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Your President, Chairman and Committee
Wish all our Members and Friends
A VERY HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SAFE NEW YEAR

Well, it is all over now! I hope you all had an enjoyable season and any travelling was safe and went without hitch. I have just returned myself from being away over the Christmas period and that is the reason for this Newsletter being very short this month. I wonder if you all feel the same as me? Christmas has become even more commercial and it started very early, some adverts even appearing in September. I'm old fashioned enough to feel that it should not start before 1st December, that surely should be adequate.

What's On

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED

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

MEETINGS

The January and February speakers are subject to prevailing weather conditions. If the weather is very poor just give our Chairman a ring (Number on front page) who will confirm if the meeting is going ahead.

JANUARY 2019

Wednesday, 23rd January 2019

As I have been away I have not been notified of the speaker for this month, but John usually pulls something out of the hat and he manages to obtain the services of a good speaker.
Come along – You will not be disappointed.

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, 27th February 2019

Chris Mitchell – His role as a County Highways Engineer

Chris has been with the County Council for a several years and one of his main roles was the organising of the winter road salting. This should be another interesting evening. Please support us.

MARCH

Wednesday, 27th March 2019

Group Annual General Meeting

WHATEVER THE WEATHER AT EACH MEETING WE HAVE A BUMPER RAFFLE AND FREE TEA AND COFFEE.

‘Chairman’s Chunterings’

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat! Please put a ~~penny~~ **pound** in the chairman’s..... Whoops, sorry – too late! Happy New Year to all our members, I hope that you are all well and in good spirits. Well, the shortest day has gone and the days are already getting longer (apparently!) So, continue to ensure that the inside of your car’s screens and windows are properly clean with no haze remaining and to minimise the glare of the low sun.

ATTENTION! - Membership Renewals Are Overdue!

For those members who do not renew by Standing Order, please remember that renewals were due on 1 December. Please don’t wait until Easter is on the horizon – you will be too late!

Highway Code

I wonder how many of our members have an up-to-date copy of the Highway Code - when was your copy bought or published? I know that my paper version isn’t current, but then I also know that the only really up-to-date version is the one officially published on the interweb at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code>

For info, The Highway Code was updated during 2018 as follows:

30 November 2018

Highway Code rules 149, 150, 160 and 239 have been updated to provide more detailed advice on safely using remote control parking and motorway assist functions.

[General rules, techniques and advice for all drivers and riders \(144 to 158\)](#)

Added information about using remote control parking and driver assistance systems to rule 150.

[Using the road \(159 to 203\)](#)

Updated rule 160 with information about using driver assistance systems while driving, and updated the illustration for rule 174 about box junctions.

[Waiting and parking \(238 to 252\)](#)

Updated rule 239 with information about using a hand-held device to help you to park.

4 June 2018

[Rule 253](#) of The Highway Code has been updated to make it clear that learner drivers can now drive on the motorway with an approved driving instructor in a car with dual controls.

20 May 2018

[Annex 3 - Motor vehicle documentation and learner driver requirements](#)

The MOT test changed with new defect types, stricter rules for diesel car emissions, and some vehicles over 40 years old becoming exempt.

26 April 2018

[General rules, techniques and advice for all drivers and riders \(103 to 158\)](#)

Update rule 108 to make it clear that traffic officers have powers to stop vehicles on most motorways and some ‘A’ class roads in both England and Wales - not just England.

The Highway Code applies to England, Scotland and Wales and is essential reading for everyone.

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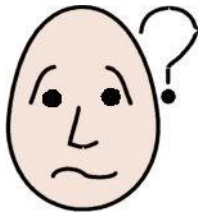
Since the last issue of Drivelines, we have been notified of the following test passes:

Carol Black
Amanda Last
Robin Apps

Silver (Initial)
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Gold (Retest)

Tutor
Clyde Brown
Malcolm Berry

Refresher Drives



Did you take your Advanced Driving Test in 2016? Do you remember when your next test is due or that we offer a refresher training drive prior to your triennial retests? These drives are available and intended to assist you in maintaining or even improving your grade. With three years between the tests, please plan early – the offer of refreshers is there for your benefit. **If you wait until a month before the retest is due, that is likely to be too late, especially if remedial practice is recommended.** Such short notice can also be quite disruptive to the tutors' scheduled drives and their personal commitments. So.....

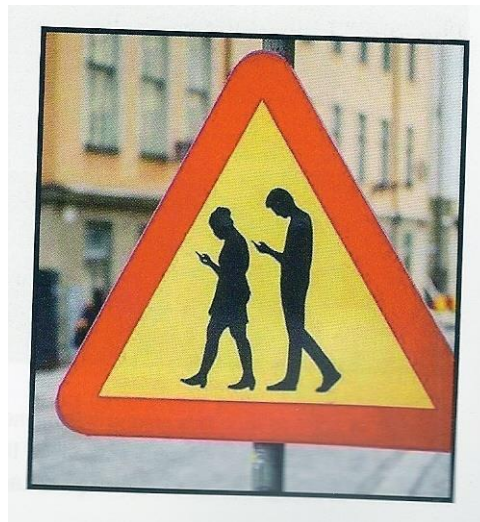
Observation & Information



Please plan ahead!

Contact the Training Officer in plenty of time

Hmm, any guesses on what this road sign refers to?



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