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Oxford IAM Group Newsletter

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GROUP NEWS

Im typing this on a day that motorcyclists are demonstrating in London to protest about the introduction of a £1-daily parking fee by the council in charge. I haven't got the full facts on the case so I'm not going to comment on it, but I did get to thinking about parking provisions in general. I've been to plenty of places where there are no motorcycle parking areas. I've also been to places where the motorcycle parking areas provided are dismal & in some cases totally impractical. I've come across parking bays on steep slopes, in dark poky backstreets with no security and bays that are squeezed into car parks as if in a token gesture but so poorly marked that cars park in them. I've had problems with finding places to park a van too, namely car parks that have height restrictions, or with bays that are too narrow or short. I took part in a recent poll on car parking on the IAM main website and according to the results 86% of people think that parking skills (or lack of) are a problem in the UK. I am all for driver training & education, but maybe some of the issues with parking skills stem from the parking spaces themselves.

The summer meeting drive-outs have begun! Please make the effort to come along, they are very worthwhile. It's a great opportunity to get a demonstration drive from an Observer & raise any points for discussion with other Associates, Members & Observers. For the bikers it's a run out into the countryside & a chance to have a chat and boost your confidence with group riding. The next meeting is on 7 July, at Exeter Hall for 8pm.

RECENT PASSES

Congratulations to Eric Brown, Janet Godfrey, Jamie Moore, Steve Hall, Mike Jones & Julie Payne on passing their Car tests, and to Colin Godfrey for passing the motorcycle test.

2010 DIARY

June 27 Motorcycle Ride-Out from Bicester Services 10am, run length 2-3 hours
July 7 Demonstration Drive & Motorcycle Ride-out
July 18 Motorcycle Ride-Out from H Café 10am, run length 3-4 hours
August 4 Demonstration Drive & Motorcycle Ride-out
August 15 Motorcycle Ride-Out from Peartree Services 9.30am, run length 5-6 hours
September 1 Ian Lewis- Thatcham Laboratory
September 19 Motorcycle Ride-Out from Milton Heights Service Area, Didcot, run length 4-5 hours
October 6 Lois Pryce- Motorcycle Adventurer!
November 3 AGM
December 1 Christmas Quiz

Committee Members

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