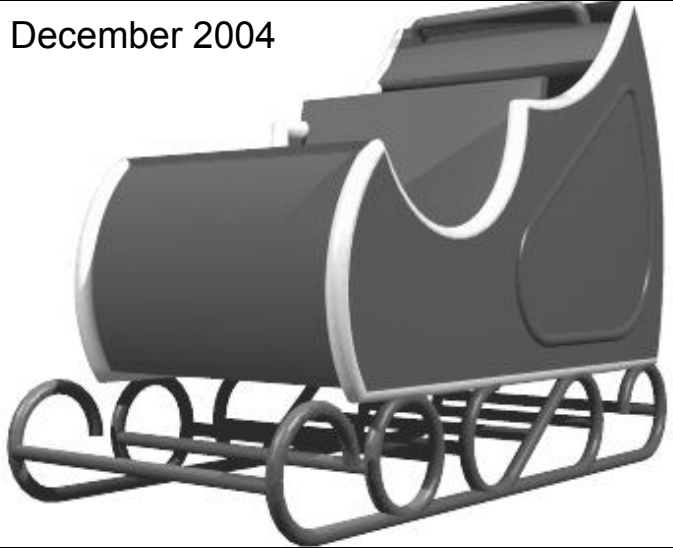


EAST KENT GROUP

Newsletter December 2004



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If you need to contact any of the above, please do so before 10 PM.
Should the person you require not be available, please contact any other member who
will deal with your enquiry or pass on your message as soon as possible.
Thank you.

Here we are again. This year is finally, nearly over. I don't think I've ever wanted a year to be over so much!

While most people are counting down to Christmas, I am counting down to my holiday. We are going to Fuerteventura for the Christmas break, where I can throw myself wholeheartedly into the 'foreign' driving. They seem to have so much enthusiasm, and blatant disregard for queuing. I think we could learn something from them. Mind you, I think I just like driving on the wrong side of the road.

Of course, we have a whole new ordeal in the form of travelling and flying with a 'Little Pickle' who will be 15 months old by then. We are predicting musical baby galore, but I'm not sure it will work. We'll get a practice run this weekend, driving to Devon for our annual Mini Register Christmas dinner. This year I am hopeful that we won't complete the trip at 3 in the morning on the back of an AA truck.

The group social evening's have seen a wide and varied array of subjects and visits. Most recently the Kent & Medway Safety Camera Partnership, which I understand went down very well. I unfortunately missed it through ill health. An evening I didn't miss was the AGM which saw guest speaker, MP Julian Brazier speaking of a topic close to his heart - Adventure and Recreation in Society.

There has recently been a rise in litigation, whereby volunteers working with children, (Girl Guides, Boy Scouts etc), are being declared negligent by the courts, when sanity should prevail. We

are in very great danger of destroying our favourite past times, as elimination of risk destroys the activity, but that seems to be the goal of these litigious persons!

And finally, speaking of the group - we need you!



Our committee is shrinking and we need new blood. Ok that sounds gorier than necessary, but all we need is people who are enthusiastic. The hours are minimal, and sometimes there's even chocolate biscuits!! How can you resist?

Here's hoping next year will get better!!
Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year!

Michelle
Please send me any articles, letters, rants, suggestions or comments, either by e-mail to: michelle@eastkentiam.org.uk, or by snail mail to: Flat 5, 13 Paragon, Ramsgate, Kent, CT11 9JX

Chairman's Report 2004

I will start with a thank you to Gary Nichols who very kindly stood in for me at very short notice at last year's AGM. Thank you Gary.

This is just a short review of our year. On the social or less formal side, our monthly meetings have usually involved a speaker on a subject with sometimes only very tenuous connections to motoring, such as Roads and Wildlife, and the steps taken to avoid the two meeting unnecessarily. Police Dog Handling, as in using dogs to look for drugs and explosives, complete with practical demonstration by our four-legged friend. The Nimrod, and variations thereof – aeroplanes, not Elgar. Maybe we could do Elgar next year. The newly renamed Kent Fire and Rescue Service got a look in as well. Just in case we'd forgotten altogether about motoring, Nigel Stevens came along to regale us with many amusing tales from his job as Traffic Policeman, and Tony Regan, a Driving Instructor Trainer, managed to convince this speaker in particular that he would never have made it as an ADI anyway.

On a balmy summer evening in June, we decamped to Hersden to manoeuvre our way between some long-suffering plastic cones and poles, lovingly positioned by our Observer/Coordinator Richard Hazell to catch out the inexpert and semi-comatose. Our winner was, from memory, Peter Cartwright, and he received the John Smith Challenge Trophy. If it wasn't him, then please can we have the Trophy back.

Never inclined to let the grass grow under our feet, we embarked on an innovative Virtual Treasure Hunt this year, thereby avoiding all the unnecessary tedium and hassle of actually going outside the front

door, using up fuel and wearing the car out. More interest next year, please.

Our attendance at the Kent Show was in conjunction with the Police and might best be described as a learning experience. Many thanks to all involved, especially Sheila, our esteemed Secretary, who had to overcome numerous logistical problems, and not a little red tape (or was it blue?).

For those troglodytes who don't venture out of doors, have a look at the Group's website, which is now up and running, courtesy of our editor, Michelle. No doubt this will grow in the future and help us raise our profile amongst the younger members of the community. Michelle also should be thanked for the magazine, which is really helps to keep the whole group together. Remember, you need your magazine, and your magazine needs you. You really can contribute to it: "Every Little Helps", to quote the supermarket. So have a go, put pen to paper, or do the email equivalent.

Publicity Officer. We should have one. We did have one. We don't have one now. Caroline Hill has been unable to continue, due to personal circumstances. Thank you Caroline for much hard work during your all-too-brief tenure. New applications to any committee member.

On the first Sunday in every month, except January, why not toddle down the A2 to Kingston, to The Drive-In Centre. It has been running for over a year now and is attracting a steady flow of Associates, Members, Observers, and members of the public. It provides Assessment and Demonstration Drives, Observed Runs for Associates, Refresher Drives and Tea and Coffee to boot. Many thanks to Richard Hazell for the original idea and bringing it to fruition.

Gary Nichols has decided to hang up his spurs after many – how many? - years, at least several as committee member, Chief Observer and Observer/Coordinator or equivalent. Probably various other jobs as well. Very many thanks Gary, for much work done over the years.

This of course leaves Richard Hazell with a very heavy workload, and we very much need an Associate Coordinator – someone to marry up the new Associates with Observers. Now. For this you need: Telephone. List of Associates. List of Observers. Time. Pleasing telephone manner. That's all.

(I believe this position has now been filled by Elizabeth Cooper - Ed)

I am grateful to those members of the Committee and others who have attended the Regional Liaison Forum, the IAM National Conference, the Regional Liaison Forum (again) on our behalf. Sheila and I paid a visit to the Mid-Kent Group AGM the other week to see how the other half lives, and were made most welcome.

I must finish by thanking the Observers, who are at the sharp end of fulfilling the aims and objectives of the group, actually putting it into practice and getting as many people up to an acceptable standard as possible. And of course I must also thank the Committee for all their hard work put in during the year. It is often said that the two most important people on a Committee are Secretary and Treasurer, respectively Sheila Redwood and Neil Oliver. I see no reason to doubt this view. Thank you both.

*Nigel Cooke
Chairman*

Observer Co-ordinators Report 2004

The last twelve months have been somewhat difficult on the Observer front as due to ill health, personal and professional commitments, our pool of available Observers has been drastically depleted. It can truly be said that "Never has so much been achieved, by so few, for so many".

Associates

We have 35 Active and 13 Non-active Associates who can be considered current. Although we have twice appointed an Associates Co-ordinator with a view to following up the non-active Associates, we have made no progress.

The reasons for "dropping-out" vary from "Outcome not known", failing Test, taking a break, not wishing to pursue, to loss of licence due to R.T.A. prior to joining.

Waiting List

We have been unable to maintain allocation within the three weeks target overall, due to lack of Observer availability, particularly in the Thanet area, where the waiting period has been up to three months. This is likely to improve in the near future with the current batch of Observers undergoing training.

Fortunately, the waiting period in other areas remain between 2 and 6 weeks.

Test Passes

01/04/01 - 01/03/02:	23 passes
01/04/02 - 31/03/03:	39 passes
01/04/03 - 31/03/04:	34 passes
01/04/02 - 09/10/02:	21 passes
01/04/03 - 09/10/03:	18 passes
01/04/04 - 09/10/04:	26 passes

For the period 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004, we achieved 34 passes. This is less than the 39 passes we achieved for the corresponding year ending in March 2003, but more than the 23 achieved in the year ending in March 2002.

For the period from the 1 April 2004 to date, we have achieved 26 passes, as compared to 18 passes for the corresponding period last year.

Observers

Again, there has been considerable movement involving Observers. Sadly, Gary Nichols has decided to reduce his level of involvement, which is a considerable loss to the group. Thanks are due to him for his contribution to the development of the group, particularly as the previous Observer Co-ordinator and subsequently as the Deputy Co-ordinator, which role included being co-trainer.

Fred Page, a long standing Qualified Observer, died early September, aged 74 years. Ill health and other family circumstances have also limited the contribution other Observers have been able to make, so that a heavier burden has had to be carried by fewer Observers.

Of the 20 active Observers, 3 are Senior Observers, 9 are Qualified, 2 are Group Observers with "Grandfather Rights" and 6 are Trainees building up their hours.

During the last year, Martin Male obtained both his qualification and Senior Observer Status. Barrie Bailey and the Observer Co-ordinator undertook the "Special Assessment", achieving respectable scores. Congratulations and thanks are also due to Ted Willey who contributed 7 Passes in the year 2003/4, and has already achieved 5 this year to date.

Training

We have held two training courses this year. One in March for three trainees, and

are currently involved in the second one, for 4 trainees.

One has recently Qualified and another two are due to be taking their practical Tests in the near future.

Drive-In Centre

The Drive-In has proved to be a useful resource for the Group. It provides Observed Drives for interested members of the public, new Associates who have not been allocated Observers to date, refresher drives for members, training opportunities for trainees and, last but not least, a resource useful for promoting to members of the public at The County Show and other promotion activities.

During the last year, it has been used in every capacity it was envisaged for, with attendances varying from 9 to 15 people.

Thanks are due to Carol Stone for her support as Receptionist (and her driver Michelle), and the small core of supporting Observers.

We could, however, do with a greater level of support from observers.

Future

Our Aims for the next twelve months must be again to focus on those Associates who "Drop Out", continue to hold two training courses per year, further develop the Drive-In resource, and to seek replacements for the posts of Publicity Officer and Associates Co-ordinator.

Appreciation

In conclusion, I would like to thank members of the committee, Carol Stone in particular, and the small band of Observers who have responded to the challenge, for all their support and cooperation during the last twelve challenging months.

Richard Hazell
Observer Co-ordinator

EAST KENT GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS (Registered Charity No. 1049659)
Treasurer's Report for Year Ended 31 May 2004

I enclose with this report a copy of the Group's Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 May 2004, together with a Balance Sheet at 31 May 2004.

Subscription income has increased by £607.00 compared to 2003.

An analysis of member's subscriptions during the year is as follows:

	2004 No.	2003 No.
Group Full Members	151	147
Group Associate Members	55	42
Group Friends	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
	210	193

The Group made a Profit of £4.00 on the Sale of Goods (2003: £11.00).

The Profit on Raffles & Socials during the year was £154.89 (2003: £13.16).

The Bank Interest received during the year was £135.07 (2003: £60.23).

The main Group expense is in relation to the printing of the quarterly Group Newsletter, which was £849.00 during the year (2003: £1,270.00).

Overall total Income of £3,372.96 less Expenditure of £2,508.48 resulted in a Surplus of £864.48 (2003: Deficit £522.22). This Surplus has increased the Group Accumulated Fund in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets includes the following printing machine, case, overhead projector and screen. All Fixed Assets are depreciated over 4 years.

Stock represents Pass Your Advanced Driving Test books, postage stamps and trophies.

Sundry Debtors and Prepayments comprises Bank Interest accruing to the Group since it was last received, together with the prepaid element of the annual Insurance premium and room hire.

Our total cash funds stood at £5,808.19 at the year-end, an increase of £750.99 over 2003. Cash in its various forms continues to account for the majority of the Group assets.

Sundry Creditors comprises a Member's subscription relating to 2004/05.

The Group Accumulated Fund stands at £6,147.25 (2003: £5,282.77).

N P Oliver
Group Treasurer

REPORT BY INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

I have examined the books and accounts of the East Kent Group of Advanced Motorists for the year ended 31 May 2004, and certify that the abstract Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year and the Balance Sheet as at that date are correctly stated and adequately vouched.

Barrie F. Beeching & Co.
Hon. Auditors
4 October 2004

EAST KENT GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS (Registered Charity No. 1049659)
Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31 May 2004

	2004		2003	
	£	p	£	p
Income				
Subscriptions:				
Group Full Members	1,510.00		1,470.00	
Group Associate Members	1,525.00		958.00	
Group Friends	<u>24.00</u>	3,059.00	<u>24.00</u>	2,452.00
Profit on Raffles & Socials		154.89		13.16
Sales from Group Shop		24.00		36.00
Outside Events		0.00		12.00
Bank Interest		135.07		60.23
Total Income		<u>3,372.96</u>		<u>2,573.39</u>
Expenses				
Postage		296.42		300.32
Newsletter Production		849.00		1,270.00
Stationery		198.71		134.72
Room Hire		240.00		224.00
Senior Observer Test Fees		105.00		0.00
Group Insurance		324.64		277.98
Conference Expenses		14.00		120.00
Publicity		20.00		20.00
Associate and Observer Training Expenses		197.15		373.90
Speakers' Expenses		40.00		135.00
Depreciation		13.45		80.73
Regional Liaison Forum Subscription		15.00		15.00
Group Shop Cost of Sales		20.00		25.00
Sundry Expenses		<u>175.11</u>		<u>118.96</u>
Total Expenses		<u>2,508.48</u>		<u>3,095.61</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		<u>864.48</u>		<u>(522.22)</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2004

	2004		2003	
	£	p	£	p
Fixed Assets				
Equipment (At Cost)	368.92		368.92	
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(368.92)</u>	0.00	<u>(355.47)</u>	13.45
Current Assets				
Stocks	171.00		94.26	
Subscriptions outstanding	0.00		10.00	
Prepayments and Accrued Income	178.06		117.86	
Deposit Accounts	5,409.06		4,551.67	
Current Account	<u>399.13</u>		<u>505.53</u>	
	<u>6,157.25</u>		<u>5,279.32</u>	
Current Liabilities				
Subscriptions paid in advance	<u>10.00</u>		<u>10.00</u>	
	<u>10.00</u>		<u>10.00</u>	
Net Current Assets		6,147.25		5,269.32
Net Assets		<u>6,147.25</u>		<u>5,282.77</u>
Capital Account				
Opening Balance		5,282.77		5,804.99
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		<u>864.48</u>		<u>(522.22)</u>
Closing Balance		<u>6,147.25</u>		<u>5,282.77</u>

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NOW ANY ONE AGAINST?

"I'm a good driver." That's what everyone says. Even when they're not. They may not have had an accident, or "crash" as we should now call it, but that does not make them safe. They may just have passed their test, and not had time to have a crash yet! Or they may have just been lucky, so far. But one day the so-called luck may run out. But I am different. Now I really am a good driver. It stands to reason. After all, I passed my IAM test, so that proves it. Doesn't it? Er, no, not really. It proves that I might have been a good driver on that particular day back in 1998, for about an hour-and-a-half, when I was really concentrating. But the rot set in, despite my best intentions. The standard gradually fell, and being inclined to a slothful approach to life, I was not sufficiently motivated to change it until.....

.....that nice man Richard Hazell "suggested" I might consider becoming an Observer. I really did not think that was for me. But, having thought about it, and thought about it some more, I decided to give it my best shot. If successful, it will have the dual outcome of improving other people's driving, and mine as well. I might even let you know how things go.

Merry Christmas, and all the best for 2005.

Nigel

Secretary Sheila's Thoughts – or perhaps it should read 'The Thoughts of Secretary Sheila'

The departure of Gary from the various offices he has held and from the committee has made me realize that our Group has become quite vulnerable generally. Richard Hazell has to deal with all the now compulsory Observer training, whilst also organising the Drive-In each month, and he also has the job of Associate Co-ordinator, which means matching new Associates to Observers. He needs help. Hopefully he may get some from one or two of the current or soon to be Senior Observers. However, the job of Associate Co-ordinator does not need the services of a Senior Observer or even an Observer, just any Full Member. We need a volunteer - now. You do not have to attend our monthly social evenings, although it would be good if you were willing to join the committee, i.e. turn up to four meetings per year. (We now have an Associates Co-ordinator in the form of Elizabeth Cooper - Ed)

We also need a Publicity Officer. It says in the Rules that every Group should have one. For the first time about a year ago we did have one, but for personal reasons she was unable to continue, so we need another volunteer. It would be best, although not essential, if you were able to attend the social evenings, or at least some of them, in order to keep us up to date with publicity, and again it would be preferable if you were on the committee.

My third thought/decision is that I cannot continue ad infinitum as Group Secretary. I have been in post for seven years and have now started on my eighth, which is going to be my last. So again, we need a volunteer or volunteers to take over. My job could be split up into several sections, as it

is in some Groups. These include Group Contact, Group Secretary, Events Secretary, Minutes Secretary. I will be happy to give a job description and help to anyone interested in any or all these jobs, which you could take over at any time during the year.

One more thing. Our social evenings are being attended by less and less people. Please could you let me or anyone on the committee know why you do not come, particularly if you used to; what you like or do not like about the evenings, what you would like to see changed, or any other suggestions. We are here for all of you, but currently only about one tenth of you come. Of course I do appreciate it is a long way for some of you and many of you have other commitments, but not all.

Skid-Pan

This was mentioned in the last Newsletter with, so far, nil response. I am willing to organize another session, no doubt in the New Year, if a minimum of 9 people show interest. I have one person so far.

Contributions

IAM Region 2 Forum - 11 September

Both Sheila and I attended the forum this year, and while I came back full of good intentions to write up the event, unfortunately events conspired against me in the form of ill health, and (I'll censor my language here) my Mini being broken into TWICE in the space of a month, by pathetic, stupid, petty, small-minded vandals (I did quite well there I think - it wasn't what I said upon being woken at one in the morning by the local constabulary).

Anyway, to the point. I didn't write anything up, but Bert Payne our new RCO did, and I have included his thoughts with great thanks.

Hi Everyone,

My observations of the Forum held at Lower Kingswood yesterday.

Regretfully only 17 groups from 28 attended but as it was my first ever, not just as RCo, but first one, I enjoyed meeting the delegates.

Sheila Quick intros by Jean Clark and then Paul Gillett, DCM elect, talks by Roger Riddle from Thames Valley, Dave Shenton, Motorcycle Manager from HO, and Mark McArthur Christie from Oxford Group.

Before the lunch break Ian Naylor, Wey Valley, encouraged communication ideas from the delegates split into groups, to be discussed later.

After lunch it was my turn, unsure of my success/failure I was given 40 minutes, and as it turned out I could probably have used a couple of hours!

What did I talk about? Very quick history of Bert Payne, mentioned the revised towing test which Trevor Dickenson elaborated by telling us that the Camping and Caravan Club will conduct the reversing part of the test and we do the forward driving bit.

I invited ideas for inclusion in the 50th Anniversary celebrations in 2006 and communicated Bob Hinchcliffe's proposals of Silverstone or Donnington circuits. Nothing positive came forth but it is hoped that ideas will now start to come through from groups.

Next I raised the possibility of lapsed members still acting as observers contrary to the insurance requirements, and this is where the delegates took over the floor suggesting cross reference with the members area on the website, or checking the membership cards upon group membership renewal.

My next subject became quite emotive and again all were involved in the discussion. Last October it was suggested that Associates were given more involvement within the IAM by including them in the Advanced Driving magazine distribution, and possibly more full membership advantages.

Points raised included loss of incentive for passing the test, and what would happen if the associate exceeded the 12 month period without passing the test, and who paid for the extra magazines?

The conclusion was accepted that they should be given a complimentary copy of the magazine in the Welcome Pack, but that was as far as it should go, otherwise it would lessen the advantages of taking and passing the test.

With a good motorcycle representation at the forum, what were the thoughts about separating the cars from the motorcycles and running them each as individual regions. Emphatically the answer came back as a resounding rejection of the idea of a split. Status quo remains, which I was very pleased to hear.

Some time before I was given a note to wind up my presentation but I probably overran by some considerable time so I could not introduce more subjects for debate. Maybe next time?

John Mills compacted the communication ideas put forward before lunch, and then it was left to me to conduct the election for the Region Liaison Committee for the next twelve months. I asked the Forum if they were happy to retain the RLC as it was the only region of eight that had a committee of this type, a suggestion was made that in future could we have less time allocated to speakers and more to discussion which was duly noted by Jean Clark.

Jean was re-elected as the Chair, with Tom O'Donoghue as secretary, Mark Broad as treasurer, John Mills as advisor, then came newcomers to the committee, Tony Green, the regions motorcycle advisor, and Mark Andrews. ... then we all went home.

Speak soon. Bert

There was due to be a section by one of the IAM webmaster's as well, on Effective Communications using websites etc, and was my main reason for going. Unfortunately he was unable to make it, and I found myself co-opted, and stood at the front of the hall like a bunny in the headlights giving a talk about our website instead. I don't do public speaking. It scares me. I would have run away at the lunch break but my car was blocked in...

BBC Radio 1 DJs Give Advanced Driving a Spin

Issued: Friday 12 November 2004

DJs and producers from BBC Radio One's weekend shows have lined up at Brands Hatch to have their skills at the wheel assessed as part of the Max Driver initiative run by the IAM in partnership with cult lads mag "Max Power".

Timed to coincide with Road Safety Week, six hand picked IAM examiners, under the guidance of Assistant Chief Examiner Steve Mead, took out Wes Butters, Spooky, JK and Joel, Trevor Nelson and Vernon Kay.

After an hour's formal assessment in Seat saloons on roads around Kent, the DJs took to the track with a manoeuvring challenge against the clock at Brand's lower paddock, followed by a three lap "thrill ride" around the famous Brands circuit itself, in Caterhams and a race prepped MG.

TV presenter and DJ Vernon Kay came "top of IAM pops" when examiners compared notes on the DJs performance on road. But Vernon, whose dad is a trucker, only came third overall. When all the marks were in he had to give way to his colleagues JK and Spooky who came first and second respectively in the full assessments.

The DJs all enjoyed the on road element and found it quite an eye opener.

"Now the BBC Radio One weekend crew and their producers have a first hand experience of how Max Driver can reduce the number of crashes that young drivers cause and save them cash on their insurance," said Max Power Editor in Chief

John Sootheran. "Too many of our readers, and Radio One listeners, are involved in crashes that need never happen."

IAM Leads New Move to Reduce Young Lives Lost to "Daylight Robbery"

Issued: 31 October 2004

Children dying in the road crashes that follow the clocks going back every October are at the centre of a new move by road safety campaigners to change the daylight regime.

Concerns of IAM Council member and broadcaster Nick Ross have prompted a letter from safety campaigners seeking a commitment to review the policy.

Ross argues that tourism, leisure and sporting organisations generally support a move to Single/Double Summer time, but the main benefit will be fewer child casualties on dark roads.

Now campaigners are calling on politicians in all the main UK parties to change the current regime, because there are more accidents in the afternoon rush hour than in the morning.

"Motorists are tired after a day's work and concentration levels are lower," said Mr Ross. "We expect politicians to take responsibility for the current needless loss of young lives. Doing nothing is not an option."

"Given the hysteria over false health scares like MMR it is little less than sensational humbug that we deliberately kill roughly 100 children every year. Let's hope that this year is the last that we put the clocks back in this way."

The move would also put the UK into the central European Time Zone. Although there may be more casualties in the

morning during the winter, these would be outweighed by the reduction in casualties due to an extra hour of daylight in the evening, so producing a net reduction.

Estimates vary, but numerous reports have looked at the extent of the casualties. In 2002, pedestrian deaths and serious injuries rose from 759 in October to 851 in November.

A letter from IAM Chief Executive Christopher Bullock to politicians calling for a change was supported by Brake, PACTS, RAC Foundation, RoSPA, and Transport for London.

Chocolate Mathematics

It takes less than a minute... work this out as you read. This is not one of those waste of time things, it's fun.

1. First of all, pick the number of times a week that you would like to have chocolate. (between 1 - 10)
2. Multiply this number by 2 (Just to be bold)
3. Add 5. (for Sunday)
4. Multiply it by 50 (I'll wait while you get the calculator...)
5. If you have already had your birthday this year add 1754... If you haven't, add 1753
6. Now subtract the four digit year that you were born.

You should have a three digit number. The first digit of this was your original number (i.e., how many times you want to have chocolate each week).

The next two numbers are...

See the back page!!

About Us

How can the Group help me?

The Group offers observed runs to Associates on a one-to-one basis in their own cars. Your driving skills and attitude to all aspects of motoring and road use will be closely monitored by an Observer (a full Group member who has already passed the advanced driving test). Your Observer (who is a volunteer) will give you practical guidance, constructive advice, and support to help you to pass the advanced test.

How much does it cost?

The Skill for Life package which includes Associate Group Membership, the IAM Book "Pass Your Advanced Driving Test", the Advanced Test and the first year's membership of the IAM when you pass, costs just £85. As an Associate member, you will benefit from the Group's activities and have as many observed runs as you need to attain the I.A.M. Test standard, (there is no additional charge for the observed runs). Associate membership is given on the understanding that you will apply for the advanced test within the first 12 months after joining the Group.

How does the Group Operate?

The dates, times, and meeting places for your observed runs are arranged directly with your Observer. The Group itself meets socially at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Littlebourne War Memorial Hall, (4 miles east of Canterbury on the A257), OS Grid Reference TR208575.

How do I join the Group?

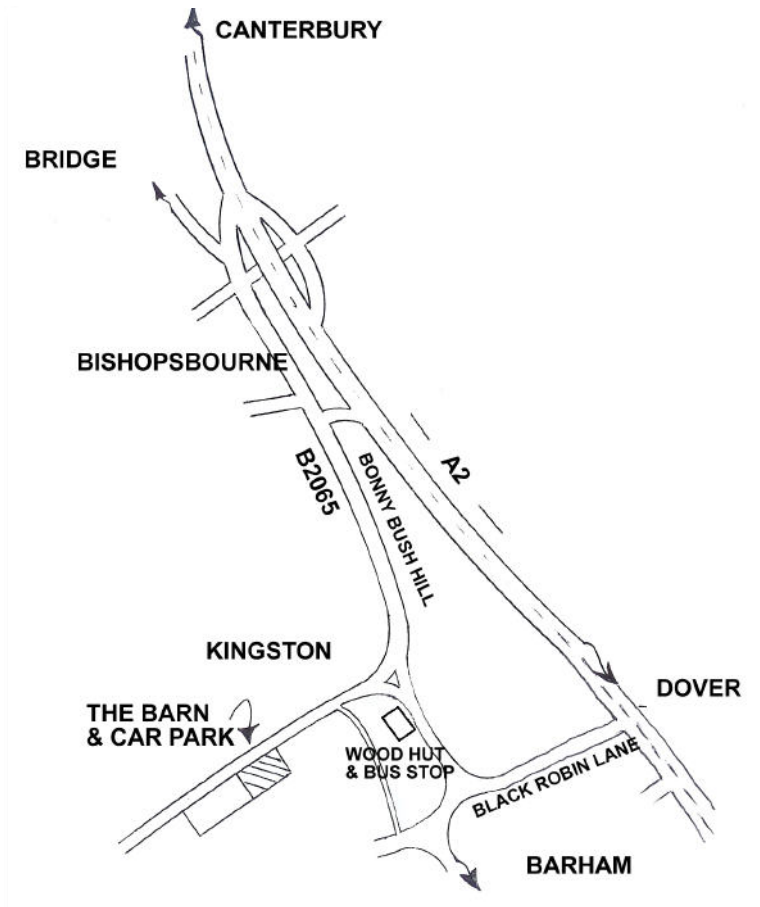
If you contact Mrs Sheila Redwood, 01227 462676, she will be able to give you full details, or visit our website at: <http://www.eastkentiam.org.uk>

The sessions are run the first Sunday of every month, from 10 am – 12 noon.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no session in January.

To find 'The Barn', Kingston:

- Leave the A2 – Canterbury to Dover Road – at the junction signposted “Bishopsbourne Kingston and Barham”.
- Take the B2065 signposted “Kingston, Barham and Elham”.
- At the bottom of “Bonny Bush Hill” turn right by the bus shelter into “The Street”.
- Pass “Church Lane” on the left and The Barn and adjoining car park are within 200m on the left.



New Associates since September 2004

Mrs Margaret Cashin
 Mrs Mary Trigg
 Mr Stuart Honey
 Mr Andrew Orton
 Mrs Angela Leith
 Mrs Carol Arnott
 Mr Sean McGavin
 Mrs Hayley Plant
 Mr Stanley Stirrups

Events Data

Littlebourne War Memorial Hall
- Second Thursday - 19.30pm

13 January - Chris Wade*
 Slide Shows of various ramblings

10 February - Tea & Trivia*

10 March - Fire Station Visit. Jaws of Life.*

* These events are all subject to change, as at the time of press we are awaiting confirmation.

Chocolate Mathematics Answer
 YOUR AGE! (Oh YES, it IS!!!)

Test Passes

Period:

14.10.04 - 30.10.04

Associate	Date	Observer
Suzanne Finch	12.09.04	Nick Williams
Naomi Gurney	03.10.04	Richard Rhoden
Elizabeth Cooper	03.10.04	Barrie Bailey
Mark Ashford	05.10.04	Trevor Brown
Michael Taylor	30.10.04	Alan Hollands

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