



# Mid Wales Matters

Newsletter of Mid-Wales Advanced Motorists

## Welcome Message to Members

Welcome to the newly-formed Mid-Wales Advanced Motorists. This is our first newsletter and it is my pleasure to be the first to welcome you into this new group.

After a long period of tentative planning Mid-Wales Advanced Motorists has become a reality. We are still very much in a state of building the group but the foundations are now very firmly in place.

Our Bank account has been opened and other processes put in place. Those of us who have been charged with the lonely responsibilities of setting things up have now, since Christmas, started to enrol IAM members who have answered the Chairman's letter which arrived amongst your seasonal greetings cards.

Thank you for taking the interest in this new project. 2 →

## NEWSLETTER

We intend to make this newsletter a forum for tips, hints, anecdotes and comment from our membership. It is your voice to each other as much as it is to inform you of what the group is doing. How good (or otherwise) it becomes is up to everyone who receives a copy. Back to you!

On the next page you will find details of who's who and who does what.

For my part, I have been conscripted as Newsletter Editor. (Someone found out that I did one before.) I am fairly new to the area and indeed to IAM groups. I have however, been a member since 1969. I came in through the 'back door' by way of Birmingham City Police Driving School.

When I was given my Grade One Certificate there was also an IAM membership form, duly certified, with it. I was expected to join!

I also joined the newly formed motorcycle section in 1976 through the same route.

As an aside I completed a car Instructors' Course in 1978 and in 1982 I qualified on artics and did my CPC as insurance for when I retired.

I retired from the police and motorcycling in 1992 and have since busied myself with enjoying retirement.

Enough of me! Steve Woolley is also from the police family and is now also retired.

Our careers crossed paths during service but I don't know a lot about him. I am sure he won't mind me saying that he now drives one of the many school buses which so efficiently get the children of Powys safely to their schools, and indeed home again.

Once again thanks for having the confidence to join us. Those of you with special skills will no doubt soon be contacted by either Steve or Geoff. We need your help.



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## Quick Quips

Because of a lack of constructive content I have dug out a selection classic one-liners from my traffic patrol days.

A 16 stone man was stopped for speeding at 43 mph in a built-up area whilst riding a Honda 70. When told he said, 'Can I have that in writing for when I sell it, please?'

The Officer's reply, 'Certainly, sir, you'll have it on the summons.'

Two officers were patrolling in a Land Rover when they were sent to recover a stolen motorcycle from a park pool. They tossed a coin as to who would don the communal waders to fasten the winch cable to the bike. The unlucky officer lost his footing on the bank and immersed himself in the lake. His mate was doubled up in laughter. The one in the water said, 'It's not b\*\*\*\*y funny.'

His reply, 'It is from up here!'

At 3 am a motorway crew stopped an 85 mph German registered BMW on the M6 to warn the driver of his speed. 'The limit's 70, not 85.' He told the driver.

'There must be a mistake. My clock was showing 140.' (Kilometres)

A policeman who had been driving an empty mini-bus spoke to his controller by telephone. 'The radio's not working. I'm in the *Prince of Wales*.'

Controller: 'Well go out to the van and call me on the radio.'

Officer: 'I can't. The van's in here as well, I've crashed.'

That's it. If there's room next time I'll include some more.