Well the winter finally comes to a cruel and unhappy ending this year with massive weather fluctuations of warm sunshine, freezing mornings and horrible heavy rain causing floods and such misery in many parts of the country.

My driving school business has changed somewhat since the beginning of December and frankly, I’m glad to be getting winter out of the way. The good news is, it’s Spring on the 1\textsuperscript{st} March (St David’s Day!)

I am now linked in a marketing sense to AA Driving School/BSM in a ‘Partner Lite’ franchise but wholly and determinedly self-governing and independent as David Barter Driving School, though I am happy to partake in AA/BSM world-class standards and franchise arrangements through to their terms and conditions which help me a lot.

My new Renault Clio is fantastic and I love it, so much better than the Ford Fiesta in every way, from its friendly soft clutch and handbrake for lovely smooth hill starts to its gorgeous comfy seats. It’s very nippy and fun to drive when your skills reach that level – always be sensible and mature on the roads though. It’s a grown-up world out there and the need for a mature and sensible attitude will always be the only way to get around safely.

For those customers of mine, one or two who are older and have come back to the driving world, you are most welcome and good luck in your future driving.

Safe and consistently competent is the only way to be!

My diary is very full but always room for more as so many are passing first time and moving on to Pass Plus. This is a good way to reduce your risk of a collision in the first year or so and dramatically reduces your early insurance premiums. Please ask me for any info on Pass Plus and I’d be glad to advise you.

Happy Spring and see you soon.

David