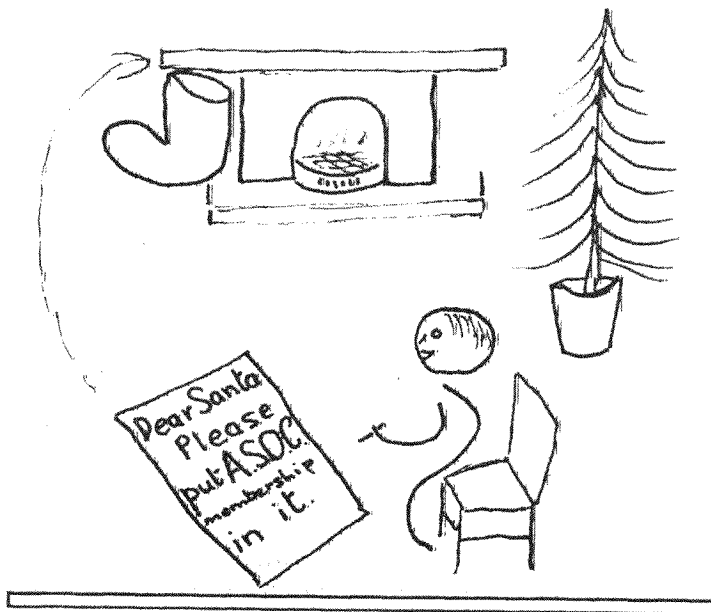


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**NEWSLETTER 134  
NOVEMBER 1999**

Hello.

"The time has come, the Walrus said, to talk of many things". (With apologies to Lewis Carroll.) What I want to talk about is the Editorship of **YOUR** Newsletter. I have decided not to stand for re-election to the Committee at the next Annual General Meeting so there will be at least one vacancy there. And, of course, I shall no longer be your Editor so that mantle must fall upon someone else. I took over at issue No. 23 and this, if you look at the cover, is issue No. 134. "One three four, take away twenty three comes to quite a lot." So if you would like to have a go, step forward and I will be only too pleased to give what help and guidance I can. So go on, give it a whirl!

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## Photo Competition

At the time of writing there is still another week of September to go. To date I have received 22 entries for the competition and hope there are still more to come. The photographs will be displayed anonymously with your caption underneath, if you supplied one. Judging will take place at the October committee meeting which means the winners will not be published until the December newsletter. There are some really delightful entries and thanks go to all of you who have taken part. Good luck!

*Pam Davies*

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## Club & Company Rally (Continued!)

We also would like to thank all the Club members who made the C & C Rally such an enjoyable introduction into motor caravanning for us. We have already thanked the Company via *Charles Trevelyan* for their contribution. Ten years into retirement we took the plunge with a Ravenna delivered on 26 June and had only tried it out on a couple of one-nighters in local camps. We didn't want to dive into the deep end straight away unless it might put us off altogether.

Before Malvern we had spent a few nights with relatives in Cardiff and, not knowing what to expect, we had promised to

return for the rest of the weekend if we were bored. What a hope! There was never a dull moment. Our most abiding memory though is the cheerful and friendly wave we had from everyone we passed on our way out on Sunday, with its implicit message "Bye till next time". We have followed with a three-night stand locally before, as you might expect living in Weymouth, having to cope with summer visitors. Now we are off to really get into the business with a longer trip, to Malvern to renew memories, then to the Peak District and the Yorkshire Dales which we have heard so much about but never seen. Wish us luck!

By the way if *Chris & John Eatwell* are the same C & J from Salisbury we met on the one-night stand at Merley then "Sorry we missed you at Malvern but with those numbers it was a 'needle-in-a-haystack' situation. Will look out for you next year if our paths don't cross before then".

*Doris & Ken Milward*

Perhaps we shall get another letter soon telling us how "new eyes" found the Peak District and the Dales. (Hint!)

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I have just consumed every word of the September Newsletter and raised a smile at the "Rear Window wisdom", then at *Jean & Mike Hall's* comment about their forgotten Fiamma levelling blocks. What chance have they of getting them back I wonder? More, I hope, than the stall holder who had a £40.00 water pump stolen from his stall between pm Friday and midday Saturday. Oddly enough I counted them on Friday and thought on Saturday "Oh, that's nice, someone has been able to get just the kind of pump they were looking for". Little did I know that they got it without paying. Tut, tut! I hope the 1,198 other campers feel the same way as I do about that sort of thing.

The rest of the rally was fabulous and was thoroughly enjoyed by us as first time ralliers. Our thanks to organisers and stewards for a fantastic weekend. We've already set our calendar for next year.

*Doris & David Nunny*

I hope I got the surname right!

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The Club and Company Rally this year was a great success. The weather, if on occasions was a little too hot, contributed, as did the organisation in particular of *Charles Trevelyan, Baz Wellard* and their teams to the overall success of the weekend. For me here was an opportunity to meet members we have not met before and to renew some of the acquaintances we made at the previous Rally. The success of the Rally may well have caused problems to the organisers as to how they can make it even better next year. We look forward to seeing how they pick up this challenge and run with it.

We actually met *Baz and Dorothy Wellard* again at the factory on the 8th September. A presenter, Claire Fisher of BBC Radio Hereford and Worcester, having seen some motorcaravans one weekend thought it would be nice to find out a little more about motorcaravans and to do a couple of short pieces live on BBC radio. We invited *Baz and Dorothy* specially for the morning so that Claire could not only find out about motorcaravans from us, but could also hear from a member of the Owners' Club. During the interview Neil Hunt, our Repair Shop Controller, was able to explain his function and how he fits into the general organisation of the Company and the work he does for customers. *Charles* gave the history of the company and Mark Burdett, one of our Foremen who has worked on the panel vans, monocoques and styrofoams, was able to explain that A-S is a family business with his brother, father and cousins all working at various parts of the Company. Dave Woodward, one of our quality inspectors, went on to explain that not only did he check vehicles at the end of the line, but has also taken new models away for two weeks at a time prior to their launch. Bill Cook generally kept an eye on things and explained that whilst the management team of the Company do not own motorcaravans we do take advantage of our demonstrators and use these as and when we can. We all thought this was a successful broadcast and a good opportunity to demonstrate how we are working more closely with the Owners' Club and whilst *Dorothy* said she would not speak on the radio, Claire did have her talking quite fluently.

Steven T Riley

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## DOGS!

Well done *Baz Wellard*. Perhaps at next year's rally dog owners could also be asked to clean up the filthy mess they and their pets have hitherto left behind them in the car park. Many thanks for your efforts. Incidentally, I like dogs, have kept several and many of my friends and some of their owners are dogs!

*John Wilkins*  
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I have read the letter from *Malcolm Watts* with great interest! In fact I've read it several times. I had to, to believe it! For the record, until recently we were dog owners and also have attended all the Club & Company Rallies.

As a dog owner, sometimes it is necessary to sacrifice a few pleasures in the interest of the welfare of one's pet, something we have done at this rally in the past. The weather at Malvern this year was one such occasion. If one is not prepared to do this then being a pet owner is probably a mistake!

Although *Malcolm Watts* is entitled to his opinions, I believe his comments about *Baz Wellard* to be completely out of order. *Baz* and his many helpers, both from the Club and from A-S, did an absolutely magnificent job for which we thank them all most sincerely. It really was a super rally.

On Saturday evening, the Severn hall was extremely hot, noisy and very crowded. It was certainly not the place for any animal (or some humans!) and I congratulate *Baz* for not being bullied (there is no place for this type of behaviour within our Club nor should it be tolerated under **any** circumstances) into breaking a rule that was, it transpired, as laid down by the Showground management, even though the rule was broken in error on Friday evening.

*Mr. Watts* is, it seems, of the opinion that this episode is the beginning of the end of our Club! "**In your dreams, Sir. In your dreams!!**"

*Alan Chennells*  
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Most members will deplore *Malcolm Watts'* vituperative personal attack on the Chairman of the Club & Company Rally Sub-Committee in the letter published in the September Newsletter and will back a reasonable decision made on grounds of safety (and hygiene?) arrived at in consultation with the Club Chairman.

As a long-time caravanner who owned a dog for many years I well understand the problems of leaving pets in vehicles in hot weather. However, such ownership includes responsibilities to both animals and fellow ralliers. Pets need not be in constant attendance - they are not, after all, fashion accessories. Foregoing entertainment to safeguard the welfare of the animals one has chosen to take to a rally is a minimal inconvenience if the owner's priorities are right. There is no hardship in arranging periodic visits to the van during the evening to see that the pet is all right and to take it for a walk if necessary. I am sure many pet-owners at the C & C Rally did just that. It would be a great shame if the undoubted success of the 10th Anniversary Rally, masterminded by a very hardworking committee of which *Baz Wellard* was the chairman, was allowed to be overshadowed by the baseless and unreasonable complaint of a vociferous minority.

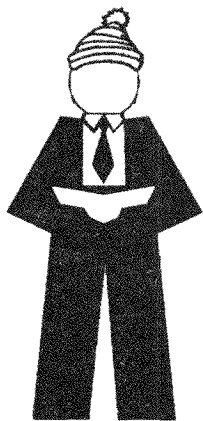
*Ian Day*

It has long been a problem in this Club, and no doubt in many others too, that too much attention is frequently paid to the "vociferous minority" rather than the contented majority!

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### *Chairman's Chat*

Our holiday in Germany seems so far away now and yet it is but a few weeks. We certainly enjoyed visiting parts of the country that we had missed in previous visits such as the Franconia Wald with its medieval walled towns straight out of the Pied Piper story. All beautifully restored and cherished, the only failing was that we seldom heard German being spoken. We stayed overnight on some of the car parks reserved for motorhomes, but all we got was one parking space with no gap between 'the neighbours'; no comforting 6 meters



for safety. We had one amusing night on one of the 'Mobil' Parkplatz in Nurnberg, when we were surrounded by a group of 'tinkers' for the night. They used this Parkplatz as their own private gathering place and left the following morning for a days rummaging.

We noticed all the publicity for the huge Caravan and Leisure Show in Dusseldorf. One year I would dearly love to visit this exhibition, just to see what good ideas there are on offer: purely for research, honestly.

The cost of diesel was 43p per litre as against our own at 75p per litre. I cannot accept this government strategy of making fuel so expensive. It is ludicrous as this has the knock-on effect of increasing the costs to us all. I have never been a supporter of the road haulage industry and the use of such vast numbers of lorries on our congested roads, but I do support their call for a reduction in the cost of diesel. Germany is a very environmentally aware nation and if they believed a high price of diesel was needed to deter the use of vehicles then they would be pushing the rest of Europe to increase the cost. Take notice Mr. Blair and Mr. Prescott, this policy is wrong!

By now you will know that the Club has been registered with the Customs and Excise for VAT. No, don't dive for cover, as registration will have only a marginal effect for rally marshals. *Neil Rogers* will prepare an information sheet to assist, but if you remember that most food is free of VAT then for coffee, tea and biscuits (except chocolate biscuits) a simple till receipt will suffice. The extra work will be for our Treasurer, *John Tidbury*, who will prepare the quarterly VAT returns.

Another story from my Fire Service days. There we were, driving to a serious road accident with the Emergency Tender, through a single lane traffic working at some extensive road widening. I was able to 'jump the queue' as some of the workers, on hearing the two-tone horns, waved me through. I was travelling fast, but at a safe speed for the conditions, and was about two thirds of the way through when a little dumper truck pulled out a few yards in front of me. Oh, no! I applied the foot brake! Phew!

On our return journey as we again passed through this single lane working and my partner said "What happened to the dumper truck? Because I shut my eyes and turned away." I replied by explaining that I didn't know either as I too had closed my eyes and braced myself for the impact. I won't tell you what his reply was, but we concluded this dumper driver must have undertaken a formula one start to move out of my way. We did stop to have a word with the foreman and he made some reply about the driver was changing his trousers. This was just one of those situations that used to occur and now I can smile about it.

Now the colder weather is fast approaching remember to use Propane, as Butane will not vaporise at low temperatures. Safe travelling

*Andrew Entwistle.*

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## Thanks

We would like to thank ralliers at the Northern Motorcaravan Show, York, who gave a hand to pack up 'Polly' when *James* was rushed off to hospital. Their assistance was much appreciated and no doubt assisted his speedy recovery.

*Jill & James Bertlin*

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## Electrical Problems.

Please can anyone help us. We have a 1991 Talisman GL based on a Talbot Express. We have a variety of symptoms which may or may not be related. Some are long-standing, some more recent. 1. Most recent and disturbing - intermittent dimming of headlights while driving at night. 2. Slow indicator speed. 3. Intermittent dimming of caravan lights when running off leisure battery. 4. Fridge does not always work when we are travelling.

A new alternator was fitted under warranty; this was refurbished in 1996. We have been advised to replace it now but are concerned to find the underlying cause of its deterioration.

Also can anyone recommend a good auto-electrician who understands both vehicle and van systems in the Reading, Oxford, Swindon area? All suggestions will be gratefully received on 0148 866 9090 by

*Louise Storey & Jim Botterill.*

Sounds to me a bit like an earthing problem of some sort but I'll leave it to others more expert.

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## From the Factory

It is hard to believe that a year has past since I last wrote to ASOC. It has been a very busy year, many new processes within our production plant have been investigated and in some cases implemented. Here are three of the major projects:

### 1. Spray Polishing

We are now polishing the hardwood ramin used to construct our furniture using spray application method. We have available to us a vast range of improved quality products not previously available. The new spray lacquer improves greatly the durability and increases longevity of the polish.

### 2. Stage Working

We are progressively introducing stage working to each of our production lines. Specific task allocation for each operator incorporates stage quality audits before the vehicle progresses onto the next stage. Improved build quality has been a major benefit; this has been clearly evident after only a short period of time.

### 3. Water Ingress.

New processes and materials have been adopted across the range. Early indication shows a marked improvement.

Improvements are being investigated continuously, many more processes and components have been improved over the past twelve months and many more are scheduled. No stone will be left unturned in order to improve all aspects of quality.

Terry New - Senior Production Engineer

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Surely there can be no better news than the introduction of a new model; especially when it encompasses many of the requests made by Club members. On Wednesday, 22nd September 1999 a new Volkswagen Gatcombe was launched to the dealers who not only applauded this design, but were very impressed by all that it had to offer. Based on the short wheelbase VW Transporter chassis-cab, which now has the 3300 kg payload as standard, the Gatcombe is a sleek looking vehicle with its monocoque type construction GRP bodywork. The first key points you notice are the top hinged caravan style windows, integral rear bumper and exterior locker. On entering the vehicle you notice the Italian style furniture and four burner hob with adjacent sink/drain. As recommended by your goodselves, the tap is outside the bowl and in its gold finish looks very attractive. The light and airy interior is enhanced by the Heki rooflight, whilst the furnishings are attractive and durable and the floor is insulated for warmth - again a request by you. Complementing the launch of the Gatcombe, was the latest style Topaz. With an all new and slightly larger easy-to-clean shower compartment, improved bed system and new trims it was much admired and we are already having to keep pace with the demand. The icing on the cake was the announcement that the Trident is now available with the GRP hightop colour impregnated in Friesen Green, Paprika Red or Indian Blue, depending on the base colour of the vehicle. Whilst there is a small additional charge for this option, it is very worthwhile and is also available for the Topaz when finished in Friesen Green. All in all, a most successful launch.

*Charles Trevelyan*

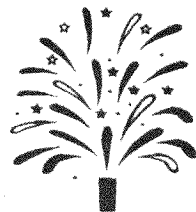
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## Getting it in the Neck!

Soon after I changed over propane bottles in our Amethyst recently, She-Who-Must-Be-Obeyed complained of smelling gas. Not being blessed with her ability to sniff out problems, I couldn't, but did the usual checks unsuccessfully. With a fortnight's eclipse-watching planned (forlornly, as it happened) on a remote Cornish CL, I was told that Something Had to be Done. This



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## RALLY SUPPLEMENT

**When completing a Rally Slip please complete BOTH sides.**

**Please remember that only Club members are allowed to attend our rallies.**

**NEW RALLY 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> November.(3 nights) Marwell Zoological Conservation Park,Nr.Winchester,Hants.**

Emergency Tel.No. 07979 800329.(Marshal's mobile).

Rally Marshals: Dorothy & Baz Wellard.

Site Fees:£3.00 per night(Hard standing). GREEN Field Site No Electricity.Rally Fee:£2.00

Booking slips to:Mr.& Mrs.B.Wellard,18 Greenwood Close,Fareham,Hants.

PO16 7UF Tel.No. 01329 231259.Cheques payable to:Mrs.D.Wellard.

(DO NOT include cost of meal or entry fee).

**Attractions:**Marwell's animal kingdom is a registered charity and is one of Britain's largest and most important zoological parks and contains over 1,000 animals.

Marwell Park also breeds endangered species, great & small, and supports conservation work in those parts of the earth where relatives of the animals in care

at Marwell either live or once lived.A special group entry fee of £7.00 per person has been negotiated(on presentation of your A.S.O.C. membership card)

with a second day's visit at "two for the price of one".Pets are welcomed in the

parking area but unfortunately not in the park!The park restaurant (Tree Tops) can

put on a Senior Citizens 3 course meal at a cost of £5.00 at 16.30hrs on Saturday (closing at 1800hrs.) Please indicate whether you wish to attend and your choice of breaded plaice,chicken quarter or vegetarian.

Please **DO NOT** send any money at this stage.

**Directions:**Leave the M3 at junct.11 or junct. 5 of M27 and follow "brown sign" to B2177.

Or from the A32 through Wickham onto the B2177.The park is well signposted with "brown signs".

**Limited to 30 vans at present.**

**18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.( 3 nights).November.Oxon Touring Park(Caravan Club Managed under Contract site),Welshpool Road,Shrewsbury,Salop.**

Emergency Tel.No. 01743 340 868 (Site office).

Rally Marshals:Helen & John Greenwood.

This site is very level with ALL hardstandings & ALL electricity with centrally heated toilets & showers.

Site Fee: £ 4.50 per night + £2.75 per night electricity = £7.25 per van per night.

**This is a special price and it is essential that we get 25 vans,or more, in order to qualify for this price.Less than 25 vans and the price rises.**

Rally Fees: £1.00 *per person*. Cheques payable to John Greenwood.  
Booking slips to: John Greenwood, 5 Ellesmere Road, Mynydd Isa, Mold, Flint.  
CH7 6UJ. Tel./Fax.No. 01352 754 794. E-mail [jdvw@jdvwffreeserve.co.uk](mailto:jdvw@jdvwffreeserve.co.uk)  
**Attractions:** Park & Ride to Shrewsbury, next to the site, runs every 10-15 mins  
(except Sunday). Ideal for Christmas shopping. Local pubs with food (3) within very  
easy reach. The Shrewsbury Quest and the Welsh borders.  
**Directions:** From A5 North, South, East & West take the signs for Oxon Park &  
Ride and follow the International camping sign.  
**This rally starts and finishes at 12 noon.**

**31<sup>st</sup> December-2<sup>nd</sup> January, "Millenium Rally", Hidden Valley, North Devon.**  
**THIS RALLY IS NOW FULL**

I am now taking rallies dates for next year, 2000. If you are thinking of running  
a rally please contact me. For year 2000 rallies to appear in the provisional  
rally list issued with the January Newsletter I must have dates before the *end*  
of *November 1999*. Rallies may still be arranged after this date, as usual.  
Please think ahead, good advance publicity is essential for a successful rally. Please  
remember to check the availability of dates with me BEFORE booking with a site.  
New or possible rally marshals should contact me, or the area assistants, for further  
information or advice on running rallies. It can be fun.

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*  
*E-Mail. [ncr@thisisthenortheast.co.uk](mailto:ncr@thisisthenortheast.co.uk)*

Local assistants: Jerry Haxton ( 01 483 223 476 ) Woking, Surrey.  
Jeff Worley ( 01 935 424 049 ) Yeovil, Somerset.

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Rally : ..... Date: .....

Your name and address(Please PRINT).....  
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Post code:.....

Phone No.:..... Van Reg:.....

Membership No..... Day/Time of arrival.....

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

Name..... Phone No.....

**Please complete both sides of the form!**

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**Please complete both sides of the form!**

Is this your first ASOC rally? Please tick box. Yes  No   
Number of people in your van: Adults..... Children.....

Names of Adults.....

Names of Children (including ages).....

**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:-

Full payment MUST accompany this slip-cheques payable to the marshal.  
**POST FORM TO REACH MARSHAL 10 DAYS BEFORE EVENT,IF POSSIBLE PLEASE!**

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meant a trip down the A.1 to Brownhills for the second gas pressure check in six months. The gauge's needle did not drop a millimetre, indicating no leaks between bottle and appliances. Detection fluid (washing up liquid to you and me) was applied to the screw connection from regulator to bottle after reconnection. Still nothing, but the fitter could now smell gas. He was almost as old as I was and we scratched our heads as we pooled gas knowledge acquired over two lifetimes without reaching any firm conclusion.

"I'll give it another test", he said. But as he reached in to disconnect the bottle again, we saw that washing up liquid flowing down from the screw connection had collected at the junction of the neck with the bottle and a steady stream of bubbles was blowing a raspberry at us. "Well I never" - or words to that effect, we said. They were repeated around the corner by an ancient expert at the nearby BOX depot to which I was despatched because Brownhills had run out of replacement bottles. "Only seen that twice before". Always something new, isn't there?

*Ian Day.*

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## **Data Protection Act**

As required by law, the Club is registered with the Data Protection Registrar as a "data user".

This means that we have declared to the Data Registrar the type of person about whom personal information is held by the Club on a computer database and the nature of that information. It does not mean that any details of personal information have been disclosed to the Registrar. We have also had to say why such information is held on computer. The reason is, of course, for membership administration - keeping track of members' names, addresses, telephone numbers, motorhome model and registration numbers, etc. The Club does **not** hold on computer any other information about members and your details are **never** passed to anyone outside the Club, nor to other Club members except where necessary - for example, when a rally marshal needs to contact someone urgently.

You have the right to ask for a printed copy of your personal data and the Club may levy a charge for this service. However, you may be assured that the Club's membership record for you contains only what you have told us, in an application or renewal form, or by letter or telephone. You may also ask for your personal data to be removed from the database. Should you do so, it would no longer be possible to send you your monthly newsletter, as the database is used to print newsletter labels.

The Club has to guarantee that its records are both accurate and up-to-date. This can be done only if you inform the Membership Secretary of any change in your name, address, telephone number or Auto-Sleeper model and registration mark. (If your telephone number is ex-directory, this will be noted.)

*Ray Whiley*  
Secretary

The name and telephone number of the current Membership Secretary can always be found on the back page of the Newsletter.

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## **Rip - Off Britain.**

In the last week I had an occasion to look up Yellow Pages in desperation to find a firm that could repair a Motorhome Fridge. A motorhome fridge is a little specialised because it can be run on 12 volt, mains or LPG. I found a fairly large advert on page 1438 which was for a firm at a private house not more than a mile and a half away from Bear Cross and it stated in the advert there is NO CALL OUT CHARGE.

He duly arrived at 9.15 am, looked at the fridge and said "You have to take the fridge out turn it upside down for forty eight hours and put it back in again. That will be £10.00 please". He had a foreign accent so I was not sure if he meant "48 hours" or "4 to 8 hours". He then gave me a receipt for the ten pounds and left about 9.20 am. Five minutes after arriving. Expensive five minutes. He did not lift a tool or offer to take the fridge out.

Let this be a warning to all gullible householders like me, use only recommended tradesman.

The letter was published in the Bournemouth Daily Echo on Wednesday, 25th August 1999. I thought it maybe of interest to our members. I have, of course, had the Mickey taken out of me for being so gullible, especially an ex-policeman, but I have a thick skin and a very good sense of humour. The sequel is:

(1) I turned the fridge over for 5 hours and then back again but did not use it for at least 24 hours. I then turned the gas on and let it run for about three days. It appeared to keep a constant cold temperature during that time and so at the moment it works. It seems that air bubbles get into the gas which circulates the cooling system and by turning it over it brings the bubbles to the bottom of the fridge where they are supposed to dissipate.

(2) I have been told by others that the same man has conned them in the same way, £15.00 for five minutes and no work done. So it pays to advertise these rip-off merchants.

*Tony Hutley*

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## **Found**

Lid for Liquidizer which should fit the one sold on the bric-a-brac stall at Malvern. If the purchaser will let me have their name and address I will post it on to them.

Also if you bought my "Useful Box" which was not really for sale, please could you return my left-handed kitchen scissors as I have not been able to replace them. Many thanks.

*Margo Lumb, 16 Crofter's Way, Gt. Soughall, Chester, CH1 6AA or telephone 0124 488 0442.*

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## **FREDERICK CHARLES HAMMOND**

You will have read in the October Newsletter that *Frederick Charles* - better known to us as 'Jock' - died on the 25th August aged 76. *Jock* was a Veterinary Surgeon and started his career in the village of Wickham in Hampshire in a practice that looked after farm and other animals in the beautiful Meon Valley. Moving to Bury St. Edmunds, he found himself dealing with the "horsey" set

around Newmarket and also the dour, reticent farmers on the Cambridgeshire fens. It must have been a bit of a culture shock to move to Walsall, where *he and Doreen* made their home, and work mainly with domestic animals in an urban environment.

Determined to get as much fresh air as possible *Jock and Doreen* bought a boat and spent many thrilling days sailing, mostly around the North West Coast and Islands. Eventually Anno Domini dictated the end of sailing and the boat was sold and an Auto-Sleeper purchased. So started many happy days of rallying and touring. On the rally field they were always first to volunteer for any job that needed doing, whether it be marking out pitches, setting out tables and chairs or selling raffle tickets. *Jock* was sometimes in considerable pain as he suffered with an injured leg, but he was seldom seen without a huge grin and a sometimes risque story. Many a 'first time rallier' has been welcomed by *Jock and Doreen*, invited into their Clubman and plied with tea, coffee, or something stronger. *Jock* was also the club's unofficial, honorary, and unpaid vet. Giving unstinting advice on sick or injured pets. Such was the man's generosity of spirit.

The size of the congregation in the Parish Church at Walsall for a service of thanksgiving for his life was testament to *Jock's* standing in his local community. The Club was represented by our *President and Mrs Trevelyan* and fourteen members. *Jock Hammond* was in all senses of the word a big man and a truly gentle man. He will be sadly missed.

*Brian Smith*

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## FOR SALE

To fit Talbot Talisman GL (Not Boxer!)  
- Hope Safe-T-Bar with tow bar. £250.00  
ono. Tel: David Perry on 0125 676 5520 or  
write to Silver How, London Road, Hook,  
Hampshire, RH27 9EQ.

[This ad "slipped away" from a  
Newsletter a couple of months back. Sorry!]

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Ford Excelsior, Sept. 96, 'P' reg. 2.5 diesel automatic. 16,000 miles. ABS braking, heated front seats with lumbar supports, heated front screen (electric), head lamp washers plus over £5,000.00 extras. Incorporating 2-way kitchen fan, Fiamma 3.5m awning, twin cycle rack, motorcycle rack, Air-Ride suspension, generator and rack, RV and video, rear view camera and other items too numerous to mention. Superb unmarked vehicle, garaged under cover and used solely by existing retired owners, non-smokers, no pets, no children. Genuine reason for sale. £27,500.00. Contact John Northcott on 0179 887 5326 or write to Lickfold Farm, Wigginholt, Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 2EL.

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Internal Silver Screens for Boxer cab, very good condition. £40.00. 24" chrome table leg and folding tripod stand. £20.00 the pair. Tel: Pat & John Baker on 0150 853 8141 or write to Bankside, Rookery Hill, Rockland St. Mary, Norwich, NR14 7EW.

Thanks for the donation.

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Talisman, Dec 1996, 2.5 diesel. 14,000 miles. Very good condition. Non-smokers. Omnistor awning. £23,950.00. Contact Keith Adams on 0180 352 7740 or write to 51 Wheatlands Road, Paignton, Devon, TQ4 5HX.

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VW Trident, 1990, 2 litre P.I. 75,000 miles. Full service history. Tow bar with auxiliary socket, Fiamma awning and 2 bike rack. New Sony radio/cassette with remote control, fly screens, swivel seat. 2 new batteries, blown air gas heater, fresh and waste water tanks, latest swivel table. New curtains, cushions and stool. Absolutely mint condition throughout. £10,995.00. Contact Kathy & David Pass on 0160 659 2859 or mobile 07 867 822 977 or write to Fair Oaks, Moss Lane, Clive, Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 3NJ.

Thanks for the donation.

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New 25 metre hook-up cable. £12.50. Door fly curtain for Clubman. £12.50. Workshop Manual VW T4. £10.00.

Wanted. 3.5 metre awning for Amethyst.

Tel: Val & Gary Baxter on 0135 922 1349 or write to The Old Post Office, The Street, Coney Weston, Suffolk, IP31 1HG.

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Ford Legend 1997, 2.5 turbo diesel. 6,000 miles. Many extras including 3.5 metre Fiamma awning, twin cycle rack, two-way roof fan, Thatcham alarm, Air-ride suspension, Silver Screens, Status TV aerial, front bar and driving lights. Superb condition - always kept in garage. £23,750.00. Tel: Ray Lostak on 0170 875 6232 or write to 58 Hog Hill Road, Collier Row, Romford, Essex, RM5 2DH.

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Piaggio 125 Hexagon scooter, reg. Oct. 1998. 1,500 miles. 3 year warranty. £1,450.00. Cara Tow Bar, used twice. £320.00. Phone Jack Davis on 0197 770 8953 or write to Greystones, 59 Castlesyke View, Pontefract, West Yorkshire, WF8 4LY.

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Symphony on Boxer 270M. 2L petrol. Reg. March 97 (P). Only 5,500 miles. Excellent condition, non-smokers, no pets. Fiamma F50pro 3m awning. Omnistor twin bike rack. Status TV aerial plus booster. £21,000.00 ono. Contact Brenda or Don Stickland on 0193 234 4518 or write to 45 Church Road, Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 7EJ.

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VW Caravelle High top. 'E' reg. 44,000 miles. MOT to June, taxed to November. Fully equipped, few extras. As new. Offers around £6,500.00. Reason for sale - widowed lady owner not keen on 'going it alone'. Tel: Norma Neath on 0124 641 4048 or write to 58 Barnard Avenue, Coal Aston, Sheffield, S18 6BP.

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Autumn break in Madeira. Two weeks, Monday 16th to 30th October 2000. Luxury apartment at five star Carlton Madeira Hotel Funchal. Sleeps four, two bathrooms, kitchen, microwave, fridge etc., balcony with harbour and sea views. Daily maid service. Use of hotel facilities including two swimming pools. £780.00 total. Flights can be arranged as an extra. We will be happy to help and advise. Tel: Vivian and Sid Barlow on 0155 882 4075.

Thanks for the donation.

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Peugeot Executive, 2.5 diesel. April 1998 'R' reg. One owner, 7,000 miles. 2 berth. P.A.S. Non-smokers, no pets. Immaculate condition. Genuine reason for sale. £25,000.00. Tel: Rosemary Millar on 0127 076 6376 or write to 4 Offley Avenue, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 1AZ.

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VW Trident, 2.5 TDi. 1997 'R' reg. 21,000 miles. Full VW SH. Extras include Propex blown air heating, second battery and free standing awning. Immaculate condition, non-smokers, no pets. Reluctant sale due to house move. £21,500.00 ono. Please telephone Shirley or Phil Blakey on 0152 270 4527 or write to 11 Sturton Road, Saxilby, Lincoln, LN1 2PG.

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Clubman GL, 2 berth, 2.5 TDI, August 1998. 3,000 miles, Van Bitz alarm, Silver Screens, 2 gas cylinders, hook-up cable. Little used. £30,000.00. Tel: Brian Gee on 0188 957 7813 or write to 45 Cherrytree Road, Brereton, Rugeley, Staffs, WS15 1AY.

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Electrolux RM212 refrigerator, 12v/240v/gas. Just fully serviced and tested. £60.00. Buyer collects. Tel: Maurice Wright on 0198 464 0857 or write to Llamedos, 48 Cleeve Park, Blue Anchor, Minehead, Somerset, TA24 6JF.

Thanks for the donation.

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Taylor-made external insulated screen cover for VW Clubman GL. As new - used one season only. Sale due to change of van. £45.00 inc. postage to new owner. Tel: Carolyn and Will Dixon on 0147 325 4783 or write to 2 Halfway Cottages, Tuddenham Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP4 3QH.

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VW Clubman, 2.4 diesel, 'P' reg. 13,000 miles. Taxed and Tested. One owner, no pets, non-smokers. Power steering, toilet/shower, fridge, oven, gas fire, blown air heating, Status TV aerial. Excellent condition. £23,500.00 ono. Tel: Arthur Blackburn on 0194 760 2437 or write to 6 South Terrace, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO21 3HG.

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Peugeot Executive turbo diesel, 2/4 berth, under 26,000 miles. August 1997 'R' reg. One owner, no pets, no children, non-smokers. Fitted with two slide out Beeny drawers (one either side), Air-ride suspension, Fiamma awning with tension bar and, if required, Fiamma twin Professional cycle rack. Extended heating, fitted removable over carpets and external Silver Screen. New van on order. £28,500.00. Tel/Fax: Joyce & Michael Thomas on 0162 557 4166 or write to 4 Thornway, Bollington, Cheshire, SK10 5NW.

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Two dahon folding bicycles in carrying cases - as good as new. £175.00 each or £300.00 for the two. Phone Bob Fryer on 0127 341 4544 or write to 30 Fairfield Gardens, Portslade, Brighton, East Sussex, BN41 2BH.

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Renault Rimini, petrol. 'G' reg. One lady owner. Non-smoker, no pets/ Elevating roof, mains electrics, 3-way fridge, 2 ring hob and grill. 41,800 miles. Always garaged. Please ring Mrs J D Martin on 0140 326 7960 or write to 1 Ryecroft Drive, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 2AW.

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Complete extra cushion and board to make larger bed, suitable for Boxer Harmony/Symphony. Colour - Blue/Greyish. Cost £112.00, bargain £50.00. Delivery may be arranged. Tel: Allan Stanley on 0149 471 6450 or write to "Merriwent", North Road, Widmer End, Bucks., HP15 6ND.

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Peugeot/Talbot Harmony, 2 litre petrol, 4 berth. 1990, 44,000 miles. FSH. 2 owners. MOT & Taxed. Bike rack, alarm/immobiliser, front nudge bars. All A-S refinements. Non-smokers. Very good condition. £10,000.00. Tel: Geoff Harrod on 0178 788 2087 or write to 1 Guy Cook Close, Great Comard, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 0JX.

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2 complete Chantal roof vents plus 1 with a broken strap. £10.00. Mores foldaway step, unused. £10.00. Buyer must collect or pay postage. Phone John Dobbins on 0129 162 3964 or write to 40 Mount Way, Chepstow, Monmouthshire, NP16 5NF.

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Boxer Harmony, 'P' reg, October 1996. 2 litre petrol. 21,000 miles. Usual A-S fittings plus immobiliser. One owner. Non-smokers, no pets. Excellent condition. FSH. £17,900.00. Tel: Arthur Gate on 0194 683 0089 or write to Limegrove, Archer Street, Harrington, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 5QJ.

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Silver Screen for Mercedes 312D, VW or similar. Never used. Cost £115.00 - sell for £70.00. Tel: Arthur Herrin on 0124 453 8377 or write to Norwood, 47 Broughton Hall Road, Broughton, Chester, CH4 0QR.

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