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## Inform: Weekly News

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News for Group Chairs, Group Secretaries, Treasurers, Chief Observers, Group Committee Members, Examiners, National and Local Observers and all active Group Officials

## Business news



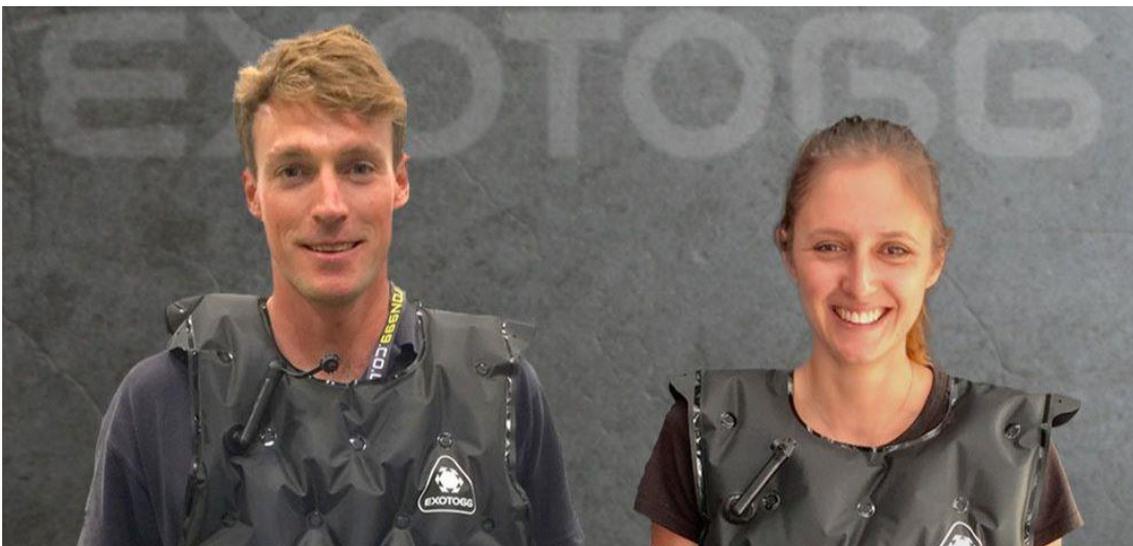
### **Enter the IAM RoadSmart Group Awards 2019**

Don't forget you only have a few days left to make an entry to win the Fred Welch Rose Bowl or Lord Strathcarron Trophy in IAM RoadSmart's Group Awards this year ... and the charity is pleased to announce the return of the Group Newsletter of the Year Award and the Social Media Award of the Year. For more information about the Lord Strathcarron trophy and Fred Welch Rose Bowl trophy click [here](#); for the Group Newsletter of the Year Award and the Social Media Award of the Year click [here](#).



### **Great offer from California Superbike School**

The California Superbike School would like to offer all IAM RoadSmart motorcycle group volunteers a special discount of £70 off any CSS UK School Day event, as a thank you and reward for our hard working and active volunteers. Full details of the School Days events can be found [here](#). To get the discount use the code II6321 when booking (note the capital I twice at the start). Both IAM RoadSmart and The California Superbike School celebrate and encourage excellence in motorcycle riding and skills and the newly formed partnership will lead to other offers and activities in the coming year. Offer is subject to availability and valid for the 2019 calendar of School Days.



## **Insulate yourself with Exotogg**

And another special offer! IAM RoadSmart has a new bike clothing partner in Exotogg, which is offering 20% off its inflatable thermal armour for motorcyclists. The Exotogg is an innovative inflatable bodywarmer that insulates more efficiently than feather down. For more information about Exotogg products and how to take advantage of the offer click [here](#).

## Blog



### **This week's blog: recovering from a car crash**

This week's blog is written by Mike Quinton, IAM RoadSmart Chief Executive Officer. This week he updates us on how his stepdaughter is coping after her car crash late last year. To read it [click here](#).



### **This week's tips: don't be a sat-nag!**

This week's tips by Richard Gladman, IAM RoadSmart head of driving and riding standards, are about how best to use sat-nav technology. You can read it [here](#).

## Group News



### **Thelma is the toast of Derby**

It's been a milestone moment for Thelma Bradshaw; not only has the vice-president of Derby Advanced Motorists become the oldest person (at 86¾) to achieve an advanced test F1RST in the UK, she will also this week appear on BBC East Midlands online to talk about her advanced driving story. Thelma recently retook the advanced test some 42 years after taking it originally in October 1977. She received her F1RST certificate at a special ceremony in Mickleover two weeks ago. Thelma became an observer in 1980 and was elected secretary of the Derby Group until resigning at the 2010 AGM; at which point she was appointed vice-president of the group. Other highlights of her extensive advanced driving career include being awarded the Fred Welch Rose Bowl in 1988, and being presented with a Civic Award by the Mayor of Derby in 2004 for her many years of service to the Derby group. **Words supplied by John Butler, picture courtesy of Derbyshire Live (to read their story click [here](#))**

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## **Peter continues to tops the charts in York**

Good news for Peter Langride from [York Advanced Drivers](#), who has just received his National Certificate from Gordon Smith, local observer assessor and Andy Doughall, national observer, who prepared him for his test. Peter Serhatlic, IAM RoadSmart regional service delivery manager, was the tester.

*Supplied by John Farley*



## **A new look and approach in Lincolnshire**

Following a local restructuring of the IAM RoadSmart's group structure in the area, IAM Lincolnshire has now taking over the delivery of car courses throughout the county. It has at the same time launched a new logo in recognition of this. It uses two tyre treads which the group says helps to clarify its driving group focus, whilst differentiating itself from the two riding groups within the county. *Supplied by Richard Hardesty*



## **The A40 route to success for Weston group**

[Weston and Mendip Advanced Motorists Group](#) has been busy at the recent South

Western Classic Car Show, publicising its work with both IAM RoadSmart and the A40 Farina Club. Chief observer David Gough and president Vernon Mortimer are seen here with David's red A40 Mk II – a car of real interest as he drove it when he passed the IAM RoadSmart test back in 1971. It had been restored in 2015/16 and displayed at Gaydon for the IAM RoadSmart 60th anniversary event. Meanwhile Vernon's green Mark I has been kept in the same condition as when his grandfather drove it out of the showroom brand new in 1959. ***Supplied by David Gough***



### **Three generations of top driving at Matlock group**

A delightful family story and a first for the [Matlock \(Derwent and Hope Valleys\) Group](#), with three generations of the same family all passing their advanced driving test. The most recent is Edward Rockett (left) who joins his mother Elizabeth and his grandfather Peter Gunn in becoming an advanced driver. Peter is a long-standing observer with the Matlock group. Peter started as Edward's observer until Edward went to Oxford University, where he continued his preparation with the local group there. ***Supplied by Bill Storey***

## Stay in touch

### **Let's connect**

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