

# NORFOLK AND NORWICH GROUP

**ADVANCED DRIVERS AND RIDERS**

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## *DriveLines*

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Your President, Chairman and Committee wish all our Members and families and Readers a very Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.

I personally hope you all had a good Christmas and were safe and well. There were the usual accidents just before the day with several deaths, always the wrong time but even worse at Christmas. I send my condolences to all those suffering losses over the period.

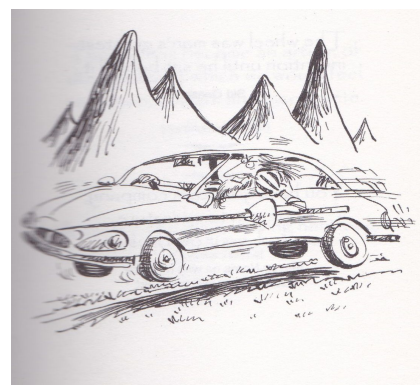
The weather is now turning very wintry at last and I have no hesitation of giving you a pointer to driving in bad conditions.

'Roadcraft' is still your friend, mug up Chapter 5 on vehicle stability! We get a couple of inches of snow and there is chaos! Just thank your blessings, my granddaughter is at the moment living in the Yukon in North West Canada. The snow is up to her waist and it is 40 below!

### ***THE MEANING OF MOTORING***

No other man-made device since the shields and lances of the ancient knights fulfils a man's ego like an automobile.

Sir William Rootes



# What's On

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED  
7.30PM AT THE PAVILION, OAKFIELD ROAD, CRINGLEFORD

**ALL MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE MEETINGS ARE HELD ON  
THE 4TH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.  
THIS IS NOT ALWAYS THE LAST WEDNESDAY**

### MEETINGS

#### JANUARY

##### Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015

An in-house presentation by member John Laycock – DVDs with driving related themes. This is something rather different on this night and should be very interesting with films on various aspects of Advanced and 'other' driving. Come along and enjoy the evening, meeting like minded people and the free tea or coffee and take part in the great raffle!

#### FEBRUARY

##### Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015

A talk by **Richard Addison on Norfolk's railways.**

This is not just for railway buffs but will be a general talk about our railways and how Richard volunteers and works on the railway. A different evening which should be very interesting. Please come along.

Speakers have not yet been finalised for March, April and May meetings but should include:

Chief Inspector Spinks, i/c Norfolk Police Roads Policing Unit.  
Ian Temperton. Norfolk Road Safety  
One of our Advanced Driving Examiners.

**MARCH MEETING INCLUDES THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

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### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations must go to member Adrian Holland who obtained his GOLD award on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014. Adrian also obtained a GOLD award for advanced motor cycling in October 2014.

Adrian's previous car award was for a Silver.

This is very well done, improved and now a double gold holder – one of only a few in the Group.

## **A FEW WORDS FROM OUR CHAIRMAN:**

Your Norfolk & Norwich RoADAR Group Committee would like to wish all our members a belated Healthy, Wealthy and Happy New Year. If, regrettably, you can't manage the healthy or wealthy part, at least remember the prices of fuel and heating oils has plummeted so we have no excuse for not being happy! Happy New Year and please be SAFE.

RoADAR HQ advised us in December that all fees would be increased wef 15 January 2015 as follows:

### **2015 Price List RoADAR Yearly Subscriptions**

Car £25  
Bike £25  
Dual membership £25  
Emergency Services £22

### ***Initial Test Fees***

Car, 26 years and over £55  
Car, 25 years and under £45  
Bike 26 years and over £61  
Bike 25 years and under £51  
LGV and PCV £65

### ***Interim Tests***

Car £39  
Bike £44  
LGV/PCV/Minibus £54  
Experienced Driver Assessment £55

## **Committee Members and a New Webmaster Urgently Needed!**



Our Committee's numbers continue to reduce due to retirement, relocation and personal reasons. We are now down to seven (mostly very long serving) committee members and desperately need

more volunteers – your Group needs you if it is to continue as expected! The committee work takes little time with meetings being kept to the minimum (email helps us greatly!) but we need some new faces and fresh ideas to help us move forward

Our current Webmaster (Mike Dack) who has looked after the website superbly for ever and a day, has decided to hang up his mouse and not continue; therefore, we urgently need a replacement webmaster with the knowledge and expertise to maintain it as soon as possible.

**Can anybody help us with either of these please, please?**

## Annual General Meeting 2015

The Annual General Meeting 2015 for the Norfolk & Norwich RoADAR Group is due to be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at the Cringleford Pavilion. This is your opportunity to voice your opinions on the running and performance of the Group and committee members. Please find time to attend and have your say; it is very frustrating if only a few regular attendees make the effort. We look forward to seeing you there.

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### FURTHER CONGRATULATIONS

A special congratulation this month to our Chairman, Robin Apps and his wife who on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015 celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. In this day and age this is very outstanding which very few seem to be able to reach. We all wish you both the best of health and happiness for the future and we hope you enjoyed your 'Golden Wedding Day'.

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### CHRISTMAS CRACKER QUIZ - ANSWERS

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| 1. Rudolf was a girl – Boy reindeer lose their antlers in the Autumn.                 | 7. Bohemia, Czechoslovakia                  |
| 2. Dasher – Dancer – Prancer – Vixen – Comet – Cupid – Donner – Blitzen and Rudolf    | 8. Prince Albert (Queen Victoria's consort) |
| 3. Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens   | 9. Mexico (not Bernard Matthews)            |
| 4. Holly  | 10. Nazareth                                |
| 5. Coca-Cola  | 11. Bethlehem                               |
| 6. Both come from different ends of the Earth – Polar Bear Arctic : Penguin Antarctic | 12. Pay Taxes/Census                        |
|   | 13. Bing Crosby                             |
|   | 14. 'Holiday Inn'.                          |
|   | 15. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh            |

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Short one this month – I think it would be a good idea if we published other members anniversaries or celebrations. If you have something coming up which you think would be of interest to other members please contact me, likewise any driving or other anecdotes. I still struggle to find things of interest to fill these pages every couple of months. I hope most members will come along to our monthly meetings and support your committee and make it worthwhile for our speakers to give up their time to help us.

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