



The LDIA



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80mph on our motorways

Hello members, here's your newsletter this month. At our next meeting we have a Russell Martin who is the Highway Maintenance Manager for Leeds City Council. Who deals with requests for service from members of the public, councillors, MP's and also proactive work based on our own knowledge of the networks condition. He is also responsible for delivering the Council's winter service i.e. gritting. Don't miss out at the next meeting, where all your questions will be answered.

Government proposes 80MPH motorway speed limit

Transport Secretary Philip Hammond has announced his intention to consult on raising the national speed limit on motorways from 70 to 80 miles per hour. The Government plans to launch a full public consultation on the issue later this year with a view to implementing any change in early 2013. Vehicles have changed dramatically since the current national speed limit was set in 1965. Technological advances mean that cars are significantly safer than they were

**Next Meeting is on
Tuesday 11th October
8.00pm at Corpus
Christi CMC Halton
Moor Avenue**

contributing to a fall of more than 75% in the number of people killed on British roads since 1965. That is why the Government feels it is now time to look again at whether the speed limit set in 1965 is still appropriate. Road safety is a top priority for the Government and action is being taken to tackle uninsured driving and help police enforce against drink and drug driving. However, the Government believes safety cannot be the only consideration when setting speed limits. Previous analysis shows that raising the motorway speed limit would generate significant economic benefits, worth hundreds of millions of pounds per year from savings of travel time. Initial work by the Department suggests that setting the motorway speed limit at 80 mph is likely to represent the best balance of costs and benefits and it is similar to the motorway speed limit in other EU countries. As many as 49% of drivers currently break the 70mph limit. Ministers believe that raising the limit to 80mph would mean that millions of otherwise law-abiding motorists would be brought back inside the boundary, restoring the moral legitimacy of the system. Philip Hammond said: "I want to make sure that our motorway speed limit reflects the reality of modern vehicles and driving conditions, not those of 50 years ago. "While we must ensure that our roads remain among the safest in the world, we must also consider the huge economic benefits that can be created by shortening journey times. "Increasing the speed limit on motorways from 70 to 80 miles per hour for cars, light vans and motor-

cycles could provide hundreds of millions of pounds of benefits for the economy and I will put forward formal proposals for making these changes later this year.

"Notes to Editors

1. An increase to the national motorway speed limit would apply to England and Wales. Responsibilities are devolved in Northern Ireland and are planned to be devolved in Scotland.

2. Increased motorway speed limits would apply to cars and motorcycles. Lorries on motorways are subject to lower speed limits and we have no proposals to increase them. The consultation is however likely to seek views about the position related to vans/light goods vehicles on motorways.

3. A thorough impact assessment which takes account of the full environmental, social and economic costs and benefits is being progressed.

4. Some stretches of motorway would be likely to retain a 70 mph limit because of their engineering and environment.

5. We are also considering the case related to increasing the speed limit on other high standard, near-motorway dual carriageways. Changes would be implemented case by case and we are not proposing to consult about raising the default national speed limit of 70 mph for all purpose dual carriageways.

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The Dave Lawrence Sickness and Accident Scheme.

A list of participating members of the LDIA DLSAS are as follows. If your name does not appear below **you are not covered.** This could be because you have not returned your form or joining fee or photo ID (ADI badge) but if your forms, fees have been returned after this publication then your name will appear in the next newsletter. So far we have 49 members in the scheme, this means members will receive £240 per week for 6 weeks if out of work due to an illness or sickness. If someone is ill, at the moment each member would pay £5 per week for six weeks. We need 51 members in the scheme to pay out £250 per week. (see full terms and conditions for DLSAS)

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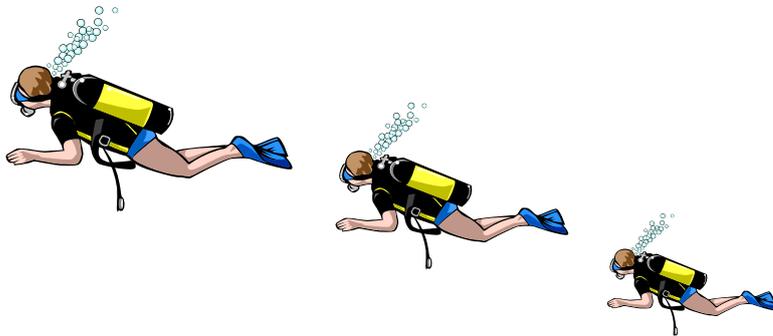


LDIA are going Scuba Diving Are you? Would you like to?

Scuba Diving - Taster Session for LDIA members

The LDIA have an opportunity for members to attend a scuba diving taster session at the John Charles centre in Leeds. Places are limited to five or six per session and so it will be a first come first served basis. If the session is a success we may be able to organise another. At this point in time we are looking to find out how many people are interested. The session will be on a Wednesday evening, between 8:00pm and 9:00pm, the cost will be £10 per person. The actual date has to be confirmed. Please send your name to Steve Esgate who will add it to the list when he receives it. As soon as a date is confirmed we will start to contacting those on the list for attendance confirmation and payment.

Steve Esgate 07985782590 susan.esgate@btinternet.com



2 "HP 45" black ink cartridges that I do not need.

There are out of date (how ink is out of date is beyond me!!!) but if anyone wants them let me know and they are yours gratis!

Damian Heaney

For Sale

Steel wheel (still boxed) for new shape Honda Civic + Pirelli Tyre 205/55 R16—£85 for both.

Tom Tom Sat Nav with 4 inch screen + home and car charger (cost £400) a snip at £90.

Please contact Gerry Abrahamson on 0113 2656560 Mob: 07876562145

REPORT ON THE MEETING HELD ON 13th SEPTEMBER 2011 AT CORPUS CHRISTI C. M. C.

The meeting started at 8.08p.m. 31 attended the meeting.

Guest Speaker tonight was Andy Hamilton from RoSPA. He started by given a description of how he got to where he is now. From his career as a bobby to traffic bobby and an ADI. He talked about planning ahead and the different systems people use. He told a few stories about his pupils he had in the past, he talked about steering, pull push steering and rotational steering, the advantages of pull push and rotational. Use of brakes as a signal to warn others. He talked about how advanced driving is different to “normal driving”. He mentioned that he will retire from RoSPA after thirty three years with them in a couple of years’ time. Andy volunteers a few days a week to work for a donkey sanctuary, which he enjoys and it makes a change from everyday life. As instructors, we have a lot of skills to pass onto our pupils. With RoSPA you have to retake your test every three years depending on your grade. Andy now does Fleet training. Advance driving is all about observations; if you have good observations then you’ll make a good advanced driver. Andy wasn’t pushing RoSPA on us but if you are thinking of doing it, do it, sooner rather than later. An ADI should easily pass he mentioned. He mentioned how cars have changed over the years and how we have adapted to drive those cars. Questions were then asked and Andy answered them all. Thanks Andy for your presentation.

There then followed a break.

Business Meeting

Raffle

255 – Chris Pall, 125 – Andrea Siviter, 237 – Jackie Kilroy, 141 – Marie Parker Gale and 28 – Damien Heaney.

Alan’s bonus ball

13/8 **3** – A. Stubbs; 20/8 **24** - No Winner; 27/8 **49** - No Winner; 3/9 **31** - No Winner and 10/9 **37** - No Winner;

Apologies

Chris Reynolds; Nicky Harris; Terry Copsey; Malcolm Kleiman; David Watt; Tony Chadwick; Mike Bell; Les Amery and A. Page all gave their apologies.

New members

None.

Minutes of meeting held 9th August 2011

Proposed: Francis Lintott

Seconded: Bruno Hullah

Matters arising

None to mention.

Correspondence

A letter from Paul Pritchard was received it is as follows: Dear Derek I am writing to thank the members of the LDIA for their kind comments and wishes for a speedy recovery following my recent road traffic accident. A big thank you has to go to those LDIA members who are also members of the DLSAS. Their contribution to the scheme has previously been well documented and I would like add to that. It is the contribution by these fellow ADI’s that helps people like myself in difficult times and especially in the current financial climate. I never imagined a time when I would be a claimant of the scheme, it always seemed that it was something where it was pay out and get nothing back, so it just goes to show; you never know what is around the corner..... (or if you will actually get round it in my case). A special thank you also to Mike Bell the DLSAS Coordinator for the work he does behind the scenes in running the scheme. His organisation of the scheme makes it possible for payments to be made to claimants on time, so I urge members when a claim is made if you could send in the payments promptly it would make Mikes job so much easier. Finally thank you to the LDIA for the get well card and huge amount of mixed fruit. Kind Regards Paul.

DSA phone call: A Geoff update was given – Fraud and Integrity team say any sightings to telephone 02920581290, with the place, car reg number and the time etc.

Treasurers Update

Peter then gave his mini report, everything was in order. Geoff's money is still coming in. Peter hasn't banked the £500 pounds in the savings account yet as discussed but he will. He's been very busy.

Ongoing Business

Scuba diving – sessions are held on a Wednesday nights, meeting at 7.15 – 7.30pm and the association has the pool between 8pm – 9pm. We need to be there early so we can get kitted up. It cost £10 and then subsidised for members. We need early notice so it can be booked in advance and spaces are limited. Please look at the website www.ldia.co.uk and book through S. Esgate. Only got three so far, come on, it's really good.

It was proposed on behalf of the committee that the first £500 collected back in from Geoff will be given to Brenda Carter, Bill's wife, or what has been received by Christmas – A. Stubbs amendment and seconded by Kevin Black.....carried.

Paul mentioned that the committee have gone as far as we can with geoffgate and now will only give statements to the association about it as and when or if we are contacted by the police or the DSA. The association will continue to monitor payments being made and will contact the courts if they are not made, as we were asked by them to do so. No more discussions at the meetings. As far as the committee are concerned it is finished with. It is now in the hands of the fraud team.

New business

Christmas meal – provisionally booked for 17th Dec at The Britannia Leeds and Bradford airport Hotel at Bramhope 0113 2027451 for anyone wishing to stay over phone to book a room, £22.50 each including breakfast based on two people sharing a room. The dinner dance cost is £21.95 same as last year, menu to follow. Disco goes on till 1.00am and we need to know how many will be going ASAP as a non-returnable deposit of £10 is needed for each person going; we need a minimum of twenty. Spouses' friends and family are allowed. The LDIA will be discounting LDIA members only.

AOB

Anymore coaching courses available was a question from the floor, Paul to look into it.

Please look at the website www.ldia.co.uk for details of our next meeting, pot – hole man Russell Martin.

The meeting closed at: 9:58p.m.

THE DAVE LAWRENCE TROPHY

Below is a photo of the winner of the Dave Lawrence Trophy, it was Phil Hirst, who hammered us all last Thursday at the Manor Golf Club (bandit) Phil is the good looking one on the left. I don't



know who the other guy is on the right, oh that's Wyn Griffiths presenting Phil with the plaque and glass trophy. Wyn along with Richard King organise these days out for our members and their friends. They would like your support in coming along to these events, even if you play as bad as me (Derek) The next game is at Howley Hall LS270NX on 27/10/11 that's a Thursday. It will cost £32.50 which will include coffee and bacon sandwich on arrival, then 18 holes of golf and to finish a 2 course meal. In with the price is a raffle and everyone wins a prize. The web site for Howley Hall is; www.howleyhall.co.uk hope to see you all there.

November we are playing at Knaresborough Golf Club HG5 OQQ and in December the Leeds Golf Club Cobble Hall LS8 2LJ. Please let me know if you would like to come along, all welcome.