

# Association of South Eastern Driving Instructors

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27 October 2004 (ac)

Venue: The Old Lighthouse Inn, Capel-le-Ferne.

### Members Present:

Terry Hughes, Hazel Leng, Lindsay Hodgson, Brian Coward, Andy Lane, Sue Banks, Phil Plant, Steve Lavender, Jason Pain, Keith Davies, Tracey Amos, Renata Wilcoxon, Peter Cotterill, Andy Brown, Tony Simcock, Robin Burgess, Andy Carter, Fred Henniker, Tony Flisher (8:30).

### Apologies Received:

Jackie Cowans, George Griggs, Jeff Williams, Jon Turbutt.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 8:10.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed by Andy Brown, with Tony Simcock seconding. The names of elected committee members were omitted, so have been added. Tracey Amos has subsequently been co-opted onto the committee.

Tony Flisher apologised for the late distribution of the minutes. This was due to computer problems. All members should have received their copy in time for this meeting.

A 4-page article appeared in the DIA magazine, written by Stephen Picton, in which he condemned the Hazard Perception Test. This seems an odd article, given that the DIA have recommended HPT testing.

A Thank You card is on display in Folkestone DTC, from Derek and Maureen Roberts. This is the right place, as it is addressed to all ADI's.

The car-park in Marine Parade was due to have closed already. It is currently still open, but this could change at any time. The Chairman has been in contact with Mike Bryant from Shepway, and has explained that this car-park is perfect for the needs of the ADI. Hopefully Shepway will be able to come up with an alternative. The Brewsters restaurant in Cherry Garden Lane are thought to be happy to allow ADI's the use of their car-park. It is noted that they also sell coffee!

The Chairman reminded members about the Christmas Dinner, which is to be held at The Lighthouse Inn on Saturday 4 December. The cost is £15 per person. Andy Brown was available to collect money and menus.

A letter was sent to the ADI-NJC, stating that the association would not be re-applying for membership for 2005. The same information can be obtained from other sources.

Tony Flisher wrote the letter on behalf of the Chairman, and addressed it to Barry Goodison.

Members were reminded that Andy Carter, Jon Turbutt and Andy Brown would be taking over the Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurers positions next year. Members were assured that the current format would be maintained, but that some additional ideas are being thought about. Members were asked to give thought to anything they would like to do as a group, or to consider who could be invited to talk at the meetings.

### Any other business:

The Ford Focus seems heavy on front-tyres. Invicta Motors stated that a problem is only considered if a tyre gives less than 6000 miles service.

It was discovered that although the camber of the front wheels can be checked, it cannot be adjusted!

Concerns were raised for the health of the Chairman, over an incident of malnutrition.

The DSA has posted details of an email-only newsletter, and has invited ADI's to sign up for this via its website at [www.dsa.gov.uk](http://www.dsa.gov.uk). To complete the sign-up process, a Personal Registration Number is required – this is another name for an ADI Number.

*(Since the meeting, the first newsletter has been published. A copy is attached.)*

There was an incident recently where an ADI attended for test some 25 minutes early. He left his car in the bay normally used for reverse parking, and took his pupil into the waiting room. Mark Aston was on test at that time, and it is thought that he may have planned to advise the ADI accordingly. This ADI is not an ASEDI member, and is thought to be recently qualified.

Ashford DTC are now offering Sunday tests, which are likely to continue whilst the demand is there. The price for Sunday tests is the same as other out-of-hours tests, currently £48.

From 8 November, test fees are increasing. Standard Car tests are to be £42, with out-of-hours tests being charged at £51. *(Information supplied 1/11/04 by DSA Policy Branch.)*

The Big Red Fleet Company will shortly be hosting training courses for ADI's wishing to enter the Fleet Driver Trainer Register. The course is DSA accredited and provides direct entry onto the register. One place exists for the first course, 29 November. All enquiries regarding this, or subsequent courses to Tony Simcock.

A member was teaching Left-Reverse into Godwyn Road, when another ADI appeared and started teaching the same manoeuvre in the same place. As the member got his pupil to reverse, the other car followed them backwards around the corner. Not only is this extremely unprofessional, but it also does not look good to the public. The other car was thought to belong to Let's Drive. Lindsay offered to talk informally to Mick Huntley, their trainer.

Tony Simcock has had a meeting with 5S Consulting regarding CPD. They were reportedly "impressed" with the work the ASEDI has done with regard to setting up its own CPD system. 5S are considering using local ADI associations to assist with running or monitoring CPD progress.

A number of members reported issues with regard to instructions given by examiners on test. In particular, it was felt that occasionally the instruction to "Pull up on the left" was given at an inappropriate time, such that a pupil may feel pressured into stopping in the wrong place. Sometimes the only visible gaps are those protected by yellow lines, or bus-stops.

There have been a few instances where pupils "nearly didn't stop" at junctions controlled by a Stop sign. It may be better to teach them to apply the handbrake for the avoidance of doubt.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their kind attendance, and closed the meeting at 9:10.

Time and date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 November, at The Old Lighthouse Inn, Capel-le-Ferne, commencing at 8.00pm. This will be an Open Meeting. Lindsay will post notices.

We will be joined by Steve Spitty, SE (L-Tests). Members are encouraged to prepare questions for Steve. In the current absence of a local SE (ADI), Steve may also be able to answer some questions that would normally be asked of the SE (ADI).