

HIGH WYCOMBE GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS

**33rd Annual General Meeting of the High Wycombe Group of Advanced Motorists
Tuesday 7th March 2017 at The White Hart, Beaconsfield, HP9 1LW at 7.30pm**

MINUTES

Present

Committee: Keith Chanter (KC), Peter Gunn (PG), Sean Pearce (SP), Jan Caddie (JC), Teji Barnes (TB), Valerie Brickell (VB), Andrew True (AT).

Full Members: Alan Baker, John Bennett, Ian Brown, Anita Cacchioli, John Catton, Roy Craig, Mark Hall, Eric Haming, Bob Hill, Nigel Mason, Chris Mitchell, Joseph Nichol, Tim Nicholson, David Pinnock, Dave Rose, Peter Woolley.

Associate Members: Robert Farmer, Wendy Farmer, James Gledhill, Ray Hall, Shirley Mc Kiernan, John Turkington.

Guests: Alan Murray (Guest Speaker)
Belinda Catton, Alan Mitchell, Abigail Nichol,

KC welcomed all to the meeting including Alan Murray, our guest speaker and an IAM examiner. KC advised that in the absence of the Group Secretary, Matti Alderson, VB would on this occasion be acting as minute taker.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Matti Alderson, Adrian Blackburne, Danny Brighton, James Darley, David Eldridge, Robert Frost, Patti Garrett, Julie Harris, Angela Hector, Anna Munday, Daniel Munday, Sandra Rolfe- Dickinson, Robert Williams.

2. Minutes of Last AGM.

The minutes were accepted by the membership and signed of by the Chair, KC.

3. Matter's Arising.

There were no matters arising.

4. Chair's Report.

KC reminded the meeting that his report had been circulated to members together with the invitation to the AGM.

Committee members endeavour to attend conferences and forums hosted by IAM. The next event is the Spring Regional Forum where two items of particular interest will be raised. Firstly the new handbook and secondly the move to allow groups to sign off members without an examiner. Our pool of observers is increasing but more would be welcome and would allow the Group to increase the promotion of advanced driving.

5. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts.

PG advised that a detailed report was circulated with the AGM invitation. The closing cash balance as at 31st December 2016 was £12163.18, some £100.00 more than at the end of the previous year. 73 membership subscriptions were received in 2016 compared to 81 in the previous year. There were 31 Skill For Life applications compared to 21 in each of the previous two years. PG drew the meeting's attention to the item in the accounts entitled Promotion and advised that figure of £586.55 related to website costs and covered a period of five years.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by KC and proposed by SP.

6. Election of Officers (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Chief Observer).

KC offered to stand again as Chair and was proposed by Peter Woolley and seconded by SP. PG offered to stand again as Treasurer and was proposed by KC and seconded by SP. Matti Alderson was willing to re-stand as Secretary and was proposed by PG and seconded by VB. Andrew True offered to stand again as Chief Observer and was proposed by Tim Nicholson and seconded by JC.

7. Election of Committee (one third must retire annually).

All non-officer committee members were prepared to stand again. The election of JC, SP, TB and VB was proposed by KC and seconded by Eric Hambling.

The committee now consists of:

Chair	Keith Chanter
Secretary	Matti Alderson
Treasurer	Peter Gunn
Chief Observer	Andrew True
Membership Secretary	Jan Caddie
Webmaster	Sean Pearce
Events	Valerie Brickell
Without Portfolio	Teji Barnes

8. Any Other Business.

A question was raised that asked how many observers were active within the Group. KC replied that there were eight and two more in training. The number of Associates currently totalled twenty four.

9. Date of Next Meeting.

6th March 2018.

The formal business of the AGM was concluded at 7.50pm. KC then introduced Alan Murray (AM), an IAM examiner.

AM proposed that rather than give a formal presentation he would be willing to answer questions from the members.

A great number of questions were raised below is a summary of AM's responses.

1. With excellent observation and good vision it is acceptable to straightline roundabouts.
2. Brakes, not gears should be used to slow a vehicle. Block gear changing if necessary.
3. An associate should be able to explain various auto gear box modes.
4. When encountering a vehicle hogging the centre of the road AM's advice is to drop back.
5. On a straight road it is safe to cross the broad hatching in the centre provided the obstacle vehicle is proceeding at less than the speed limit.
6. When being tail-gated by a following vehicle the best advice is to let the vehicle pass if possible.
7. At a flat painted roundabout it is acceptable drive over if room is tight. If the roundabout is bevelled then you must go around it.
8. Lane marking are not advisory. They must be adhered to.
9. Joining forces with the Under 17 Car Club should go some way to promoting advanced driver training.
10. Drivers were advised to keep the revs up but not to the point that the counter reaches the red line. Drivers should not be changing up at low revs.
11. Commentary was preferred to the spoken thoughts now being asked for.
12. Drivers are not expected to drive at high speeds if there are potholes in the road.
13. Drivers should take the opportunity to overtake if the vehicle in front is proceeding slowly and there is no queue ahead.
14. Do not signal unnecessarily. Being selective about signalling indicates good observation.
15. On steep hills drivers of automatic vehicles should make use of tiptronic rather than select manual override.
16. Good IAM passes could be 1st passes with better use of gears and good commentary or spoken thoughts.
17. When a driver switches from a manual car to an automatic the advice would be to brake early and to tuck their left foot under the seat.
18. It is believed that digital speedometers have a 3% margin for error in the driver's favour.
19. Cruise control should not be used indiscriminately but is acceptable on motorways.

The question and answer session closed at 9.00pm. KC gave thanks to AM who was given an enthusiastic applause.