



# **Exeter & Torbay Advanced Motorists**

**Winter 2016**

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# Chairman's Chat

Greetings all: You will see elsewhere in the Newsletter my notes from the Annual Conference that Tony Spiers and myself attended at Aston University in Birmingham at the end of October. I think all the attendees came away enthused with what the IAM is hoping to achieve, one of the main topics is engaging with younger drivers as they are the most at risk. The Committee will be discussing ways that we can do something towards this.

Our re-branding has also been well received in both governmental and media circles, you will note that IAM representatives are appearing more on the media when road safety matters are raised. My plea at the AGM for someone to take on the organising of our speakers for the winter meetings has, so far, fallen on deaf ears. Do consider if you would like to help out with this – it will reduce my work load if nothing else!

The July meeting, our famous Gym-Car-Na, was at Poltimore House, thanks to Rob Adams for use of the space, and the supply of refreshments. I am hoping we will return there next year, as I was, unfortunately, away, so missed it!

The August meeting was an observational drive – ‘Spot the Clue’ - which everyone managed, so the next one will be more difficult! In September there was a presentation by Elaine Squires from the ‘Devon Drink Wise Age Well’ project which, I hope, gave food for thought?

I was most impressed with the turnout in October for the AGM – thank you to all who came. Dennis rounded the evening off nicely with a presentation on Commentary [Spoken Thought] Driving which provoked some thought.

The November meeting was also well attended with a presentation by two representatives from Michelin Tyres on how tyre

technology has developed and what the latest trends are – unfortunately there were no free samples!

Our December meeting will be a social gathering at the Swan's Nest at Exminster, for which we currently have 30 booked.

As usual, there is no meeting in January, allowing us all to recover from the excesses of Christmas and the New Year!

The February meeting is a presentation by Kay Yendall of the Newton Abbot Community Transport Association, the Association has now been in existence for 25 years so it should be an interesting talk.

We are awaiting confirmation from the RAC for the March meeting for a local RAC patrol to attend.

Safe Driving

John Tibbs

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## *Welcome*

We extend a warm welcome to the following Associates who have joined the Group since the last newsletter

Jim Joiner

Leslie Gare

Martin Stentiford

Carolyn Cleasby

Daryl Clifford

Dianne Gammage

Tabitha Gammage

Teignmouth

Exeter

Ipplepen

Exeter

Newton Abbot

Bovey Tracey

Bovey Tracey

Ann-Marie Stanley  
Alan Stevens  
Karen Peirce  
Stephen Hear  
Toby Kay  
Timothy Parsons  
Ian Clark  
Annie Corbin

Torquay  
Okehampton  
Okehampton  
Okehampton  
Dawlish  
Exeter  
Newton Abbot  
Honiton

Claire Chilcott,  
Membership Secretary

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# *Congratulations*

Congratulations to the following who are now Full Members of the IAM, having passed the advanced test since the last newsletter. Our thanks, as usual, to their Observers.

<b>Associate</b>	<b>Observer</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Amelia Thomas	Gloria McGinty	First
Mary Waterman	Graham Fry	First

John Tibbs  
Associate Co-ordinator

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# Greetings from the ETAM Skills Co-ordinator

Greetings all: Two test results since the last Newsletter, both First's, well done to Mary Waterman and Amelia Thomas and their Observers. All our Active Observers are busy, some with two or even three Associates! We currently have seven more awaiting allocation around the area.

The next driveout will be from the 'Hog & Hedge' – A30 Services at Whiddon Down, Wednesday, 30th November at 10.00am. If you are interested keep checking your 'In boxes!' Just turn up at the appointed time, no need to book!

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## Monthly Meeting Reports

### September meeting

Devon Drink Wise, Age Well

**An informative evening with the group requesting further information which has been supplied by the speaker:**

Elaine Squires, Prevention Project Worker, Devon Drink Wise, Age Well, 07966 393 227

As discussed, I attach the data set that was obtained by freedom of information from Devon and Cornwall Police. The data set we requested at Drink Wise, Age Well lists all drink driving convictions in the over 50's, for the past 10 years in Devon and Cornwall. While obtaining this information, Devon and Cornwall Police also advised

us of a previous request from a different organisation, that outlines the drink driving convictions in Devon and Cornwall for the periods of 2013-2015, for all age groups and details this on a monthly basis. I have also attached this information for you.

As we discussed very briefly last night, this second data set on a monthly basis for all age groups, shows some slight decline over the December month in drink driving convictions; however tends to peak again in January and February and in some of the summer months. There are some differences between the years, so it is difficult to establish a definitive trend in the data; however I hope this information is helpful.

Many thanks again for welcoming us to the group.

## **Devon & Cornwall Police**



Record 1

### **Freedom of Information Act Request No: 003298/16**

**I would like to make an FOI request to find the data of the number of drink driving convictions in Devon & Cornwall for the years between 2005 to 2015 inclusive, specifically for the 50+ age range. If this data can be split for recorded gender as well this would be helpful.**

The Performance & Analysis Department have provided the following information:

**Data source:**

Force court case recording system - NSPIS Case

**Data processing:**

Qlikview Court Cases report

Court result date date between 1st April 2005 and 31st December 2015

BTJ Type 'Conviction'

Age 50 years and over

Offence selection -

Attempt to drive motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit

Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit

Drive whilst unfit through drink

Fail to co-operate with the provision of a specimen of breath  
- preliminary test - motor vehicle offence

Fail to provide specimen - person in charge of vehicle

Fail to provide specimen for analysis - vehicle driver

In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit

In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink

**Data limitations:**

We hold court data only from April 2005

**Data:**

The table below shows all drink drive convictions in the Force area between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 & 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 by year and gender.

Year	Female	Male	Total
April to December 2005	23	151	174
January to December 2006	55	302	357
January to December 2007	56	314	370
January to December 2008	56	285	341



Year	Female	Male	Total
January to December 2009	46	246	292
January to December 2010	52	244	296
January to December 2011	55	250	305
January to December 2012	52	236	288
January to December 2013	47	203	250
January to December 2014	57	201	258
January to December 2015	42	223	265

# Devon & Cornwall Police



Record 1

## Freedom of Information Act Request No: 0618/16

1. How many people were convicted of drink driving broken down by month, in 2015, 2014 and in 2013 in your force area? Please also break down by gender if possible?

**Just to clarify, if you are unable to provide conviction data, then arrests will be sufficient.**

The Performance and Analysis Department have provided the following information:

**Data Source:**

- Data taken from Caseprep

**Data Processing:**

- Data filtered from the Court Cases Qlikview report on the dates 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 based on court result date, OBTJ Type 'Conviction' and the Home Office outcome group '803 Motoring – Driving etc after consuming alcohol or taking drugs'.
- The following two offences were then excluded '803/10 Drive a vehicle whilst unfit through drugs' and '803/12 In charge of a vehicle whilst unfit through drugs'.
- The data was then aggregated on the PersonPNCID and Year to count the person just once in each year.

**Data:**

The table below shows the total number of **people** convicted for drink driving from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013 by month, year and gender.

<b>Month- Year</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>
Jan-13	36	131	167
Feb-13	26	118	144
Mar-13	15	85	100
Apr-13	26	91	117
May-13	21	124	145
Jun-13	18	85	103
Jul-13	29	103	132
Aug-13	21	102	123
Sep-13	13	70	83

<b>Month- Year</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>
Oct-13	19	107	126
Nov-13	21	97	118
Dec-13	15	74	89
<b>Total 2013</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>1187</b>	<b>1447</b>

The table below shows the total number of **people** convicted for drink driving from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 by month, year and gender.

<b>Month - Year</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>
Jan-14	25	118	143
Feb-14	33	86	119
Mar-14	22	68	90
Apr-14	27	97	124
May-14	21	85	106
Jun-14	18	80	98
Jul-14	15	80	95
Aug-14	20	92	112
Sep-14	20	87	107
Oct-14	23	101	124
Nov-14	23	59	82
Dec-14	12	71	83
<b>Total 2014</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>1283</b>

The table below shows the total number of **people** convicted for drink driving from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 by month, year and gender.

<b>Month - Year</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>
Jan-15	19	112	131
Feb-15	22	92	114

<b>Month - Year</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>
Mar-15	20	89	109
Apr-15	21	88	109
May-15	19	86	105
Jun-15	23	109	132
Jul-15	30	102	132
Aug-15	23	74	97
Sep-15	20	95	115
Oct-15	16	103	119
Nov-15	16	91	107
Dec-15	26	84	110
<b>Total 2015</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>1125</b>	<b>1380</b>

The table below shows the grand total of the number of **people** convicted for drink driving from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 by month, year and gender.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>
2013	260	1187	1447
2014	259	1024	1283
2015	255	1125	1380
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>3336</b>	<b>4110</b>

You may also be interested in the following disclosures made previously by this Unit:

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/your-right-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-logs/disclosure-list.aspx?id=a2ee5107-fcc6-4a42-9a97-3fd827005b76&year=2016&pageSize=10>

## November meeting

Novembers' talk was given by Jonathan Ford and Natalie Tweedle from Michelin tyre company. Jonathan is the Dealer Development Manager and Natalie the Dealer Representative for Devon, Cornwall, Wiltshire and part of Somerset and Dorset.

Jonathan gave a presentation covering the history of Michelin, demountable pneumatic tyres and tyre development including videos showing the method of manufacture for tyres. We were also shown videos showing the effects of under inflating tyres and the effect of fitting new tyres to the front of a vehicle rather than to the rear.

Natalie showed four tyres from the current Michelin range including a recent addition the CrossClimate tyre, the first summer tyre which can be used in winter conditions.

Three items I took away from the evening

1. We were told that Premium tyres (tyres from the major manufacturers, Michelin, Goodyear, Dunlop etc) perform better than budget tyres. Independent tests seem to suggest that a car using premium tyres breaking from 70mph stopped 25m sooner than the vehicle using a budget tyre. Another way of looking at this was when the car on premium tyres had stopped the other car was still travelling at 30mph!
2. Inflation pressures do matter, under inflation degrades performance, especially breaking and cornering.
3. When replacing the front tyres ensure sure the new tyres are fitted to the back axle and the older rear tyres/wheels are placed on the front. This applies to front or rear drive vehicles. This configuration helps prevent the rear of the car from breaking away on cornering as it has the greater grip and can also disperse more water in wet. The driver

also stands more chance of detecting and controlling any loss of grip from the front as they can feel it through the steering.

A very interesting and informative evening

Brian Palmer  
Committee Member

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## Forthcoming Events

The Group meets on the first Wednesday of every month (except January). Meetings start at 7.30pm.

**Kenn Centre  
Exeter Road  
Kennford, Exeter  
EX6 7UE**

The Kenn Centre is situated off the A38 (Exeter to Plymouth road) in the village of Kennford. The Centre is clearly signposted once you arrive in the village and free parking for 40 cars is available close to the main entrance.

**7<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Social event at the Swan's Nest at Exminster, 7.00 for 7.30pm, an excellent Carvery Menu as well as a full range of other food. We have the opportunity to use the pub's function room, all or part of it, dependent on how many attend, please let any of the Committee know if you are interested? Wives, husbands, family, partners or friends most welcome to join us.

**2017**

**January**

No meeting as usual.

**1<sup>st</sup> Feb**

Talk by Kay Yendall  
Newton Abbot Community Transport  
Association

**1<sup>st</sup> March**

Talk by the RAC (to be confirmed)

As the Social Secretary role is currently vacant the committee are trying to arrange talks for 2016. If you have any suggestions please contact us and if you can help with approaching possible speakers.

Please do come to the monthly meetings, we hope to have something of interest for you and it is good to keep in touch with other members and to hear what is happening in the driving world. If you know of anything you would like to hear about please let me know.

Any problems finding us ring the IAM mobile on 07542282111 for directions.

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**Exeter and Torbay Advanced Motorists  
Annual General meeting  
Held on Wednesday 5th October 2016  
Held at The Kenn Centre, Kennford**

**Minutes**

Welcome and Notices.

The chairman welcomed the members. The meeting opened at 7.30pm

## Apologies

Received from Graham Fry, Tim Privett, Susan Oliver & Sue LeWorthy

## Minutes.

The minutes of the previous AGM had been published in the December 2015 Newsletter.

## Secretary's report.

Martin reported that there had been no matters arising from the previous minutes & asked if they could be accepted as read, this was proposed by Marion Frances & seconded by Meg Privett.

## Chairman's report

John reported after completing his first year as Chairman of the Group.

- During the year we were assigned 35 Associates of which 11 have passed their test. There are 20 Associates undergoing coaching & 8 Associates are awaiting allocation to an Observer
- John thanked all the Active Observers for their support & confirmed that there were 2 trainee Observers undergoing training
- John reminded everyone that all Observers now have to requalify by the end of next year under the new IMI Scheme if they wish to continue Observing
- In June our Area Manager Shaun Cronin now designated as our 'Area Service Delivery Manager' & Area Examiner Rob Downing presented an update on the IMI Qualifications to the Observers
- During the months with lighter evenings a number of practical driving events have been held which generally seem to have been enjoyed, we hope to run similar events next year, & would welcome suggestions for activities next year.



- John confirmed that we do not currently have an events secretary so the committee have been mucking in with suggestions, these included a presentation by Mick Hadley our retired IAM examiner from Torbay, a representative from the South West Ambulance Trust, a local cycling group representative, a talk on ‘Age Well, Drink Wise’ & practical drive-outs in May, July & August together with a visit to the local Volvo dealership in June.
- Forthcoming speakers will a representative from Michelin tyres, a talk from Newton Abbot Community Transport Association & a visit from a RAC patrol.
- In December we generally have a social evening, this year all members, associates, family & friends are invited to the Swan’s Nest at Exminster at 7.00 for 7.30pm for a Christmas meal. There is an excellent carvery & a choice of other meals.
- In July the group attended the Powderham Classic Car Show with 4 cars & a mix of committee & observers. This was our first opportunity to show off the new Roadsmart regalia. The group has also purchases a gazebo shelter to provide protection for our people at any of these outdoor events.
- Committee member Tony Spiers accompanied John to the Regional Forum at the Haynes Motor Museum in September, which included a report on how the IAM was performing & included details of the move of HQ from Chiswick to Welwyn Garden City. This is also the IAM’s 60<sup>th</sup> year so events are being organised to celebrate the fact plus trying to attract celebrities, manufactures & owners clubs to support the IAM.
- In conclusion John thanked all the committee for their support during the year

### Treasurer’s report.

The treasurer reported the current financial position of the group. Copies of the balance sheet were distributed & Andrew went through the accounts. Devon County Council continues to fund the

Newsletter. The accounts showed a deficit of income over expenditure in the year of £402.92 due mainly to the cost associated with the re-branding, banners, logo T shirts & badges

Dennis LeWorthy proposed the accounts be accepted which was seconded by Rob Adams. This was agreed.

### Election of officers and committee.

At this point the President, Alan Waugh, took the chair.

Alan thanked the Committee, their families & fiends for keeping the Group going, he thanked the Observers without whom there would be no ability to provide support to the Associates, & the Associates who were the life blood of the Group. He offered special thanks for that individual who had the hardest job of all for the last 12 years, the Newsletter Editor Claire Chilcott. Alan joined the Group in the 1970's & recalled many anecdotes over the years with the Group & holding various offices during that time

Voting for Officers & members of the committee now took place.

All existing committee members have agreed to stand again. Tony Spiers suggested that the committee be voted in enblock. Following a show of hands from the floor the committee were voted on to stand again

### Presentation

It is traditional at the AGM for any formal presentations to be made, however last year both the Shield & the Glanville Cup have become full with no space for any more inscriptions. The Committee therefore this year have decided to present a new annual award to "The Most Valued Member for 2016". Following her sterling service to the group in numerous roles over the last twelve years the salver was presented by Alan to Claire Chilcott.

## AOB

John announced that we still have a small number of high-viz jackets available should anyone want one, also there were some free car-stickers & key fobs available should anyone wish to help themselves. Highway codes & copies of road craft are also available at discounted prices

That concluded the official business for the evening.

## Speaker

There then followed a short video & discussion on the use of commentary given by Dennis which invoked much lively debate.

The meeting closed at 9.05

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# **IAM RoadSmart 2016 Conference at Aston University, 22nd October**

The Conference ‘kicked-off’ in the Main Lecture Hall, with an introduction by Dave Shenton, Head of Events, on the day’s proceedings.

Ken Keir, our Chairman then spoke on how things were progressing. The main item was, of course, the launch of ‘RoadSmart’ which has been well received by the media and other transport related bodies, including the Government. Road Traffic incidents cost £6billion pounds a year, and 50% of the people involved are young people – i.e. under the age of 40. Road deaths in 2014 amounted to 1700. With regards to the business side of things, the IAM are looking to further develop the commercial side of the business, especially as all the various offshoots are now under the ‘RoadSmart’ banner.

Sarah Sillars followed Ken, emphasising that we are a charity, and our core role is reducing road traffic incidents by improving driving skills. She mentioned that we have Paddy Hopkirk on board now as an older driver ambassador, and Eloise Peabody-Rolf as a younger driver ambassador – one of the original ‘Under 17 Car Club’ members, now having passed her driving test, her IAM test and is undergoing Observer training during her gap year, whilst also employed by the IAM. We are emphasising **enjoyment** of driving and riding. Sarah also made mention of a ITV programme in production – ‘A Hundred years of Driving Schools’ who are interested in ‘older drivers’ for the programme to be aired next year.

Awards were then made to various groups and individuals for their achievements over the year, mainly dealing with their publicity efforts. This was followed by the prize hamper draw, won by a member of the Belfast group, and then the presentation of an individual award to an office staff member, which went to Lyn Francis.

We then broke into our various groups to attend the five workshops on offer:- Research and Policy, Business Update & Strategy, Insurance, Younger Drivers and Group Handbook revision.

Policy and Research – Neil Greig With improvements in Car Safety, Bikes, Cycles and Pedestrians are now classed as ‘vulnerable road users’. The group was tasked with itemising subjects to prioritise on, for possible inclusion in a ‘Manifesto Policy’ to be prepared for Government ahead of the next elections. The aim is to produce a one page short and succinct document to Government, previous presentations have been too long, so not as effective.

Business Update and Strategy – Sarah Sillars/Ken Keir Current membership stands at 91,000, with 7,000 associates, and 3,000 free assessments carried out in the last year.

There are 460,000 Advanced Drivers, out of a total of 34,000,000 licensed drivers. There is a push to emphasise 'Enjoy Driving'. Also looking into Charity 'Big Ideas', suggestions for sponsorship ideas were welcomed. Ken was personally involved in the 'Movember' fund raiser last November, which, astonishingly, raised £7 million!

Insurance – Paul Woozley/Diarmid Lavery [IAM Surety] IAM Surety now have 45000 members insured with them. They have produced statistics for IAM members claims, the top four incidents are:- hitting third party in rear, losing control, hitting stationary vehicle, and reversing into a bollard/post. They are currently investigating data for Observers and Masters, with a view to reducing their premiums if the claims record warrants it.

An additional membership category of 'FELLOW' was also discussed. This requires re-taking the test every third year and to pass it to remain in the Fellow category, otherwise reverting back to ordinary 'member' status. It was noted by the insurers that, initially, members do have a better driving record than non-members, but, after 5 years they decline to a similar level as the general population, so the Fellow category could address this?

Younger Drivers – Eloise Peabody-Rolf/Catherine Lloyd Attempting to address and attract the lack of young drivers that we reach – IAM membership of drivers aged under 26 is 0.39% - so asking for suggestions that could be sent to the Groups, giving ideas to attract them. Our group was split into two, and we 'brainstormed' ideas. The top five that our group decided on as follows:-

1. A modular training programme, rather than the whole Advanced Driver Course
2. Emphasising the benefits available
3. Attempting to obtain sponsorship from local businesses.

#### 4. Promulgating word of mouth contact

#### 5. Approaching local 6<sup>th</sup> form colleges

Group Handbook/Group Sign Off Guidelines – Shaun Cronin/Pete Serhatlic All delegates were issued with a draft copy of the handbook, for us to read and comment on. We were tasked to highlight what's missing and what is unwanted. The handbook is now available on line.

Also mentioned was that from 1<sup>st</sup> November all associates will be asked to complete a 'customer satisfaction survey' on line on completion of their course.

We were also given a draft copy of the RoadSmart group signoff requirements and objectives. This is for those associates who do not wish to take the test. The process will involve the associate going through the 'normal' coaching process, and, if the associate reaches the required standard a previously nominated registered 'Group Sign Off' Local Observer Assessor will review the portfolio of evidence – i.e. ADCL and run sheets – and complete a confirmation report on DTE.

Note 1: Group sign off runs can only be delivered by an N/O or Local Group Assessor.

Note 2: Associates will have to advise which course they wish to take when purchasing their course, and they will not be able to swap mid-course.

John Tibbs  
Chairman

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In 1900, 40% of American cars were powered by steam, 38% by electricity, and 22% by gasoline.

95% of a car's lifetime is spent parked

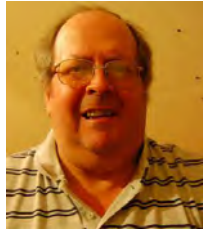
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**Deadline for contributions for the next newsletter:  
18<sup>th</sup> February 2017**