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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 **Bob Stone** on **01246 568894** 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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Matlock **Tues 6th October** 7.30pm at the Duke William. An illustrated talk by Glynne Waite. Highly recommended by Matlock members who have seen Glynne's talks elsewhere.

Highways Agency Officer Steve Parker. **Tues 3rd November** 7.30pm at the Duke William. Steve is an ex-copper who also is an examiner for RoSPA. At one time he also had a job as a motorway cop but currently works for the Highways on Motorway Traffic management.

Come along and ask Steve about all those annoying and mysterious things that happen on motorways.



A most peculiar mix this month From the President

It has been the Ford Transit's 50th anniversary this August, and it is claimed that most motorists in Britain (not just white van man) will at some time drive one, probably as a rented removal vehicle. (I have pleasant memories of years of mini-bus driving, pre retirement). The first Transit was born in Longley, Berks, on August 9th 1965 costing £542! Now more than 8,000,000 have been built.....a new one has been bought every 3 minutes during its lifetime and lined up end to end, would circle the world. Have you any Transit memories you can share?

Saw a few "one liners" recently, which amused me – see what you think.

- 1 Exit signs, are they on the way out?
- 2 Black Beauty? Now there's a dark horse!
- 3 Velcro? What a rip off!
- 4 Is crime in multi-storey car parks wrong on so many levels?
- 5 I rang the local swimming baths. I said "Is that the local swimming baths?" He replied....." It all depends where you are calling from!!"

Now back to a car related topic. Within the space of the last 3 months, 3 individual coil springs have broken....one on my wife's 05 plated Ka (donated to our daughter), found on MOT in June, one on my wife's replacement Ka , about 6 weeks ago, and one on my X Type today (August 14th)

Question.....Are local Highway Agencies in league with local garages by leaving potholes and building more speed bumps to wear out our suspension, or am I being too cynical? I leave you to be the judge. Have you had any similar suspension problems due to the condition of our roads? Let us know.

And finally, a teaser.....If it takes Big Ben 30 seconds to strike 6 o'clock, how long does it take to strike 12 o'clock? (Not quite as simple as it looks!) Answer later in the newsletter. Stay safe and happy. Mike

September 2015

Welcome all to September's newsletter! Some of you must've done something interesting this summer you'd like to share, been to a car/bike show? Write in to the Editor to have it included next month.

Personally over the last month I've driven a Supercharged Mini Cooper, Alfa Romeo Mito, Ford Transit, Fiat 126, and of course my Grande Punto. Of course I prefer the Italians for their 'character'.

One of the car shows I went to was MITCAR – Midlands Italian Car Show, arguably one of the best Italian car shows of the year this time held at Deene Park in Northamptonshire. About 380 Italian cars, ranging from a classic Fiat 126 up to a modern Maserati Quattroporte and everything in between!

The other car show was Retro Rides hosted at Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb, if you want to see classic cars, this was the place to be! With everything from Mazda MX5s to Lancia Delta Integrales. The only thing that let it down was the classic British weather... Which turned the fields into sludge, yes I did fall over, and yes the Punto has some mud up the sides.

Winter will soon be upon us...
Dom

***Just to reiterate Dom's comments, please think about submitting an article. The Newsletter has been a bit 'thin' of late, so please let us know what YOU have been up to over the summer.
Yvonne, Editor.***

Photos from Dom



September Social -

Picture The Past Project -

Thursday 17th September St Thomas's Centre

Chatsworth Road, Brampton



Image courtesy of Google Images.

Nick Tomlinson from Derbyshire County Council will be coming to talk to us about the Picture The Past Project, with an emphasis on transport, roads, road signs and accidents.

This promises to be an interesting evening so we hope you will come and give your support – friends and family welcome.

£1.50 to include refreshments and raffle ticket.

NB: I have been to one of Nick's talks before and it is very interesting. (Editor)

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Lunch Club

The Old House, Loundsley Green, Chesterfield (junction with Newbold Road)
1 p.m. Wednesday 9 September.

I have booked the table for 6 people in the name of Stone, although regrettably Bob and I won't be able to attend this month.

Diary Dates

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Sunday 6th	Guidance	Sainsbury's Car Park, 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday 9 th	Lunch Club – The Old House, Loundsley Green	1 p.m.
Saturday 12th	Guidance	Sainsbury's Car Park, 9.30 a.m.
Thursday 17th	Social – Neil Tomlinson from Picture The Past, DCC, will give a slide show and talk about the project. <u>PLEASE SEE ADVERT</u>	7.30 p.m. St Thomas's Church Hall, Chatsworth Road, Brampton
Tuesday 29 th	Committee Meeting	7.30 pm – Chesterfield Library Café

Future Dates: - October

Guidance	Sunday 4 th , Saturday 10 th
Social TBA	Thursday 15th
Committee Meeting	Tuesday 27 th

Answer to Mike's quiz:

The timing is all to do with the spaces in between the strikes. There are 5 spaces in 6 o'clock making each space 6 seconds. There are 11 spaces in 12 o'clock, making the total time 66 seconds!! Numbers are so wonderful!!