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Newsletter

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Dates for Your Diary

Monthly meetings are all held at
Liddington Village Hall opposite
the church.

**Friday 23rd January 2009,
7.00pm for 7.30pm**

Don't Forget! Christmas Meal at
The Village Inn, Liddington

**Monday 9th February,
7.15pm for 7.45pm**

Meeting: Paul Silverwood, President
of the Under 17 Car Club

**Wednesday 25th February,
7.30pm**

Chris Gilbert evening

**Monday 9th March,
7.15pm for 7.45pm**

Meeting: Mike Horn RoSPA
Examiner, and Class 1 Police Car
Driver

**Saturday 28th March
Driving Day**

**Saturday 18th April,
8.45am to 5.00pm**

First Aid Course at Liddington Village
Hall

**Do you have a Topic you would
like discussed, or know of an
interesting speaker? Please
contact Monica!**

Happy New Year!

**The Committee would like to
wish you all a belated
Happy New Year!**

News and Information

Dave Hooper has kindly offered to take on the role of Bike Associate Coordinator. This means that he will now allocate tutors to new bike associates. Glyn will remain Bike Training Officer.

Please can you keep Monica informed of any changes to your contact details. That includes phone, mobile, email and postal addresses. It makes life so much easier when sending any information out!

Forthcoming Meetings

Monday 9th February, 2009 7.15pm for 7.45pm: Paul Silverwood, President of the Under 17 Car Club will be coming to talk about his organisation which gives youngsters the opportunity to learn to drive from the age of thirteen. As you may have read in previous newsletters, the Committee are very keen to work closer with the U17 Car Club and have been very impressed with the work that they do. Several of our members are hoping to become instructors for them and we are also hoping to be able to provide training for ex-U17 Car Club members who wish to take their RoSPA Advanced Driving Test after passing their 'L' test. We see this as an ideal opportunity to encourage and promote Advanced Driving amongst young drivers. **Please come along and show your support!**

Note: this is a change to the previously advertised speaker.



Wednesday 25th February, 2 009 7.30pm:

Chris Gilbert will be coming to give a talk on 'In Car Training'. This is aimed at Tutors and anyone interested in becoming a Tutor. Chris will talk about training and how to correct faults. If you are a tutor and have had an issue with an associate that you feel you could have explained differently, or need some advice on how to handle a situation then this evening is for you! Please come along and bring your queries. There will be a break half way through the evening. The cost of this evening is **£3** to help cover expenses.

Monday 9th March, 2009 7.15pm for 7.45pm:

Mike Horn, RoSPA Examiner, and Class 1 Police Car Driver from Banbury. He is also president of Banbury IAM. He is known to be quite controversial so this promises to be an interesting evening!!

Note there is no meeting in April as it falls on Easter Monday.

Welcome!



Welcome to the following new members who have joined us recently:

Michael Browne (car)

Lisa Wilcox (bike)

Events

Calling all car drivers!

Driving Day Saturday 28th March



Our first driving day will take place on the 28th March 2009, providing an opportunity to drive with others, compare notes, and have some fun!

There will be a selection of routes available to choose from, and members will be paired together, with different partners for morning and afternoon sessions. Each session will involve two drives, each partner driving their own car. Lunch will be arranged at a convenient pub.

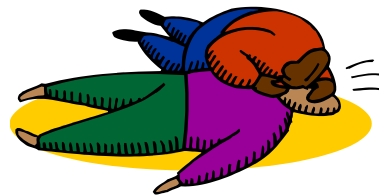
The routes chosen will include some nice driving roads, together with some more technical sections for drivers to practise their technique in slightly busier conditions, or on more challenging roads.

You need to bring nothing except your car, money for lunch and a sense of adventure and desire to improve. Everyone pays for their own fuel.

Expressions of interest to any committee member please, or via the web forum if you prefer. Please state your current driving level when you put your name down.

First Aid Course Saturday 18th April, 8.45am – 5.00pm

First Aid Course relating to car accidents. To be held at Liddington Village Hall. Weather permitting some training will be done outside. Cost £60 to include tea and coffee breaks, lunch and a contribution to the cost of the hall. This is excellent value and well worth doing. We have space for 20 people. Book your place by the end of February at the latest by sending your cheque to Monica. **£60 could give you the confidence to save someone's life!!**



Bike Ride-outs

Don't forget that regular Bike Ride-outs take place on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Check the Motorcycle Discussion section on the Web Site Forum for more details.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **John King** who gained Gold in his car test. His tutor was **Kevin Hugo**.

Congratulations also to **Michelle Gower** who gained silver in her car test. Her tutor was **Len Dean**.



Photocard Driving Licences

The 2nd EU Directive, adopted by the UK in 1991, introduced the requirement that all UK licences issued after July 2001 should be in a photocard format. Following Ministerial agreement and public consultation in 1994, DVLA implemented this requirement from 1998 onwards. Photocard licences were issued in order to improve road safety and reduce driver and vehicle crime.

UK legislation, devised to support the introduction of the photocard driving licence, states that the image expires after a 10-year period and must then be renewed. The first photocard driving licences were issued by DVLA on 7 July 1998 so the first images were due for renewal from 6 July 2008.

As a result, from July 2008 those who have a Photocard Licence must update the licence when the photographic image expires. A project run by the DVLA has been completed to support this requirement and, from May 2008, they began sending reminders to licence holders 56 days before the expiry date of the licence (note 4b on the front of your photocard licence).

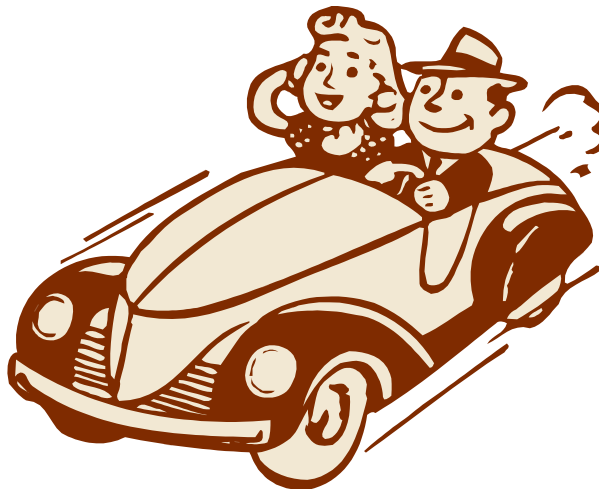
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- Legislation stipulates that the photo on a photocard driving licence must be renewed every ten years.
- When the image expires the photocard driving licence is no longer fully compliant i.e. the image has expired but the licence remains valid, as does the entitlement to drive.
- Failure to surrender a photocard licence when the image has expired is a criminal offence and can result in the levy of a £1000 penalty

For more information visit:

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Motoring/DriverLicensing/DG_068315

Mark Sealey



December Ride Out

21st December: From Tesco's out through the Cotswolds!

This was my first ride out with the 'lads' and I was not sure of the reception I might receive from them, even though one of them was my husband Mark. However, I did not need to be worried as they are the nicest bunch of 'lads' you could wish to meet.

The ride out was led by Dave Hooper who is also my advanced trainer so I felt a little under pressure. However the only pressure came from my own fear that I might hold them back or not keep up. Dave asked me if I knew the 'Drop off System'. I thought I had some basic ideas, which I related to Dave who looked at me and said 'right... so this is what it really means...' I was now really worried as we set off out from Swindon town centre as I knew I would have to sign post riders sooner than I thought. However, it all worked out and I did not let the side down or send riders off in the wrong direction.

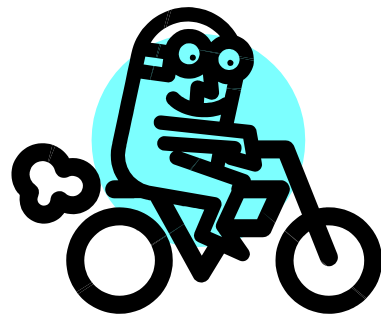
We followed Dave through a variety of roads, out into the beautiful countryside in the search of the allusive tea and cake stop. We made a stop looking out over the Severn estuary but no tea or cake – very disappointing! Then we set out through some great roads and many bends on which I was able to practice my line – thanks Dave.

Pit stop was in Broadway, a beautiful town: Ginger Beer, bacon brie roll and a good chat. We set off for Swindon going through Moreton in Marsh, the Fosse Way to Lechlade where riders began to peel off. At

this point Mark and I did the same to complete my first ride out.

I really enjoyed it and will definitely do it again, and I proved to myself that I could keep up with the rest! Thanks to all the riders on that day, you made me feel very welcome.

Barbara Sealey (Honda Deauville 700cc)



We would like to thank you for the favourable comments about the new-look newsletters. I am sorry to have to admit that I am not responsible for it all. I just put all the articles together then send it to Kevin to arrange. So a big **Thank You** Kevin for making the newsletter far more interesting.

Monica

