

Before the training, the dozen drivers were sent out and told to drive as normal. Half had no control over the skids they found themselves in, and in the real world they might well have had a major accident.

After a period of instruction, 91pc could then safely control both understeer and oversteer, which clearly shows the safety improvements that the system could represent if more people took advantage of it.

"We get a lot of people who have a lot of driving years under their belts, and they're always appreciative that we awaken things they probably knew but had forgotten," says Tees.

"But young drivers certainly would benefit from this type of training. We'd get them trained up and hope it sticks."

TOP TIPS FOR AVOIDING THE WORST THIS WINTER

- If temperatures are low, reduce your normal driving speed and keep to major routes as much as possible - the volume of traffic keeps ice at bay.
- Brake earlier and more smoothly, and don't be rough with any of the controls.
- If you enter a skid, take your feet off all the pedals gently.
- If the front wheels have no grip, repeatedly use a 'see-saw' motion to straighten the wheels and then turn again, until you feel grip return.
- Never accelerate or brake if any of your wheels have lost grip. It will only make the problem worse.
- Be aware that stopping distances are much greater, so leave much more room around yourself to help avoid an accident.
- Winter tyres are worth considering, because they offer much more grip at low temperatures. You may need to contact your insurer if you do switch.
- Fully de-ice and de-mist your car before driving away, or your visibility could be dangerously reduced.
- Make sure all your lights are working and replace bulbs if necessary.

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BOW WOW, YUM YUM: Dizzy the dog was the lucky winner of Yaxham Primary School's 200 club Christmas draw. The 14-year-old black Labrador, owned by Ian Martin, chairman of governors at the school, won £120 that was spent on dog dog treats.

Set up at the beginning of last year, the school's 200 club now has 81 members, and each month draws are held at the school by the Friends of Yaxham Primary.

Sandra Nightingale, head of the school, said: "The friends are tremendous fundraisers and ambassadors for the school

and pupils. The 200 club has been a great success: well done to all the winners and especially Dizzy in the Christmas draw!"

Three club members have the chance to win up to £36 at each draw, and tickets can be bought for £2 a month or £24 a year.

Half the money goes into the prize fund and the rest is contributed to funds that are being used to pay for the school's new log cabin-style teaching space.

So far nearly £1,000 has been raised through the club.

The cabin was opened by the Bishop of Norwich at the end of September. It cost

£100,000 to build, and this sum was raised by the school itself between October 2010 and last July.

A Norfolk County Council loan of £10,000 was given to the school to enable the cabin to be built. This money needs to be repaid over the next seven years.

Mr Martin said: "Dizzy will be reinvesting some of the money into a new ticket. "I was absolutely staggered when I found out Dizzy had won the Christmas draw."

● Anyone can buy a ticket for the club: visit www.yaxham.com/school or contact the school secretary.

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monitor the impact of collective worship. However,