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TVGAM News

January 2024



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Dear Friends,

The Chair's letter heralds the new year with a view towards the vehicle targets aimed at the motor industry, and highlights the concerns over whether the Government actually has a Road Safety strategy in place. Plus the usual update on Group activities and events..

Best wishes,
Nick

To read Nick's letter in full. [Click here](#)



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(dates for your diary)

More details on our website at tvgam.org.uk/events



Tuesday January 23rd

The National Police Air Service (NPAS)

With Lucy Creed



Richard Gladman

IAM Head of driving and riding standards



Sunday, March 24th **Spring Drive-out**

The first of 3 drive-outs in 2024



A warm welcome to 4 new Members who have recently joined Thames Valley group.

Associate Members

Paddy Norton from Wargrave

Scott Robinson from Slough

Josh Presnail from Reading

Matthew Carpenter from Richmond

We wish you all every success with your Advanced Driving Course.

The total number of New Members joining TVGAM in 2023 was : 30

Test Passes and Memberships by Portfolio

Many congratulations to the following associates who recently passed their Advanced Driving Test, and to their respective observers.

Associate	Observer
Oliver Atwal (F1RST)	Karen Allen
Phil Winter	Nicki Kitching
Mehraj Masood (F1RST)	Richard Heathman

The total number of successful associates gaining an Advanced Test Pass or Memberships by Portfolio in 2023 was: 13

££ Membership fees ££

- All Members pay **both** a yearly IAM Membership subscription **and** a TVGAM one.
- If you do not pay, you cease to become a Member until payment is received.
- IAM Subscriptions can be made either by Direct Debit (it's cheaper) or by Card and both can be done via your IAM website Dashboard at www.iamroadsmart.com/renewals, or by phoning 0300 303 1134 and select option 2.

For the current TVGAM membership fees and payment methods: [Click here](#)



Membership Records

Please help keep the Group records in order by sending any changes of address, email address or contact telephone numbers to: membership@tvgam.org.uk.

Nicki Kitching
Membership Secretary



MRDRS up and running

The TVGAM Refresher Drive recall system was launched successfully on January 2nd with the first 12 Members being invited to take drives with our observers. A number of these sessions have already been accepted and appointments arranged.

We just want you to be the best driver you can be - for longer.

[Inviting IAM Groups and the public.](#)



We are inviting neighbouring IAM Groups and members of the public to attend our next meeting on January 23rd when Lucy Creed will be speaking on the work of the National Police Air Service.

Video Corner

with grateful acknowledgement to **Reg Local (Reglocal.com)**



With the launch of MRDRS and as a refresher to all members, this months Reg Local is about IPSSGA.



Chief's Observations

Des McDermott.

In this months edition Des delves into driving habits and how they can deviate from advanced driving standards.

To read Des's article in full [Click here](#)



Update!

[A Central Government Road Safety Strategy](#)

It would appear that Westminster has no current strategy for Road Safety in place other than for the military. Such is the conclusion of Dr. Ian Greenwood, a Road Safety campaigner.

Nick Lyes, IAM's Policy and Standards Director expresses the deep concern Road Safety Organisations have at this lack of policy and will continue to push the Government to provide an update.

To read Dr.Greenwoods media post [Click here](#)

[Failed to insure](#)

Road Safety GB report that 400,000 drivers have been caught driving without insurance cover over the past four years. How many weren't caught?!



[Vanishing' Centre Lines!](#)

The Road Safety Trust have funded UWE University of the West of England to deliver a small controlled trial to test the effectiveness of CLR (centre line removal) in addition to lower speed limits in small vilages and semi-rural settlements.

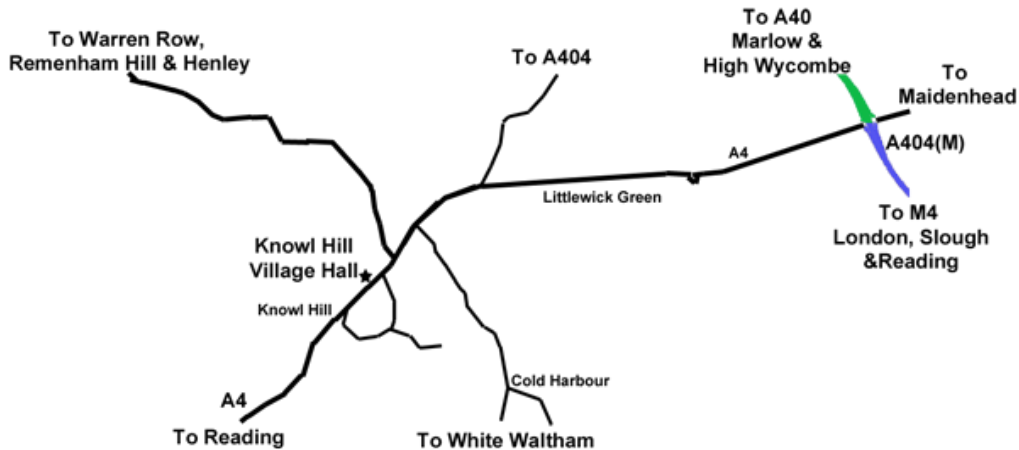
Next meeting

Tuesday January 23rd

See details and sign-up via our website at tvgam.org.uk/events

KNOWL HILL - Village Hall RG10 9XB at 8.00 p.m.

Venue Map



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