

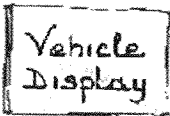
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NEWSLETTER 106 JULY 1997

Hello.

It is almost time for the Club and Company Rally - our annual massive get-together at Malvern. If you are coming along, don't forget your contributions to the various stalls, cakes, bottles, bric-a-brac and books. (Books ONLY please, no magazines.) Or if you have a hobby, why not show the rest of the members what it is about? All these things help to make a grand weekend of it. In addition, there is the satisfaction of knowing that the contributions made to the various stalls are all going to a worthwhile cause. And that should give you a glow!

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A Pilgrimage

by Bicycle (and Auto-Sleeper)

We are not sure how the idea first arrived. A magazine article? A TV programme? Someone who had made the journey? In the Middle Ages the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella was the third in importance, following those to the Holy Land and to Rome. Pilgrims from all over Europe travelled to the burial place of St. James the Apostle. Mediaeval pilgrims made the journey on foot or on horseback; modern pilgrims have the additional alternative of cycling.

We are regular but not strong cyclists, we did not wish to be burdened with camping equipment and so we enlisted our son, John, to drive the Rhapsody as our support vehicle. We wished to avoid travelling in mid-summer (although many pilgrims plan to arrive on 25th July, the feast day of the Saint). We planned late May/early June; three weeks in total with approximately twelve days for cycling the 800 kilometres of the Camino. We read all the information we could obtain and joined the Confraternity of St. James. The Confraternity gives advice to intending pilgrims and issues a publication with details of the route and refuges and campsites. It also provides the all important Pilgrim's Record. Our starting point was St. Jean Pied de Port, a day and a half's driving from Cherbourg. We reported to the office of the Society of St. James, each had our Pilgrim's Record stamped and were ready to start.

The first day was to be only 20 miles as it involved crossing the Pyrenees to the monastery at Roncesvalles. With a midday start it involved a three hour climb in the hottest part of the day. We had intended to camp at a site near the Monastery but were persuaded by monk in charge of hospitality to stay in the refuge. Quite an experience, but one not to be repeated. Some walkers arrived late, others were on the

move by 5 am and most seemed to snore! Oh yes, the Monastery clock chimed every quarter of an hour. From now on it was to be camp sites and the comforts of the Auto-Sleeper.

Originally we had planned to meet John at a camp site in the late afternoon. However, as we were not certain of our progress, we decided to make a lunch time rendezvous to finalise the evening's destination. This proved more convenient and comfortable - a relaxed break with an adequate meal and plenty of fluids. The cycling went well. The weather was sunny and the wind generally helpful - a bonus as we had expected the prevailing wind to be from the west. One day we cycled 80 miles. The full distance was covered in nine days.

The Pilgrim wears the emblem of St. James - the scallop shell. Local people, on seeing the emblem, are always keen to assist - pointing out the way or showing where to obtain the stamp for the Pilgrim's Record. The route is marked with arrows and scallop shell signs attached to walls, special posts and in towns often embedded in footpaths. Highlights of our journey included the historic towns and cities of Puente La Reina, Estelle, Santa Domingo de la Calzada, Burgos, Sahagua, Leon and Villafranca de Bierzo; atmospheric villages such as Hontanas, Castrojeriz, Molinaseca and Cebreiro. Some of these have hardly any through traffic other than pilgrims. The Pilgrims Mass and Blessing at Roncesvalles and mass in Leon Cathedral, the climbs of the Pyrenees, Cruz de Ferro and Alto de Payo; the colours and scents of a countryside fresh and bright in the June sunshine and the wind fountain of Irache - yes, press a lever and wine gushes forth.

Then, of course, the arrival at Santiago. Here we carried out the traditions of the pilgrim. Hands are placed on the Tree of Jesse, the statue of the Saint above the altar is hugged from behind and the visit to the reliquary beneath the altar. Our Pilgrim's Records are stamped for the final time and we are awarded our Compostellas. There was a feeling of achievement. It had not been a difficult ride, the weather had been ideal, we had enjoyed the comforts of our support vehicle. Yet afternoon temperatures were high as were many of the roads - often we were above 1,000 metres and once above 1,500 metres. Perhaps we had earned our Compostellas and a reduction of our time in Purgatory.

Being ahead of schedule we were able to go on to Finisterre and then spend some time in the valleys below the Picos on our return journey. The total distance travelled in the Rhapsody was 3,800 miles.

We recommend travelling the Camino as a wonderful experience. If not as a pilgrim, then drive your A-S and visit some of the attractions. We hope to return to the area, establish bases along the way and spend more time looking at the sights we had to pedal past. We dream of once again wearing the scallop shell but would a second pilgrimage be so rewarding?

[Editor's note. Our contributor is rather shy and asked if I could publish this item without including the name. But I have permission to give the name and address or telephone number to anyone who would like further information regarding the route and/or the other arrangements. So if you would like more details, please telephone me.]

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Montreux Jazz Festival - 1996

In April 1996, after not having a motor caravan for a few years, I bought a Peugeot-Talbot Rambler. I decided to celebrate by taking a trip to visit a dear friend in Geneva and also take in the Festival, particularly the Brazil concerts, as I love Brazilian music. So off I went from Gloucester to Southampton for the ferry to Cherbourg. By 5.30 pm (French time - it was dark) I was on my way via Caen and Alencon to my first overnight stop at Beaumont-sur-Serthe. This is a municipal and very pleasant site a few kms north of Le Mans on the N.138. After two nights I went via Le Mans on to the N.157 for Orleans (bad, narrow road). However after Orleans things improved on the N.60 for Chateauneuf, Gien and I followed the Loire for my next stop at La Cherite-sur-Loire. Again a municipal and very pleasant site and where, as I left, another couple in an A-S like mine were coming in. We waved frantically to each other but didn't stop.

Next day to Nevers then on the D.978 to Autun in Burgundy - beautiful scenery - and the campsite at Le Saulier just north of Autun. That's the main reason for this note. I would highly recommend the site as it is unique in several ways. I thought members might like to know about it if they are travelling in the area. It too is municipal and is a level site by the river. It's open from April 1 to October 31 each year. It is virtually circular and has 104 pitches and is very well run by Jean Marc Verrier and his wife, Ana Marie. They speak adequate English! There are flower beds everywhere and what I found particularly attractive was that around the perimeter were single parking places, each divided from the next by a well kept hedge. There is privacy but you are not cut off from other campers. In the centre are more spaces for all types of campers - motor vans, trailers and tents. Prices are reasonable and

facilities are good with free hot showers. (Some loos a bit antiquated but they are due to be modernised.)

The restaurant and bar is fun and is run by a charming young man, Jerome Lequine, who speaks excellent English. He is most helpful and puts on typical local food if you wish at moderate prices. Jerome also arranges groups providing different types of music in the evenings during the summer - well patronised by the locals so all very jolly. Another big plus point for me, being interested in history, is that Autun goes back to Roman times. From the campsite restaurant window you can see several Roman landmarks including the Temple of Janus. Autun is a fascinating little town and well worth a visit. Jerome will advise you, as he did me, on what you must see.

After Le Saulieu it was straight on to Geneva, my friend Jacqueline and the Jazz Festival. It was the wettest in history, I imagine, as the rain never stopped - and this was in July! However it didn't dampen our spirits, particularly the Sunday Matinee cruise on Lake Geneva with four Brazilian groups. It finished with them dancing on the tables and chairs - quite a sight for the Swiss onlookers as we docked. Altogether a memorable trip, particularly the stay at the Le Saulieu campsite and a very good debut with my Rambler!

Carol Scarlett

In her accompanying note *Carol* tells me she is recuperating in the Algarve after her two hips were replaced and that was followed with bi-lateral knee replacements! She hasn't got the Rambler with her, for some strange reason - but you can't keep our members down, can you? Not for nothing do we say there are no disabled members in the Club - just a few "privileged parkers"!

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Trophy Troubles

I was giving my Trophy its pre-holiday valeting when I noticed a gingery looking line underneath the mains electricity inlet. I undid the four securing screws and found that each one had rusted. Around each hole in the panel the paintwork had rusted from underneath and needed chipping off. The whole edge of the cut-out was rusting and needed attention.

I thought it worth while to warn others who have panel vans to take five minutes to remove the screws and check. If all is OK then apply some grease before replacing them to avoid rusting. I am sure that the

base vehicle manufacturers warranty will not cover an area which has been cut away for motor caravan accessories.

John Johnson

Luckily, with a GRP body on our Clubman GL the only gingery looking bits we are likely to find are hairs from our travelling companion!

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Technical Information Group

Our friends have been busy and have increased the number of sheets now available. I'm told that they have proved popular and they have sent out well over 250 sheets so far since November 1996. As a result, the cost of the sheets has been adjusted as follows:

Up to and including **FOUR** copies - send 4 x 26p stamps.
 From **FIVE** to **EIGHT** copies - send 8 x 26p stamps
 For **MORE THAN EIGHT** copies - send 12 x 26p stamps.

The current index, as at June 1997, is appended.

<u>Sheet No.</u>	<u>Base Vehicle</u>	<u>Subject</u>
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5	Peugeot Boxer	Water over Gearbox and Battery
6	Boxer Executive	Extra Storage and Draught Exclusion
7	All Models	External Cover for Carver Heater Outlet
8	Boxer Symphony (Harmony/Duetto ?)	Cupboard inside N/S Rear Door- Behind Toilet compartment
9	All Models	Indicator Lights on 'Zig' Panel for 12 volt Supply and Water Pump
10	Coachbuilts with Rear Step	Warning Buzzer Warning Light to Replace Buzzer
11	Clubman	Stepwell Step
12	Excelsior	Modifications to O/S Storage and Isolate Carver Water Heater
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14	All Models	Lightweight Table

In addition, the Group is now in possession of the Carver Video Tape providing operating, servicing and maintenance information for the Cascade Water Heater and their Caravan heaters. Members are welcome to the **LOAN** of this tape. There is only ONE copy! It will be sent on receipt of:- (i) A cheque for £5.00 as a deposit against its return. This cheque will be destroyed when the tape comes back. (ii) A £1.00 stamp or a separate cheque for £1.00 for the outward postage costs. Return postage must be met by the borrower and a Jiffy padded bag must be used for posting the tape.

The address to write to is *Maurice Payne*, 3 Chermiston Road North, Edinburgh, EH4 7BL.

The Group hopes to have a selection of sheets available at Malvern and will look forward to seeing you there.

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Security Posts

Following *John Normandale's* note about these posts *Nelson Taylor* telephoned to say that he had discovered something similar made by Black Guard. These apparently retail at £50.00 and he discovered them at Brands Hatch. Their telephone number, which has the Wellingborough prefix, is 0193 322 8541 if anyone is interested.

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Rambling Recipes

Nial Reynolds has just published the third edition of his book under this title. The first edition sold out completely at the 1995 Club and Company Rally. The second edition, a posher affair with a comb binding, plastic covers and a plastic envelope to protect it when in use on a work surface, was also a rapid seller. The latest edition includes some new recipes including a couple collected whilst the *Reynolds's* were on an air/coach tour of the Canadian Rockies. *Nial* kindly sent me a copy and I must say that it certainly fills the bill for most of us. The things I particularly like are that he is not afraid to "open a can" (or cans) and mix them together in a way we probably haven't thought of. He also uses butter, cream and the best of things (which I like) but keeps it all in moderation. Especially he uses wine in the recipes and categorically states at the end of the volume that he never, ever drinks and drives. This is, of course, common sense. His recipes must be doing some good, together with the gentle exercise he takes (along with *Dorothy*) because they are both now over eighty (as he points out in the book!). And guess who were the first couple on the dance floor at Kettering this year?

Rambling Recipes is available by mail order from *Nial Reynolds*, 49 Arden Way, Market Harborough, Leics., LE16 7DR for £6.50 inclusive of postage and *Nial* will have some copies for sale at Malvern in July for £6.00 only.

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FROM THE FACTORY

By now we very much hope that many of you have booked into the Club and Company Rally. This year we really have pulled out the stops and promise you a really excellent weekend of non-stop events. You will know that the Club looks after the rally administration and the indoor events and we are responsible for all the outside activities. Let me mention a little of what we have already organised - which will perhaps whet your appetite to come along!

On Friday afternoon there will be a period Fairground Organ which has recently come from Amsterdam. This will play amongst decorative balloons and a vintage lorry! In the evening *Neville (Jelfs)* and *Phil (Bennett)* will hold a general knowledge quiz - as always with some tempting prizes - interspersed with line dancing. On Saturday the Stores Shop will open at 10.00 am in the Wye Hall. This year it will have even more stock than last year - so come early for your bargain! At the same time the Company Marquee will open for refreshments and a friendly chat. There will be numerous bistro tables and chairs, and plenty of tea, coffee and cold drinks. It makes an ideal meeting place. The Eureka Jazz Band will be playing in the area.

New for this year is the Concours d'Elegance - for which judging begins at 10.00 am. There are four classes and judges, from the Club, the Company and Which Motorcaravan who are kindly sponsoring the event, will be marking for originality, interior and exterior appearance. *Tony Johnson* will be organising this and you will get further details as you arrive. You never know, your van might be a winner and splendid prizes are promised.

An hour later the hundred metre model steam railway line opens. Several steam locomotives should run and there should be a half-scale steam traction engine and various other working steam engines. For the steam buff this should be heaven! Accompanying them will be another fairground organ - I suspect all within a haze of smoke. Eat your heart out, Fred Dibnah!

At 2.00 pm the 27 piece Stourport Brass and Silver Band will play. This award winning group is well known as one of the country's leading bands. A spectacle you cannot afford to miss. Technical Seminars will

take place in the Avon Hall with Carver (water heaters, space heaters, hot boxes etc.) at 2.00 pm and Vehicle Electrics at 3.00 pm. This will be chaired by Steven Riley, our Operations Manager and the ever tireless Shaun Healey.

Also at 3.00 pm there will, we hope, be a display of Maori dancing by a team from New Zealand. During the afternoon Shaun will present the ever popular Falconry display with even more birds. To finish there will be a rounders match between the Club and the Company so make sure you are fully fit! Neil Hunt is Captain of the Company side so expect something spectacular. In the early evening some hot air balloons will launch from the main arena - weather permitting. This is always a magnificent sight against the backdrop of the Malvern Hills. Why not take a breather from the evening's entertainment to watch the Fireworks Display? This will start at 9.30 pm in the Showground arena. It promises to be quite a sight and the grand finale will certainly be a surprise to all.

On Sunday the Stores Shop will again be open - subject to restocking from Willersey and *Phil* and his ever hardworking team being able to stand! The whole event will conclude with a service led by the Salvation Army (interdenominational). This will be in the Avon Hall. We hope it will be followed by a day of rest!

To all of this add the many activities being laid on by the Club and you will certainly not be disappointed by the weekend. Remember, if you can't make the whole weekend, members are welcome as day visitors. Access will be from the Brown Car Park

Charles Trevelyan

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RALLIES

Early Warnings!

First, a trio of rallies happening (or at least due to happen) on successive weekends. *Gordon Matthews* will be running one at Canterbury, in Kent, from 25th - 28th September 1997. This will be followed by *Jerry Haxton's* rally at Horsley, in Surrey, from 2nd - 5th October. And then *Jack Britton* will hold a rally at Waldergrave Camp Site, West Mersea, near Colchester in Essex, from 9th - 12th October. Full details will, no doubt, be found in the rally supplement in due course, but we know that the site fees for the Waldergrave rally will be £5.00 per van per night plus £1.00 for electrics.

So if you feel like making a late holiday down in the south-east corner of the realm, here's your chance!

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Lytham Rally - Eastham Hall

30th Oct - 2nd Nov 1997

A trip has been arranged to the Ice Show, Ice Drome, Blackpool for the afternoon of Saturday, 1st November. The cost will be £4.25 plus coach fare per person. At the moment only 30 places have been reserved. Will anyone who wishes to go please contact *Kath Benyon* or *Barbara Kaye*. Money for the trip to be sent to *B. Kaye*, at 14 Firthwood, Coal Aston, Dronfield, S18 3BW, as soon as possible, please.

This year we have to pay for the use of the excellent hall at Eastham Hall and there has been an increase in their fees. So to cover the costs, the charges for pitches without electric hook-up will be £8.50 per night and with electrics £10.00 per night. The rally fee will be £1.50. To offset the costs, the rally will start on Thursday, 30th October, i.e. one day less than last year. A meal has been arranged for Saturday in the hall.

Theatre money ONLY to be sent now, please - rally fees will be collected later in the usual way. A full programme has been planned.

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New Year's Rally

Hidden Valley, Ilfracombe

This popular rally is being organised by *Sandra and Bernie Wisely*. All the details, apart from those who will be attending, are now finalised. If you would like the full details please telephone us on 0127 146 400 or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Mrs S Wisely, 12 The Laurels, Roundswell Village, Barnstaple, North Devon, EX31 3QY. Alternatively, you may be able to make contact at the Club and Company Rally at Malvern.

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Bentley Rally

Just a quick note to thank you for the warmth of your welcome to Bentley. Never having been on a rally, I was a little concerned about coming alone. I need not have worried - so many people made me feel "part of things". I am looking in my diary to find the next free weekend.

My only regret is that I didn't make a note of addresses - *Rosanna & Alistair Gray* who invited me into their van on Saturday night; *Mollie & Ken Beales* in the next outfit who were most understanding when Ben barked each time he spied their dogs. *Sue & John Coleman* who taught me how to strip a Border Terrier (Ben has had many a compliment)

Rally Supplement
JULY 1997

11th.-13th.July: CLUB AND COMPANY RALLY,
THREE COUNTIES SHOWGROUND, MALVERN.
Full details and booking forms in MAY Newsletter.

17th.-20th.July;Abbey Gate College,Saighton,Chester.

Rally Marshals:Duncan & Jean Ellis.

Site Fee:£4.00 per night. NO Electricity. Rally Fee:£2.00

Booking slip to:Mr & Mrs.D.Ellis,6 Tudor Close,Shotton,Deeside,Flintshire,
CH15 1NY. Tel.No. 01244 812761 Cheques payable to:- D.Ellis.

Saturday evening meal can be arranged,approximately £3.50 per head,if there is
sufficient interest.Members were very pleased with last year's buffet.

Directions:From the North:M6,M56,M53,take A41 signposted Whitchurch.In approx.
2½ miles after entering Waverton,turn right for Saughton.Beware humpback bridge.

Carry on through village right then left hand bends,down hill-gates on left.

From South A41 Whitchurch to Chester.After entering Waverton turn left at Black
Dog.At T junction left over bridge,then as above.

LIMIT 35 VANS

^{27th}
24th.-~~29th~~.July;(3 nights)"Last of the Summer Wine Rally"

Holme Valley Caravan Site,Holmfirth,West Yorkshire.

Rally Marshals:Jean & Ian Sellers.

Site Fee:£3.50 per night.NO Electricity but 2/3 hook-ups can be arranged for those
with special needs.

Rally Fee:£1.50

Cheques payable to: I.R.Sellers

Booking slips to:Mr.& Mrs.I.Sellers,14 Hainsworthmoor Grove,Queensbury,Bradford,
West Yorkshire.BD13 2ND Tel.No. 01274 883470

Attractions:Wooded riverside site in the heart of"Summer Wine"country and on the
edge of the Peak District.Bus stop at site entrance for Holmfirth(1¼ miles)or
Huddersfield (5 miles) for Saturday market.Licensed shop and full facilities on site
plus lake & river fishing for a small daily charge.

Directions:Site about 5 miles South of Huddersfield,half way between Honley and
Holmfirth on the A6024 and on the left when travelling in that direction. There is a
small blue & white camping and caravan road sign approx. 50 metres (55yds)
either side of the entrance to a narrow,fairly steep lane leading down to the site.

31st.July - 5th.August. Cotswold Gathering,Moreton-in-the Marsh,Glos.

Rally Marshals:Gill Hardwick & Bob Brindle.

Site Fee:£3.00 per night. NO Electricity Rally Fee:£2.00 (Singles-£1.00)

Booking slip to: Mrs.G.Hardwick, Rose Cottage,Chesnut Lane,Barton-in-Fabis

Notts.NG11 0AF Tel.No. 01159830193

Cheques payable to:G.A.Hardwick.

Greenfield site:Water & Waste emptying. — Own Toilet facilities essential

Attractions: Pleasant level field approx. 300yds from the centre of Moreton.Plenty of good pubs,tea rooms and eating places,supermarket and stores.Easy travelling distance of Broadway,Stow -on-the-Wold,Bourton on the Water,Burford,Chipping Norton,The Slaughters and The Swell.Rail service to Oxford.Lovely walking country. Market day Tuesday.**Come for any number of days up to five.**

Absolutely NO ARRIVALS before 1400hrs.(31st).Departure by 1400hrs.(5th) to comply with the requirements of our exemption certificate.

Directions:from Moreton Centre take A44 signed Broadway/Evesham.Site on right in 300yds.immediately before Caravan Club site.(Look for ASOC signs).

NO limit on numbers attending.

7th.-10th.August,(3 nights);Cardale Woods,Beckwithshaw,Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Rally Marshals: Doris & Harry Bowker.

Site Fee: 32.50 per night. NO ELECTRICITY. GREEN FIELD SITE,OWN

SANITATION ESSENTIAL. Rally Fee: £2.00

Booking slip to: H.& D. Bowker.11 Kings Road, Shaw,Oldham.Ol.2 7BJ.

Tel.No. 01707 845735 Cheques payable to: H.Bowker.

Attractions: Harrogate 2miles.Walking distance to Northern Horticultural Society gardens and trial grounds at Harlow Car. "Emmerdale " country.

Directions: Map.ref.:104/270537. Leave Harrogate on B6162,site on right in approx. 2 miles.

15th.& 16th. August The Detling Transport & Country Festival,County Showground,Detling,Maidstone,Kent.(onA249)

Rally Marshals:Vik & Margaret Irlle.

Site Fee:£16.00 per van(up to 4 persons) NO Electricity Rally Fee:£1.50

Booking slip to:Vik & Margaret Irlle,Elizabeth Cottage,Warden

Road,Eastchurch,,Sheppey,Kent,ME12 4EX.

Tel.No. 01795 880 364

Cheques payable to:V.M.Irlle.

You may arrive 1200hrs.15th. and stay until 1200hrs. 18th.(No extra charge).

Attractions: A superb weekend for all the family;Steam Engines,Military Vehicles,Auto-Jumble,Cider Making,Beer Tent,etc.Bread & milk available on site.

NO LIMIT ON NUMBERS.

27th. August-1st. September; Shoreham Air Display Rally, Shoreham Air Field, Shoreham, West Sussex.

From 2pm 27th. August to 12noon 1st September.

Rally Marshals: Yvonne & Barry Loveland.

Site Fee: £1.00 per night No Electricity, GREENFIELD SITE. Rally Fee: £2.00

Airshow tickets: £9.00 per Adult, £4.00 per Child, Saturday & Sunday inclusive,
PAY IN ADVANCE.

Booking slip/cheque to: A. N. Fowler, 130 The Gardens, Southwick, West Sussex,
BN42 4AQ. Tel. No. 01273 594479

Saturday evening buffet meal available £2.50 per person; please state if required and
send money with booking slip.

Attractions: Two day airshow with on ground entertainment.

LIMITED TO FIRST 30 VANS.

Directions: On A27 between Brighton & Worthing. Leave A27 at Shoreham Airport
opposite Sussex Pad Hotel at traffic lights.

(THIS IS THE ONLY ENTRANCE FOR MOTOR CARAVANS).

27th. August - 7th. September: Ten Day Wunningen Weinfest Rally, Germany.

This Rally is fully booked.

29th. August- 5th. September; Holiday Rally Moreton Glade, Dorchester, Dorset.

Rally Marshals: Barbara & Jeff Worley

Site Fee: £ 4.25 per night. Electricity: £1.65 Rally Fee: £ 2.00

Booking slip to: Mr. & Mrs. J. Worley, 26 Houndstone Park, Gunners Lane,

Brympton, Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 8SQ

Tel. No. 01935 424049

Cheque payable to: B. Worley.

S.A.E. If confirmation of booking is required

Attractions: A well equipped site; our seventh year here. Extra days at same rate. Trains
to Poole and Weymouth (via Dorchester). Lulworth Cove, Poole Harbour, Studland and
other attractions nearby.

Directions: Site on B3390 next to Framton Arms pub by Moreton station. (BR)

5th.-7th. September; Highlands End Holiday Park, Eype, Bridport, Dorset.

Rally Marshal: Maureen Torah.

Site Fee: £6.25 per night Electricity: £1.25 per night Rally Fee: £ 1.50

Booking slip to: Mrs. M. Torah, 14 Compton Road, New Milton, Hants, BH25 6EQ.

Tel. No. 01425 618320

Cheques payable to: M. Torah.

Attractions: Meal on Saturday evening. South West coastal path. Views over Lyme Bay.
Heated swimming pool.

Directions: Off A35 Bridport by-pass. Follow signs for Eype and Eypesmouth (narrow
lane).

7th.-14th.September: Welsh Holiday Rally.Brynich Caravan Park,Brecon,Powys.

Site Tel.No. 01874 623325.

This rally runs from Sunday to Sunday but you may stay for less nights, if you wish.

Rally Marshals:Geoff & Helen Gray,assisted by Barry & Yvonne Loveland.

Site fee: £ 5.75 per night. Electricity: £ 1.75. Rally Fee: £ 2.50.

Booking slip to: G. Gray, 71 Woodstock Gardens,Pencoed,Mid. Glamorgan,
CF35 6ST. Tel.No. 01656 862423 Cheque payable to: G.Gray.

Attractions: A superior "Best of British" site in the Brecon Beacons National Park.
Numerous scenic walks and drives in the area.Pleasant level walks on nearby canal
towpath including Brecon town(1½ miles).Boat trips on canal and coarse & fly
fishing in reservoirs.Off peak rates available at local Leisure Centre for swimming,
indoor bowls,ten-pin bowling etc.Coach trip,if sufficient interested.Evening meal
mid week.Bicycles would be useful.🚲🚲

Directions:Site is situated and well signposted at the roundabout junction of A40 and
A470 about 1 mile East of Brecon.

11th.-14th.September: Northern Motorcaravan Show,York Racecourse.

Rally Marshals:Betty & Andrew Entwistle. Rally Fee: £ 1.50.

You **MUST** complete the booking form to be found in the current copies of
M.M.M. or Which Motorcaravan and post it with your remittance **DIRECT** to the
organisers. Note the latest dates for booking.Please note the **special rally rates**;
4 Nights,£17.00, 3 nights;£16.00, 2 nights; £15.00 & 1 night £12.00.

**IF YOU WISH TO RALLY WITH THE CLUB THEN MARK YOUR FORM
CLEARLY WITH Auto Sleeper Owners' Club or A.S.O.C. and return before the
closing date.**

Then complete a Club rally slip and send it with a cheque for £1.50 to:

Mr.A.Entwistle, 8 The Dell, Mytholm, Hebden Bridge,West Riding of Yorkshire,
HX7 6DP. Tel.No. 01422 843 057.

Full directions will be sent by the organisers with your tickets.The roads are also
well signed around the outskirts of York.

Those who pay/book upon arrival pay more and cannot park in the club area.

19th.21st.September Motor Caravan Show,Shepton Mallet.As yet we have no
offers to Marshal a club section at this event.

**26th.-28th.September. Howgill Lodge Caravan & Camping Park,Barden,
Nr.Skipton,North Yorks.**

Rally Marshals: Ben Mansfield & John Greenwood.

Site Fee: £8.00. Electricity: £2.00 per night.

Rally Fee:£1.50.

Booking slip to: Mr. & Mrs. J. Greenwood, 5 Ellesmere Road, Myndd Isa, Mold, Flintshire.

Tel./Fax: 01352 754794. Cheques payable to: J. Greenwood.

Attractions: Uninterrupted views of Wharfedale! Full facilities available on site plus a restaurant.

Directions: From A59 Skipton/Harrogate road take B6160 at Bolton Bridge, signposted Burnsall. After $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles at Barden Tower turn Right signposted Appletreewick. After $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, at telephone box on right, turn into lane and follow for $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to Howgill Lodge.

10th.-12th. October: Whitchurch Cricket Club, Whitchurch, Salop.

Full details later.

Advance notice: Spanish Rally, February 1998. Please note that this will be a rally not a meet for next year. Details from Geoff Scholey (Press Officer)

Tel. No. 0175 675 2303

HELP! Rally Marshals required for Shepton Mallet, 19th.-21st. September

It would be nice if the Club had an official presence there.

Could two or three members get together and share the load please?

Contact me if interested. A.S.A.P.

DO YOU RALLY?

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED GOING TO A RALLY?

WHAT WOULD YOU LOOK FOR IN A RALLY?

HAVE YOU MARSHALLED A RALLY?

WOULD YOU CONSIDER MARSHALLING A RALLY?

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT RALLIES?

DO YOU KNOW OF ANY POSSIBLE RALLY SITES?

DO YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS OR IDEAS ABOUT RALLIES?

IF SO then the Rally Co-ordinator will be available to listen to suggestions and answer questions at the CLUB & COMPANY RALLY at Malvern on Saturday morning, 12th. July (time and place to be announced at Malvern).

Please note that in future **ALL** information ie. dates,rally bookings and rally details for the Newsletter must be sent to:

Rally Coordinator;

Neil Rogers,3 Appleby Close,Aldbrough-St.-John,Richmond,
North Yorks,DL11 7TT. Tel/Fax. 01325 374540

Local assistants: Jerry Haxton (01 483 223 476) Woking,Surrey.
Jeff Worley (01 935 424 049) Yeovil,Somerset.
Ray Whiley (01 603 452 593) Norwich,East Anglia.
Bob Brindle (01 777 711 588) Retford,East Midlands.

Rally supplement prepared by :Neil Rogers,3 Appleby Close,Aldbrough-St-John,Richmond,N Yorks

Rally: Date:

Your name and address (please PRINT)

..... Post code:

Membership No: Phone No: Van Reg:

Day/Time of arrival

In the event of an emergency at the rally whom should we contact?

Name: Phone:

Please complete both sides of the form!

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Is this your first A-S O C rally? Please tick box YES NO

Number of people in your van: Adults Children

Extras: Please indicate which you would like, **if available**:

Electricity: Yes No Saturday night meal if any: Yes No

Have you any special needs? Yes No If 'Yes', please specify:-

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Payment MUST accompany this slip - cheques payable to marshal.

POST FORM TO REACH MARSHAL 10 DAYS BEFORE EVENT, IF POSSIBLE - PLEASE!

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and, in company with *Inge & Jack Britton*, who drew me into their circle on Sunday evening. So many letters in the Newsletter appear to have been from people who have felt alone and uncared for at rallies. Was I just lucky to strike with such a friendly group at Bentley? Surely not - everyone seemed happy. Was it the wonderful weather or the meal? Who knows? But I look forward to the next time. I was the only "single person" on this rally yet I didn't feel lonely. There may be other widows who wonder whether to keep on their "motorvanning". My advice is - don't hesitate!!

Una Barnard

As she said, *Una* was a little concerned as to whether she would be welcome, being on her own. She telephoned us first to make sure and as you can see, she came along and enjoyed herself. We have many "solo" members in the Club, each and every one of whom is welcome to any and all of our functions.

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Chairman's Chat



Sorry, last month I completely forgot to introduce myself to those members who don't know me. So here goes with a potted history. My name as you know by now (I hope) is *Andrew Entwistle*. I am 53 years old and *Betty*, my wife and minder of 32 years, sort of keeps me in order. We live in Hebden Bridge in the good old West Riding of Yorkshire, but don't hold that against me. I was a fireman for 27 years until some 10 years ago when I had an accident and sustained severe head injuries trying to knock holes in the concrete with my head. This led to an early retirement.

I am easy to spot at rallies for I often need to wear a woolly hat and I am usually taken out for a walk by our Red Setter, Poppy. Oh! I mustn't forget the latest addition to our family. Sahra is a Tonkenese kitten who at this moment is trying to intimidate a disinterested Poppy! Well, that's us, so when you see us at rallies come and say hello. Travel safely and keep smiling.

Remember last month a comment of mine about a storm in tea cup concerning the wrong date appearing on the agenda for the AGM? It seems that a rumour is going around some rallies that because of that slight error the whole proceedings were not in order. I just want to make it quiet clear there is not a shred of truth in these rumours, so if you hear

anything like that, please ignore it. There was a quorum present at the AGM, so the whole thing was OK.

Andrew Entwistle

PS How do you like *Harry's* caption for my piece? I think it's just great! But then with my sense of humour, I would!

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PEUGEOT BOXER - GEARBOX

As the owner of a Symphony I have been interested in any letters about gearbox oil levels. But I could never find anywhere on the box where I could check the level. The June issue of MMM carried two letters (Interchange - pages 169 & 170) detailing the procedure for checking the level for a 2.5 litre diesel Express and Boxer. However, the 2.0 litre petrol is different from those!

Peugeot customer relations on 0120 388 4000 were most helpful. They advised that the dipstick could be found in the differential housing. It is! (Thanks, Peugeot.) Located at the rear of the gearbox, the differential is best approached by lying down behind the nearside front wheel. The dipstick will be found just below where the speedo cable plus some other cables enter the housing.

There is an O-ring on the dipstick so it may need just a touch of persuasion to lift up. There is no tray underneath so you don't have to worry about it getting lost if you drop it. (Unless you are parked over a drain!) It is obviously a bit awkward for the less mobile. But it is quick and easy for those of us who don't mind sliding under a van. It should only take a minute at most to check the level.

Colin Monks

Having noticed at many rallies how many heads disappear into vehicle bonnets or legs appear from beneath vehicles I would say that we have many "mobile" people!

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ITEMS - VARIOUS

1. *Colin Plum* (Newsletter 105) would be well advised to fix his yellow reflective strips to the sides of his motor caravan without delay. Many is the time I have attended the scene of an accident involving a stalled vehicle broadside across a road or junction when the sideways approaching vehicle has been unable to see the obstruction. Especially when an electrical failure has left the vehicle without any illumination whatsoever.

2. *Geoff Scholey's* comments (105 again) about Comfort Insurance discount for ASOC members came as a surprise. I have been with Comfort from the start of my motor caravanning career and was unaware of this. May I suggest we have a published list of the various discounts available to ASOC members? The only other I am aware of is that offered by Drewe Travel, and the extended warranty offered by Van Bitz which I discovered from their stand at the Peterborough Show.

3. *Bill Burnett* (still 105!) may be interested to know that Essex Motorcaravan Centre at Takely (whose praise I cannot sing loudly enough) obtained and fitted electronic ignition to my Executive 3000S Fanmaster for an inclusive price of £50.00 - without A-S involvement.

4. C.A.K. Tanks (0192 685 4271 - Kenilworth, Warks) have just introduced a tank defrost element said to be suitable for fitting to fresh and waste water tanks to prevent freezing of the contents. Before committing myself, I am waiting for comments from A-S.

5. Vanguard Security (0120 676 8356 - Colchester, Essex) have just introduced the VanGuard Battery Mate, designed to charge the engine battery from mains hook up. A-S have investigated this unit and tell me they can see no objection to it being fitted to their vehicles. I am looking forward to having one fitted to eliminate the, roughly, twice a year necessity of balancing my trickle charger under the bonnet for 24 hours. My battery will go flat after standing unused for about 4 weeks with two alarm tell tale lights flashing continuously, even though the heavy duty battery is brand new.

Sean Hollands

I'm with Comfort too and it came as a surprise to me that the Club has a discount. But in any event, they certainly saved me money when I switched from the previous broker - and got me a better cover in the process. We shall have to see if we can find out all the people who will offer the Club any form of discount - then we can print it!

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P.R.O.'s Jottings

I am writing these notes sitting in the sun on the Scottish Rally. One again there isn't even a Scottish member present. Please let us know what we can do to help you join in the Club activities. I read with great interest the experiences of *Rita & Jim Powell* and their troubles when travelling in Spain and Scotland. I feel I must owe them a vote of thanks as they seem to have had all the troubles for everyone who has been with

us on our three winter trips to Spain. All of our group have had three years practically trouble free!

Geoff Scholey

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THE TRAVELLING GOURMETS

The Delights of the Great North Road - Part 2

In part 1 I described our expedition up the Great North Way (i.e. the A.1) to Berwick-upon-Tweed for our annual long trek, stopping off at Boroughbridge on the way northwards. Having previously only seen Berwick and its bridges from the train we were pleasantly surprised to find our camp site overlooking the wide estuary of the river Tweed and in sight of Berwick's historic bridges. The Caravan Club site is ideally positioned for shore and sea gazers. We spent several happy hours walking the quiet cliff path watching gannets diving for their dinners. The Northumbrian coast has a wild and beautiful fascination which reminded us of our own beloved East Anglian coast.

Berwick is one of the oldest border towns and despite being in England it has a distinct Scottish feel. The sense of history pervades the town and is especially apparent when walking around the castle ramparts or over the old road bridge. When visiting the local tourist information office, one of our first ports of call in a new spot, we noticed the cheerful and helpful staff (not always the case!) who took a great deal of trouble to ensure that we were well informed about their town and its happenings.

On our return trip south, instead of going back wholly on the A.1 we detoured along the Borders. Passing through Coldstream, Kelso and Jedburgh, all attractive places worth a future visit, before turning south along the A.68 and then the A.696, eventually rejoining the A.1 on the outskirts of Newcastle. We were glad to be going through the Cheviot Hills and the wilder parts of Northumberland in late summer rather than in the depths of winter. The drifts of heather made a sometimes barren landscape less daunting.

Harrogate, the Bath of the North, is a strange mixture, being both a working town and a holiday resort. I'm not sure that it always knows what it wants to be. It is being strangled by the motor car and clearly needs at least a north/south bypass. However we found the Caravan Club site on the Yorkshire Show Ground convenient, being quiet (at least

when no cattle shows are on) and just outside town but only a few minutes walk from a new and large Sainsbury's store which also has a fuel point open seven days a week.

A previous (hotel) visit had confirmed that Harrogate is not short of eating places although as usual it is wise to check that old haunts still exist - two had changed hands since our last visit. For those who think that Betty's cake shop is THE only eatery in the town, we would agree if you want outrageous and calorific cakes. However, there are other places such as the Cafe Fleur at the top of Royal Parade. This has a rather bare look but the friendly welcome and the happy buzz of Harrogate's chattering classes quickly makes up for that. The menu offers French style Prix Fixe selections or an a la carte choice. Those happy to eat before 7.30pm can have a 2 course Prix Fixe meal for £4.95 or three course for £5.95. The choice available for the price is short but looked to be excellent value for money and it clearly appealed to the canny locals. We enjoyed a splendid three course meal at £11.95 (including service) and thought it probably the best eating out value we had encountered in a long time. We also appreciated that the Cafe Fleur has a non smoking policy. Reservations are possible on 0142 350 3034 and are recommended at weekends. The Cafe Fleur is also open for lunch.

Mike Randall

I can remember Harrogate well from my army days - eateries then being sought were only at the fish and chip level - and then not often!

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Van Services

In case it may be of help to other members in the Derby, Nottingham or Staffordshire area who may have need of emergency attention to their van services, may I bring to their attention Stuart Broadhurst trading as Leisure Technical Services. He used to be Service Engineer with Don Amott Caravans but has recently commenced trading on his own account.

I had a problem with my Cascade leaking and whilst the big boys could only attend to it in two months or more, Stuart sorted the matter out more or less immediately and efficiently. He is mobile and can carry out work at peoples homes. If you need him his telephone number is 0133 267 1541 or his mobile number is 0976 977 108.

Arthur Rumsey

Thanks, *Arthur*, it's always useful to know of these people. And to my cost I know of the problems of Cascade leaks! To such an extent that I too have found a local repair shop (Enfield Leisure at Brimsdown, Enfield) which didn't need two month's notice. I telephoned last Friday and am booked in for next Wednesday.

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Thanks

Marjorie Wilson and family wish to express their sincere thanks for the numerous letters and cards which they have received following the sad loss of *Ron*. The presence of our friends from the Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club at his funeral was very supportive and much appreciated as were the flowers and donations for the Cransley Hospice Unit, Kettering. May God bless you all.

Marjorie

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Obituaries

We have been advised that *Douglas Beaton* passed away recently. Our condolences and sympathy go out to *Liza* and the family. *Liza* has resigned from the Club as she doesn't drive.

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Also *Derek Egleton* passed away. Our condolences and sympathies are offered to *Joan* and the family.

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WANTED

We are looking for a Carry-bike 200D Fiamma or similar frame which will fit on to our Ford Transit Duetto. Telephone Kathie and Barry Newth on 0172 983 0215 or write to The Vicarage, Kirkby Malham, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 4BS.



These are very recently joined members - so see what you can do to help, please.

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Available

Set of four wheel trims for a Clubman GL. Talk to our old friend Bob Williams on 0150 744 2960 or write to him at Samarkand, Sea Lane, Sandilands, sutton-on-Sea, Lincolnshire, LN12 2RA.

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Almost Free!

Full set of blinds/flyscreens from early Legend (the type used up to early 1990). Some faults, but may be useful as 'spares'. Small donation to Club funds appreciated. I could take them to Malvern. Telephone Alan Chennells on 0162 866 4132 (Evenings) or write to 9 Huntercombe Lane South, Taplow, Maidenhead, Berks. SL6 0PQ.

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A complete set of A.S.O.C. Newsletters in 5 binders is available - gratis. If you are interested, please contact Ruth & Alan Wilkes on 0138 644 3553 or write to them at 33 Northwick Road, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 5AL

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FOR SALE

Apache motor caravan awning, self-standing, drive-in, suitable for Hi-top. Very good condition. £125.00. Telephone Phil Richards on 0123 576 5822 or write to 40 St Johns Road, Grove, Wantage, Oxon, OX12 7NW.

Thanks for the donation.

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Framma Ultra 1 Top-Box. 108 x 75 x 42 cms. Cost new (May 96) £200.00 plus! Best offer over £140.00. Can deliver within a reasonable distance. Tel: Bill Burnett on 0147 362 6500 or write to 5 Peel Yard, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3UL.

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Bedford CF2 Utopian, 1981. One previous owner. Only 30,000 miles. White, elevating roof, twin burner cooker with grill, fridge, mains hook-up, Zig unit, Harrison awning. Includes original crockery.

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Free standing awning for side or rear - fits all models. We have only used it as a rear end tent. Vgc. £100.00 ono. Sides and front to create Safari Room for Fiamma F.45 (c 240cm). Used 2 days only. £75.00. For sale due to children ceasing to be holidaymakers with parents! Telephone Ann Bowes on 0117 973 5844 or write to St. Alban's Vicarage, 21 Canowie Road, Bristol, BS6 7HR.



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VW Clubman GL. 1994 'L' reg, 2 litre petrol. Excellent condition. 13,000 miles only. Taxed and tested to February 1998. All Clubman luxuries including P.A.S. Many extras including 2 bike rack, alarm, top marks. Full service history. Genuine reason for sale. £22,500.00 ono. Phone Helen and John Gibson on 0190 535 1991 or write to 19 Evendine Close, Worcester, WR5 2DB.

Thanks for the donation.

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Pendle Engineering quick release tow-bar Cycle Rack. Absolutely superb with two full cycle racks to hold bikes separately, complete with lighting units. No drilling. Removed in seconds and does not in any way obscure rear window. £100.00 Also 2 unisex 21 gear Raleigh Elite LX mountain type cycles. One gents size and the other lady's size. Each weighs less than 30 lbs. All in new condition and a bargain at £300.00. The cycle rack and cycles together for £350.00. Please telephone Reg Rogers on 0178 445 4400 at anytime or write to 11 Broomfield, Octavia Way, Staines, Middlesex, TW18 2QD.

[Sorry - I got the phone number wrong last month - Ed]

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Sporti Leisure trailer, glass fibre. Galvanised chassis and two spare wheels. As new. £800.00 ono. Eurovent awning approximately

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Harmony, 1990 'H' reg. Fresh and waste water tanks, shower, flush cassette toilet, Silver Screen. Excellent condition. One non-smoking owner, no pets. £13,500.00 ono. Telephone Joan Egleton on 0175 386 9306 or write to 73 Mill Lane, Clewer Village, Windsor, Berks, SL4 5JQ.

Thanks for the donation.

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Omnistor Light Safari Room, perfect condition. New price over £300.00 - accept offers about £100.00. Beauflaire stove top oven, not needed in our Rambler. Perfect condition. Can be seen at the Club and Company Rally at Malvern. Dorothy & Nial Reynolds, phone 0185 143 2811 or write to 49 Arden Way Market Harborough, Leics, LE16 7DB.

Thanks for the donation.

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Two Jawa 50cc mopeds. Hardly used. Automatic. Can be ridden on a car licence. Complete with carrier which fits on to towbar. All as new. Telephone Tony Chitty on 0124 367 3887 or write to Wispers, Tamarisk Walk, East Wittering, Chichester, PO20 8DQ.

Thanks for the donation.

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This issue has been "put to bed" in a bit of a rush this month - so if you find enny spelin mistooks, I'm sorry!

If you are coming to the Club and Company Rally we shall look forward to seeing you there and hope you enjoy yourselves. But in any event, drive carefully, keep smiling and enjoy yourselves whatever you are doing.

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