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The Newsletter of RoADA South East Essex Group

Welcome to our new Newsletter.

My name is Terry Joyce, I am the Newsletter Editor. After recently becoming a member of the group, clutching my Gold Pass certificate, I volunteered to take on this task, as I edit another Newsletter for an IAM group.

This is your Newsletter so if there is anything that you want to see covered, please let me know.

There will be four issues each year. They will be available at our Group Nights.

I have also agreed to design and run the group website.

See our new Website

www.rosipa-southeastessex.org.uk



The System of car control



For more information see Roadcraft
and
our website.

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Our Group meeting held on 29th April and AGM

After the AGM, we had Examiner Mark Anderson as a speaker.

Mark succinctly explained the process of the test, from when you send your test application form in to the time he meets you for your test. He told us about the way in which the test is marked and how he deals with that.

He ran through where he meets candidates, how the test is conducted and what he expects from us.

He explained that he was looking for Safe, Smooth, Systematic drive with Progress.

It was a very interactive and informative session, with Mark fielding questions from quite a number of those present. These included driving on the M25, and Wilson's corner in Brentwood.

Commentary was discussed; the consensus was that doing a commentary is an important part of taking your advanced driving test. Mark explained that it does not have to be complicated. He wants to know what you are seeing and what you are going to do about it.

Everyone seemed to gain from Mark's talk and personally I think these sessions are extremely helpful.

By Terry Joyce

Our Group Nights in 2009 will be held at the Education Centre of Southend General Hospital. This is situated off Carlingford Drive. Meetings start at 8.00pm and finish no later than 10.00pm.

Next Group Night will be on last Wednesday of October 2009

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for details and dates of meetings in 2010.**

Highway Code

What do you know about the Highway Code? For most drivers, the answer would be not enough.

I wonder how many know that it was revised in 2007. There are 45 more pages. We are told that there are 29 new rules. The cover now reads The OFFICIAL HIGHWAY CODE. Does that mean it wasn't before?

I've been working my way through the book. I know you're thinking I'm sad, but let us think about the first part of the '**System**'. Without information, the System would not work. To function as Advanced Drivers we need to have as much information as we can deal with. Sometimes we get too much and are unable to process it quickly enough. When this happens you need to slow the car down so you give yourself more time to deal with the situation. Practice allows you to be able to process more information, so this relates to us knowing as much about the Highway Code as possible. The more we know the better we can deal with situations on the road.

I am going to highlight the changes in the Highway Code to help us keep them fresh in our memories.

This first one is under the section Rules for Pedestrians.

Rules for Pedestrians

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Equestrian crossings are for horse riders. They have pavement barriers, wider crossing spaces, horse and rider figures in the light panels and either two sets of controls (one higher), or just one higher control panel.

Equestrian crossings are used by horse riders. There is often a parallel crossing.

This is a Pegasus Crossing or Equestrian Crossing, which is for Horse Riders.

There is a wider gap between traffic lights.

Next to it is a Toucan crossing for Cyclists and Pedestrians.

They are on the A129 between Rayleigh and Shotgate.

By Terry Joyce



One of the items on the AGM Agenda was the relocation of the meeting place. **From January 2010** our meetings will be held in Rawreth at the Village Hall. Its post code is SS11 8SH.

Group Nights 2010

20th January ~ 21st April (including AGM) ~ 28th July ~ 20th October

Make a note in your diary!



See our website for links to Google Earth and Streetmap.

Bedloes Corner is the junction on the A1245 with Rawreth Lane and Church Road. It is controlled by traffic lights.

From the North: You **cannot** turn right. See the arrows on the diagram. You turn left just before the lights and then turn right. You can then enter Church Road by going straight on at the lights.

From the south: A1245 turn left at traffic lights

For anyone approaching from the Wickford/Shotgate direction the hall can be reached via the A129, turn left into the old London road, passing The Chichester. There is a width restriction when you enter Church road.