

## Welcome to the October 2019 News Letter.

### Passed Club events

#### BBQ at La Mela 22nd August Chas Longhurst

We had 14 persons at above 12 Club members and 2 guests.

The party included Ray and Sybil, who both looked exceedingly well on their first Club outing for some time. (Thank you Peter and Karen). The food was plentiful with many going back for seconds and some possibly for thirds.

Drink both alcoholic and non didn't run out!!!! We all assembled by 7:30ish and general exodus took place at 11:30ish.. So good time had by all who attended



Thank you Chas for the write up and thank you to Peter and Karen for photo.

## Evening in Velez Blanco & drive the the town

Pictures from nights concentration at Vélez-Blanco - 7 club cars Paul, Peter, David, Barry, Riley team, Alan and Will plus 2 ex members.

Line up including motorcycles tractors stationary engines.

Members were treated to free beer, black rice paella, bread and assorted meats  
Good night had by all.







PHOTOS AND WRITE UP WILL GATER THANK YOU



### CLASSIC CAR RUN - 19TH SEPTEMBER

30 people attended the above including Paula with Lesley( a very welcome addition to the day) with a range of cars from old to new.It was a leisurely day starting at El Chispas and going via Venta Del Compadre and Route 66 to Las Vinas at Tahal for Lunch.A few members tuned up slightly later than the majority having taken a longer route than was planned.Lunch was more than adequate for us and certain dogs at home....and is to be recommended for future visits.

The observation quiz was won by Bill and Sylvie as the only locals that knew Chispa meant Spark and the bridge at Uliela was in the film Patton

Write up by Chas Longhurst & Photos Peter Underdown Thank you to both.



## Future Events



**5th Annual**  
**Community Fair & Show**



**5th Oct 2019 11.30 - 16.30 Renfe Complex La Alfoquía**  
*It will be a fun day for everyone*

**The SHOW**  
 Lots of classes to enter including Homemade Produce, Needle, Paper and Other Crafts, Children's Classes & Classic Vehicles too!  
*Entry forms in Harmony Haven, Harmony Shop & C.A.T. Services in La Alfoquia or email fair@harmonycharity.com*

**PLUS**  
 Raffle & Tombola  
 Quilt Exhibition & Raffle  
 Entertainment & Dog Show  
 Craft Stalls  
 Hog Roast, Burgers, Paella  
 Bar & Other Refreshments  
 Classic Car Competition  
 and much more

Email: [fair@harmonycharity.com](mailto:fair@harmonycharity.com)  
 Tel: 627 635 514

**WANTED**  
 Bottles, Toiletries & other Tombola Prizes  
*All donations gratefully received*

Last year we had to cancel due to the awful weather - nothing will stop us this year so please come along and help us raise lots of money!



20 Almeria Living

**La Cinta Fiesta and Car Show Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October - 12pm Sharp**

**Flat Lands Run with Paul & Mel 16<sup>th</sup> October**

### CLASSIC CAR CONCENTRATION

SAN PEDRO DEL PINATAR ON 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

9-00am to 14-00 pm

Hosted by Automoviles Clasicos Mar Menor

Calle Gabriel Canadas, San Pedro del Pinatar Murcia

### FARADAY POUCHES

Some Urgent Information Do Not Put Car Keys into the Faraday Pouch as memory is compromised and can be a costly repair info from Chas.

## THE PROPORTION FAILING THE THEORY TEST HAS SOARED TO ITS HIGHEST IN A DECADE

- Last year, only 47 per cent managed to pass a series of recently reformed tests
- The AA has complained that some of the new questions are now 'quite obscure.'
- Never mind getting behind the wheel — the challenge that really strikes fear into learner drivers is the written theory test. The proportion falling at this first hurdle has soared to its highest level in a decade — last year, only 47 per cent managed to pass it.

A series of reforms designed to toughen up the test has included increasing the number of multiple-choice questions and no longer publishing them online in advance to stop people from memorising the answers.

However, the AA has complained that some of the questions are now 'quite obscure' — such as knowing what to do if someone suffers a burn in a road accident — which makes it hard for all but the most dedicated of learners to pass first time. **The proportion failing driving theory tests has soared to its highest level in a decade — last year, only 47 per cent managed to pass it**

Perhaps inevitably, this may have led to more cheating. Last year, there were a reported 889 cases of fraud in practical and theory tests — a significant rise, says the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA).

In July, for example, a 41-year-old woman was sentenced to 20 weeks in jail, suspended for 12 months, for hiding a radio headset under her hijab so that someone could supply her with the answers on her theory test, while others have used impersonators.

So would you pass the car theory exam today? Take our sample test to find out . . .

**1. Following a collision, someone has suffered a burn. The burn needs to be cooled. What's the shortest time it should be cooled for?**

A) 5 minutes .B) 10 minutes. C) 15 minutes. D) 20 minutes.

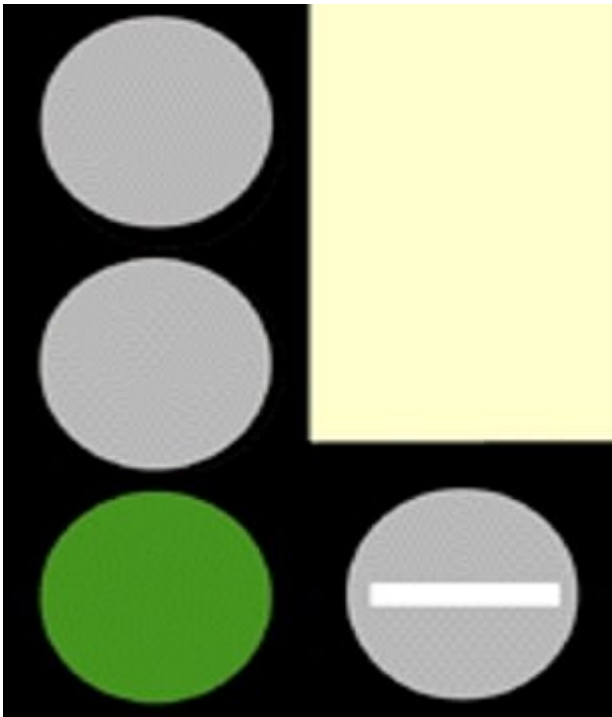
**2. What colour are the reflective studs between a motorway and its slip road?**

A) Amber B) White. C) Green D) Red.

**3. You're approaching a red light at a puffin crossing. Pedestrians are on the crossing. When will the red light change?**

A) When you start to edge forward on to the crossing. B) When the pedestrians have cleared the crossing. C) When the pedestrians push the button on the far side of the crossing. D) When a driver from the opposite direction reaches the crossing.



**4. What does this signal mean?**

- A) Cars must stop. B) Trams must stop. C) Both trams and cars must stop. D) Both trams and cars can continue

**5. You wish to tow a trailer. Where would you find the maximum nose weight allowed on your vehicle's tow hitch?**

- A) In the Highway Code. B) In your vehicle registration certificate.  
C) In the vehicle handbook. D) In your licence documents.

**6. You've just passed your practical test. You don't hold a full licence in another category. Within two years, you get six penalty points on your licence. What will you have to do?**

- A) Retake only your theory test. B) Retake only your practical test.  
C) Retake your theory and practical tests. D) Reapply for your full licence immediately.

- **7. You're driving on an open road in dry weather. What should the distance be between you and the vehicle in front?**

- A) One car length B) Two metre C) Two car lengths D) A two-second time gap.

**8. At a junction, you see this sign partly covered by snow. What does it mean?**



**9. You are travelling at 50 mph on a good, dry road. What is your typical overall stopping distance?**

A) 36 metres (118 ft). B) 53 metres (175 ft). C) 75 metres (245 ft). D) 96 metres (315 ft).

**10. At a puffin crossing, which colour follows the green signal?**

A) Steady red. B) Flashing amber. C) Steady amber. D) Flashing green.

**11. You are turning right on to a dual carriageway. What should you do before emerging?**

A) Stop and apply the handbrake and then select a low gear.

B) Check that the central reservation is wide enough for your vehicle.

C) Position your vehicle well to the left of the side road.

D) Make sure you leave enough room for a vehicle behind.

**12. Sign mean?**



A) Contraflow pedal cycle lane. B) With-flow pedal cycle lane. C) Pedal cycles and buses only. D) No pedal cycles or buses.

**13. You see a pedestrian with a dog. The dog has a yellow or burgundy coat. This especially warns you that the pedestrian is . . .**

A) Elderly. B) Dog training . C) Colour blind. D) Deaf.



**14. For how long is a Statutory Off Road Notification (SORN) valid?**

- A) Until the vehicle is taxed, sold or scrapped.
- B) Until the vehicle is insured and MOT'd.
- C) Until the vehicle is repaired or modified.
- D) Until the vehicle is used on the road.

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**16. Given that one of the below is correct, what does the law require you to keep in good condition?**

A) Gears. B) Transmission C) Door locks. D) Seat belts.

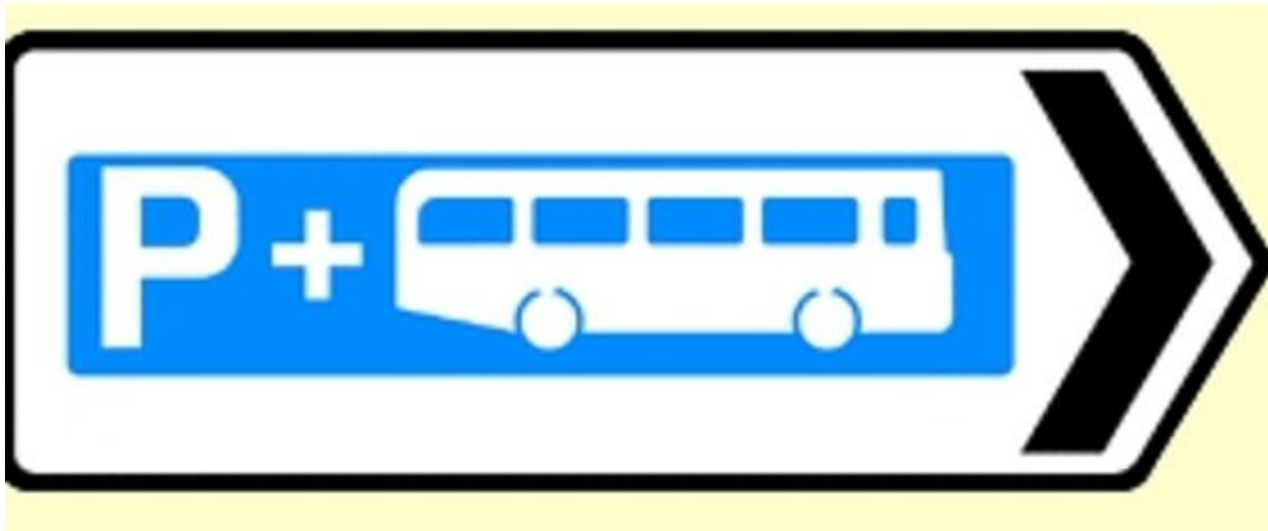
**17. You are travelling behind a bus that pulls up at a bus stop. What should you do?**

A) Accelerate past the bus. B) Watch carefully for pedestrians.

C) Sound your horn. D) Pull in closely behind the bus.

**18. You may use front fog lights with headlights ONLY when visibility is reduced to less than**

A) 100 metres (328 ft). B) 200 metres (656 ft). C) 300 metres (984 ft). D) 400 metres (1,312 ft).



19. What does this sign mean?

- A) No parking for buses or coaches. B) Direction to bus and coach park.
- C) Parking area for cars and coaches .D) Direction to park-and-ride car park.



20. What does this sign mean?

- A) Waiting restrictions apply. B) Waiting permitted.
- C) National speed limit applies.D) Clearway (no stopping).

21. Braking distances on ice can be . . .

- A) Twice the normal distance. B) Five times the normal distance.
- C) Seven times the normal distance. D) Ten times the normal distance.

22. For what percentage of all emissions does road transport account?

- A) 10 per cent.B) 20 per cent.C) 30 per cent.D) 40 per cent.





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C) End of clearway. D) End of cycle route

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4. You can park on the right-hand side of a road at night . . .

A) In a one-way street. B) With your sidelights on.

C) More than 10 metres (32 ft) from a junction. D) Under a lamp-post.

25. At an incident, it is important to look after any casualties. When the area is safe, you should . . .

A) Get them out of the vehicle. B) Give them a drink.

C) Give them something to eat. D) Keep them in the vehicle.

Sample questions from the DVSA. To pass the theory test, learners must answer at least 43 out of 50 questions correctly.

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Answers: 1b, 2c, 3b, 4b, 5c, 6c, 7d, 8c, 9b, 10c, 11b, 12b,

13d, 14a, 15b, 16d, 17b, 18a, 19d, 20a, 21d, 22b, 23b, 24a, 25d

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

DATE	DAY	EVENT	ORGANISED BY	TEL No	NOTES AND COMMENTS
10.01.19	Thursday	Club Meeting	David Fox	663738498	Includes discussion on future club events
24.01.19	Thursday	Monthly Run	Alan & Margaret Forman	634319746	Completed
07.02.19	Thursday	AGM & Club Meeting	David Fox	663738498	<b>Please attend this important meeting</b>
28.02.19	Thursday	Monthly Run	Steve Rolls	642527163	
07.03.19	Thursday	Club Meeting	David Fox	663738498	
Mar tba	tba	Monthly Run	Allan and Brenda Marley	693521369	
04.04.19	Thursday	Club Meeting	David Fox	663738498	
April tba	tba	Monthly Run	Bill and Sylvie Geldeard	666277294	
02.05.19	Thursday	Club Meeting	David Fox	663738498	
May tba	tba	Monthly Run	Peter & Karen Underdown	950167156	
02 to 05.06.19	Sun - Wed	Three Day Special Run	Malcolm and Jean Smallwood	607719691	
06.06.19	Thursday	Club Meeting	David Fox	663738498	
June tba	tba	Monthly Run	Keith & Sue Lakin	665315666	
04.07.19	Thursday	Club Meeting	David Fox	663738498	
July tba	tba	Summer Event	Will and Charli Gator	671171340	
01.08.19	Thursday	Club Meeting	David Fox	663738498	
Aug tba	tba	Summer BBQ			<b>Volunteer needed</b>
05.09.19	Thursday	Club Meeting	David Fox	663738498	
19.09.19	Thursday	Monthly Run	Chas and Judy Longhurst	659675603	
03.10.19	Thursday	Club Meeting	David Fox	663738498	
16.10.19	Wednesday	Monthly Run	Paul and Melanie Gough	694429029	'Flat Lands Run'
07.11.19	Thursday	Club Meeting	David Fox	663738498	
03.11.19	Sunday	Albox Classic Show	Steve and Amanda Holgate	671220105	
05.12.19	Thursday	Club Meeting	David Fox	663738498	
December tba	tba	Xmas Lunch and Run	Ken & Jackaline Oliver		