



The Newsletter for the Norfolk and Norwich Group

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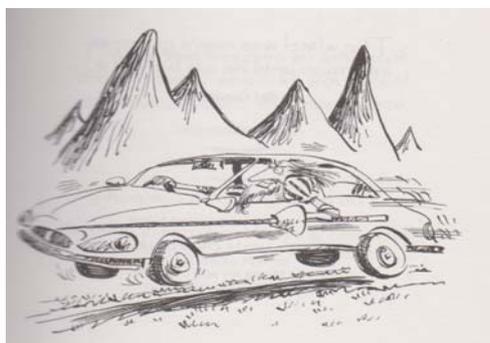
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How can we get to the younger drivers? It has been so noticeable recently through the so tragic deaths of young men in our area. For some time now the Insurance industry has informed us that the drivers most liable to an accident is the under twenty-fives and have priced their policies accordingly. But back to my question. I am sure that if we could give some extra training to our young men and ladies, the fatal and serious injury rate would drop. If you cast your mind back to when you passed your test, there was no better driver than you and you wanted to show off to your friends. I was taught to drive whilst a young policeman and I do not think I slowed down since (On or off duty). Later during my service I took the Advanced Course. One week-end during the Course my wife joined me and I drove to Norfolk. She said that I didn't slow below 90 once!!! That was after driving at high speed all week on the Course. We need some ideas so that we can get to those younger drivers. At one stage in Norfolk and elsewhere when the County Councils issued Driving Licences a note was included from RoSPA or IAM with our details of Advanced Courses. This cannot now be done with the volume dealt with by DVLA, or can it? Notices or posters do appear to be in very short supply from head office getting our message over. The Road Safety Department of the County Council do try their best and run some Courses including using the 'skid car', but I believe that the take up is not very good and of course in this day and age they are constrained by finance. A lot depends on us as parents. A lot of parents are very generous and when their child passes his/her test they buy them a car. All very good, I think we would all like to do that, but how about putting in the rider 'they cannot have the car until they have taken the Advanced Test!'. I am sure that most of our Driving Instructors try their hardest to get the message over, but unfortunately there is no getting over our egos! Please let us know any ideas you have. All ideas and suggestions will be considered and we can involve Head Office and get a Nationwide scheme running.. My thoughts: Do we go down the way of the French and for the first year after passing the test have to display a 'P' plate on their vehicle and restrict their speed. We all have families and our young people are valuable to us. Let us hope that we can, in our small way, help to save lives.



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

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

MAY

Wednesday, 24th May 2017

Unfortunately John has not been able to confirm the speaker for this evening. In case he cannot obtain his services this time it was considered expedient not to publish his details which we can use later. However the meeting will go ahead and be assured that your Committee will lay on something of great interest on this night. Come along for a chat with other enthusiasts and do not forget the free tea or coffee and the special Raffle.

JUNE

Wednesday, 28th June 2017

'Wings over Norfolk' A talk by Derek Edwards.

This should be a very interesting talk on Aerial Archaeology involving our County. What you might call 'a bird's eye view'. Definitely one to make a note in your diary. Not to be missed.

JULY

Wednesday, 26th July 2017

This speaker is to be confirmed and announced later.

AUGUST - NO MEETING

Chairman's Chunterings!

NEW PENALTIES:

Not that our members need to worry (!), new (higher) penalties for several offences were introduced recently. Are you aware of them?

Test Results

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

Clyde Brown (Tutor)	Gold (Retest)	
Pete Biss	Gold (Retest)	
Michele Curtis	Silver (Initial)	Peter Matchett
Deborah Johnson	Bronze (Initial)	David Chapman

Well done to all.

Do you remember taking advantage of the group training system to gain your first advanced driving qualification (or renewal) and the assistance the tutors gave you? Do you remember how long it took and how much time the tutor gave to you? It was probably only 2-3 hours a month! We are seeking additional tutors to replace those who have retired, so can you afford a few hours to occasionally pass on your expertise? It's quite enjoyable and has the benefit of keeping you on your toes! If you believe you can and would like to discuss it, please contact the Chairman/Training Officer – contact details above and on the website.

The History of Ford!

Model 'T' - 1901



Model 'A' - 1928



Mondeo - 2016



NOT for us anymore, but I thought it would be of interest especially if you are teaching, or know someone who is taking the test shortly.

New driving test from December 4 – updated 2017 exam includes satnav

Changes to the driving test, designed to reflect the realities of modern motoring, will come into effect this December.

New elements of the assessment include using a satellite navigation system, answering safety questions while driving, and a lengthened “independent driving” demonstration. Manoeuvres such as ‘reverse around a corner’ will be replaced with more modern challenges, such as driving into and reversing out of a parking space.

There will also be a “reduction in focus” on quiet, low-speed, low-risk roads, such as those currently used for test routes, and an increased emphasis on higher-risk roads – where new drivers are most likely to crash.

“These changes announced today will help reduce the number of people killed or injured on our roads, and equip new drivers with the skills they need to use our roads safely,” said Transport Minister Andrew Jones.

“Ensuring the driving test is relevant in the 21st Century – for example, the introduction of sat navs – will go a long way towards doing this.”

With built-in sat navs becoming commonplace in all parts of the new car market, and with around half of all drivers having one, their inclusion in the driving test is almost overdue. A consultation in 2016 found that 70 per cent of respondents supported this change

Another change designed to tackle “distraction” is the addition of a safety question while the car is in motion. The example given in today’s official announcement is asking the candidate to activate the heated rear windscreen while driving – perhaps not the most demanding of tasks, but certainly a step towards addressing the complexities of real-world driving. Previously, these “show-me-tell-me” questions were asked when the car was parked.

The Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) has trialled these changes with more than 860 driving instructors, plus more than 4,300 of their students, with “positive” feedback from the trial.

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This

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