



## RoSPA Advanced Drivers and Riders North Wiltshire Group

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 3pm**  
Métisse Motorcycles visit

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July,  
7.15pm for 7.45pm**  
Meeting: Julian Burton and Rob  
Braybrooke.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July**  
Calne Bike Event.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September**  
Emergency Services Show

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September,  
7.15pm for 7.45pm**  
Meeting: Roger Blythin, Wiltshire  
Police Accident Investigation

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October,  
7.15pm for 7.45pm**  
AGM. Guest Speaker: Paul  
Silverwood, U17 Car Club

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

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Nick Coates** who  
recently gained a silver grade in his  
bike test. His Tutor was **Julian  
Burton**.



### Welcome!

Welcome to the following new members  
who have joined the group recently...

**Chris Mawer** (car)  
**Glen Wood** (car)  
**Ken Scott** (car)  
**Kevin Stowe** (car)  
**Mary Newman** (car)  
**Paul Molyneaux** (bike)

## Forthcoming Meetings

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 7.15pm for 7.45pm:**  
Julian Burton and Rob Braybrooke will be giving a presentation on their trip to Morocco. Both are members of our group.

**Note that there is no meeting in August!**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 7.15pm for 7.45pm:**

Return visit from Roger Blythin from Wiltshire Police Accident Investigation. Roger's talk proved very popular last time so this should not be missed! This time the subject will be motorcycle accidents.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 7.15pm for 7.45pm:**

Annual General Meeting. The guest speaker will be Paul Silverwood from the Under 17 Car Club. Come along and find out how young drivers should be taught!

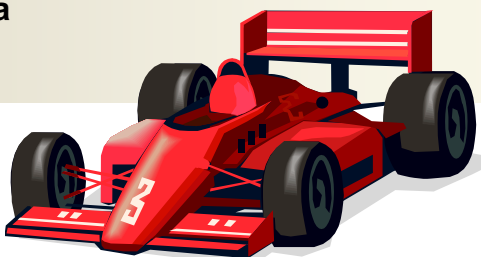
### F1 anyone?

It may be possible - no promises - to arrange a visit to a **Formula 1 Team**.

Anyone interested? It will be a weekday I suspect. I am not sure if there will be any cost involved.

I do not want to go ahead and make further enquiries and arrangements if I am not going to get enough support for it. So please let me know if you would be interested.

**Monica**



## Events

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 3pm Métisse Motorcycles:**

Monica has arranged a trip to visit Métisse Motorcycles, builders of the Métisse Desert Racer which is a replica of a bike built by Steve McQueen. There are two places still available so please contact Monica as soon as possible if you'd like to attend. Métisse are based just outside Faringdon on the A420 towards Oxford, next to the Carswell Golf Club. It may be possible to arrange another date in the future if there is sufficient interest.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July: Calne Bike Event.**

This proved very successful last year so we will be erecting the marquee again this year! **Help is required** to man the stall. We haven't had many offers yet, so if you can spare a few hours it would be appreciated! This is one way the group can promote itself to the public and encourage people to join. Please contact Monica.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 10am-5pm: The Emergency Services Show, Hullavington Airfield (near M4 Junction 17).**

We will be manning the stall again at this event so **offers of help** would be appreciated! This is the first time we will be attending this show but it looks like it could be really good! See [www.emergencyservicesshow.com](http://www.emergencyservicesshow.com) for more details, and let Monica know if you can help.

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

## June Meeting Report:

### Colin Reeves, Bike Safe

My first ever RosPA meeting...

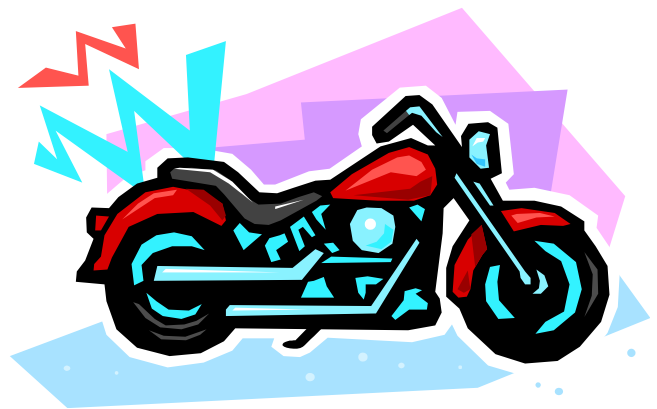
The guest speaker was Colin Reeves of the Bike Safe campaign who is very passionate about promoting safer riding. I did the Bike Safe course last year to help me to find an alternative riding style to my 'flat out everywhere' approach, and remember the Bike Safe course included a lot of frightening statistics, sad films and eye watering reconstructions. There was also a very good introduction to intelligent road use and an assessment ride with PC 'personality of the year'. This sensible use of the road was a lot more challenging than my usual Barry Sheene style so I took it further and found RoSPA.

Colin started the discussion with Traffic Violators. Who are they? What do they do? They break the rules and rub people up the wrong way. Are you a traffic violator? I am! I swear at people and speed, sometimes at the same time - sorry chaps! Colin showed a few films which he uses to influence young and old. They were quite effective. The most incredible film was self-made 'on bike' footage of the riding antics of a complete maniac. There were lots of statistics too; you've probably heard most before, but one of the most alarming was that a car containing four young people was 118% more likely to have a serious crash than if it was just the driver on his own. Very alarming if you have young drivers in the family! We know that 18 to 25 year olds are a high risk category. I thought this was down to too much testosterone and too little experience. However Colin put forward the results of

studies that suggest this age group have not yet developed the frontal lobe of the brain. The frontal lobe is associated with emotions and emotional response. Does this explain why our driving habits calm down as we get older?

One point to come out of Colin's visit was that RoSPA may be missing out by not having a presence at Bike Safe events. The IAM tag on to these events and gain many new recruits. I felt that Colin thought RoSPA were seriously missing out on a captive and attentive audience. Is action needed?

**Rob Fox**



*If anyone would be interested in attending Bike Safe (or other) events in order to promote the group, please contact Monica. We can only attend events if members are willing to spare the time!*

## Merchandise

We now have a stock of merchandise that is available to purchase through the group. The following is a summary of the stock that we hold. For more information visit the Merchandise page of the web site at [www.northwiltsoadardar.co.uk](http://www.northwiltsoadardar.co.uk)

### Books

*These are available through the group at a reduced published price!*

**Roadcraft: £9.00**

**Motorcycle Roadcraft: £8.50**

**Highway Code: £2.00**

**Not the Blue Book: £6.50**

### Clothing



**Polo shirt** with RoSPA logo and Group name (available in XXL, XL, L and M sizes): **£7.50**

**High visibility jacket** with RoSPA logo and Group name (available in XXL, XL, L and M sizes): **New lower price! £12**



White cotton **T-Shirt** with RoSPA logo and Group name (available in M only): **Last few remaining! £5**