnerable 16 to 19-year age group, where casualties have hardly reduced since 1994.

"Children become road accident casualties in different ways at different ages," says Neil Greig. "Parents need to know why, how and when their children are most at risk on the road so that they can take the appropriate action to minimise the risks."

If you'd like a copy of the guide, it can be downloaded for free at [www.iamtrustchildsafety.org.uk](http://www.iamtrustchildsafety.org.uk).

*Is this useful? If you download the guide and feel it would benefit other parents, please write in and let us know - so we can all help bring down the number of children's lives cut tragically short though lack of knowledge and guidance - Editor.*



Over thirty of the Guildford Group attended a very interesting lecture on Thursday, 28 June, given by Police Driving Instructors Alan Bone and Vince Bailey of the Burpham Driver Training Centre of the Surrey Police Force.

With a combined 28 years' Police driving instructor experience between them, Alan and Vince have a track record of supporting Guildford IAM, and with the event very well organised by Terry Moody, we knew we were in for a great lecture, and the Group donated £50 to the Police Benevolent Fund to say thank you.

The focus was on hazards; how to spot them and how to cope with them.

It started with some sobering facts:

**FACT: Traffic accidents are the single biggest cause of ALL deaths of adults under 30yrs**

**FACT: 90% of collisions are HUMAN ERROR**

**FACT: Traffic Accidents account for HALF of ALL ACCIDENTAL DEATHS in the UK**

But the most startling of all is this: **FACT: ALL these can BE AVOIDED**

In the lecture we learned that there's no need to be surprised on the road. No need for anything 'suddenly' to happen or appear.

How do you do this?

1. **Don't Drive Angry!** Sounds obvious, but anger stops you concentrating. And lack of concentration means you may miss a hazard (or warning signs of a hazard.)
2. **Don't Be a Big Head!** You may well be a great driver but the temptation is to OVER-estimate your ability. Judge your ability objectively. Remember: You won't drive at your best every day. Make allowances for changes in your mood, tiredness level, anxiety levels and adjust your speed accordingly.

We were shown not only to read the obvious physical hazards such as roundabouts, junctions, bends, hill crests, pedestrians and other road users; but also how to predict a hazard that MIGHT be there.

Things like; no footpath. Where will pedestrians go? A child with a ball. Where will their friend be? Dustbins on the side of the road. Are you likely to come across a dustcart further up? What about woodland on the side of the road? Could a deer or a horserider suddenly jump out?




I'm sure you can think of many more examples but this is how the Police, and therefore us, learn to think so that you are always a step ahead of your environment.

At all times we aim to be:

- In the right position on the road
- Travelling at the right speed
- In the right gear
- ...to negotiate hazards safely.

**Comment:** Matthew Bennett started IAM training with the Guildford IAM in February. He attended the lecture and commented, "The IAM training is very useful, learning from the Police who are at the top is the best system. It has improved my driving already, and I'm really enjoying it too."

To be hazard aware, you must have:

- Concentration  If you are losing concentration, try your commentary out loud.
- Observation  Scan to the horizon: Whether way in the distance, or very near.
- Planning  Prioritise hazards - what must you deal with now and what can wait?

With practice, you'll be able to look ahead and plan more effectively to avoid many of the hazards that lazy, less trained drivers will fall foul of. Remember - YOU have had the best training. Others haven't. So it's up to YOU to do all you can to make sure you drive safely for yourself, but also for others.

And don't worry if you missed this lecture. Put a date in your diary for the next Better Driving Lecture with Surrey Police focusing on: **MOTORWAYS**

**FREE Lecture with Surrey Police: MOTORWAYS**

**Thursday, 29 November**

**7pm**

**Ripley Village Main Hall**

**Free refreshments**

**ALL WELCOME!**

Last issue we asked for your personal tales of your first prangs. Here are a couple of them!

Paul Wallace-Stock: My First Accident - Well Almost

Picture if you will a hot summer's day in Northern Germany. I was a young soldier who had only recently passed his driving test. Well to be honest it was not that much of a test; my Troop Commander wanted to go to Celle, which was 40 miles away and I was to drive him. He then promptly went to sleep. When we arrived he asked if I had hit anything on the way, I said, "No", so I passed. Perhaps he was being very clever and was watching every move I made and just pretended to be asleep!

Anyway, I digress. We were on a manoeuvre and I was driving an Austin Healey Champ. This was the forerunner of the Land Rover as far as the Army was concerned. It was extremely heavy with a 3-litre Rolls Royce engine and a very narrow wheelbase, which meant it turned over easily. I know it happened a number of times... but it was powerful.



All day we had been driving along this particular road where road works were taking place. It was very hot and dusty as the cobbles were being replaced by tarmac and the area was very sandy. Towards the end of the day I travelled this road again and noticed that the 'road works' signs had been removed and before me stretched a nice new tarmac road. Great! I managed to get the vehicle up to 65 mph (it was governed to 68 mph although it would achieve much more than that.) In the distance I spotted someone waving and put on the brakes to slow down in case there was a problem around the corner. Nothing seemed to happen and we continued with only a small decrease in speed. Eventually, we stopped, and looking back I could see 2 straight white lines through the nice new black tarmac. They had levelled the road, sprayed the tarmac but had not rolled it!

As you might imagine a somewhat heated discussion took place and a demand for 50,000 DM was floated. No signs, no money. Don't know what happened... in the end I referred it to the headquarters... after all I was only a lowly Private!

Louisa Wright-Wastell: My First Accident - and the Start of My IAM Training

Nothing so exciting for me! I was merrily coming off the M3 slip at Junction 4 from London. I had received the good news of a bonus and pay increase at work, so clearly my mind was on many other things (like how many CDs and how much make-up I could buy with it...) and not really on the road.

As we slowed on the slip road, the car in front was getting closer... and closer... and all of a sudden it occurred to me that I needed to stop. Quite soon.

At which point, going all of about 2mph, my mind went blank, and I completely forget which foot did what and what pedals and oh... dear... CRUNCH! I'd rolled neatly into the back of a black Peugeot 205. My car ended up with a black eye, broken nose and a few teeth missing. The other car... well, nothing visible (but that didn't stop them claiming something off me I recall!)



Nothing as bad as this!

I'd never had any kind of incident before, so it was all a bit of a shock. I went from a steady, quite confident driver who loved driving and watching Formula 1, to a hesitant, fearful, dithering pain on the road. I hated driving. I hated any car sports. Something had to be done.

I happened then to drive to Exeter (of all journeys!) to visit my brother at uni. There, one of his friends had done the IAM so as soon as I got back I signed up, passed, and have been enjoying driving again ever since.

Now, if I ever have a situation where some news distracts me on the road, I start a commentary out loud, and that usually does the trick!

*if you would like to send in your stories, the Editor's contact details are at the back of the newsletter.*

If you're planning on driving abroad in Europe this summer, here is some useful information about what you need to take and local laws to abide by courtesy of the AA:

DRIVING REQUIREMENTS	Austria	Belgium	Denmark	France	Germany	Italy	Netherlands	Norway	Portugal	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland
Minimum age/UK licence holders (1)	18	18	17	18	18	17	18	17 (13)	17 (13)	18	18	18
International Driving Permit required for UK licence holders (IDP)	NO (2)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO (3)	NO	NO	NO (3)	NO (3)	NO (2)	NO
Original Registration Document	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Motor vehicle insurance (4)	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Motorway Tax	C & TOLLS	NO	TOLLS	TOLLS	NO	TOLLS	NO	TOLLS	TOLLS	TOLLS	TOLLS	C & TOLLS
GB Sticker (5)	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Warning Triangle (6)	C	C	C	R (9)	R (7)	C	R (9)	C	R (9)	C (8)	R	C
Reflective Jacket/Waistcoat	C (6)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	C (10&6)	n/a	n/a	R (10)	C (10&6)	n/a	n/a
First Aid Kit	C	R	R	NO	R	NO	NO	R	NO	NO	R	NO
Fire Extinguisher (6)	NO	R	R	NO	NO	NO	NO	R	NO	NO	R	NO
Headlamp Adjustment (11)	C	C	C	C	C	R	C	C	R	C (11)	C	R
On The Spot Fines	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES (12)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES (12)	YES
Radar Detectors	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Daytime headlights/Passing Lights Car	C	NO	C	R	NO (15)	C (14)	NO	C	NO	NO	C	R
Daytime headlights/Passing Lights Motorcycles	C	C	C	C	C	C	NO	C	C	C	C	R

**C = COMPULSORY**  
**R = Recommended by AA/respective Country**  
**F = Forbidden**  
**n/a = Not applicable**

**It is recommended that the above chart is read in conjunction with the Touring Tips for the relevant country**

1. Minimum age at which a visitor may drive a car
2. UK driving licenses which do not have a photograph are recognised but driver must be able to produce photographic proof of identity e.g. passport
3. All valid UK driving licenses should be accepted. This cannot be guaranteed on older all green style UK licenses. Drivers may wish to update them before travelling. Or take additional photo ID
4. Before taking a vehicle abroad contact your motor insurer or broker and notify them. Ask their advice. Know what level of cover you have and what documents to take to prove it
5. GB stickers are compulsory within the EU unless your UK registration plates display the GB Euro-symbol (Europlates.) Europlates must be BS AU 145d compliant. Use a GB sticker when travelling outside the EU
6. Not required for 2 wheeled vehicles
7. Although not compulsory for visiting motorists to carry a warning triangle, its use is compulsory in an accident/breakdown situation
8. One warning triangle compulsory for non-Spanish registered vehicles; two for Spanish registered vehicles. Note: Drivers of non-Spanish registered vehicles should consider carrying two triangles as they may still be subject to a fine
9. The use of hazard lights or warning triangle is compulsory in an accident/breakdown situation. However, a warning triangle must also be used if hazards lights cannot clearly be seen
10. Wearing compulsory if driver and/or passenger(s) exits vehicle immobilised on carriageway, in Italy at night or in poor visibility, in Spain on all motorways and busy roads. In Portugal, the actual law applies this to Portuguese residents, however, visitors may still be subject to a fine if found without
11. On some cars it is difficult to change headlights e.g. high intensity discharge but carry tools and bulbs for all that can be changed. This is a legal requirement in Spain. Check out using headlight adjusting adhesive masks - it is an offense to dazzle oncoming drivers. Not required for 2 wheeled vehicles though make sure loads do not affect the height of the beams
12. Sweden: Police are not authorised to collect fines. But fines must be paid according to the notice. Italy: Police collect a quarter of the maximum fine from drivers of foreign registered vehicles
13. Norway: 18 for Norwegian registered vehicles. Portugal: Visiting drivers of 17 years may find problems even though they hold a valid UK license
14. Outside built up areas
15. Only in poor visibility

**SPECIAL FEATURE: SURREY COUNTY SHOW** **IAM**  
DRIVING ROAD SAFETY

Guildford IAM recently took a stand at the Surrey County Show, with our friends the Institute of Advanced Motorcyclists and Surrey Police. Despite the weather, we had a few visitors!

It started off wet...



... but we kept smiling...



... and had a few visitors!



**MORE PRESSURE NEEDED ON TYRES - AND THE END OF 'FREE AIR' SOON**

Nearly two-thirds of Britain's motorists use filling station air pumps to inflate their tyres - and they could be putting lives at risk - a Tyre Gauge Survey for the IAM Motoring Trust reveals.

"The danger is that the drive to the filling station increases tyre pressure significantly", says Tim Shallcross, the IAM Trust's Head of Technical Policy and Advice. "This means that, although the pressure gauge may be accurate, tyres can be under-inflated by between 12% and 15%. Therefore, vehicle and tyre manufacturers should consider changing their recommended settings to 'warm' pressure levels."

Under-inflated tyres can cause:

- Over-heating and 'blow-outs'
- Less road grip and worsened handling
- Increased fuel consumption
- Higher CO2 emissions
- Tyres to wear out faster

"For all these reasons drivers should check the tyre pressure weekly", says Shallcross.

"However, the survey shows that we're not checking enough - only 18% of men and 4% of women checking weekly".

And the era of 'free air' at garages appears to be ending. Although charging for air does seem to be improving pressure gauge accuracy. Most motorists feel that 20p or 50p is reasonable, however, if the price were to be £1, only 1 in 8 men would be prepared to pay, but most women thought it reasonable.

Until more information is available, the IAM Trust's advice is to buy a low-cost digital gauge and a 12v air pump, separately or as a single unit, and set tyre pressures when they are cold, before driving. In spite of improving accuracy, motorists just can't rely on using a filling station pump to maintain accurate, safe and fuel-efficient tyre pressures.

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**Is it a Jungle Out There?**

We'd like your photos of signs and notices that are obscured by overgrown hedges and trees for an IAM initiative.



Please email your images to  
Paul Wallace-Stock

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**Thank You!**

Here is a lovely letter in praise of the Group. We love to hear from all Members, especially when it is good news!

If you'd like to write in with comments or thank the team in any way, please use the Editor's contact details at the back of the newsletter.

Here's a letter from E Buckley in New Haw who passed recently;

"Dear Paul,

I should like to thank you for all your support over the past few months. And also much appreciation to your observers for their tolerance, understanding and patience towards me, which has resulted in such a happy outcome.

If possible please pass my thanks to John Holcroft, Jeremy Smith, Martin Evans and Colin Pound (who took me out twice) and Stephen Osborne.

Yours sincerely,

E. Buckley"

Congratulations to you, well done for passing!

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## SITUATION VACANT

# DO YOU LIKE A PARTY?

## THEN THINK ABOUT BEING OUR EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR!

The Group is seeking a suitable person to take on the role of **events co-ordinator**.

We would like to increase the number of social events we put on for Members, but the existing committee members do not have sufficient free time to take on this additional task.

We are looking for someone to organise only 4 or 5 events per year for Guildford Group members. These can be social evenings, treasure hunts or visits to places of interest.

If you are interested please contact Paul Wallace-Stock on 01252 519 355.

Thank you!

**MOTORING DAY - GREAT VALUE!**

Following the tremendous success of last year's Basingstoke Group Motor Sport day at Thruxton, we are pleased to announce another event for this year, now open to a wider audience. The event is arranged at a reduced rate through a personal contact that works at Thruxton, but he tells us that this year's event is likely to be the last at a reduced rate, so don't miss out!

**MOTOR SPORT DAY**

Saturday 20th October 2007 ,

Format of the event:

3 laps instruction in a Mazda MX5.

3 laps in a Porsche Cayman.

4 laps in Ferrari 355.

5 laps in a Formula Renault (single seater racing car).

1 fast lap in a Mazda RX8, driven by an instructor.

PRICE £215.00 - a fantastic discount open to all! Members and non-members so bring a friend!  
£75.00 deposit required to hold your place, with balance due by 19th September 2007.

More details about the motor sport day here <http://www.thruxtonracing.co.uk/courses.html>

Any questions or to book your place, please contact Bob Swift on 02380 694 405 or 07773 082 079. Please post cheques made payable to Mr R Swift, Laburnum, Botley Road, Horton Heath, Eastleigh, Hants, SO50 7DN.

**A NOTE FROM A MEMBER**

Terry Moody, who organises the fantastic Surrey Police lectures, is also a member of the Dorking Chess Club which meets each Thursday at the United Reform Church Hall in the centre of Dorking.

They are rather short of members and could do with a few new people - especially ladies.

Anyone who is interested in more details just needs to give Terry a ring on 01372 452 500.

**GUILDFORD AND DISTRICT GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2007**

	2005-2006		2006-2007	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Membership Subscriptions	984.50		957.00	
Associate Fees	3,618.00		1,903.00	
Interest	235.38		233.34	
Gifts	119.50		88.50	
Sundries	1,362.00		1,523.50	
		6,319.38		4,705.34
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Post & Telephone	(496.54)		(421.49)	
Printing & Stationary	(444.41)		(198.65)	
Newsletter	(1,017.00)		(1,048.57)	
Room Hire	(167.00)		(171.50)	
Barrier Expenses	(165.00)		(120.00)	
Insurance	(50.00)		(52.50)	
Book purchase	(259.91)		(370.26)	
Sundries	(2,073.45)		(2,696.52)	
		(4,673.31)		(5,079.49)
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>1,646.07</b>		<b>(374.15)</b>
<b>1. Sundry Expenditure</b>				
Region 2 Contribution	0.0		0.0	
Surrey County Show	(178.00)		(599.74)	
Skid Pan	(1081.01)		(700.00)	
Membership Event	(598.15)		(285.80)	
IAM Videos/Badges	0.0		(30.00)	
Assessed Drives	0.0		(1,020.98)	
AGM Presentation	0.0		(50.00)	
Observer Maps	(93.60)		0.0	
Senior Observer Fee	(30.00)		0.0	
Committee Expenses	(92.69)		(10.00)	
		(2073.45)		(2,696.52)

**GUILDFORD AND DISTRICT GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS  
BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MARCH 2007**

	2005-2006		2006-2007	
	£	£	£	£
<b>ACCUMULATED RESERVES</b>				
Accumulated Reserves - Brought Fwd		7,756.83		9,402.90
Add Excess Income		1,646.07		(374.15)
Accumulated Reserves Carried Fwd		9,402.90		9,028.75
<b>REPRESENTED by</b>				
National Savings Account		7,329.16		7,562.29
Current Account		1,090.00		232.92
Cash in Hand		255.00		238.00
Pre-Payment for Hall Hire		85.00		73.10
Float		60.00		60.00
Pre-Payment for Surrey County Show		599.74		867.44
		9,418.90		9,033.75
Less Adv Receipt of Member Fees		(16.00)		(5.00)
		9,402.90		9,028.75

**WE WELCOME...**

Paul Axtell	Albert Chambers	Christopher Hawkett	Austen Robilliard	Patrick S Gaynor
David Bicker	Nathan Child	Gavin House	John Seymour	Gary Covey
Sandra Blachford	Laura Jane Cooper	Wendy Gonzalez	Andrew Vernoum	James Cross
Mike Bowen	Michael Daws	David Hanley	Stuart Whittaker	
Valerie Brewer-Kiggins	Jason Evans	Stig Mogensen	Kevin Westbrook	

**RECENT TEST PASSES**

*Our congratulations this issue go to:*

Edgar Buckley, Robin Fowler, Paul French, Geoff Johns, David Marsh and Mary-Claire Travers

*Well done for passing your Advanced Test!*

**OBSERVED RUN STATS**

Month	Numbers Booked in Advance	Cancelled	Failed to Attend	Runs Conducted
March 07	45	11	4	32
April 07	50	9	9	33
May 07	51	4	6	42
June 07	47	10	5	34

*Do try and make your booked run so that we can help more drivers!*

**NEW FEATURE!**

We're now featuring Observers, Associates and Members so we can find out a bit more about who's who in the Guildford & District Group.

This issue... Paul Whitehead, Group Secretary:

Paul passed the IAM test in 1992. He became an Observer in 1993 and has held a number of offices on the committee including Chairman 1999 - 2002 and is currently Secretary - until September 2007 when he hands over to Stella Croom-Johnson. Paul lives with his wife Penny in Windlesham.

I put a few questions to Paul in the rain at the Surrey County Show:

**What is your current car?** I have two; an Audi A6 and a Ford Ranger.

**What was your first car?** I passed my test in a white Peugeot 205 1.9 GTI - proper car!

**What is your fantasy car?** An Aston Martin - any model would be fine!

**Do you have any secret talents?** Bricklaying! I'm just finishing our new garden wall, it has curves in it as well.

**How did you find out about IAM?** I knew about it and always planned to get round to it, like most people! Then I entered a driving competition in the paper (the first part was a questionnaire) and got to the final. The final involved a driving assessment, so I made sure I did the IAM test before that! I'm sure it helped me get to the final stage.

**What's the one thing you'd flag to drivers?** Look ahead! Echoed in the recent driving lecture we attended, planning is key to spot actual and potential hazards. So when you can, look past the end of the bonnet. You'll spot the Police earlier that way too!

**Once you leave as Group Secretary, what's next?** I'll stay on the committee and will still be an Observer. I'll go skiing more - I'm a qualified ski guide and will be out there in Switzerland and France more often.



**Do you have a friend or relative that would benefit from our advice and guidance?**



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Contact details on the inside back page**

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