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## **CHAIRMAN'S CHAT**

Welcome to a new year for the Group.

As you know we start our new year by welcoming motorcyclists to our fellowship, not as a separate section but integral to the Group, widening our horizons and understanding of better driving.

Already a start has been made to train Motorcycle Observers. It will be interesting to have this first hand information and expertise within the Group. Observers are an essential part of the life blood of the group, no Observers, or few Observers equates to none or few new Associates and therefore fewer future full members thus affecting the continuing success of the Group. Having our motorcyclists should also enable us to widen the scope of the syllabus meetings to cater for a wider audience.

Over the last while we have been able to expand our email list thus being able to communicate quicker and easier with you, we are of course trying for 100% which will benefit the Group by making contact easier and helping to reduce quite a heavy postal bill. So if we do not have your email address yet - please let us know it. Of course it goes without saying that we will continue to post to those without email, and the Newsletter will continue by post as it's good to hold such a quality item as you read.

Looking forward to seeing you at our meetings.

*Norman*

## **GROUP/MEMBER NEWS**

At the AGM the new committee elected was as follows

Chairman	Norman Hall
Secretary	John P Buchan
Treasurer	Ron Cunningham
Membership Secretary	Pascale Bertho
Minute Secretary	Diane Duguid
Syllabus - Publicity	Ali McIntyre Kenny Wilson
Committee Members	Harry Leil Craig McAndie
Observer Coordinators	Diane Duguid John P Buchan



You will see that this year, for the first time in a while, we have managed to gain more committee members willing to help the group.

This does not mean that you can sit on your bums. We still need ideas and help to organise the group, the course, the events and syllabus. If you have any ideas or thoughts please contact any of the above. (Details on last page).

Membership for the Group currently stands at 76 paid up Full members, including 6 Motorcycle members. We have 11 Associate members and 2 Group Supporter members. So far this represents a substantial drop in numbers from previous years. I'd ask that if you have not yet renewed your membership then please pop a cheque in the post to Pascale.

Over the years numbers have slowly been dropping. We are not alone, as this seems to be a trend spread out over most charity organisations. We need to keep the membership up to remain a viable group. It does cost money to run the Group. My thanks to all of you who are still with us and for your many years of support.

When returning your Group renewal form please check your details are correct. We would ask that you let us know your email address as this will help us to communicate much more quickly with you and will also help to keep the running costs down.

## **GROUP/MEMBER NEWS**

### **TEST PASSES**

Congratulations to Cameron Leel and to Gary Tolometti who both recently passed their IAM tests.

Gary's test run was of a standard to gain him a place on the F1st register, well done to both.



Above, Gary Tolometti and Right, Cameron Leel receive their IAM Test certificates from Chairman Norman Hall at the AGM.

## **SYLLABUS**

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|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Nov 29</b> | <b>Group Quiz Night</b>    | <b>Town Hall</b>           |
| <b>Dec 6</b>  | <b>Annual Festive Meal</b> | <b>Morris's Oldmeldrum</b> |



Two blondes have just parked up. The driver suddenly realises they've locked themselves out. The other offers helpfully, "We can always call the AA". The driver replies, "Well, whatever we do, we'd better hurry - there's a storm coming and the top is still down."

## **GROUP RECOGNISES MEMBER'S CONTRIBUTION**

The committee were pleased to present group member Brian Blackett with an IAM Certificate of Appreciation for the contribution he has made to the group since joining in 1984.

Brian, you may not be aware, has served on the Committee for some 19 years, of which 6 were in the position of Group Chairman.

Current Chairman, Norman Hall presented the certificate to Brian.

The citation on the certificate reads:

Gordon Advanced Motorists recognises and appreciates the invaluable contribution made by Brian Blackett.

His commitment to Road Safety, Advanced Driving and to the Group, is without equal.

With his enthusiasm, his knowledge and his drive he has been an inspiration to all of those who have come in contact with him, as Group Member, Group Officer and Senior Observer.



## **SYLLABUS BITS**

### **I Can See For Miles**

Ok a bit of an exaggeration but 0.3 seconds is all it takes for the equipment in a mobile camera van to capture a reading and that's possible at 1000 metres [over half a mile] though in Grampian it's more usual to be taken at 307 metres [close to a fifth of a mile].



That's just one of the many interesting pieces of information imparted by Chris Hume, Partnership Manager for NESCAMP [North East Safety Camera Partnership] at the August syllabus meeting.

Chris covered a wide range of topics relating to the operation of the unit: funding; a grant set at the start of the year and evaluated annually, money from fines; doesn't go to the partnership but to the Treasury, enforcement criteria for fixed and mobile sites which operates on a points system whereby chosen locations must have a history of collisions and a speeding problem, exception sites and special events, tactics, average speed cameras which are in use in Strathclyde, though currently not in Grampian, innovations and the future. He also fielded questions on the subject and all in all presented a very informative and illuminating evening. Thanks Chris.

More details can be found at <http://www.scottishsafetycameras.com>

*Ron Cunningham*

*Under section 172 of the Road Traffic Act 1998 it is the responsibility of the Registered Keeper to know who is driving the vehicle at all times.*



For October, unfortunately the speaker and the back up speaker fell through resulting in the decision to have a general discussion evening. Disappointingly, not many turned up. After a cuppa and (finally) presenting Andrew Smith with the Allan Moir Trophy he won earlier this year, the meeting was drawn to a close.

I have to admit to being disappointed in the small turnout but at least it shows that the syllabus emails seem to work.

Thank you to those who did turn up.

*John*

## **NOTE FROM THE ALL GROUPS CONFERENCE**

IAM Conference calls on the government to introduce a new system of post-test driver training to reduce the rate of serious road accidents involving young people.

In 2010, 30 per cent of car occupant fatalities were young drivers (17-24 years) or passengers of a young driver. Car occupant fatalities were 835, young driver fatalities 158 and passenger of young drivers fatalities 931. And with driver and rider error behind the top three causes of fatal and serious crashes, the message is clear – young drivers need more experience and training.

IAM chief executive Simon Best said: “Having looked at systems of post-test training from other countries, we know that the best examples have reduced young male deaths by almost 30 per cent\*.”

The IAM wants to see accredited training offered to young drivers in the first 12 to 18 months after passing the basic driving test.

This would include:

- \* Training from qualified instructors.
- \* An initial on-road assessment to gain knowledge of their experience and to highlight any deficiencies.
- \* Off-road practice in handling in the wet, speed into corners and the impact of speed on stopping distances.
- \* Benefits such as discounts on insurance and cheaper vehicle excise duty for young drivers who complete the training.

Best said: “The first year as a car driver is important for building up the driving experience necessary to reduce the risk of crashes. Post-test training with in-depth coaching on driving techniques, and extra hours behind the wheel – with an experienced instructor – will prevent accidents.”

Department for Transport statistics <http://www.dft.gov.uk/statistics/releases/road-accidents-and-safety-annual-report-2010/>

\* In Austria new drivers have at least three further contacts with qualified instructors within 12 to 18 months of passing their driving test. This has successfully reduced the number of deaths of young male drivers by nearly 30 per cent. After taking the test, drivers have an initial assessment to gain knowledge of their experience and to highlight any deficiencies. This is followed by visits to a road safety centre to demonstrate handling in the wet, speed into corners and the impact of speed on stopping distances.

## **COUNCILS GIVE WINTER ROADS THE COLD SHOULDER**

IAM News release : 31/10/11

Road safety charity the IAM is warning that many of Britain's roads will become more hazardous for motorists as the frosts and local council cuts bite.

In spite of the last two winters of severe cold, snow and ice, many councils are planning to cut back on winter road services, including salting, exposing motorists to dangerous driving conditions. Last year there was a 37 per cent increase in the number of cars overturning in snow and ice\*.



Budget estimates from the Department for Communities and Local Government show a 3.6 per cent decrease in estimated spending for salting roads, snowploughing, and standby arrangements across England. This represents a significant cut when inflation is considered.

Sixty-seven councils appear to be reducing the amount they are spending on winter road services, with 33 budgeting more than ten per cent less than last year.

Most worryingly 21 councils appear to have budgeted over 30 per cent less than they did last year.

IAM chief executive Simon Best said: "Roads are essential for the economy – not only in rural areas where cars are the only way to get around but also on the main routes that keep our economy moving. Ambulances, supermarket food deliveries, meals on wheels, utilities, even the armed forces, all rely on having a usable road network. Last year, parts of Scotland nearly ran out of food and fuel. The 24-hour, just-in-time logistics system simply wasn't able to cope with the weather.

"Councils must make contingency plans to ensure that essential supplies can always get through, no matter what the weather. This has to include dealing with large numbers of drivers stranded for hours with no access to heat or food."

It is even more important that drivers and riders take care in severe weather conditions, given reduced winter road services.

## **DRIVING IN SNOW – THE METHOD**

- \* Is your journey essential? If at all possible postpone or reschedule your trip and don't ignore police warnings about closed roads.
- \* Double or even triple your normal stopping distance from the vehicle in front. Drive so that you don't rely on your brakes to be able to stop – on an icy surface they simply may not do that for you, but keep moving as much as possible, even if it is only at walking pace.
- \* On a downhill slope get your speed low before you start the descent, and do not let it build up – it is much easier to keep it low than to try and slow down once things get slippery.
- \* Start gently, avoiding high revs, and use second gear to avoid wheel-spin. If you get yourself into a skid the main thing to remember is to take your foot off the pedals and steer. Only use the brake if you cannot steer out of trouble.
- \* Plan your journey around busier roads as they are more likely to have been gritted. Avoid using short cuts on minor roads – they are less likely to be cleared or treated with salt, especially country lanes.
- \* Always clear your windows, lights and mirrors. Don't forget that snow on the bonnet can blow back onto your windscreen, so clear that off, and clear the roof to avoid snow being blown onto traffic following you before moving off.
- \* Make sure you have an emergency kit so you are prepared in the event of a breakdown. This should include a charged up mobile phone, torch, food for energy, water and a blanket. For snow you also need a shovel with you. On longer journeys always let someone know you have set off and tell them your planned route.
- \* You can also improve car performance in snow by fitting winter tyres. Winter tyres have a different tread pattern to give better grip on snow and ice and have a snowflake on a mountain as a symbol on the sidewall. The symbol indicates that they use winter grade rubber which stays flexible and maintains grip to well below freezing. The rubber used on standard tyres hardens as the temperature drops.



A new website is available, [www.drivingadvice.org.uk](http://www.drivingadvice.org.uk) for advice on dealing with all winter weather conditions.

## **CAN YOU TELL WHAT IT IS YET?**

To those of us of a certain age that phrase by Rolf Harris will be familiar. He would come out with it during the creation of his paintings as it was often only as they neared completion that the subject matter became apparent.

Well, "Can you tell what it is yet?" is a rather important question drivers should ask themselves as they travel along the highways and byways. Why? Simply because the type of road you are travelling on has a bearing on the speed limit in force at the time. Can you tell which is which?

When it comes to driving in built up areas it is important to remember that the speed limit is 30mph unless there is signage that states otherwise. Therefore a road may be classed as a dual carriageway, but it could still have a speed limit of 30mph. Section 124 of the Highway Code states, 'The presence of street lights generally means that there is a 30 mph (48 km/h) speed limit unless otherwise specified.'

For example these three roads in Aberdeen are dual carriageways but still have a 30mph speed limit.

- \* Ellon Road (from Bridge of Don to North Donside Road)
- \* Auchmill Rd (through Bucksburn)
- \* Wellington Road (from Queen Elizabeth II Bridge to its junction near Greenwell Road)

There are more.

The A96 between Inverurie and Keith has sections where there are overtaking lanes but just because the road opens out remember these are still single carriageway; albeit with 3 lanes.

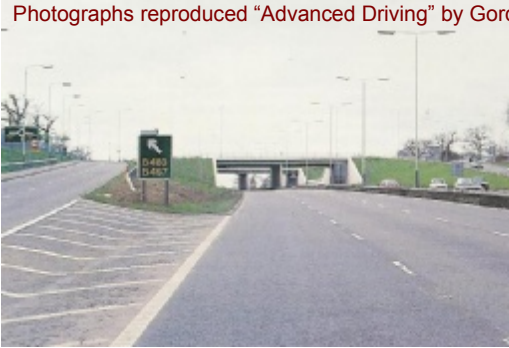
### **HOW TO TELL;**

**Single carriageway** – an undivided road with no central barrier.

**Dual carriageway** – a two way divided road with a central barrier that you are able to cross from side roads.

**Motorway** - a two way divided road with a central barrier containing slip roads with access via slip roads and there is no crossway traffic.

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3 lane dual carriageway



2 lane dual carriageway

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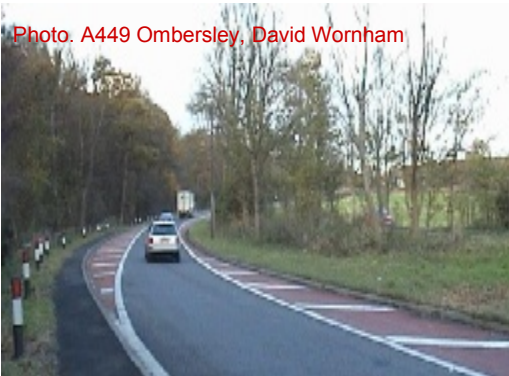


7 lane single carriageway



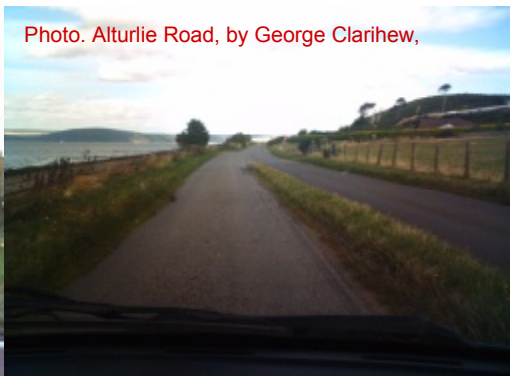
2 lane dual carriageway

Photo. A449 Ombersley, David Wornham



Two lane dual carriageway becoming single lane, dual carriageway

Photo. Alturlie Road, by George Clarihew,



Single lane dual carriageway, changing to two lane single carriageway then single lane, single carriageway

Why is it, in certain vehicles, important to know what type of road you are on?  
'Simples' - The next page will shed some light.






I've not said too much about actual speed limits up to now. That is because dependant upon which category your vehicle comes under, different speed limits apply to differing types of road.

Check which applies to you on the table. Take the ubiquitous Ford Transit van which comes under "Goods vehicles (not exceeding 7.5 tonnes maximum laden weight)" as an example and note the differences to the "Car & motorcycles (including car – derived vans up to 2 tonnes maximum laden weight)" category. Did that surprise you?

Why do you have to be careful if you are a 'wee white van' man? The all important phrase 'car derived vans up to 2 tonnes MLV'.

So many of the wee white vans are of a similar size and shape, that unless you are aware of the capacity of the van you can fall foul of the law on a dual carriageway. I know of one lady who drives a wee delivery van on a part time basis, who was nicked for exceeding the speed limit for that vehicle on the Tipperty - Ellon stretch of dual carriageway, which is hardly 2 miles long. She was driving a new style VW Caddy, which in itself is difficult to understand because it's hardly got enough puff to get up the bloody hill at Tipperty without having to change down a gear.

### Speed Limits

Type of vehicle	Built-up areas <sup>‡</sup>	Single carriage-ways	Dual carriage-ways	Motorways
	mph (km/h)	mph (km/h)	mph (km/h)	mph (km/h)
 <b>Cars &amp; motorcycles</b> (including car-derived vans up to 2 tonnes maximum laden weight)	<b>30</b> (48)	<b>60</b> (95)	<b>70</b> (112)	<b>70</b> (112)
 <b>Cars towing caravans or trailers</b> (including car-derived vans and motorcycles)	<b>30</b> (48)	<b>50</b> (80)	<b>60</b> (95)	<b>60</b> (95)
 <b>Buses, coaches and minibuses</b> (not exceeding 12 metres in overall length)	<b>30</b> (48)	<b>50</b> (80)	<b>60</b> (95)	<b>70</b> (112)
 <b>Goods vehicles</b> (not exceeding 7.5 tonnes maximum laden weight)	<b>30</b> (48)	<b>50</b> (80)	<b>60</b> (95)	<b>70<sup>†</sup></b> (112)
 <b>Goods vehicles</b> (exceeding 7.5 tonnes maximum laden weight)	<b>30</b> (48)	<b>40</b> (64)	<b>50</b> (80)	<b>60</b> (95)

<sup>\*</sup> The 30 mph limit usually applies to all traffic on all roads with street lighting unless signs show otherwise.

<sup>†</sup> 60 mph (95 km/h) if articulated or towing a trailer.

If you are asked to pull over by the constabulary try one of these sure fire keep-me-out-of-jail phrases -

1. I need to get to the petrol station before my fuel runs out
2. I'm a member of the Royal family
3. My shoes have just been resoled and I'm not used to the extra weight
4. I was trying to get away from the car following me
5. Thank heavens officer, I thought the flashing blue light chasing me was a UFO
6. I was hurrying to the petrol station before the free lead crystal glasses run out
7. I was in a complete daze because I've got a new air freshener in my car
8. I'm a research physicist trying to prove Einstein's Theory of Relativity
9. These go faster stripes really do work then
10. I was trying to make up the hour we lost when the clocks went forward

***THE DUNDERHEIDS COME THROUGH FOR THE GROUP  
IN THE LOCAL INTER GROUP QUIZ.***

We sent up a couple of carloads to Macduff on the 27th October in an attempt to retain the prize worthy Trophy offered for showing outstanding expertise in general knowledge at the Inter Group Quiz, this year hosted by Banff & Buchan Group.

Having enough for one and a half teams, Harry Leil, Diane Duguid, Pascale Bertho and Norman Hall being in the 'A' Team with Brian Blackett, myself a couple of members of Banff & Buchan in the other. Brian and I decided that it would be best to let our 'A' team win the quiz, which they duly did, as you can see in the photo with their spoils of war. Well done to all. It was a good bit of fun and thanks to Banff & Buchan for hosting the evening and putting on a great spread.



## **MIND YOUR EMISSIONS PLEASE**

### **BACKGROUND**

In 2001, the Government issued a consultation on legislation. Enabling all local authorities to undertake Roadside Vehicle Emissions Testing.

### **BEING PULLED OVER AND THE TEST ITSELF**

If your vehicle is required for testing, a uniformed Police officer will stop the vehicle and direct you to the marked testing area. Your vehicle will then undergo an emissions test by a member of the team of testers. Should the vehicle exceed the prescribed limits a fixed penalty notice may be issued.



### **POST TEST PROCEDURE**

There are 3 possible outcomes:

#### **1. Your vehicle is within emission limits**

You will be advised of the results, the levels recorded and you will be allowed to continue with your journey.

#### **2. Emission Limits are exceeded by LESS than 10%**

You will be advised of the results and the levels recorded. You will be notified that an offence has been committed, but that no further action will be taken. You will be advised that your vehicle requires immediate attention and servicing.

#### **3. Your Vehicle is GREATER than 10% above the prescribed limits**

The test is FAILED. It will be explained that an offence has been committed. You will be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice.



### **WHAT IS THE COST OF FAILING THE TEST?**

The Fixed Penalty Notice issued is set at £60. This is payable within 28 days of issue. Failure to pay within 28 days will result in the figure rising to £90. You will be notified in writing of this. If unpaid after a further 28 days, legal proceedings will be instigated.

## **CAN THE FIXED PENALTY BE REDUCED?**

YES! There are 3 ways that the £60 fixed penalty can be reduced.

### **1. The Fault Is Corrected within 14 Days**

A V20 or V30 (MOT certificate or MOT refusal (certificate) Must be presented as evidence of action taken. This will result in a 50% reduction.

### **2. Production of an MOT Certificate under 6 Months old**

This will entitle you to a 50% reduction of the fine.

### **3. Demonstrate Evidence of Proper Maintenance**

You will be entitled to a 50% reduction, if you can demonstrate all reasonable steps have been taken to ensure emissions performance.

## **EFFECTS OF AIR POLLUTION ON HEALTH**

It is well established medical knowledge that a link exists between poor air quality and ill health within the population. Studies have shown that 60% of the main pollutants known to affect health are contributed by road vehicles. It is estimated that as many as 1.5 million vehicles on UK roads would fail the prescribed MOT emission levels.



## **WHY ARE MY EMISSIONS RAISED?**

Resulting from the burning of fossil fuels and incomplete combustion, harmful contaminants build up in your vehicle's fuel system and engine. Your vehicle is built to very fine tolerances and contains very sensitive components. When the contamination sticks to these components, it impairs their function, and in some cases they break down completely. Even in the mildest of cases, your engine is working harder to compensate. As a consequence, your fuel bills increase, power output is impaired and emissions are raised.

## **THE SOLUTION**

You should keep your car regularly serviced and well maintained, paying attention to the engine and fuel systems. When changing your engine oil, for example, used an engine oil flushing agent to help cleanout the residues and contaminants that can lead to raised emissions. This should lead to a cleaner engine and less chance of you falling foul of the law.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2010 - 2011**

Time again to review the past year. Has it been 12 months or have all the cuts that have been taking place cut the 12 month year to 10 or 11 months. One does wonder if that's what some insurance companies are really implying - that it's a shorter year as opposed to a couple of months "Freebie"?

We have again tried to have as varied a programme as possible for our monthly gatherings. One unfortunately didn't happen as our hall booking was 'over looked' - apologies to our speaker for that night, but he said he would be happy to come again.

An opportunity was offered by David Walker, a new member, to have a go at driving buses at First Bus. He is an Instructor there. A few were able to take up that offer and had a great time, repeat visit is possible. Our thanks again to David and the First Bus Team. The Chairman's Fun Run was well attended again - I'm running out of what purports to be roads so will have to look carefully for the next one, also to try and beat Mr Adams' knack of winning. Thanks again to Castle Fraser and the Bar-B-Que lender. We also paid a repeat visit to the Transport Museum at Alford and were given the run of the place.

Members of the Committee have been regular attendees at the Northern Forum often accompanied by Brian Blackett, who was also our Group involvement in the Forum's Observers day which took place in June of this year - he being the author of what was to happen during the day. We have also attended the all Scotland Conference at Tulliallan where we were again "successful" in winning the Fred Welsh Trophy, which means of course that we have to organise the questions for next year's quiz.

The best attended event was the Safety Camera Partnership. Speaker, Chris Hume gave a most informative talk; he also fielded quite a number of "interesting" questions. The answers to which could be made available if pressed. The 'Better Driving Course' was well executed again thanks to Kenny Thomson. The demonstration drives we have included in the past couple of years on the last night of the course were again very well received. Our Associate, Alison Leith, who "only came for one night to get a feel for what we do" for an article she was writing for local papers was invited to stay the course and went on to become one of the first Associates in the UK to receive a First Certificate from the IAM for excellence on her test, (new bench mark chaps?), but congratulations to all the others of this course who have so far succeeded.

Talking of Associates, I must congratulate our band of Observers without whom we could indeed not even provide a course. Couple of new ones added this year and I look forward to more recruits to our happy band.

The term 'recruits' brings up the Committee without whose continuous work throughout the year ensures a dynamic Group is extant in Gordon. Specific mention must be made of our Secretary JB who at the year end in heavy snow suffered the ignominy of the 'Good Samaritan' by breaking his arm whilst going to the aid of others. His work for the Group is unsurpassed. Also to Ron Cunningham for his inimitable management of our accounts. Pascale who wrestles with the membership records and all requests for course information and to Harry for the continuing support he gives at many levels. Again I repeat my request for more volunteers! But finally a big thank you to all those members who have supported our meetings throughout the year.

#### AS NEW CHAIRMAN

At The beginning of a new Group year let us remind ourselves, if indeed we need reminding, of the purpose of our existence. Not a week, sometimes only days seem to go by without a portrayal of the risks we might encounter whilst out on the roads, be it by car or motor cycle. We can but try, as members of the Institute of Advance Motorists to spread the word and reinforce the need to improve driving standards and the advancement of road safety. Whilst we maybe cannot regulate against things out-with our direct control, we should be vigilant and do what we can to support moves which try to help with and improve road safety.

We can only do our best to promote our aims in the hope that those with whom we do come into contact - practice and continue to improve their driving skills and attitudes.

When I first became Chairman I expressed what at that time was probably a pious hope, or wishful thinking, that one day (is it really 5 years ago?) we might have Motor Cycles within the Group. That hope has now come about through evolution rather than revolution in that as of this AGM, motor cycles will feature within Gordon Advanced Motorists. We welcome the development and look forward to the challenges and variations which are likely to accrue from this step forward. It will, I'm sure broaden our understanding and practice of better driving. Welcome to our two wheeled friends, and I look forward to an interesting year ahead.

*Norman*

Dear member,

We thank you for your support of the group and its aims over the past years.

We would like to invite you and yours to the Groups' annual festive meal. Held again at Morris's The Square, Oldmeldrum.

As a charity we are unable fund such occasions and therefore tickets are available at £21.00.

We expect this will be a popular evening. To ensure your seat please book as soon as possible. (Numbers may have to be restricted).

We sincerely hope that you will come along and renew old acquaintances and maybe make new friends.



Please indicate your choice (and amount of each) in the boxes and put your name on the page where indicated and return as soon as possible along with your remittance of £21 per person To:

**Pascale Bertho, 4 Mary Slessor Place, Oldmeldrum. AB51 0FW .  
01651 873477**

Thank you,

We hope you will enjoy the evening.

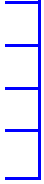
**Cheques should be made payable to: Gordon Advanced Motorists**



# Morris's Hotel Festive Menu 2011

6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2011 (7 for 7:30)

Amount



Traditional Scotch Broth served with a Crusty Bread Roll

Carrot & Coriander Soup with Crème Fraiche and a Bread Roll

Smoked Salmon on a Bed of Rocket with Lemon Dressing & Granary Bread

Sweet Melon Balls in Vintage Port



Roast Turkey with Traditional Festive Trimmings

Pork Medallions in Apple & Cider Sauce with Black Pudding Croutons

Poached Salmon Fillet with a Creamy Tarragon Sauce

Ratatouille Tart topped with Mozzarella Cheese with Fruit Chutney & Salad

All served with a selection of Chef's Seasonal Vegetables, Roast & Boiled Potatoes



Traditional Sherry Trifle

Lemon Tart with Forest Fruits Compote

Homemade Baileys & Fudge Cheesecake

Bread & Butter Pudding with Sultanas and Cinnamon

Christmas pudding



Tea/Coffee and Chocolate Mints

**3 courses - £21.00**

Name \_\_\_\_\_



As always, we are grateful to I & K Motors for their help with the Allan Moir Trophy and we thank them for their continued support of the Group.



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**The IAM Skill for Life package for Cars is only £139.**

**Tell someone about it, or better still, give them a Skill for Life Gift Voucher.**

**Details on the IAM website. The Better Driving Course Starts soon.**

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**We** are always looking for ideas for the syllabus.

If you have any news, views, information or gossip that you think your fellow members should like to know. TELL US and we can put it into the next newsletter. A newsletter is only as good as the contributions put forward.

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**Please** remember that the committee administers the group on YOUR behalf. If there is anything that you think should be done differently, or if you have suggestions in what the group should be doing to promote road safety in our area, NOW is the your opportunity to get your point across.

**Please do not ignore this page**

If there are any updates or changes to the syllabus we will be posting these on the group website.

The website address is

<http://gordonadvancedmotorists.org.uk>

Please visit the site and we would be grateful for any comments as to the content and layout. If there is anything you think should or should not be there, let us know.

You can find us on Facebook at 'Gordon Advanced Motorists' where we will update with regular postings. This will enable us to get information out to you much more quickly.

And why not tell us what you are up to. Please log on and become a 'friend' of the group so that we can keep in touch with you all.



**Toyota Product Recall**

**TOYOTA LANDCRUISER LWB - ALL MODELS**



**Urgent Product Recall for all models of your husband's Toyota LandCruiser.**

New EU Regulations mean that all large 4x4 vehicles require a booster cushion in the front drivers seat, so that the diminutive driver can reach the rear view mirror in order to apply makeup / adjust hairstyle, whilst the screaming child in the back seat daubs snotty fingerprints over the window as they strain at their not-quite-done-up-properly kiddy-seat straps.

There will be no modifications to the huge, fuel guzzling engines, nor will this make it any easier to park, love. Your tank will be in the garage for approximately half an hour whilst the booster cushion is fitted, which will be the longest time this 4x4 has spent "off road" in it's life.

The car in front, with one small child and it's mother, who can barely see over the steering wheel, is a



Toyota **TOYOTA**



A woman goes to the Doctor, worried about her husbands temper and threatening manner.

The Doctor asks: "What's the problem?"  
The woman says: "Doctor, I don't know what to do. Every time my husband comes home drunk, he shouts and argues".

The Doctor says: "I have a real good cure for that. When your husband comes home drunk, just take a glass of water and start swishing it in your mouth. Just swish and swish but don't swallow it until he goes to bed and is asleep."

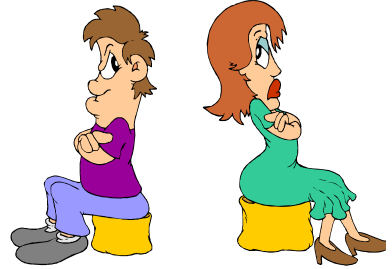
Two weeks later the woman comes back to the doctor looking fresh and reborn.

The woman says: "Doctor that was a brilliant idea! Every time my husband came home drunk, I swished with water. I swished and swished, and he didn't shout or threaten me!

How does the water do that?"

The Doctor says: "The water doesn't do anything at all -

It's keeping your mouth shut that does the trick".



**WORD PUZZLE**

Aquarius      Capricorn      Leo      Sagittarius      Twins Archer  
 Crab      Libra      Scales      Virgo      Aries Fire  
 Scorpio      Zodiac      Astrology      Fish      Moon Stars  
 Bull      Gemini      Pisces      Taurus      Cancer Horoscope  
 Ram      The Sun      Lion

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Y	C	G	K	S	E	L	A	C	S	I	H	D	Z	V
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## With Responsibility



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DRIVING ROAD SAFETY

## PASCALE'S QUIZ

1. In which country are the Cariboo Mountains?
2. What is the sign of the Zodiac represented by a crab?
3. Black Velvet is a mixture of stout and which other alcoholic drink?
4. 'Peanuts' is the work of which cartoonist?
5. What is the collective name for a group of finches?
6. Lord Raglan was a commander in which war?
7. What poisonous substance does the cassava root contain?
8. What is the Roman numeral for 500?
9. During which war was the Battle of Marne?
10. How many boroughs does New York have?

## Answers to Last Quiz

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Assassination of JF Kennedy  | 6. Jim Carrey     |
| 2. Swimming pool (esp. indoors) | 7. Windsor Castle |
| 3. Tony Manero                  | 8. Mount Everest  |
| 4. Yurt                         | 9. The King and I |
| 5. Hernando Cortez              | 10. A badger      |

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