

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

Dear Assessor,

No subject deserves a first mention more than the fact that one Mr R.A.C.Hardy was witnessed on Thursday 19th December 1991 at approximately 10.30 pm at the Thomas Wyatt, Maidstone, to purchase, WITHOUT CONDITION, drinks for some 15 people. We await the Annual Celebration of this Historic event in December 1992. Thanks Robert !!

In this edition of "DEA News" we have a riveting report from Steve Brookes on the Assessors training day held in November 1991, and details of what 1992 has in store , for those brave enough to participate.

If anyone has anything they wish to see included in the next issue (hopefully May 1992), please contact us before the end of April.

Regards,
Christine, Karen and Anthony.
THE "NEWSLETTER"

REPORT ON ASSESSORS TRAINING DAY - 2ND NOVEMBER 1991
- BY STEVE J BROOKES

Young and old Assessors of all levels of experience, (Trainee, Standard Certificate & Advanced Certificate holders), joined together at Tonbridge Road Methodist Church to expand their knowledge & hone their Assessing and Instructing skills.

Careful planning ensured a good attendance as approximately 30 men and women enrolled to escape the Rugby and witness a rare return of Alan Fishwick to open the meeting with a brief Devotional session and 3 hymns, which the congregation tore into with all their usual full throttle enthusiasm and vigour.

Other "Top Attractions" to this most informative and enjoyable occasion were as follows:

- 1. The chance to talk mountains with N.W.K.B.B.'s own human mountain goat, Mick Sayer, complete with a very fine specimen of a beard and a rucsac full of new ideas on navigation and clothing etc.

- 2. The witnessing of the Houdini-like prowess of Mr and Mrs Robus with their 101 different things to do with a triangular bandage; and also a very memorable introduction to a couple of inflatable dolls, allegedly selected from "The Robus Collection" for the practise of resuscitation and other breathtaking feats.

- 3. The unescapable opportunity to tie each other up in knots (Windsor), to be hoisted by one's own petard and make a complete ass of oneself before having the board wiped clean during the brilliantly Planned, Prepared and Presented session on Instructional Techniques by Colin "cartoon" Reed.

Gallons of tea and coffee were imbibed and several lbs of pickled onions were consumed before departing from a most useful and worthwhile day aimed at developing our group and individual Assessing skills.

NOT TO BE MISSED IN FUTURE !!!!!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TRAINING WEEKENDS: 1st - 2nd February 1992 - Silver/Gold
(Snodland School) 14th - 15th March 1992 - Bronze

EXPEDITIONS: 15th - 19th April 1992 * - Silver/Gold
 2nd - 3rd May 1992 - Bronze

* Snowdonia 1992 will be based at Dolawen (MR: 630648 on OS sheet 115), accomodation to be in "tastefully converted" farm buildings !!

NEW MINIBUS DRIVER LEGISLATION:

Please find attached to this Newsletter, details of new Minibus driver legislation. Everyone should read this before offering their services as a driver !

1992 KCC COURSES:

Also attached is a list of courses available through the K.C.C. during 1992, all of which are at bargain prices !! Pete Robus is considering going on the MLC course, and can give more background information, if anyone is possibly thinking about joining him.

CUMBRIA TRIP:

A weekend/week trip to Cumbria is being planned for the 2nd Bank Holiday week/end in May 1992. (23-30 May - or part of that time). It is envisaged that this will be "come and go as you please", with a wide range of activities for everyone to enjoy; Husbands, wives and friends being most welcome.

Martin is currently attempting to gather information in order to plan such an event, and therefore if you are possibly interested plea. reply on the tear-off slip provided.

ITEMS FOR THE FUTURE - DATES TO BE DECIDED

STANDARD/ADVANCED CERTIFICATE TRAINING:

Weekends are to be arranged for those wishing to gain Standard or Advanced Certificates.

FIRST AID COURSE:

St John's Public Certificate - 10 week course, 2 hours per week. (9 week min attendance, with practical exam).

If you are interested in either of these, please reply on the tear-off slip to Martin.

PLEASE RETURN TO: MARTIN BAKER.

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1. CUMBRIA WEEK/WEEKEND

I AM INTERESTED IN ATTENDING :

- A. FOR WHOLE WEEK _____
- B. FOR THE WEEKEND _____
- C. OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE INCLUDING PARTNERS/FRIENDS ETC: _____

2. STANDARD/ADVANCED TRAINING & ASSESSMENT

I WISH TO BE ASSESSED AT:

- A. STANDARD LEVEL _____
- B. ADVANCED LEVEL _____

3. FIRST AID COURSE:

I AM INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A 10 WEEK PUBLIC CERTIFICATE COURSE: _____

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

COURSES 1992

DATE	COURSE	VENUE
24 - 26 January	Equipment Making Workshop	Swattenden Centre
7 - 8 February	Conference 'Into the Nineties'	Buckmore Park
13 - 15 March	M.L.C. Weekend	Brecon Beacons
12 - 17 April	Gold Practice/Silver Assessment	Ashdown Forest
17 - 23 May	A Mixed Bag	Kent Mountain Centre (lodge)
21 - 30 May	M.L.T.B. Training	Scotland - Cape Wrath Durness Youth Hostel
5 June	Have A Go	Buckmore Park
26 - 28 June	Leader Training 'Skipper'	Kent Petra - Calais
3 - 5 July	Bronze Qualifying	Swattenden Centre
7 - 16 July	Kent European Camp	Swattenden Centre
18 - 20 July	M.L.T.B. Training	Dartmoor
21 - 30 July	Kent European Camp	Swattenden Centre
26 - 1 August	Gold Practice/Silver Qualifying	Kent Mountain Centre
14 - 31 August	Gold Residential	Kent Petra Flanders
10 - 19 August	Gold Expedition / Exploration	Bavaria
16 - 29 August	Gold Residential - Channel Islands	Sally Endeavour
23 - 29 August	M.L.C. / leaders Training	Kent Mountain Centre
30 - 5 September	Gold Assessment	Kent Mountain Centre
18 - 20 September	M.L.T.B. Training	Derbyshire
25 - 30 October	Gold Residential	Swattenden Centre
20 - 22 November	New Leaders	Swattenden Centre

*Charges to be finalised
more inc travel
free brochures available shortly*



DRIVER LICENSING **FOR BUSES AND LORRIES** **IN THE 1990s**



FACT SHEET No 6 - April 1991

ENTITLEMENTS OF MINIBUS DRIVERS UNDER THE NEW DRIVER LICENSING SYSTEM

This Fact Sheet explains the entitlement required for driving a minibus with up to 17 seats, including the driver's, under the new system of driver licensing.

EXISTING HOLDERS OF OLD STYLE ORDINARY LICENCES

Drivers who currently hold a green or pink driving licence may drive minibuses with up to 17 seats, including the driver's, not for hire or reward, provided they are aged 21 or over and the licence shows Group A (or Group B for vehicles with automatic transmission). These drivers **continue to be able to drive these vehicles** and are not affected by the new Regulations which came into force on 1 April 1991. They will also continue to be able to drive these vehicles after the European Commission's proposal for a new directive on the driving licence comes into effect. They will not need to take a further test.

EXISTING AND NEW HOLDERS OF THE NEW STYLE PINK AND GREEN LICENCE

Drivers who currently hold, and those who subsequently obtain, a new style pink and green licence, showing the new categories of entitlement, may drive minibuses with up to 17 seats including the driver's, not for hire or reward, provided they are aged 21 or over and the licence shows **Category B** and **Category D1 entitlement**. Any restrictions to automatic transmission will be shown on the licence. These drivers will also have continuing entitlement to drive these vehicles. They will not need to take a further test.



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DRIVERS WHO PASS THEIR CAR DRIVING TEST AFTER THE DIRECTIVE COMES INTO EFFECT

Only new drivers will be affected by the introduction of the directive - existing driver's entitlement will not change. In addition, **new voluntary drivers** will also be able to drive minibuses with up to 17 seats including the driver's, provided the vehicle is used for social purposes by a non commercial body, the driver is aged 21 or over, has held a full ordinary licence for at least 2 years and is providing his services as a driver on a voluntary basis. The minibus itself will be limited to a maximum authorised mass of 3.5 tonnes excluding any specialist equipment for the carriage of disabled people.

Drivers who are unsure of the position should consult their employer, representative body or the Driver Enquiry Unit at DVLA Swansea - telephone 0792 783838.

ABOUT THE FACT SHEET

This is the sixth of a series of Fact Sheets to be produced by DVLA about aspects of the new driver licensing system for buses and lorries in the 1990s. These sheets are not meant to be a definitive statement of the law but provide basic information about topics of interest to drivers of these vehicles.

Other Fact Sheets in this series:

1. Drivers of passenger-carrying vehicles with more than 16 seats in addition to the driver's seat - not used for hire or reward.
2. Grandfather Rights of Drivers of Large Passenger Carrying Vehicles and Special Provisions for Drivers of Historic Buses.
3. Entitlements of Large Goods Vehicle Drivers under the New System.
4. Entitlements of Passenger Carrying Vehicle Drivers under the New Driver Licensing System.
5. Light Goods Vehicles 3.5 to 7.5 Tonnes.
7. Medical Standards for Drivers of Large Goods and Passenger Carrying Vehicles under the New Driver Licensing System.
8. Vehicles Required for Driving Tests Under the New Driver Licensing System - Minimum Test Vehicles.
9. Requirement for a Medical Examination and Submission of a Medical Report Form DTP20003.
10. Transfer of Functions from Traffic Area Offices to the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency Swansea.

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