

CAMBRIDGE ADVANCED MOTORISTS

The Cambridge Advanced Motorists group of the IAM



Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter for 2018

I trust that you all had a great Summer.

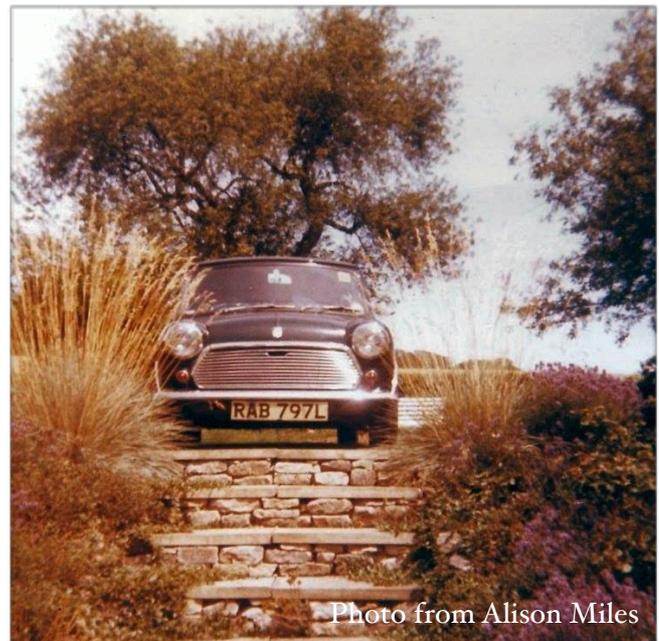
I am pleased to say that CAMIAM has been invited to support Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Road Safety Day on the 2nd November. This is a force wide initiative and will be focussing making people aware of the 'Fatal Five' main causes of road traffic collisions and injuries. These are; Drink/Drug Driving, Excess speed, Careless Driving, Not wearing a seatbelt and using a mobile phone while driving.

The Police will also be at various schools working to educate very young children on Road Safety and also with New and younger drivers at Regional Colleges. They are also keen to emphasise continuing driver education so we will be promoting the IAM RoadSmart Advanced Driver Course and offering taster sessions.

There should be good publicity in the Press and Social Media nearer the time.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Newsletter. Drive safely.

Bob Bates, Chairman



Cambs Group Scorecard

As of 1st September 2018 we currently have **26** Observers on the books, 3 more than the regional average. Over the last 12 months we have had **36** new associates join the Cambridgeshire group who are hoping to pass the advanced test. In those same 12 months we have had **16** passes out of 20 attempts which puts our pass rate at **80%** - just below the regional average which is currently 85%.

Recent Test News

Our groups recent passes:

We have recently enjoyed a flurry of great results. Those associates who have achieved a F1RST will receive a commemorative certificate and a financial reward from the Andy Moss Memorial fund, mentioned in the previous newsletter.

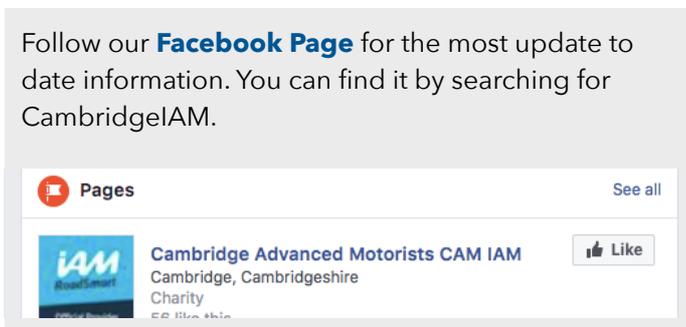
Date	Examiner	Associate	Result
05/06/18	AM	R Carter	Pass
15/07/18	CD	L. Schlesinger	F1RST
17/08/18	CD	R Kelly	F1RST
06/08/18	CD	M. Young	Pass
21/08/18	CD	C. Underwood	F1RST
17/09/18	CD	A Holroyd	F1RST

Well done to all associates and their observers!

Observer Training Day 2018

There will be a focus this year on new car technology – several observers have now encountered associates with cars which do lots of things to ‘assist’ the driver, from self parking, to lane assist, to automatic braking etc, Observers need to be aware of what is out there, how it will affect the drive and the ‘cockpit drill’ to name but a few. Morning and afternoon refreshments will be provided, as will lunch. The venue is **The College of Animal Welfare, Chord Business Park, London Road, Godmanchester, PE29 2BQ**. All observers **must** attend.

Follow our **Facebook Page** for the most update to date information. You can find it by searching for CambridgeIAM.



Howard’s Daimler Dart

As a medical cadet in RAF during final years of medical training I was paid and better off than most of my classmates. I was able to acquire a Daimler Dart. In the 60’s this was a relatively expensive sports car but tremendous fun. Supposedly the engine was a bank of 4 Triumph V twin cylinders and then detuned. It was still capable of 120+ mph. Trips back from the Aviemore ski slopes to Dundee were often in company of Austin Healey 3000, MGBs and Sprites, most going on to Edinburgh - racing no, but high speed cruising yes. I sold the car when posted abroad for a year and have regretted it since then. *HS*



A14 to become the M14?

Highways England is proposing for an 18-mile section of the A14 in Cambridgeshire to be classified as a motorway once upgrade work is complete. The move will create an unbroken motorway link between London and Peterborough and will increase safety and improve journeys by encouraging local and long-distance traffic onto the most suitable routes.

Highways England is nearly half way through the £1.5bn project to improve 21 miles of the A14 between Cambridge and Huntingdon – the biggest road upgrade currently in construction in the UK.

That means the main section of the A14 upgrade between the M11 and the A1(M) can have the benefits of a motorway – including variable speed limits which reduce congestion and help traffic move more smoothly. The motorway section of the improved road will be called the A14(M) when it opens in 2020.



Upcoming meetings and events

All our meetings start at 19:30 at the Friends Meeting House, Hartington Grove in Cambridge, CB1 7AJ

[3rd October](#) New Car Technology - Bob Bates

[2nd November](#) Cambridgeshire Road Safety Action Day – Huntingdon Community College

[5th December](#) Christmas Meeting and Denis Moss Memorial Lecture – Andy Moss