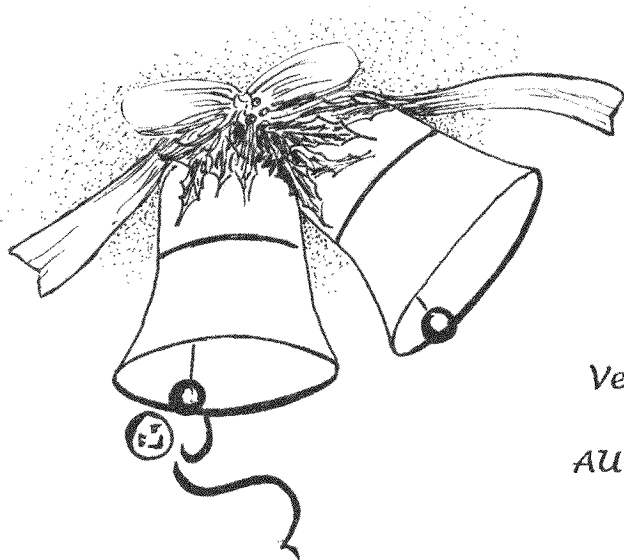




AUTO-SLEEPER OWNERS' CLUB



A
Very Merry Christmas
to all
AUTO-SLEEPER OWNERS

NEWSLETTER 75

DECEMBER 1994

Hello.

First of all, may I, on behalf of *Sheila* and myself, wish all our members and other readers a very Happy Christmas for 1994 and all that you would wish for yourself, but most of all good health, in 1995. I know too that your committee wish you all the very best for the festive season and a very happy motor caravanning New Year.

This year seems simply to have flown by and here we are at Christmas again almost before we've got used to the idea that Easter is just around the corner! Talking of which *Sheila and I* were amused to notice not Easter Eggs in mugs for sale, which we know happens just after Christmas, but allegedly Snowballs in mugs. The same shape, the same chocolate but wrapped in silvery paper instead of golden or coloured. What will the marketing people think up next?

With this Newsletter you will receive your copy of the Club Calendar and your Committee hope that you will find it useful. If you want to hang it up you will have to make a hole in the centre of the top for yourself - last year it made a lot of work for us to put the holes and eyelets in! You will also receive your renewal notice. Please, *please*, PLEASE make sure that you complete it and return it to *Sheila Henthorne* so that the records can be kept up to date. And please ensure that you print your new telephone number clearly. We know that the changes don't take effect until April but they are in operation now and this is really the best time available for all members to notify us of them.

I have an apology to make to *Doug WILLIAMS* whose letter I put into the November Newsletter over the signature of Doug Wilding! *Doug* was kind enough to say that he appreciated that his writing is bad but I think it was more a case of flying fingers and mis-reading. Sorry *Doug*. He went on to say that he and *Joan* enjoyed the Winningen rally and the "kind and friendly approach of the people whom we can now consider as friends". They are very pleased that we do not accept commercial advertising for the Newsletter because, they say, the commercial magazines "have every article influenced by commerce and the RAC seems more interested in trying to get one to borrow money or take out huge insurance than in the broken down motorist". I must say that, in general, I have had excellent service from the RAC when I have broken down (and I have, for various reasons including fire in the engine!) but I accept the comments about the influences. *Doug* finished by saying that they would contribute anything to the Club if they can and then spoiled it all by saying that they spend a lot of time in Spain. Oh, well, perhaps a Spanish Rally sometime....?

REGALIA

As you know, *Ian Ross* has taken over as Regalia Officer. He needs a bit of a breathing space so that he can get things organised his way (or should that be *Stella's* way?) so he will NOT be processing any orders between 1st January 1995 and the AGM. It will probably be better for you if you don't even send orders to him during that period but in any event, he will neither acknowledge nor process them.

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Dear ASOC Members,

Charles, Piers, Henrietta and I thank you enormously for your most kind and generous gift of beautiful pink and white blooms with a pink balloon in a charming basket to celebrate the birth of our most wonderful little baby girl. We are all so very thrilled that it all turned out well, despite her early arrival, and finally that we should all feel much joy that she is here with us.

It has also been a time of reflection on *Prudence* and inevitable sadness by contrast of our deep felt loss. But we believe that *Henrietta* is a gift from *Prudence* - an answer to our prayers in February this year on what would have been her 1st birthday. And now we will treasure her greatly and look forward to the joys of being a happy family.

Once again thank you for your great kindness and generosity and for sharing our special joy. Your thoughtfulness has touched our hearts. God bless you all.

With our love,

Charles, Angela, Piers and Henrietta [Trevelyan]

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PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



Entries will be judged by members of the Committee at their meeting in January and the results should be announced in the February Newsletter. All photographs will be returned. Entries will be accepted up to 20th December 1994. They must have an Auto-Sleeper in the picture and must, in some way, represent the "Spirit of Motor Caravanning". They must be sharp and uncluttered and, of course, they must bear the name and address of the entrant on the back of every picture submitted. DON'T forget the precautions previously mentioned about writing on the back of photos!

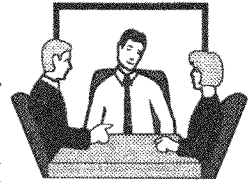
This reminder is aimed more at the recently joined members of the Club who, perhaps, are unaware that we run this competition and have

had some remarkably good entries in the past. So if you have a suitable picture which you would like to send in in the hopes of winning a vast (?) prize, send it along to *Rita Daley* at 46 Ulverley Green Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B92 8BQ.

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COMMITTEE MEETING

We held a committee meeting at Wythall, near Birmingham, at the end of October during which we were told that something like 20 rallies have already been booked for 1995 and a number of these will be run by "new" marshals. This is quite a good start but we do need more volunteers to run rallies. A little further down you will find a few notes from our Rally Co-ordinators which you should read and think about.



Unfortunately, we were also advised that a few members are ignoring the rules of rallying and even the rules of ordinary, decent behaviour it seems. As a result, some marshals who have been running rallies for the last few years have decided that they don't want the hassle any more and have quit. This is bad news for the Club and it has only been brought on by a very few members.

As an example, on the holiday rallies abroad (or in this country) a booking has been made for the period of the rally and then, two or three days after the start, the member decides to leave and demands a refund on the site fees paid. This is **NOT** normally possible because arrangements have been made by the marshal with the site owner for a certain, booked, number of vans for a given period and, as a result, often a reduced site fee has been negotiated. If someone leaves and obtains a refund, it can lead to the remaining members having to pay a greater site fee than the original booking. As a result of this, your committee has decided that in future any bookings for holiday rallies must be for the complete rally or for a stated portion of it if this has been mentioned in the rally supplement; the total site fee plus rally fee for the period must be paid to the marshal in advance and **NO PORTION OF THE FEES WILL BE REFUNDED** unless there are specific extenuating circumstances. I know that this sounds a bit Draconian but it has to be done to protect the marshals and the Club. So if you want to go along to a holiday rally you must be prepared to pay in advance for it and if **YOU** decide to leave early you will not get any money back.

We also learned of another problem. Some of our rallies are held

on licensed sites and we have a maximum number of vans permitted for the rally by the site owner. Often, of course, there are plenty of spaces on the site for other people to use. It appears that some members who have not been able to book within our allotted total have gone ahead and booked as individuals with the site. They have then joined in with the rally itself and have expected everything which has been arranged for the booked ralliers to be available to them too. Even to the extent, in at least one case, of taking and eating food which had been ordered and paid for by someone else! In that case, a couple of the booked rallying members had to go without the food, and guess who were the losers - the marshals, of course!

We are sure that the great majority of our members, ralliers or not, will agree that this sort of behaviour cannot be tolerated in a friendly Club such as ours. So please take due warning. First of all, if you decide to go to a site where a rally is being held and without being part of our booked ralliers you will **NOT** be covered in any way by the Club's insurance, you will **NOT** be permitted to join in with any event arranged for the ralliers even if your friends who have booked invite you to join them and, most importantly, **YOU WILL NOT BE WELCOME!** Of course, if there is no maximum number of vans mentioned and you decide to turn up because of your personal circumstances not permitting early booking you will still be very welcome but **NOT** if a maximum number has been reached. On occasion the rally marshal may be prepared to invite members who are not part of the rally to join in but you cannot expect this.

You will all notice that nobody has been named - yet. However, if this sort of behaviour should be repeated your committee may have to draw up a list of names for circulation to rally marshals of people who are not acceptable on rallies and, if it should prove necessary, your committee may have to resort to the use of Rule 4 in the Club's Constitution. If you can't find your copy at the moment Rule 4 is repeated below in full:

"4. The Committee shall have the right to refuse any application for membership or terminate membership if, in the opinion of the Committee, such action is justified to maintain the reputation of the Club."

This is not a step your committee wish to take, nor is it one that would be taken lightly. But have no fear, it **WILL** be taken if circumstances warrant it. So come along, perhaps one or two members have been un-thinking in the past and have caused these problems

without meaning to. If so, please remember in future what havoc an idle thought may bring. But if it has been deliberate, then perhaps you might think about resigning from the Club before the Club has to invoke Rule 4.

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UPDATE

Just a little update on a couple of Newsletter items.

a) September 1994, page 19. The Serviceline only deals with car insurance and referred me to K.Drew, ACCEO Insurance, The Old Post House, 14 Lord Street, Bewdley, Worcs., DY12 2AE: Telephone 0299 405 489 or 0299 401 663.

b) August 1994, page 3. Roof Vent Struts. West Alloy Diecastings, Garth Road, Morden, Surrey, SN4 4LN, Telephone 0181 337 2211, used to import Chantal Roof Vents. I spoke to a Mr Tony Whitehead drawing his attention to a letter in November 1994 MMM concerning Plastic Roof Vent Struts and to our Newsletter item. Tony was most helpful and has ordered some struts from Sonablat Chantal. Afraid I don't know what price they will be. In the meantime I have spoken to A-S who managed to find a couple for me.

John Perry

Well done, *John*, and thanks for the information.

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THOSE INFAMOUS ROOF VENT STRUTS

I recently had two fail on our 1990 Rambler so here is my remedy. A-S were called and, Murphy's Law operating, were on annual leave. They sent me two on their return to normal business. To fit the first one I rigged a platform over the van for easy working - but when the next failed I used a tall pair of steps. Fitting, once everything was ready, took less than an hour.

Items required:

1 Tall pair of steps and some rope to hold them against the side of the van.

1 small pair of steps inside the van.

Screwdrivers.

Hand Drill (wheel-brace with 1/8th inch drill bit.)

Jar of petroleum jelly.

4 mm x 10 mm screw (or similar) to replace drilled out rivet.

Replacement strut - of course!

Method:

Rig the tall steps beside van on firm footing and pass rope over van roof to secure steps against side thrust when 'leaning over' roof.

Draw 4 self-tapping screws holding down top of vent. Unscrew gently to minimise damage to plastic threads and don't lose the rubber washers.

Note position of the two top plates before passing them to your 'other half' for cleaning. (Or clean them yourself!)

Inside van.

Remove fly screen.

Position both slide knobs on side with broken strut to get access to screws that hold the knobs.

Remove knobs taking care NOT to damage plastic threads. Note positions of all the bits.

Drill out 'pop' rivet carefully; it is aluminium so is very easy.

Prise out side unit - this took me longer than all the above!

Fit new strut and refit unbroken old strut.

Replace the side unit.

Clean the threads of self-tapping screws and coat threads with petroleum jelly. Push some petroleum jelly into plastic holes that receive screws. This makes 'finding' the original threads much easier, avoids tearing the plastic and makes the screws much easier to turn.

Set the slides about half up and position the two top plates BOTH AS WERE ORIGINALLY POSITIONED.

With the 'other half' inside the van to hold the strut in its recess, replace the top screws.

Test opening and closing the vent and if all is well replace the drilled out rivet with the screw (petroleum jelly again).

Replace fly screen.

It has taken longer to write this than it did to do the job! You may wonder why I harp on a proprietary version of petroleum jelly. Apart from preserving the threads, it facilitates future removal while ensuring that you can feel when the screw has 'bottomed' BEFORE over-tightening. It is also the best grease I have used for electrical contacts from torch batteries to 33,000 volt switchgear. A thickish coat on a car battery stem, NOT wiped off before fitting the lug, greatly improves the connection and minimises corrosion.

John Parker

I have carefully avoided the use of the proprietary name for the petroleum jelly - in any event I usually use one of the other brand names. But whichever, it certainly works with the vehicle batteries - I am not qualified to answer anything above 240 volts! I nearly put this into the Newsletter in the form of a recipe but I wonder how many people would have tried to cook it?

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MORE ON THOSE INFAMOUS STRUTS

I found another broken strut. A-S obliged with two more replacements, both of which I have now fitted. All the original struts have failed so it would appear that if you have strut trouble change them all!

I believe a new type replacement roof vent is about £40.00. I think I will order one as it would seem no harder to fit than the replacement strut.

John Parker.

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Chairman's Chat



Winifred and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and that you continue to enjoy your motorcaravanning. When you read this the Christmas Shopping Rally will be on and I hope that the ralliers will be enjoying their weekend and that the weather is better than it has been for the last four days when it has rained almost continuously (at least I haven't been able to get out into the garden!) Those going to rallies over Christmas and the New Year will be getting ready and I am sure that they will all have a good time.

The Annual Dinner and AGM Rally was finalised at our recent Committee Meeting. Thank you *Ron Wilson* for taking over from *Bob Williams* and advising us about the last items to be arranged. The Committee has decided that there will be a charge per van with an addition for each adult attending. There will, of course, be a further charge for those partaking of the Annual Dinner with a reduced charge for children under 14 years. Full details will be on the Booking Form which you will receive in the New Year. The rally will be held at Wicksteed Park, Kettering over the weekend of 21st - 23rd April 1995.

Arthur Irving

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POETRY

Another couple of the poems submitted at the Club and Company Rally - NOT in any order other than how they arrived with me!

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In 1994 in stock we have for sure
There's Rimini and Recro, who could ask for more?
Yet Executive and Clubman GL, would they do just as well?

Or do not forget the Trident, It's sure to win a Trophy.
T-o-p-a-z the Symphony by would surely make us cry:-
Duetto and Omega, Hooray for Auto-Sleeper.

Marjorie E Wilson

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Decisions, Decisions!

The time has come to buy a van, we would choose one, if we can
An Auto-Sleeper it must be if we want good quality.
Executive or Rimini? A Trident or a Symphony
Would a Duetto be twice as nice? We'd better think about the price!

Omega? Clubman? Which will it be? They're all so wonderful, you
see.

Recro? Topaz? We just don't know! How well do they really go?
Decisions, decisions! But where to start? (Perhaps we'll buy a horse
and cart!)

I think we'd better go away and then return another day!

Hazel Watson

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From a Trident to a Topaz , from a Trophy to a Trooper
Everywhere you looked you saw an Auto-Sleeper
The Old Tyne Music Hall was good with Harmony and Duettos
No Symphony Orchestra needed here, nor Blasters from the Ghettos.
Omega, Recro and Rapport owners like minstrels they did sing.

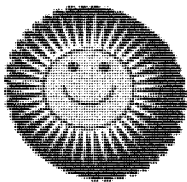
I took my precious ear-plugs and I didn't hear a thing!
But through the Rimini and Ramblers to find where I now live
All I saw were newer vans and quite a few were Executives!

What a delight to find Rupert, the Clubman of my van
I wouldn't swap if for the world, my favourite Talisman!

Tricia Pratt

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SOLAR PANELS



I can only conclude that *Nial Reynolds* had not researched deeply enough to effect a reasonable answer to his problem. Using 2 x 60ah batteries, assuming that they are working in parallel giving 120ah capacity it is small wonder that his solar panel of 10w is inadequate. From experience he would need a minimum 50w panel to satisfy his needs. Two

examples of these are Siemens M55, current at load 3.05 amps, voltage at load 17.4 and Solarex MSX56, current at load 3.2 amps, voltage at load 16.8.

I have been using a Solarex MSX30 for just over a year now as a portable unit. I am well satisfied with its performance and have now fixed it to the roof of the van. The specifications of my unit are 30w rated power, 17.8v on load, 1.68 amps current (in full sun, angled). Obviously when on the roof of the van the angle is not always ideal, therefore current output in full sun is approximately 1.2 amps. The minimum charging current I have had on a cloudy, overcast but bright day is .25 amps.

I use one 60ah leisure battery and the panel keeps the voltage up to 13.5 volts when parked up in bright weather. A lot depends on how much demand is made daily on the battery, too much colour TV can be a problem as an example of one of the highest demands. We still use a mains hook-up in winter.

With the kind of panel I have recommended a voltage regulator would be necessary to prevent overcharging and loss of electrolyte. The benefit cannot be estimated in pounds spent so much as the convenience of having the battery system topped up regularly. I can give further information on costs and methods to anyone interested.

Harry Bowker

There's a different slant on the subject and if you want to talk to *Harry* his telephone number is 0706 845 735. I don't think that I want to get involved with one of these gadgets. I'll stick to re-charging the leisure battery either as I move around or via the charging unit if we are on an electric hook-up.

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RALLY MARSHALS

Many of our regular marshals have run rallies since the Club started and they are now entitled to a well earned break. We now need new marshals to keep the Club active. Running a rally can be very enjoyable and is a marvellous way to get to know other members and it is not all hard work. If you are apprehensive about running one on your own, why not persuade some member friends to join you and make it a combined affair?

Guidelines and instructions are available from your Rally Co-ordinators and we are willing to hold a discussion meeting during the AGM weekend for anyone interested to discuss any topic you like involved with marshalling a rally.

Tony Jones and John Edden,
Rally Co-ordinators.

You'll find their telephone numbers on the back of the Newsletter.

So why not give them a ring and get the information now, rather than waiting until the AGM to find out more. I keep saying that it isn't a difficult job - maybe one day you'll believe it!

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EARLY RALLY - MARCH 1995

There will be a rally at Ross Park, near Newton Abbott, South Devon and the site has hard standings with electricity. It is a beautiful site with very well kept grounds including a cherry orchard with displays of daffodils in the Spring. There are hot showers, some in individual rooms, and there is even a dog shower and grooming room!

The restaurant and bar (in a converted barn together with a conservatory) will be open on the Friday and Saturday evenings for meals and an a la carte menu. Sunday lunch is also available. Nearby tourist attractions include Torbay, Dartmouth and Dartmoor. There is a shop on site which can supply most needs. Anyone attending with dogs should advise this when booking. This would be to their advantage!!! So there we are. What more could you ask for? The cost will be £6.50 per night including electricity plus the usual £1.50 rally fee. Watch for the booking form in the Newsletter.

The Rally Marshals to be.

This sounds like a good rally and the area is certainly excellent. One thing they didn't mention is that it is reasonably near one of the Trago Mills shopping places which are always well worth a look round. But they don't take credit cards, so be warned. I have deliberately omitted the date in March and the names of the rally marshals so that you are not tempted to try to book before the booking form appears in the Newsletter!

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LATE RALLY - SEPTEMBER 1995

We have just been advised that there is to be a new Northern Motorcaravan Show at York Racecourse from 8th-10th September 1995. It is organised by the publishers of MMM and Which Motorcaravan. The cost will be £13.00 for the three nights which includes the rallying facilities, unlimited access to the show and free entertainment over the weekend. The site is just 1.5 miles from York City. The full details will be passed to our Northern Rally Co-ordinator (*John Edden*) for possible inclusion in the 1995 Rally List - if a marshal can be found!

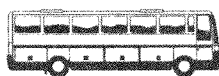
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SPANISH RALLY - PROGRESS REPORT

Members may remember my remarks in the April Newsletter regarding my proposal to run a rally in Spain in the early part of 1995. Well, surprise, surprise! I had 64 enquiries to which I sent the details. Four weeks after publication I had ten definite bookings - enough to book the site provisionally - and I thought that there would be about twenty vans. After ten weeks I had twenty-five bookings with deposits paid so I made further contact with the site owners who suggested a maximum of thirty vans, which together with his own winter bookings was the number he could comfortably cope with. By the time the Club and Company rally was over I had thirty-two firm bookings together with a waiting list. Now things have settled down I have had four cancellations due to change of vans and illness and so all the people on the waiting list are now happily catered for either on the official rally or going independently from home. [See notes on Committee meeting and rallies above. Ed.] Two couples are going to the site for Christmas.



Thirty vans are now booked at the Los Galardos campsite. *Betty and I* will be there for the whole of February. Most participants have indicated that they wish to stay for the month but this is not a condition. I do hope, however, that ralliers will stay for around two weeks out of consideration for the site owner and the work that has gone in to arranging the rally.



The site owners are arranging for a bus (small charge) to take people each week to the local market. There will be a coach to the Aguillas Carnival on 26th February and the site owners are arranging various activities for the whole camp, if required. We shall have at least one coffee morning each week and a firm order has been placed for the sun!

So there we are - all ready to go. I would like to thank everyone who has taken interest in the rally, and especially the people who have booked, for making the rally possible.

Here's to the New Year and February 1995.

Geoff Scholey

Perhaps this gives a little insight into what goes on before you get to a rally and you can see the reasons for the committee decision which I mentioned. It is great that we have people who are prepared to take on the task of arranging rallies and it is unfair to them and to the other members if anyone should abuse the arrangements.

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Cleaning



Last Summer I was given a car cleaning glove by a member who came to our rally at Twynning. I added it to our van's equipment but didn't get around to using it until this autumn in Spain when I had to do something to remove the Kamikase flies etc. from the Luton, the windscreen and the bonnet. The glove made this so easy (honest, I've never had it so easy!) that I was extolling its virtues to a watching camper. He agreed, but suggested that a layer of clingfilm fitted before the fly attack would be still easier. I haven't tried that, yet, but it's a thought! However, if members would like one of the gloves, Gordon Matthews, of Garden Cottage, Newnham Lane, Eastling, Kent, ME13 0AS tells me that he will be glad to send you one in return for £3.25 and your name and address

Jim Cresswell

I too have thought about some sort of film wrap to be put onto the Luton before setting out but I haven't done it because I suspect that it might come off in the rain and/or wind and most likely at exactly the wrong moment. I thought of putting several layers of the stuff on so that I could just take one off at a time and thus be protected for the summer. I'm told that the glove is very versatile and that it is difficult to get it away from *Maureen!* *Jim* also sent the following item:

SITE AT MANSLE, FRANCE

Finding an open site in France out of season is not always easy and those who aim to travel the N.10 towards (or home from) the Bordeaux area may like to make note of one some 14 miles on the North side of Angouleme or, more precisely, 5 miles ESE of Mansle, just short of the village of St. Agneau. In the 1994 Caravan Club book under both Mansle and Angouleme, Camping Devezeau is a rather sloping grass site (there is a box of levelling blocks for you to use if you don't have your own) and open all year. As we were summoning up our "bongjore madame" we were greeted with a lovely "Good Afternoon" from the lady from Jersey who runs the site with her English husband and Basil the Cat. Good loo's and showers - lovely hot water - 40 FFr for the two of us including hook-up and there were extension cables available had we needed one. There is a good little supermarket in the village less than a mile away by road (maybe less by the field path - we didn't ask) which sold us a very acceptable VdeT Corbieres at 10-odd Francs a litre. Grand for an en-route night stop - next time we'll think in terms of a few days peace.

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FAR AWAY PLACES

We have received a letter from Motorhome Abroad of PO Box 221 Constantia, 7848, Cape Town, South Africa who are agents in South Africa for local motorhome hire. So, remembering that we had an item from the Normandales who went there some time ago, other members may be interested and you will now know where to write. Derek Iles is the person to contact.

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INSURANCE

Whittlesey Insurance of 12 Queen Street, Whittlesey, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, PE7 1AY (Tel: 01733 208 117) have apparently been running a scheme for Motor Caravans for the last three years. Again, if you are interested, you now have the details.

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John Farrow is a member who runs a small printing business and offers a cost effective service to members. For further details please telephone him on 0582 715 204 or write to 14 Rothamsted Avenue, Harpenden, Herts. AL5 2DL. The sort of thing is for business cards, tickets, change of address cards, letter-heads etc.

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Prevention of Vehicle Theft

We have received favourable impressions from the local Crime Prevention Officer and from other members for the idea of having the vehicle registration number applied to the roof of the vehicle. In our case the number is made of reflective red adhesive plastic giving twelve inch by two and a quarter inch letters and numerals. We also have small red plastic notices on the inside of each front door, also on the exterior at the rear which read "Registration on Roof" since at ground level there is otherwise nothing to see. They were supplied and fixed at a cost of £35.00 by a local sign writer.

We have been conscious recently of all the efforts and devices to prevent theft of vehicle and/or contents - dead locks, chains, electronic alarms, Tracker system etc. - and wonder how much more should be done without inconveniencing the crew? We have a clutch/steering wheel bar lock and the Renault window code etchings and we hope that this last passive addition will be sufficient.

Stella and Norman Cutler

You are not the first to have the number emblazoned on the roof - *Margaret and Gerald Coggins* obtained some adhesive numerals from the Regalia Officer for the same reason although I don't think that theirs

were reflective. But it does seem a good idea unless you have a Cherished Number. All adhesive stickers onto the vehicle will leave some sort of residual mark if you have to remove them - and if you change the number to another van then there might be two with the same apparent number on the roof!

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STEERING NOISES

John Cox has mentioned that if you have a VW T4 and you get a horrible graunching noise when you are on absolutely full lock (either side) you should have your steering checked. Apparently there is the possibility of a slight mis-alignment somewhere and it will be worth your while to have it corrected.

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GET WELL SOON, PLEASE

I had a call from *Terry Plant* early in November asking me to let his friends know that he is expecting to go into hospital in December to have an operation on his spine which, it is hoped, will keep him out of a wheel-chair. *Kris & Terry* have been to a number of rallies this year, but it has become increasingly difficult to get into and around their Clubman - hence the "For Sale" notice. *Terry* was once a member of your committee and will be known to many so, on your behalf, I send them both our very best wishes. We shall all be thinking of you.

Rita Daley

I think that says it all, from all of us.

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This is an unusual request. *John Greenwood* recently had a rally at Bala in Golgedd Cymru (O.K., I'm showing off, North Wales to you!) The site warden is looking for an assistant warden for 1995. Does this appeal to you? If it does, why not contact David Prince at the Pen y Bont Tourist Park, Bala, Gwynedd, telephone number 0678 520 549. David wants to attract more motor caravanners to the site and what could be better than to have a motor caravanning assistant warden?

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Apologies from your Editor are still in order. The first advert was sent in a couple of months back but somehow it got lost. But the

donation which accompanied it didn't! Many thanks for your
forebearance, *John*.

Enflite cycle rack. Safely and securely carries two full sized bicycles without any drilling of the bodywork on a Talisman, Legend or similar coachbuilt. The rack is firmly secured to the roof ladder and cycles do not obscure rear window or number plate. The rack is quickly removed when not required. £35.00. Please telephone John Normandale on 0424 772 765 or you can write to him at Tollgate Cottage, 57 North Trade Road, Battle, East Sussex, TN33 0HS.



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Talbot Talisman, 2 litre petrol, 4 berth, 1985. Stored under cover. Auxiliary battery, electric light and two sockets, 3 way fridge, oven. Both front seats swivel. Regularly serviced. 10 months MOT. V.C.C. 43,000 miles. £9,000.00 ono. Telephone Keith Bennett on 0235 555 383 or write to him at 9 Wick Close, Peachcroft, Abingdon, Oxon., OX14 2NQ.

Thank you for the donation.

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Eurovent Autovilla annexe, 11' x 8'. Side-fitting or free standing. Used for VW UHT. £160.00 ono. Telephone Mrs Hopkinson on 0926 511 179 or write to Jo Cranswick, c/o Cider Mill Cottage, Poolspringe Farm, Much Birch, Hereford, HR2 8JJ.

Note: Mrs Hopkinson is in Kenilworth. She is selling the annexe for Jo who is currently free from the impediment of a fixed address!

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Eurovent Coachman free-standing awning complete with all fittings including full size ground sheet. Only used a few times. Now "surplus to requirements" as we live in Scotland and do not need to use it. £175.00 ono. Anyone interested should contact John Wheller on 0387 375 459 or write to him at Hillview, Pathhead, Newcastleton, Roxburghshire, Scotland, TD9 0RZ. John will be pleased to erect the awning in his garden for demonstration. He kindly sent a donation with this advert.

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1994 VW Trophy, 2.4 litre diesel, power assisted steering. Extras include 2-way 3-speed fan, Fiamma awning, Stratus power TV aerial, alarm. £23,950.00. Would consider part-exchange for "Clubman" or a small car, preferably diesel engined. Telephone John Johnson on 0704 28 044 or write to him at 5 Fylde Road, Marshside, Southport, Merseyside, PR9 9XH.

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2 crockery sets, both from Trident. 2 milk jugs, 7 cups, 8 dinner plates, 8 side plates and 8 bowls. Also full curtain set for a rear-engined Trident. £25.00 the lot or will split. Call David Dew on 0171 386 8265 or write to him at 51 Kilmaine Road, London, SW6 7JU.

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Harmony, 1994 'M' reg. 2.5 diesel, P.A.S. All usual refinements - shower, central heating, swivel seats etc. Full unused crockery set. Extras include brand new Raleigh de luxe awning, Fiamma bike rack, s/hand covers and s/hand Silver Screens. 804 miles only. Still under Peugeot Lincare and A.A. warranties. £19,995.00. Please telephone Mrs Toni Berry on 0691 828 576 or write to her at The Compass, Porthywren, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 8LY.

Toni is a very new member and kindly sent a donation. Their reason for sale is because they have fallen in love with the Duetto.

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Legend GL 2.5 litre diesel 'H' reg. A1 condition. 11,500 miles only. 1 careful owner. Full service history. Many professional modifications to suit 2 berth owner. Extras include Omnistor pull out awning, Hi-Ride air suspension units, Silver Screen cab insulation, Draw bar, Roof ladder, Rear bumper, Maxview TV and radio aerial with booster, Panasonic radio and tapedeck plus two extra speakers, brass clock and barometer. £19,500.00 ono. Also available is an Easilode trailer for towing a mini-car. Please telephone John Cuff on 0202 484 984 or write to him at 52 Bridge Street, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 1EB.

John sent a donation too and told me that this is a very reluctant sale.

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Silver Screen outside fitting, for Ford Transit. £50.00 ono for quick

sale. Telephone Kate Chippendale on 021 313 1837 or write to her at 282 Penns Lane, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B76 1LG.

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Clubman GL, VW, 5 cyl 2.5 litre diesel, new May 1994. 4,000 miles. Special modifications carried out by A-S: front swivel seats, arm rests, TV shelf/cupboard, RDS radio cassette with sepakers front and rear, work-top extension, all round shower curtain, additional fitted carpets, air horns and much more. Must be seen! £24,750.00 for a quick sale - ongoing disability forces reluctant sale. Telephone Terry Plant on 01676 532 513 or write to him at Foxfield, Waste Lane, Balsall Common, West Midlands, CV7 7GF

Kris & Terry kindly sent a donation with this advert. We wish them all the best for the future and hope that Terry can improve with time.

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Ford Legend GL, 2 litre petrol, June 1989, 25,000 miles. Excellent features as praised by John Hunt in August MMM. 2 berth (but 4 berths available), Alarm, Second battery. Blown air heating, cooker, cruise control, double glazed, flush toilet, 3-way fridge, flyscreens, mains hook-up, TV aerial, radio, Proximeter reversing aid, roofrack with ladder, shower, Vaillant water heater. VG condition. Selling for medical reasons. £15,500.00 ono. Telephone Melvyn Crapp on 0908 563 795 or write to him at 4 Littlemere, Two Mile Ash, Milton Keynes, Bucks, MK8 8DR.

This is a repeat advert and would you believe it, Melvyn sent a repeat donation too. Many thanks.

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Silver Screen in White/Silver to fit a Talisman. Originally for pre-face lift Talbot but modified to fit later model. Good condition. £30.00.

Spares kit comprising: Top and bottom water hoses; water pump and alternator V-belts; petrol pump; 4 plugs and 11.5 inch long box spanner for changing plugs. £20.00.

Small melamine faced table top 23.5 ins x 13.75 ins. Very useful as an extra working surface between the sink and cupboard top across doorway on a Talisman and as a TV table when attached with supplied fixings to cab facia. £15.00.

Bike rack with gent's and lady's 26 in wheel cycles. The rack is easily fitted by removing 4 bolts which hold rear S/S bumper and using same fixing to fasten rack. Gent's 21in Halford "Freewheeler Commuter" with 3-speed Sturmey-Archer, nearly new. Lady's 22 in "Marlborough" also with 3-speed Sturmey-Archer, good condition. Rack and both bikes £100.00

For any of these please telephone Bill Clarke on 0462 672 172 or write to him at 21 Highfield, Letchworth, Herts, SG8 3QD.

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1990 Harmony, 2.0 litre petrol. 4 berth. 28,000 miles. FSH. Double-glazed, blown air heating, shower, cassette toilet, cab seat armrests, large double bed extension, roll-out awning, bike rack, alarm system. Immaculate condition inside and out. £12,750.00. Exchange for Talisman in same condition plus cash adjustment. Please contact Jean and Alan Godbold on 0733 261 438 or write to them at 81 Ringwood, South Bretton, Peterborough, PE3 6SR.

A donation was received with this advert too - many thanks.

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Talbot Executive, 2.0 petrol, Power Assisted Steering, September 93 "L" Reg. 10,000 miles. Taxed to August 1995. Alarm, Silver Screens, removable Clarion stereo. 2 Propane bottles, Electric cable, Step. 2 berth fully equipped luxury motor caravan with substantial interior storage. As new, very reluctant sale. £21,000.00. Telephone John or Pam McDonagh on 0635 34 767 or write/call at Clazey House, New Road, Newbury, Berks. RG14 7RX.

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Akura Tourer 10" portable colour TV. 32 channel tuning system, infra-red remote control. Sleep/Timer programmable up to 90 minutes. Mains/12v operation. On-screen display for channel/volume selection. Complete with connector for van. Cost £150.00. Rarely used. Accept £75.00 ono. Sheila and Harry Henthorne, address and telephone number as shown on back page!

My grateful thanks to all my vast array of supporters who have been kind enough to send in items over what is now, to my surprise, the years that I have been editing the Newsletter. Keep them coming in, please, as I always say! But in the meantime, enjoy the festive season and all the best for the coming year.

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