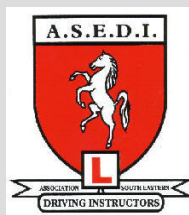


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To: [ASEDI Members](#)

Subject: Loud and Proud! Your latest ASEDI Update.



Association of South-Eastern Driving Instructors

Dear ASEDI Member

Welcome to the latest members update.

Website

The ASEDI Website is coming along nicely. You will find it at www.asedi.org.uk

The site doesn't require any logging in at the moment, so you can just go ahead and access everything by following the links around the pages.

You will currently find lots of documents to view and print, there are minutes from past meetings, DSA Documents and Forms - like test application forms and Drivers Records, and I have just completed the Driving Test Routes for Folkestone.

The site is being updated almost daily by me, and Jeff Williams is working on a duplicate site, but one that he will make better even than mine!! We will proudly announce it's release in due course!

Despatch Express

The DSA have released their second DSA Despatch Express. I have placed this on our website - in the Downloads section, under DSA Publications.

To get your own copy, visit the DSA Website at www.dsa.gov.uk and register your email address.

This is supposed to be a monthly thing, but this is only the second "Express" that has come out since October when it was launched... But maybe they got held up over Christmas...???

PCS Union Action

The PCS, as well as other Unions, have announced their disappointment with the Governments proposals to change Public Service workers pension rights - meaning that they would not qualify for a pension so early, and that the pension would be based on their average salary throughout their service, rather than the current system that is based on their final salary when retiring.

The PCS have stated that they are looking into the possibility of using Industrial Action, including Strikes, to push their point. This would directly affect DSA Examiners, most of whom belong to this Union. This is likely to be balloted on 18 February - with a view to a one-day strike on 23 March.

I will provide more information as soon as it becomes available - keep an eye on the Latest News section of the website. You may also like to view www.pcs.org.uk their own website. News is always at the front!!

My advice would be to not book any tests for that date - 23 March - just in case... then we can tell our pupils that as members of the ASEDI we are helping to protect them from the PCS Action... those other ADI's will then have lots of tests free to book, but may be shafted in the end! Another reason that they should pay £20 membership!!!

ADI NJC

As you may recall, we have been having trouble persuading the NJC to allow us to withdraw our membership, since we started trying to do so in September. It turns out that they never received our letter in September, and after just one email and three hours waiting, I have received a reply and we are now out of debt! If only I could do that with my personal debts!!

PDI's welcome

Thanks to the support at the last meeting, I have updated the ASEDI Constitution to show that PDI's can now join the ASEDI as Associate Members, at a reduced membership fee of £10. We have always welcomed PDI's, yet we have always welcomed their £20's as well... Our Association continues to go from strength to strength, and the majority of our members are more than happy to share their knowledge with newcomers... It will be nice to be able to catch the PDI's before they fall into the hands of those that think the association is just an elite club. To that end, you will shortly see a new poster in the Garden Centre, advertising for all instructors to talk to us and visit us... I know that we would all make them most welcome.

Congratulations!

We have only just congratulated Jon Turbutt for passing the DSA Diploma in Fleet Driver Training, but now he has gone on and achieved a Gold grading in his RoSPA RoADA test. This is an excellent addition to his list of qualifications, and I know that Jon would be happy to recommend the test to everyone.

We hope to have the local RoADA Examiner come to visit us at a future meeting, and it would be nice to be able to return the favour by having some members lined up to take the test with him.

Mock Tests

These are becoming more and more popular with pupils and instructors alike, and are seen as an excellent "dry-run" for the real test. Very few ADI's know how a real test works, mainly because the criteria have been surrounded by mystery! You will now find the latest (January 2005) version of the DSA DT1 Driving Test Rules on our website. This shows the guidelines given to Examiners, and can help with teaching you how to run an accurate Mock Test.

I have written to Bob Millard and Steve Spitty; when they came to see us last time, they offered to come again and tell us more about running accurate mock tests, and I am certain that everyone would benefit from this.

More news on that as it becomes available.

Do you turn work away?

Many of us are turning work away, or compiling waiting lists! This is a fantastic way to work, and shows that there is still a lot of work out there to be had.

If you turn work away, why not direct the person to the association website? There is a message showing why people should use an approved instructor, and there will then be a list of member instructors with a way of contacting them, and a list of the services they offer.

This will be fully launched following the next meeting, as I need to collate this information from members.

Research shows that nearly 90% of 17-25 year-old's use the Internet regularly, and most of these would use the Internet as a way of finding instructors.

Our site will be able to list you and your services, and can even link to your own website if you have one.

That is all free - or at least it is all part of your membership fee!

Money moved

Andy Brown explained at the last meeting that he was planning to move £500 to a special savings

account. This has now been completed, so we have a reserve fund as well as the normal day-to-day account. We don't know what we are going to do with this money, but we will discuss this as needs arise.

The full accounts will be available at the next meeting, and Andy Brown will give some more ideas about where money has previously gone, and how we hope to make further savings this year and in the future.

In line with the ASEDI Constitution, we will also appoint two auditors to verify the accounts, something that was missed during the AGM.

Your help needed...

Jeff Williams and I are working hard to bring you fresh, updated and relevant content via the association website. Even if you don't use the Internet for anything more than checking your Lotto numbers, we can help you keep in touch with all the latest stuff that concerns us as ADI's or PDI's and also as users of the local area...

We have a few plans of extra things to add, but if there is ANYTHING that you would like to see included in the Internet Site, then please let me know, and we will do our best to get it sorted for you.

Remember - this is YOUR Association, and you will get as much out of it as you want to... We now have people within the association that can do almost anything... from writing decent websites, to getting local discounts, to arranging sponsorship for our Children's Outing, to pushing YOUR opinions forward to DSA.

Please email me, talk to me, phone me, or whatever, and we will do what you want. It may take a little time, but we will do what we can.

The End!!

Thank you for your attention, I hope that you have gained some benefit from this quick message. To gain even more, point your Browser to www.asedi.org.uk and come back regularly to keep ahead.

The ASEDI - just another great way of staying ahead of the competition!

Best regards, and "See you out there..."

Andy

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