



NEWSLETTER 2019- Issue 31

Chairman's Chat

It is good to report that the bike show at Ingliston was again a success and our bike section has gained some more new associates.

Our blood bike talk was successful with some of our members stepping forward to become involved in helping out the NHS with this important task.

After a lean period of car associates joining, we now have a healthy waiting list but unfortunately a lack of car observers to start them on their course.

If you feel you have the aptitude, time and experience of working with people and want to join our car observer team now is the opportunity to register an interest in this important function of an IAM group. Please contact Mark Elder our membership secretary with your details. A short CV would be helpful at this stage.

**Angus Maciver
Chairman**



GROUP NEWS

Dates for your Diary:-
Group meetings - 7.30pm

9th May 2019 AGM	Smith Museum, Dumbarton Road, Stirling, FK8 2RQ
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Congratulations to the following people who have passed their IAM Test:

Associate	Observer
Steve Coulson (bike) 21/09/2018 F1rst!	Fiona Robertson

Your Committee 2018/19

Chairman	Angus Maciver	07801951508	chairman@forthvalleyiam.org.uk
Secretary	David Allan		secretary@forthvalleyiam.org.uk
Treasurer	Lindsay Pyall		
Membership/Liaison Secretary	Mark Elder	07973217256	membership@forthvalleyiam.org.uk
Newsletter Editor	Kenneth Grant	01324228126	newsletter@forthvalleyiam.org.uk
Motorcycle Chief Observer	Fiona Robertson		

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CAR / MOTORCYCLE SECTION

Happy 41st birthday to our local Group!

A chance conversation with former President Neill Watt at a recent committee meeting led to my discovery of a significant milestone for Forth Valley IAM. Here, Neill tells the story of how the group was founded:

This year (February to be precise) includes the 41st anniversary of the Forth Valley Group. How did it come about?

The story revolves round the Watt family. Basically, Neill accepted a job offer in this area, so they moved house from Edinburgh to Tillicoultry. Prior to the move both Joan and Neill had been active members on the committee which ran Edinburgh and District Advanced Motorists Group. We were also Observers.

News of our move came to the attention of the (then) Regional Organiser, Alan Sanderson. Eventually we were coerced into creating a new Group in this area. With Alan's support and guidance we put a notice in the local paper asking anyone interested in advanced driving to attend a meeting at our house and gave details of time, date and address. About a dozen people responded. The group was formed. We insisted that the name should reflect the area as opposed to a town only.

Once the group was underway, we were kept busy training our associates. To begin with, the only observers were our two selves.

The rest, as they say, is history. It is good to see that the group continues to flourish. Long may it continue.



Neill Watt

NATIONAL NEWS

2019 Autonomous Vehicles Readiness Index reveals UK's policy successes and areas for improvement

In its second edition of the Autonomous Vehicles Readiness Index (AVRI), KPMG evaluates the preparedness and openness of 25 countries towards AV technology.

<http://www.roadsafe.com/2019autonomousvehiclesreadinessindexrevealsukspolicy successesandareasforimprovement>



How to really change driver behaviour with telematics

The combination of telematics data and a behavioural risk profile will give an in-depth understanding of the motives contributing to an individual's driving style. This enables one to move beyond making assumptions about a driver's speeding motives for example, towards the delivery of precision targeted interventions.

<http://www.roadsafe.com/howtoreallychangedriverbehaviourwithtelematics>

Volvo and Audi lead nominations for safe new car award

RoadSafe partner Thatcham Research has revealed the 10 safest new cars vying for the What Car? Safety Award 2019. Volvo and Audi lead the nominations with two vehicles listed, while Ford, Jaguar, Lexus, Mercedes-Benz, Nissan and Peugeot models are also included.

<http://www.roadsafe.com/volvoandaudileadnominationsforsafenewcaraward>

Notice is hereby given by order of the Group Committee that the

Annual General Meeting of Forth Valley Group of Advanced Motorists

will be held at

The Smith Museum, Stirling on

Thursday, 9 May 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

to enable the Trustees of the Group to present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended March 2019 for approval by Group Members and to conduct an election.

David Allan, Group Secretary

All Members, Associates and Friends are invited to attend but only Fully Paid-up Members of the IAM and the Group may vote. A Member entitled to vote at the General Meeting may appoint a proxy to vote in his or her stead.

A proxy need not be a Full Member of the Group. Nominations are invited from Full Members to stand for Committee. Any nomination must be on the form overleaf and must reach the Secretary at least seven days before the election.

CURRENT COMMITTEE

All Officers retire annually and may offer themselves for re-election. One third of the Committee (excluding Officers) must retire annually and may offer themselves for re-election.

OFFICERS

Chairman	Anaus Maciver	Vacant
Vice Chairman		Vacant
Secretary	David Allan	Willing to stand for re-election
Treasurer	Lindsay Pyall	Willing to stand for re-election

MEMBERS

Membership/Liaison Secretary	Mark Elder	Willing to stand for re-election
Newsletter Editor	Kenneth Grant	Willing to stand for re-election

