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GROUP NEWSLETTER**



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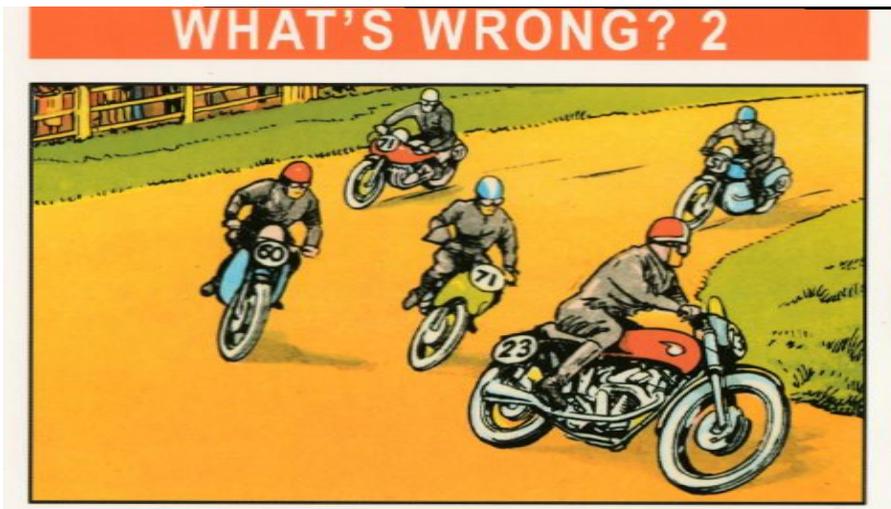
PLEASE attend the forthcoming Sunday &/or Saturday guidance sessions at the **SAINSBURYS CAR PARK** as listed in 'What's On'.

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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YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE

Morecambe and Wise certainly brought a lot of sunshine into our lives, but I don't think they ever passed through Morton village, which is where I live.

The road through our village is on the line East to West with the Sun. No problem, but now in Autumn and again in Spring, as you drive through the village towards the A61 at Stretton the low Sun shining over the Rykneld Street ridge is like a Death Ray beaming down on you. Lowering the visor is just not enough as the Sun's rays still remain, almost blinding you, and with parked vehicles and oncoming traffic, very slow speeds is recommended, or even wait for 30 minutes for the Sun to sink below the skyline.

The farmer at the west end near the A61 junction has an adjacent wall on the road side, which twice in the last three years has been partly demolished. Once when a driver was trying to find their sun glasses and once when the driver was trying to adjust the visor, both times admitting afterwards that they could not see because of the Sun and did not take into account the glare. Our Sun has been knocking about for quite a while now so we should be used to it, but alas it still seems to catch some drivers out.

Preparation is the key to the answer. Dirty windscreens make it more difficult to see in the low sun. Clean inside and out and don't leave litter on the dash (papers, books plus other clutter). Your heater is often on the de-mist setting, blowing traffic fumes, suspended oil and smoke onto the inside of the screen which quickly builds up a film of grime which is a major cause of glare. Avoid the popular vinyl cleaners that leave the dash highly reflective, looks great but it turns your dash into a mirror. Your other mirrors also need to be free from dirt, remember the Sun can also be behind you and need to be dipped if needed.

Good sunglasses can prevent a lot of these events, if worn before encountering the glare. General use sunglasses can be too dark or unsuitable for driving. For best clarity of vision, sunglasses should be either Fixed or Variable Tint, yellow tinted lenses are not recommended. If you are unsure what you need, visit your local Opticians. Tinted windows have a

legal a requirement which permits not less than 75% light transmission on the front window and 70% on front side windows. Also try and avoid putting on MARK and SHARON along the front window.

In the Highway Code, the Sun is the only weather condition that they advise you to Stop if the glare is too intense. (Rule 237).

- Ray and Bob where walking along the path when they spotted a mirror, Ray picked it up and said “Hey Bob, that face seems familiar to me”. “Give it here, let’s have a look” said Bob and replied “You nincompoop of course it’s familiar, IT’S ME.”

Selwyn

Bits of News

- Two stalwart members of the group have been poorly in hospital recently, Ray Parker and John North. We wish them both well for speedy recoveries.
- Unfortunately the Road Rally/Treasure Hunt on 9 September had to be cancelled due to the final destination being somewhat waterlogged! The quiz will be held over for another hopefully sunny occasion.
- How to do the 'Dutch reach' – <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-41201002>

The above news item was noticed by Tony Pope and is worth a view. The Dutch Reach was a term coined in the USA and explains a safe way of opening your car door to avoid collisions with cyclists (and presumably motorcyclists).

INVITATION FROM SHEFFIELD IAM

We have invited Reg Local aka John Gregory to give a presentation on **Tuesday 3rd October** at Davys Sports & Social Club starting at 7.30pm. All of your members and associates are welcome to attend, as are anyone who is interested but not yet signed up. There will be no attendance fee for any of your members or associates.

On behalf of our committee, I would be grateful if you could share the attached poster on your website and or social media accounts. If you require a hard copy to be placed on your notice board then please do contact me with your address details and I shall get a copy posted out to you asap.

Kind regards

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September Lunch

We had an enjoyable lunch at Chester's on 13 September- Sil, Roger, Colin, Paul, Ray, Dot, Leah (Dot's grand-daughter) and me who- surprise surprise- arrived last! We sat at the boat table - a bit tricky to get in and out of- but cosy. Everyone had their super fish and chips apart from Paul who had the fish pie which was full of lots of different seafood. Paul and Ray still had room to indulge in ice-cream sundaes!

Michele



Articles for inclusion in November's Newsletter to be with the Editor by midnight, Sunday 29 October.

Answer to What's Wrong? = There are two No 71's

DIARY DATES

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Sunday 1 st	Guidance	Sainsburys Car Park, 9.30 am
Saturday 7 th	Guidance	Sainsbury's Car Park 9.30 am
Wednesday 11 th	Lunch Group, 1 pm, table booked for 10 people in name of Stone.	The Six Halts, Derby Road, Clay Cross, S45 9AG
Thursday 19 th	Social – Marjorie Dunn will give us a talk “History afloat. The rivers and canals of South Yorkshire and Humberside.	St Thomas' Centre, Chatsworth Road, 7.30 pm
Tuesday 31 st 	Committee Meeting	7.30 pm, Chesterfield Library

Future Dates: - November 2017

Sunday 5 th	Guidance
Saturday 11 th	Guidance
Wednesday 8 th	Lunch Group
Thursday 16 th	Social – John Lower, speaker from Chesterfield Canal Trust
Tuesday 28 th	Committee Meeting