

## Secretary's report 2005-06

Since our last AGM we have had a very busy time with great effort being made to increase our membership and to keep them active. At present we have 86 full members at the end of March with 51 car , 35 motorcycle and 5 both car and motorcycle.

We have been trying very hard to reach the magic 100 members but as we move forward with new associates who become full members after they pass their test we seem to lose as many off the other end.

This is a special year, as I am sure every one is aware, and as a group we have lots of events in the pipelines – we have the use of the IAM mobile display unit to take to various summer events around Dumfries and Galloway. We are going to offer Assessment drives and also arrange another manoeuvrability challenge later in the year. All these will need to be manned and supported so I would urge anyone who has some spare time to help out in any way they can.

As group secretary I was invited to the House of Lords in March for the official launch of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. It was a very interesting evening and the wine flowed. I found it very useful to meet other group members and exchange ideas. I was one of only 2 Scottish groups to attend so I am very glad that I made the effort to push Dumfries to the fore-front.

Locally we had mixed results in our inter group competitions- we lost the quiz to Carlisle but successfully defended our 10 pin bowling cup. It is very good to keep up links with Carlisle and Westmorland and have a good night out as well. Both take place in October or November so please keep it in mind and if you wish to come along then let me know. Our congratulations go to Peter Dodds, Russell Wears and Andrew Bird for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Fred Welch inter group postal competition. This is the best position as if they had been 1<sup>st</sup> we would have to organise next year's. This year we have had a minutes secretary and I would like to thank Anne Lind for taking on this role and making my life as secretary much easier especially at committee meetings.

If anyone has any ideas how we can encourage members to come along to meetings and take an active part then please let me know.