

KENDAL & SOUTH

LAKES GROUP

ADVANCED



MOTORISTS

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Welcome to our 2nd edition of KASLAM NEWS. .

For those of you who receive this by post please consider letting us have an e-mail contact address, if you have one, as it will be a lot cheaper and quicker to forward information to you.

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

WEB SITE:

The group web site (www.kaslam.org.uk) is up and running, please take time to visit the site and feed back any comments (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 our who's who page towards the end of this information bulletin.

[So don't forget, log this site in your favourites box for easy access to keep up to date on any amendments that will be added.](#)

FUTURE DRIVE DATES:

March 15th 29th

April 12th 26th

May 10th 24th

June 7th 21st

All these sessions will continue to meet at Castle Park School, Sedbergh Drive, Kendal LA9 6BJ at 9.30 or 10.30 am (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 listed.

GROUP NEWS

Thoughts from the Chairman

Firstly I must thank all the Members of the Committee for their work and commitment to the group during 2008.

In the year ahead we plan to run a number of events and I would hope to see more members taking part. During the course of the year over 20 people gained their Advanced Certificates - to all of them I say "well done" and welcome to the group. A big thank you is due to all the observers who give up their time so willingly, thus enabling us to obtain such a large number of passes.

The group is represented on the CRASH Committee (Cumbria's Road and Safer Highways) and we are also able to offer "Check Drive" to the over 60s. As I mentioned at the last AGM this is your group and we as a Committee want your opinions and involvement, if you feel that you have a little spare time on your hands and would like to take up one of the vacant positions please step forward.

Once again thank you all for your support. I and the Committee Members will continue to work together to build a stronger, with a higher profile and an active Kendal & South Lakes Advanced Motorists group in 2009.

Finally I would like to wish you all many miles of happy motoring.

Musings from the Secretary

- **eMail Newsletter** - In the months between publication of the Advanced Driving Magazine each member will receive an Email Newsletter, if they provide an email address to IAM HQ As stated elsewhere in this issue of **KASLAM News** IAM HQ does not sell email addresses to 3rd parties.
- **The "Young Driver Scheme"** – the scheme has been temporarily discontinued. Ben Develin, who ran the scheme at IAM HQ has been made redundant. It is likely the scheme will be resurrected at some future date. The Staff Examiner for R5 is now Chris Giveons.
- **"Driving Tips"** – the tips are being discontinued and will be taken off the IAM website.
- Recently most of our observers undertook a familiarisation session on driving automatics, very useful when observing associates with cars which have automatic transmissions. Our thanks go to observers David & Simon for their time and the use of their cars
- We now have personal folders for all new associates which include basic information with re-vamped drive sheets. It now not only looks more professional but it improves the continuity of drives, when different observers pick up associates that they have not met before.

- **Driver Location Signs** - Since 2008 more and more of these signs are appearing on motorways and all purpose trunk roads, for your information they help you identify where an incident / accident has happened if you contact emergency services. The signs will show

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| 1. What road you are on | i.e | M6 |
| 2. The direction you are travelling | | B |
| 3. The distance in kilometres from the start of the road | | 43.8 |

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Membership Secretary's Report

When our Group was founded in October 2007 we started with 150 members, rising to 161 by July 2008. Renewal time on 1st November 2008 we expected to see a reduction in membership, and initial renewals filled the Committee with a fear that the Group may not be viable; we had less than 50 renewals at the end of October 2008. However, as the AGM approached more renewed and even some renewed at the Meeting itself.

Only 26 members attended the AGM, and we may have learned some lessons in the accessibility, or lack thereof, of the venue. This may have had an impact on numbers present. We are pleased to say that the final renewal total was 90 and since then we have added 4 more Associates who have passed their test recently, as full members.

We also have 20 Associates who are either, currently working towards their test, or have passed but have not completed their initial year of Group membership that come with the Skill for Life package.

We certainly do have a very viable Group and we hope that this coming year will see us having more Group activities for all Members.

Thank you all for supporting the Group, because it enables us to continue to work towards promoting and developing more advanced motorists.

OPERATION ORWELL

The group attended another Operation Orwell as described in the last newsletter, it was a cold night in Barrow, however many leaflets on promoting the IAM were handed out, mainly to the younger drivers, some were interested and some regretfully showed no interest. ***The best one was the driver who said he was training to be a driving instructor and was not interested in Advanced Driving*** (will you book lessons with him?)

Any way it's a good way of getting information into the younger generation's hands---and who knows some may take it up.

Respect the Road

In an aim to get the message across to younger drivers the Cumbria Fire Service recently held 2 information evenings - one at Ambleside and the other at Kendal. Several videos were shown during the two hour presentation and some were quite thought provoking. Interesting facts and figures about traffic accidents were shown to an audience of younger drivers.

The final display was a demonstration of how the Fire Service would extract an injured person from a car involved in a road traffic collision.

There was a lot of interest in the presentation and demonstration and representatives from the group were on hand to distribute information on Advanced Driving. Unfortunately we still hear comments from some youngsters that they are reluctant to meet the cost of joining the Skill for life scheme.

However as with Operation Orwell it was a good way of getting information into younger hands

DIARY DATES

April 3rd 7pm **KENDAL MOUNTAIN RESCUE** - A talk and tour of the Base — numbers will be limited but if there is a lot of interest another will be held on a later date.

June 16th **CAR TREASURE HUNT** – it is hoped to arrange a treasure hunt starting at 7 pm from Underbarrow Village Institute. Entries £10 per car. Light refreshments and a prize for the winner.

To book on either event contact Eddie Harrison 01539 724410

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go to the following for successfully passing their IAM test through the Kendal & South Lakes Group:-

Vicks Boggon, Huston Clements, Anne Russell-Griffiths

Further Congratulations

It is not only associates who have to put themselves through the gruelling tests, our observers do as well. Too late to mention in the last KASLAM News, observer **Dave Jackson** took his IAM test in an articulated lorry and more recently **Jan Dawson** took her test to be a senior observer with the group. Both passed with flying colours CONGRATULATIONS to both of you on your success.

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INFORMATION:

IAM Special Qualification

Join today - with no further testing

Full IAM membership is usually offered only to applicants who have prepared for and succeeded in passing the IAM's Advanced Driving Test, a challenge that can take several months. However, if you hold one or more of the qualifications listed below you could be eligible for full membership of the IAM without taking a further test, in recognition of the high standards required to achieve these qualifications.

What's more because there is no test fee, you can join for just your first year's annual membership at only £30.

Join today - all you have to do is [download](#), complete and return the application form from the IAM website and return it to the IAM together with you first year's membership fee and a copy of your course certificate.

IAM membership by Special Qualification is available to holders of the following recognised qualifications:

- Car / LGV / PCV / Motorcycle Examiner's Warrant (DSA)
- Car / LGV / Motorcycle Examiner's Warrant (DDE)
- Fire / Ambulance Service Instructor's Certificate
- Armed Forces Instructor's Certificate
- Grade A Cardington Special Driving Test Certificate
- Regimental Staff Car course (Leconfield)#Defence Staff Car course (Leconfield)
- Wedgewood Vehicle Advance course (Leconfield)
- Emergency Fire Appliance Drivers (EFAD*)
- Ambulance Driver (IHCD D2)



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

Skill for Life:

The fee is now £99 but can be paid in 2 instalments if wished.

This includes the Test, first year Membership, a Demonstration Drive and all drives out in your own vehicle. Contact Eddie for further information or, if preferred, go on line at www.iam.org.uk

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