



RoSPA Advanced Drivers and Riders North Wiltshire Group

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Newsletter

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RoSPA Advanced Drivers and Riders North Wiltshire Group Committee 2009-2010

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Dates for Your Diary

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

Monday 9th November,
7.15pm for 7.45pm
Meeting: Steve Haley from SkillDriver

**Monday 23rd November – Friday
27th November**
Road Safety Week at Swindon
College

Saturday 28th November,
10am – 4pm
Road Safety Day, Corsham
Martingale Centre

Monday 14th December,
7.15pm for 7.45pm
Meeting: Wiltshire Ambulance

Friday January 22nd 2010
Christmas Meal

Monday 8th February,
7.15pm for 7.45pm
Meeting: John Brown, author of
"Driving is more about Psychology
than Systems"

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

At the recent AGM the new committee was elected in
for 2009-2010.



Pictured (from left): Kevin Hugo (Car Co-ordinator),
Barbara Sealey (Committee Member), Monica
Graham (Secretary), Geoff Summerling (Committee
member), Matthew Carlsson (Committee member),
Nick Carrington (Chairman), Andrew Horton (Car
Training Officer), Mike Southgate (Treasurer), Mark
Sealey (Committee member).

Forthcoming Meetings

Monday 9th November, 7.15pm for 7.45pm:

Steve Haley from the SkillDriver road safety project and the author of "Mind Driving" will be speaking. This promises to be a really interesting and popular talk so make sure you come along!

Monday 14th December, 7.15pm for 7.45pm:

A representative from Wiltshire Ambulance will be speaking. More details to follow.

Monday 8th February 2010, 7.15pm for 7.45pm:

John Brown, author of "Driving is more about Psychology than Systems" will be speaking.

Welcome

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

Elizabeth Owen (car)

Jonathan Lodge (bike)

Michael Cooper (bike)

Events

Monday 23rd November – Friday 27th November:

Road Safety Week, Swindon College.

We will be having a stand at Wiltshire College during their Road Safety Week. As this is a day time event we are short of people that will be able to attend. However members of the group will be in attendance on some days. If you can offer any assistance during the week please contact Monica.

Saturday 28th November, 10am – 4pm:

Road Safety Day, Corsham Martingale Shopping Centre.

There is a Road Safety Day in Corsham on the 28th November and we have been invited to attend. Please contact Monica if you are able to come along and help promote the group.



Friday January 22nd 2010: Christmas/New Year Meal.

The North Wilts RoADAR annual Christmas/New Year meal will take place during the evening of the 22nd

January at the Village Inn in Liddington. The Menu is at the end of this newsletter. To reserve your place send your cheque made payable to RoADAR North Wilts Group to Monica, including your Menu choices please. This is very popular and numbers are limited so book quickly! Husbands/wives, partners and friends are all welcome.

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.

Grab a Bargain!

We have recently been given the opportunity to purchase a batch of Bike Warning Triangles at a reduced price. These are designed to fit over a helmet and are normally priced at £19.90. However, if at least ten members would like to purchase one, we can sell them for just £13.80 each. Contact Monica if you would like one.



We also have a stock of other merchandise available. For more information visit the Merchandise page of the web site

www.northwiltroadar.co.uk

A plea from Monica...

When you return your membership forms please can you ensure that you complete all the details even if they haven't changed. If you don't do this it means I have to check with you and then complete them myself in order to update all my records.

Thank you!

Monica



October Meeting Report:

Paul Silverwood,

President, Under 17 Car Club



The Under 17 Car Club is, as its name suggests, a club where youngsters aged 12 - 17 learn to drive. Where, how and when are the questions that spring to mind with the image of 12 year olds at the wheel.

Locally it all happens at Castle Combe circuit near Chippenham where these eager youngsters drive their parents' cars - anything from an old Mini to a new Jag - within a controlled environment to learn the system of car control. As they progress they take a series of theory and practical tests until they are eventually allowed to drive around the circuit at motorway speeds.

The grades range from "U" (ungraded) as a novice, then up through the grades 5 to 1. In addition there is a top "X" grade which is reserved for youngsters who reach the club's highest standard. This should enable the student to pass the DSA test confidently at the first attempt - often on their 17th birthday.

The club started in 1976 and holds 35 meetings a year. It was a trip down memory lane for me as both my children attended U17CC sessions at Castle Combe driving an Austin Allegro 1300 cc.

The club can only cope with 300 members in total, which allows for about 80 new members per year as those who reach the age of 17 pass their tests and can no longer remain as members. However, many of these stay with the club to act as marshals at events and to help with training the next batch of eager "U" grades.

Paul Silverwood had many statistics to prove that U17CC trained drivers go on to become safer and more confident drivers and are substantially less likely to be involved in motoring offences and accidents.

The club is like a good school: registration applications should be made at a very young age, the waiting list currently goes right up to 2020!

Club membership is not just about learning to drive a car - event days are held throughout the year where members are given the opportunity to try out Police cars, 4x4's, and even 6-axle articulated lorries.

Roger Tamplin





Christmas/New Year Meal Menu 2010

Village Inn, Liddington

Friday January 22nd

Soup of the day

Melon and Prawn Cocktail

Pate with Melba Toast

Homemade Beef Bourguignon

Beef Cooked in Red Wine with Bacon, Mushrooms and Onion

Roast Lamb

With Mint Sauce

Homemade Steak and Ale Pie

Chunks of Beef Cooked with our Local Beer.

Homemade Game Keepers Chicken

Chicken Breast Cooked with Mushrooms and Onion in Red Wine

Fish Cakes

With Creamy Parsley Sauce

Homemade Wild Mushroom Goulash

Wild Mushrooms with Walnuts in Creamy Sauce.

Lasagne Verdi

Served with a Crisp Salad Garnish and Garlic Bread

Sweet Board and Coffee

Three Courses £15.95

