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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



Andy Barratt is new IAM RoadSmart Chairman

IAM RoadSmart has announced that Andy Barratt has been appointed its new Chairman. Andy is Managing Director of Ford of Britain and takes over from retiring Chairman Ken Kier OBE. To read more about the appointment [click here](#).

Videos



Race winner Coates runs IAM RoadSmart logo in Renault UK Clio Cup car for the 2019 season

IAM RoadSmart has put together a video starring Max Coates, racing driver and IAM RoadSmart advanced driver, made as he launched his new car. Max, 25, is taking part in the Renault UK Clio Cup with Team HARD this year and is running the IAM RoadSmart logo on his car - our video explains why, and also how advanced driving has helped him. Max's year got off to a great start; he won both of the Renault UK Clio Cup races at the weekend, putting him into an immediate championship lead. To watch our video click above.



'Spring into action' photo competition winner announced...

Thank you to everyone who took part in our 'Spring into action' photo competition - we had over 100 submissions from across the country. We loved going through them all but unfortunately there could only be one winner, could it be you? We chose one lucky winner at random - click on the image to watch the video which announces the winner.

In the media



Advanced drivers show the way at Brands Hatch

It's been a successful weekend for our advanced drivers competing in the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) series of races at Brands Hatch. Max Coates (*left*) won both the weekend's races in the Renault UK Clio Cup, while Bobby Thompson (*right*) in a Volkswagen Passat also had a successful trio of results in the main BTCC series. He scored a sixth, 13th and 15th, placing

him 12th in the championship with 15 points overall so far. Both drivers achieved F1RSTs in their advanced driving tests late last year.

Tips and blog



This week's blog: The Disneyland dilemma

This week's blog is written by Rodney Kumar, IAM RoadSmart senior communication executive, this week talks about his forthcoming holiday to Disneyland Paris with his nephew, and his decision to drive there. He quickly discovered there was more to think about than he expected. Read about his preparations [here](#).



This week's tips: Dealing with vulnerable road users

Now that spring is here at last there will be more vulnerable road users out and about, such as motorcyclists, horses and riders, cyclists etc. This week's tips are by Richard Gladman, IAM RoadSmart head of driving and riding standards, who provides some vital advice on how to deal with other road users. [Click here](#) to read more.

Group news



Advanced Rider Course attracts military interest in West Dorset

[Dorchester and West Dorset Advanced Motorcyclists](#) provided free IAM RoadSmart advanced rider taster sessions to eight riders from the Armoured Centre (ARMCEN) based at Bovington Garrison, Dorset, in late March - and all eight riders subsequently enrolled on the Advanced Rider Course. Another four ARMCEN riders are scheduled to undertake their free taster sessions having already enrolled. This was a perfect opportunity for DWDAM to extend its interaction within the West Dorset community and form an important road safety education link with a long established local military garrison at Bovington, and for ARMCEN personnel to interact with the local community and improve the road riding skills and knowledge of all 12 riders involved in this initiative. ***Supplied by Brian Purnell***



Hull group takes part in road safety event

[Hull and East Riding Advanced Motorcyclists](#) will be holding observed rides at an event this weekend called #ridethewolds. The event is held for members and non-members with representatives from BikeSafe, Safer Roads Humber and East Riding Road Safety Team working together to encourage riders to review their skills through observed rides, virtual reality and a free taster of what advanced riding is like. Dealerships representing Yamaha, Kawasaki and Suzuki will also be attending. The event is on 14 March from 10am to 3pm. Please email yardenquiries@gmail.com to book an observed ride - otherwise, just turn up on the day. The address is Wolds Way Café, Market Weighton, YO43 3LW. Riders must hold a full motorcycle licence (A1 or A2). ***Supplied by Chris Hood***



It runs in the family

Grandfather David Seed and his grandson, Matthew McGuinness of [Bolton and District Advanced Motorists](#) have passed their advanced driving test. Matt gained a F1RST while Dave received a Masters with distinction. Matt said: "When I started the course, I realised how much I had failed to see before, although I had thought I was very observant. I had no advice during my basic driving lessons about how to negotiate corners and bends on country roads. This was probably the most important skill I learned on this course."

Supplied by Gary Whittle



Mike turns to the mike!

Mike Webber from [Wolverhampton Advanced Motorists](#) literally turned to the mike recently, when he talked on Radio WM (West Midlands) on mature drivers and the opportunity to improve skills. And the interview went so well, the station has asked Mike if he would like to talk again on the station soon. He has also been involved with a road safety campaign IAM RoadSmart has been involved in with Sandwell Council's Highway Services team.



Belfast Advanced Motorists get blogging

Gavin Sinclair, chairman of [Belfast Advanced Motorists](#), has recently started a new project. He's been blogging about different aspects of driving, with the theme of the articles being called #breakingbadhabits - all of which are available to read on the BAM website. You can take a look at some of the articles by [clicking here](#). *Supplied by Gavin Sinclair*



Two new members for Huddersfield

Lionel Holmes, chairman of Huddersfield Advanced Motorists congratulated this month's associates Edward Bylina and Frances Jones for passing their advanced driving test. Thanks to Alan Pavier and Denara Holmes for their guidance. This was followed by an informative talk on Formula 1 by Graham Read, correspondent and motoring writer. *Supplied by Roy Meakin*

Stay in touch

Let's connect

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