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Letter from the Chair

Alex Beeston

Alex brings us up to date on recent TVGAM news and events and looks forward to our Group Meeting on 26th May.

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

Your 2026/2027 Committee

Chair and Comms Manager - Alex Beeston

Secretary - Sarah Liddell

Treasurer - William Phaure

Membership - Nick Room

Chief Observer - Des McDermott

Associate Co-ordinator - Nicki Kitching

Our Communications Team

Jenny Faulkner-Quick (Media)

John Peters (Editor)

Nick Edgeley (Webmaster)



Our Spring/Summer programme

(dates for your diary)

Tues 26th May: North Coast 500

by Duncan Hewat

AND

Qualify, Coach, Inspire, by Des

McDermott

Tues 23rd June: Details to be
advised

Tues 28th July: Details to be
advised

More details on our website (as
they become available) at

tvgam.org.uk/events

We are currently discussing separate speaking opportunities with:
A Behavioural Scientist (topic: tbc) and a Thames Valley Police Chief Inspector
(topic: Drug Driving).

We will post these on the website as soon as confirmed.



TVGAM thanks ASDM Tony Green for his generous support and steady leadership. His guidance strengthened Region 2, and we're delighted he'll continue contributing as an Examiner and Assessor. From everyone at TVGAM, thank you, Tony, for your dedication and friendship. Wishing you continued success and happiness as you begin the next chapter of your IAM journey.



Chief's Observations Des McDermott.

In this month's Chief's Observations, Observer Nicki Kitching expands on:

Understanding the TVGAM Waiting List — and Why Regular Drives Matter

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



New Members

We are pleased to welcome **7** members who have joined since our March Edition:

delivered by TVGAM Observers.

Mike Turner from **Maidenhead**
Fiona Try from **Windsor**
Jonathan Pritchard from **Reading**
Madeleine Shea from **Wembley**
Claire Jarvis from **Bracknell**
Sam Jarvis from **Bracknell**
John Camp from **Bracknell**

18 New Members have joined TVGAM this year.

Test Passes and Memberships by Portfolio

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

Associate
Nick Williams
Chas Behl
Darrel Mann

TVGAM Observer
Andrew West
Tony Browne
Derek Wilson

6 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.

Don't forget to print your IAM Membership Card

££ 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

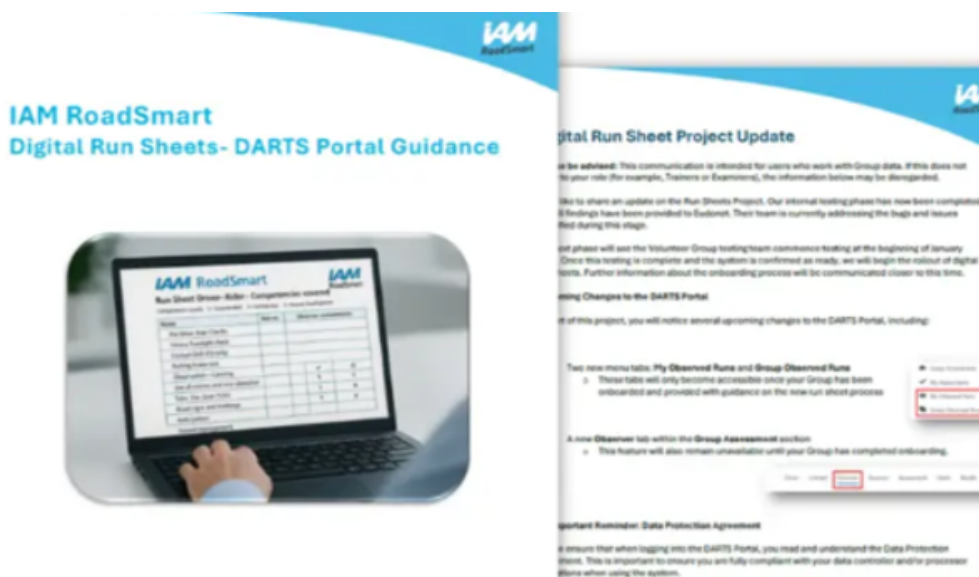


Membership Records

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

TVGAM Leads the Way with Launch of Digital Run Sheets



TVGAM is proud to be the first IAM RoadSmart group to support the charity's national Digital Strategy with the launch of the new Digital Run Sheets system.

The move marks a major step forward in modernising how Associate progress is recorded and managed. After several weeks of testing and refinement, TVGAM has now transitioned to the digital platform for all new Associates joining from April onwards.

This is an exciting milestone for the Group and a positive step in supporting IAM RoadSmart's commitment to a more connected, data-driven future.



Welcome to Sarah Liddell

I'm delighted to have been appointed as TVGAM Secretary. It's a privilege to be joining the Committee of a thriving, well-respected and forward-looking Group.

I completed the Advanced Driver Course earlier this year and benefitted hugely from it, and I'm keen to play a part in TVGAM's work.

My professional background is in governance, operations and communications and I hope I can bring my skills to contribute, if only in a small way, to the Group's mission.

I'm looking forward to getting to know more members at upcoming meetings and events – hope to see you there!

Horncastle Trophy 2025 – TVGAM



Congratulations to Chris Melton, winner of the 2025 Horncastle Trophy for highest competency score. His outstanding performance reflects dedication and skilled guidance from Observer Karen Allen (inset).

Chris's commitment and Karen's exemplary coaching — a strong showcase of teamwork and Group excellence.

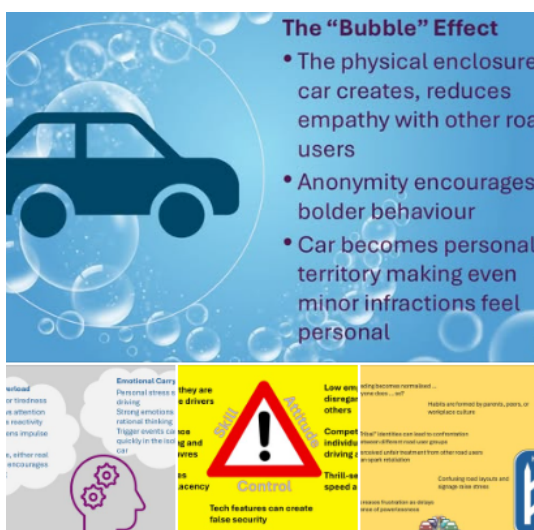
[Congratulations to Max Coker – Another Young Driver Success!](#)



TVGAM congratulates Max Coker on passing his Advanced Driving Course in March. His dedication and enthusiasm stood out, adding to our growing successes with young drivers.

Observer Rory Fisher praised Max's commitment and progress — a great example of supportive coaching. Well done, Max, your success reflects the confidence TVGAM inspires.

[TVGAM's Psychology of Driver Behaviour Post Breaks Records!](#)



TVGAM's Psychology of Driver Behaviour post has surpassed 17,000 Facebook views — our most-seen post ever, thanks to Media Manager Jenny Faulkner-Quick's brilliant digital outreach. We've also seen almost 10% increase in our channel followers.

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[Join Our Coaching Team!](#)



Love driving and helping others improve? TVGAM is looking for new Observers to coach Associates to Advanced Driving standard.

✅ Full training provided

👕 Free IAM/TVGAM branded clothing when you qualify

🏆 Last year was a record year for Test passes at TVGAM. We're already over halfway to matching last year's Associate intake.

If you've got the time and enthusiasm, we'd love to hear from you. Message us at Info@tvgam.org.uk or Chief@tvgam.org.uk **today** to find out more.

[Volunteer Vacancies](#)

[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! Please have a chat with Alex on 07721 336820.

[Photographer required](#)

We're looking for a photographer to cover Group Meetings and events. If you regularly attend group meetings please step forward and lend a hand. **Contact any Committee Member.**

[Media Corner](#)



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

Next meeting

Tuesday 26th May at 8pm - a double header!

North Coast 500

A different perspective
navigating at 250 feet and 500 knots

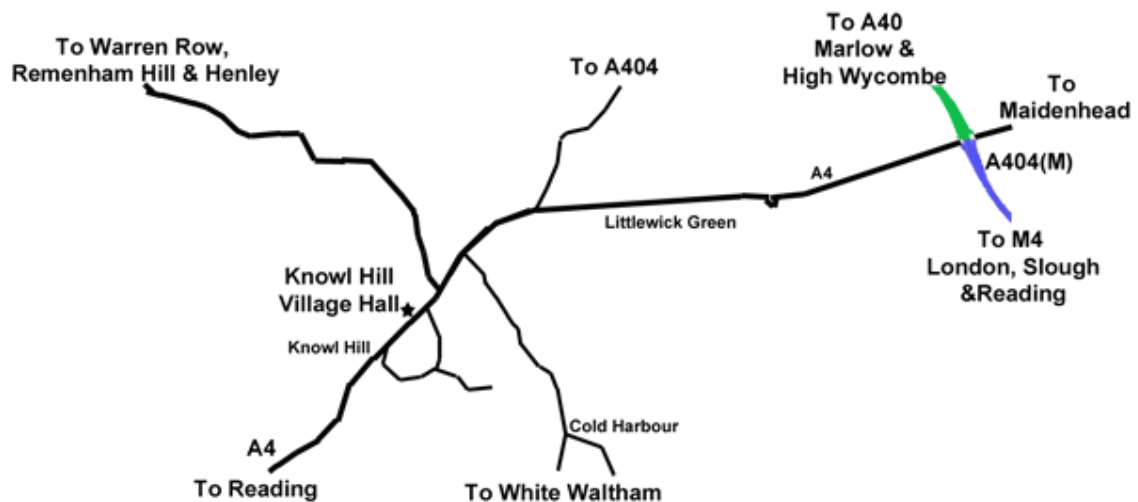


With TVGAM Observer
Duncan Hewat

AND
Qualify, Coach, Inspire, by Des McDermott

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

Venue Map



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