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TVGAM News

March 2024

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Letter from the Chair

Nick Room



In the Chair's letter this month Nick focuses on:

- The recent visit of Richard Gladman to TVGAM.
- The Members Refresher Drive recalls, MRDRS.
- The Spring drive-out on March 24th.
- Nominations for Committee positions for the AGM in April

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



(dates for your diary)

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



Sunday, March 24th

Spring Drive-out

The first of our 3 drive-outs scheduled in the TVGAM 2024 events programme.

Details of the how to register, the meeting venue and route map will be circulated to Members in a separate TVGAM Newsflash on Thursday March 14th. The route is 40 miles and the drivetime less than 90 minutes.



Tuesday April 16th

Your chance to have your say and make your contribution to the running of TVGAM by standing for Office.



Our special guest speaker will be **IAM Area 2 ASDM Stuart Haythorn.**

Stuart will also present Advance Test pass certificates and our special annual award of the Horncastle Garage / Shell Trophy.



A warm welcome to 7 new Members who have recently joined the Thames Valley group.

Alan Kenyon from Reading
Andrew Knox from Reading
Gareth Long from Reading
Garry Walters from Ascot
Danyaal Uddin from Slough

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

Full Members

Jenny Faulkner-Quick from Basingstoke
Rory Fisher from Gerrards Cross

The total number of New Members joining TVGAM in 2024 is : 8

Test Passes amd Memberships by Portfolio

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

Associate

Deeble Tonkin **(F1RST)**
Ahmed Masood **(F1RST)**
Paul Hayward
Tom Gamble

Observer

Nicki Kitching
Richard Heathman
Des McDermott
Tim Hill

**The total number of successful associates gaining
an Advanced Test Pass or Memberships by Portfolio in 2024 is: 4**

££ 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 continues to flourish

The TVGAM Refresher Drive recall system launched in January is proving a hit with our Members. 14 refresher drives have already been delivered by our Observers with a further 5 booked.

Chair Nick Room has referred to the programme in his letter having done his drive and stresses the importance of maintaining driving standards.

So when your email invitation hits your inbox book your drive.

[Book Here](#)

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

Entertaining our neighbours



We were delighted to entertain guests from Guildford and High Wycombe Groups to our February meeting, a very interactive session with Richard Gladman.

Jenny takes the helm with TVGAM's Social Media

We are delighted to announce that Jenny Faulkner-Quick who joined us last month has taken on the role of Social Media Manager. Jenny has been an IAM Member for 6 years and joins us from Basingstoke Advanced Motorists.

And what an impact!

all this in addition to developing a new strategy plan, sorting out some challenging admin issues and taking photo's at the recent Group meeting.



Congratulations

Tim Hill is the latest member of the TVGAM Observer team to successfully qualify as a National Observer.

Very well done Tim.

Video Corner

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



Observers highlight a common issue from Refresher Drives - Bend Management. This months Reg Local video is on Limit Points will help Members improve this issue before their drive.



In this months edition Des hands over the reins to National Observers Tony Brown and Derek Wilson.



ROAD RAGE (or is it!)

Tony and Derek explore the Human Factors behind this increasing motoring blight.

[Click here](#) to read their article.



Update!



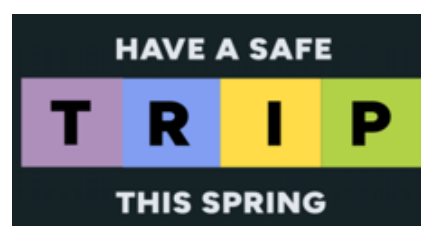
Vision Zero survey

Many thanks to those Members who completed Oxfordshire's **Vision Zero** survey circulated in the TVGAM Newsflash last week. It gives a good insight into the Councils thinking and changes they plan to implement impacting all road users.



Have launched a Spring driver safety campaign called T.R.I.P which is along the lines of POWDERY. under the banner of:

We want you to have a safe T.R.I.P. this spring



Where:

T is for **Top-Up** (Fuel, Oil and Screen Wash)

R stands for **Rest** (every 2 hours)

Whichever you use, if your driving this Spring have a pleasant and safe journey.

Next meeting

Sunday March 24th

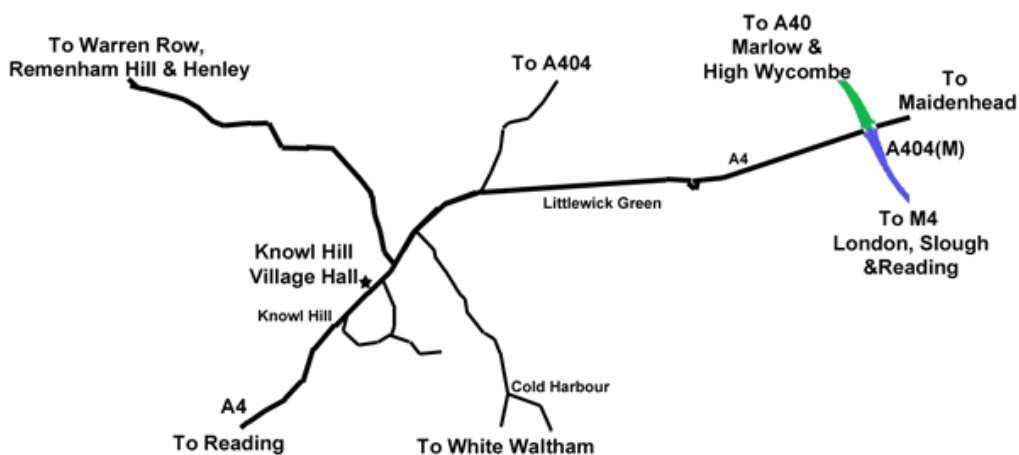
TVGAM SPRING DRIVE-OUT

(Members only please)

Details will be circulated on Thursday March 14th please watch out for the TVGAM Newsflash.

There is no meeting at Knowl Hill on March 26th

Venue Map



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