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ASSOCIATE MEMBERS –

PLEASE attend the forthcoming Sunday &/or Saturday guidance sessions at the **SAINSBURYS CAR PARK** as listed in 'What's On'.

If this causes any difficulty, please contact **Ray Parker** on **01246 206959** so that other arrangements can be made. New joiners are welcome to come along at anytime during the morning for a free assessment drive, or you can phone Ray to arrange a drive at any suitable time.

It is a fundamental part of your on-going training that you attend at least one, if not both of the guidance sessions each month. So please try to attend.

WE THANK THE MANAGEMENT OF SAINSBURY'S SUPERMARKET FOR ALLOWING US TO USE THEIR CAR PARK FOR OUR GUIDANCE SESSIONS

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Cover photo courtesy of Mike Dickerson taken at Jaguar event at Thoresby Hall.

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Any articles for September Newsletter to be with the editor by midnight Sunday 24th August please.

Wow! What a day it turned out to be.....do you recall I wrote about a Jaguar Day at Thorsby Hall at the end of June....over 1,200 gleaming models from every era, arena displays including the Nottingham Jousts, trade stalls and demonstrations, all set in the beautiful grounds of the Hall, a flypast of Spitfires and one of the hottest days of the year. What more could a petrol head want? If you managed to attend, then you will know what a great event it was, and if you missed it, that's a shame.

Glad to hear the recent news re: motorway speed limits, in this day and age with vehicles safer than ever (though I'm not too sure about all drivers) a blanket 60mph seems a retrograde step, even if it was to be only during certain hours, especially as there are a few of us drivers of more mature years who remember when "de-restricted" really did mean just that, although the vehicles I had at that time were not capable of maintaining anywhere near 70mph cruising speed!

Let's hope this one comes off...local councils will be given the power to suspend normal speed limits and stage Monaco style road races with streets lined with spectators. At the moment such events are only allowed with specific permission from Parliament, but the PM said recently that he "will bring in legislation later this year that lifts this restriction" (July 12th)

The move follows the huge success of the first leg of the Tour de France watched roadside by millions of spectators both in Yorkshire and London.

Keep your fingers crossed.

More next month

Stay safe and happy

Mike.

(Some great photos later in this newsletter from Mike - much better if you have the e mail version, which shows them in colour! – Ed)

2014 'Motoring Milestones' – Part 2 From Dom Booth, Chairman



To continue from last month's "motoring milestones", we're going to focus on 1934, did you know this is the year that the 30 miles per hour speed limit for built up areas was made law? Within that same year the "Belisha Beacon" arrived on our streets that we see every day at Zebra Crossings.

Also in 1934, lorry drivers got their own license classifications, and had to do a practical driving test to prove they were up to the job.

A lot happened in 1934 including cat's eyes, those small things that keep all of us on the straight and narrow! Did you also know that in this year the BSM (British School of Motoring) started to develop what we now have as the official driving test.

Also in the news, the DVLA has announced that from January 2015, the paper counterpart of your driving license will no longer be issued with new or renewed licenses. This doesn't apply to those with the paper driving license that predates the photocard and counterpart.

The DVLA is also creating a new online system, for you, and other organisations and businesses to see what information is currently on your counterpart which will go live later this year.

The system can be accessed here:
<https://www.gov.uk/view-driving-licence>

I hope you're all enjoying the summer!
Drive safe,
Dom

SOCIAL EVENT



I'd recommend the party deal to make it worth our while?

I'm provisionally looking at Sat the 27th of September. Morning..

Please email chris.lake@mypostoffice.co.uk with your interest and option: Arrive and drive or part deal...

Many thanks

Chris Lake
Social Secretary

Swains Centre, Unit 26, Harper Hill Business Park, Buxton, SK17 9JL.

There is a 500m long outdoor track. We cater for any size of party or group and, providing the minimum height is achieved, most ages.

Established in 1995 the outdoor go kart circuit has undergone several upgrades from the original basic oval layout to the current custom designed 500m (with the inclusion of a flyover bridge) we have today. The new all tarmac surface even has the addition of extra grippy cornering surface on most bends to assist in keeping you on the track even in the trickiest of weather conditions.

Our current fleet of ten 160cc four stroke adult karts and four 160cc four stroke restricted junior karts are available virtually all year around seven days a week. Our only closure tends to be from Christmas Eve afternoon to the 2nd January every year.

We can do either:

Arrive and Drive (Both Adults and Children)

Arrive and Drive is for 10 minutes **Cost per person £15.00**

Or

Party Deals

Party Deals are two 15 minute sessions plus food and a drink (This package is limited to children aged between 7 and 18 years old and Family groups (a mix of adults and children)).

Cost per person £30.00

***** PLEASE LET CHRIS LAKE KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED *****

Quick reply to Jan’s prayer article last month (from Dom)

‘The Motorists Prayer’ appears to have originated from St. Christopher, although it isn’t well known. You learn something new every day!

Another driving prayer is “St. Christopher’s Protection:”

“Dear Saint Christopher, protect me today in all my travels along the road's way. Give your warning sign if danger is near so that I may stop while the path is clear. Be at my window and direct me through when the vision blurs from out of the blue. Carry me safely to my destined place, like you carried Christ in your close embrace. Amen.”



More photos of Jaguar event, courtesy of Mike Dickerson



Is buying car insurance about to get simpler?



The ABI estimates that MyLicence could save motorists £15 a year on their insurance.

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A new government initiative could mean that buying motor insurance is about to get a whole lot simpler and speedier - or at least that's what the government hopes.

Driving records will be put online and stored in a searchable, shareable database for the first time this July, allowing insurers to access a driver's history and details when they buy motor insurance.

The new system - coined [MyLicence](#) - should eventually make the process of taking out insurance - whether that be [car](#), [motorbike](#) or [van](#) cover - much speedier and simpler.

Reducing fraud

The introduction of MyLicence is a "significant step forward in the fight against insurance fraud", according to Nick Starling of the Association of British Insurers (ABI). The ABI are spearheading the scheme alongside the Department for Transport, DVLA and the Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB). According to the ABI, when applying for insurance, up to a quarter of drivers with motoring offences, including disqualification, either don't declare them at all, or declare something less significant.

Being able to root out fraud should bring down the cost of premiums - eventually. It has been estimated by the ABI that the system will save an average customer £15 a year on the cost of their car insurance.

The insurance industry isn't known for its quick reaction to change, though, so while MyLicence is officially launching in July, that doesn't mean that insurers will be ready to take advantage of the system straight away.

At the moment insurers can only access DVLA data on a customer through a long and expensive process, meaning that, to protect themselves against the losses caused by scammers, honest drivers are forced to pay a higher premium.

Morgan Selbos, policy adviser at the ABI, said that while there's no "big bang approach" to MyLicence, 60% of the motor insurance market has already registered.

"It's down to each individual insurer to decide when they roll out the service, but it's a priority for them," said Selbos.

"The key benefits [of MyLicence] will be the ability to avoid mistakes, which will help the industry reduce fraud, but it will also give honest customers access to the most competitive premiums."

If you're forced to claim on your motor insurance, MyLicence should also make that process easier, as insurers will be aware of all your details straight away and be less likely to question any information given to them.

How will it work?

When you try to take out motor insurance, providers will be able to access the MyLicence database and see your details, whether or not you have any convictions, and how long you've held your licence for.

Instead of being asked to input all these details yourself, you'll simply be asked to give your driving licence number (DLN).

Information available on the database is expected to include convictions; points; conviction dates; disqualifications; type of licence held; length of time licence held; whether the applicant is entitled to drive a manual, automatic or different type of vehicle.

"While the new system will help insurers tackle fraud, customers probably won't see the full benefits for a number of years," said Gocompare.com's Lee Griffin.

"In the long term, what it will do is make the quote process when comparing or buying motor insurance much quicker and simpler.

"Instead of customers inputting all their details themselves, including information like when they passed their driving tests and details of convictions, MyLicence will do all that for you by simply asking for your DLN.

"I for one can't remember when I passed my driving test, so it's unsurprising that mistakes occur, but this new system will reduce error and eventually the cost of premiums, too."

Paper-free

The project is part of the government's digital agenda, with the paper counterpart to the driving licence card due to be phased out by 2015. The paper tax disc is being scrapped in 2014, with an assisted service introduced for those who find it difficult to use the internet.

Selbos says that the scrapping of the paper licence will "make it difficult for customers to provide accurate information and will make it a must to use MyLicence".

The ABI will be also be launching a website to explain MyLicence to drivers:

"We want to educate customers about how they can use their driving licence number to buy insurance," said Selbos.

(Above article from Chris Lake)

Diary Dates

AUGUST 2014

Sunday 3rd	Guidance	9.30 am Sainsbury's Car Park
Saturday 9th	Guidance	9.30 am Sainsbury's Car Park
Tuesday 26 th	Committee Meeting	Chesterfield Library Café 7.30 p.m.

Future dates September

Sunday 7 th	Guidance
Saturday 13 th	Guidance
Thursday 18 th	Social 7.30 pm - To be announced St Thomas's Church Centre, Chatsworth Rd, Brampton S40 3AW (car parking at rear)
Saturday 27 th	Possible Social Event – Go Karting – See advert