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TVGAM

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Letter from the Chair

Nick Room



Dear Friends,

The Chair's letter in this edition includes a review of the October group meeting, a brief update on the IAM Autumn Forum, and a look forward to our final meeting of 2023 and how to book your place using the events page.

Best wishes,

Nick

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



[Our Autumn/Winter programme](#)

(dates for your diary)

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



November 28th

A Quiz with a Difference...

With Joe Ashworth



January 23rd

The National Police Air Service (NPAS)

With Lucy Creed



3-year strategy

IAM RoadSmart have released their strategy for the next 3 years focused on 5 key principles:

- Growing the brand name and corporate identity
- Increasing skills development, knowledge share and on-road confidence
- Developing a broad, diverse and inclusive community
- Promoting a well-led, progressive, ethical charity
- Embracing being digital to the core

To see the full strategy document [Click here](#)



A warm welcome to 6 new Members who have recently joined Thames Valley group.

Associate Members

Jamie Davies from Slough

Rudy Hengelmolen from Maidenhead

James Scott from Wokingham

Kevin Martinez-Joyce from Maidenhead

Phillip Walker from Slough
Rob Lodge from Wokingham

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

The total number of New Members joining TVGAM in 2023 is: 27

Test Passes and Memberships by Portfolio

Many congratulations to the following associate who recently passed his Advanced Driving Test, and to his respective observer.

Associate
John Owen

Observer
Alex Miles

**The total number of successful associates gaining
an Advanced Test Pass or Membership by Portfolio in 2023 is: 10**

££ 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**



Awards

Jason Tisdale receiving his Advanced Test Pass certificate from Chief Observer Des McDermott. Jason has already joined the TVGAM Observer team as a trainee National Observer.

Well done on both counts Jason.



Midsomer Madness Quiz

Winners

Congratulations to Charley Keegan and Cyril Mitkov who won the prize for our Midsomer Madness drive-out quiz. **Great team effort.**

Inviting IAM Groups and the public.



TVGAM has started a campaign to invite visitors from neighbouring IAM Groups and members of the public to attend our monthly meetings. We enjoyed the company of colleagues from High Wycombe, Guildford, Basingstoke and Swindon in October and plan to build on this in January by promoting on local event sites in our area.



Introducing MRDRS

January 2024 sees the launch of TVGAM's **Members Refresher Drive Recall System**. Few Group Members request a Refresher Drive, so in future **we** will email or

text **you** and invite you to take a drive with one of our observers.

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

To find out more [Click here](#).

Video Corner

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



All the detail - [Vehicle Balance](#)

To play: Click the right mouse button and select Open link in new window



Chief's Observations

Des McDermott.

In this months edition Des headlines:

- The need for all drivers to prepare for the winter months and passes on excellent tips from Richard Gladman, IAM Head of Driving and Riding Standards at IAMRoadSmart.
- The transition and coaching of TVGAM Local Observers to become National Observers in line with IAM RodSmart's policy,
- An appeal for members to join the next cohort of TVGAM Observers and for members to accept Refresher Drive invitations when the new Member Refresher Drive Recall System (MRDRS) is introduced in January.

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



ACUTE AND CHRONIC IMPACTS OF VEHICLE AUTOMATION

Thanks to our Secretary
Karen Allen for this article.

The possible impacts of long-term exposure are highlighted in this Government briefing paper issues by the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety.

To view the document: [Click here](#)



Update!



New Improvements from

[Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency \(DVSA\)](#)

We reported on the introduction of the DVSA MOT reminder and history services in our September edition.

According to the DVSA over **5 million motorists** have already signed up for this service.

Sign up for MOT reminders at: <https://ow.ly/ysiG50PAJFE>



November 19th to 25th



**Unreadable Road
Signs/Markings
and Potholes can be a
danger to all road users!**

Don't leave it to someone else!

See it Note it Report it

To find out how [Click here](#)

Next meeting

Tuesday November 28th

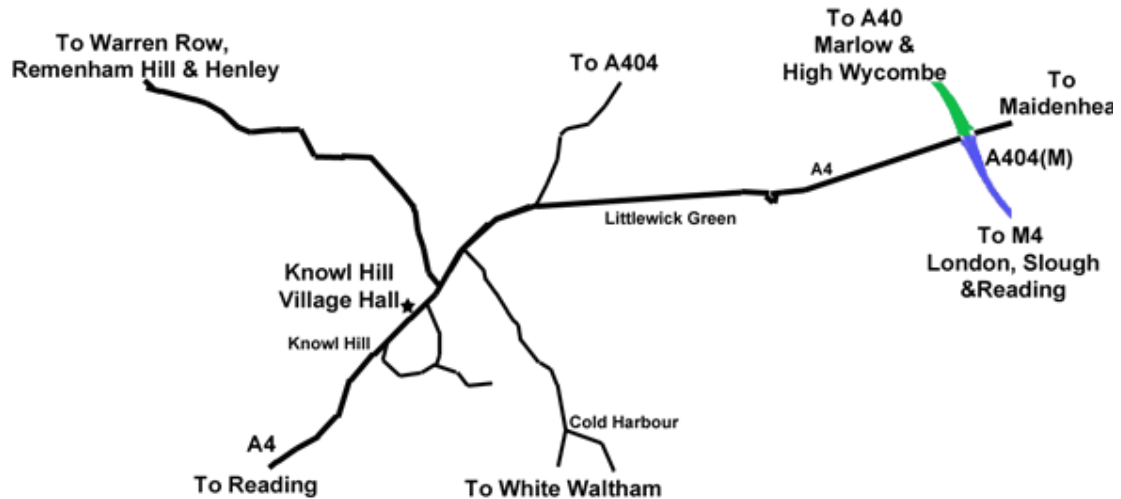
A Quiz with a Difference

Joe Ashworth

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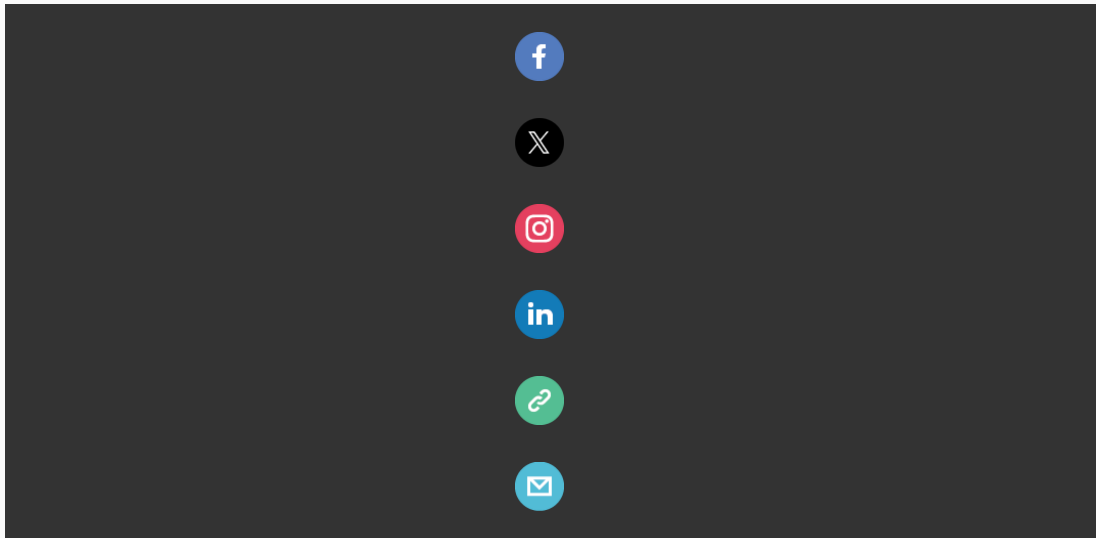
KNOWL HILL - Village Hall RG10 9XB at 8.00 p.m.

Venue Map



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