

GO BETWEEN

Oxford IAM Group Newsletter

March 2009



Hello!

Welcome to the new look Go Between! Its new format is designed to keep you in touch with all that's happening in the Group & provide information you may need quickly, while working as a support to the new website. Thanks go to Chris Burras for all his hard work on the previous newsletters- his efforts were very much appreciated & always made a good read! I'll still be asking for contributions, so if anyone wants to submit an article please feel free to do so. I'm always grateful for anything anyone wants to send me, be it an article, photograph or an item of driving/ riding related news that caught the eye!

Happy motoring,
Helen.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Skid Control

We are hoping to be able to run both of these later in the year, but we need a minimum of 12 people for each. There will be four sessions, each lasting 2hrs with 3 participants per group. The cost per person is £135 using the most up to date equipment in the country where you will be able to experience understeer, oversteer, front and rear wheel skids, Non ABS Braking, ABS Braking, Traction Control Systems, ESP systems, Driving in Adverse Conditions and Aquaplaning
The 3 provisional dates are:

Saturday 25th July

Saturday 22nd August

Saturday 7th November

Getting Muddy!

The 4x4 event will be run at a venue near Denham and will cost £75 per person and includes lunch. The event will start at 10am and finish approx. 4pm. You will need to bring with you waterproofs and a change of clothes as it can get very wet!

The 4x4 can be run on any Saturday in either October or November, so if there are any dates you can not make please let us know.

If you are interested in any of the above please e-mail/post your contact details together with the number of members/non-members wanting to attend to:

iamoxfordevents@hotmail.co.uk or

Mr & Mrs Jeffs, 22 Park View Road, Witney
Oxon, OX28 1GA



<http://www.iam-oxford.org.uk/>

It's Show Time!



We have already got two shows for this year and we are looking for volunteers to help man the mobile display unit (MDU). As the saying goes, “many hands make light work” and this is certainly true in this instance! It doesn't matter whether you are a member of the committee, or someone who has just joined the group and has not yet taken their test. We need lots of enthusiastic people to speak to members of the public who are interested in what we do as a group and what becoming an “Advanced Driver” means! (It also means you get to attend the show free of charge and have a fun day out).

Abingdon Fayre, Sunday 3rd May @ Dalton Barracks, Abingdon
Oxford Motor Show, 21st or 28th June @ Cutteslow Park, Oxford

Please let us know if you are able to help for a couple of hours with either of these events, specifying morning, afternoon or lunchtime together with either a contact number or e-mail address.

If you are unable to help with either of these dates, but are willing to lend a helping hand giving the MDU an annual “spring clean” either one evening or weekend we would also love to hear from you!

CAR DRIVE OUTS!!

For all full car members: We have all joined because we are passionate about driving. So how about getting together to drive with other members of the group? The bikers already do this- why should they have all the fun! The idea is to have fun, meet other members, discuss driving & maybe even share a few tips. You don't need to be an Observer, this is purely for fun. Routes will be set out for you, all you have to do is follow the directions given- or not, if you prefer! If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Senior Observer Mark Reddin by emailing mark_reddin@hotmail.com

Fancy a 540mile ride out?

Fancy a ride out say, starting at 2pm Saturday 4th July? We will cover 540 miles or more and should be back home for breakfast Sunday morning – one more thing, we need to find and check into 23 check points along the way. Well that's just what the National Road Rally is... I have entered it for the last 10 years or so, rain or shine I love it! If you are interested in we can enter as team more details [National Rally](#) or email me duncan@oagam.org.

More Dates!

Upcoming meetings of the Oxford Classic Motor Club. Further information can be found on their website at <http://www.oxcmc.org.uk/>

Tuesday April 21st - Don Summers - Oxfordshire Secrets From World War Two
Tuesday May 12th - Richard Meredith-Harvey - Flying Over Everest (and a JCB!)

Race Dates

A little bit cheeky of me- here's some self-promotion! I'm out racing the 2CV again this year if anyone fancies coming along. There is always other racing of various different classes on the day; also at Silverstone will be Caterhams, BMWs, and the MG Owners Club Championship. Please let me know if you would like more information! Helen

4 & 5 April Silverstone

11 May Mallory Park, Leicestershire

31 May Cadwell Park, Lincolnshire

20 June Oulton Park, Cheshire

8/9 August Snetterton in Norfolk -24 hour race



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Membership

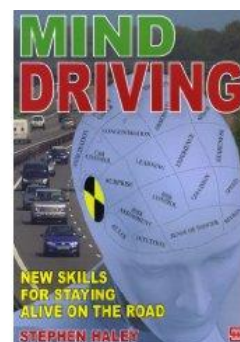
Duncan has done a brilliant job getting reminders out for the OAGAM subs which are due at the end of March. Please check your details & let him know of any changes! If you haven't received yours yet, please see Duncan at the next meeting or contact Duncan through duncan@oagam.org

February Meeting

The weather curtailed the meeting somewhat! However I believe there was still a reasonable turnout. Unfortunately the speaker due to attend was unable to visit, so Clive & Tony stepped up & arranged to show some Advanced Driving DVDs, which (I think) included one on commentary. Thanks guys!

March Meeting

The Speaker for the month was Steve Haley, author of 'Mind Driving'. Steve gave an interesting talk on how he had come to write the book & what it was about. He started thinking about driver psychology a few years ago when his children were learning to drive. He felt that more emphasis should be placed on the thought process of driving, rather than the physical controls. The purpose is to reduce crashes, to make driving safer by developing an internal control of risk management & a good attitude to safety. These are skills that are used already in other aspects of life- for example learning from experience, developing a sense of danger & knowing applicable rules & obeying regulations. He met up with experts in the field, including from the AA, RAC & instructors. After some very positive feedback, SkillDriver was published on the web in March 2005. The Driving Instruction Association published it in 2006. Steve bought copies of his book with him to sell, however if you missed out you can order them online!



Calendar

April 1	Trevor Spice- The A34 Wolvercote Viaduct Replacement
May 6	Demonstration Drives/ Ride-out
June 3	Demonstration Drives/ Ride-out
July 1	Demonstration Drives/ Ride-out
August 5	Demonstration Drives/ Ride-out
September 2	Andy Morrison- Motorcycling*
October 7	Ian Lewis- Thatcham Security & Crash Testing
November 4	AGM & Endurance Motorcycling with Pete West*
December 2	Christmas Quiz (with mince pies)

* To be confirmed

Committee Members

Mark McArthur-Christie - Chair
Clive Stayt -Vice Chair & Chief Car Observer
Tony Chalkly -Vice Chair & Secretary
Duncan Jones - Membership Secretary
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Ian Jeffs - Events Manager

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