



DIANA'S DREAM

MONDAY: I'm driving in my car to nowhere in particular.

TUESDAY: I'm driving in my car to take a friend to the hospital for an appointment.

WEDNESDAY: I'm driving in my car to go shopping.

THURSDAY: I'm driving in my car to visit a friend.

FRIDAY: I'm driving in my car to meet someone for coffee.

SATURDAY: I'm driving down to the village to pick up the paper and to empty the boat of water.

SUNDAY: I'm driving a car that isn't mine, but at least I'm driving!

This is a repetitive dream of a woman whose license was denied after she became 80. She was told that her eyesight was not up to scratch by the DVLA. This was in spite of the fact that she had been examined and tested by both a commercial optical centre and a private ophthalmologist and her sight was found to be good. She was very upset by this as it not only

took away her personal independence, but it was also important to others as she frequently took people shopping or to doctors appointments or simply out to share the delights of the Cornish countryside, an art gallery or a concert. She decided to fight the directive as she couldn't understand why her licence should be revoked as she is physically able and her doctor felt that her eyesight tests indicated no problems. She appeared to have been denied simply on the basis of her age.

So, every night, she dreams of driving happily in either her own car or someone else's! The good news is that after nearly a year's persistence, lots of telephone calls, letters and retesting, Diana won back her right to drive.