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## TVGAM News

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### **Letter from the Chair**

Alex Beeston

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



## [Our Spring/Summer programme](#)

(dates for your diary)

**Tues 24th March:** Speedwatch -  
a talk by Scott Evans

**Tues 21st April:** Annual General  
Meeting

**Tues 26th May:** Speaker to be  
advised

**Tues 23rd June:** Speaker to be  
advised

**Tues 28th July:** Speaker to be  
advised

More details on our website (as  
they become available) at  
[tvgam.org.uk/events](http://tvgam.org.uk/events)



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

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



### **New Members**

We are pleased to welcome **11** members who have joined since the New Year:

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

**David Campbell-Montgomery** from Woodley

**Patrick Moran** from Slough

**Dr Tim Madge** from Windsor

**Fraser Dever** from Maidenhead

**Michael Alexander** from Finchampstead

**Inge Mikkelsen** from Henley

**Luana Perkins** from Henley

**Milo Adams-Strang** from Maidenhead

**Simon Corcoran** from Wokingham

**Benjamin Layng** from Maidenhead

**Michael Rowley** from Windsor

### **Test Passes and Memberships by Portfolio**

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

#### **Associate**

**Sarah Liddell**

**David Barton (F1RST)**

**Max Coker**

#### **TVGAM Observe**

**Nicki Kitching**

**Andrea Tallis**

**Rory Fisher**

**3** associates have passed their Advanced Test or gained Membership by Portfolio with TVGAM this year.



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.

### ££ Membership fees ££

All members must pay **both** an annual IAM Roadsmart membership subscription **and** a TVGAM membership fee to belong to TVGAM. Renewals are sent for upcoming renewals early in the month when your TVGAM membership will expire. At expiry (last day of the month), TVGAM memberships are suspended until payment is received, whereupon the renewal is effective until the anniversary of the original expiry (not extended to fill twelve months from payment).

Your IAM Membership is digital so when you receive your annual renewal invitation from the IAM you can pay your IAM membership by Direct Debit (currently saving £4 on renewals) or Card through your IAM website dashboard at [Home | IAM RoadSmart](#) or phone 0300 3031134. For current TVGAM membership fees and payment methods please [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](mailto:membership@tvgam.org.uk).

**Nick Room**  
**Membership Secretary**

## Observer Achievements

Many congratulations to TVGAM Observers:

**Nicki Kitching**, and **Rory Fisher**



An amazing achievement by **Nicki** who, in an observing career which began in September 2014, achieved her **50th** successful Test Pass in January. If that's not enough, **23** have been **F1RST's**. What a massive contribution to road safety and advanced driving!



Well done **Rory** on achieving your first test pass as an Observer with TVGAM.

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### [Your views are important to us](#)

Many thanks to those members who completed this survey in January, we really appreciated your feedback.

**If you didn't, PLEASE take just a few minutes to complete it.** Your feedback will help us improve meetings, training, communications, and overall member experience.

<https://forms.gle/8NCUhyYuWGnAbGP19>

To open: Click on the right mouse button and select open in new window.

When complete just hit the submit button located at the end of the questionnaire.

Whether you're a long-time member or newly joined:

***TVGAM is your group and your voice matters.***

Thank you for helping us build a stronger, more connected TVGAM community.



### **The Digital Drive Café**

In the next phase of our rollout we are targeting the **Wokingham** postcodes of **RG40** and **RG41** *not* the whole of the TVGAM area as previously planned. This is for capacity planning reasons.

**Watch out for the Facebook and Instagram adverts next week**



## [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 IAM's 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.

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## [The Streets of Berkshire](#)

A poem that will strike a cord in all of us. With thanks to Ralph McTyre-Repair.

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

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## [Introduction of Graduated Driving Licenses in Northern Ireland from 1st October 2026](#)

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

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## [Are you a good organiser?](#)

### [We urgently need an Events Coordinator](#)

The group requires an Events Coordinator to help plan and arrange our group meetings and some local events to broaden our public image. We'll give you all the help and support you need to carry out this essential role.

**Interested and want to know more! Have a chat with Alex on 07721 336820.**

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## [Media Corner](#)



To play: Click on the right mouse button and select open in new window.  
A smooth drive increases car control, performance, economy and comfort.

with grateful acknowledgement to [Reg Local \(Reglocal.com\)](http://RegLocal.com)

Learning advanced driving isn't guesswork — if you want something demonstrated, just ask your Observer

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## Next meeting

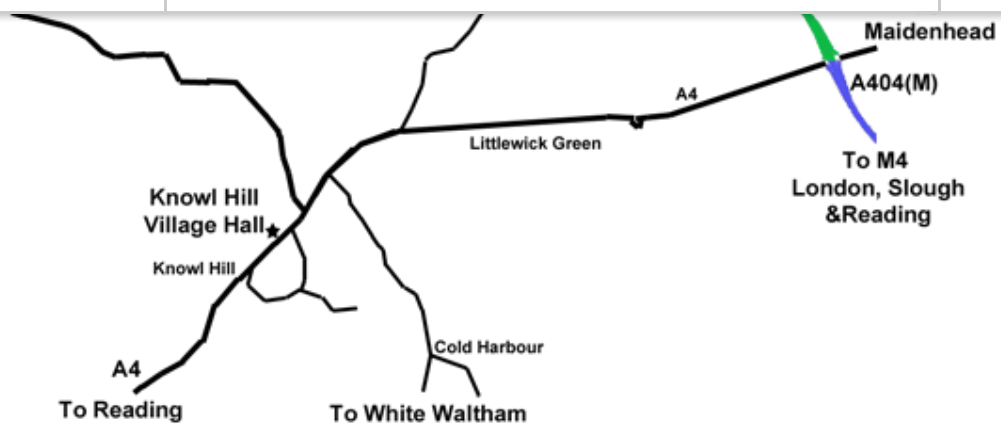


**Speedwatch - A talk by Scott Evans**  
**Tuesday 24th March at 8pm**

*Look forward to seeing you there and feel free to bring friends.*

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## Venue Map



ADDRESS: Knowl Hill Village Hall  
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