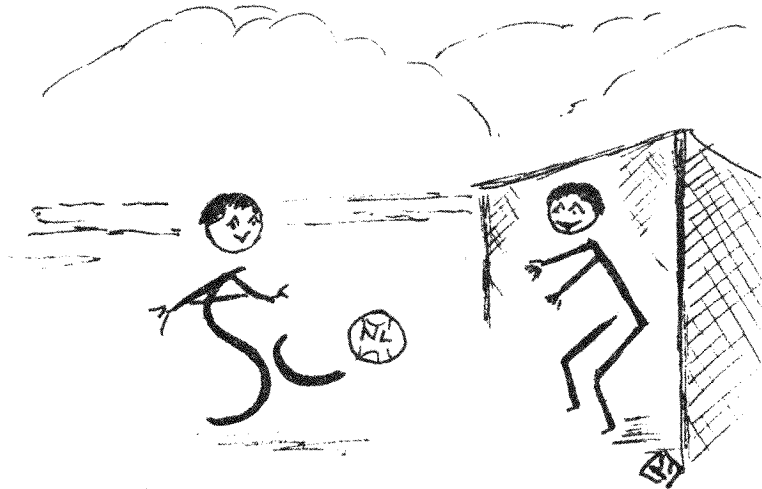




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Harry's Back.

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Hello.

Well, well, well, here we go again. As you can see I am back in the saddle. I don't yet know for how long you will have to put up with me but we shall wait and see.

I am, as I have frequently been in the past, indebted to *Rita Daley* for this month's cover picture. Having learned that I was taking over again she sent this to me. But I am left wondering a bit whether it is intended to suggest that I have scored an "own goal"!

Have you been enjoying yourselves while I've been away? I certainly have, without the constraints of time to get the Newsletter ready. But it all swings back into place in a very short time. I am having one bit of difficulty, though. As I haven't been doing this job for a little while I've forgotten some of the tricks I used to get up to which, hopefully, made the pages look a bit better. Occasionally things are going haywire for me. So if you notice blue smoke coming from these pages, you know the reasons why!

It may be that your Newsletter arrives a little late this month. The reasons for this are twofold. First of all, taking over again has caught me slightly unawares. *Sheila and I* are off on holiday just at the time when I would have been getting the last bits ready for the printer and our printer is in the throes of moving his business from the Birmingham area down to Devon. However, we shall all do our best to get things properly organised and we shall hope that it won't be too late arriving on your doormat. Or even in the letterbox!

My usual cry will now be made. Please, PLEASE, PLEASE let me have your contributions because without them there will be no Newsletter. Or is that the way you want it? Don't forget that you can send stuff to me by E-mail or by normal post (address on the back page for both). I can accept items which are written (or scrawled!) on paper, cardboard, typed, sent on a 3.5" disc (or disk if you prefer it!) Any subject, serious or amusing, all will be willingly received and, if suitable,

put into a copy of the Newsletter. So, get your paper, pencil, crayon, typewriter or computer busy and let us have your erudite thoughts!

However, please remember **NOT** to send any attachment with an E-mail message. Because they are often fraught with the possibilities of viruses being embedded within them, your entire committee has agreed that **ANY** E-mail message which has an attachment **WILL NOT BE OPENED!** So there!

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ADDRESSES

At the recent committee meeting, it was suggested that a couple of addresses ought to be included with the Newsletter. Whilst this will not, as yet, occur in every issue, it might be as well to let you have the details every so often. So here goes.

The Club Secretary is *Ms Janet Sutterby* and her address is "Normanton", 3 Bilsby Road, Alford, Lincolnshire, LN13 9EW. Any official letter about the Club should, of course, be sent to the Secretary.

The Membership Secretary is *Mrs Norma Caley* and she lives at 17 Rydal Avenue, Freckleton, Preston, Lancashire, PR4 1DJ. That's where any enquiry about membership should be directed, if you happen to meet someone who wants to join. Please take a special note about this address as *Norma* tells me that people often have difficulty with Freckleton when that address is given on the telephone.

The Chairman is, of course, *Ray Whiley*, and he lives at 21 Ellcar Rise, Eaton, Norwich, Norfolk, NR4 6HR. (I always like the idea of our Chairman having an "L" Car!)

I'll try to repeat these details so that they don't get left on that piece of paper that you put away so very carefully.

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What it's all about!

What an enjoyable weekend we have just had!

To explain: In February we took delivery of our Symbol, having reached the pinnacle of our camping career. We started off camping as children in scouts and guides respectively and, having progressed since marriage through hike tent, frame tent, trailer tent and caravan finally to an Auto-Sleeper. With our new acquisition and more time at our disposal we thought we would try weekend camping at various rallies organised by the different camping/caravanning/motorhoming groups that we had access to.

For the May bank holiday weekend we chose Somerset and camped with a group from Devon (not ASOC) whose motto is "The Friendly Club". We enjoyed the weekend, but nothing that happened with that group made us feel that we wanted to join them regularly. They were a pleasant enough crowd, but we were never made to feel part of the group. In fact, although I said to the marshals upon arrival that this was our first rally, we were never introduced to the rest of the group until the final morning, just minutes before everyone left for home. In fact, because we were all mixed up with ordinary campers on a commercial site we never knew exactly who were fellow members of the same club that we belonged to and who were just members of the public, enjoying the same lovely weather together.

It was with some trepidation, therefore, that we decided to embark on another rally at Little Cotton, Dartmouth, this time with the ASOC that we had joined at the same time. The first contact was when we received a telephone message the week before from *Terry Holtom*, the marshal, to say that he was very sorry but there would be no-one there to meet us as we were arriving late and everyone would be out on the River Dart, but that he would leave us a letter on his windscreen to tell us what to do when we arrived, and that he hoped that we would join everyone down in the town at the open air brass band concert.

Within seconds of arriving and picking up the note we were approached by *Norman and Deanne* who hadn't gone on the boat trip and they proceeded to make us welcome. We rushed tea and set off for the nearby park and ride bus to take us down to the town. As we neared the stop we were overtaken by some other members who immediately insisted that we share a bus ticket with them as they were going to the concert too. Afterwards, back at the camp site, various people stopped to talk to us and welcome us. We received a special welcome the next morning at the coffee morning (along with other latecomers like ourselves) and for the rest of the splendid weekend we were never far from a friendly face, no matter whether we were on site, in the town or on the bus. They even arranged the raffle a day early for us because we had to leave on the Sunday when everyone else left on the Monday. When the time came it took us quite a while to say goodbye because of all the friends we had met! What a difference! We have already signed up for our next rally, the Club & Company rally.

The ASOC is "THE friendly club" so far as we are concerned. Our thanks go to *Pam and Terry* and all their other friends (including those from "The Rejects") who made us feel so welcome at Little Cotton.

Alan & Celia Waugh

This is not the first time we have heard this sort of comment and it quite possibly will not be the last either. I am reminded of a time, many years back now, when *Sheila* and I went to a similar weekend rally of another club, definitely NOT like ours. We arrived on the Friday to be greeted with "That's £2.50, please" and the next "communication" we had was on Sunday morning with the words "Oh! Are you off, then?" Fortunately, ASOC works rather differently! Our very first rally was the Inaugural meeting and we were greeted as we arrived by the man himself, *John Cox*. Who could ask for more?

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It's the way you read 'em!

This was overheard while at the Peterborough show. A lady was looking at the sets of crockery on one of the stalls. Her partner was apparently telling her what the set contained. He went on to say that "It's marked 'Chip Resistant' too". The lady looked rather taken aback and immediately said "Isn't that terrible?"

Doug Wood

According to the pundits whom we have heard about recently, all to do with diet, of course, perhaps more things should avoid having chips put on them as well as into them!

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RALLIES

Further to *Neil Rogers* comments at Peterborough regarding poor attendance at rallies. I have to report that my rally at Barnoldswick had to be cancelled because I only had three members who wanted to attend.

I think that the members who have been there in the past would agree that it was a beautiful venue, but now we have lost it.

I wonder if some members could put pen to paper saying why we have such poor attendance at some of these rallies, or even if they want these smaller rallies at all.

Ivy & Ken Farley

We have had similar problems in the past. Some people feel that to run a rally they must put on more than so-and-so did for their rally.

Some feel that they only want to go to the bigger sites while others prefer the green fields and lots of chat.

If you would like to send any comments to your Editor, they will all be appreciated. It is only by knowing **YOUR** views that **YOUR** Club can offer what **YOU** want.

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Rentals are Growing Up

Having gone through our first year, Vivanti is now developing nicely and hopefully encouraging more and more people to venture into the world of Motorhomes and, most importantly, Auto-Sleeper Motorhomes.

The bookings for the summer period are building up and I would like to put out a simple request to some of the keen Motorhomers living in and around the Bagshot, Camberley, Bracknell area. I have a particular need for a small group of people who would be interested in working the occasional day to help hand over a motorhome, or perhaps some driving to collect holiday makers. It could be a very rewarding and enjoyable time, helping people to enjoy a holiday, and would also put a few bob in the pocket!

If you are interested in finding out more please give me a call on my mobile phone: **07 811 217 930** or drop a note to me at the factory.

David Putt

Vivanti Operations Director

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WORDSEARCH

Reverting to an earlier day, when members had a little time on their hands at rallies or on holiday, I now offer a little puzzle. *Sheila* has kindly arranged this for me and, as it is the year of the Golden Jubilee, all the words are on that subject. See how many you can find. The answers will be given a little later on in the Newsletter.

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(From the Factory)
Auto-Sleepers
worth their 'wait' in gold!

Here at Willersey we are in the enviable position of having the fullest order books and production lines at the highest capacity since the company was first started in 1961. Orders for our motorhomes are currently exceeding production and, as a result, the time from the average dealer order to delivery is taking about two months. And in the case of some of the most popular models, even longer.

Now, you may feel that a delay in delivery is not something that we should be trumpeting but we can assure you that it is only good news for both customer and manufacturer. It means that not only is our industry at its healthiest ever, but that Auto-Sleeper is producing vehicles that the market is happy with! Needless to say, we are looking at every possible method of, and approach to, production techniques so that we can speed up the line but still maintain our tradition of quality construction. And at the same time, we are able to gently evolve some of our models to embrace modern requirements and tastes.

Against a market background of a steady increase in annual sales (at its highest annual rate of well over 5000 in 2001) enthusiasm for the lifestyle is growing. And the popularity is largely down to the current desire for independence with no loss of security or comfort. Motorhomes are attractive to all age groups, with or without children, and are being used for an ever growing variety of activities from special interest tours at home and abroad, to short breaks year round in the UK.

Indeed, Auto-Sleepers is currently looking at all types of users when reviewing its product development and there are a number of areas where we feel that we may be able to inject even greater enthusiasm for both existing and new entrants into the market.

But for any longstanding AS owners, who may be worried that our traditions and standards will fly out of the window in favour of swift production methods, we would stress that we are making every effort to meet the record-breaking demand for our vehicles and at the same time maintaining our standards. No easy task we're sure you would agree, but our reputation was built by constructing a quality product and that's where we want to stay!

In fact, by the time you read this, we will have just delivered our 1000th styrofoam model to Brownhills - and you can't get better praise than customers who keep on ordering...

Whoever wrote this was too shy to sign it!

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Bottle Stall

May I ask if, once again, you would be kind enough to donate bottles for this stall at the Club and Company Rally? We do need a very large number of bottles for this very popular style of Tomboia. Anything in a bottle is acceptable and it would be helpful if you could take them to the Bottle Stall as soon after your arrival as is convenient. We did well last year but it would be good if we could do even better this year. "Together we can do it" - so I look forward to seeing you at the Bottle Stall. And "Thank You" for all your generous support in the past.

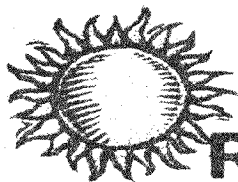
Doris Mitchell

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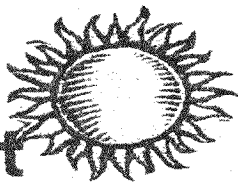
An Observation

From a new Auto-Sleeper Owner

I read with interest in the June Newsletter (page 16) that a member with a Legend was advised that the curtain rails had to be



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Rally Supplement

Please remember that all rally bookings, unless otherwise stated in this Supplement, are made by post by sending a rally slip to the relevant marshal.

31st.December 2002 - 2nd.January 2003. 10th.Hidden Valley New Year Rally.
All those who are interested in attending this popular rally please send a SAE to:
Sandra Wisely, 2 Mount Pleasant, Bishops Itchington, Southam, Warks. CV47 2QE.
Tel.No. 01926 614 194.

All rallies start at 12 noon unless otherwise stated in this Supplement.

2nd.-5th. July (3 nights).Hatton World Craft Centre & Shopping Village,Nr. Warwick.

Emergency Tel.No. 07714170958.

Rally Marshals: Helen & Geoff Gray. Assisted by Pat & David Mayne.

Site Fee:£4.00 per night.(Incl.VAT). No Electricity. Rally Fee:£2.35 (Incl.VAT).

This is a **GREEN FIELD** site. Booking forms & cheques to:G.Gray, 73 Woodstock Gardens,Pencoed,Bridgend, CF35 6ST. Tel.No. 01656 862 423.

Attractions:The Shopping Village is adjacent to the Rally Field and has 25 Craft/Speciality Gift Shops,an Antique Centre,a Farm Park and a Bar/Restaurant(serving lunches & afternoon teas).The Rally has been booked to coincide with the Royal Show at the nearby National Agricultural Centre at Stoneleigh,Warks.

Directions:From A46 Warwick By-pass take A4177(Warwick-Solihull).In approx. 2 miles,after passing the Waterman P.H. (on left) BEAR LEFT onto B4439 then follow signs for Hatton Country World. **Arrival Time:**Please do **NOT** arrive before 2.00 p.m.

5th. - 8th. July (3 nights).Prestwood Steam Fair,Great Missenden,Bucks.

Rally Marshals: Ann & Norman Ailward.

Site Fee:£14.00. No Electricity. Rally Fee: £1.20 per van.(Incl. VAT). This is a **GREEN FIELD SITE & OWN TOILETS ESSENTIAL.**

*** **Note new address** Booking slips to: Mrs. A. Ailward,, 77b Park View,Moulton, Northampton.NN37 UZ. Tel. No. 01604 790 095

No arrivals before 1.00p.m. Friday.

Attractions:Unlimited entry to a two day Steam Fair.

Directions:A413 Gt. Missenden,Bucks.A4128 Prestwood and follow Steam Fair signs.

5th - 9th.July (4 nights). Siddington Village Hall,Nr. Macclesfield,Cheshire.

Emergency Tel.No. 0789 0876 859.

Rally Marshals:Elizabeth & Bryn Morgan & Nora & Ven Venables.

Site Fee:£4.00 per night.(Includes payment for the use of the Village Hall).Rally Fee:£1.88 per person.(Incl. VAT).

Cheques payable to B. Morgan.SAE for confirmation of booking & directions to B. & E. Morgan,44 Mersey Road,Heaton Mersey,Stockport.SK4 3DJ.Tel.No. 0161 432 4869.

This is a **GREEN FIELD SITE**, with use of the Village Hall toilet facilities. **Most pitches are SLOPING SO BLOCKS WILL BE REQUIRED**.Nearest shop & Pub 2.5 miles.

DOGS allowed on **LEADS**.

Attractions:Jodrell Bank Telescope & Arboretum 4 miles.Macclesfield market town & Silk Museum 5 miles.Capesthorpe Hall 1 mile. Redesmere ¼ mile. Saturday American Supper.

This rally will be ideal for those travelling from Scotland & the North to the Club & Company Rally.All welcome,there is a limit of 30 vans with a minimum of 25 vans.

12th - 14th July Club & Company Rally.Three Counties Showground,Malvern,Worcs.

Forms in May Newsletter, note closing date 28th June.

19th - 21st. July Midsummer Music Festival. No rally.

18th - 21st. July (3 nights). Abbeygate College,Nr.Chester.

Emergency Tel.No. 01244 332 077.

Rally Marshals: Jean & Duncan Ellis.

Site Fee:£5.00 per night. Rally Fee:£3.00 couples,£1.75 singles.(Incl.VAT).

Booking slips to:Mr.& Mrs. D.Ellis,6 Tudor Close,Shotton,Deeside,Flint.CH15 1NY.

Tel.No:01244 812 761.Cheques payable to:D.Ellis.

Saturday evening buffet & dessert £5.00 per person.**Pay caterers on night.**

Directions:From North M6,M56,M53 take A41 s.p. Whitchurch.In approx 2 ½ miles after entering Waverton **turn right** for Saughton.Beware humpback bridge,carry on through village then left hand bends down hill - college 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 OF 35 Vans.

25th - 28th. July (3 nights). Beacon Park,Lichfield,Staffs.

Rally Marshals: Tricia & Ted Pratt, and helpers.

Site Fee:£4.50 per night.(Incl.VAT). No Electricity. Rally fee:£2.35 (Incl.VAT).

Booking slips/cheques payable to: P.M.Pratt,3 Grafton Rd, Stapenhill, Burton upon Trent, Staffs.DE15 9DN. Tel.No. 01283 538 818. You may arrive Thursday p.m.Note that this is virtually a GREEN FIELD SITE, toilets & disabled toilets are available in Beacon Park.

Friday: Some special celebration of Ralliers' birthdays & wedding anniversaries may take place,weather permitting on Friday evening - more information on arrival.

Saturday Evening - Get together includes Jacket Potato,Dessert & Drink - £4.00 per head, pay with booking slip.

Attractions Adjacent to Lichfield City Centre & Cathedral.Small golf course,pitch & putt,tennis & bowls.

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

1st - 4th.August.(3 nights).Peacock Inn,Cutthorpe,Nr.Chesterfield,Derbyshire.

Site Tel.No. 01246 232 834 (Emergencies only Landlord).

Rally Marshals: Jan & Vic Hicklin, Evelyn & Ben Mansfield.

Site Fee:£4.00 per night.(incl.VAT). NO ELECTRICITY. Rally Fee:£1.35 + 50p per person.(incl.VAT). BLOCKS ESSENTIAL ON FIELD.Use of toilets during opening hours. otherwise GREEN FIELD site.

Booking slips to: Mrs. J.Hicklin,381 Manor Road,Brimington,Chesterfield, Derbyshire S43 1PP.Tel.No. 01246 236 157.Cheques payable to Mrs. J.Hicklin.

Attractions:Bar meals available,The site is on a bus route to Chesterfield - famous for its Crooked Spire.Open air markets Friday & Saturday.The site is on the edge of the Peak Park,6 miles from Chatsworth House & Park and close to Bakewell & Matlock.

Directions: 3½ miles west of Chesterfield.Take the B6051 out of Chesterfield - signposted NEWBOLD,BARLOW for 2 ½ miles.At crossroads turn **LEFT** into Cutthorpe B6050 signposted BASLOW.Site 1 mile on **LEFT**.

1st - 5th. August (4 nights). Springbok Estate,Alfold,Nr. Cranleigh,Surrey.

Site Tel.No. 01403 752 555.Emergencies only.

Rally Marshals: Sylvia & Norman Brice.

Site Fee:£3.00 per night. No electricity. Rally Fee:£2.35 couples,£1.75 singles.(Incl.VAT). GREENFIELD SITE - emptying & water points,toilets.

Booking slips & cheques payable to Mrs.S.Brice, 35 Halfpenny Close, Chilworth,Surrey. GU4 8NH. Tel.No.01483 562 986.

Attractions:Large country house with social club.Close to Alfold village,20 minutes walk for bread & papers.Many walks.Close to Cranleigh,Guildford,Horsham & South Coast within easy reach.Fishing lake,bring licence.Skittles & buffet evening to be arranged.

Please indicate on booking slip if interested.

DOGS WELCOME(on leads at all times).

Directions:Take A281 Guildford to Horsham Road.At Alfold crossways turn off signposted Alfold,immediately **right** signposted Dunsfold.Site in approximately 1 ½ miles.

8th - 11th. August.(3 nights) Durham City Rugby Club, Green Lane,Durham.

Rugby Club Tel.No. 0191 386 1172. Emergencies only.

Rally Marshals: Enid & Geoff Mackey,assisted by Ray & Alwyn Pope.

Site Fee:£4.00 per night(Incl.VAT). Rally Fee:£2.00.(Incl.VAT). NO ELECTRICITY.

NO DOGS.(Sports fields & adjoining University sports grounds have a no dogs policy).

Booking slips & cheques payable to: G.B. & E. Mackey,17 Beechers Grove,Woodham, Newton Aycliffe,Co.Durham.DL5 4TE. Tel.No. 01325 313 087. Mobile 07754 442689. e-mail Mackey@gemackey.fsnet.co.uk

Site has water,toilets,showers(some restricted use),disposal point.Get together Thursday evening,boules tournament Friday afternoon(if sufficient interest) also communal bar-b-q.Saturday evening American Supper and music/dancing in the upstairs lounge bar of the Rugby Club which will be open for drinks.Raffle.

Attractions:Short 10 minute walk into city centre.Come and experience the Land of the Prince Bishops and visit the ancient castle and Norman Cathedral (Guided tour Saturday possible).Outdoor bowls,indoor swimming pool nearby.Excellent river walks,new shopping arcades.Saturday indoor and outdoor markets and craft fair.

Directions:From South A167,at "Cock of the North" roundabout turn **right**,pass the Crematorium on right, Golf Club on left,university colleges both sides,**straight on** at New Inn traffic lights,down hill into the city.At next traffic lights you will see "The Royal County Hotel" straight ahead.Turn **right** in front of the hotel.**Straight on** towards Prison,turn **left** at the top of the street into Green Lane.Travel down until you see the Rugby Club,entrance on right,turn in,pass the clubhouse on your left and you will see the rugby fields and your marshals. Send SAE if you require confirmation of booking. (These cannot be acknowledged until after 17th.July).

22nd -27th. August.Van Bitz. Cancelled,circumstances beyond our control.

28th. August - 2nd. September.(5 nights).Shoreham Air Display, West Sussex.

Emergency Tel.No. 0771 284 8716.On site mobile.

Rally Marshals: Shirley & Chris Sturgeon.

Site fee donation: £2.00 per night. Rally Fee:£2.35(Incl.VAT). NO ELECTRICITY.

Airshow tickets cost £18.00 per adult,£10.00 children.Saturday & Sunday inclusive.

Payable in advance. GREENFIELD SITE with water tap & Loo emptying available.

Booking slips & cheques payable to A.N. Fowler,20 Hawkins Close, Shoreham by Sea,West Sussex.BN43 6TL.

Saturday evening buffet meal available at £3.53 each.(Incl.VAT)).Please state & pay in advance. Send SAE for confirmation. Please state van model for organisational purposes.

Dogs must be kept under control at ALL times otherwise the organisers may have to ask the owners and their dogs to leave for safety reasons.

Attractions: 2 day airshow with on ground entertainment, bicycle rides from site.

Directions: On A27 between Brighton & Worthing leave A27 at traffic lights opposite Sussex Pad Hotel and turn into Airport. This is the only entrance for Motorhomes!

Restricted to first 30 vans. Please do not arrive until 12 noon. Wednesday and you must leave by 12 noon on the 2nd. otherwise you jeopardise our Exemption Certificate.

12th - 15th September. (3 nights). Motorcaravan & RV Show, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

Emergency Tel.No. 0777 557 0182 Marshals' mobile.

Rally Marshals: Jan & Vic Hicklin, Eirwen & Ben Cox & Eva & Colin Whetham.

Site Fee: Special Club prices. Arrive Thursday £23.00 Friday onwards £18.00.

Rally Fee: £2.35 (Incl. VAT). Send rally fees, £2.35 with rally slip & SAE to Mrs. J.

Hicklin, 381 Manor Road, Brimington, Chesterfield, Derbyshire. S43 1PP. Tel.No.

01246 236 157. Send cheques payable to Mrs. J. Hicklin by August 10th.

13th - 15th September (2 nights). Ludlow Food & Drink Festival, Ludlow Secondary School, Ludlow, Shropshire.

Emergency Tel.No. 0780 231 7613 (Marshals' mobile).

Rally Marshals: Sheila & Ivor Barnett, Nora & Ven Venables & team.

Site Fee: £6.00 per night. (Incl. VAT). Rally Fee: £2.35 (Incl. VAT).

Total fees £14.35. **NO ELECTRICITY.**

Rally slips to Mr. I.C. Barnett, Highlevel, Farden Bitterley, Nr. Ludlow,

Shropshire. SY8 3HU. Tel.No. 01584 890 428. Cheque payable to I.C. Barnett.

Please enclose a SAE (C6 9X6) for directions etc. GREENFIELD site with all

level hardstandings, heated hall for evenings. Saturday evening American Supper.

Dogs strictly on lead at **ALL** times and exercise off site.

Attractions: This weekend is Ludlows Food & Drink Festival which is held on

the Saturday & Sunday. There is a Sausage Trail, a Bread Trail, an Ale Trail plus

cheese tasting etc.

Directions: On A49 from South follow South Shropshire Leisure Centre signs. At

2nd roundabout turn **left**, following signs go under railway bridge and turn **right** at

the sign and left into Leisure Centre Car Park. On A49 from North follow South

Shropshire Leisure Centre signs on B4361 turn **right** into Leisure Centre Car

Park. Follow ASOC signs.

Limit of 35 vans. Rally close at 4.00p.m. Sunday.

DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 4.30 p.m. FRIDAY

19th - 22nd September. (3 nights). Northern Motorcaravan Show, York Racecourse.

Emergency Tel.No. 0771 409 1349 (Marshals' mobile).8.00 - 10.00 am & pm.
Rally Marshals:Pauline & Neil Rogers, Evelyn & Ben Mansfield & Jean & Ian Sellers.
Rally Fee:£1.75 (couples),£1.20 (singles) Both incl.VAT Do not forget to send a rally slip to the marshals.The special Club rally fees :arrive Thursday £24.00, arrive Friday £22.00, arrive Saturday £20.00.

You may either use the form enclosed in this Newsletter or fill in an application form from MMM or Which M'Van using the special fees and mark the form *A.S.O.C* in large letters. Send this form back to the organisers, Warners, **before 27th.August.**

Applicants after this date **cannot rally with the Club.**

The rally ends at 12 noon Sunday but you may remain on site until 12 noon.Monday.

Please remember to send a rally slip and cheque for the Rally Fee (payable to N.C. & P. Rogers) to: N.C. & P. Rogers,3 Appleby Close, Aldbrough St.John,Richmond, North Yorks.DL11 7TT. Tel.No. 01325 374 540.

27th - 30th September.(3 nights). "The Ranch", Honeybourne,Nr.Evesham.

This rally is for Auto-Sleepers Open Weekend, Saturday & Sunday. **There is a limit of 40 vans.** We hope that the factory will provide transport from the site to the factory and back. **Please indicate on rally slip which day you will require transport and how many seats.**

Emergency Tel.No. 07714 091 349.Marshals' mobile. 8.00-10.00 am & pm.

Rally Marshals: Pauline & Neil Rogers & Jean & Ian Sellers.

Site Fees:£6.25 per night. Electricity:£2.50. Rally Fee:£1.75 couples & £1.20 singles.

Send rally slip & cheques payable to N.C. & P. Rogers,3 Appleby Close, Aldbrough St.John,Richmond, North Yorks.DL11 7TT. Tel.No. 01325 374 540.

Directions: From A46 Evesham bypass take B4035 signposted Chipping Campden. Continue through Badsey & Bretforton,after passing over the old railway bridge on the approach to Weston Subedge turn **left** at crossroads to Honeybourne.Continue over village crossroads towards Bidford on Avon,site on **left** in 400metres.

We depend on volunteers within the Club to act as rally marshals.If you know of a suitable site why not think about running a rally.It is not difficult and help is available It is important that all potential rally dates and venues are checked with me first as,unless they are approved by the Club,there will be no Public Liability Insurance.

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Your name and address(Please PRINT)

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

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removed so that she could take her curtains down to wash them. I enquired as to how to remove my toilet/shower compartment curtain - the one across the window - as I could not get my fingers up behind the pelmet to remove the curtain hooks. I was informed that the pelmet should be taken down - even though it is sealed along the top!

I realise that when the ashtray in a car is full you buy a new car (fortunately neither himself nor I smoke!) but am left wondering if, when the curtains in a motorhome need washing, do you buy a new motorhome? Do you think it is about time that the womenfolk designed motorhomes?

I do hasten to add that, after writing this, we are extremely pleased with our Gatcombe and look forward to meeting other members at forthcoming rallies.

Jean Shaftoe

You have several choices, *Jean*. You can change the van when the curtains are dirty; you could apply to the N.H.S. for an operation to reduce the size of your fingers; you could "dry clean" them whilst still in situ or even apply some new sealant after removing and replacing the pelmet. But from what I have seen whilst around on the road it would appear that some folk change their vans when the outside gets dirty so the curtains are never a problem!

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The Company Magazine

Our Club President, *Charles Trevelyan*, is looking for some help for the next issue of this magazine. What he seeks is a family who have a relatively modern A-S motorhome but who also have some form of disability that the van has helped to ease in some way. It may be that

it has helped them to carry necessary equipment or perhaps has enabled them to carry on with holidays which might not otherwise have been possible.

If you feel that you could help and don't mind being featured in that magazine, please contact *Charles* directly. His address is Auto-Sleepers Service Centre, Units 2 & 8, Willersey Business Park, Willersey, Nr Broadway, Worcestershire, WR12 7RR. Suitable good and clear photographs would help too.

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WORDSEARCH Answers

Here is the list of the words contained in the puzzle. How many did you find? NO prizes offered!

Fifty	Queen	Elizabeth	Prince
Philip	Street	Parties	Celebration
Flags	Coronation	Crown	Decorations
Buckingham	Palace	February	June
Golden	Jubilee	Westminster	Abbey

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Chairman's Chat



"I wonder just how much longer we can continue to run the Club with unpaid volunteers. Many of the jobs undertaken by Officers appointed by your Committee take up many hours every week."

These are not my words: they were written by *Phil Daley*, one of our Founder Members and a former Chairman, in July 1993. *Phil's* concerns were prompted by the prospect of the Club soon enrolling its 1500th member.

We are now very close to enrolling member no. 4600. Of course, not all those who have joined over the years are still members; nevertheless, at the Committee meeting on 24th May Membership Secretary *Norma Caley* reported a total membership of 1493 with the likelihood that this will rise to 1650, as usual, by the end of the year. In the two months since the previous Committee meeting, *Norma* had processed 90 enquiries and 59 new members had joined.

A suggestion was made at the Annual General Meeting that the number of Committee members might need to be increased, and your Committee will consider this as part of a planned review of the structure, organisation and working practices of the Club. This will not take place, however, before we have completed the incorporation of the Club as a Company Limited by Guarantee. At the time of writing, our Memorandum and Articles of Association are being checked by the solicitor who advises us.

The most pressing need is to bring the Committee up to its authorised total of twelve members. Since the AGM, we have not had a Minutes Secretary, although minutes have been written (temporarily) by *Brian Smith*. We need a volunteer to take on this role. No formal qualifications are needed - just the ability to decide what is important during a meeting and to record in clear, concise English any decisions made. Of course, it is necessary for the Minutes Secretary to be able to attend meetings - the Committee normally meets at Moreton-in-Marsh four or five times a year, with brief meetings during the AGM and C&C Rallies.

Any member who would like to help the Club by taking on this role should let me or the Secretary know before, or at the start of, the Club & Company Rally. It would then be possible to co-opt the volunteer as a Committee member at the beginning of the Committee meeting at 3.00pm on the Sunday - so bring your note-book along!

Ray Whiley

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Water Problems

What a struggle it is to clean the filter in our 1997 Symphony. It is located in such a difficult place under the cupboard beneath the cooker. The only way I can service it is to remove the pump. Surely it could be located in a more accessible place?

Also it really is essential for there to be a drain plug or, preferably, an inspection cap at the lowest point of the tank. Grit got into my tank and ruined the pump, costing £95.00 for a new one.

Could Auto-Sleepers make a point of installing these modifications on new models? Particularly on the new Symbol built on the new Boxer chassis which we hope to purchase in the future.

Ken Fowler

I know that some members have had a large inspection point fitted to their tanks so that they can, from time to time, get inside and clear the "gunge" out. I suppose it boils down to the problems of cost.

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Cruise Controls

I have been very interested in the items in recent Newsletters about Cruise Controls but none of them mention costs or which particular systems they have used. If anyone can give further information on this subject, will they please contact me at 5 Spa Avenue, Weymouth, Dorset, DT3 5EJ, or by telephone on 013 0578 2082; mobile 077 7329 8132 or by e-mail to: f.milward@which.net. Many thanks.

As an afterthought, perhaps the Tiggers might arrange a chat at the Club & Company Rally on this subject.

Ken Milward

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European Directive - 76598 - Section P

A spokesperson for the European Parliament has confirmed that, in order to comply with the conditions for joining the European Single Currency, the phrase "Spending a Penny" is NOT to be used after 31st December 2002.

From that date the correct terminology will be "Euronating"!

Members may like to know this so that they can keep within the law. Many thanks to *Margaret Coggins* for bringing this to our notice.

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THE GOLDEN JUBILEE

CLUB AND COMPANY RALLY

12TH - 14TH JULY 2002

As you read this article the final stages of the planning for this year's rally will be almost completed. The entertainment planned for the weekend is, of course, subject to any last minute changes. Hopefully it will live up to your expectations in our celebration of this Golden Jubilee Year in a 'modestly' grand style.

Friday afternoon will offer the Caribbean Steel Band and the informal reception for the first time ralliers in the Wye Hall. There will be a display of members' hobbies (plenty of room for more - please contact me!), Charity and Club stalls and the Company stores shop and a wide selection of traders. If you have any items which you wish to sell, there will be a 'For Sale' notice board in the Wye Hall. Especially for the ladies this year there will be an exclusive exhibition of Barbara Cartland's hats kindly presented by *Angela Trevelyan*. Entries for the cake competition should be taken to the Holstein room by 1700 hrs (or

5.00 pm!) for judging please. There will be a large selection of new Auto-Sleeper Motorhomes and, hopefully, a selection of pre-owned models. Friday evening will offer you the chance to have a meal, attend the formal opening, a quiz and then dancing which, by popular request, will be to the Worcestershire Jazz Orchestra.

Saturday brings a repeat of most of Friday's activities plus even more entertainment including music by the ever popular Eureka Jazz Band, the Bendix Kingswood Silver Band and the Triumph British Legion Pipe and Drum Marching Band. There are several quizzes for you to take part in and you can also have a go on a small hovercraft, try your hand at archery or even lazer clay pigeon shooting. For those who prefer just to watch there will be an exhibition of medieval axe throwing, falconry, parachutists and hot air balloons. On Saturday evening you are invited to dance to the big band sound of Mike Smith, His Band and Singers as well as checking your raffle tickets in the charity raffle draw. Saturday closes with a sound and light spectacular.

Sunday brings the Salvation Army Inter-denominational service, the presentation of the charity cheques and the closing speeches. Lord Birdwood, on behalf of the British Pigmentosa Retinitis Society, will receive the main charity donation. For those looking for a possible bargain, this year we are sharing the grounds with a large Antiques Fair which will be in the Severn Hall.

If you missed the closing date for attendance and still wish to come, entry will be after 12.00 noon on the Friday with the payment of a £10.00 supplement. Day visitors, including non-members, are welcome and entry will be through the Brown gate on Saturday from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm at a gate price of £5.00 per adult.

I regret to say that we are still short of volunteers. I would much rather have too many than too few. If we are still short, there will be a list in the Wye Hall and if you can help for an hour please look at the list and offer your services direct to the team leader(s) requiring assistance.

On behalf of the Sub-committee, your main Committee and Auto-Sleepers Ltd I hope that you come along to the rally, join in the activities and have a great time. Please don't forget the gold/yellow theme (or alternatively red, white and blue) and fly your flags with pride.

Baz Wellard

It is a great pity that, as usual, not too many people offer to help. I have said, on many occasions in the past, that this world is full of willing people. A few who are willing to work/help and the rest who are willing to let them. But I can assure you, from personal experience, that there is a great deal of satisfaction to be had in giving an hour of your time to help out in marshalling the other ralliers, stewarding the halls, or whatever else may be necessary. I have always noticed that the "work" dissolves rapidly into humourous chit-chat and the time passes so rapidly that you wonder if you have actually spent an hour there. Come on, Give it a try.

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A Welcome awaits In the Algarve

In May of last year we left the UK to make our home in Portugal. Home is now an old, renovated farmhouse in Monte Canellas which is 5km north of Portia, for those who know this part of the Algarve.

Our Auto-Sleeper Flair is still with us and served as our home for 4 weeks during the move South. We do miss the rallies, but not the awful weather you now have in the UK. Today is February 5th and I am sitting by the pool enjoying the mid-day sun, 21 degrees can't be bad! We do have a holiday apartment which we let during the summer which keeps us occupied.

I am writing simply to extend a very warm welcome to any ASOC members who may be visiting Portugal in the coming months. Give us a call, we will guide you to us. Come and have a drink and maybe a swim and most days the BBQ will be in action. We are out in the country, with lovely views all round, very peaceful and very relaxing. Information is available for the holiday apartment for those who may be interested.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Yvonne Palmer and Eddy Lagrand

If you want to contact them, the telephone and fax number is (00 351) 282 47 14 36; e-mail to: LagrandEddy@cs.com or write to Quinta Velha, Urb. Monte Canelas Lote 265, Mexilhoeira Grande, 9500-157 Portimao, Portugal.

This was apparently sent through earlier (hence the mention of February!) but appears to have got lost. Hopefully all is rectified now.

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22K. 4 berth rigged as 2 berth. Later style furniture.
Upgrades and extras totalling over £4,000.00.
Includes unique customised cab. New MOT. F.S.H.
£21,500.00. Phone Harry Roberts on 012 4337 3573.
(Emsworth, Hants) Thanks for the donation.

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Symbol, 2 litre petrol. 2 + 2 berth. 'Y' reg, 2001. Balance 2 yrs A-S warranty. Extras include electric windows, armrests, CD player, extractor fan, Fiamma 2 bike rack. Alarmed. Garaged from new. Non-smokers, no pets. 4,500 miles only. Little used, immaculate condition. £23,250.00 ono. Phone Eric Stanley, 012 4382 1261 (Bognor Regis, West Sussex).

Thanks for the donation.

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Fiamma Top Box - Large. Only used once. (115 x 85 x 40 cms approx) Could be brought to Club & Company rally for delivery. £110.00. Phone Robert Clark on 018 9075 0433 or write to 3 Johns Road, Eyemouth, Berwickshire, TD14 5DX.
Thanks for the donation.



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Pair of Bison 'Rolac' wheelchair ramps. Unused, mint condition. Fold to 4' 6"; extend to 7' 6". Will fit most side opening doors. Easy to store. £250.00. Telephone Tom Nunn on 013 3234 6992 or write to 16 Greenwich Drive North, Derby, DE22 4AB.
Thanks for the donation.

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2 off electric cycles, "Powabikes". As new. Used on 2 holidays. With stands, bell, reflectors and carriers. Under half price. £300.00 each or £550.00 the pair. Tel Derek Bigglestone on 020 8657 6982 after 28th June 2002.
Thanks for the donation.

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Peugeot Symphony 1.9 Turbo Diesel, 'T' reg (March 1999). One owner, low mileage (10,000 miles). 2 + 2 berth. Immaculate condition, non-smokers, no pets. Taxed until June 2003. Extras include electric roof fan, full alarm system, oven, gas bottles, side awning (unused). £19,500.00 ono. Phone Ray Burtenshaw on 013 6725 0106 (Lechlade, Glos) or e-mail PAM112@supanet.com.

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A FINAL THOUGHT.

Don't forget the plea for volunteers mentioned earlier. Better by far that we refuse you than we have to cancel the show!

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