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Forthcoming Events.....



Back from my sojourn in Spain. Staying with my daughter in their home in the south. They live a few minutes drive from a small town, which is about the same size as Great Yarmouth. Spanish mainly and not on the coast. What is so noticeable is how little traffic there is in the town and surrounding area. There are the usual problems at school going home time. The local motorway is very quiet. Being used to the M.11 and M.25 it is unbelievable that on a twenty mile journey if we passed ten lorries we were unlucky! It is extra quiet in the town after 2pm! The Spaniards still take their 'Siesta', and everything closes until 5pm and then opens and closes at 8-9pm.. But there are a lack of 'take away' food shops. Plenty of 'eat in' restaurants, but Spaniards tend to eat late and start their meals after 9pm. The English usually eat earlier! Mind you the heat here has been as good if not better than Spain, at least we can cheer about that.

Those of you who are also in the IAM will know of their publication. I have recently obtained a copy of their 'RoadSmart' magazine for Members. Some interesting articles and tips. Glossy and a lot bigger than I can produce. I just wonder why RoSPA HQ could not produce such a magazine for our Members. We get the 'Care on the Road' paper but usually we as Advanced Groups get a small space and it covers all of RoSPA's Road Safety activities. Perhaps a magazine dedicated to our Advanced Drivers produced every few months would be a good idea. We always appear to be the poor relation! We can ask our Chairman to take it up with those at Birmingham – I can guess what the result will be.

PLEASE NOTE: There is NO MEETING this month, except for our TUTORs and anyone wishing to join their ranks. It is considered to be a Training Exercise, or a refresher, so the next meeting for the General Membership will be in September.

HOLIDAY TIME – DRIVE CAREFULLY AND DO NOT MEET ONE OF THESE:

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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

Wednesday, 25th July 2018- 7.30pm

NO MEMBERS EVENING

This evening is reserved for our Tutors, as a refresher and training evening. This is being run by Robin Apps our Chairman and Training Officer. The evening is also open to any Member who is wishing to become a Tutor to give you some idea of what is required and how to go about reaching the Standard. No need to notify in advance, just turn up.

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

Wednesday, 26th September 2018 – 7.30pm

The speaker for this meeting is to be confirmed. Please see the September edition of your Newsletter for details.

Wednesday, 24th October 2018 – 7.30pm

Post Office Vehicle Club.

This was a talk which was postponed earlier in the year. As the name suggests this is a Club dedicated to Post Office Vehicles. A lot of us can remember dull green vehicles which GPO insignia. Like many organisations the Post Office have over the years had various types of vehicles doing all sorts of jobs, so I am sure that this will be a very interesting talk and you are recommended to put it in your diary and please support us.

Wednesday, 28th November 2018 – 7.30pm

This is our 'Christmas Social Evening'. The speaker has yet to be confirmed but I can guarantee that there will be Christmas eats and a bumper raffle.

>> GDPR <<<

OK, now that we have got your attention, are you aware that the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) came into effect on 25th May this year. Like me, you are probably fed up with hearing and reading about it. Nevertheless, the main point to remember is that we, **and everyone else** in the UK (I purposely don't mention the EU!) are required by law to comply with GDPR to provide protection and safeguarding of your personal information. This affects the Group in that we must have your personal acceptance/agreement to **hold and use** your personal details (addresses, email addresses, phone numbers etc) in support of group activities and business. Our membership secretary (Peter) sent all group members a GDPR form recently asking you to complete them and return to him. So far, he has only received 26 replies from a membership list of 87 - that is very poor indeed. The problem that we have is that, if you do not reply to Peter, your details will have to be removed from our records and we will then be unable to contact you for any reason.

So, please reply promptly if you wish to remain in touch!

Test Results

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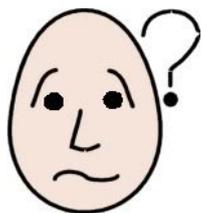
Since the last issue of Drivelines, we have been notified of the following test passes:

Dan MacDonald

Gold (Initial)

Tutor
Robin Apps

Refresher Drives



Did you take your Advanced Driving Test in 2015? 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

Finally, a last reminder! Please remember that, as mentioned elsewhere, our July monthly meeting will be for tutors only so please do not attend. However, if you are considering becoming a tutor, then please feel free to come along and sit in – it could be quite interesting.

End Piece :

I have the last word! I did mention earlier that it is 'Holiday Time'. With all the last minute packing, getting money, passports, the car could be forgotten. Even if just going to the airport the car has to be reliable! Longer journeys do put a strain on the car. Full of passengers, full of luggage and full of fuel a weight the car does not usually have to endure. Ensure it is serviced, fluid levels checked and tyre pressures are correct. Make sure that you mobile phone battery is fully charged and take along some drinks, water or pop. If you have to negotiate the M.25 they could come in handy. I don't really need to preach to the converted, but a gentle reminder sometimes helps. Have a good time.

Still nothing from our Members for publication, remember this is your Newsletter and we do need some articles to keep it going. Holiday stories would be good.

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