



RoSPA Advanced Drivers and Riders North Wiltshire Group

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Newsletter

July 2010

Calne Motorcycle Meet 2010

We recently attended Calne's 10th Annual Motorcycle Meet. Here are just a few pictures:



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Dates for Your Diary

Monthly meetings are all held at
Liddington Village Hall opposite
the church.

Sunday 12th September
Emergency Services Show

Monday 13th September
Meeting: Julie Garbutt, British Horse
Society

Monday 27th September
Tutorial evening on the subject of
Observation for both bike riders and
car drivers

Monday 11th October
AGM. Dave Hooper will also be
speaking

Monday 8th November
Meeting: Speaker TBA

Monday 13th December
Meeting: Chris Ellis, RoSPA Car
Examiner

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

Forthcoming Meetings

Monday 13th September, 7.15pm for 7.45pm: Julie Garbutt from the British Horse Society will be speaking about Horse Riders and the road. This promises to be an interesting talk so remember to come along!

Monday 11th October, 7.15pm for 7.45pm: Annual General Meeting. This is your chance to have your say on the running of the group so please make sure you attend. The business section of the meeting will be followed by a talk from Dave Hooper, a bike member, who will be speaking about his recent trip circumnavigating South Africa.

Monday 8th November, 7.15pm for 7.45pm: Speaker TBA

Monday 13th December, 7.15pm for 7.45pm: Chris Ellis, a RoSPA Car Examiner will be our speaker. This talk is likely to be of interest to all our members (both car drivers and bikers), particularly Associate members and those approaching their re-tests. Make sure you come along!

Events

Sunday 12th September: Emergency Services Show: We will be attending this show again this year following the success we had when we went last year. This promises to be a great day. **Please come along and help support us.** Contact Monica if you can help.

Monday 27th September: Tutorial Evening: This will be an evening presentation held at Liddington Village Hall. The theme will be Observation and the idea is to inform and generate healthy discussion. **This evening has been organised by the bike section but it is open to both bikers and car drivers – it will be of interest to all!** Tutors will be present to answer any questions.

Bike Ride-outs: Regular Bike Ride-outs take place on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Check the Motorcycle Discussion section on the Web Site Forum for more details.

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting is approaching once again and we would like to ask all our members whether they would be interested in helping out the group by joining the committee. This is your opportunity to influence the running of the group and bring to it new ideas and suggestions. The group couldn't operate without the dedication and support of a few committed members so any assistance offered would be very much appreciated. It needn't take up very much time; we just ask committee members to try to attend as many committee meetings as they can. These are held once a month on a Wednesday in Liddington. Let Monica know if you are interested.

Direct Debits

I read recently that somebody had their car insurance cancelled after their insurance company had a problem collecting a payment through a monthly direct. They were subsequently caught driving by an ANPR camera, and the car was seized and crushed.

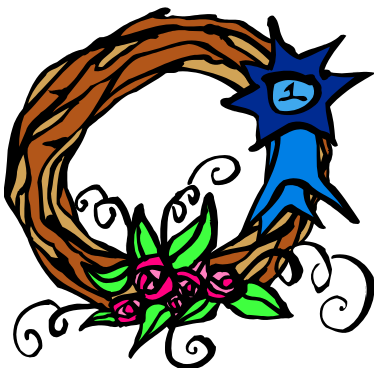


Which brings me on to asking you to make sure that, if you have taken your test, you should receive a Direct Debit form requesting you to pay your annual membership to RoSPA Head Office? PLEASE make sure that it is completed. This covers the cost of your three yearly re-test. Also, if you change your bank, double check that RoSPA Head Office receive your updated details. Don't rely on your bank to do it for you. We have had instances where members have been expecting their test renewal notices but have not heard from Head Office. They have been unable to collect the membership fee, cancelled the membership and therefore not sent out a test renewal notice.

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July Meeting

We offer our apologies to those of you who attended the July meeting. For some reason the speaker got confused and went to another hall the other side of Swindon!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Nick Leatherland** who recently passed his bike test with a Gold grade. His Tutor was Geoff Sumerling.

Congratulations also to **Nick Carrington** who recently passed his car re-test with a Gold grade. Well done!



Warning Deer!

Did you know that there are a growing number of accidents caused by deer?

Experts estimate that accidents involving deer have increased 6%. Not only are the little Muntjac increasing in numbers, so are the Fallow and Red Deer. I have had one or two interesting encounters with them around Faringdon. Driving through Savernake Forest one evening we saw several beside the road.

They are not always predictable and if you see one you can guarantee there will be another, or a herd of them. Very early one morning, driving along the B4494 to Newbury, roughly three quarters of a mile in front of me were a herd of about 50 large deer grazing in a field to the right. Suddenly they all took flight and jumped the hedge, onto the road, then jumped the fence into another field. Fortunately I was at the top of the hill and could see them and had time to stop.

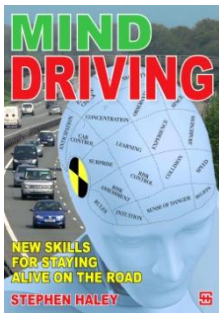
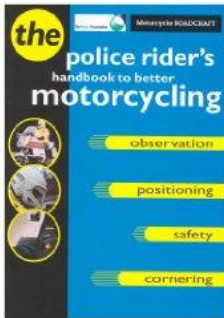
They can do a lot of damage to your vehicle and to occupants if they land on the car or windscreen.

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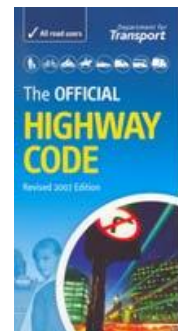
Welcome to **Paul Sadler** (bike) who has joined the group recently.

Merchandise



Remember that we stock a selection of merchandise that is available to purchase through the group at discounted prices. Contact Monica if you would like to make a purchase. The following items are currently available:

- High visibility **jacket** with RoSPA logo and Group name: **New lower price! £12**
- White cotton **T-Shirt** with RoSPA logo and Group name: Last few left. **Bargain price. £5**
- **Polo shirt** with RoSPA logo and Group name: **£7.50**
- **Roadcraft: The Essential Police Driver's Handbook: £9.00** (published price £14.99)
- **Motorcycle Roadcraft: The Police Rider's Handbook: £8.50** (published price £12.99)
- **Mind Driving** by Stephen Haley: **£7** (published price £12.99)
- **Not The Blue Book** by Dave Jones: **£6.50** (published price £7.99)
- **The Official Highway Code** (HMSO): **£2.00** (published price £2.50)



We are always looking for more articles, ideas and news for the newsletter. Have you been somewhere interesting recently that would make a good story? If you attend any group events then take a camera and send us your pictures!

Please remember to let Monica know if you have moved or changed any of your contact details such as your email address.