



# NORFOLK AND NORWICH GROUP

ADVANCED DRIVERS AND RIDERS

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Autumn is well and truly with us, with all the problems that entails. Mists, wet leaves on the roads and darker evenings. This time is when it is even more important to listen to the weather forecasts to know what you will be meeting when you start, or continue, your driving. You have to get into the proper state of mind for the type of drive that may be coming up. As you know each day is different and however often you travel the same route at the same time no one journey is the same as another. Even if it appears the same, traffic is never the same, likewise the weather. Do not get complacent. If bad weather is forecast adjust your timing accordingly, your journey WILL take longer. Remember wet leaves can act like ice and normal braking will not suffice. Be aware and put the principles of skidding, or rather driving to avoid a skid, into practice. With the darker evenings, you can drive somewhere and arrive in daylight but when you leave it is dark. Driving in the dark is never the same as daylight. Be prepared and adjust your drive as necessary.

Your team in the recent Road Safety Quiz, organised by the County Council Road Safety Team and held at Dereham, acquitted themselves very well. They came second and at one time were in the lead. Some of the questions were very obscure (see later), and it was unfortunate that we had not entered last year's quiz, as the winning team, I.A.M., with one particular round knew what was coming up and had obviously swatted up and were able to grab points which put them just in front. In fact the marking on the round was also a little unfair thus gaining them an advantage. Nevertheless your team, consisting of Meryl, Tony and Peter did very well and are to be congratulated. Well done.

### RoADAR INITIATIVE

As you may have noticed as part of Energy Savings week (20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October) Tesco will be recommending RoADAR and the eco benefits of Advanced Driving. This will be achieved by dual branded leaflets being displayed and available to take away in over 400 Tesco Petrol Forecourt shops across the UK.

RoSPA HQ say that they hope this initiative will increase interest in the Groups and encourage more people to work towards the advanced test. To help with this initiative it is hoped that yourselves as Members will inform anyone interested of our Group and about Advanced Driving.

# 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

#### OCTOBER

Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009

**'Traders of Norwich' - Peter Salt**

Peter returns to give us another interesting talk about our local heritage and history – he spoke in January on Transport in Norwich and this was very successful. He is now going to give us a talk on the various Trades and professions which have helped to make, Norwich and Norfolk the excellent City and County they are today. This is definitely an evening not to miss, especially if you like history or are just interested in Norwich and how it has developed or just want to hear an interesting speaker with an intriguing subject.

Join us if you can..

#### NOVEMBER

Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009

**'Police Control'**

A talk from a member of the staff of the Norfolk Constabulary Control Room at Wymondham about how it is set up and operates. A definite date for your diary especially as we make this our festive evening with a monster raffle and seasonal goodies with your tea or coffee.

(It is hoped that this will be a pre-cursor to an actual visit to the control room in the New Year)

**ALL MEETINGS HAVE A RAFFLE AND FREE TEA AND COFFEE.**

**NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**

**NEXT MEETING - 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

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## **DO YOU KNOW ABOUT 112?**

### **The 112 Mobile Phone Emergency Number**

There was to be an article here about an international mobile number for contacting the emergency services, unfortunately it was based on a hoax email which has been circulating for many years. While this hoax email contained an element of truth it was otherwise misleading and so the article was withdrawn.

FACT: the 112 number is indeed the European-wide standard number that will connect people to emergency services wherever they are in Europe, in the UK it will connect to 999. However, contrary to popular belief which has been created by various hoax emails – if you do not have a signal on your mobile you simply CANNOT make a call. (See next)

FACT: If you do not have a signal from your network operator, emergency calls MAY still be made as your phone will automatically detect the next available network - providing of course that other networks are indeed available in that locality.

Once again contrary to belief it will NOT connect to a satellite signal, this is just not possible with an ordinary cellular phone.

## **THE BRAIN TEASER**

Here is an example of one of the questions in the recent County Road Safety Quiz! Somewhat obscure, but our team got eleven right so they are to be congratulated.

Give it a go - All abbreviations are transport/traffic/or vehicle orientated. Answers next month.

**SAM**  
**DfT**  
**TRO**  
**SCP (again)**  
**TfL**  
**ZPPPCRGD**  
**RSGB**  
**OSM**  
**KSI**  
**VAS**  
**DPE**

**RCRG**  
**TRL**  
**SCP**  
**DSA**  
**ORR**  
**ADI**  
**IPSGA**  
**RPMT**  
**DVLA**  
**ANPR**

Good luck!

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## CLASSIC CARS

### 1922 - AUSTIN SEVEN

Herbert Austin formed the Austin Motor Company in 1906. In 1917 the famous Austin factory at Longbridge was Britain's biggest motor works. Austin had a single model policy with a production line, but a larger 20 hp model was not a success. They then decided on production of cheaper cars and introduced the 12 hp in 1921 and the seven in 1922. It had a small 747cc four cylinder engine which produced a modest 10bhp. The top speed was 42 mph.. 375,000 were produced between 1922 and 1939.

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That's all folks for this  
all at October's meeting. I  
to publish, please forward  
think will be of interest.



month – see you  
still want material  
anything you  
Drive safely.



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