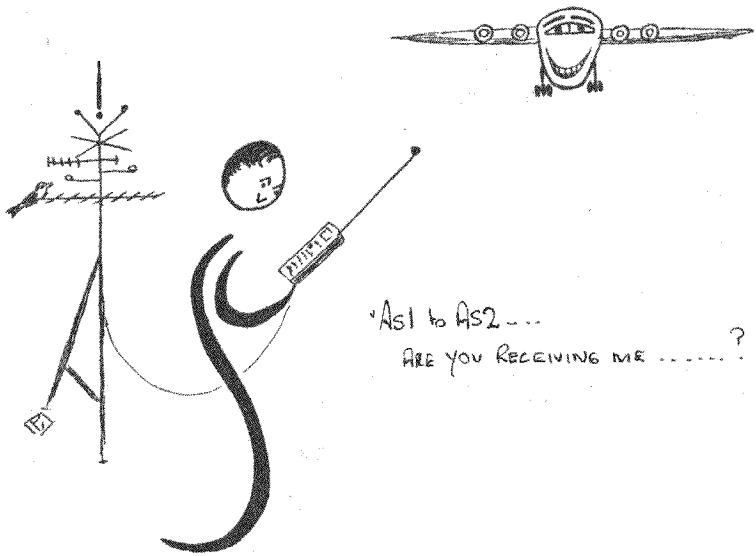


AUTO-SLEEPER OWNERS' CLUB



'As1 to As2 ---
ARE YOU RECEIVING ME ? !! "

NEWSLETTER 57

JUNE 1993

Hello.

Now that the weather seems to be improving (and I hope that I'm not talking it away) it is time that some of us were getting out and about again. I know that many have been wandering around this country and others for some time now but there are those amongst us who..... So come on, get into your van, go out and enjoy yourselves, attend some rallies and, whatever you do, don't forget to write to me and share your experiences with the rest of the Club.

I've got an apology to make (as usual). In some instances recently I've used last years details for the rally list and they have been wrong for 1993. This may have caused a bit of annoyance and I'm sorry for that. On the subject of rallies, and bookings in particular, may I remind you to fill in BOTH sides of the booking slip and to make the cheque payable to the person named exactly as shown. You may know them as "Tony", "Dick" or "Peggy" but the banks only recognise "Mr A.", "Mr. R." or "Ms/Miss/Mrs. M."

I took a telephone enquiry about joining the Club and discovered that the people concerned are just about to go on a round the world tour and will be hiring a van in New Zealand. Remembering that the globe-trotting *Daleys* did just that, I've asked for a further write up from these soon-to-be-members on their return so that we can have some other views too.

The latest edition of the Index, for issues 49 - 54, is now ready. If you want one, please send me a stamped, self-addressed envelope of a size to take a copy of the Newsletter and I'll send it right away.

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"In the change-over of Regalia Officers we have discovered one or two items which do not know their way home and haven't got an address attached to them. Please could anyone who recognises their order contact *Pru' & Richard Osborne* at "Windrush", Chapter Rise, Tilshead, Wiltshire or telephone them on 0980 620 646.

The items concerned are van decorations. There is one "Rita's Little Man" in white,(about 8"), one "Kate" in Cherry red. and 2 x "Dinah" in Black. These are feeling rather lonely so please do contact if you know them."

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Plastic Cards & Touring Tips

It always surprises me how people have different experiences while abroad. In the past 15 months I have used my Midland Access/Visa cards over 100 times overseas in shops, supermarkets, petrol stations, campsites, etc. etc. without problem.

When the card is 'swiped' the word foreigner comes up and out pops the ticket for signing. Only once was I presented with the PIN machine by a new assistant. Their little calculator type machines for entering the PIN looks private enough but I doubt whether my UK PIN would work, anyway. I have tried at a 24hr self-serve petrol station in France without success. In Switzerland I just pushed my card into a machine and out came the petrol (no codes). It is worth checking that the store accepts your card before loading up the trolley!

On another note, for any travellers heading to Southern Spain, pop onto Gibraltar with your Midland/Natwest cash card to withdraw sterling from their autobanks and change to pesetas at the bureaux at very favourable rates (no commission charged). Petrol is less than 40p per litre and Safeways will accept personal cheques (NOT cards though). Also on cheap petrol, if passing Samnaun [I hope I've got that right - Ed.] on the border of Austria, Switzerland and Italy fill up. It's a lovely little principality and last year four star was just 27p per litre and again no commission charged on currency exchanges.

James Tillotson

PS. Credit card protection by Sentinel has also proved invaluable. One free call and lost cards can be stopped, new ones issued etc.

PPS. Andorra petrol, leaded 4-star, last month was under 50p per litre compared to 100 pts in Spain or 5.1 FF in France.

J.T.

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Still on the subject of plastic cards *Marjorie Hulme* enquired at Barclays Bank about the possibility of having to "expose" your PIN in France. Barclays appear to be very angry at this and have told the Super/Hyper Markets to replace the old machines. *Marjorie* was told to "Stand your ground" and NOT to divulge the PIN. If the shop refuses to accept your card, insist that they telephone Barclaycard for authority. *Marjorie* intends to follow this advice if necessary as she speaks good French. She will let us know how she gets on.

Rita Daley passed on this item and added that if you tell the

shop to contact Barclaycard you should then duck. Remember what they did to the British lambs?

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Christmas Cards

Now who on earth wants to talk about such things in June? Well, your Committee does, for a start! We have to try to plan ahead - as witness the comment in Chairman's Chat about the 1994 Annual Dinner and AGM. Back to Christmas Cards - *Rita Daley* has produced some specimens which the Committee have approved and will be available, we hope, in time for the Club and Company Rally. These cards will be 'printed on tinted, contoured paper of 100 gsm thickness'. They will be a single A4 sheet folded in four to A6 size and will be complete with a white A6 envelope for each card. The picture on the front will be "suitable for the Club" and the greeting inside is "Wishing you a very Happy Christmas from". So save up your Saturday penny so that you can buy a packet or ten at the rally!

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Ferries and the Continent

I do not often feel motivated enough to put pen to paper but this is the exception.

I think that thanks are in order to *Carol Bowler* who was so helpful in organising our recent Stena-Sealink ferry crossing. It is only by booking through ASOC for our summer holiday that we realised with the ferry prices offered we could have two foreign holidays this year and see our friends in Germany as well.

So on April 3rd we set off. We returned to Cologne for a quick visit because we love the city and then continued to Kassel to see our friends. The visit only lasted two days because they themselves were off on holiday.

We continued our travelling which took us in the direction of Berlin; in our opinion not to be missed but not to be repeated either. It is like a massive building site and without the conducted tour guide we would never have seen the parts worth seeing because they are so spread out. From Berlin we went to Potsdam which is really just a suburb but the Palaces there are certainly worth a visit. Beautiful buildings set in acres of parkland on a warm sunny day - what more could one want?

Certainly not 120 miles of motorway heading for Dresden which

rattles your brains, not to mention the family, vehicle and contents, but reaching our destination made it all worth while. Coming off the dreaded motorway we spotted a camp site sign and decided to find it to let our nerves settle. We found the site easily and were most warmly welcomed by the owner (who spoke no English). The site only took around ten units; it was on grass but reasonably level. The owner, not satisfied that we were completely level, brought a wooden block and directed us onto it. (We have never had service like this before!) He then proceeded to show us how to get into Dresden by bus and tram and gave us a tour of his immaculate shower and toilet block which was permanently warm.

Dresden is a wonderful city, still being rebuilt from war damage but beautiful just the same. The new park is pleasant to wander round at leisure if you are not interested in the historical side. We were lucky enough to attend a Mass held in the Catholic Cathedral with full orchestra and choir on Easter Sunday.

Unfortunately we now had to start our return journey as we had to be home for 15th April but it was something we shall always remember. Now we can look forward to our summer holiday as well. Thanks, *Carol*

Judith & Michael Murray and family.

What a lovely letter, and how nice to know that people are gaining benefit from the ferry prices ASOC can offer. I can remember Bonn as it was some years ago when there was a lot of reconstruction work so I can visualise the building site called Berlin!

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Collective Nouns

'A suggestion as a name for the Club. 'A Wake of Sleepers.'

Pauline & Richard Thurman .

I don't know about you, but a "Wake" seems to indicate something after a funeral and our gatherings are anything but funereal! Any other suggestions, please?

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Workshops

Chelston Motor Caravans of Wellington down in Somerset wrote to *Sheila* to tell her that they had opened a new dealership near Banbury. They call it Central Motorhomes and they say that there

are adequate workshop facilities to cater for our sized vehicles. They are actually at Middleton Cheney so they may be of interest to some folks as they state that there isn't another dealer within 40 miles or so. They are 1.5 miles from Banbury and Junction 11 of the M40.

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Textile & Leather Services, of Unit 4, Hilltop Business Park, Devizes Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 4UP - Tel: 0722 338 847 are people who repair Upholstery, Tents, Awnings, Car Seats - and Tarpaulins, even! They may be of interest to people in the south of the country who need such services.

Well, I thought some of you might like to know!

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You may recall the advertisement for a motor-cycle which *Alan Beckley* had put into the Newsletter in May. He had several enquiries for the machine and it was sold to the first contact. As a result he has kindly sent a donation to Club funds, for which many thanks - even though he said there was no need to acknowledge! It just shows that our adverts often work!

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Talisman GL 2.5 Diesel, K' Reg. Still under warranty. 2 Captains seats (very comfortable). 4 berth (but a removable top locker factory fitted), alarmed, dead locks, quadraphonic stereo, mains hook-up, shower, cassette toilet, oven, hot/cold water, curtains, flyscreens, and blinds. All to the usual high Auto-Sleeper standards. Reluctant sale £23,000. Please telephone Keith Whalley on 061 446 2340 or you can write to him at 4 Mere Drive, Didsbury, Manchester, M20 0AG.

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Due to a change of van we have a complete set of Silver Screens to fit a VW A-S Type 3 Trident (8 pieces) £100 ono. Fiamma cycle rack for two bikes - no drilling - to fit above. £65. Free-standing side awning also to fit £180. All items in very good condition. Write to Silvia & Norman Brice at 35 Halfpenny Close, Chilworth, Guildford, Surrey, GU4 8NH or telephone them on 0483 62 986.

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Awning. Free-standing. Tubular steel framed. Provides approx. 6' extension. Suitable for fixing to rear door exit. £125 ono. Also Table-top, Desmo. 24" x 18" £39 ono. Please write to Pauline & Richard Thurman at 46 Green Lane, Woodstock, OX20 1JZ or telephone them on 0993 812 231.

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"Some friends of ours want to purchase a Talisman or a Legend. They are looking for a vehicle from 1986 onwards and it must be a four-berth. If anyone has such a vehicle available will they please contact Colin Lloyd on 0425 274 349 which is down at Highcliffe near Christchurch in Dorset." [See For Sale above - Ed.] *Ann & Vern Harry* say that that any help in this matter will be greatly appreciated as their friends would like to join the Club.

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I had a very nice letter which is trying to bring to fruition something I tried to start months and months ago.

"I enclose a design for a "Childrens Corner". I hope you will consider it for the Newsletter. I have done it in black and white as that is how it will be in print. I hope it will become a regular page and encourage other children to write in with ideas. It will have to be arranged differently and made smaller but I hope you think it is a good idea.

*Ruth Greenwood
(age 12)"*

I think that this is a very good idea. I shall be very pleased if other children will write to me with their views on Club matters - they are all welcome. *Ruth's* page appears almost in its entirety overleaf. I've had to make a couple of changes to suit editorial needs (that's my story, anyway) but basically it is entirely *Ruth's* effort

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CHILDRENS CORNER

I recently attended the AGM at Kettering. It was our first time and we thoroughly enjoyed it. I myself, along with other children, explored the fairground. I went on the dodgems and the big wheel among other things. The more active took a brisk walk to Kettering or a wander around the lake. On the other hand there was the Club shop where everyone could decide "What haven't I bought yet?"

On Saturday the AGM was attended by most people. While the adults discussed various business I played games with my friends to pass the time. On Saturday evening there was a delicious meal in the hall prepared by the staff at Wicksteed Park. On Sunday morning we had a lovely service led by the Salvation Army to end the weekend.

Thank you, Wicksteed Park, let's hope we see you next year!
Ruth Greenwood (age 12)

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Calling All Children

Write in to the Editor with YOUR ideas, puzzles and views. Tell everyone what YOU enjoy - or don't like!

Ruth Says -

"Come to Rallies

- they're FUN!"

Chairman's Chat

The second meeting of the new Committee has taken place and we have made a decision on the Club's 5th Annual General Meeting to be held in 1994. It will be held at the Uttoxeter Race course on Saturday, 9th April 1994. It will also be known as the "Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club Annual Dinner and AGM".

In a recent Newsletter I made a request for members who were willing to demonstrate their hobbies at the Club and company Rally to let me know. I am pleased to say that after the AGM rally I now have nine such members but would like to have some more. [They're very tasty with a cheese and onion sauce! Ed.] This year the hobbies will be shown in The Severn Hall at the Three Counties Showground. I hope that each demonstrator will be in the Hall for, say, one hour in the morning and one in the afternoon on Saturday - unless they want to stay longer.

This year we shall have four Club stalls:

Bring and Buy Stall - *Barbara Worley* will be pleased to receive cakes, jams, preserves, confectionery etc., and she specifically asks for **edible** items only.

Bric-a-Brac Stall - *Barbara Cox* spoke to many members at the AGM rally but for those who weren't there she is looking for saleable items, please.

Books & Magazines Stall - *Monica Williams* has already received offers of some books and magazines but will welcome more.

Bottle Stall - *Mary & Ray Pearson* agreed to run this stall and ask for your support in providing bottled goods please.

A raffle will be run by *Maureen and John Edden* and the proceeds from that, and from the above stalls, will go to our chosen charity which this year is the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Your Booking Form for the Club and Company rally should be returned as soon as possible, if you haven't already done so, to *Heather Tidbury* and by 7th July at the very latest. This will be the last time that *Heather* will be acting as the Booking Secretary for our two main events of the year and I shall be pleased to receive the name(s) of any volunteers to take on this job for 1994.

Arthur Irving

Surprise, Surprise, as is said on some television programme or other. I received a letter postmarked Holland and with a Dutch stamp on it which contained this Chat! *Heather* has been doing a yeoman job for the Club for the last couple of years. The task isn't too difficult but it does need some degree of organisation so that confusion doesn't reign. Whoever would like to volunteer can be assured of whatever assistance is needed - such as *Sheila Henthorne* providing a set of address labels for the envelopes or any printing required being accomplished by the *Daleys*. So please may I re-iterate *Arthur's* request for a volunteer? Don't be shy.

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1993 A.G.M. Rally

I know thanks were expressed at the end of the Rally but I felt that I must write a personal note. Being fairly raw recruits (having been motorhome owners since last August) we haven't been involved in a great deal yet. However we were given a very good introduction by *Diane and Dave Bower's* rally at Marden, Kent when we met a good gathering of people.

Then Kettering, what can I add? It was superbly organised and very enjoyable. Also, just a mention, I thought that it was super that *Angela & Charles [Trevelyan]* spent so much time with us. Usually visiting dignitaries or invited guests disappear very quickly.

Many thanks to all involved.

Ivy & Bob Smith."

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The AGM at Wicksteed Park was the first one we were able to attend. Firstly may we put in writing our thanks to the organisers for a really first class job.

The Staff at Wicksteed Park were most helpful and the facilities there are excellent. Please consider keeping the site for next year. It is central and, in our opinion, impossible to beat. We look forward to coming again next year.

Thank you to everyone for a really excellent weekend.

Helen, John and Ruth Greenwood

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Many thanks to *Sheila (Henthorne)* for the replacement Membership cards which arrived safely on the Wednesday before

AUTO - SLEEPER OWNERS' CLUB
RALLY SUPPLEMENT

June - July 1993

Please make your cheque payable to the Marshal BY NAME and send it with booking slip AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. Preferably at least 14 days in advance. Late deciders, please telephone the marshal FIRST.

4th-6th June. Barnstones Camping & Caravan Park, GREAT BOURTON, Banbury. LIMIT 50 VANS.

Fees: £4.00 per night Rally fee £1.50.

Bookings to: Mr. J. Cox, 73 Westmead road, Barton-under-Needwood, Staffs., DG13 8JR.

Directions: In Banbury take A.423 Coventry road. In 3 miles turn right into Great Bourton. Site on right in 120 yards.

11th-13th June. Motor Caravan Fair, STRATFORD-UPON-AVON.

Booking forms will be found in magazines - write A.S.O.C. clearly on form. The Club has no volunteer to act as marshal for this fair

Directions will be found in magazines.

21st-27th June. Buckle Caravan Park, SEAFORD, Sussex.

Fees: One person £1.76; Two people £3.53 per night. Rally fee £1.50.

Marshal: Mr. G. Coggins, "Walda", Chyngton Road, Seaford, East Sussex, BN25 4HB. Tel: 0323 895 901.

Directions: From A.259 Newhaven-Seaford road turn into Marine Parade by Abbots Lodge Motor Inn. Site 300 yards on right.

Holiday rally 70 vans maximum. Skittles & buffet meal evening arranged for Thursday, 24th June at £4.50 per person (but you need not skittle if you don't want to!) - please advise if interested. Day trips to France cost £10 per person (£11 on Saturdays)

9th-11th July. Midland Railway Trust, Butterley Park, RIPLEY, Derbyshire.

Fees: £1.75 per unit per night. Rally fee £1.50. Please note there will be a further fee of £2.50 per person for admission for the weekend including one train ride. This will be payable at the rally and not before.

Bookings to: Mr. H. Henthorne, 144 Devonshire Hill Lane, London, N17 7NH. Tel: 081 808 9112.

Directions: IGNORE ANY SIGNS TO MIDLAND RAILWAY CENTRE. A.610 to Codnor Clock Tower. Follow unclassified road (beside clock tower) s.p. Riddings and Somercotes for about 1 mile passing Codnor Gate Estate on left. At bottom of steep hill turn left into

This rally will appeal to those interested in steam railways. There are toilets available close to the licensed buffet. NO electrics. We shall arrange a buffet meal for Saturday evening.

16th-18th July. Callow Top, ASHBOURNE, Derbyshire.

Fees: £4.50 per unit per night. Rally Fee £1.50.

Bookings to: Mr. J. Cox, 73 Westmead road, Barton-under-Needwood, Staffs., DG13 8JR.

Directions: Site entrance 1/2 mile north of Ashbourne on A.515 to Buxton, opposite Sandybrook garage.

23rd-25th July. Three Counties Showground, MALVERN WELLS, Hereford & Worcs. Club and Company Rally.

Full details will be found on the separate booking form

6th-8th August. Whitchurch Rugby Club, WHITCHURCH, Shropshire.

Fees: £5.00 for the weekend. Rally fee £1.50.

Bookings to: Mr. S. Crouch, Sydrey, Sylvan Close, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Salop. SY13 2TB. Tel: 0948 840 894.

Directions: From North keep on A. 49 signposted Town Centre. At roundabout stay on main road bearing Left, over traffic lights past Mobil stations, then SECOND right (Edgeley road) opposite Doddington Hotel. From South on A. 41 take road signposted Town

Evening meal on site Saturday evening. Toilets, showers and clubhouse amenities.

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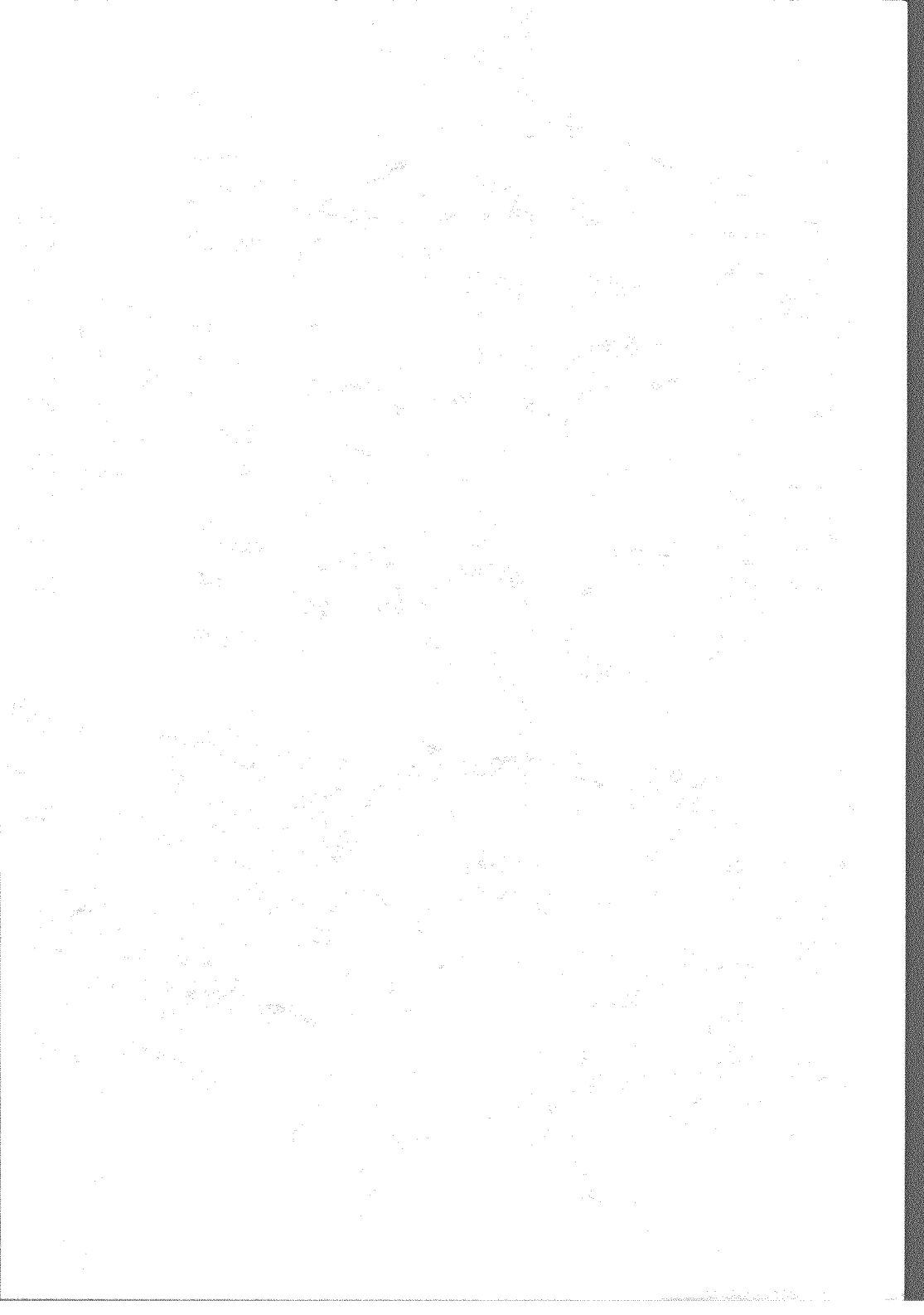
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These can be collected at the Club and Company Rally at Malvern when Postage and Packing will not be charged. Otherwise, the orders will be despatched during September/October. Please add the following P & P to your payment.

1 pack = 20p. 2 packs = 36p. 3 packs = 43p. 4 packs = 51p. 5 packs = 62p.
6 packs = 70p. 7 packs = 79p. 8 packs = 88p. 10 packs = £1.20p

Please make your cheque out to "AUTO-SLEEPER OWNERS' CLUB" and send it to:-
Mrs Rita Daley, 46 Ulverley Green Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B92 8BQ.

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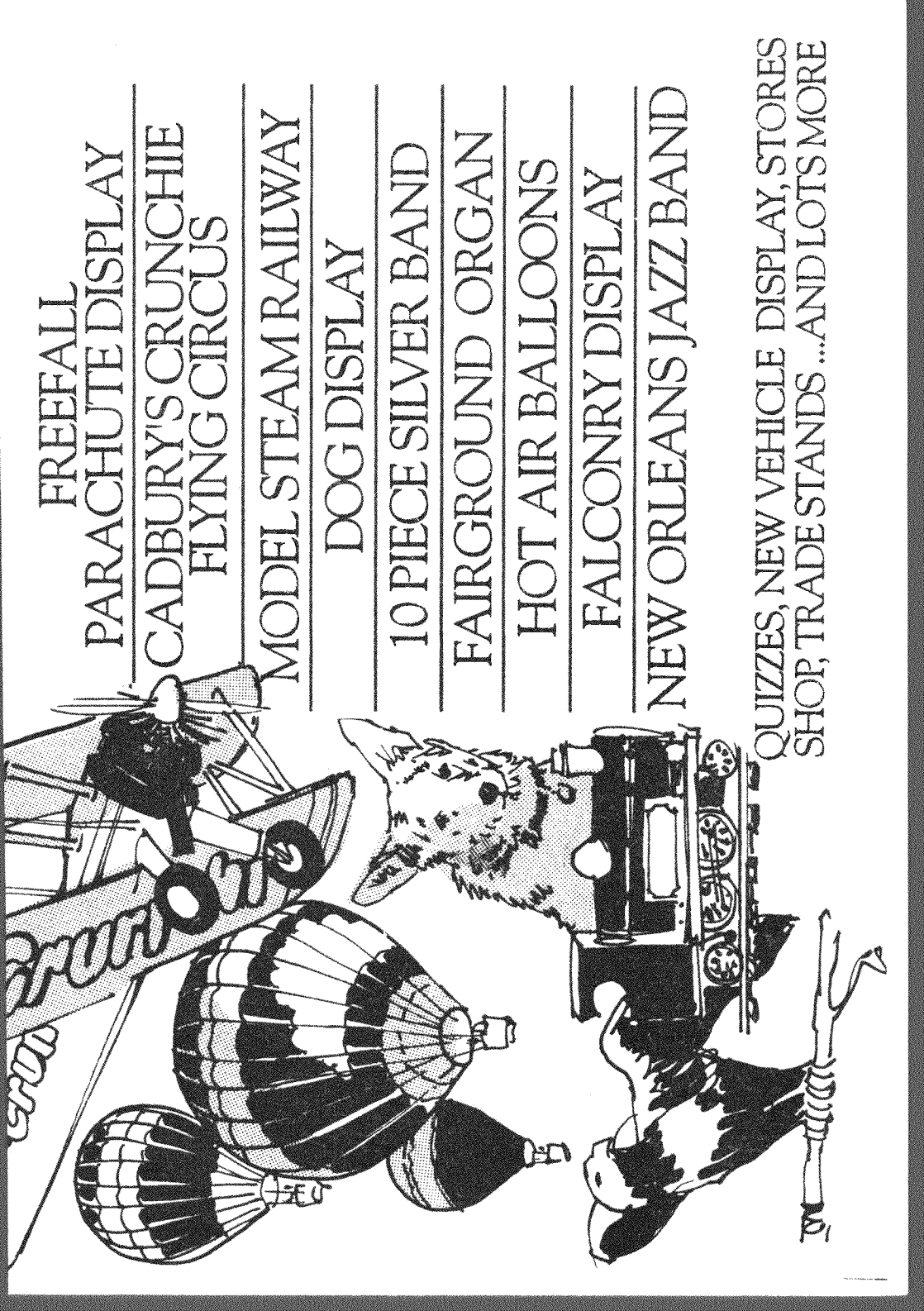
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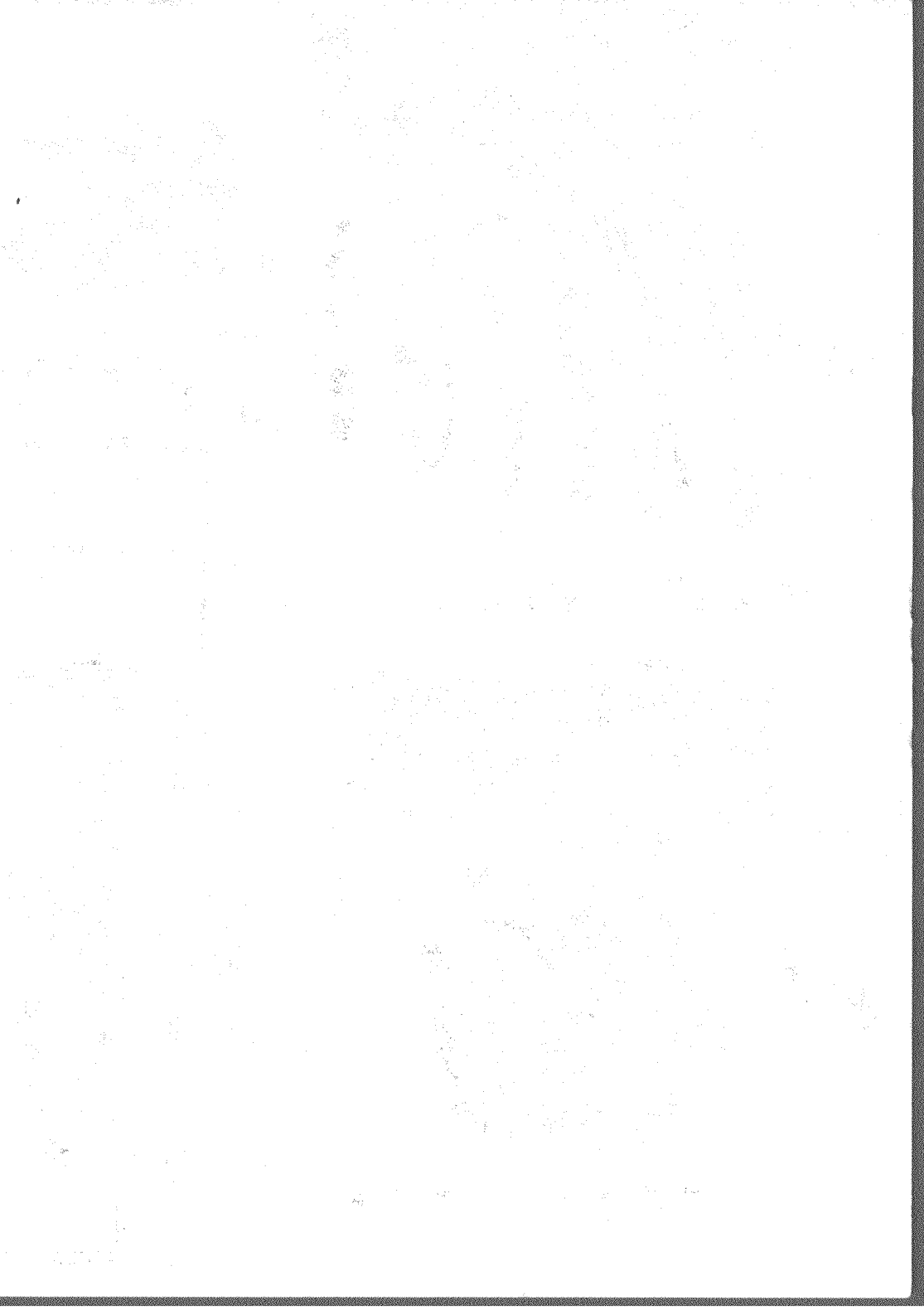
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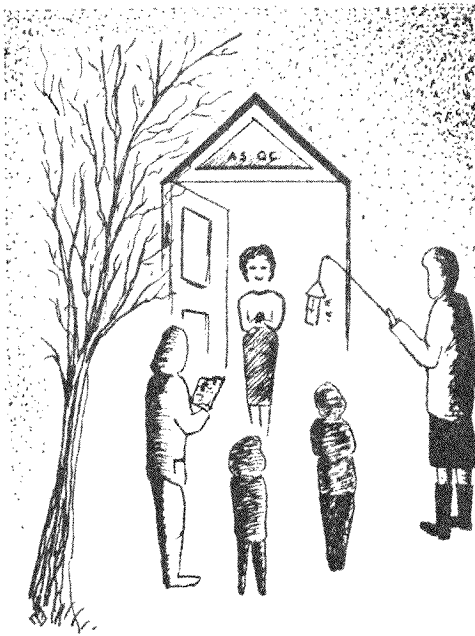
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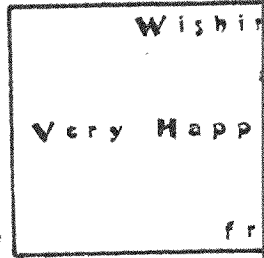


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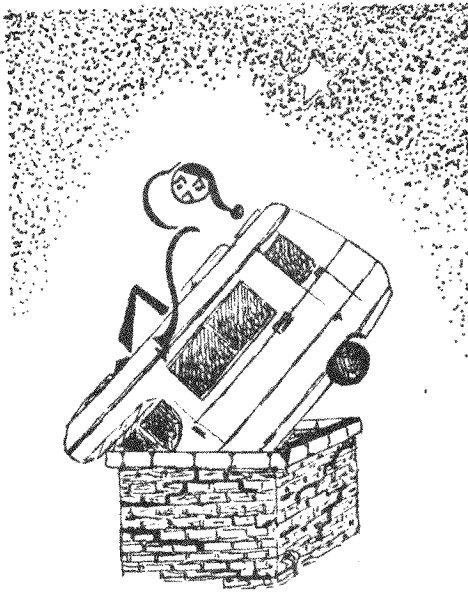
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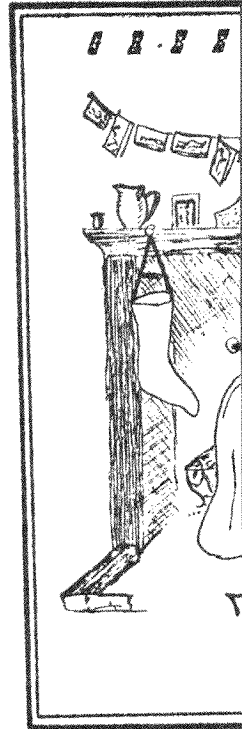


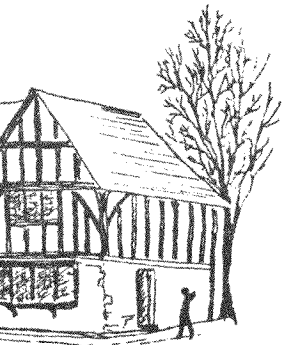
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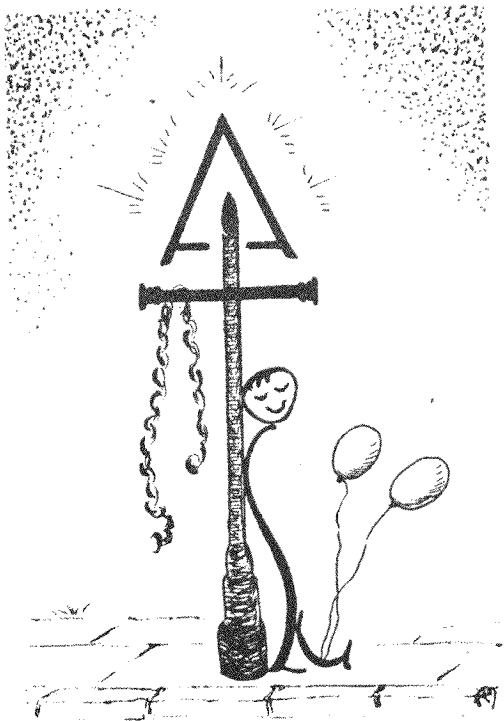
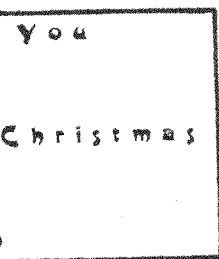
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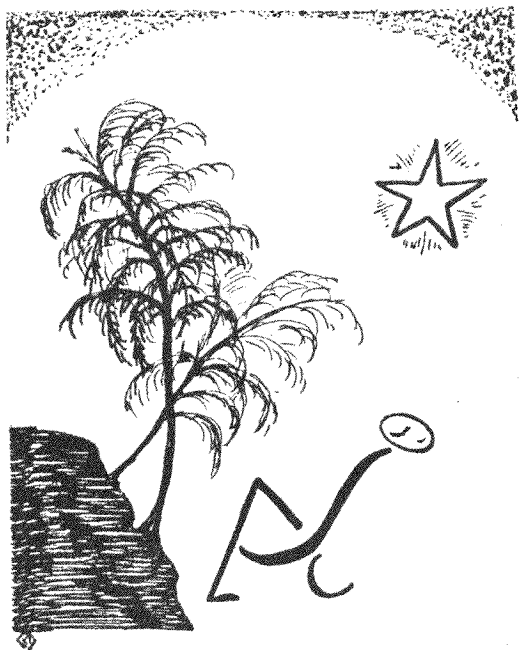




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The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This not only helps in tracking expenses but also ensures compliance with tax regulations.

In the second section, the author outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data. This includes both primary and secondary research techniques. The goal is to gather comprehensive information that can be used to identify trends and make informed decisions.

The third section focuses on the challenges faced during the data collection process. It highlights issues such as incomplete data, inconsistent reporting, and the difficulty of accessing certain sources. The author provides practical solutions to these problems, such as cross-verifying information and using multiple data sources.

Finally, the document concludes with a summary of the findings and a list of recommendations. It stresses the need for continuous monitoring and evaluation of the data collection process to ensure its effectiveness and reliability.

AUTO-SLEEPER OWNERS' CLUB

Send one of these slips to the Marshal named at least 14 days before the event. You can arrive at the site without booking and you will be welcomed but if the rally is limited you may be disappointed.

ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO THE MARSHAL BY NAME, PLEASE

A.S.O.C. R A L L Y S L I P

Site..... Date.....

Your full Name and address.....
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Membership No.....Telephone Number.....

Day/Time of arrival..... Van No.....

Is this your first ASOC rally? Please tick box: Yes No

No.of people in your van? Adults Children

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF FORM!

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Requirements - Please note that these may NOT be available at all rallies. Your request for them will NOT necessarily mean that you will be provided with them

Electricity: Yes No Saturday night meal: Yes No

Have you any special needs? Yes_____ No_____If 'Yes' please detail what they are:.....

In the event of an emergency at a rally whom should we contact?
Name _____ Tel.No. _____

Payment MUST accompany this slip - cheques payable to the Marshal by Name, please.

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the AGM. Unfortunately, the two terrors caught the dreaded "Pox de Poulet" (chicken Pox) and the AGM had to go by the board. Apologies to *Heather Tidbury* for any inconvenience caused by our last minute cancellation. A huge thank you for the refund which is greatly appreciated.

The two terrors are fighting, annoying and kissing each other so they are well on the mend!! Hope everyone enjoyed the weekend and look forward to reading about it in the Newsletter.

Fauziah Coffey

Having attended our first AGM at Kettering this year it is nice to be able now to put faces to some of the familiar names that regularly appear in the Newsletter.

As we are going through a hectic busy period at present our next rally looks like being the Club and company Rally in July. My husband is taking early retirement in June and I'm pleased to say that his major complaint at rallies will then have been removed! Whenever we have attended the social events at rallies he has found that, no matter whether we are sharing a table with old friends or new acquaintances, he has been the only one still working!! This has given rise to great hilarity in the past, with *Les* warning people that they won't be able to draw their pensions in certain weeks because he's on holiday and not earning it for them. We've even have cards addressed to the P.A.Y.Earners of Andover!

With this major topic of conversation removed from our get-togethers what, I wonder, will take its place? Maybe advice to us novice "retirees" on how to fit everything into the time available??

Joyce Watts.

I get the idea that the AGM at Kettering was enjoyed! As a caring Club we are pleased to note that the "terrors" are well on the way to full, normal, boisterous health again. And it is a delight to read that people who came along for the first time were made to feel welcome and part of the Club. *Sheila and I* have known occasions elsewhere - NOT in this Club - where we have attended but have been very much on the fringe of whatever was going on because we were not one of the "in" crowd.

It is a very old axiom among retired folk that they cannot see how they ever found time to go to work before they retired. There is so much to do, places to go, people to visit or write to, things to do, that it is grossly unfair for the powers that be to

permit only 168 hours in each week. But I'm sure, knowing all our friends in this Club, that conversation will certainly not close down just because Les can no longer complain that he is the only one working.

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⊗⊗⊗ COACHBUILT GRIP ⊗⊗⊗

Ref. the advice required on page 7 of issue 56. We recently purchased replacement front tyres for our Talisman with the aim of improving grip on soft or wet ground.

Unfortunately, most of our local tyre suppliers were unable to obtain a knobbly tread in the exact size of the originals. Alternative sizes were proposed, but we were not convinced by the casual reassurance of "no problem, Guv, they'll be alright". We were given conflicting explanations of the size and duty codes moulded on the tyre walls and the distinction (if any) between 'Mud & Snow' and 'Town & Country' treads.

Happily, SuperDrive were able to meet our needs with a pair of Vredestein Transport Snow (102/100 P M&S) tyres to the exact size (185/75 R14C) within 48 hours at about £140. although the tread looks substantial we do not intend going out of our way to test their ultimate performance! An unexpected bonus with this particular tread pattern is that there is NO increase in tyre noise on hard surfaces. However one must assume that block treads will wear out faster than conventional road tyres.

Jim Botterill

P.S. I think that the tyres are the most difficult part of an A-S to adjust!

Oh! Go on! Force yourselves!! Take the van onto a muddy field and see whether you can get off or not. A report would be much appreciated if you do happen to get to a rally where the ground is a bit less tractive than we might like.

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One Good Friday morning, twelve years ago,
To Honeybourne we went.
With care we towed our caravan
A lovely time we spent.
As Easter Sunday morning dawned
Thro' curtains it seemed so light
We drew them back to see the snow
And everywhere was white.

But as the afternoon came near
The sun began to shine.
'Twas our first towing holiday
And it turned out just fine.
Now hitching up just got too much
For *Arth* alone to do
An Auto-Sleeper we now have
It's just get up, and GO.O.O.O.
We hope to rally with the Club
Each chance that we can get
And look forward to our next one
But hope it's not so wet!

Maisie Beardsmore

No prizes are offered for guessing to which muddy, Rugby, rally *Maisie and Arth* went! Perhaps *Jim Botterill* should have got his tyres a bit earlier and gone along too!

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A Member's Guide to

1. - The Rally Marshal

There are various species of A.S.O.C. Rally Marshal:

The New-Age Marshal - books you in correctly - that's it!!

The Relaxed Marshal - Site in middle of nowhere, arranges coffee on Friday evening and Sunday morning.... and after that it is over to you. These rallies are normally blessed with fine weather.

The Resilient Marshal - will stay out in all weathers. Ends up being poured back into the van suffering from sunstroke or hypothermia after marshalling a vast number of arrivals single-handed.

The Obliging Marshal - takes note of special requirements on booking forms and will deliver cooked breakfast at 8:00 provided it is asked for on the rally slip.

The Worried Marshal - superb prior planning and most successful rally but suffering extreme anxiety about whether the meal arranged/weather/site is OK - e.g. "did you remember to feed the ducks swimming outside your van?"

The Misleading Marshal - knows where the rally site is, you may

even see it from a distance but the directions leave a little to be desired - what sort of clock tower are we looking for? Or where on earth is the Airport?!? A CB. radio (tuned to channel 37) is an essential piece of equipment to find this site ... if you (a) have one, (b) know how to use it, (c) the channels aren't blanketed with rubbish of all sorts and provided that someone else has already found it.

The BIG Rally Marshal - re-named Sub-Committee Chairman. This is the guy who was in the wrong place at the wrong time. Needs access to half a ton of sawdust, the patience of Job, the tenacity of a Jack Russell, the diplomatic skills of Henry Kissinger and MUST be retired to have enough time. Must NOT have a bad temper or high blood pressure!

The Team Leader Marshal - this involves recruitment of two or three other couples to do some/all of the donkey work. To ensure there is plenty for them to do, the leader will arrange the first/last rally of the year which is guaranteed to be fully booked five years in advance due to lack of rallies during the Winter months.

The Reluctant Marshal - is persuaded to run a rally, after a few beers. The rally is guaranteed to be miles from where he lives so he knows nothing about the area and everyone who attends will ask what there is to do nearby.

The Good Idea Marshal - believes literature sent out by reputable organisations. Expects to have fully marked pitches, thus minimal marshalling, and ends up organising towing vehicles and doing the site organisers' work for them.

The Foreign Rally Marshal - The regular continental traveller who comes up with a marvellous plan for Members to attend a foreign rally. Ends up spending the best part of a year organising it.

The Hyper-Organiser Marshal - accuses you of having the "alternative rally" because they have organised something for the Saturday night and you are having a small barbecue of your own on a freezing cold, wet night.

Alfred E. Newman.

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The name is actually a nom-de-word-processor. Do you fall into one of these categories? Can you create your own category? Can you run a rally? There is a bonus - you suddenly gain lots of new friends and ... the rally Marshal's site fees are paid! Please contact either *Tony Jones* or *John Edden* to offer your services - they will be very pleased to hear from you. And if you have any

ideas for additions to the Members Guide please send them to *Carol Bowler* or to me. They don't have to be in full, just an idea will give us something to work around.

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AUTOROUTE EXPRESS

It really is ridiculous the way the flights of fancy of yesteryear become the luxuries of tomorrow and the absolute necessities of today.

We have to go from Market Harborough to Uckfield, how far is it, how long will it take, how do you get there? All these questions are easily answered. My computer tells me that it is 145 miles and will take 3 hours and 23 minutes, and only takes a couple of minutes to dig out the information. The amazing thing is that it will take 3hrs 23min to within about ten minutes either way. It will also print out the details of the route and a map to guide us.

All this in a programme called AutoRoute Express which cost just under £59 from NextBase Ltd Unit 18 Central Trading Estate STAINES. TW18 4XE. It's not a cheap toy, and I doubt if the petrol I save will ever make up for the cost, but it is a useful tool and a grand present for the person who thought he had everything.

You say where you want to start and where you want to end and it will work out the route. You can include up to 4 calling places on the way, the programme calls them "vias". There is also a choice between the shortest, quickest and preferred route. The first two are obvious, the third is the using the type of roads you prefer. For example you can say you dislike motorways. I am neutral about motorways and A roads but dislike B roads. You can also say what speed you normally drive along each type of road. Once you have got your system calibrated it is remarkably accurate about journey times.

In about the time it has taken me to write this I worked out our route and printed the details for each way, and a map of the whole journey and one at 8 times the scale for the bit down south. I have also learned that there really is no way I can avoid the M25 on this trip. I hope the benefit to the gearbox will be worth it.

Nial Reynolds

I've seen this programme at work and although it is very good I feel that it does leave something to be desired. It doesn't necessarily list all the towns or more particularly the villages. If you need to go from Lower Muddelcombe to Upper Windswept on the

Moor you will need to know what the nearest town or other reference point is. And, like all things computerised, it can only do what the original programmer(s) put into it. A classic story of this type is when British Rail used a computer to analyse the tickets issued to judge whether any given route was viable for the future. The machinery was geared to take note of the number of tickets issued from A to B and from B to A. According to some defined total, the line was or was not viable. The story goes that the line from Glasgow to Mallaig and from Glasgow to Fort William should be discontinued. But from Glasgow to a junction where the two ends of this same line diverged, which happened to be miles from anywhere, the line was great! We tried out the Autoroute Express for the journey between Solihull and London to see whether we could improve our usual route. It came up with a very similar route (after we had told it to forget about Motorways) to the one we use except that where we know, from local knowledge, that we should go one way, the programmer obviously wasn't aware of the problem and sent the route straight through it!

Nial, surely you can avoid the M.25 if you want to. Why not come down to the West of London, say via Aylesbury, High Wycombe, Bracknell and Guildford? *Anything* to avoid the long tail-backs on the biggest car-park in the country! Did you hear the story of the powered wheel-chair that was tested on the M.25? It was passing all the traffic on the road because it could do 8 mph!

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"Dear Harry,

Through the kindness of our many friends and, particularly, those in the Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club, the magnificent sum of £2,638 has been raised in memory of our Daughter. Much of this came from Members of our Club and for this we cannot express our gratitude enough. The cheque for £325, representing the proceeds of the raffle at the AGM, came as a totally unexpected surprise to both of us and underlines yet again the kindness and generosity of Club Members. To each and every one of you, very sincere and heartfelt thanks.

I enclose a letter from the Department of Child Health at the University of Bristol to whom all donations have been directed. The letter is self-explanatory but perhaps by publishing it, those who were so kind will see the very worthwhile cause to which their funds have been put. Furthermore, I have asked also that, as this research progresses, we be kept abreast of progress since I know from the countless letters I received that such research is close to many of our hearts.

I end by thanking you again so very much for your letters, donations and, indeed, messages of support; each and every one has meant such a lot to us.

With our best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Charles, Angela and Piers [Trevelyan].

University of Bristol

Dear Major and Mrs Trevelyan,

Dr. Speidel has just told me of your very kind offer to donate money that you have collected in memory of Prudence to assist us in our neonatal research. I am very grateful to you for this and look forward to being able to thank you in person at some later date.

The Avon Premature Infant Project, which involves babies born at both Southmead and St. Michael's Hospitals, is an integrated study of outcome for very preterm children who are born to mothers resident in the greater Bristol area. The research is evaluating new methods of examining the nervous and visual systems of premature infants. It is also designed to evaluate the amount of support and help that mothers require when they first take their premature baby home. As part of the Project we have 8 research nurses who visit two thirds of the families who have had a child born before 33 weeks gestation. These visits continue regularly over the first two years. We are assessing the impact of the nurses' visits and also providing a much more intensive support service to mothers from our hospital base. This ensures that neonatal intensive care does not stop when the baby is discharged home.

We will also be collecting data on the proportion of very preterm children who subsequently develop a disability. Although this figure is likely to be small (around 1 in 10), it is very important that we recognise these children as early as possible. The neurological and visual techniques that we are developing are designed to help us be much more accurate in our counselling of parents and to allow us to institute appropriate treatment as early as possible.

The monies with which I direct the Avon Premature Infant Project are held by the University of Bristol and therefore I have asked Dr. Speidel to arrange for the funds to be transferred, via me,

into the correct account. I am very grateful to yourselves and all your contributors by whose generosity we are able to continue our research into how we can help parents with very premature children.

With my very best wishes.

Yours sincerely

(Sgd) Dr. Neil Marlow - Consultant Senior Lecturer.

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INSURANCE

Sheila had a letter from a new member, *Brian Tidy*, in which he mentioned that, when seeking insurance, he had noticed that the contents were NOT always covered except whilst camping. But he tells us that with the Camping and Caravanning Club's "Clubcare" insurance scheme the contents of the van are covered all the time. In addition, this was one of the cheaper quotations received. It does pay to look around!

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THE CLUB & COMPANY RALLY

A special note for anyone who wants to park next to another member. Please do NOT ask for this facility on your booking form. If you want to park next to anyone

YOU MUST ARRIVE TOGETHER!

If you arrive separately the Club will not be able to ensure that you park anywhere near each other. So if necessary, wait outside and arrive together.

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WARNING

We have learned of a company which appears to be making windscreen covers etc. similar to Silver Screens. This company appears to suggest that if the material and details are obtained from J & M Designs this other company will machine them for a lesser cost. Your committee will be pleased if members will have nothing to do with this company. J & M Designs have worked hard to establish the Silver Screens and we wish them continued success. It is unfair of the new company to try to take over the market, especially as they want to obtain all the background work and material from an established source, it seems.

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Michael and I took advantage of the special rates for this show which were offered in the March Newsletter and spent two very enjoyable days there. We considered the offer to be very good value and thank you for the information

Pamela & Michael Cook

The details were contained in the Chairman's Chat and that is probably why Pamela started her letter "Dear Harry" and sent it to *Arthur Irving!* Never mind, though, these little things are always good for a laugh. I'm glad that the information was of use.

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Kettering - Again!

Please convey our thanks for a superb weekend to all concerned in the organisation of the AGM Rally. They have every right to feel very pleased with their efforts. As "Northerners" we were pleased when this year's AGM was moved because we could attend. The 300+ miles to non-central Edithmead was too far! We have to work on Monday!!

All the people we spoke to were more than satisfied with the location this year and wished that a CENTRAL site such as Kettering should be used in future. What else could be asked for in a rally site? Most people can manage for two nights without electricity although we realise that this can cause problems for a few. We hope that when the committee meet to decide on the venue for 1994 they will perform a simple exercise with a map (a sample enclosed). A circle of approx. 200 miles centred on Kettering takes in most of Britain. But a similar circle based on Edithmead reduces the amount of Britain while including a large part of the Irish Sea. And we don't have too many members in that sea, do we? Even a centrally based AGM will preclude some people from attending because of the distance. However the Club must surely cater for the majority of Members.

Pauline & Neil Rogers

Uttoxeter is similarly central. We do try to find a location which will please as many as possible but we do have problems finding places which can take 150 vans or so and provide suitable accommodation for the Dinner and AGM. So if you know of such a place, tell the committee and we will look into it. We also learned of one or two people who would have liked to come to the Dinner and Dance but were put off by the AGM thinking that it would be compulsory for them to attend (that will be the day!). So we decided that it will now be known as the "Annual Dinner and Dance" with the AGM thrown in as an optional "Treat" for the Saturday afternoon!

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Sheila and I went to the Savernake Forest rally and, during the weekend, we heard a lovely story. It appears that the local newspaper for

Wiltshire has been talking about the UFO's which have been seen in the Vale of Pewsey area. (For those who don't know the area, the Vale is just over the hills from Marlborough where the rally was held.) Stories abound of lights being seen in the sky - but it was suggested by my informant (no names - no pack drill) that these lights were actually the headlights and inside lights of motor-caravans being tested by *John Hunt* our member in Pewsey! Well, it could be!

So, once again we arrive at page 20 and I must leave you. As we shall be on holiday in June please send anything for the July issue as early as possible. It's going to be a rush anyway - and you don't want to wait for YOUR magazine, do you?

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