

## Forthcoming Car Group Meetings and Events

### 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018

The Group's Annual General Meeting will take place (see page x). All are welcome to attend, but only fully paid up members of the Group are entitled to vote. After the AGM concludes, Martin Davenport who is a servicing officer with the Dorchester Traffic Police will talk to the Group.

### 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018

The Group's lecture evenings will be taking place at County Hall in Committee Room 1, as an introduction into becoming an Advanced Driver.

### 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Social - TBC.

### 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Social - TBC.

### 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Social - TBC.

### 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Social - TBC.

### 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Social - TBC.

All social events are held on the third Tuesday of the month with a start time of 7.30pm at the **Dorchester Bowls Club** in Dorchester unless otherwise stated. Note the lecture evenings are being held at the **Committee Room One**, County Hall in Dorchester on a Wednesday.

Do you know an interesting speaker, or can you think of somewhere interesting that the Group could go to and have a tour around? If so then why not let one of the trustees know your ideas - after all we want to organise events that you will attend - there is no point in just the trustees attending all the time!

Updated event details can always be found on the Group's website at <https://www.dorsetiam.org.uk/events/> or by using the QR code opposite.



# Dorset Group of Advanced Motorists

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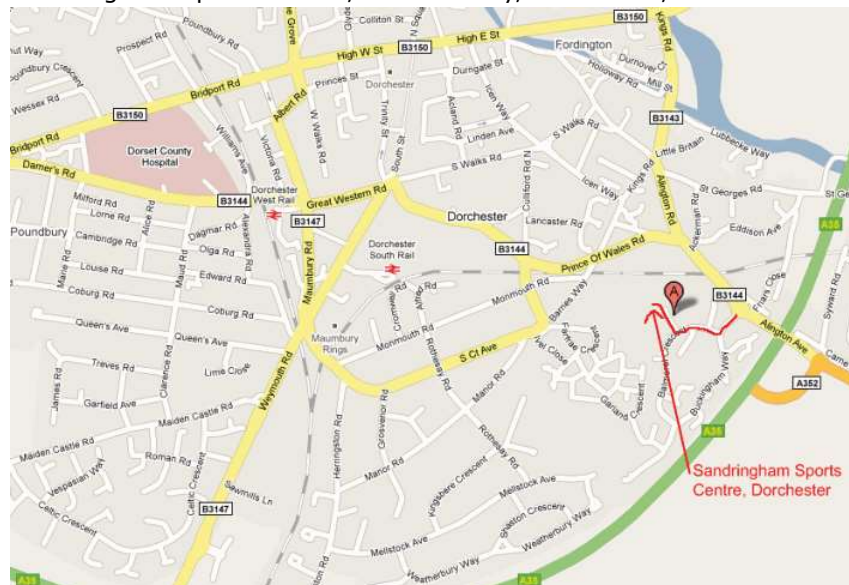
### Committee Room One / Council Chambers

County Hall, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1 XJ



### Dorchester Bowls Club

Sandringham Sports Centre, Armada Way, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 2TN



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### IAM RoadSmart warns drivers to expect 'the famous five'

### if they are stopped by the police in the future

With the news today that three police forces are trialling roadside eyesight tests and could take licences away at the roadside, IAM RoadSmart has warned motorists that they can expect to be tested for a suite of reasons if they happen to be stopped by the police for any reason.

Every driver stopped by police from Thames Valley, Hampshire and the West Midlands in September will be required to read a number plate from 20 metres. Anyone who fails will have their driving licence revoked there and then.

Police officers in those areas will be implementing their powers to request an urgent revocation of a licence through the DVLA, if they believe the safety of other road users will be at risk if that motorist remains on the road.

IAM RoadSmart, the UK's biggest independent road safety charity, has welcomed this new trial and warns drivers that if it is a success they can expect additional basic safety checks from traffic police in the future.

Neil Greig, IAM RoadSmart director of policy and research, said: "Law abiding drivers have nothing to fear from this – but we believe that extending the range of checks that the police could and should be doing will help remove many more unsafe drivers from our roads.

"They should be, as a matter of course, examining the following five key items: driving licence, MOT, vehicle insurance, drink/drugs and now eyesight.

"Adding a vision test to the standard list of roadside checks will be a sharp warning to those drivers who chose not to wear their glasses, or not get their eyesight checked, that the enforcement is now out there to back up the regulations. Our message is simple - don't risk it!"

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Front cover image - Safe passing distance for cyclists, (c) West Midlands Police

## Editorial

### Matthew Ames



It appears that Summer has an abrupt halt in Dorset, with some rather abrupt changes in weather – as experienced on the Ironman weekend late in September. I was assisting in the Transition area on Saturday for the majority of the day, and I can vouch for the conditions being a fraction on the damp side. Sunday morning saw many first-time half Ironman distance triathletes swim, cycle and run. Most definitely a challenge which I didn't fancy, but for those dedicated people they may well have spent the last year training for this – and they weren't going to let the window and rain put them off. I opted for a short trail 10k in the morning at Bere Regis instead.

As with previous years the County Council managed road closures which were implemented under the Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1994. Although the closures were advertised many months in advance, it seems that many local people go about their daily lives ignoring all the information – be it fliers through letter boxes, radio adverts, newspaper ads or signs on the course. This Special Act allows a Council to close roads when then feel that the safety of those participating in the event will be subject to danger, and likewise normal road users would be impeded by the event. The idea of the regulation is there to support event safety while also preventing other road users from being entangled in the event which could then lead to additional issues (many drivers it seems are cursed with very short tempers!). It always amazes me to see such a backlash of the locals. These events generally take place just after the summer season has finished, so are bringing in additional visitors and trade to the area. I know that many of the triathletes where not only staying in Weymouth and Dorchester, but further afield – at least as far as Maiden Newton. Almost everyone competing had either friends or family out on the course supporting them. I am not sure why there is so much negativity - Weymouth is a tourist location, and this keeps trade running a bit longer! Other towns which host similar Ironman events seem to have significantly more support from the locals.

Thankfully the sun made a very welcome appearing for the majority of the runners (some of the speedy triathletes may have finished beforehand!). A provisional date for 2019 has been published as Sunday 22nd September... Something to get in your diaries early!

Back to winter preparation for your vehicle, once again I am sure we still start to see many vehicles on the road with broken headlamps. Last year, I saw a car with one functioning nearside headlight, and one functioning offside front fog lamp. I am sure that the driver knew about the defective headlight and was using the front fog as a replacement! Not only should you check that all your bulbs are working, but to ensure that you keep the

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## A 'Skill for Life'

Take your first step to  
becoming an IAM advanced driver  
with the Dorset Group of Advanced Motorists

One free lecture given by a serving  
Class 1 Police Driver and Instructor

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 6.45pm  
doors open at 6.30pm

Committee Room One, County Hall,  
Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ

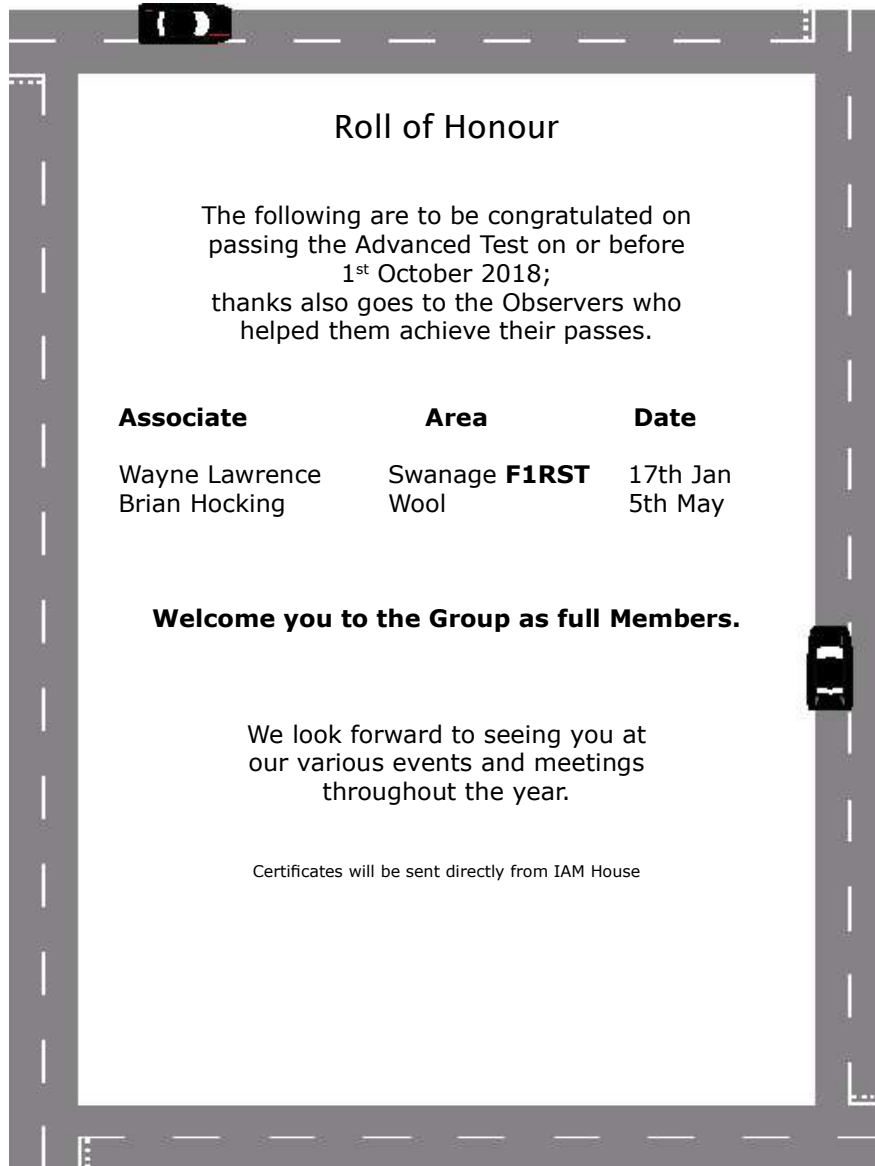
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**Roll of Honour**

The following are to be congratulated on passing the Advanced Test on or before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018;  
thanks also goes to the Observers who helped them achieve their passes.

<b>Associate</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Date</b>
Wayne Lawrence	Swanage <b>F1RST</b>	17th Jan
Brian Hocking	Wool	5th May

**Welcome you to the Group as full Members.**

We look forward to seeing you at our various events and meetings throughout the year.

Certificates will be sent directly from IAM House

lenses clear. It is amazing how quick the headlight glass can get dirty – I clean mine twice a day, once when arriving at work, and again when I get home at night. Whilst cleaning glass work, consider giving the inside of the windscreen a clean too. Most modern cars always have their fans on, circulating air. This can cause a build-up on the screen which can become more obvious in low sunlight conditions, and will also cause misting to occur more easily. I would rattle on about everything else to check, but I am sure that as Advanced Motorists you all know the drill by now!

Although I'll leave you with the question – for those who park outside rather than in a garage, what option do you use to clear the frost off your windows? Leaving an engine idling is bad for the engine, and also illegal if you leave it unattended. Using a scraper or de-icer can be cold on the fingers, or do you nip out 15 minutes before you want to leave with a warm bottle of water and leave it on the dash to warm the windscreen (and cabin) from the inside – thus reduce the chance of your breath causing ice to form on the inside. I'm curious, as thankfully I have a garage, which I do actually keep my car in, but occasionally park outside, when visiting my parents.

Safe motoring,

*Matt*

## Chairmans' Chatter

Richard Sturmeay

The last year has involved considerable change. Alan Frost, our Treasurer, has moved to Salisbury. John Hayward, our Chief Observer, has opted to remain as a National Observer and to give over the responsibility of Chief Observer for the local Group. This has resulted in our Secretary taking on considerable co-ordinating for people applying for the Advanced Driving Package.

Matt Ames has also had considerable work with a change of role from Membership Secretary to Group Data Manager. The role of Group Data Manager was explained to us when we attended the Spring Forum Meeting at Hayes Motor Museum at Sparkford in May.

It is with much regret that we heard of the illness of Dougie Miners and we all wish him a full recovery.

Because of the changes throughout the year, it will be necessary to make a number of Officer replacements this coming Annual General Meeting.

My grateful thanks for all the support given.

*Richard*

## Secretary's Notes

Jane Percy

I do hope you have all enjoyed the fantastic Summer we have had. Hopefully, it will continue a little bit longer before we get into that winter cold.

It was with regret that I had to cancel the Lectures scheduled for May, but I would rather that than have Douglas attend and not be fully fit. Yes, ladies, he is a man and we all know what they are like when it comes to being 'ill'. Douglas will not be fully fit for a while yet, but I have managed to convince Chris Smith, a serving Police Officer, to do a Lecture for us in October. The date is Wednesday 24th October in Committee Room 1 at County Hall, usual timing – commence 6.45pm and complete 8.45pm – off the premises for 9pm. I will start the advertising waggon rolling shortly, but meantime, please do not hesitate to spread the word. Matt Ames, will, as usual, do the Posters for us. Thanks. Matt. I will ask Matt to send those on email all the sizes of the Poster. If you cannot print or do not think it appropriate to use your ink and paper, I quite understand and can, therefore, print some for you and post them to you. Please let me know what size(s) and how many you wish.

This year at the Annual General Meeting we will lose our Chairman, Richard and our Treasurer, Alan. This has been on the cards since the last AGM and we have had almost a year to think about it. Alan has already moved to Salisbury. As you must know by now, the Group cannot run without 3 Officers who are elected annually, ie, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. We do have someone willing to stand as Chairman and I am willing to stand again as Secretary unless you would like to have a go – or maybe, you would like to shadow me for a year and then take over next year. Just a thought as then you would not come into the Group "raw" as it is a learning curve. The Treasurer post is not onerous; as I am sure Alan will agree. It is managed through an Excel spreadsheet and we, as Trustees, do not scatter cheques around like confetti. We also need an Events Secretary. Someone dedicated to just that would be a bonus. Please have a think on how you can help the Group to survive.

I look forward to welcoming you to the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 16th October at the Alexander Room, Dorchester Bowls Club, Sandringham Sports Centre, Armada Way, Dorchester, DT1 2TN commencing 7.30pm.

*Jane*

"The safe distance when passing a cyclist is 1.5 metres – if it's not possible to do this, then it's not safe to overtake."

PC Moxham added: "It's also important to remember that cyclists may need to wobble to avoid drains and potholes; therefore our advice to drivers is to always give cyclists as much room as a car."

During the operation, which lasted two-and-a-half hours, 11 motorists were pulled over for overtaking too closely.

As well as being a road safety exercise, police stopped drivers for other alleged crimes, such as driving without insurance.

The Dorset Police road safety team has also been working with cyclists to promote safer riding, including a new initiative recently launched in partnership with Halfords.

Every person who purchases a new bicycle now receives a copy of the police's code of conduct information leaflet, which gives details about the rights and responsibilities of cyclists.

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### New Associates to the Dorset Car Group

The Group would like to welcome the following people as a new Associate Members. All new Group Associates should have been assigned an Observer. If this is not the case, then please contact John Hayward (see inside of front cover for contact details).

#### Associate

Sylvia Bayliss  
Helen Bruno  
Lawrence Burton  
Geoff Danher  
Sylvia Hanney  
Robert Harris  
Caroline Hawker  
Marcus Hopgood  
James Graham  
Daniel Littlejohns  
David Lloyd  
Christine Widgery

#### Area

Bere Regis  
Axminster  
Axminster  
Weymouth  
Dorchester  
Portland  
Weymouth  
Weymouth  
Weymouth  
Swanage  
Blandford Forum  
Langport

## Operation Close Pass in Weymouth – cycle safety exercise by Dorset Police Dorset Echo - 7th November

Operation Close Pass took place on 6th September in the morning and saw plain clothes officers posing as cyclists on a circuit along one of Weymouth's busy school routes, along Buxton Road and past Holy Trinity School on Cross Road.

Unmarked patrol vehicles equipped with dash-cams were on the lookout for drivers who came too close while overtaking undercover police on bicycles. Drivers caught overtaking the bike dangerously were pulled over to a 'pop-up' roadside training centre outside the former St Nicholas Church on Buxton Road. They were then given the opportunity to receive advice, instead of the statutory £100 fine and three penalty points for not driving with due care. The exercise is being carried out throughout the county, and is aimed at educating drivers to give cyclists a safe distance of at least 1.5 metres when overtaking.



PC Heidi Moxham, road casualty reduction officer for Dorset, said the exercise had received mainly positive feedback.

She said: "Our aim is to educate and inform the public. Many drivers we've spoken to were unaware of the rules and have been reassured to learn they're allowed to cross into the opposite lane to give cyclists enough room while overtaking.

## From your Group Data Manager (aka Membership Secretary) Matthew Ames

I have just been around the twice-yearly cycle of contacting Members to remind them about membership renewals. For the majority of you, this has been via email, but a limited number it is been via the Royal Mail. Interestingly enough I seemed to get a better response level from the letters I sent out than via email. Please remember that if you are not a paid up Member of the IAM (HQ) and the local Group, then you are not entitled to not at the forthcoming AGM, although you are welcome to attend.

As always, prompt turn around is always appreciated and the preferred method of payment is via Standing Order as that means less paper for me year on year!

You may have noticed that Membership Secretary duties are now carried out under a new title, 'Group Data Manager'. This is as a result of the EU's GDPR policies which came into force in May 2018.

These changes will better protect your personal information, giving you more control over your data, how it is used and how you are contacted. For general day to day Dorset IAM operations you will notice no, or very little difference. These changes are more aligned to target spam email senders (and the like), but obviously have a knock on affect for everyone who now uses the Internet as a communication tool.

We want to make sure that you are informed of all the details of what these changes mean for you. If you would like to find out more, then please view our policy (<https://www.dorsetiam.org.uk/images/data-policy/privacy-policy-iam-v1.pdf>) which is available on the Group's website.

If you wish to have your details removed from our email lists for event notification and newsletters then please email [datacontroller@dorsetiam.org.uk](mailto:datacontroller@dorsetiam.org.uk) stating which lists you wish to be removed from and confirming the address which should be removed. We will still contact you regarding Membership renewals (and other membership related matters), but be advised that you will no longer of any Group meetings. Please review our Events page (<https://www.dorsetiam.org.uk/events>) on the website to keep up to date.

*Matt*

## Dorset Group of Advanced Motorists

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by order of the Group Committee that the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the DORSET GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS will be held at **7.30pm on Tuesday, 16th October 2018** at Sandringham Bowling Club, Armada Way, Dorchester, Dorset

to enable the Trustees of the Group (registered charity number 1050941) to present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2018 for approval by the Group Members and to conduct an election.

All Members, Associates and Friends are invited to attend but only fully paid up Members of the Institute and of the Group may vote.

### Current Officers:

All Officers retire annually and may offer themselves for re-election

Richard Sturmeay	Chairman	not offering to stand for re-election
Jane Percy	Secretary	offering to stand for re-election
Alan Frost	Treasurer	not offering to stand for re-election

### Group Trustees:

Philip Hughes	offering to stand for re-election
Angela Clarke	due for re-election 2019
Elizabeth Macrae	due for re-election 2019
Matthew Ames	due for re-election 2020

### Positions Vacant:

Public Relations  
 Shadow for Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer

Note: The total number of Trustees, including Officers, must not exceed twenty.

Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018

## The Group needs your help!

A small band of Group Members meet approximately every 6 weeks (roughly eight times a year) to discuss the progress of the Group, plan events, receive an update on the finances and membership numbers and discuss publicity opportunities – among other things.

The AGM in October gives you the opportunity of getting involved. We are looking for more Trustees, and this year a new Chairman, Treasurer, plus Trustees. Are you willing to help? Without at three Officers the Group can not continue to function and may well have to close.

As **Chairman**, you would preside over committee meetings and ensure the Group conducts its business in an orderly fashion, complies with the guidelines from IAM House, and also that of the Charity Commission, and finally, ensuring that the Group strives to provide in the best ways possible for its members, and help to promote road safety in the Dorset area.

As **Treasurer**, you are responsible for ensuring the that Group is operating within its means and preparing the end of year accounts to be audited.

As a **Trustee**, you do not have to be involved with everything that goes on, for example:

- If you have ideas for events or monthly meetings, you may like to join the events team which concentrates on planning the year's social events.
- We are always looking for new ways of promoting the Group and encouraging drivers to improve their standard of driving – maybe you have experience of attracting positive publicity or a contact who can help us.
- The newsletter is a vital link between the trustees and the Associates and Members – you could become a regular contributor or ferret out interesting articles to be included. Even though we only publish four times a year, it is amazing how much material is needed.

As a Trustee there is also the chance of representing the Dorset Group at regional and national meetings. These can be very interesting and the exchange of ideas is extremely useful. Regional meetings involve meeting up with members from other Groups in the South-West, and the National meetings give a chance to meet Members from all over the UK.

You will need to be a full Member of both the Dorset Group and the IAM and be willing to take an active part in the running of the Group. Officers – The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are elected annually; Trustees are elected for a period of 3 years.

A nomination form can be obtained by calling our secretary, or from our website at <https://www.dorsetiam.org.uk/images/document-library>