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Alex provides a timely reminder about driving in hot weather and provides a summary of recent activities.

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

[At A Glance](#)

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 Summer/Autumn programme

(dates for your diary)

Tues 28th July: *"One Decision Away - Who Are You Behind The Wheel"* A talk by Vicky Lovell

No meeting in August

Tues 22nd September: Drug Driving (Speaker to be confirmed)

Tues 27th October: Older Drivers Forum - Rob Heard

Tues 24th November: TVGAM End of Year Event



Chief's Observations Des McDermott.

Nicki has posted an article on the use of parking brakes.

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



New Members

We are pleased to welcome **5** members who have joined since our May Edition:

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

Thomas Foster Kennedy from **Wokingham**
Amanat Ali from **Maidenhead**
Ayo Ariyibi from **Wokingham**
Conrad Taylor from **Reading**
Persis Batliwala-Acton from **Henley-on-Thames**

24 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.

<u>Associate</u>	<u>TVGAM Observer</u>
Dan Williams	Andrew West
Abi Masey	Jason Tisdale
Toyosi Ibiwoye	Tim Hill
Nicola Baldwin (F1RST)	Andrew West
James Tallett	Tim Hill
Lidia Janik (F1RST)	Nicki Kitching

12 associates have passed their Advanced Test or gained Membership by Portfolio with TVGAM this year. **6** of these are young drivers.



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](#)

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](#).

[Staying on Track With Your IAM Course](#)

an extension when a Group genuinely cannot deliver the course within that timeframe.

In exceptional cases, IAM may review individual circumstances. However, if your course continues into a second year — whether delayed or extended — you'll need to **renew your IAM membership at your anniversary**, and **your TVGAM membership one year after joining**.

Associates continue to receive full IAM benefits throughout their course, so IAM cannot offer free extensions when progress falls outside the standard one-year period.

If you have any questions, your Observer or a Committee member is always happy to help.



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

Digital Run Sheets - update



IAM RoadSmart
Digital Run Sheets- DARTS Portal Guidance



Digital Run Sheet Project Update

digital run forms. The usual Summer challenge of holidays and matching diaries has impacted 5 Associates who are yet to make their first observed runs, although all but one of these are imminent.

Our thanks to our Observers for their commitment, enthusiasm and willingness to adapt to this pioneering new IAM process which puts TVGAM at the forefront of digital operations for service delivery.



More than just a Driving Test

This article describes the journey of two brothers, Nick & Dan, who undertook their Advanced Driving Courses (ADC's) at the same time. It is written from the perspective of Ali, their mother and Andrew, their TVGAM National Observer.

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



Young riders and drivers together represent approximately 20 - 25% of all people killed or seriously injured on UK roads.



Drive a lasting legacy for UK's youth on the roads

IAM are raising £40,000 to deliver 200 fully funded training places to young drivers and riders in 2027. This includes two Youth Skills Days at Thruxton Circuit (80 places) and refresher sessions across the UK (120 places), helping them build confidence, improve safety, and reduce risk on our roads.

Can you help by making a pledge!

A pledge is simply a promise to donate later to achieve this target and unlock match funding through Big Give,

IAM need to secure **£10,000** in pledges before **5 p.m. on Friday August 28th**

You can make a pledge here:

<https://iamroadsmart.net/big-give-26-pledge>

Do you follow TVGAM on Facebook or Instagram?

START TODAY by clicking on the icons on this TVGAM News footer.

Join Our Coaching Team!



Love driving and have some time to help others?

TVGAM is always looking for new Observers to coach our Associates to Advanced Driving standard.

✓ Full training provided

👕 Full support and 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.

regularly attend group meetings please step forward and lend a hand. **Contact any Committee Member.**

Media Corner



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A smooth drive increases car control, performance, economy and comfort.

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

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

Next meeting

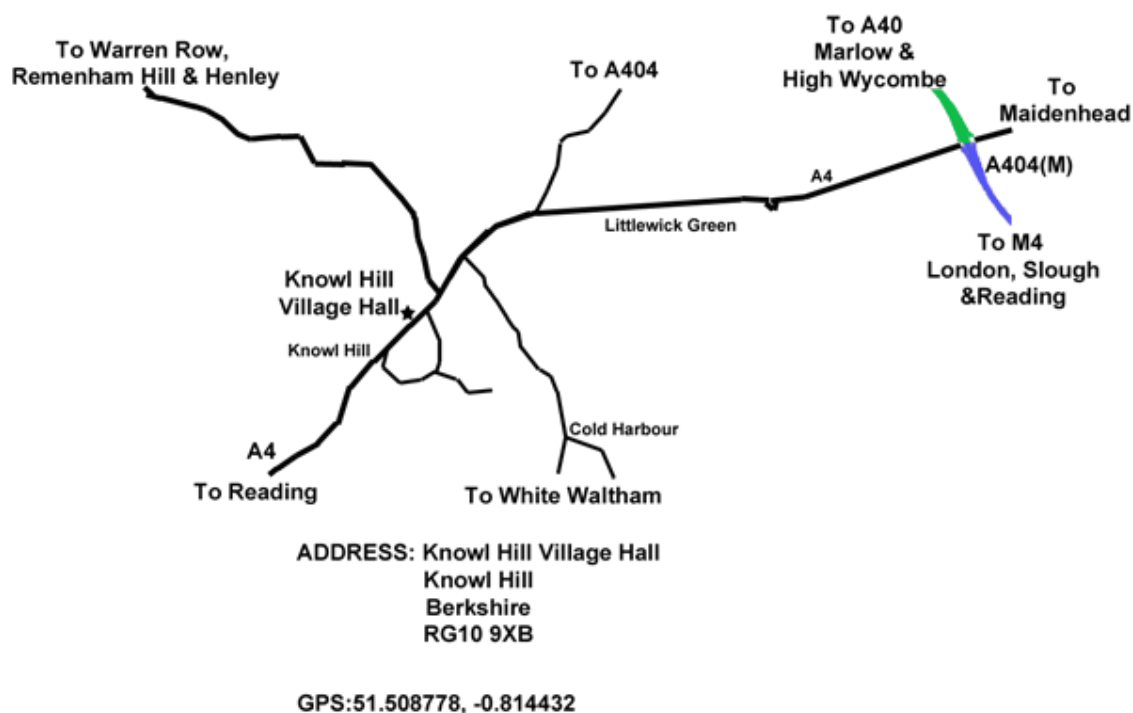
Tuesday 28th July at 8pm.

A talk by Vicky Lovell:

One decision away, who are you behind the wheel!

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

Venue Map



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