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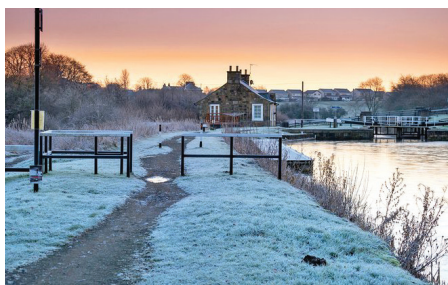
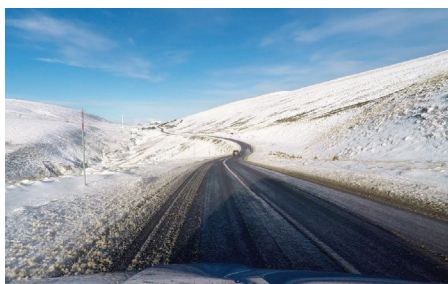


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IAM Glasgow North Group

The Glasgow North Group of Advanced Motorists is a road safety charitable organisation registered with The Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) SC018356 and is affiliated with the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM).

The group was formed in 1978, is one of the oldest and largest in Scotland having in excess of 260 Members, is manned by volunteers who enthusiastically work to improve road safety by encouraging drivers and riders to improve their skills through coaching and critique.

At Glasgow North Group we recognise that our Members all have differing skills and that no matter how experienced a road user that we all have something to learn. We endeavour to make our Members safer drivers and riders in a fun and enjoyable way.

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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

COLIN REFLECTS ON ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE GROUP, AND INVITES MEMBERS TO SHARE THEIR IDEAS AND FEEDBACK TO HELP SHAPE GROUP ACTIVITIES.



Season's greetings to you all; I hope you have fun over the festive period.

We currently have 380 combined Full, Fellow and Associate Members linked to the group, of which some have lapsed membership to either the group, or IAM RoadSmart, or in some cases both.

Glasgow North group subscriptions fall due on 5<sup>th</sup> November every year with payment due no later than 1<sup>st</sup> January, so you will hopefully see this as a gentle reminder to check that your subscription is up-to-date in order to avoid ending up on the naughty list ;)

It is also worth noting that your Glasgow North group subscription rate may have changed.

It used to be the case that some of the early adopters of the standing order system had a small discount applied to their group membership fees.

This was changed at the recent AGM, so now all Members of Glasgow North group, whether Full Members, Associates, or Fellows, pay the same annual price of £10.

If you would like any further information on this change or how it might affect you, please contact [treasurer@iamglasgow.org](mailto:treasurer@iamglasgow.org)

You can also read about the preferred way to make payment on the Committee News page.

I would urge you to check this as soon as you can as this year's subs are now due.

If your subscriptions aren't current with both IAM RoadSmart and the group it means you will be unable to participate in any on-road activities due to the group's insurance requirements.

We have had a surprisingly busy year in the group, given the amount of restrictions we had in place.

Our advanced driving and riding training, whether on-road, in the classroom (via Zoom) or at the track, were thankfully all restarted and our great team of volunteers were only too happy to get back to what we love doing – helping improve road safety.

Without the skills, hard work and dedication of our volunteers there would be no advanced training, so thank you all and keep up the excellent work.

We have been planning some activities for next season – the details of which will be listed in Dates for your Diary – however I thought you would like to know about two in particular.

We plan to have our Slo-Mo day at some point over the weekend 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May (this may change depending on site availability).

The other date for your diary is 13<sup>th</sup> August when we plan to have a Memorial Ride out for Calum Crawford. The ride out was unable to take place this year due to the ever-changing COVID-19 restrictions at the time, however we feel it should be possible in 2022.

We are still at the early stages of planning but will be looking to raise funds from those attending to be donated to Robin House in Calum's name.

We have had a combined total of 15 passes of one kind or another which will be listed in detail later on in the Roll of Honour.

A massive congratulations to each and every one of you, and to your Observers/Mentors who helped guide you along the road to success.

I've asked this before and think it's worthwhile asking again, as it is vitally important that you have your say on your group: do you have any feedback you'd like to share with your committee?

I'd like to hear from you what you think of your group:

- what do you like?
- what don't you like?
- how can we improve?
- how was your training (at any stage, Associate, Member, Observer, Master)?

This isn't an exhaustive list by any means but hopefully it will get you thinking about your group and what you'd like your committee to do for you.

Safe driving and riding.

*Colin*

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# VIEW FROM THE DASHBOARD

STUART TAKES THE REINS FROM ELAINE IRVINE AS CHIEF CAR OBSERVER AND LOOKS TOWARDS GLASGOW'S LOW EMISSION ZONE GOING LIVE IN JUNE 2023.



I hope this newsletter finds you well after another year of unprecedented times.

With COVID-19 restrictions easing I am sure we will all agree that it is great to get back to some form of normality and see our friends and family again, although we can't take it for granted and let our guard down.

With COVID-19 numbers and vaccines available the car section have been able to get back out on the road with guidelines in place.

Due to the backlog and some associates having to wait 18 months our Observers have been outstanding, working together to get our 26 Associates back out training which I know takes up a lot of their free time with some of our Observers taking on two Associates.

I would like to congratulate Gordon Colligan and Bryan Phillips for passing their IAM car tests with

both achieving a First!

I would also like to welcome Patrick Milne and Grant Hutchison to the group as our 2 newest Associates and wish them well during their drives and tests.

As your new Chief Car Observer, I would like to take time to tell you a bit about myself and my background.

I have been a Member of the IAM since September 2007 when I joined as an Associate. After passing my test in January 2008, I became a Local Observer then a short time later became a National Observer. I have had many Associates with all kinds of driving experience and also a variety of reasons to become an advanced driver – from people who have very little driving experience and are wanting to enhance their driving skills to people who have been driving many years but have picked up bad habits.

I was also on the committee back in 2012 but due to my shifts I had to step down.

Outside of the IAM, I have been working in the transport industry for the past eleven years where I have put what I learned in the IAM into my career along with new skills I have learned driving and working with larger vehicles.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our previous Chief Car Observer, Elaine Irvine.

Elaine has been our Chief Car Observer for the past 4 years. During this time Elaine has organised training activities for Observers, theory sessions for Associates and she has also performed numerous check drives, final assessments, Drive Scot Free checks as well as observing with her own Associates.

She has also worked closely with our satellite group keeping in regular contact with them, meeting them at Inveraray for training and having the odd lunch at the George



WHEN GLASGOW'S LEZ PHASE 2 IS ENFORCED FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2023, ALL VEHICLES MUST MEET THE REQUIRED EMISSION STANDARDS TO AVOID A PENALTY, UNLESS EXEMPT

hotel. Elaine also went on to develop her driving skills even further by sitting the Masters qualification back in 2016, and since then has passed on her knowledge to Associates and Observers.

Over the past few weeks Glasgow has been hosting COP26 with European leaders discussing climate change.

I recently watched an episode of Fifth Gear where Jason Plato was talking about ultra-low emission zones and what has already been put in place to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide that is released into the atmosphere.

In 1992 the European Union imposed emission regulations. The first regulations, Euro 1, required the switch to unleaded fuel and the introduction of the catalytic converters and since then the rules have become tougher and tougher.

Euro 2 was introduced in 1997, Euro 3 was 2001, Euro 4 was 2006, Euro 5 was 2011 and Euro 6 was 2015 with each level introducing different regulations and limits. To determine which cars will need to pay to drive in the low emission zones, the Euro 1 to 6 rating system will be used.

For example, if you are driving a 58-plate BMW 320 diesel this is rated Euro 4 which could be charged anywhere between £6 and £12.50 per day to drive in cities.

So, you can imagine if you work in a city centre that could be an extra £3,000 per year on your budget.

It's not just cars this will affect; there are buses, taxis, vans, basically anything with wheels and a combustion engine will be affected.

The vehicles that will be hit the most are older diesel cars. Petrol cars which don't meet the Euro 4 spec will be hit as well.

Jason then spoke to a professor at Birmingham University and he stated "The reason that diesel cars

have been hit the hardest is because they release oxides of nitrogen which create nitrogen dioxide in the air which is a toxic pollutant, but with petrol cars the catalytic converters take this out".

Jason took out a BMW 530e which is a hybrid and costs around £45,000. The electric range of this car is only 28 miles, then the 2L petrol engine kicks in, however this type of car could possibly be exempt from the charges as it is a hybrid.

He then spoke with Andy Eastlake from the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership who said that the cars we buy today are hugely different in their emissions from those we were driving a few years ago. An older Euro 3 compliant diesel car has the emission equivalent of 20 or 30 new vehicles.

Glasgow, at the moment, doesn't have low emission zones however it is coming. Phase 1 will apply to buses only and was put in place in December 2018 however when phase 2 is enforced from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023, all vehicles must meet the required emission standards to avoid a penalty unless the vehicle is exempt.

Glasgow's low emission zone website is currently working on a function where you will be able to type in your registration plate and find out how much you will be charged for taking your car into the city. You can find out more about the low emission zone in Glasgow by visiting [www.glasgow.gov.uk/lez](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/lez). On the website you can download a PDF of the city centre and this shows you the streets which will be in the low emission zone.

As always, safe driving.

**Stuart**

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## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know camel's milk doesn't curdle? *Well, there really is no answer to that!*

Did you know a duck can't walk without bobbing its head? *So what do they do when they fly?*

Did you know that Perth is Australia's windiest city? *No, no, no - I know what you are all thinking!*

Did you know the Atlantic ocean is saltier than the Pacific? *Hence the reason why Atlantic sailors were called "salts".*

Did you know the earth weighs 6,588,000,000,000,000 tons? *Give or take a few pounds!*

Did you know Elvis Presley made only one television commercial? *After his reported death he moved to Scotland and ran a fish and chip shop in Oban! True! What don't you believe me?*

Did you know it took Leonardo Da Vinci over ten years to paint the Mona Lisa? *That's because she kept smiling! Ha ha - you could not make this up!*

Did you know sound travels 4.3 times faster through water than air? *That's why transatlantic telephone calls were quicker in the early days than calls from London to Edinburgh! The downside was the bubbles made conversation very difficult. Yep, no doubt about that one!*

You will find more fascinating facts later in this newsletter.

**Spokes**

# VIEW FROM THE SADDLE

ERIC OFFERS INVALUABLE ADVICE FOR KEEPING YOURSELF AND OTHER ROAD USERS SAFE AS BOTH DAYLIGHT AND WEATHER CONDITIONS DETERIORATE.

At this time of year we often hear people talking about the darker nights but often what they actually mean is that it is getting dark earlier.

Added to this we are frequently faced with a worsening in weather conditions. For those riding a motorcycle this means added danger as other road users struggle to see us in the dark and we find it difficult to identify hazards, especially those in the far distance.

The month of October signals the start of one of the most difficult times of the year for riding. Statistics show that as the clocks go back there is an increase in the number of vulnerable road user killed or seriously injured in road collisions.

So what can we do to make ourselves and other road users safer?

Possibly the most obvious answer is to make sure all your lights are clean and in good working or-

der. We all know that it is illegal to drive during the hours of darkness without properly functioning front and rear lights and we should always check our lights as part of our POWDERY checks.

Should you find one of your bulbs is not working you need to get it changed as soon as possible to increase visibility and avoid a costly meeting with the police.

Having lights that work is extremely important but how we use them is equally so. Most modern motorcycles have daylight running lights and headlights which automatically come on when it 'gets dark'.

Where this is not the case, to remain legal you should ensure your headlights are turned on 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise, in fog, or in poor visibility where you cannot see 100 meters ahead.



**ERIC ROSS**  
Chief Bike Observer

Use your full beam when riding on unlit country roads to help you see the road layout as far ahead as possible. When you encounter another vehicle resort to dipped beam as soon as appropriate to avoid dazzling them.

Following another road user with your full beam on is not only very annoying for them but can lead to them becoming distracted, which as we all know can result in a loss of concentration.

As vehicles approach you with their headlights on, try to avoid being dazzled by looking down towards the left-hand side of the carriageway and following the white line that marks the edge of the road.

The glare from oncoming headlights can temporarily impair your vision, causing you to lose your bearings or even panic.

If the glare temporarily obscures your vision, slow down but avoid stopping or braking harshly as this may cause vehicles following you to run into the back of your bike.



THE GLARE FROM ONCOMING HEADLIGHTS CAN TEMPORARILY IMPAIR YOUR VISION, CAUSING YOU TO LOSE YOUR BEARINGS OR EVEN PANIC

Many motorcycle riders already wear fluorescent clothing which they believe makes them more visible.

Whilst this is true during daylight hours, at night they have little effect.

During the day, fluorescent clothing takes ultraviolet light from the sun, which we can't see, and converts it into visible light which we can see.

This results in an increase in the total amount of visible light that reflects off clothing, giving fluorescent clothing a brighter appearance. Because of this, fluorescent clothing is most effective in low light conditions such as around dawn and dusk.

During the hours of darkness, there is no ultraviolet light to convert, so fluorescent material is no longer effective. In order to be more visible in the dark, reflective, rather than fluorescent clothing, is required.

It is intuitively obvious that reflective clothing makes us more visible when riding in the dark.

Rather than being absorbed by our clothing, light from vehicle headlights and streetlights is reflected back to other road users, making us more visible than we would otherwise be.



Keeping your visor clean and free from damage will also assist your vision. If you are on a long journey you may need to carry something to clean your visor during the journey as the build-up of road grime will seriously affect your vision.

Similarly, damage to the visor, even fairly minor damage, will reduce vision. Small stone chips or scrapes can cause a 'starring' effect which can be extremely distracting.

Make use of anti-fogging sprays or visor inserts such as Pinlock as these will aid in preventing misting on the inside of your helmet visor.

You can also use a water repellent spray such as Visor Proof from Nikwax. These sprays cause water to bead and roll off your visor.

Just be careful to follow the manufacturer's instructions as inappropriately applied spray can actually cause the beads to swirl around the visor rather than running off.

Where possible, ride with your helmet vents open to increase air flow. If your visor still mists up you may need to consider slightly opening the visor but a properly prepared visor should not steam up except in very extreme conditions.

It might be that you need to question the wisdom of riding a motorcycle in such conditions!

As the days get shorter and the nights longer vulnerable road users such as children, the elderly and cyclists are at increased risk.

As the weather deteriorates and wind, rain and colder temperatures start to take a grip, people tend to dress in darker clothes generally and make greater use of hoods.

Darker clothes make it more difficult for you to observe vulnerable road users, and hoods can significantly restrict their vision in turn which greatly affects their ability to see you.

Be aware of your surroundings; the dangers of riding near schools, residential areas and busy junctions are all higher when it is dark.

You also need to be aware of the potential for animals running out in front of you. On country roads nocturnal animals are more active, so you may have to consider slow-

ing down to give yourself more time to react to unexpected movements and don't forget that in the dark some animals will freeze in your headlights, causing you to ride around them rather than them running away from your intended route.

For many motorcyclists, riding in reduced light levels is the first time they realise their eyesight has deteriorated.

They struggle to read road signs properly when confronted with glare from oncoming vehicles.

Some people resort to 'night driving' glasses, but there appears to be no scientific evidence that these actually work. In fact, some people actually believe the yellow tint can reduce vision.

If you experience any problems with your vision, the best thing to do is get your eyesight tested to confirm if you need to wear glasses or contact lenses for riding, either in the day or at night.

It is also worth remembering that riding while tired can make you a danger to yourself and other road users. Riding in the dark while tired only exacerbates the problem.

If you are heading off on a long journey that includes driving at night, make sure you factor in rest stops at least every couple of hours, and take time to grab a strong coffee or caffeinated drink.

Remember though that with each stop the beneficial effects of caffeine will reduce and the effects will wear off more quickly.

Riding in winter can still be a very enjoyable pursuit, as long as you are well-prepared and always take weather conditions into consideration.

Safe riding.

**Eric**

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# ROUND THE BEND

OUR NEWEST CONTRIBUTOR, "SPOKES", TAKES A LIGHTER LOOK AT DRIVING, INCLUDING ASKING SANTA CLAUS "20 QUESTIONS".



Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to answer my 20 questions, Santa, my readers really do appreciate it.

I know you are a busy man, especially at this time of year so lets get right into the first question!

## **Where were you born?**

Ah, that's both easy and complicated, as geographical borders have changed so much over the years. But suffice to say that I was born in a place originally called "Patará", near Myra, which is now part of modern Turkey.

## **So how did you become Santa?**

Well, my name is Nicholas and during my early years I was a guy who travelled the country helping the sick and poor. Especially the children, don't forget the children, it's all about the children! One day I noticed that everyone I knew had either grown very old or passed away. I didn't take much notice of it at first but as time went on, there were more and more people to help and I just kept on going.

## **Most exciting moment in your life?**

When I met Mrs Claus, nothing has come close since.

## **Do you have a favourite food?**

Definitely, bangers & mash with lashing of gravy! The reindeer like it too so Mrs Claus makes it specially before we set off on delivery.

## **Where do you live now?**

Well its definitely not in Palm Beach, or somewhere on the Californian coast. Most people think I live in the North Pole (I use that as a PO Box) but to tell you truth, I don't really know where it is anymore as we have had to move numerous times over the years to avoid people who try and seek me out. The biggest problem is finding a place with enough space for the workshops and reindeer, accommodation for all the elves and the right size kitchen for Mrs Claus. She needs to organise an army of cooks and kitchen staff to feed all the workers. Then there needs to be sufficient grazing and forestry for the reindeer, a special garage-come-maintenance workshop for the sleigh and harness. It's so important to keep everything to do with delivery in tip-top condition. You cannot afford a breakdown on the most important day of the year. You can't call a breakdown service as they would not know where to start. When it comes to dropping off the last present, Rudolph and the team just head home and I don't have to worry about it. When I get back, I sleep for a week! Mrs Claus makes sure I am not disturbed, and all the staff stand down and take a well-earned break.

## **What's your favourite film?**

Aw, that's easy - "White Christmas"!

## **Did you go to school?**

I was self-taught before monastery school over 1,800 years ago and then continued my education at the school of life. You learn a lot during that time!

## **What makes you laugh?**

When people are good to each other, happy and kind and love their children and help each other. That brings a smile to my face. Also, when children ask for the simplest things instead of the most expensive. Being happy and jolly has always been in my nature that's how I got the job!

## **What! Someone gave you the job?**

Well, yes and no! It kind of evolved as the years rolled on. Can't say much more on that otherwise I might be giving away a few secrets.

## **What is your favourite pastime?**

Building and designing toys. The toys we invented years ago have now become a reality, especially battery powered cars. The toys you see today are likely to become tomorrow's technological innovation. Where do you think designers and inventors get their ideas? From us of course, and I say us because we have a whole army of designers and builders of new toys.

## **Have you ever missed a delivery?**

No! next question?



**What's your favourite toy?**

Well now, that is a tricky one; let me see. If I can only pick one it would have to be a Gyroscope. Simple little thing that goes on for ages before you have to rewind or pull the string.

**Do you have a favourite piece of music?**

Aw, now that's an easy one. "Jingle Bells" of course!

**Is there any other kind of music you like?**

Well, I like nearly all music in the right circumstances. When we need a boost in the workshop, we play something lively with lots of energy, especially when we need to ramp up production. Ho Ho Ho.

**Do the reindeer have a special diet and training programme in order to prepare for the big delivery?**

Well we covered that one earlier. It's bangers & mash with lashings of gravy. Sometimes we even have haggis; Rudolph loves that. As for exercise, that's a big no-no, because these guys know what they have to do and they have never failed yet. They love their job and that's what counts, yep, job satisfaction!

**Do you mind all the people who dress up and pretend to be you at Christmas?**

No, no, no, no! Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, but it's never about me, it's always about the children and the spirit of Christmas.

**Do you have a new Santa outfit every year?**

Definitely not! Mrs Claus has been looking after my outfit for hundreds and hundreds of years and it's still going strong thanks to her.

**How many languages can you speak?**

All of them!

**Do you exchange presents with Mrs Claus at Christmas?**

Of course we do, and we never have a problem deciding what to give each other. It's always the simple things that mean the most.

**Finally Santa, have you ever considered retirement or wonder who might take over from you?**

Retire? Never! Who wants to give up this job where you only work one day a year (it's a lot more than that really) and get to bring so much happiness and joy to the world and most of all the children!

Right - that's your twenty Spokes, I've got lots to do! Nice talking to you. Drive and ride safely and remember to smile to other road users. Bye. Ho Ho Ho.



Well there you have it readers, an interview with Santa Claus. Don't ask me how I managed it as I surprised even myself, but there you go!

Hope you all have a great Christmas. Take care of yourselves, look after each other, and as Santa says "smile to other road users".

Be well, be safe, and a Merry Christmas to you all.

**Spokes**

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that lions are identifiable through their whisker patterns? *Never really got close enough to find out!*

Did you know lemons contain more sugar than strawberries? *Well, it depends how many strawberries you want eat against the number and size of lemons. I also know a few politicians that would benefit from sucking lemons, it would certainly shut 'em up. Ha ha.*

Did you know that reindeer like bananas? *Santa's reindeer prefer bangers and mash with lashings of gravy.*

Did you know that money is the number one thing that couples argue about? *Unless you are single then you spend, spend, spend, or argue with yourself!*

Did you know the longest street in the world is Yonge Street, Toronto Canada? *It measures 1896 kms (1178 miles) - just don't get a cab from one end to the other!*

Did you know the average human brain contains 78% water? *Hence the phrase "the font of all knowledge".*

Finally, did you know that 10<sup>th</sup> October is National Metric day? *12d in 1s, 20s in £1, 160z in 1lb, 14lb in 1st, 10st in 1cwt, 36in in 1yd, 22yd in 1ch (length of a cricket pitch)...oh sorry, it's national metric day!*

Merry Christmas everyone. Have fun, be safe, and we'll see you all next year.

**Spokes**

# NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE



Welcome. We hope you enjoy reading this, the latest edition of our group newsletter.

There have been a couple of changes to the committee following the AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Douglas Macallister has joined the committee as a car representative, and Stuart Inglis has joined the committee along with taking over the role of Chief Car Observer. Tom Hatrick came to the end of a 3-year term and was re-elected.

Moray Finlay has indicated this will be his last season as Group Secretary, so we are looking for volunteers to shadow and work alongside Moray with a view to taking over the role from October 2022.

The committee members and their contact details are provided alongside for your information. We would welcome your comments, feedback and suggestions for the group.

Group subscriptions fall due every year on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

If you haven't already set up a Standing Order to pay your subs, you should do so now.

Standing Order offers an easy, foolproof way to ensure your subs are safely and timeously paid.

Use the account details provided here to set up the Standing Order for £10 per annum, payable on 5<sup>th</sup> November and using your membership number, initial and surname as the reference.

This ensures that your payment is correctly attributed to you and not another Member who shares the same surname.

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Preparations are already well underway for next season's activities.

Details will be published on the group website and facebook page as they are finalised.

All that is left is for us to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

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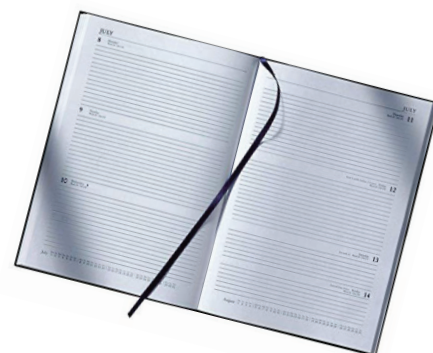
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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DETAILS OF UPCOMING GROUP ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS AND EVENTS. FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE GROUP WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE.



We have an exciting programme of online meetings and events planned for next season. See below for a slice of activities over the next few months.

## **The Committee**

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## Jan 2022

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

### **David Morrison presents**

This is the first of six online presentations to be made fortnightly by David Morrison.

Online, via Zoom

19.30 start

## March 2022

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Group night - tbc**

This event is subject to confirmation. Details will be published via the group website and facebook page once confirmed.

Venue tbc

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

### **Scottish Motorcycle Show**

Your chance to see a wide range of bikes, celebrities and manufacturers, as well as other trade stands and stalls.

Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **Bike Associates Pre-Season Meet**

This event is subject to confirmation. Details will be published via the group website and facebook page once confirmed.

Venue tbc

## April 2022

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Saturday Bike Meets commence**

This marks the start of Saturday morning bike meetings.

Robroyston Retail Park

09.15 for 09.30 start

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

### **Wednesday Bike Meets commence**

This marks the start of Wednesday evening bike meetings.

Crow Road Retail Park

18.15 for 18.30 start

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

### **Group night - tbc**

This event is subject to confirmation. Details will be published via the group website and facebook page once confirmed.

Venue tbc

## May 2022

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Group night - tbc**

This event is subject to confirmation. Details will be published via the group website and facebook page once confirmed.

Venue tbc

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Glasgow North Bike SloMo Day**

This event is a fantastic chance to practise your slow control.

Venue tbc

## Jun 2022

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

### **Group night - tbc**

This event is subject to confirmation. Details will be published via the group website and facebook page once confirmed.

Venue tbc

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

### **IAM RoadSmart Car Skills Day**

A chance to develop your Advanced Driving skills in a closed-circuit environment, with IAM RoadSmart tuition.

Croft Circuit, near Darlington

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

### **IAM RoadSmart Bike Skills Day**

A chance to develop your Advanced Riding skills in a closed-circuit environment, with IAM RoadSmart tuition.

Croft Circuit, near Darlington



For further details on both events:  
[www.iamroadsmart.com/events/skills-days](http://www.iamroadsmart.com/events/skills-days)

# ROLL OF HONOUR



THIS SEASON 14 OF OUR MEMBERS PASSED THEIR ADVANCED TESTS OR FURTHER ASSESSMENTS. THEY ARE LISTED HERE IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS.







## NATIONAL OBSERVER

Fraser Hunter   
Elaine Irvine 

## ADVANCED TEST (FIRST)

Kevin Bulloch   
Gordon Colligan   
Jason Lewis   
Bryan Phillips   
John Ross   
Ross Yates 

## ADVANCED TEST (PASS)

Colin Cluer   
Stephen Docherty   
Ian Fraser   
Duncan Kane   
Colin Milne   
Martyn Paterson   
John Ross 

Now that you've passed you are in a prime position to drive road safety standards upwards.

Obviously you will continue to practise the skills and techniques that you have developed whilst preparing for your test or assessment, and ensure that your roadcraft remains at the high level that you have demonstrated you are capable of.

Why not take the next step and consider becoming an Observer? Observing is a thoroughly rewarding and enjoyable way to help make our roads safer by coaching and mentoring drivers and riders to be the very best that they can be.

Existing Observers will tell you that the pleasure and satisfaction of hearing that your latest Associate has passed their advanced test is a wonderful feeling, and the gratitude and thanks you'll receive will make you realise the massive difference you can make.

Remember how you felt when you passed your advanced test? Well now you can help others to experience that elation by helping them to develop advanced skills through your skill and encouragement.

If you would like to find out more about becoming an Observer please get in touch with any committee member.

Contact details for the committee members can be found on page 10.

## WINTER RIDES 2021/22

Glasgow North bike section move to their winter rides schedule on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Winter riders should assemble at McDonalds, Robroyston around 10.00am for a 10.30am departure.

Winter rides take place every second Saturday through winter, subject to weather conditions.

Information on each ride will be posted on the Events page of the group website from the Wednesday before the ride.

All Associates, Members and Observers are welcome and, subject to numbers, observed rides, group rides and training runs for Observers will be held.

The dates for winter rides are as follows:

- 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021
- 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- 22<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022
- 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022
- 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022
- 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Please check the Events page of the group website from the Wednesday before the ride for further information.

A traffic light system is set up to give instant confirmation of the status of the ride in case of inclement weather, etc.

Further information on the winter bike sessions can be found at [www.iamglasgow.org/about/3/Bikes?Bikes&tId=3](http://www.iamglasgow.org/about/3/Bikes?Bikes&tId=3)

As always, ride safe.

**Tom Hatrick**  
Motorcycle Representative