



RoSPA Advanced Drivers and Riders
North Wiltshire Group

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Newsletter

January 2013

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Dates for Your Diary

Monthly meetings are all held at
Liddington Village Hall opposite
the church.

Monday 11th Feb,
7.15pm for 7.45pm

Meeting: Swindon Borough Council:
Steve Sanders Traffic Management,
Colin Botter Design Standards &
Visibility.

Saturday 23rd Feb, 7:30 pm
Skittle Evening at the Peterborough
Arms, Dauntsey

Monday 11th March
Technical evening – to be confirmed

**Do you have a Topic you would
like discussed, or know of an
interesting speaker? Please
contact Monica!**

Time for a change?

The group is growing in membership
and expanding in the area we cover.

We now have members from
Cricklade and Malmesbury in the
North of the county to the very South
of Wiltshire - Salisbury and into
Hampshire. On the Western side,
Trowbridge and Frome and into
Oxfordshire on the East.

It has been suggested that we change
the group's name to:

Wiltshire RoADAR.

If you have any comments to make
on this PLEASE email Monica with
your thoughts.

Forthcoming Meetings

Monday 11th February, 7.15pm for 7.45pm:
Speakers – from Swindon Borough Council:
Steve Sanders - Traffic Management and Colin
Botter - Design Standards & Visibility.

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Congratulations!

We congratulate Kevin Hugo and his wife Catherine on the birth of their son Callum Jack on 15th January.



Welcome!

New Associates (car section):

Francoise Clifton

Phyl Graham

Phil Croughton

New joiner:

Lawrence Moss

Events

Saturday 23rd February 7:30 p.m.:

Skittle Evening

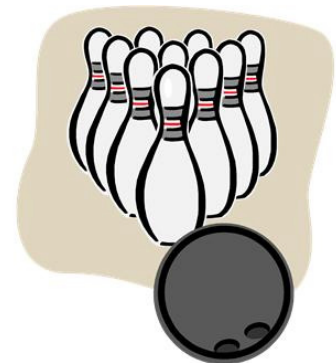
At the *Peterborough Arms, Dauntsey Lock, Chippenham SN15 4HD*

£7.50 per person to include a buffet. Friends and family welcome.

Confirmation and payment to Monica by **Friday 15th February** please.

You can pay by cheque made payable to RoADAR North Wiltshire Group or by electronic bank transfer; Sort Code 20-84-58. Account number 80006998

Looking forward to a good evening with as many of you who can come.



Bike section holidays 2013

Peak District Tour 29th Mar - 1st Apr 2013

More information on the forum at:

<http://tinyurl.com/at7f39a>

or contact Steve Hyde

Ardennes Trip 6-10 Sep 2013

More information on the forum at:

<http://tinyurl.com/bypvfu2>

or contact Stephen Wilkinson-Carr

2012 Christmas / New Year Meal



Twenty members met at the Oriental Buffet in Peatmoor, Swindon for our annual Christmas Meal.

The menu was an all-you-can-eat buffet with a wide variety of Chinese dishes and everyone enjoyed several visits to the buffet. A boisterous atmosphere pervaded the restaurant as our visit coincided with a teenage girl's birthday party and a 60th birthday party in the same area – some 60 people in all. So quiet conversation, there wasn't, but a good time was had and we all derived entertainment from a variety of old Christmas cracker jokes, and toys.

A sumptuous raffle with gift-wrapped prizes added an air of festivity and mystery to the proceedings, no doubt Dave is mystified as

to why he always wins the tools in these raffles – perhaps Monica is trying to tell him something! Thanks to all who attended. Happy New Year!



Did you know?

Did you know that cars with Xenon lights start fading to pink when they need replacing?

A friend was following me one evening and I noticed that his off side light on his BMW was distinctly pink. When I asked why he had no idea. When he took the car to the garage to investigate, he was told the bulb needed changing.

Something worth mentioning to friends and family?

Monica



Merchandise

Don't forget that we have a stock of merchandise available for purchase through the group. For more information visit the Merchandise page of the web site.

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Ride Outs 2013

Eligibility and Ride Grading

Rideouts are open to

- all members and associates of the North Wilts Group,
- RoSPA members from other groups
- invited guests of the above

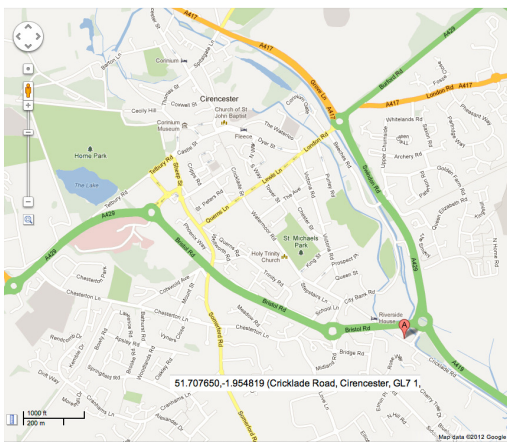
This year we are trying to cater for a wider group of people by offering a mix of half day and full day rides, all taking place on the third Saturday of the month. **However, if we get enough support for the rides, and volunteers to lead, we can look at running both half and full days rides in some months over the summer.**

The Drop Off Routine

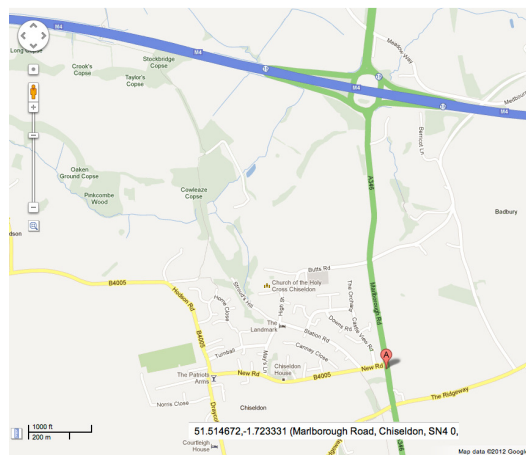
A Briefing on the Drop-Off Routine will be held at the start of each ride. The Routine allows a group of bikes to negotiate their way efficiently together through urban and rural environments in safety without the need for members of the group (other than the LEADER) to consult a map. Details of the Routine can be found through the quick link on the front page of the website.

Start Points and Start Time

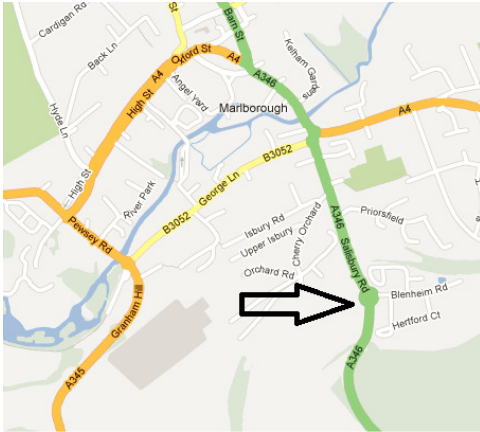
The start point can vary dependent on the direction of the ride and will be chosen by the Ride Leader. The default locations are: -



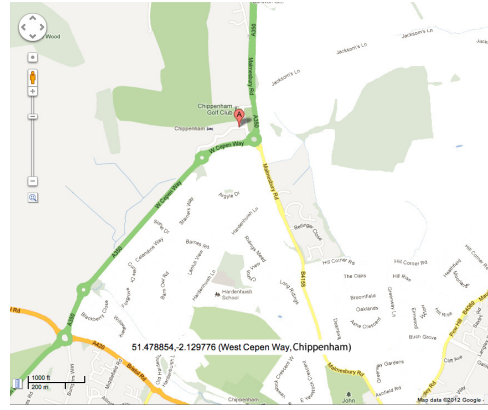
North - Lorry Park Cirencester (Fuel Nearby at Tesco's)



East - Esso Garage, Chiseldon, Just off M4 Junction 15



South – New garage and coffee shop on the A346 as you leave Marlborough



West - Little Chef, North of Chippenham (Esso Garage Opposite)

Meeting time is usually 9:15 for a prompt 9:30 start but may change – can be 8:45 for a 9:00 start for a progressive ride in the summer.

Please arrive at the start with a full tank of fuel!

Further Details

Details of the ride outs including the start point will be posted on the Forum page of the web site. If you intend to come it would be helpful, but not necessary, to add a comment so that the Ride Leader knows roughly how many people will attend. Also **PLEASE CHECK the Forum page the night before the ride out in case of cancellation or to make sure that the start point or start time has not changed.**

The calendar follows on the next page.

Calendar 2013

Date	Leader	Duration	Destination
19 th January	Julian	Half Day	Start at 9:30 in Marlborough, returning between 2 and 2:30
16 th February	Andrew	Half Day	Wookey Hole About 90 miles including a stop halfway
16 th March		Full Day	Volunteer for ride leader required
24 th March (Sunday)	Lisa	N/A	Pre-season social Late morning ride followed by lunch at a café in Marlborough. Invite your friends!
29th March – 1st April	Steve Hyde	Easter Long Weekend	Extended trip to The Peak District
20 th April	Andrew	Half Day	Morning ride finishing at the National Bikesafe event at Castle Coombe around lunchtime
18 th May	Mark Sealey		
15 th June	Steve Hyde	Full Day	Severn Valley Railway
TBA	Julian Burton	Long Weekend	Extended trip to North Wales
20 th July	Stephen Wilkinson-Carr	Full Day	Cotswolds Fords Tour
17 th August	Paul Adams	Full Day	Box Hill. 200+ miles. Leaving 9:30 from Marlborough (South)
21 st September	Jon Penny	Full Day	
Sept/Oct	Stephen Wilkinson-Carr		Extended trip to The Ardennes
19 th October	Lisa	Half Day	
16 th November	Pete	Full Day	Malverns
1 st December (Sunday)	Andrew	N/A	Short late morning ride to Café for pre-Christmas coffee and cake