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Around five million drivers believe they have got behind the wheel while over the limit at least once in the past year, according to the RAC.

In total 16% of the 1,727 motorists questioned by the RAC say they think they have been guilty of drink-driving, either immediately after consuming alcohol or the morning after a late night drinking session and the result has angered some motorists who believe the best way to tackle the issue is to lower the limit as fewer police patrols now operate to catch offenders.

Swansea has won a national scheme to set up an electric bikes network in the city.

It will link the city centre with university campus buildings in the east and west, initially with 50 bikes but possibly rapidly growing if they are successful.

The Welsh Government has launched a programme which requires all transport operators and councils to move towards low or zero carbon projects.

The Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance requires long term planning, overcoming issues known or anticipated, better integration of services, public consultation and sharing information to reach solutions for transport.

Petrol and diesel prices could rise by as much as 3p a litre in the run-up to Christmas as a result of the main oil and gas pipeline system in the North Sea being shut for weeks to undergo emergency repairs.

The shutdown of the Forties pipeline is having an immediate effect on the price of oil as it is



responsible for carrying 40% of the North Sea oil and gas production.

If you only use a car four hours a week and drive 2,000 miles annually, joining a car club can be cheaper than owning a car.

Analysis of driving habits and costs shows a typical low mileage car owner spends about £2,323 annually but car club membership would be under £1,500.

Technology takes a front seat with the F800PRO dash camera.

It can link to a cloud system and alert drivers they are heading towards local congestion spots, alert if a vehicle has been damaged when parked and unattended and even track it to locate it.

The UK Government says Britain will host an international Zero Emission Vehicle Summit next autumn.

It is the traditional time for the Cenex conference at Millbrook and it saw record exhibitors and attendances this year.

A new telephone app is being developed which puts the emphasis on insurers to compete for motor insurance.

Crowd sourcing has raised half the money needed to develop the system which would be an alternative to price comparison websites and mean motorists upload details and then insurers bid to give them the best deal.

Toyota and Panasonic will jointly develop a new type of battery for EVs.

Meanwhile, Schaeffler is expanding its electric motor business as some more traditional engineering orders decline with new technology arriving.



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The MB CLS will cost from £57,510 in Britain.

Three engines are offered and 4Matic AWD is standard for the range arriving in next summer.