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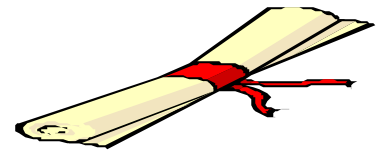


Martin Charlton from Ormskirk

Marjorie Harriman from Southport

Anthony Robinson from Halsall

Hearty congratulations go to



Leslie McBurnie observed by **Cam Cunningham**



Infrastructure and Training are the answer to UK Pedestrian and Cycling problem says IAM



The IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists) has welcomed today's report from the National Audit Office as it underlines a focus on children and cyclists as the top priority needed to lift Great Britain up the road safety league table. "The government are already talking about creating the safest roads in the world and the biggest challenge will be to do this for our most vulnerable road users," says Neil Greig, director of policy and research at the IAM.

The IAM believe that long-term investment in separate facilities for cycling and an improved environment for pedestrians is key. Mr Greig added, "Drivers and riders can make mistakes but, when they share the same road space, that mistake is always fatal for the most vulnerable, while the car or lorry driver will more likely emerge physically unscathed. Providing the

best possible protection must include more cycle paths and better urban design for the safety all road users.”

Research shows that children in deprived areas are most at risk as they spend much more time near busy roads compared to our European counterparts. Town planning and new de-



signs for housing areas will ultimately deliver more safe places to live and play but that will take many years. In the meantime the IAM supports pedestrian and cycling training for children and also provides training for adults wishing to cycle more often. Such training not only increases skills and confidence, but enforces the principles of road safety and promotes

awareness of the needs of vulnerable road users. These have always been a key part of the advanced driving test.

Apropos to the preceding news release from the IAM you may not know that this sort of training is now available in Southport. The following piece is an extract from the Sefton website.

Cycle Training for Adults

Adult Cycle Training courses have been available in Southport from April and will run until October 2009.

The 5 week courses, based at Dunes Leisure Centre, last approximately 1.5 hours per session. If you are interested in taking part, courses cost £10.00 and places must be booked in advance.

Level One is for complete beginners and less experienced riders. These courses run on Thursday evenings, beginning at 6.30pm.

Level Two is for people who can cycle but want to develop their cycling skills and confidence. These courses will run on Tuesday evenings at 6.30pm and also on a Saturday morning at 10.30am.

The start dates for the remaining Level Two Tuesday evening courses are:

11th August & 15th September

The start dates for the remaining Level Two Saturday morning courses are:

8th August, 12th September

For further information of any of these courses - please contact 0151 934 4680.



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