



# Mid Wales Matters Newsletter

## INSIGHT INTO 2017

As we enter 2017, many of us made New Year resolutions – and a great many will break them within days of writing them down! However at IAM RoadSmart you will see that we carried out our 2016 resolutions, and in 2017 we will be carrying on that good work.

Next month we will be launching our bite-size driving modules, which will allow customers to try out a one-off assessment covering a number of different aspects of driving. Those modules, which will last between 60 and 90 minutes each, will cover the following:

- Driving on motorways
- Driving on rural roads
- Driving on urban roads
- Vehicle management
- Overtaking
- Parking and manoeuvring

These will all be carried out by approved ADIs. There is no obligation for the customer to have any more assessments with us – but we are very hopeful that when a new customer to IAM RoadSmart tries one of these, they will be encouraged to embark on the Advanced Driver Course and sign up to a local group.

To put it in a different language, from now on: “You don’t have to marry us, but you can go out with us for a while!” (cont. on page 3)



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### Special points of interest

- IAM insight 2017
- MWAM AGM 18 March 2017

## MWAM CLOTHING RANGE

Promote the MWAM when out and about.

We have red or green shell tops (left), red or green polo shirts (bottom left) and hi-vis jackets (bottom right).

Polo shirts & Hi vis jackets are £17 +p&p

Shell top is £32 +p&p

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Shell top

### MWAM CLOTHING

### PROMOTE THE GROUP

Polo Shirt

Hi Vis Jacket



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We are showing a flexibility that demonstrates we are a modern organisation ready for 2017 and beyond. And continuing with our new approach, we want to show our desire to bring out the enjoyment of driving for our customers – and eliminate the ‘finger wagging’ reputation that the old IAM perhaps unfairly was known for.



Our feeling for 2017 is to show a little more confidence, a little more patience and a little more enjoyment. This all aligns to our goal of improving driving and riding standards, reducing KSI numbers (killed and seriously injured) and administering the Advanced Test.

All of us at IAM RoadSmart hope that you welcome the changes we have made to the organisation in 2016 and our plans for 2017. We really want to know what you think, and we know you won't shy away from making your feelings known.

We appreciate the tireless work you do for IAM RoadSmart and for road safety on our roads as a whole. We are all here for the same reason and I value everything you are doing to save lives and spread the word.

I wish you a happy and successful 2017.

Sarah Sillars OBE, IAM RoadSmart Chief Executive Officer

*Please email the Newsletter Editor at [cawtodman@hotmail.com](mailto:cawtodman@hotmail.com) with articles, your views or comments on matters of interest to the membership.*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

- ◆ Phillip Nigel Owen - Bike Member
- ◆ Pauline Page-Jones—Car Member (F1rst)
- ◆ Clive Todman - Our 1st dual bike & car local observer

*PLEASE NOTE: The views expressed by contributors do not necessarily reflect those of the Committee, or the Editor.*

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## **GROUP NEWS**

### Francis Torrens passes away



Francis Torrens passed away on 14 December 2016 at home. He will be best remembered for his keen sense of humour, insisting D position in his Jaguar was sufficiently engineered for all possible driving conditions, except for reversing, along with his commitment to increasing road safety in Wales, and his public service as a local

councillor. Dave Tompsett, vice chairman said: "Our condolences at this sad time are with Marion, his wife. We owe Francis a great debt of gratitude for his contribution to MWAM as our chairman."

### Annual General Meeting - Saturday 18th March 2017

You are cordially invited by the group committee to the 13th AGM of MWAM at 2:00pm on Saturday 18th March 2017 at the Bracken Trust, Cefnlllys Lane, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5LJ. This is to enable the trustees of the group to present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016 for approval by the members and also to conduct an election.

This is your opportunity to find out how we have spent your money and to question the committee on its activities. We are nothing without our members and we need support and guidance on what we should be doing for the groups and your benefit. If you don't like what we are doing, come along and say so; if you do, please come and let us know. Your continued support is appreciated and we would encourage as many members as possible to become involved in the running of the group. This year we have vacancies for three members on our committee and invite you to apply to join if you are able to give you time and energies to the future success of the group. If you feel that you cannot play an active role, please continue your financial support by renewing your membership of MWAM. A formal notice for the AGM and nomination forms has been sent to members who do not have computer access and copies are available for download from our website for those who have this facility. If you have not received these or you would like a printed copy, please contact the secretary.