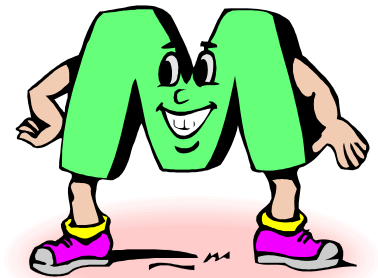


*March 2009*

## Ipswich



## Group



(Annual General Meeting)

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

**at 7.30pm**

The Kesgrave Community Centre

## Noggin & Games Evening

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**



Join us for a “noggin” at Westerfield Railway from 7.30 pm, meals are available at all times, the cards and dominoes will be out again

## Ten Pin Bowling

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

Please join us at the Solar Bowl, Sproughton, where we have hired some 10-Pin Bowling lanes. We shall be bowling from approximately 7.30pm, but why not come early and enjoy a bar snack. Novices are more than welcome as none of us are very good anyway

## Dolphin Talk

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**



No it's not an April fool, this month our clubnight is on the FIRST Wednesday of the month. We welcome Dr Horace Dobbs, who is President of the “International Dolphin

Watch” and will tell us of his experiences with wild Dolphins, and various related subjects, it promises to be an enthralling talk.



Unless stated otherwise all Ipswich Group events are free and open to all CSMA members and friends

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Please send **articles for inclusion in the next edition to Bob Thomas by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009.**

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## Dolphin Talk Wednesday 1st April



Our speaker at this clubnight will be Dr Horace Dobbs who is president of the International Dolphin Watch(IDW). He thrills audiences all over the world telling them of the countless experiences he has had with wild dolphins in the open sea. He has produced prize winning TV documentaries on dolphins - has also worked as a research scientist studying drugs that affect the brain. He also finds time to write short stories and is an expert glass blower!!



His talk on dolphins will include a film presentation and there may be a collection for the IDW.

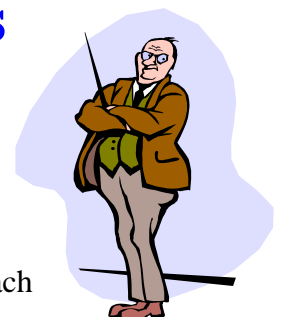
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## Ipswich Group Clubnights

Our clubnights are usually held on the second Wednesday of each month, starting at 7.30pm at

### **The Kesgrave Community Centre.**

which can be found off Bell Lane at Twelve Acre Approach and is accessible for disabled members.

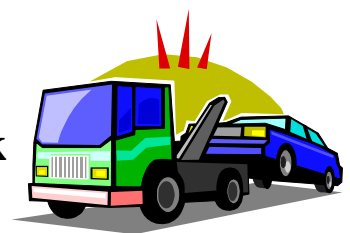






# Collision Accident Investigation Talk

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February



This was an exceptionally well attended evening, with some new members, guests and members not seen for a while.

The team investigates the cause of fatal or life threatening accidents and those where emergency services are involved for the benefit of the Coroners, the Courts, the Bereaved Families and Road Safety. With the aid of projected photographs, PC Small showed the basics of establishing the point of impact from tyre marks and gouges on the road and damage to vehicles. Were there unexplained dents or scuffs on one of the vehicles that might be from a vehicle that was involved in the accident, but had not stopped at the scene? Perhaps there were pieces of debris at the accident scene that could be from a vehicle involved but not still there. We were beginning to understand that we had a Sherlock Holmes of the highway in front of us and why a road is closed for hours following some accidents. There is sophisticated surveying equipment used to plot the resting point of debris and the data gathered is used to draw up detailed plans of the accident scene. In an interactive session there was a demonstration of how all the data gathered is used to determine the cause of an accident. This was followed by photographs of various accident scenes on which we were encouraged to make our own judgement.

Poor road conditions had been the cause of a number of accidents where cars exiting the roundabout by the BP petrol station at Martlesham, plunged off the road into the Focus DIY stores car park. By using a series of drives in different cars and observation the Police Accident Investigation Team found that when the roundabout had been widened it created a slight difference in level. When the surface was damp, they found that, according to how and where the power was put down coming off the roundabout, the back of a rear wheel drive car would step out to point the car towards the Focus DIY car park. Fortunately there were no serious injuries in these accidents but the Accident Investigation Team had been puzzled as to why so many cars were going off the road at that point but now found that the road surface was a factor. As a result of their investigations the levels were corrected and a fine grippy surface put down.

The driver of an overturned car, in which his passenger was killed, was cleared of manslaughter on the evidence of the investigation team. The car was found to have an under pressure rear tyre and the driver admitted that it had a slow puncture but despite not finding anything else wrong with the vehicle the investigation team could not believe that the pressure alone was the sole cause of the accident. On examining the tyre off the rim it was found that the tyre wall was damaged on the inside. The car driver had only bought the car few days earlier and on interviewing the previous owner, the investigation team found that that tyre had had a slow puncture for some time. It was now evident that the damaged tyre wall had been caused by running the tyre flat. They decided that they needed to test drive the same type of car with a low pressure tyre. Watching the video was quite an education. Set up in a safe environment the car went through the chicane with an identical tyre without any problems. However when going through the chicane at the same speed with the defective tyre on the vehicle, as soon as that tyre was loaded on the exit the back immediately broke away and allowed the car to slide sideways until arrested by the vegetation. At the end of the evening the audience was invited to examine the tyre. There was nothing to show on the outside but on the inside the webbing on the sidewall was all frayed. Bearing in mind that this was a low profile tyre, where the sidewall is about half the height of a traditional tyre wall, I could not believe how easy it was to flex the damaged part of the tyre.

As a finale we were shown photographs of a seat belt that snapped through damage caused by being continually shut in a door, friction burn on a seat belt as a result of an accident and a crash helmet embedded in a windscreen. The motorcyclist who collided with the car had failed to do up the chin strap. Bizarrely perhaps, on this occasion it may have saved him from a broken neck as he popped out of it and suffered only a broken toe.

We were spared all the gory details but from this professionally delivered presentation we were still left with reminders of some tragic accidents and a better understanding of the need for those long road closures. The subject encouraged an excellent attendance and plenty of audience participation and showed that, despite the change of direction by the CSMA governing body, the Ipswich Group is still interested in motoring.

*Dave Wendon*

# March Quiz 2009

Thanks again to Dean we have an assortment of questions for you this month.

## Firstly some Medical conditions

1. What condition has the medical name of bruxism?.....
2. What is the more common name for the medical condition `epistaxis`? .....
3. How is the medical condition of Lateral Epicondylitis more commonly known? .....
4. How is the medical condition of myopia better known as?.....
5. Lentigines is the medical term for what? .....
6. How is the medical condition dyspepsia better known? .....

## Now some questions on “Smiths”

7. Jacqui Smith was appointed Home Secretary in June 2007, but who did she succeed? .....
8. Delia Smith is associated with which football league club? .....
9. Author Wilbur Smith was born and lived most of his life in which country?.....
10. Dr Smith was the cowardly troublemaker in “Lost in Space”. What was his first name? .....
11. Anna Nicole Smith was controversially married to which oil billionaire? .....
12. Liz Smith played which role in “The Royle Family”? .....
13. On what piece of equipment would you perform a “Smith Grind”? .....
14. Smith & Wesson manufacture what? .....
15. What was Will Smith’s character's name in “Men in Black”? .....
16. James Todd Smith, born 1968, is an American award winning rapper and actor.  
What is he better known as?.....

## And finally some CRYPTIC TUBE STATIONS

17. Letter to the Corinthians .....
18. In the hop's county.....
19. Egg shaped.....
20. Timber ashes.....
21. Up the wrong tree .....
22. Cockney hair.....
23. Arms dump .....
24. Clerical envy.....
25. Bigger than big .....

Please send your completed answers to Bob Thomas by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**



## What a Rally Organiser wants from their marshals

- Please be early.
- Make sure you have signed on. Failure to do so means you may not be properly insured.
- When you arrive at your position make sure that all non-rally roads are closed off with brushwood, tape, etc. Ensure that spectators do not move into dangerous positions. Once in place, they will be difficult to move.
- When driving to your position, do so SLOWLY to avoid damage to the surface, and the danger of your car going off. Remember you may not be insured for driving on the stage.
- All stages will be subject to one-way traffic once they are set up. During the course of the rally ensure that no other vehicles enter the stage. Make sure your car is parked safely well clear of the stage route.
- Keep an eye on any arrows or hazard signs to prevent spectators from removing, obscuring, or changing the angle of them to deceive drivers. Ensure that any box junctions and barriers erected to block roads are kept in position throughout the event.
- Establish effective communication throughout the stage. Try to work in pairs so that a runner is available if required.
- If problems arise, act decisively and get information back to the stage start as soon as possible so that quick decisions can be made and help called. If you are involved in an incident, then write a report and hand it to the Stage Commander or Safety Officer.
- Check for damage to crops, hedges, and fences, before and after the stage is run. List any damage that has occurred.
- Always wear your marshalling suit, or tabard, at all times. This will identify you, and aid your authority over spectators. Do not stand in a prohibited area. Never put tabards on children or leave them unsupervised or in any danger.
- Never smoke on a forest stage, carry or use cameras, drop litter, or behave in a manner that could give adverse publicity.

*Graham McLean*

## Into 2009 with the CSMA North London Rally Marshal Team

Friday 13 March	CSMA North East London 12 Car Navigational Rally.
Sunday 15 March	Borough 19 MC Sprint, North Weald, Essex.
Sunday 5 April	SCMC Mini Tempest Stages, Longcross, Chertsey, Surrey.
Sunday 3 May	MCAC Bomb-Along Stages, Honington, Suffolk.
Sunday 10 May	Craven MC Longcross Stages, Longcross, Chertsey, Surrey.
Monday 25 May	WECC Millbrook National Stages, Millbrook, Beds.
Sunday 31 May	CSMA NEL BTRDA Juniper Autotest, Hatfield, Herts.
Sunday 5 July	WAC Essex Charity Stages, Bradwell on Sea, Essex.



For further information on our wide range of events please contact Graham McLean on 020 8553 4700 (evenings and weekends) or e-mail him on [graham.mclean@bt.com](mailto:graham.mclean@bt.com) Do it today and get involved.

### Friday 13 March

#### CSMA North East London 12-car Navigational Rally

(contact Bernard Ward on 01992 582323 email: [bernard.ward3@btinternet.com](mailto:bernard.ward3@btinternet.com))

This will take place on Friday evening from 8.30 to 10.30 finishing up at a pub, and we need plenty of marshals to clock people in at check points on the route, which is worked out from a series of navigational clues on an Ordnance Survey map of the area. A great way to spend a Friday evening !!

