

KENDAL & SOUTH LAKES

Advanced Motorists

Information Bulletin No 1

Welcome to our 1st information sheet it is intended to update you with any matters / events / news that is happening with the group. Other sheets will be sent out as and when required.

With the majority of people on e-mail these days it is far cheaper and much quicker to get information out to members so this method will be used if we have your e-mail address.

For those of you that receive this by post please consider letting us have an e-mail contact if you have one

Please note that all contact details on hand will be used for group matters only and **will not** be passed on to anyone else.

The launch back in October was well attended and membership of the group now stands at 153 Thank you all for the very positive comments received since the launch. At the end of this bulletin will be a few contact numbers should you have any questions

Future Drive Dates

Feb 17th,

March 2nd, 16th, 30th,

April 13th, 27th,

May 11th, 25th,

June 8th, 22nd,

All these sessions will continue to meet at Castle Park School Sedbergh Drive Kendal LA9 6BJ. At 9:30am or 10:30am (candidates will be advised on times when arrangements are made)

All our observers give up their time voluntarily; therefore it is essential that any Pre-booked drives are attended on time.

Depending on the availability of observers it may well be possible to arrange other days or times that may be more suitable to candidates and observers, however the initial meet will continue to be on the dates mentioned.

Group News

Regretfully our secretary John Martin has decided to step down from this role, he has put many years into IAM work locally both in organising, driving and the more recent launch of the Kendal group, we wish him well and maybe one day will decide to join us again with his expertise.

With this comes a slight cabinet re-shuffle, all contacts for the group are listed in this communication.

If any of our members have any time or inclination to join the group please don't hesitate to get in touch, there is sure to be a job to suit you. (And the best thing of all is that we are all enjoying the same pay)

Join the Team

On 13th March it is hoped to have an informal get together of all present observers and all people who have expressed an interest in joining the team. Contact to those persons we know of will be made in the near future with details of times and a venue

Contact Dave Petty

Areas

Our Group covers a large geographic area LA1---LA23 in other words Lancaster---Barrow in Furness, this in itself provides many problems especially for travelling to any events / meetings that members wish to attend, it is hoped to try and circulate around the area with any social gatherings in order to help reduce members travelling

Congratulations

Congratulations go to the following for successfully passing their IAM test

Bill Donnelly
Mike Denton

Information

Drive Check

Why not take advantage of a drive check assessment, no test, just a run out with an observer to see what bad habits you have gained (*and we all do have some*) Could be useful and maybe you will enjoy it enough to go on to advanced driving.

The cost of drive check is £25

Contact Eddie Harrison

Meet the Examiner

Hello everyone

I suspect some of you may know who I am. However I'm sure there are some of you who don't have the faintest idea about who I am or where I have materialised from. So I thought this article might be a good idea as it tells you a bit about me, who I am and what I've done prior to my return to the Morecambe Bay Area.

My name, for the benefit of those who don't already know, is Paul Derham and I was born and brought up in Morecambe. I joined the Lancashire Constabulary Police Cadet Force in 1968 serving in Morecambe and then later at the Divisional Headquarters in Lancaster. After basic training in 1970 I was posted to Barrow in Furness, then Ulverston, moving to Prescott in 1972, where I served until the county boundary changes in '74. I, like the rest of the Lancashire bobbies unable to retreat to north of the Ribble, went on to serve in the newly formed Merseyside Police.

After serving on the 'Crime Patrol' section of the Task Force and beat duties at Prescott and Huyton, 1980 saw me posted to the Traffic Department and serving with No. 4 Traffic Group at Prescott until I retired from the Police Service in October 2000. During my time in this department I spent eleven years on motorway patrol duties and two short periods on the Video Car.

On leaving the Police Service, I worked as a 'Field Enquiry Officer' for a solicitors practice in Manchester and as an administrator for a motor vehicle recovery company in St. Helens. I tried doing the househusband bit when we returned to Heysham, discovered it wasn't me so I now work on the main campus security at Lancaster University.

I joined the I.A.M. in 1981, working firstly with the Merseyside Group, checking the driving skills of their observers. This didn't prove too popular at first – but things did get better. I then had a break from Group involvement until 1985 when I was coerced by my old Sergeant Bryan Moore, into running a Driver of the Year competition for the Widnes & Runcorn Group. (For those who might be wondering, this is a mixture of driving skills, rivalry and good fun within the full members of the Group). This brought me back to the Group scene and in '93 I was appointed as a relief examiner, becoming the permanent examiner for the St Helens Group area in '94.

I spent eight happy years with the St. Helens Group making many friends amongst its members. I also visited and conducted tests for the surrounding Groups at Warrington, Sefton, Merseyside, Widnes & Runcorn and occasionally Wigan. I lucky to be involved in the assessment of the Ford test drivers for the new Jaguar X type and later became involved with fleet assessment at Shell's Stanlow Oil Refinery on the Wirral.

On moving back up to Morecambe Bay I have been fortunate enough to still be wanted and retained as an examiner by the IAM. Now I am able to conduct the tests in some of the most beautiful countryside in England and look forward to a long and good association with this, the newest group in the area.

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Paul Derham Car Examiner.

Social Events

Tuesday March 11th 7pm

Sedbergh School,

The evening will include a guided tour of the school. Meet at the Archive & Heritage Centre (Library) near the car park by the Health Centre at 7pm sharp. There may be a small charge.

Contact Dave Petty

Friday July 11th

A date for your diary

Advance notice of a guided tour of Kendal, followed by sandwiches & chips at a local hostelry. Details to follow in due course

Contact Eddie Harrison

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