



# NORFOLK AND NORWICH GROUP ADVANCED DRIVERS AND RIDERS

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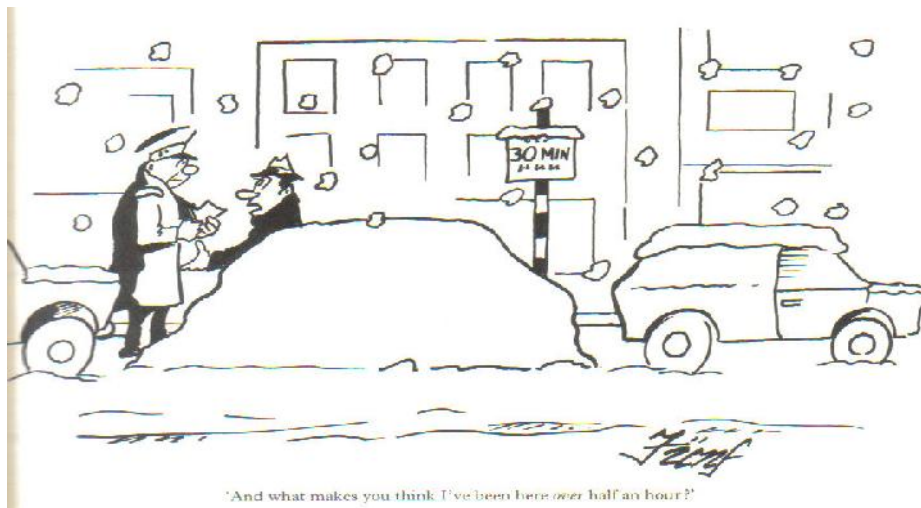
Message from our Vice.....



*Wishing all our readers a*

*Happy  
New Year*

I hope you all had a good holiday period, working or not, managed to avoid the many 'bugs' around and coped with the cold and snow. Some parts of our area were hit harder than others, but I hope overall that your training and common sense came into being and that you drove accordingly and came through unscathed. Unfortunately you also have to cope with the untrained element out there and however you are prepared you cannot avoid getting involved. I hope it was not too many of you. As an aside we went to Austria for Christmas and the snow! Guess what; UK had more snow that we did in Austria! Tops of mountains were covered but on the lower ground it was just slush. Oh well you cannot have everything, anyway we had a very enjoyable time!



'And what makes you think I've been here over half an hour?'

# 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 4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.  
THIS IS NOT ALWAYS THE LAST WEDNESDAY**

### MEETINGS

#### JANUARY 2010

Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010

**Wherrys - A talk by Malcolm Cooper.**

In days gone by these vessels were the backbone of the trade for the people of the broads (North and South). They were the lorries of their day, often the only way to move goods around the area and to the docks for onward transfer by ship to further flung destinations. This should be an interesting, illustrated talk, for everyone and especially those that have an interest in the history of their County and transport. I hope that you will all support us and come along on this evening.



#### FEBRUARY 2010

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010

A member of Norfolk Constabulary will be giving us a talk on a road Policing topic. Obviously any talk by a member of the Police is interesting so you are urged to make a note in your diaries of this date and hope you will all be able to come along.

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### **2010 SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE AS FROM 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2009**

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## BE A SAFER SURFER - HOW TO SPOT SPAM.

Some very necessary and important information for users of the internet from our Web Master - Mike Dack.

As the use of the web increases and anti-spam software improves so the spammers are getting increasingly clever.

Apart from the annoyance of getting e-mails offering porn, lotto, gambling sites, on line pharmacies, viagra, other medications, etc., etc. there are those e-mails that attempt to lure the recipient into giving personal information, this has become known as 'phishing'.

There are some tell-tale signs that can be used to spot spam e-mails -

- 1) Does it contain misspellings such as "p0rn" or "l0tt0" with a zero to foil anti-spam filters?
- 2) Special Offer - Does it offer something for sale that you haven't requested?
- 3) Is it from a bank - often requiring "urgent attention"?
- 4) Is it from eBay or Paypal saying that your account will be closed within 14 days if you fail to reply or that you need to renew your details?
- 5) Does it say that "Your loan has been approved"? (You most probably haven't even applied for one)
- 6) Does it say "Pass on to all your friends NOW!", usually warning of a virus or of a safety warning.
- 7) Is it from someone you don't know?

Advice :

Type 1 and 2 - Avoid opening this type of e-mail.

Type 3, 4 and 5 - DO NOT click on any 'link' in the e-mail - If you feel it could possibly be genuine then open that business' website in the web browser using their usual web address (not taken from the email).

Type 6 - DO NOT pass on - This type of mail usually carries lots of other e-mail addresses and is perfect for those 'harvesting' e-mail addresses to sell on as 'confirmed', also it clogs up in-boxes and networks.

Type 7 plus all of the above - depending on the e-mail program it is usually possible to find out quite a lot without actually opening the e-mail. For example with Outlook Express - by clicking with the RIGHT mouse button on the e-mail in the in-box and then choosing 'properties' quite a lot can be seen, then by clicking 'message source' most e-mails can be read without even opening them.

Finally - however annoying these e-mails may be DO NOT click on the link "to be removed from mailing list" (or similar wording) unless 100% sure that it comes from a legitimate company, such as Debenhams for example. To the 'e-mail harvesters' this just confirms that the address is 'live' which they can then sell, resulting in a greatly increased quantity of spam.

I should also have mentioned the Rich Ugandan who would like to put lots of money into your account to get it out of his country and will reward you greatly for helping - just give your bank account details - amazingly some people do and are surprised to find that their account has been emptied !!!!!

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Thank you for the very good information, of which I am sure we will all take note. Mike has promised some follow up articles on the use of the internet and E Mail for future Editions.

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## *KEEP DEATH OFF THE ROADS*








A sixty-five year old man had just driven on to the motorway when his car phone rang. Answering it he found his wife on the other end of the line. "Bert" she said urgently, "Be careful. I've just heard on the news that there's a car driving the wrong way up the motorway." "Hell" he replied, "It's not just one - **there are hundreds of them**"!!!


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# DRIVING LICENCES VEHICLE CATEGORIES

Just a refresher as to those letters on your driving licence and to which categories of vehicles they refer:

Category	Description	Minimum age	Notes
A1	 Light motorcycles with an engine size of no more than 125cc and a power output of no more than 11kW (14.6bhp)	17	
A	 Motorcycles with a power output up to 25kW (33bhp) and a power to weight ratio of no more than 0.16kW / kg. Motorcycle combination (motorcycle with a sidecar) with a power to weight ratio of no more than 0.16kW for every kg of weight	17	
A	 Any size motorcycle, with or without a sidecar	21	See note 1
B1	 Three or four-wheeled light vehicles Motor tricycles, quadricycles and three or four-wheeled vehicles with an unladen weight of no more than 550kg	17	See note 2
B	 Cars with a maximum authorised mass of no more than 3500kg, having no more than eight passenger seats, towing a trailer up to 750kg. A car and a trailer, where the total maximum authorised mass of both is not more than 3500kg and the maximum authorised mass of the trailer is not more than the unladen weight of the car A car with an unladen weight of 1.25 tonnes and a maximum authorised mass of 2 tonnes towing a trailer with a maximum authorised mass of 1.25 tonnes could be driven under category B entitlement as the maximum authorised mass of both is not more than 3.5 tonnes and the maximum authorised mass of the trailer is not more than the unladen weight of the car	17	See note 2
B auto	<b>Automatic cars</b> As cars, but with automatic gearbox	17	See note 2
B+E	 <b>Cars with trailers</b> Combinations of a car in category B and a trailer over 750kg	17	See note 9

Category	Description	Minimum age	Notes
C1	 <b>Medium-sized vehicles</b> Lorries between 3500kg and 7500kg with a trailer up to 750kg	18	See notes 3 and 9
C1+E	 <b>Medium-sized vehicles with trailers</b> Combinations of vehicles where the towing vehicle is in category C1 and its trailer has a maximum authorised mass of over 750kg as long as the maximum authorised mass of the vehicle and trailer is not more than 12000kg and the maximum authorised mass of the trailer is not more than the unladen weight of the towing vehicle	21	See notes 3, 4 and 9
C	 <b>Large vehicles</b> Vehicles over 3500kg with a trailer up to 750kg	21	See note 4
C+E	 <b>Large vehicles with trailers</b> Vehicles over 3500kg with a trailer over 750kg	21	See note 4
D1	 <b>Minibuses</b> Vehicles with between nine and 16 passenger seats with a trailer up to 750kg	21	See notes 5 and 9
D1+E	 <b>Minibuses with trailers</b> Combinations of vehicles where the towing vehicle is in category D1 and its trailer has a maximum authorised mass of over 750kg, as long as the maximum authorised mass of the vehicle and trailer is not more than 12000kg, and the maximum authorised mass of the trailer is not more than the unladen mass of the towing vehicle	21	See notes 5 and 9
D	 <b>Buses</b> Any bus with more than eight passenger seats with a trailer up to 750kg	21	See notes 5 and 8

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D+E	 <b>Buses with trailers</b> Any bus with more than eight passenger seats with a trailer over 750kg	21	See note 8
f	<b>Agricultural tractors</b>	17	See note 6
g	<b>Roadrollers</b>	21	See note 7
h	<b>Tracked vehicles</b>	21	See notes 4 and 10
k	<b>Mowing machines or vehicles controlled by someone on foot</b>	16	
l	<b>Electric vehicles</b>	17	
n	<b>Vehicles used for short distances on public roads</b>		
p	<b>Mopeds</b>	16	



## **A NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE-CHAIRMAN**

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our members (old and new). Lets hope 2009 was an accident free year even in spite of the poor weather conditions.

My apologies to any member who I may have promised a drive out with. In the two months running up to Christmas I did my best, but it is a very busy time for me even though I have been retired several years now.

Results we did have were very good however, for example , out of the last 17 members to take the advanced test, 14 got gold and 3 got silver. That is if I have got my records up to date. This includes some taking their 3 year retest, and the others are new members. WELL DONE and thanks go out to all our hard working instructors.

On a rather sad note, the new year has not been too good so far for me, my boss , for whom I have been a chauffeur for the past 30years, has sadly passed away and he has left a large hole in my life. I am sure he would not have minded if I say WE were like MATES. Before I end , THANKS must also go out to our committee who keep our Norfolk Branch running so well and Noel / Enid for the work they do in getting our newsletter out on time month in month out. Keep sending your bibs n bobs in to them,.

Thanks and regards - Brian (Vice Chairman)

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That is about all for this month. I still require articles, letters or anything for publication just to keep your Newsletter a viable proposition. It is up to you the Members to supply the material, the same that it is up to you the Members to support us at our monthly meetings. Be warned that without your support we may have to close the social side of the Club. Enough said, we will keep on going whist we can.

Drive carefully.

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