



RoSPA Advanced Drivers and Riders North Wiltshire Group

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Newsletter

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Dates for Your Diary

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

Monday 12th July,
7.15pm for 7.45pm
Meeting: Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Saturday 24th July
Calne Bike Show

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

Sunday 12th September
Emergency Services Show

Monday 27th September
Bike Tutorial evening

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

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

Summer is here, and with the sunshine comes the urge to go out and explore the open road. Sadly for some, that may mean exposure to greater risk, and potential accidents. RoADAR exists to provide education for those drivers and riders at risk, and to improve both their safety and that of those around them.

We go to a number of shows during the summer, spreading that message. We have a good time at the shows, and along the way, recruit new members. However, it doesn't happen by magic, but the hard work of a few volunteers! We have two coming up soon. On the 24th of July, in Calne, the annual Calne bike meet, organised by the Rotary Club, brings hundreds of bikes from all over the region, for a grand day out in the sunshine. Our marquee will be there, promoting safer riding, and we need the help of some of you, especially bike riders, to come and assist for an hour or two during the day. Please come and help, ensuring that we can continue to attend this important event.

Later in the year, the Emergency Services show at Hullavington airfield provides another opportunity to meet interested folk, and discuss the education and fun to be had as a RoADAR member. Again, we'd welcome any assistants at this show even if only for an hour or two. It's a good day out, and you will have time to explore the show as well as helping out.

You can read more on the web at:
<http://www.calnemotorcyclemeet.co.uk> and
<http://www.emergencyservicesshow.com>.

Hope to see you there.

Nick

Forthcoming Meetings

Monday 12th July, 7.15pm for 7.45pm: A representative from the Wiltshire Air Ambulance will be giving a talk. This is sure to be popular!

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.

Get well soon Chris!

Our friend, Advanced Car Tutor and former chairman, **Chris Gleed**, has not been in the best of health recently and has had a short spell in hospital. We wish you a speedy recovery Chris, and hope you are feeling better soon.

From all your friends at North Wilts RoADAR.

Events

Saturday 24th July: Calne Bike Meet 9:30am – 4:00pm: Once again this year we will be supporting the Rotary Club of Calne's Motorcycle meet. This is the largest free bike event in the area and this year marks its 10th Anniversary. **Would you be able to help man our stand?** We will have a rota system in place so any help would be appreciated, even if only for an hour or so. Please contact Monica if you can help.

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.

June Meeting Report:

Andrew Horton



Due to the late cancellation of the scheduled speaker from the Highways Agency, Andrew Horton, our Group Training Officer, picked up the reins and provided the entertainment for the evening.

Approx 20 members attended including some welcome new faces and I think all enjoyed either proving their knowledge on a set of one hundred theory questions set by the DSA or, in some cases, learning a little on topics they were not so sure of.

During the light hearted theory session, Andrew explained that he is a RoSPA diploma holder and ADI and gave a very informative chat on his recent participation in training driving examiners who assess drivers driving on behalf of the United Nations. The contract involved Andrew, together with three others, flying out to Brindisi in Italy where the UN headquarters for logistics is based. They provided a three day package of training plus theory and practical assessment to twelve foreign examiners from a wide range of cultural backgrounds and abilities, many who were unfamiliar with the advanced driving practices used in the UK. The course was RoSPA accredited and certificates were awarded to those passing the course. Candidates had to achieve an 80% pass mark with a maximum of three chances to pass. After a fail they got further coaching and the chance to retake the test. However, ultimately a failure resulted in being sent home as well as possibly losing their job and pay, so no pressure really!

For the practical assessment, the candidates had to demonstrate their driving skills using brand new Pravda 4X4 vehicles but they were confined to the UN base where speed limits of 30 and 40 kph prevailed and there were few areas with oncoming vehicles present.

A prize was awarded to the top scorer with 96 questions right whilst others reflected on how they might do better the next time.



Julian Burton

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

When our Chairman, Nick Carrington, is not tutoring another of our Associate members, he likes nothing more than to take his much loved Porsche 928 out for a drive. However, rather than making a short trip into the countryside, Nick prefers to put in a few laps round Castle Combe racing circuit! Here are a few pictures of him in action.



Welcome!

Welcome to the following new members who have joined the group recently:

Amanda Mossop (car)

Jules Addison (car)

Mark Raggett (car)

Paul Adams (bike)

Steven Longmoor (bike)

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!