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TVGAM News

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Letter from the Chair

Alex Beeston

Alex highlights the two visits to the National Highways Control Centre, the Digital Drive Café: The IAM Annual General Meeting on 19th November and the *Quiz with a Difference* on the 25th November. There is also mention of an Award! Well done Alex.

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



Our Autumn/Winter programme

(dates for your diary)

Tues 25th November: End of Year Quiz with a Difference

Please note: No meeting in December.

Tues 27th January: Details to follow nearer the day

Tues 24th February: To be announced.

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

To find out more: [Click Here](#)

[Voting form and instructions](#)

[IAM Proxy Form version 1](#)

The completed form must be sent to: Company Secretary, Proxy Form, FREEPOST, IAM RoadSmart, Building 1, Albany Place, Hyde Way, Welwyn Garden City AL7 3BT (NO NEED FOR A STAMP) or by sending a scanned copy of it by email to agm@iam.org.uk.

In either case to arrive no later than 10:30am on FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2025



[Chief's Observations](#) Des McDermott.

Des describes his recent visit to the National Highways Operational Centre at South Mimms.

To see the article please [Click here](#)



[New Members](#)

We are pleased to extend a warm welcome to the six new associate members who have joined us since the last edition of TVGAM News in September.

We wish you all every success on your IAM Advanced Driving Course journey, delivered by TVGAM Observers.

Toyosi Ibiwoye from Reading

Samuel Morgan-Freeman from Farnham Common
Tim Land from Church Crookham
Beth Hartright from Cookham Dean

31 new members have joined TVGAM this year **8** of whom are young drivers

Test Passes and Memberships by Portfolio

Congratulations to the following Associates who have successfully achieved Full IAM Membership.

Associate

Karl Jamieson (F1RST)
Mike Johnson

TVGAM Observer

Tim Hill
Joe Ashworth

6 more Associates are waiting for their test dates.

19 associates have passed their Advanced Test or gained Membership by Portfolio this year

££ Membership fees ££

All members must pay **both** an annual IAM Membership subscription **and** a TVGAM membership fee. Membership is suspended until payment is received.

You can pay your IAM subscription via Direct Debit (cheaper) or by Card through your IAM website Dashboard at www.iamroadsmart.com/renewals or by calling 0300 303 1134 (option 2).

For 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.

Nick Room
Membership Secretary

The 'Big Give' Christmas Campaign

Generous donations enabled IAM RoadSmart to not only achieve their target of

through public donations. **This is to fund 2 young driver/rider skills days in 2026.**

The 'Big Give' runs from the 2nd - 9th December



REMINDER

Don't forget your IAM Membership is now digital so look out for your reminder email six weeks before your annual subscription is due.

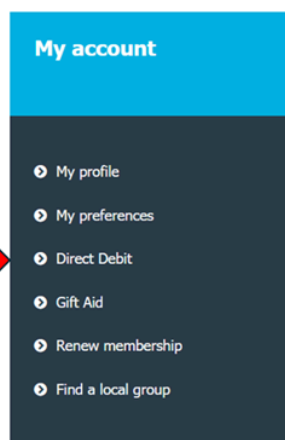
Payment can be made online but why not create a Direct Debit instead.

77% of TVGAM Members now pay their IAM Annual subscription by Direct Debit
Why not join them

IAM Membership Renewals are easier by Direct Debit



- Save time and **£5** per renewal.
 - Support our charity work by cutting administration costs.
 - Maintain control with easy cancellation.
 - Stay informed of any changes.
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Sign up on your Members Dashboard to streamline your payments.



The Digital Drive Café

This new TVGAM initiative was successfully launched last month and is already proving to be beneficial.

To read the article please [Click here](#)



COMING SOON

Following the launch of the Digital Drive Café comes another public Road Safety initiative from the Thames Valley Group:

The ADAS Project

Inspired by Nick Lyes' post on DG Cities research showing 40% of UK drivers lack ADAS knowledge, and Richard Gladman's update on in-car tech, we saw a chance for public education to reduce road casualties.

IAM RoadSmart Network and Knowledge

Relevant outcomes from the recent Region 2 Network and Knowledge will be shared once the Committee has had the opportunity to discuss them at the next meeting on November 12th.

Events Coordinator

The group requires an Events Coordinator to manage the planning, booking and coordination of speakers for our meetings. It is an essential role that has

Support and guidance would be provided as part of our team.

If you would like to know more, please contact Alex ator chat to him at the Quiz Night.

Thank you.

[Media Corner](#)



This key part of applying the system of car control (IPSGA) is important to master. This video gives great camera shots of Reg's pedal control to avoid brake gear overlap. A must view for Associates and Observers alike.
To play: Click on the right mouse button and select open link in new window.

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

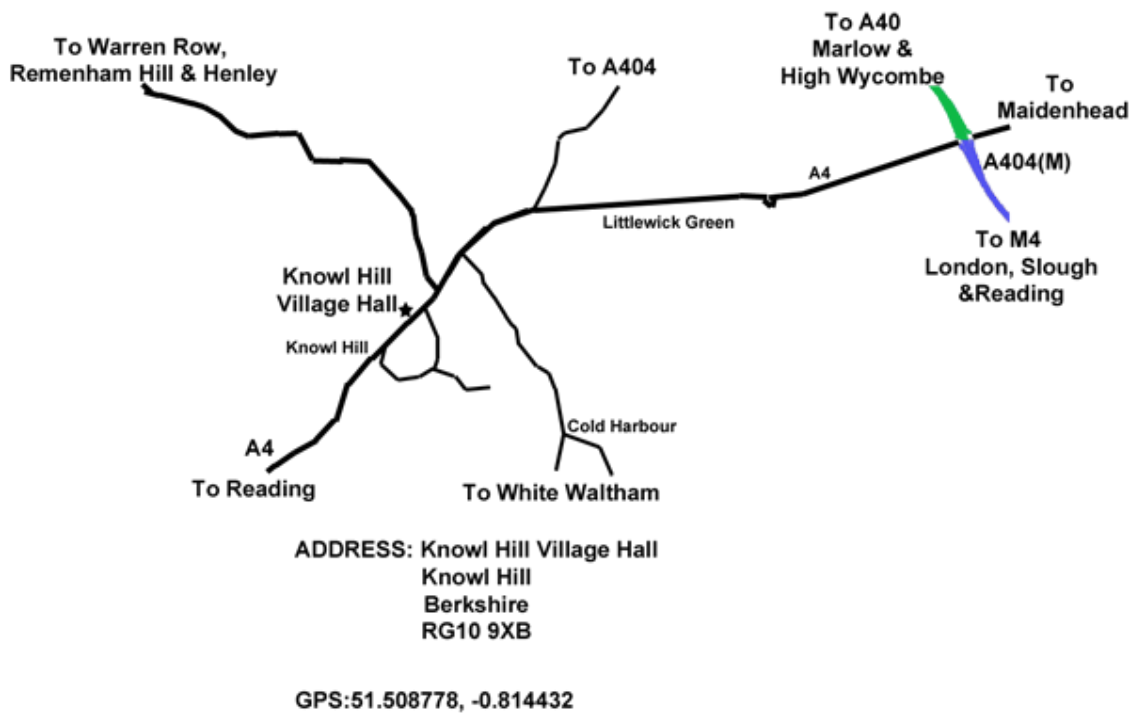
Next meeting



Our End of Year Quiz with a difference hosted by Joe Ashworth.

Refreshments and nibbles provided.

Venue Map



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