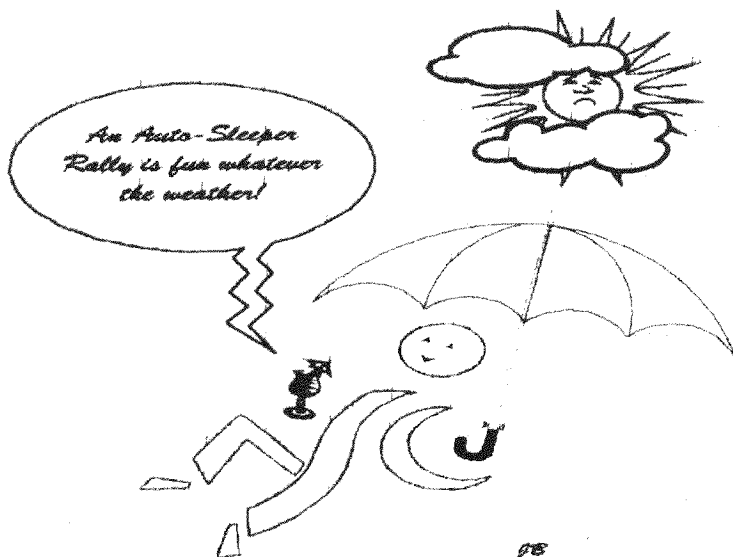


AUTO-SLEEPER OWNERS' CLUB



**NEWSLETTER 117
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Hello.

We had a very good weekend for the Annual General Meeting and Annual Dinner. The weather was rather chilly but this was outweighed, as always, by the warmth of seeing friends of long-standing and the making of new ones. As always, a very good meal was served and enjoyed amidst the hum of chat from all the tables which, later, almost drowned out the trio playing for dancing. Although there had been rain in plenty in the previous week, as you may have heard on the radio or television if you hadn't seen it or experienced it yourself, the parking area was surprisingly good. On the way to Kettering we passed another park just a mile or two down the road which was more reminiscent of a lake!

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Club & Company Rally - 1998

A slight problem has arisen with the wording of the first paragraph about this rally as shown on page 12 of last month's Newsletter. The last sentence suggests that there is a dinner on the Saturday evening as with the AGM rally. This, of course, is NOT the case. It is possible that some food may be available from the bar or similar but it will NOT be a formal dinner. Sorry if you have been misled.

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THANK YOU

May I just say thank you to everybody for the gifts I received on my "retirement" from the committee after 9 years (4 years being Secretary and 8½ years being Membership Secretary). These were presented during the Annual Dinner at Wicksteed Park. For those who did not see them, I received a very nice bouquet of flowers (a bit awkward with two cats!), a lead crystal bowl (for flowers/nuts/sweets etc.) and a set of cross stitch patterns (with silks) featuring - guess what? - pussy cats!

Sheila Henthorne

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The AGM and Annual Dinner

I would like to apologise to any of my friends whom I missed seeing or to whom I missed saying goodbye at Wicksteed Park. There were so many to speak to and so much to do. On the Sunday morning, after coffee and more talking, I went to visit *Sheila and Harry Henthorne* to see their two new puss-cats and I was "cat-napped" and driven home. So if I missed saying goodbye to you it wasn't my fault!

It was so nice to see everybody again and I shall look forward with eagerness to next year. Many thanks, and God bless you all.

Marjorie Wilson

We'll apologise for stealing *Marjorie* away but she would have had to wait for a bus to get home and we were going that way anyway. In case anyone isn't sure who *Marjorie* is, her late husband served on the Committee and was instrumental in getting us into Wicksteed Park for the AGM and Annual Dinner for the first two years when we went there.

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Friends and Relatives Rallying

Several questions were asked at the AGM regarding who could be invited to a rally. The following is an extract from a letter to ACCEO from the Department of the Environment on this question. To use our exemption certificate we must follow this to the letter.

Quote. "We have concluded that the members of an organisation using a certificate for caravanning activity must be bona fide members of the organisation. They must have applied for or been given membership in advance of attending events. Members must have been subjected to the usual acceptance procedures of the organisation. Membership would usually be granted for a full year but, where people apply during the course of the year, membership may be granted either for the remainder of the year or for the season, but it must be for a longer period than that associated with the attendance at only one event. Both the individual and the organisation must enter into a membership agreement with the intention that it is to run its full course, although there may be genuine reasons why an individual does not wish to remain a member for the full term.

Arrangement to give prospective members a chance to see what an organisation is like by allowing them to attend a meeting organised under paragraph 6 even with the intention that the member can become a permanent member if he or she likes the organisation, is not allowed, nor are guests staying in their own caravans for all or part of a meeting. Other people staying in the caravans of members, depends on the membership arrangements of the organisation arranging the meeting." **End of Quote.** Note: For caravan also read motor caravan.

There is nothing to prevent a non member visiting a Club rally without their caravan or even spending the period of the rally at a nearby CL or licensed site. Guest membership restrictions do not apply when clubs rally on licensed land (commercial sites).

AT ALL TIMES IT IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE MARSHAL WHO HE /SHE ALLOWS TO ATTEND THE RALLY.

Ray Young

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Annual General Meeting - 1999

The organising sub-committee has booked Wicksteed Park from Friday, 9th April to Sunday, 11th April 1999 for this event. They have also made a provisional booking for the period of Friday, 5th May to Sunday, 7th May 2000! That is a week later than normal because Easter will be much later in 2000 and the following weekend, which would be the normal date for the Rally, will be the May Day Bank Holiday.

Arthur Irving

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Photo Competition

So far *Geoff Scholey* has only received two entries for the competition. Perhaps you don't know where to send them! His address is 1 Ambleside Walk, Linton Park, Wetherby, West Yorkshire, LS22 6DP and if you need to telephone, call him on 0193 758 6094. Now you can get your best photos which include an A-S van in the scenery off to him as soon as possible.

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DUETTO

We have had our 1996 Duetto T/D for 3 months and are concerned about a loud resonance/vibration from the transmission area when climbing hills in lower gears. Our dealer, Essex Motorcaravans, have had the van for 14 days and can find no fault. Have any other owners had this problem or any advice for us? If you have, please leave your phone number on our answering machine (0181 521 3461) and we will contact you or write to us at 61 Essex Close, Walthamstow, London, E17 6JS. Thanks.

Rosanna and Alistair Gray

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FROM THE FACTORY

We have been very busy here lately designing and developing the new Styrofoam vehicles which were first shown at the Earls Court and the National Exhibition Centre Caravan Shows. We hope that many of you had the chance to view these new designs as we are delighted with them, feeling that we have maintained the quality and standards of our existing range but at the same time have moved on to the new generation. We have carried out an extensive test programme on this new range of vehicles including cold chamber cycling down to -15 degrees Centigrade and test track endurance testing. The vehicles have performed exceptionally well with no major faults being experienced.

We are now very busy designing methods of fitting the Styrofoam bodywork modules on to other base vehicles which will be available for viewing in the future. We are also carrying out product enhancement exercises on three van conversions and are in the process of developing a totally new motor caravan which we hope to have completed ready for the next Earls Court show.

That is the news from the factory for now and we look forward to meeting you on our stands at the various caravan shows over the year. We wish you all some good holidays and short breaks and here's hoping that the weather improves soon.

Stephen Small

This arrived so that I could type it while the snow was falling

- in April! It made me look at the cold chamber cycling and I wonder if the water tank was full, partly full or empty when they tested the vehicle.

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Technical Information Group.

A-S have very kindly agreed to give us sight of their 'After Sales Newsletters' which they distribute to the dealers. These give the service departments general information regarding change of specification and means of solving problems reported by customers - *that's us!* Obviously the Editor, bless his cotton socks, cannot find the space to feature the entire document. So from time to time we shall pass on extracts which have a general interest.

Stainless Steel Sinks. The factory have received reports of small pinhead holes developing. A holed sink was sent through Spinflo, the manufacturers, to a metallurgical test house. The cause of the holes? Neat bleach! So girls - beware!

Worktop and Acrylic Window Scratches. Can be effectively removed with 'Farecla P 315'. Sold through boat chandlers as 'Boat Pride Acrylic Window Polish'. The bad news is that it comes in 600 gram tins and costs £11.00 - £12.00. The good news is that it will be produced for the caravan trade in tubes, hopefully later this year. Farecla hope to be at the Club and Company Rally this year but they will not have the tubes by then. They also have associated products for various other jobs - watch this space!

Cleaning of Glass Fibre Roof Gutters. Do you have algae building up in your gutters. This may be removed with 'greenhouse window cleaner' preferably used in conjunction with a high pressure hose. Off to your garden centre.

Seitz Blinds. Folk with later models that are fitted with these blinds will have been irritated with the rattling when on the move. Apparently when retracted the torsion bar spring, through not being under tension, is vibrating on the inside of the casing. The factory has suggested to Seitz that the springs be fitted with a polythene sleeve. This will shortly be implemented and Seitz have

been asked to design this sleeve so that it may be retrofitted. Hope for the best and we'll keep you posted.

Brian Smith

For newer members our "Tiggers" (From the initials of the Tech. Info. Group) can be contacted via *Maurice Payne* whose telephone number is **0131 336 3385**. From time to time an index of what information sheets or improvements lists are available will be published in the Newsletter.

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Curtains

We own a Clubinau GL with which we are extremely happy. However this year my wife decided that the curtains could do with a wash. Taking them down was a bit of a fiddle but not too much trouble. Putting them back up again was a different story. The front ones were easy, the ones over the kitchen area were a bit tricky but the side curtains were particularly difficult because the track is up inside the pelmet and you cannot get your hands up to put the runners on. I thought of removing the pelmets but A-S put things together in such a way that I was unable to see how to do it. In the end I put the runners on the track with the curtains attached, using a pair of long nosed pliers, a torch and lying with my head partly out of the window. Does any member have the answer? I only managed it because I am a contortionist who can see round corners!

Incidentally, if anyone is interested Brooklands publish a book on the VW T4. Its title is "VW T4 Owners' Edition Workshop Manual, 1990 onwards". The price is **£15.95** and the ISBN number is **185520374X**. I haven't seen a copy myself but I am told that it is A4 size. Brooklands telephone number is **0193 286 5051**.

Tony Smith

I've found that the side curtains are easier than those over the kitchen area. All that is needed is to loosen and slide off the end stops of both rails at the overlap in the middle and then slide the runners off complete with the curtains. My hands can easily get up into the space available to replace them.

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Peugeot AA Registration

Reference *Jim Sykes* letter, I too had trouble getting my Peugeot registered with the AA, and I work for them! I thought the responsibility for this lay with the retailer of the completed vehicle, in my case Bromley Motor Caravans. They denied it and said it was down to A-S. A-S in turn denied it and said it was down to the nominated supplier of the chassis to themselves, namely Rootes of Maidstone. Rootes and the AA agreed with me and said it was down to the retailer of the vehicle. Bromley Motor Caravans didn't react and in the end Rootes did the job for them, getting me onto the AA computer some three months down the line. However, other owners in the same situation need not fear that they would be denied breakdown service from the AA. This is apparently a regular problem with more than just the Peugeot Manufacturer Account and the AA will always attend to members in this situation.

It would be interesting to hear the views of other Motor Caravan dealers as to whose responsibility they think it is.

Sean Hollands

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Working Together

Intermittently, members of the Club ask how the Club and Company Rally is organised. Who is responsible for planning and, in effect, who decides what takes place? Perhaps this may best be explained by giving you a brief 'diary of events' through the planning stages.

Immediately after the preceding Rally a variety of debriefs is produced, both by the Club and the Company, identifying ways of improvement in the future. These are discussed at length by the full ASOC Committee at their first meeting after the event. One year it was noted that there was an awkward ledge into a building so wheelchair ramps were provided for the following year.

The Rally is planned by a sub-committee with representatives from both the Club and the Company. The Club organises all the administrative side of the weekend and what may be termed the 'indoor' activities. These include the hobbies stalls, the charity

stalls, the Regalia shop, the catering, the evening entertainment, the raffle, etc. We also arrange for the St. John Ambulance presence and the Salvation Army for the Sunday service. On the outdoor side the Club arranges the marking out, the marshalling and the food and drink stalls. The Company arranges all the outdoor activities, they provide their Stores shop and the complimentary refreshments in their marquee. In addition they look after the day visitors on the Saturday. The Traders stands are a joint exercise between both Club and Company.

The event is funded mainly by the rally fee together with a small amount from the trade stands. This fee covers our Club side of things including the hire of the showground, the tables, chairs, waste collection, toilet cleaning and the installation of extra points for drinking water. This accounts for about half the total cost of the weekend. The Company, with the assistance of its suppliers and the chassis manufacturers, covers the remainder of the costs. The Company marquee alone costs upwards of £1,200.00 just to give you some idea. Where possible we try to arrange all activities as economically as possible. For example, the hot air balloons appear free thanks to the kindness of a local doctor. The Falconry display is also free thanks to Shaun Healey, an Auto-Sleeper technician. But barids, Morris dancers and the like are fairly expensive.

The rally is a splendid event with plenty of good entertainment. There is the added bonus of the display of the full range of A-S vehicles, the Trade Stands and the ever popular Company Stores Shop. We hope that you enjoy it as much as we do in putting it together.

Brian Hooton and Charles Trevelyan

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Cirencester (Near)

Members may like to know of a new C.L. for Caravan Club members only which is 2 miles south of Cirencester. Mr & Mrs Bennett opened at Easter and offer 5 level, all-weather large pitches. There is an excellent, brick enclosed service point. The site is on the road to South Cerney about 1.5 miles north of the Cotswold Water Park. The cost is £5.00 per night inclusive of electricity and you should contact the owners on 0128 586 0332.

They live at the second bungalow south of "Tower" and the address is Oakleaze, South Cerney Road, Cirencester, Glos.

John Read

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Tyre Life

Attention has been drawn previously to the extreme danger of old but not worn out tyres. But this matter seems to be like the question "How long is a piece of string?" My recent experience could easily have amounted to much more than a "timely warning".

We were returning after a lovely, warm, sunny day giving a widowed neighbour a treat, spent in the New Forest, including a visit to the massed shrub blossoms of Exbury Gardens. There was suddenly an abundance of metallic rattles and bangs as if the back of the van was about to drop off. We were travelling at a low speed, perhaps 30 mph, on a 'B' road. An even smaller country lane turned off within 100 yards with a convenient pull-off. I never suspected a flat tyre but that was the trouble. As a 77 year old arthritic there was no way I could retrieve the spare from its cage well under the back of my Clubman. Neither could I remove the wheel nuts from the offending wheel, nor for that matter safely and effectively jack the vehicle.

Membership of the Green Flag recovery service had to be the answer. Find the membership number and a telephone! Why have we never invested in a "mobile"? Fortunately we were within 200 yards of the main A.35 and just visible were a pair of cottages. The first one did not have a phone but luckily the second one did.

Entering the garden gate three bounding, "screaming" dogs came at me. I thought my last moments had come and I was about to be eaten alive. Although nearly knocked over I became aware, with relief, that no teeth had actually met! The lady of the house appeared and said I could use their phone. It is apparently a regular occurrence for stranded motorists. She also explained that the large dog in the lead was blind. Perhaps this explains why I wasn't bitten - he bumps but cannot see to bite! She told me her husband, a milk transport supervisor, was using the phone because one of his tankers had broken down.

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Rally Supplement

To all ralliers please put your christian name on the rally slip. This will enable the marshal to welcome you in the informal style that the club is known for.

HELP REQUIRED. The marshals for the rally at Little Budworth in December now find that they can no longer run this rally. If anybody is interested in taking over the running of this rally please contact me and Brenda & Don Sampson, 0151 722 9379 for further details.

6th - 14th June. Camping Le Bohat, Brittany, France. Fully booked.

4th - 7th June Driffield Showground, Driffield, East Yorks.

THIS RALLY HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO ILL HEALTH

12th - 14th June. Theatr Clwyd, Mold, Flintshire. Note hours 6.00pm Friday to 6.00pm Sunday.

Rally Marshals: Helen & John Greenwood.

Site Fee: £3.00 per night Rally Fee: £1.50.

Booking slip to: Mr. & Mrs. J. Greenwood, 5 Ellesmere Road, Mynydd Isa, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6UJ. Tel/Fax: 01352 754 794. Cheques payable to J. Greenwood.

Attractions: Outstanding views. The site is the County Hall Car Park. Hard standing. Water is available if you have a container to carry it. Toilets on site at the theatre.

The town of Mold is in easy walking distance. Saturday morning street market. Buses to Chester pass your van!! Plenty of car parking in Mold. Restaurant & Bar at the theatre all weekend.

Ring Theatr Clwyd on 01352 755 114 if you wish to book plays in advance with your credit card, (advisable). In the main theatre the play is *The Spider's Web* by Agatha Christie. Plus films in the film theatre.

We can go for a meal together at the theatre or in town. Just let me know over coffee on Friday evening.

Directions: Approach Mold from the East via A494, from South A541 from Wrexham, from West A494 (Ruthin). On outskirts of Mold pick up the Brown direction signs for **THEATR CLWYD**. Follow ASOC signs from approach road. **NOTE** No arrivals **BEFORE 6.00pm** Friday 12th June.

18th - 22nd June. Cartmel Racecourse, Cartmel, Cumbria.

Rally Marshals: John Crowther & Irene Boydell.

Site Fee: £4.00 per night. Electricity: £2.00 per night. Rally Fee: £2.00 (Singles £1.50).

Booking slips to: J. Crowther, 12 Buryfold Lane, Darwen, Lancs. BB3 2QQ. Tel. No. 01254 705 125.

Cheques payable to J. Crowther.

Attractions: Priory & village with good food. Grange over Sands and the Lakes on your doorstep. Treasure Hunt to suffer!!

Directions: M6 jn.36 take A590 sp. Barrow in Furness.In approx. 13 miles,at top of long hill,take sp.Cartmel and follow further signs.

Be prepared for a sudden right turn in village.

30th.June-3rd.July.Hatton Country World,Nr.Warwick.

Hatton World Office Tel.No. 01926 843 411.(Emergencies only).

Rally Marshals:Kris & Terry Plant.

Site Fee:£ 3.75 per van per night. No Electricity. Rally Fee:£2.00.

Booking slips to: Terry & Kris Plant,Foxfield,Waste Lane,Balsall Common, Coventry,CV7 7GF. Tel.No. 01676 532 513. Cheques payable to: T.C. Plant.

Attractions:Hatton is close to Warwick,Kenilworth,Leamington Spa,& Stratford upon Avon.

Whilst on site there is Hatton Country World Shopping Village-- a unique blend of factory shopping bargains,antiques,traditional crafts and speciality food shops.On Wednesday evening 1st.July at 7.00pm. a two course meal has been arranged at a cost of £7.00 per head.There is a choice of either Roast Chicken or Deep Fried Battered Cod or a Vegetarian dish,each with seasonal veg. and either French Apple tart or Fruit Salad with either ice cream or cream.Please indicate your choice of main course & sweet and include your payment for the meal with your booking slip & fees.

Directions:Hatton World is signed off the A41/A4177 Solihull-Warwick road,just 5 minutes from Jn. 15 M40.

3rd.-5th.July.Chiltern Steam Rally, Prestwood,Nr. Gt.Missenden,Bucks.

Rally marshals: Ann & Norman Ailward.

Site Fee:£12.00 for weekend including unlimited entrance to show.Rally Fee:£1.50.

No Electricity. **Greenfield site.** Booking slips to:Mrs.C.A.Ailward,15 Earl Howe Road,Holmer Green, High Wycombe,Bucks.HP15 6PU. Tel.No. 01494 713 071.

Attractions:This is an annual local show of long standing with steam,vintage cars,lorries etc. plus fire engines,crafts and of course, the Beer tent.

Directions: Off A413 at Gt.Missenden take A4128 to Prestwood, follow Steam Rally & ASOC signs.

Do not arrive before 1.00pm. Friday.

3rd.-6th.July(3 nights) Houghton Weavers Rally,Oaklands C.P. Warton,Nr.Lytham,Lancs.

Site Tel.No. 01772 634 459 (Emergencies only).

Rally Marshals:Kath & Norman Benyon,Barbara & Vic Kaye.

Site Fee: £3.00 per night. No Electricity. Rally Fee: £1.50. New toilet block.

Booking slips to: Mrs.B. Kaye,14 Firthwood Road,Coal Aston,Sheffield,S18 3BW.

Attractions:Easy reach of Blackpool,St.Annes,Fairhaven etc.On bus route to Lytham,5 min. walk to Spar,newspagents, fish & chip shop & pub.**Sunday pm.**Coach from camp to Lowther Gardens Café for meal(64 places) minced beef & onion pie,chips,veg & drink £3.50 per head,(no alternatives)sweet extra.Then to the Pavilion to see Houghton Weavers.£7.50 per person.Ticket money to be sent by the **END of MAY** to **Mrs. K.Benyon,Holmfield Cottage,Bannister Street,Lytham,Lancs.FY8 5HQ.Tel.No. 01253 736 245.**

Please send money for rally and meal to B.Kaye.(address above).Tel.No. 01246 412 679.

Directions: Junction 3 M55 s.p. Kirkham,A585 to Wrea Green.Just past church turn left s.p. Warton A584.Site ¼ mile on right.

**10TH.-12TH.JULY.ANNUAL CLUB & COMPANY RALLY.
THREE COUNTIES SHOWGROUND.
NR.MALVERN,
WORCS.**

See May Newsletter for booking details and other relevant information.
Please note the closing date for bookings.

16th.-19th.July. Abbeygate College,Near Chester,Cheshire.

Tel.No. 01244 332 077(Emergencies only).

Rally Marshals: Jean & Duncan 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 812 761. Cheques payable to:D.Ellis. Saturday evening meal can be arranged,approximately £3.50 per head,if there is sufficient interest.Please indicate on slip if interested.

Directions: From North M6,M56,M53 take A41 signposted Whitchurch.In approx. 2 ½ 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.

23rd.-26th.July."Last of the Summer WineRally",Holme Valley C.P.nr.Holmfirth,West Yorks.

Site Tel.No.01484 665 819(Emergencies only).

Rally Marshals:Jean & Ian Sellers.

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

Rally fee: £2.00 (Singles £ 1.00).

Booking slips to:Mr.& Mrs. I.Sellers, 14 Hainsworthmoor Grove, Queensbury,Bradford,

West Yorkshire,BD13 2ND Tel.No. 01274 883 470. Cheques payable to:I.R.Sellers.

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 bus to Holmfirth(1 ¼ miles) or Huddersfield(5 miles) for Saturday market.Licensed shop and full facilities on site plus lake and river fishing for small daily charge.

Directions: Site is situated 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 and white camping and caravan road sign approximately 50 metres either side of the entrance to a narrow,fairly steep lane leading down to the site.

23rd.-26th.July.(3 nights)Waldergraves H.P.,West Mersea,Essex.

Site tel.No.01206 382 898(Emergencies only).

Rally Marshals:Inge & Jack Britton.

Site Fee:£5.00 per night. Electricity £2.00(only 14 available on rally field.).Rally Fee:£2.00

Booking slips to:J. & I. Britton,2 Melrose Road, West Mersea,Colchester,Essex.CO5 8JB.

Tel.No. 01206 384 146. Cheques payable to:J.E.Britton

Attractions: Restaurant & shop on site, pitch & putt & fishing on site. Country park & nature reserve within a short drive. American Supper Saturday evening.

Directions: From Colchester onto B1025 to Mersea Island across the Strood take left fork to East Mersea, take second right follow brown & cream tourist board sign to Waldergraves.

Limited to 30 vans only.

31st July-2nd August. Beacon Park, Lichfield, Staffs.

Rally Marshals: Tricia & Ted Pratt, with the help of Barbara & John Cox.

Site Fee: £4.00 per night. No Electricity. Rally Fee: £2.00. **Green Field site.** (Public toilets in Park)..

Booking slips to: Mrs. P.M. Pratt, 3 Grafton Road, Stapenhill, Burton upon Trent, Staffs. DE15 9DN

Tel. No. 01283 538 818 Cheques payable to Mrs. P. Pratt. You may arrive Friday a.m.

Attractions: Saturday evening Barbecue meal, dessert & DRINK! £3.00 per head, pay with booking slip. Beacon Park is adjacent to Lichfield City Centre & Cathedral. Park attractions - small golf course, pitch & putt, tennis courts & bowls.

Directions: Beacon Park is situated in Lichfield just off the A51 Tamworth to Rugely road. Go round Island with Bowling Green Pub in the middle, take A51 Rugely/Stafford, turn immediately right down Walsall Road then left into Lower Sandford Street. Follow signs for Car Park to Beacon Park, through car park keeping to the right.

6th-9th August (3 nights) Waudbys C.P., South Cave nr. Hull.

Site tel No. 01430 422 523 (Emergencies only)

Marshals: Vera & Brian McLean

Site Fee: £3.00 per night. No Electricity. Rally Fee: £2.00. Facilities include Toilets/showers.

Rally slips to: Brian McLean, 47 Westlands Road, Sproatley, Nr. Hull, East Riding, Hull. HU11 4XG.

Tel. No. 01482 813 791. Cheques payable to B. McLean.

Attractions: Humberside Country Park, Beverley market, trains to Brough/Hull. Caravan accessories shop on site.

If weather permitting Saturday evening a social gathering for a meal on site, please bring BBQs etc.

Rally opens 1.00pm. Thursday.

Directions: Turn off A63 at South Cave intersection, follow sign Brough, site opposite garage.

13th-17th August (4 nights). "Sunny Hunny-the only East Coast resort facing West!" Redgate Middle School, Collingwood Road, Hunstanton, Norfolk.

Marshals: Barbara & Ray Whiley.

Site Fee: £4.00 per night. No Electricity. (Power point available for recharging wheelchair batteries).

Rally Fee: £1.00 per van plus 50p per adult. **Own sanitation essential.**

School field - dogs permitted (on lead at ALL times, and NO fouling. Adjacent roads no fouling - bins provided).

Booking slips (stating which nights) by 31st July, please to: Mr. & Mrs. R. Whiley, 21 Ellcar Rise,

Eaton, Norwich, Norfolk. NR4 6HR. Tel No. 01603 452 593. Cheques payable to: R.E. & B. Whiley.

AUTO-SLEEPER OWNERS' CLUB

*Constitution
effective from 18th April 1998*

NAME AND OBJECTS

1. The name of the Club shall be "AUTO-SLEEPER OWNERS' CLUB".
2. The objects of the Club shall be:-
 - a. to arrange meetings, rallies and social functions for members.
 - b. to facilitate exchange of information among members on all matters of mutual interest.
 - c. to provide any additional services which may be of benefit to members.

MEMBERSHIP

3. Membership shall be open to all current owners of motor caravans built or converted by Auto-Sleepers Limited of Willersey. A spouse or companion may be included in the membership and each shall have one vote.
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.
5. The annual subscription shall be payable with application for membership and on 1st January each year except that the first subscription paid by any member joining on or after 1st September shall cover membership up to the end of the following calendar year. The amount of the annual subscription shall be agreed by the members at the Annual General Meeting and any change in its amount shall operate from the following 1st September.
6. The financial year of the Club shall be the calendar year.
7. Membership shall lapse if the annual subscription is not paid by 28th February.
8. In the event of the Club being wound up, members' liability shall not exceed one years subscription.

PRESIDENT and HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS

9. The President of the Club shall be appointed by Auto-Sleepers Limited, and shall not be subject to election by the members. At their discretion members may, at a General Meeting, appoint members to be Honorary Vice-Presidents. Such appointments shall continue whilst the persons so appointed remain members of the Club. Honorary Vice-Presidents shall not be members of the Committee but may attend meetings of the Committee in an 'ex officio' capacity.

COMMITTEE

10. The business of the Club shall be conducted by an elected committee of up to twelve members together with the President of the Club. The Committee shall have the power to appoint a member to fill a vacancy on the Committee that may occur between Annual General Meetings. The Chairman shall have a second or casting vote in the Committee. The quorum for committee meetings shall be seven.

At each Annual General Meeting at least six members of the Committee shall retire and may make themselves available for re-election. The six Committee vacancies at each Annual General Meeting can arise from different sources:

- a. any Committee member who wishes to resign for personal reasons.
- b. any members appointed during the year to fill casual vacancies.
- c. to make up the six, the longest serving Committee members.

Retiring Committee members standing for re-election, together with the other members nominated, shall stand for election at the Annual General Meeting.

11. The Committee shall appoint such officers as it may think fit, including a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. It may also appoint Sub-committees for specific purposes and nominate the Chairman. At least one member of the Sub-committee must be a member of the main Committee who shall be responsible to and report to the Committee.

12. The Committee shall open an account in the name of the Club with a recognised clearing bank. Cheques and similar payment orders shall be signed by any two of President, Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer.

MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

13. An Annual General Meeting of all members shall be held before the end of May in each calendar year. The business to be conducted at such a meeting shall include a report by the Committee on the preceding year's activities, the audited accounts of the Club, the election of the members to fill the vacancies on the Committee and election of an Honorary Auditor. The Auditor shall NOT be a member of the Committee.

At least 45 days notice must be given to all Club members of any General Meeting.

14. Nominations for committee, with the written consent of the member nominated and signatures of the proposer and seconder, must be submitted to be received by the Secretary not less than 30 days before the meeting. The Chairman shall have discretion to accept nominations at the meeting should there be insufficient candidates.

15. If, by the closing date, there are more nominations for the committee than there are vacancies, the Secretary shall prepare balloting lists, in alphabetical order, of the names of those nominated. Only Club members present at the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled, but not obliged, to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies. The candidates receiving the greatest number of votes, up to the number of vacancies, will be declared elected. In the event of two or more candidates receiving an equal number of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote. Tellers will be appointed by the meeting. Members must show their membership cards at the issue of ballot papers.

16. Candidates for election may, if they wish, submit a brief curriculum vitae of their relevant activities to the Secretary.

17. Resolutions for consideration at the Annual General Meeting with the signatures of proposer and seconder must be submitted to be received by the Secretary not less than 30 days before the meeting. Such resolutions, together with the names of members nominated for the committee, and their curriculum vitae, if submitted, shall be circulated to the members with the Agenda not less than 28 days before the meeting.

18. Any member raising a matter under Any Other Business can do so for discussion only.

19. A Special General Meeting shall be convened by the Secretary on the direction of the Committee or on written request from at least 40 Club members, such request to specify the business to be discussed. No business other than that specified shall be transacted at a Special General Meeting.

20. All Club members who are eligible to vote may attend and vote at General Meetings. No proxy votes are permitted. Resolutions shall be carried by a majority of the votes cast.

21. The quorum for a General Meeting shall be at least 120 members present in person at the time and place announced for that meeting, except in the case of a meeting being called to wind up the Club.

RALLIES

22. Attendance at Club rallies shall be restricted to Club members in Auto-Sleeper motor caravans. Club rallies shall only be organised by or with the approval of the Rally Co-ordinator. Sites used for Club events shall be left clean and tidy. Club equipment may only be used with the permission of the Rally Co-ordinator, an appointed Rally Marshal or a Committee member.

23. All animals accompanying members at Club events must be kept on a leash and under control at all times.

24. All Club members attending Club rallies or other events must comply with instructions given to them by the Rally Co-ordinator or an appointed Rally marshal.

25. All Club members attending Club rallies or other events must observe the Caravan Code, the Country Code, the Coastal Code and any local site regulations as appropriate.

26. Membership cards must be carried at all Club events.

27. INDEMNITY - Officers/Members of the Committee and properly authorised Rally Marshals shall not be liable (other than as members) for any loss suffered by the Club as a result of the discharge of their respective duties on its behalf, except such loss as arises from their respective wilful default, and they shall be entitled to an indemnity out of Club assets for all expenses and other liabilities incurred by them in the discharge of their respective duties.

GENERAL

28. The Club's Constitution shall be agreed by Club members at an Annual or Special General Meeting and may only be altered by a resolution of Club members at an Annual or Special General Meeting. A two-thirds majority of the members attending such meeting will be required for any alteration to the Constitution.

29. All correspondence on Club matters should be addressed to the Secretary or the relevant officer of the Club.

30. Any difference of opinion or ambiguity relating to this Constitution or matters arising shall be addressed in writing to the Secretary for decision by the Committee.

31. Members leaving the Club may continue to purchase the Newsletter only, at such price as the Committee may decide.

Attractions: Field above town with sea views. Mainly level :some pitches may need levelling ramps. Basic facilities on site. Sandy beaches, cliffs, Oasis pool, Sea Life Centre, Princess Theatre and usual seaside attractions. Shops include Budgens supermarket in town. Bus service to Heacham (Norfolk Lavender) Sandringham, King's Lynn (medieval port). Holkham Hall, North Norfolk Railway within easy reach by road. American Supper Saturday evening (indoors if wet). Possibly Fish & Chip supper one evening.

Directions: A149 from King's Lynn, ahead at first roundabout entering Hunstanton (s.p. Town centre), then next major turn left just after 40 sign (s.p. Sea Front); next left into Collingwood Road. Follow Collingwood Road round to school entrance at end. From North (coast road) continue on A149, past Fire Station and Smithdon High School on left, then next right (opposite school playing field) into Sandringham Road (s.p. Sea Front) then as above. (Ignore any earlier signs to Town Centre or Sea Front.)

15th & 16th August. Detling Transport & Country Festival. County Showground, Maidstone, Kent. (on A249).

Rally Marshals: Ena & Roy Coleman.

Site Fee: £18.00 per van (up to 4 people). No Electricity. Rally fee: £1.50.

Booking slips to: Ena & Roy Coleman, 30 Kent Avenue, Minster, Sheerness, Kent. ME12 2DZ.

Tel. No. 01795 873 526. Cheques payable to: L. R. Coleman.

You may arrive from midday Friday 14th and depart midday Monday 17th. No extra charge.

Attractions: Super weekend for all family, stalls, funfair, steam engine rally, military vehicle display, auto jumble, beer tent. *Special attraction—Fred Dibner will be there.*

Bread & milk on site. Toilets, showers & elsan disposal points also on site.

Directions: The showground is on the A249 between M20 & M2. Lovely touring, plenty to see.

Limited to 25 vans.

September Rallies. (details next month)

2nd - 7th. Shoreham Air Show. West Sussex.

2nd - 6th. Beamish Museum. Co. Durham.

4th - 11th. Moreton Glade. Dorset.

10th - 13th. Northern Motorcaravan Show York. (Do not forget if booking early with Warners to Print ASOC on your booking form. If you wait a while, possibly next month, then there will be discount fees).

17th - 20th. Motorcaravan Fair, Shepton Mallet. See below for further details.

25th - 27th. Howgill Lodge, nr. Skipton, North Yorks.

25th - 27th. Old Barn Farm, nr. Liphook Hants.

Shepton Mallet 17th - 20th. September.

Stella & Ian Ross have volunteered to marshal this event with assistance from Dorothy & Baz Wellard & Audrey & Colin Terry. Many thanks to them for their offers of assistance.

Booking forms will be available from Stella & Ian Ross, 33 Grosvenor Gardens, Upminster, Essex. RM14 1DL. Tel. No. 01708 228 075. These forms will enable members to book direct with the organisers at a special rate, details next month. We expect the forms to be available from about the end of June.

Send a completed club rally slip with the £2.00 rally fee and a SAE to Stella & Ian and they will send you a booking form.

31st.December-2nd.Jan.Hidden Valley,Devon.If you are interested in this rally please contact Sandra & Bernie Wisely ,12 The Laurels,Roundswell Village,Barnstaple,North Devon.EX31 3QY.Tel.No. 01271 346 400

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND RALLY APPLICATIONS TO MARSHALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

Please note that Geoff & Betty Scholey are **NOT** running a Spanish Rally in 1999.
Is anybody else interested in taking this rally on?

If you require confirmation of acceptance on a rally then please send a SAE with your rally slip to the marshals.

There are still plenty of dates available if you are interested in running a rally.For more information please contact me, Please remember to check the availability of dates with me **BEFORE** booking with a site.

Will rally marshals please send me rally information for the Newsletter ASAP(if you have not already done so).
Please include in the information the actual number of nights for the rally, eg. 13th.-17th.(4 nights).

Please note that **ALL** information concerning rallies,dates,booking of sites and rally details for the Newsletter should be sent to the Rally Co-ordinator:

*Neil C. Rogers,
3 Appleby Close,
Aldbrough St. John,
Richmond,
North Yorks,
DL11 7TT.
Tel./Fax. No. 01325 374 540*

Local assistants: Jerry Haxton (01 483 223 476) Woking,Surrey.
Jeff Worley (01 935 424 049) Yeovil,Somerset.
Bob Brindle (01 777 711 588) Retford,Notts..

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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Your name and address (please PRINT)

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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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About a quarter of an hour later she brought me a cordless phone. I rang Green Flag and a pantomime ensued. I am extremely deaf and was without my hearing aid. If I walked towards the house the dogs "screamed" at me from behind a wicker gate. If I walked towards the main road the traffic noise overwhelmed me. So neither way could I talk meaningfully to the operator. I kept repeating my location, simply as 200 yards along the B.3055 off the A.35. He kept asking what district was I in (I hadn't a clue) and what was the number of the telephone I was using. I said I didn't know or think it relevant as I would be returning to my van but he insisted that he needed it for his records. The nearest place turned out to be Hinton, some 2 or 3 miles away. This caused the operator (in Leeds) some trouble as he had 17 Hintons in his listings! I was getting thoroughly frustrated by this time. It had become dark and with my hearing problems he charged me that he had repeated things "17" times. To be fair to him I had overlooked his need to locate the nearest available breakdown service in the locality.

There had been so much delay that I was concerned whether I would be located in the dark. I need not have worried. Well within 15 minutes a flashing 3-amber lighted breakdown vehicle complete with strong searchlights was at the scene. With an extension lamp, a thick lying cloth, a garage jack and a compressed air gun the service man soon had the spare wheel exchanged.

What is the moral of this story? My Clubman has clocked 28,000 miles from new. I had two new tyres on the front at 20,000 miles. It is under 5 years old from the first registration. The tyre in question had not suffered an external puncture. It had expired from old age! The tread was coming away from the side walls. Apparently tyre dealers know that the life of modern tyres, especially radials, is probably 6 years at best. Almost unbelievably, it is something to do with the hole in the ozone layer - bad radiations. True, the bad tyre was always on the sunny side when parked.

Another factor is how long between manufacture and fitting - even onto a new vehicle. In my case it appeared that the tyres were already 1 year old when fitted - or at least before the date of first registration. My local tyre service had to order two new tyres which arrived the next day. The date code indicated that they were

already 9 months old at fitting! The tread on the rear tyres showed a life of perhaps another 5,000 - 10,000 miles yet they had reached a highly dangerous state. I shudder to think what might have happened if they had been on the front and we had been on a motorway. As motor caravanners we tend to do smallish mileages over extended years. I wonder how "close to the wind" many of us are saling/motoring? Has there ever been or could there be a "code of practice" drawn up for motor caravan tyre management? Many know what to look for which may ward off dangerous tyre usage but many of us rely heavily on service garages and MOT inspections to keep us save. My van is regularly serviced and I had no reason to feel vulnerable. Despite the frustrations, I am most grateful to have learned something - at a cost of £169.00 for the new tyres rather than unknown costs to my van and person(s)! So please check your tyres or have them checked for age. Take no chances - especially with the front tyres - of possible blow outs.

Ken Critchlow

At my 5 year MOT my service garage told me I needed all five tyres renewed. I swallowed hard but found the cash for that and the rest of the work. Having had two tyres fail on me on the previous Bedford Clubman - luckily not together - I agree with *Ken's* final words. **Don't take chances!**

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Tyres

Many of the earlier coachbuilts were supplied with 6 ply tyres. Many of the major tyre manufacturers are discontinuing production of these in favour of 8 plys. It is safer to use an 8 ply tyre but from recent experience you have to choose the right type. I've tried the Continental LS22 (no longer produced but still available) and the road holding of our Legend was awful! Then I tried Uniroyal. Road holding was good but three suffered wall failure within 1,000 miles!! Now I'm using the new Continental "Vanco 8". These have proved excellent under all conditions and having had two winter trips to Scotland I really do mean all conditions. These tyres would be equally acceptable on van conversions.

The tyre manufacturer's technical department has informed

me that the reason these tyres are so good is that the rubber compound has a higher degree of silicon. I believe that the new Goodyear "Cargo G28" uses a similar rubber/silicon compound.

Alan Chennels

This is part of a longer letter - more to follow in due course.

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TOWBARS

One of the many fine features of the Amethyst is the underfloor locker contained in the rear bumper. This cabinet is useful for the storage of those items so necessary to have to hand when setting up camp. However, when we bought ours we did not consider the possible disadvantages. While I only wish to tow a motorcycle trailer occasionally I have met the (now) obvious snag of not being able to fit a towbar easily.

An approach to the A-S factory merely secured the advice to speak with my dealer. At least here my query was handled much more sympathetically and helpfully but the company they used for fitting towbars was unable to suggest any solution, apart from doing without the locker. So the full circle has been completed and the only solutions appear to be to forget the locker or buy another van. As neither course appeals I do hope someone has found a practical solution to my problem as other models have a similar locker fitted. If you have, I would be pleased to hear from you. My address is 15 Priory Street, Farnborough, Hants., GU14 7HX.

Bryan Philips

I had a similar problem with my old Debonair because of the door in the rear. But it was overcome by fixing two pieces of hollow square steel tube firmly to the chassis and projecting them back through the bodywork. Then a bar was made up of two slightly smaller section square tubes to slide into those already there and these welded to a cross bar to which the tow ball and suitable bracket was fixed. Then two holes were drilled vertically through the "sliding" pieces and a high tensile bolt (with nut!) placed through each. On site it was a simple matter to disconnect the trailer and then remove the bar. Perhaps something on these lines might be possible - although I don't suppose you want to have a bit stuck out of the bodywork! As mine was (and still is, come to that!) a 1969 model it didn't matter quite so much.

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Duetto Rear Step

We have had a Witter towbar fitted to our vehicle. This left us with no step. We had one custom made at an engineering firm in Leamington. The cost was £60.00+ depending on your requirements. It looks good and in keeping with the Duetto. They also make steps for the invalid with electrical controls.

Jim Sweet

The name of the firm is Wendy Hancox and their phone number is 0192 683 3686.

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Sunny Hunny

A new venue for a mid-summer seaside rally. Hunstanton, a small Victorian/Edwardian town on the north-west coast of Norfolk and the only East coast seaside resort where the sun sets over the sea. We rally on a school playing field with sea views. The field is about 15/20 minutes walk from the sea front and town centre which has a supermarket and a variety of small shops, cafes and restaurants. On the sea front are the Oasis Leisure Centre with modern pools; the Sea Life Centre and a traditional seaside fun fair. Donkey rides, motor boat trips to Seal Island, fish and chips, shellfish, candy floss; Hunstanton has the lot! There is even a live theatre offering a variety of shows all year round.

Seven miles away is the royal estate at Sandringham (house, grounds and museum open daily) easily accessible by the local hourly bus service or with ample free parking whilst about fifteen miles away is the ancient port of King's Lynn (bus every half hour). There are many other attractions within easy travelling distance including the North Norfolk Railway, Thursford (steam engines, fairground organs and the Mighty Wurlitzer), National Trust properties - in fact something for everyone. Why not come to Sunny Hunny from 13th - 17th August and meet your friends - some you already know and some you'll meet for the first time?

Barbara & Ray Whiley

Having spent a bit of time in the area we can recommend Kings Lynn, Hunstanton, the railway and Thursford. If the Wurlitzer player is the same gentleman that we saw and heard then he is a real expert. But beware of the midges in the forestry around Sandringham!

Theatr Clwyd Rally

John Greenwood would like you to know that in spite of the odd rumour which may have been circulating this rally is **NOT** fully booked up. In fact it is nowhere near full because he is sure that the parking area is capable of taking around 1,000 vans. And don't be put off by the fact that the parking is a tarmac car park owned by the local council. The views from the site are apparently superb. So if you want to go to the theatre (English spelling) or the theatr (Welsh version) this is the place for you. And if you don't want to go to either, then there is plenty of other entertainment around the area.

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THE BARBER OF LOS GALLARDOS!

At the month long rally in Spain *Mrs Ena Coleman* became the official "barber" (hairdresser). In this role she collected donations to the value of £80.00 "for services rendered!" She has presented the cash to the Children's Hospice on the Isle of Sheppey in Kent. Well done, *Ena!*

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STOKES BAY, GOSPORT RALLY

"Thank You" to *Dorothy & Baz Wellard* and all their helpers for such an enjoyable weekend. They went to a lot of hard work to make this rally a success, even managing to organise some evering sunshine for a smashing fish 'n' chip supper beside the sea - all 90+ portions truly scrumptious - and piping hot! The 'soup kitchen' was another excellent idea and very welcome as we had a cold wind that day. We're sure that their efforts were very much appreciated by all.

We'd also like to say "A VERY BIG THANK YOU" to all those ralliers who helped us get over our first experience of "stuck in the mud". Their combined ideas and real team effort of digging, wedging and pushing finally proved successful in getting us onto harder ground. We'll never forget the experience - nor the friendships made as a result. All in all - "What a Weekend!"

Chrissy & Geoff Pluvs

P.S. We thought *Baz* "What does this badge say?" *Wellard* looked completely at home on his soap box!!

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Automatic Clutch

My left leg also took a dislike to operating clutch pedals some five years ago and I had a system installed which was operated by a button on the gear change lever of our Peugeot-Talbot Express. I believe it was a Guido Simplex but I no longer have the vehicle or any papers relating to the system. As far as I am concerned it was a complete success. It did the job and I was able to continue driving. At the time we had it installed it still needed some refining as, perhaps, do many "add-ons". The attention was limited to comparatively minor adjustments with a screwdriver every 8,000 - 10,000 miles. No doubt the intervening years have seen improvements. It never failed me and one virtue was that it could be turned off from a dashboard toggle switch, returning the vehicle to normal clutch operation. No use to me, but in the event of some difficulty with it the vehicle could be driven by anyone not familiar with the system. Also useful if it was felt a prudent move, e.g. when leaving the vehicle for service.

The system could be transferred to another vehicle by specialist service providers. Not a cheap operation but less expensive than a completely new system. We now have automatic transmission on a Duetto. Nothing to do with the Guido Simplex, just an up-grading of on board facilities. Hope this helps *Maurice Wright* and if anything else about it comes to hand I shall pass it on.

Harry Mackley

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Battery Charging

I have the answer to keeping the vehicle main battery fully charged during long periods of rest. Fit a VanGuard Battery Mate available from Vanguard Security, 36 King Harold Road, Colchester, Essex (0120 676 8356) or through your own dealer. Whilst the van is connected to the mains it transfers a charge from a fully charged leisure battery to the vehicle battery thus keeping it fully topped up throughout the coldest and longest period of rest you can imagine. It did the trick for me during an enforced period

of 8 months rest from the end of July last year. A-S have analysed and tested this unit and approve it for use in their vehicles. It seems to be just the thing we have been crying out for since the dawn of our hobby.

Sean Hollands

The enclosed leaflet, a copy of which had been previously sent to the Tiggers, suggests that the kit costs £48.50 for DIY fitting or it could be professionally fitted by Vanguard from just £15.00. As Vanguard are agents for VanBitz Strikeback Alarm System they will further discount the supply and fitting if you are having an alarm fitted too.

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Parking

I've had a letter from Mrs Helen Chambers of 23 Abbey Close, Peacehaven, East Sussex, BN10 7SD. She is not a Club member but she bought a VW type 2 camper a year ago and has now found the usual difficulties in parking in multi-storey parks or those with height barriers etc. She writes that there is no definitive guide to car parking in Great Britain and she is researching the possibility of producing such a book. She intends to include price range, additional security, height restrictions, proximity to local attractions etc. and would make it of suitable size for keeping in the glove box. She would appreciate any feed-back from members - what you think of the idea, whether you would consider buying it if available, any ideas for what else might/should be included and, in particular, any information or recommendations for parking in your local area.

If you have any comments, please write to her at the address shown.

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Obituary

Many Members will have been saddened to hear of the death of *Cliff Abbott*, a member of the Club for many years who served for a time on the Committee as Public Relations and Press Officer. *Cliff*, who always appeared to be a young 80 year old, was an active caravanner and was still motor caravanning in his 86th year. Those who knew him will remember his kind, helpful and friendly nature and his sense of humour. He will be greatly missed by all his

friends. Our sincere condolences to *Audrey Crouch* and family.

George Wane

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank friends and members for their cards and letters of sympathy on the recent loss of my father (*Cliff Abbott*). He was 86 and enjoyed the Club life very much and valued the friendship of the many people he met. He will, of course, be sadly missed. Once again, thank you all very much.

Audrey Crouch

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FOR SALE



Ford Legend, 1987. 2 litre petrol. 31,300 miles from new. MOT. Usual A-S fittings, oven, water heater, space heater, second battery. New Omnistor 5000 canopy, Safari room, Silver Screen, mains hook-up cable. Adapted by Beeny Bitz with a carrier for a Florida 90 m/cycle. Non-smokers, no pets. £11,900.00 ono. Optional extras or sold separately: Complete set of brand new seats, bed cushions etc. for same model. Tel: Lyn & Peter Jones on 0179 240 4136 or write to 15 Belle Vue Road, West Cron,

Swansea, SA3 5QA.

Thanks for the donation.

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Awning, "Royal", 10' by 7' at ground level, height at rear 7' 8" approx. Burgundy and Grey. Good condition, used once. £200.00 ono. Tel: George Parker on 0175 226 1488 evenings or write to 10 Sefton Avenue, Lipson Vale, Plymouth, Devon, PL4 7HB.

Thanks for the donation.

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J reg Tallbot Express Rambler, 2 litre petrol. In excellent condition. Only 22,000 miles. Usual A-S fittings but also with oven, water heater, blown air heating, 2nd battery, 3 bike rack, Silver Screen, free-standing NR side awning, Omnimax TV aerial, alarm. Non smoking owners. £13,000.00. Telephone John Maplesden on 0190 320 7455 or write to 7 Carrick Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN14 8BB.

Thanks for the donation.

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Duetto 2.5 diesel. Ford guarantee 09/04/99, tax 28/02/99. P.A.S.

All usual facilities plus Clifford Alarm, Cruise control, Omnistor 2000, Silver Screen, 2 gas bottles, rear step bumper, headlamp protectors and Magic Watch for parking. Reason for sale - illness. £22,500.00. Telephone Raymond Gillibrand, 0139 557 8448 or write to 47 Powys, All Saints Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8DE.

Thanks for the donation.

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Safari room for Omnistor 4000 awning, as new. £150.00. Telephone Mike Stephens on 0170 384 3825 or write to 30 Pear Tree Road, Dibden Purheu, Southampton, Hants., SO45 4AL.

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Atala Mini Califfo moped, 49cc. 'P' reg, as new, genuine 5 miles on clock. Single speed gearbox with automatic clutch. Weighs 47kg. Cost new £898.00 - accept £450.00. Telephone Brian Betterton on 0123 482 2364 or write to The Thatched Cottage, High Street, Pavenham, Bedford, MK43 7NU.

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Awning for side door rail or free standing. Little used. £200.00. Silver Screen, external for VW T4. £50.00. Telephone Jean & Alan Bragg on 0172 274 3719 or write to 68 Heath Farm Park, Barford St. Martin, Salisbury, SP3 4BH.

Thanks for the donation.

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Tow car. Fiat Cinquecento Sporting. 'P' reg, January 1997. Taxed until Jan 99. Trend grey metallic. 3,000 miles only. Immaculate condition, still smells new. To include Car-a-Tow braked towing system. Nippy, economical, easy to park and tow. Available from mid-June. £6,500.00 ono. Telephone Bob Brindle on 0177 771 1588 or write to 43 Welham Grove, Retford, Notts, DN22 6TZ.

Thanks for the donation.

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NR Awning 'Raleigh de Luxe' model. Colours Brown/Green. Free standing or vehicle side rail attachment. Fits Talbot Express Harmony. Floor size 1' 3" x 6' 3". Height 6' 7". Used twice, so as new condition. (Vehicle sold). Bargain £245.00 ono. Also set Harrison made side screens. Complete, unused, made to fit Fiamma F45A, 2.5m sun blind. Drop 2.35m (7' 8") from side rail (VW Clubman GL). Surplus kit to make Safari enclosure. £130.00 ono. Telephone June & Roger Yeatman on 0120 248 5063 or write to 173 River Way, West Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 2QN.

Thanks for the donation.

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