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Welcome to the 4th edition of KASLAM NEWS.

In future all electronic news letters will be sent out as a download and not as an attachment; you will be notified by email when they are ready. This will be a more secure system. Postal newsletters will continue to be sent out but if you get an email address please let us know.

Please note that any contact details that you supply will only be used for group matters and will not be passed on to any 3rd parties.

WEB SITE:

The group web site (www.kaslam.org.uk) is up and running, please visit the site and feed back any comments whether good or bad. There is an events calendar for you to keep an eye on what's on and also e-mail facilities on the site to contact group officials. For the full e-mail addresses now in use see the *Who's Who* page towards the end of this information bulletin.

[Don't forget to put this site into your "Favourites" box for easy access.](#)

IN THE NEWS:

DAVID J. KENWORTHY STANDS DOWN AS CHAIR OF IAM

"I have just been appointed as chair of the UK Anti-Doping Authority which deals with doping in sport. I have been involved with this work for the last four years and am looking forward to chairing and helping set up a brand new organisation. Unfortunately, the time commitment of this new post means that I will not be able to devote as much time to the IAM as I would like and which the organisation still needs.

I am pleased to tell you that Alistair Cheyne will be taking over as chair. I have been a Council member for seven years and chair for the last two. I think it is fair to describe the last two years as a bit of a roller coaster ride!

The IAM has changed, and is changing radically under the leadership of the two managing directors, with the full backing of very-involved trustees. It is much better placed to weather the recession and is ready to capitalise on the upturn, when it happens. During my two years as chair I have been fortunate to work with very talented people and to meet dedicated members in my group visits. I have received tremendous support and informed comment from all parts of the IAM. The involvement of so many people has made being chair rewarding and fun. Thank you for your support."

David

ALISTAIR CHEYNE, NEW CHAIR OF IAM

Alistair Cheyne, the IAM Chairman as of 21 July 2009, was first elected Vice Chairman in 2007 following several years' service on the IAM Council.

Alistair, from Hampshire, had a long career with the AA – working his way up from the office boy in 1959 to retire in 2002 as the Deputy Managing Director.

His substantial commercial experience at the AA embraced Accounts and Administration, Travel and Retail, as well as the core business, road-side services. Alistair saw a rise in AA membership and member and staff satisfaction during his time.

In 1986 Alistair, 65, introduced the AA's first computer controlled despatch system, enabling the organisation to reduce its Command Centres considerably.

He was later responsible for the team that introduced AA HELP, an award winning system that enabled AA Patrols to become first in service delivery and facilitated Roadside Lap Top Diagnosis.

Prior to his retirement from the AA, Alistair was responsible for Direction, Strategy Acquisitions and New Business Development.

Alistair is an Honorary Life Member of BEN, the motor trade charity, and he is active in the Rotary Club. Alistair was awarded an OBE in 1997 for services to motoring.

BT Yahoo May 29 2009

“Thousands commit insurance fraud unaware”

Car insurance isn't cheap, let's be honest, especially when it's for a young driver in his or her first car. So many parents, after buying their son or daughter a motor, insure it in their own name, reducing the premium significantly by naming the child as the 'second driver' when in fact that's not actually the case. That's ok, right?

No, actually, it's illegal. Yet thousands are doing it, many of whom believe they're simply bending the rules rather than breaking them. But the practice, called 'fronting', could lead to the young driver ending up in court because it invalidates an insurance policy in the event of an accident.

A report by www.moneysupermarket.com found that “lack of awareness about this practice is staggering,” with 31 percent of drivers believing it is perfectly legitimate, 35 percent not sure, and only 34 percent aware what the law is. But when the difference in cost is so great, it's no wonder there's so much fronting going on, with the cost of insurance for an 18-year-old often thousands of pounds more than for a 40-year-old running the same car.

It's estimated that an extra £30 to £35 is added to every legitimate insurance policy as a result of fronting. Nigel Bartram of insurer Norwich Union said: “Fronting is a massive problem which all policyholders end up paying for. Four to five years ago we developed a system to see if we can detect when it is going on. When we do suspect fronting, we increase the premium for the driver.”

EHIC Card

When you travel abroad remember to carry your EHIC card with you at all times. If you do not and are involved in an accident you could well be charged for treatment of your injuries. It is important to check the card's expiry date as they are all renewable after a certain length of time.

Garmin Discounted Offer

Paul Woozley, recently-appointed IAM Membership Development Manager, advises that Garmin have offered members of the Association very attractive discounts on four of their most popular units. The discounted prices will be valid until Christmas and afterwards will be subject to revision. Visit www.garmin.com/iam to view the models on offer.

<u>Model</u>	<u>RRP</u>	<u>IAM price</u>	<u>Saving</u>	<u>Discount %</u>
Nuvi 1210 (portable, slim, Bluetooth, safety cameras, AA City Xplorer, UK and Ireland maps)	£159.99	£99.99	£60	37%
Nuvi 1240 (enhanced version of the 1210 with European maps)	£159.99	£109.99	£50	31%
Nuvi 1340 (4.3 inch widescreen, lane assist, optional AA maps and xplorer, Ecoroutes, UK maps)	£189.99	£129.99	£60	31%
Nuvi 13 (enhanced version of the 1340 with Bluetooth, European maps and Euro traffic alerts and junction view)	£259.99	£189.99	£70	27%

NB the Garmin site has an error on the 1210 details and link. This will be corrected as soon as they can but may be visible when you visit the site.

Any feedback, comments or experiences regarding this offer are always welcomed to enable me to continually improve the member benefits.

Paul.woozley@iam.org.uk

GROUP NEWS:

Membership Secretary's Report

Our total current membership is 115, which includes 3 Associate Members who have yet to pass their tests. So far we have had 3 successful test passes in 2009 and congratulations to those members. However, since IAM HQ increased the price for the Skill for Life programme to £139 on April 1st 2009 we have had no new Associates joining the Group. That leaves us with a bunch of under-employed Observers, champing at the bit, as our remaining Associates are already pretty much up to standard.

That has lead to the Committee to thinking that there may be existing full members, who passed their IAM test a while ago, who would like to have the benefit of an observed run? Things have changed on the road - cars have become more sophisticated, road conditions have got worse, new techniques in road risk management have been developed and maybe one's driving habits have got a bit rusty!

So let Eddie Harrison, our under-worked and "over-paid" Drive Co-ordinator, know if you would be interested and while we have the "nice summer Sundays" to look forward to, maybe we could arrange a couple of dates to do some social observed runs, followed by tea and buns somewhere. We could make a bit of a social event of it whilst we polish up those driving skills. There would be no cost, other than the fuel consumed and tea and buns, so if you are interested please contact Eddie at either www.kaslam.org.uk/contact-the-drive-co-ordinator/ or call him on 01539 724410. Depending on response, we will put a plan together and let you know.

Terry Simpkin

The Recession hits us as well

As the Membership Secretary reports, we have received no applications for Skill for Life packages since the recent price increase. If you know of anyone who would like to improve their driving please encourage them to contact us.

Understanding Photo Licences

There has been some confusion over the past month about the rules and regulations concerning updated photographs on driving licences.

To remove any misunderstanding the IAM would like to make you aware of the following information (Courtesy of the DVLA):

“In most circumstances you will need to renew the photo on your driving licence before it expires as the photo [is only valid for 10 years](#).

If you are a short period licence holder (aged over 70 or a medical short period) you'll only need to renew your photo when your driving entitlement expires.

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The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) will send you a renewal application pack two months before your photo is due to expire. You will need to :-

- complete the enclosed form.
- include a new passport-type photo of yourself that has been taken within the last month (you don't need to sign the back of the photo).
- return both parts of your driving licence (Photocard and Counterpart document).
- enclose a cheque or postal order for £20.00 (no fee is needed if you have a medical short period licence or you're aged 70 or over).
- send your completed application and fee to DVLA, Swansea SA99 1DH

If you have changed your name, you will also need to provide identity documents as proof.

The system will helpfully tie up with the UK Passport Agency (UKPA) which may remove the need to get a fresh picture taken just for your photo-licence.”

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will take place on November 12 2009 at the Athenaeum Hall, Leasgill, Heversham at 7:30 pm.

DIARY DATES:

Treasure Hunt June 16th 2009

The take-up response for this planned social event was disappointing with only one person showing any interest by the closing date for entries, so the committee had no option but to cancel the hall booking in Underbarrow and abandon what should have been a pleasant outing.

Walkabout round Kendal, July 9th 2009



Sixteen members of the group met in the Cumbria County Council car park at 6:30 pm on a sunny and near cloudless Summer's evening. Our guide, Trevor Hughes, joined us and we enjoyed a walkabout tour through a part of Kendal that was largely new to most of the people present. The chosen route travelled along Burneside Road and Union and Caroline Streets where the significance of Kendal's "Blue Houses" was explained. We viewed the location of Dockwray Hall which is long demolished and replaced by modern housing. Low Tenterfell and Kendal Green were next to be examined and then we crossed the road to identify the site of Kendal Prison, followed by a walk down the hill to view Grandy Nook and thence Noble's Rest and Maude's Meadow

It was a surprise to encounter a statuesque Sequoia Redwood tree on Kendal Green as this is a tree one normally associates with Yellowstone, in the United States of America.

After a thoroughly interesting walkabout in a part of the town that normally appears as little more than a "driving blur" the party repaired to the "Sawyer's Arms" for welcome refreshment.

Mike Wolfenden

WESTMORLAND COUNTY SHOW

The Group will have a stand at this year's show on Thursday September 10 2009

JUST A FEW WORDS FROM THE CHAIR

At the moment the group activity on the road is very poor, only one person has taken out the Skill for Life package since May 1st possibly due to the price increase, hopefully it will pick up as the year goes by.

Our last two events were very good but attended by committee members, family and friends, with only one or two group members.

If you want the events to continue please try to attend them, as I have said before, it is your group so come forward with some suggestions. Continue to enjoy the barbeque summer we were promised, and safe driving to you all.

Dave Petty

THOUGHTS FROM THE SECRETARY

REVERSING

In a car park, do you reverse into a parking space and drive out, or drive in and reverse out? The next time you are in a car park, have a look around and see how many people reverse into the space. You will probably find that most people actually drive in and reverse out. There is no doubt this may be safer/more convenient if the spaces are angled, when you have to load/unload items from the boot or if it would cause inconvenience to other road users.

On the other hand, reversing into the space provides you with several advantages. The first of these is that it is safer to reverse into somewhere you can see into (the parking space), rather than reverse out, into somewhere you can't (the line of moving traffic). Many people find that it takes them a few minutes to settle into "driving mode" when they start their journey. Therefore it doesn't make sense to undertake a potentially high risk manoeuvre such as reversing when you are not concentrating fully. It is also easier to control a car going forwards, rather than backwards when the car is first started and the automatic choke is activated. The reduction in wear and tear on you and the car is useful too – plus the fact you can pull away immediately while the engine is cold, rather than labour it doing a reversing manoeuvre.

From a security point of view, reversing close to an object such as a wall can make it more difficult for thieves to access your boot. If you need to exit a parking space quickly for personal security, driving out provides you with better acceleration and improved vision.

Over the next week why don't you try reversing into a parking space? You may find it helpful if you have electric mirrors, to lower your left (nearside) mirror as this will provide you with a guide to your lateral position. Another option where all the spaces run in parallel rows is to line your car up with the space in front and reverse back in a straight line. This should automatically position you in the centre of the space.

WOMAN DRIVER

I know everyone reading this will enjoy it - no matter which sex you are.

“This morning on the Interstate, I looked over to my left and there was a woman in a brand new Cadillac doing 65 mph with her face up next to her rear view mirror, putting on her eyeliner. I looked away for a couple of seconds and when I looked back she was halfway over in my lane, still working on that makeup.

As a man, I don't scare easily but she scared me so much - I dropped my electric shaver, which knocked the donut out of my other hand. In all the confusion of trying to straighten out the car using my knees against the steering wheel, it knocked my Cell Phone away from my ear which fell into the coffee between my legs, splashed and burned Freddie and the Twins, ruined the damn phone, soaked my trousers, and disconnected an important call.

Damn women drivers”!

Eddie Harrison

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go to the following for successfully passing their IAM test through the Kendal & South Lakes Group: - **Christine Maude, Matt Carr, Lloyd Trippett.**

Adelaide Insurance Services Ltd

Register your insurance renewal date by telephone (0845 603 1355) or on the Internet (www.iamsurety.co.uk) and the company will provide you with a quotation. The cover provides many extras and often cheaper insurance. The company also sells House and other insurance.

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TAILPIECE

“I was stopped for speeding yesterday and I thought I could talk my way out of it until the traffic policeman looked at my dog in the back seat!”

