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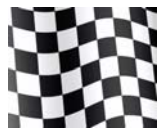
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It is a little bit early but this is the Christmas Edition!!! I am sorry to mention it, for if you are like me advertising for Christmas appears to start earlier and earlier. I feel that 1st December is plenty early enough to start, as it is now you wish it had come and gone and it is not even December! Still as this is the last issue until January it has to be called that 'Edition'.

Most of us do look forward to Christmas but it usually involves some travelling and the weather starts to get bad so we must be prepared. Also we must be prepared for what winter can throw at our vehicles. I will not bother you all with my usual list of do's and don'ts but suffice to say ensure your vehicle is adequately 'winterised'. Bodywork protected with a good coat of polish. Cooling system contains adequate anti-freeze. Battery in good condition and tyres have adequate tread depth and are inflated correctly. The all important check is always keep your eye on the weather forecast before you travel so you know what to expect to meet in the way of weather and what precautions to take. Also do not forget yourself and your passengers. Always carry the safety equipment, liquid for drinking (not alcohol), biscuits, blankets and ensure your mobile phone is with you and the battery is OK.. The list is virtually endless and I am sure I am speaking to the converted and most of you can also think of other items to carry and other ways to ensure your vehicle will be all right to use whatever weather comes our way. Make it a safe as well as a happy Christmas.

I recently published an article on the new Guided Busway in Cambridgeshire. We have been informed that it will come into operation as from 29th November. Surprise, surprise! On the news to-day it was announced that there is now a further delay and it will not probably start

operating until the end of the year. It is now months overdue and well over budget. Another County Council white elephant?

This month I have tried to make it a fun Edition. There are varied puzzles and a small prize for the winner. Entry form is on the last page. The first person with the correct solution of all the puzzles, drawn from the 'hat' will win a free year's subscription to the local group. If the winner has already paid his/her subscription this will be refunded. Go on give it a go!

2010 SUBSCRIPTIONS WILL BE DUE ON 31ST DECEMBER 2009

£10 subscription is now due for the next year (unless you have paid for your subscription since September 2009 then yours is not due until December 2010). Please pass your cheques/money (cheques made payable to RoSPA Advanced Drivers Association, Norfolk and Norwich Group) to Membership Secretary, Peter Matchett, 61 Stylman Road, Cloverhill, Norwich, NR5 9ET, or to him at our monthly meeting. Please ensure you include your name and address. If you are not going to renew please let Peter know (Tel: 01603 742238).

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 4TH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.
THIS IS NOT ALWAYS THE LAST WEDNESDAY**

MEETINGS

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, 25th 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)

As this is our social evening you are welcome to bring along relatives and friends as well.

So come along, relax and enjoy yourselves.

Tea, coffee and Christmas eats – all free.



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Raffle and

Christmas Goodies

It all adds up to a good end of year, Christmas Social evening. I do hope as many Members, wives/husbands and friends will attend and make this a very good evening with a chance to also meet other Members and make this a good informal get together.

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

NEXT MEETING - 27th January 2010

Speaker to be confirmed - The programme for 2010 will then be published

THE BRAIN TEASER

LAST MONTH'S QUIZ - ANSWERS

SAM	=	Speed Awareness Message		
RCRG	=	Road Casualty Reduction Group		
DfT	=	Department of Transport	TRL	= Transport Research Laboratory
TRO	=	Traffic Regulation Order	SCP	= Safety Camera Partnership
SCP (again)	=	School Crossing Patrol	ORR	= Occupational Road Risk
DSA	=	Driving Standards Agency	ADI	= Approved Driving Instructor
TfL	=	Transport for London	RPMT	= Register of Post Test Motorcycles
ZPPPCRGD	=	Zebra Pelican Puffin Crossing Regulations		
RSGB	=	Road Safety Great Britain	DVLA	= Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency
IPSGA	=	Information, Speed, Gear and Acceleration		
OSM	=	Observation Special Manoeuvre	ANPR	= Automatic Number Plate Recognition
KSI	=	Killed and Seriously injured		
VAS	=	Vehicle Activated Sign		
DPE	=	Decriminalised Parking Enforcement		

How did you get on? I told you some were obscure!
I believe most of these abbreviations are used by the County Council Road Safety Team.

Now an offering sent in by Brian Dack:

Only in Texas my friends...

Only in Texas

A lawyer runs a stop sign and gets pulled over by a sheriff's deputy. He thinks that he is smarter than the deputy because he is a lawyer from New Jersey and is certain that he has a better education than any cop from Texas. He decides to prove this to himself and have some fun at the Texas deputy's expense.

The deputy says, 'License and registration, please.'

'What for?' says the lawyer..

The deputy says, 'You didn't come to a complete stop at the stop sign.'

Then the lawyer says, 'I slowed down, and no one was coming.'

'You still didn't come to a complete stop, Says the deputy. License and registration, please.'

The lawyer says, 'What's the difference?'

'The difference is you have to come to complete stop, that's the law. License and

registration, please!' the Deputy repeats.

Lawyer says, 'If you can show me the legal difference between slow down and stop, I'll give you my license and registration; and you give me the ticket. If not, you let me go and don't give me the ticket..'

'That sounds fair. Please exit your vehicle, sir,' the deputy says.

At this point, the deputy takes out his nightstick and starts beating the living daylights out of the lawyer and says, 'Do you want me to stop, or just slow down?'



Well that is all for this year. I will be making the 'Christmas' meeting in November so hope to see as many Members there as possible. By the way I have frightened myself so much about winter driving that I, with my wife of course, are off to Austria for Christmas by coach!

It only leads me on behalf of your Committee to wish each and every one of you and your families all the very best for Christmas and the New Year. Have a lovely time and safe driving.

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