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TVGAM News

September 2024

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Letter from the Chair

Nick Room



This month Nick focuses on:

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To read Nick's letter please [Click here](#)



Our Autumn/Winter Events

programme (dates for your diary)

Meeting: Tuesday 24th September - Zoe Freeborn

Autumn Drive-out: Sunday 20th October

Quiz with a Difference hosted by Joe Ashworth:

Tuesday 26th November

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

Chief's Observations

Des McDermott.



Bon Voyage Stuart

In this issue Des pays a fitting tribute to our Region 2 ASDM **Stuart Haythorn** to mark his retirement next month. To see the tribute please [Click here](#)



Associate Members

Robin St John Smith from Marlow
Neil Cole from Slough
Raven Sehejpal from Reading
Aysha Munawar from Reading

Valentina Oncescu from Maidenhead
Sylvia Hood from Windsor
Drew Mason from Maidenhead
Louise Nazzarri from Wargrave

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

Full Members

The total number of New Members joining TVGAM in 2024 is : 27

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

Ian Danks (F1RST)
Gareth Long (F1RST)
Andrew Knox (F1RST)
Nigel Ware

Observer

Alex Miles
Karen Allen
Nicki Kitching
Derek Wilson

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



Scott Robinson receiving his IAM Test Pass Certificate from Des at our July meeting.



Refresher Drives

When was the last time you had a refresher drive?

For information on the benefits of periodic refresher drives please [Click here](#)



Alex B sets out some important aspects on why Time Management for drivers and riders is so important.

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



Skidpan Training Day

We have received a request from the High Wycombe Group to inform you of a Skidpan Training Day on 19 October at Thruxton. There

For details please [Click here](#)



Thames Valley Police Open Day

The TVP Open Day was held earlier this month. For a brief account of the day please [Click here](#)

Video Corner

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



To play: Click on the right mouse button and select open link in new window.
In this video, Reg takes a look at how to deal correctly and safely with cyclists and in particular, his principle of 'planning to follow, looking to pass'.

Sustainable Fuels



[engine modifications needed.](#) [Watch out for more developments.....](#)

SMART Motorways rule change



GBD Rescue and Recovery has announced an update indicating that officials will no longer close a smart motorway lane using the Red X to allow traffic rejoining. Rather than completely closing a lane to enable breakdown crews and motorists to safely accelerate to motorway speeds, traffic will be directed across using a diverted arrow. The intention is to let a gap develop naturally, yet specialists caution that this approach may not suffice and could result in severe consequences. Another bright idea!

Watch out for Pay per Mile in October!

There are strong rumours that Pay-per-Mile will replace the existing Vehicle Excise Duty in the forthcoming budget.

Next meeting

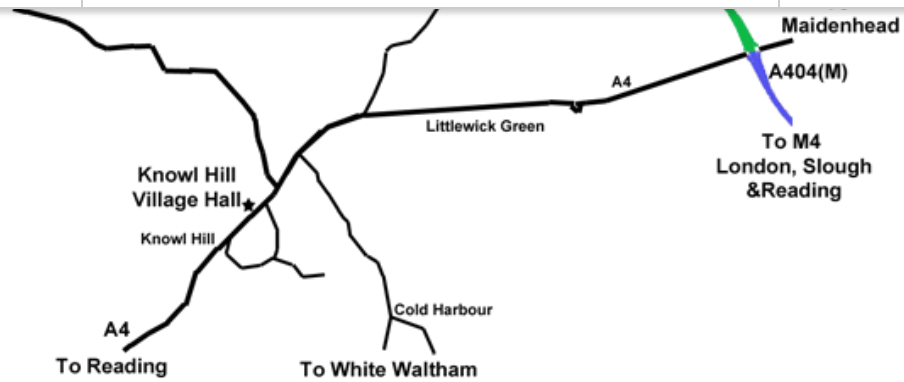
Tuesday 24th September

Young Drivers - Before and After 'L' Plates

Presented by Zoe Freeborn

Hosted by Jenny Faulkner-Quick

Venue Map



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