

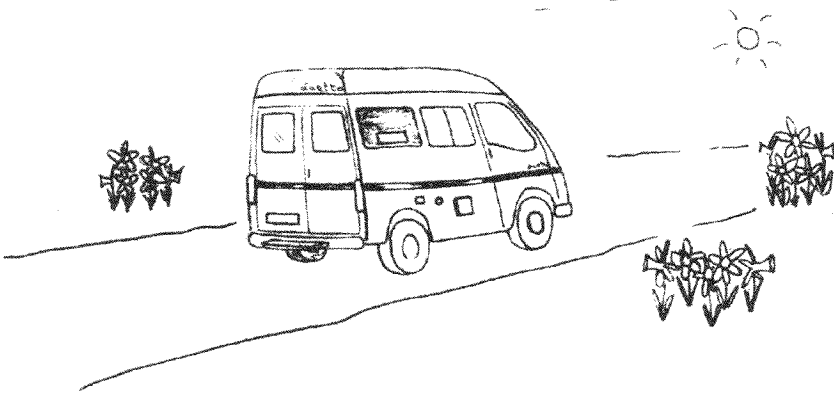


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Hello.

As you may have noticed, the cover picture this month has been supplied by a new artist. I am always on the lookout for suitable sketches which **MUST** be in solid black ink or pencil so that my scanner can "read" it. So if you would like to try your hand, please do.

I've been having computer problems recently so if you have sent anything to me by e-mail and nothing has happened, that is probably the reason. Give it a short time, because I'm going back with my machine to the shop to see if they can fix it for me, and then try again.

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The Annual Dinner / Dance

Some confusion appears to be out and about concerning this affair. Will all members please note that **EVERYBODY** is welcome into the Cedric Ford Pavilion for all of the entertainment. Obviously, only those who have booked for the various meals should attend during the meal times but everyone is welcome for the rest of the evening - or indeed for the rest of the day. It must be equally obvious that people should not wander in and out willy-nilly when other activities, such as the craft sessions, are in progress. But for the entertainment you are all very welcome.

In addition, one or two of our newer members appear to be wondering whether the Dinner Dance is formal or not. It is as formal as you want it to be. If you wish to appear in dinner dress, so be it. If you want to turn up in your normal attire, that is O.K. too. (But please remember that we would like you to wear something!) The Club just wants you to enjoy yourselves. Similarly, don't worry if you can't do a "proper" waltz, quickstep or foxtrot. But if you like to get on the dance floor and sort of shuffle about roughly in time with the music, come on and enjoy yourselves.

So remember, apart from pre-booked meals and craft sessions, the Cedric Ford Pavilion is open to everyone at all reasonable times. Please make sure that you have your current membership card with you as we may need to have some sort of check to prevent non-members from coming in.

Nora Venables

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M.P.V's and Modules

Reading Rob Axton's predictions in the March Newsletter took me back a few years to when we could only afford to run one vehicle. Husband used our VW Transporter van for work during the week, but for

weekends he made a unit which housed a sink, cooker top and grill, one gallon fresh and foul water containers, gas bottle and crockery cupboard. It took two of us to lift it in but required just one fixing to the back of the front seat to hold it securely in place. It was very quick. A big piece of plywood slid over the raised half of the floor of the van. It had two legs on it to hold it level when it was slid out to make the double bed. At night, we just slid it forward and put on an airbed and sleeping bags. During the day the bedding was roughly folded in half and pushed towards the back door and the board slid backwards leaving just enough to double as a work surface and somewhere to sit to eat. Evenings, the TV was balanced on the cooker and we lay in bed to watch it. Lovely job.

When the children came with us, they slept in a tent, but lack of space inside the van was a problem. It was standard practice to prepare food and put it on the edge of the board ready for mealtime. The inevitable happened when daughter came in and sat on a plate of sandwiches. She grizzled because of the greasy marks on her jeans but son laughed himself silly till he found out that we still had to eat the sandwiches. It was a Sunday, miles from anywhere, and I didn't have any more bread.

We did eventually have the van professionally converted, high top etc., but it was never as much fun as the early days. Over the years we progressed through a variety of caravans and campers till today when with our monochrome hair and bottle-bottom lenses, we do our thing in a Symbol, and very nice it is too!

Anne Bull

It is always interesting to hear how other folk have started their motorhoming careers. Many of us started in the impecunious regions and "made do" with whatever we could. It amazes me to see what is offered in some vans today - and then to hear people complain that it hasn't got a something or other!

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Wigan Pier update.

A new Beginning

In the November 2004 Newsletter I reported that Wigan Pier was to start a phased closure. Redevelopment work on the £9.5 m Wigan Pier Quarter at Trencherfield Mill, will begin on the 4th of April 2005 when the whole of the site will close for one week to allow for stock and equipment to be transferred to the Way We Were site. The Way We Were museum will then re-open on the 11th of April. After this time, the gift shop will be situated on the ground floor of the learning centre, which is the building

attached next door to the to the Orwell Pub. The waterbus will remain in service until 2007. The tourist information centre will be relocated to opposite the Wigan North western train station.

This forms part of a wider regeneration scheme of the area and is to include a new visitor and leisure attractions, a new restaurant, a hotel, apartments, speciality shops and pubs. Major landscaping will take place to improve the canal-side and access. A new 500-seat purpose built theatre and bar will be next to the mill. Next to the mill engine will be a new heritage themed attraction. It is hoped that the redevelopment will be completed by the spring of 2007 when The Way We Were museum will close to make way for a centre for creative industries (IT).

From the 11th of April 2005 Wigan Pier will be open: - Monday - Thursday 10am -5pm. Sunday 11am - 5pm. It is open all year apart from Fridays, Saturdays, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Parking for Wigan Pier will be at Haigh Street car park just off Wallgate (A49). It is opposite the Way We Were buildings and behind Corkills Volkswagen garage and has railings around it. This is a free car park; though not a large car park it can accommodate large Motorhomes, as there is no height barrier. While development is on going the Mill at The Pier car park will be closed. Follow the brown tourist signs for Wigan Pier and not the ones for The Mill at the Pier.

Wigan Pier has a Celebration offer of any 4 persons admitted for only £10.50. This is until 31st March 2006. Club members must quote Ref: ASOC when you purchase your ticket to get this special site saver plus discount or you can get a voucher off me at the AGM.

For further information Tel: 019 4232 3666 or go to www.wiganpier.net or wiganpier@wlct.org

Dave Crabbe.

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Recycle your Cards

I shall be grateful to receive, for re-cycling, any greetings cards which members no longer need. A box will be placed in the entrance hall of the main building at the AGM for any donations. The re-cycled cards are sold for charity.

Thank you.

Eileen Kellard

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Newsletters

We have been advised that one of our members has a complete set of Newsletters from the very beginning up to the present day. She now wishes to dispose of them so if anyone would like a full set, please let our Membership Secretary know and she will put you in touch.

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Realised Dreams

After motor caravanning around for 25 years, we have realised one of our dreams, buying our first A-S motorhome (a VW Clubman). We very quickly felt part of the A-S family and have already spoken to *Charles Trevelyan* on two occasions to seek his advice and must thank him for all his help. How great it is to be able to talk to someone who is prepared to listen and do all he can to help. Thanks again, *Charles*.

Over the years we have thought of fitting a 'E mag' fuel conditioning unit to our vans but have never been completely convinced that they work. We have a VW 2.4 diesel and would be pleased to hear from anyone who has fitted one of these devices. We would like to know whether it improved the power, and MPG?

We have been reading with interest the debate on motorhome design. We are sure it is impossible to build one that is perfect. Our first three we designed and built ourselves; even then we found snags when we used them, so now we accept compromise and enjoy what we have. We hope to enjoy many more hours touring and to join some of the ASOC rallies.

Thanks for a great Newsletter.

Yvonne and Dave Boon

You've got a good van there. Ours is now thirteen years old and is nicely run in! We get around 28 mpg, including longer runs and London traffic so we don't complain. And as I have often said before, YOU out there are responsible for the Newsletter, all I do is to put it together. So well done everyone who contributes.

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G.P.S and Draughts

Several people that we know of in the Club use a GPS navigation system. Ours is a Garmin which we have used for over 12 months. Another member has a Tom Tom instrument, which has other benefits over the Garmin. One excellent model is Median, very portable

and very, very versatile. We are very happy to discuss either. You can e-mail us at Rhodsie@dotishome.fsnet.co.uk or by telephone on 017 4336 3628.

Also we have problems when parked up in poor weather, with draughts through the driver and passenger doors of our Talisman on a Peugeot. Has anyone else had similar problems, but more important, any solutions? Replies appreciated to addresses as above.

Diana and Keith Rhodes

This sounds like a subject which will come further forward in the future as the various systems are developed. The one thing which I find of concern is that the systems must be pre-loaded with the geographic information of roads etc. And with the way some local authorities are changing their road layout - you almost need a download every week.

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Route Finding

In reply to *Rita Daley's* question - does anyone else have a Garmin Satellite Route Finder? We do. We bought our 2610 last year before setting off for Austria in the autumn and it proved invaluable, although we did go 'off route' on occasions, especially at roundabouts. Sometimes we were told by 'Doris' (we thought it should have a name as a lady speaks to us!) to take the 2nd exit etc. and, after carefully counting the exits, off we would go to then be told we were 'off route' and Doris was recalculating. It did however get us back on route again without going too far. It enabled us to side track into towns and easily find our way back to our original route, which can be quite stressful in England, let alone a foreign country. We have also discovered that the Route Finder doesn't recognise the numerous mini roundabouts that are now appearing.

Rita did very well with price, we paid over £850.00. But then, as with all these things, price does appear to fall once they have been on the market for sometime and I must admit we didn't 'look around' as we wanted it quickly. If the memory proves not big enough for abroad etc. another card can be bought for around £50.00 and the other countries can be added to it.

Susanne Martina

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WOW!

To all ASOC members - **WOW!** The response to our Autoclutch enquiry surpassed our wildest dreams so thank you everybody who

made the effort and found the time to help us either by email or phone – you were wonderful. Weather permitting we are off to see the "clutch man" in Dorset shortly and will hopefully be able to report on our progress at a later date. Thanks again.

Sandy & Michael Busbridge

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BACK HOME by MEZAN

A rare visit to the Willersey Motorhome Service Centre was the Company Mezan Demonstrator. On six-month loan to Practical Motorhome, this compact and stylish new model is in the capable hands of Deputy Editor, Daniel Wright.

Reversing sensors with a digital read-out, a popular after sales fitment at the Service Centre, were fitted with Daniel photographing every move for a future article in Practical Motorhome. Fitted by Terry Hemming, one of the Service Centre technicians, the sensors can be fitted to give either an audible warning or digital read-out.

The opportunity was also taken to polish out some body scratches sustained to the rear bumper enabling the Mezan to leave the Service Centre in first class condition – including a wash and polish.

Pictured alongside the Mezan, Daniel expressed delight with this latest Auto-Sleeper creation. "It is beautifully made and appointed" he says "and it's aerodynamic qualities found only in a monocoque coachbuilt make motorway driving a real pleasure".

As one of Practical Motorhomes fleet of long term test vehicles, the Mezan appears monthly with a full user report. The June issue covers the fitting of the reversing sensors – says Daniel "The Mezan may be a small motorhome, but it certainly has a big heart!".

Charles Trevelyan

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Crockery/Glassware

Is your van short of a any crockery or glassware? Have you had problems finding replacements? If so then there may be a solution to your problems.

Mike Rapp of Robsons, Durham Road, Wolsingham, Co.Durham. DL13 3HU (e-mail sales@robsonsofwolsingham.co.uk), has some replacements for sale. Send him an e-mail or letter (no telephone calls), with descriptions or photos & dimensions. Monies will go to charity.

Neil Rogers

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Height Barriers etc.

We are new members. For ten years we had a Renault Traffic pop up and went to many places we had never been before doing our family history as well as going around Spain and Portugal for two months and Scotland for a month. Needless to say we are retired. Unfortunately our 'Esmeralda' got too old for us as we are no good at handyman stuff and we sold her on to a young couple who had the know how to give her some TLC. We then had a year's gap until in 2003 we 'got the urge' again and finished up in March 2004 with a new A-S Duetto about 3ft longer than our old van. That was our mistake as the lack of storage was abysmal and the only place we could pass each other was in front of the cooker accompanied by clicking noises! (gas tap ignition).

We bought new because we wanted and needed (for health reasons) an automatic. We have just traded it in and on 15th February also became the proud owners of a Ford Pollensa (*Susanne Martina's* letter Height Barriers) and yes, you have guessed it, so far we have not come up with anything more original than 'Polly'. We have not been away in her yet not in this cold weather but are busy planning what to do where to go. Apart from which we have problems with cycle rack and sensors!

With regard to the parking: if *Susanne* has a PC I would suggest that she does what I have been doing recently. That is to get in touch with the various Information Bureaux in the areas to visit. If you put a town's name in "Google" (an Internet Search Engine for the uninitiated - Ed) you soon find out the address. There is a web site listing them all but can't remember what it is, no doubt someone else will help? Of course you have to tell them what you want to do, not just park in town. In our case that is cycling off road particularly along canals, old railway lines etc. I have a canal map and see there are the Guildford to Godalming and Aldershot to Greywell canals in Surrey and some in the South Downs and many more throughout the country. They are great areas for walking if they have been cleared and brought into leisure use. If you have not got access to the Internet I guess it is best to enquire addresses at the library and write or phone for the info.

If you take the MMM magazine they run the 'Height Fight' parking campaign. The latest up date is in this March's issue just out. Unfortunately there is nothing listed in your area except for Hastings. The Motor Caravan magazine is promoting official "Stop Overs" (similar to France etc) but they haven't had much success as yet. Both

magazines are asking for help from those of us who wish to support them and many people write in with what they have found. We hope you find this helpful. Happy, healthy, sunny travelling all!

Roma and John Western

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Farwell

Having recently moved down to the Midlands to be close to our daughter and because of the difficulties in parking our Duetto at our new bungalow, *Daisy and I* have had to sell it and, sadly, can no longer be members of the Club which has provided us with so many years of enjoyment.

We have made so many good ASOC friends during our membership since the inaugural Rally and shall miss you all.

Grateful thanks to all Chairmen and Committee Members, past and present, for all their hard work in providing so much enjoyment to ASOC members.

Daisy and George Wane

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'What is DUETTO?'

After many years living with motor caravans of many conversions and converters we have, after our treasured Legend GL, succumbed to the lure of 'DUETTO'. BUT. Did we want Turbo, electric cab windows, tinted side windows, trimmed doors, heated seats, foot well illumination, Heki roof light and the new cooker, and did we want the New Mk 4 Transit base with its vast power reserves and shorter length?

The final decision was arrived at after much thought, research and ear bending of various people within and without the 'Club', but even with this vast knowledge reserve no one person had ALL the facts and figures.

I have amassed a reasonable collection of data and should any one be looking to change 'UP to DUETTO' I would be more than willing to assist in their edification.

What did we finally decide on? Answer next month. No, not really!! Seriously, a very nice 2000 Duetto LE from Countrywide Motorhomes at Wimborne Dorset. Very nice people!

We have been making full use of 'Francis Ford Duetto' and to date she has lived up to our lofty expectations. True there is a slight lack of power for that racing start or rash overtaking move but with the training

imparted by the last motor-caravan, our venerated Legend GL, this presents little problem.

Space is now at a premium but we are now finding that all of the bits and bobs one always carried for that unexpected emergency can be dispensed with, and with a good 'Loadmaster' in firm control of things nearly all eventualities can be catered for. The reduced living area is coped with in a stoic way, remembering to do the "I'm coming through shuffle" in the kitchen area which is developing into an art form in itself! True, the toilet / washroom is a tad narrow for a hulky person, but open the door (with flaps) and you have a palace. *Ann* has the measure of the Spinflow oven/Intergrill and Scotch pies and Bridies feature high on our menus!! For my part I am getting to grips with the intricacies of Heki and associated roof vents along with Captain's Chair, sliding bed bases and roller blinds. The Saga rolls on!

Ann and Ricky Smith

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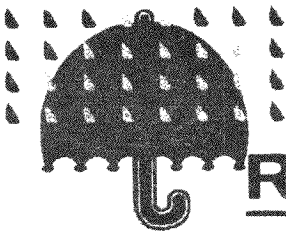
Duetto Again

My wife and I are newcomers to the world of motorhoming, recently upgrading to a Duetto after years of tent camping. What a difference! No more erecting the tent after a long drive; just position the van, level it and plug it in. Great! The kettle's on in no time.

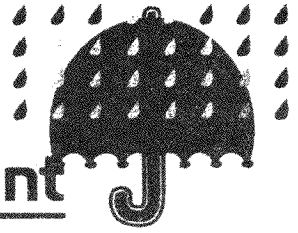
Before buying our vehicle we, of course, carried out a lot of research into the different types. When we started looking we didn't know a coachbuilt from a hi-top, let alone knowing what an RV was. It has been very enjoyable, gaining knowledge through visiting several motorhome shows and going along to dealers. It soon became apparent that the choice of vehicles and the quality of them was wide ranging. Some of the layouts, the choice of wood and soft furnishings etc., left a lot to be desired. It made us wonder if the designers had ever tried living in any of their products.

The more we looked the more the A-S range seemed to stand out as a quality product. So after much searching we finally bought our Duetto. We find it so easy to go away for quick breaks now and in the short time of owning it we have visited about twelve sites, from Dorset to Cumbria.

While visiting Worcestershire we were able to pick up some tips for our vehicle from a couple who had just changed their Duetto for an Executive. We are looking forward to a full season's motorhoming in 2005 and hopefully attending some rallies, although like others, we



April 2005
Rally Supplement



New rallies to add to list:-

11th. -14th. August Abingdon Cricket Club, Oxon.

7th. -9th. October Bracklesham, Tawny Nursery, Birdham.

Due to double booking 30th. Sept.-2nd. Oct. Ingles Hill Farm, Ashby, has had to be cancelled.

31st March – 3rd April. (3 nights). Marston Brewery Visit

Burton on-Trent, Staffs. N.B. Not Bass Museum.

The site is at the Albion Hotel, Shobnall Road, Burton-on-Trent.

Emergency Tel. No. 07713186508. Marshals' mobile.

Rally Marshals: Tricia & Ted Pratt & Jan & Vic Hicklin.

Site Fees: £2.50 per night, all hardstanding Rally Fee: £2.35 all incl. VAT. NO Electricity.

Booking slips & cheques payable to P.M. Pratt, 3 Grafton Road, Stapenhill, Burton-on-Trent Staffs. DE15 9DN. Tel. No. 01283 538 818.

A trip round the Brewery on Friday morning will be arranged cost **£6 each, please send money with slip.** A meal Fri. evening & a further meal Sat. evening will also be available.

Directions:- The Albion Hotel is situated on the B5017 Burton to Uttoxeter road and is on the bus route into Burton.

Please send SAE for acceptance & further directions. Dogs allowed.

Rally starts at 12 noon Thursday.

12th. – 19th April 2005. Manx Spring Rally. Isle of Man.

THIS RALLY IS NOW FULL.

15th. -19th. April Peak Rail (4 nights), Rowsley South Station, Nr. Matlock,

Derbyshire.

Rally Marshals: Mike & Jeanne & Lionel & Hilary Walker.

Emergency phone No. 07985 021779 or 07939 288586 (marshal's mobiles).

Site fee £4.70 per van per night. Rally fee £1.20 per person (both incl. VAT)

Water & toilet disposal otherwise a green field site but toilets are open during station hours.

There are two electric points for people with special needs.

Booking slips & cheques to Mike & Jeanne Hall, 45, Bunyan Green Road, Selston, Nottingham, NG16 6GF Hall Tel No. 01773 778016.

Attractions: In the picturesque picnic area of this enthusiasts steam railway, beside the River Derwent with many miles of walks. 10% off all day tickets for steam train rides into Matlock – ride trains all day or explore Matlock. Within the Derwent Valley World Heritage Site and the Peak National Park. Nearby are Chatsworth House, Haddon Hall, Carriage Museum and Bakewell's famous market. We hope to arrange a meal at The Shalimar Restaurant on Monday evening. Please state on the booking form if interested. (It is a Tandoori Restaurant but has English dishes). Buses to Matlock, Bakewell, Sheffield, Stockport and Manchester.

Directions: 3.9 miles north of Matlock (Bakewell direction) on the A6. Going north, turn left onto Harrison Way just after The Shalimar Restaurant and follow Peak Rail signs.

21st-24th.April National Motorhome Show,East of England Showground, Peterborough.

Emergency Tel.No. 07714 091 349 (Marshals' mobile on 8.00-10.00 am & pm).
Rally Marshals:Pauline & Neil Rogers,Evelyn & Ben Mansfield & Jean & Ian Sellers.
Please use the booking form enclosed in this Newsletter if possible.

If you use a form from other magazines please mark the form ASOC and note the

special Club site fees:Arrive Thursday:£30,arrive Friday £27, arrive Saturday £24.

Please note that ALL booking forms MUST be returned to Warners the organisers by Friday 1st. April if you wish to rally with the Club.

*******Then you must also complete a Club rally slip and return it,with the Rally Fee of £2.00 couples,£1.50 singles (both inclusive of VAT) to:N.C. & P. Rogers, 3 Appleby Close,Aldbrough St.John, Richmond, North Yorks.DL11 7TT.**

Tel.No. 01325 374 540 Cheques payable to N.C.& P. Rogers.

If you book using the internet you must still send a rally slip/rally fee to the marshals.

Please collect the **Club** rally information pack from the ASOC marshals before parking.

If you book using the special Club fees then you **must** park/ rally with The Club.

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

No arrivals before 2.00p.m. Thursday.

28th.April – 2nd. May.A.S.O.C. Annual General Meeting, Nottinghamshire Showground,Newark.

The application forms for the A.G.M. were in the February Newsletter.Please note the closing date for applications, was March 26th.

Walk the Wolds. Lincolnshire.

2nd - 5th. May (4nights). Alford & District Cricket Club.Well Lane.

Alford. Lincs.

Emergency Tel.No. 07768164522.Marshall's mobile.

Rally Marshals: Janet Sutterby and ...

Booking fee £2 with booking ... £22.00. No electrics. Hard standing.

Rally slips & cheques to: ... 3 Bilsby Road, Alford, Lincs. LN13 9EW.

Tel.No.01507 462440 ... facilities in club pavilion. Meals possible. Quiet. Walks

arranged. Good ... town 1 mile. Sea 8 miles. Limited numbers.

Directions: ... take the A16 Boston to Louth road and the A1104 into Alford. Turn right oppo ... search onto the B1196 signed "Welton le Marsh and Willoughby". In 1 mile turn right towards Well, Cricket Club 0.1 mile on the right.

This rally is now full.

12th - 16th May (4 nights). Little Cotton C.P., Dartmouth, Devon. TQ6 0LB

Site Tel. 01803 832558, Fax.No.01803 834887. Website www.littlecotton.co.uk

Site owners Paul & Dot White who you should ring to book extra nights.

Rally Marshals: Pam & Terry Holtom assisted by Jenny & Geoff Raistrick.

Site Fee: £6.75 per night. Electricity: £2.25 per night. Rally Fee: £2.35 (couples) £1.20 (Singles).

All fees include VAT.

Booking slips & cheques (made payable to Terry Holtom) to 8 Courtland Road, Torquay, Devon. TQ2 6JR. Tel.No. 01803 612669.

The site has 7.5 acres of level and gently sloping ground in two open plan fields with a centrally located award winning toilet/shower complex. Disabled facilities, dishwashing area, launderette style washing machines, large tumble dryers and ironing boards. Also a well stocked self service shop.

Attractions: Dartmouth is holding the 8th Music festival this year with musical events throughout the town. This has proved most popular with visitors as well as the locals.

Dartmouth is situated on the River Dart and there are plenty of boat trips, one trip taking in "Greenway House Gardens", the one time home of Agatha Christie. Steam trains operate from Kingswear to Paignton via the coast and also from Totnes to Buckfastleigh. Adjacent to the camp site are the "Park & Ride" facilities into Dartmouth. A D.I.Y. evening meal is proposed at the nearby football club licensed premises on the Saturday.

DOGS are welcome but they must use the doggy walk and **MUST BE KEPT ON THE LEAD** while in the park.

SAE for confirmation and travel details. **NUMBERS LIMITED.**

13th - 15th May Southern Motorcaravan Show, Newbury Showground,

Berkshire.

Emergency Tel.No.07743 307533. Marshal's mobile.

Rally Marshals: Daphne & John Hallett.

Special Club prices. Arrive Thursday £26, arrive Friday £24 & arrive Saturday £20.

Rally Fee: £1.75 Couples, £1.20 singles. (Both include VAT).

Send rally fees with rally slip & SAE for a Show application form by 16th April to:- Mr. & Mrs. J.Hallett, 13 Linden Crescent, Grove Wantage, Oxfordshire. OX12 7NB

Tel.No. 01235 764 550. Rally fee cheques payable to C.J.Hallett

Return application forms to the organisers, Warners by the closing date 22nd April.

If you book using the internet you must still send a rally slip/rally fee to the marshals.

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

18th - 23rd. May (5 nights). Ambleside Rugby Club, Ambleside, Cumbria.

Emergency Tel.No.0775 3609463. (Marshals' mobile).

Rally Marshals: Sue & Peter Coward, Silvergarth, Low Riddings, Grasmere LA22 9QY. Tel.No. 015394 35828. assisted by Pam & Bill Todd.

Site Fee for 5 nights: £27.50 per unit. No Electricity. Rally Fee: £4.00 (Couples), £2.25 (Singles), includes VAT..

Rally slips and cheques payable to "Milcote Drive, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. B73 6QJ. Tel.No. 0121

details of proposed menu for "

GREENFIELD SITE with

Dogs welcome but please

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Attractions: Idea

relaxing in pleasant surroundings. Numerous walks and places of interest within easy reach. Opportunity of guided fell walk. Ambleside centre 5 minutes walk. Steamer Pier, Lake Windemere 10 mins. **Rally starts 12 noon (Wednesday). LIMIT 30 Vans**

This rally is now full.

This rally is now full.

25th - 30th. May (5 nights) Strathallen Games Park, Bridge of Allan, Nr. Stirling, Scotland.

Emergency Tel.No.07760103335.

Rally Marshals: Joy & Donald Stott.

Site Fees: £2.50 per night. NO Electricity. Rally Fee: £3.23. (incl. VAT)

A flat field with water & elsan disposal.

It is a pleasant walk, 20 mins., into village.

site. This is a central location for touring.

Send SAE with booking slips & cheques payable to: Mr. Donald Stott, 159 Middleton St., Alexandria, Dumbartonshire. Tel.no. 01389 757358.

Directions: From M9, North of motorway Junction 11, at roundabout take 4th exit sp. Bridge of Allan, continue through village until you reach small park/gardens on the right. Turn right immediately after the park then first left. The rally field gates are directly in front of you. From A. roundabout at beginning of M9 (DO NOT go on motorway). Take the 2nd Exit sp. Bridge of Allan then as above.

From Fife, Old A9 until 30mph restriction as you enter Bridge of Allan, turn left approx 100 yds then left again and as above gates are ahead of you.

LIMIT of 20 Vans or 40 persons.

26th - 30th. May (4 nights) Van Bitz, Nr. Taunton, Somerset.

Site Tel.No. 01823 321 992 (Emergency only).

Rally marshals: Betty & Andrew Entwistle.

Site Fee: £10.00 per night including electricity. Rally Fee: £2.00 (couples), £1.25 (Singles).

Booking slips to: Mr. & Mrs. M.A. Entwistle, 8 The Dell, Mytholm, Hebden Bridge, West Riding of Yorkshire, HX7 6DP. Tel.No. 01422 847 550. Cheques payable to: M.A. Entwistle.

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Attractions: Taunton the county town of Somerset with castle and many historic buildings. Nearby is Wilton House and there are many small villages worthy of a visit.

Directions: From M5 junction 25 follow signs for Taunton. At first set of traffic lights At Creech Castle turn **left** s.p. Corfe B3170. Take **3rd left** into Ilminster Road again follow signs for Corfe. Bear **right** at roundabout onto Blackbrook Way. Bear **left** at next roundabout and follow road to the end "T" junction which is the B 3170. Turn **right** and then take the next **left** into Killams Drive. Take **2nd left** into Killams Avenue and follow the road passing housing estate and finally over motorway bridge. Cornish Farm is immediately after the bridge on the **left** hand side. IGNORE the first entrance to the main house. Proceed to the second entrance (with C.L. sign) which is a little further along the road & turn into the orchard.

31st May - 4th June (4 nights) Lochside C P, Castle Douglas, Dumfries & Galloway, Scotland.

Emergency telephone Nos. 0781704186 or 07969312703 (marshals mobiles)

Rally marshals: Moira & Allan Blackstock

Site Fee: £7.00 a night. Electricity £2.50 a night. Rally Fee £2.00 per person including VAT. Cheques with S.A.E for confirmation and directions to: A & M Blackstock, 39 Sumpter Croft, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 9UJ. Tel.No.01772 749 178.

Attractions: The site is situated beside Carlingwark Loch a few minutes walk from the shops in the little market town of Castle Douglas, within walking distance of Threave Gardens (NT). This is a popular tourist area, an easy drive to the Solway coast or into the Galloway hills. A hall has been booked for three evenings with possibility of a meal and a gentle walk organized.

3rd - 5th June (2 nights) Blue Lias, Nr. Coventry, Warwickshire.

Emergency Tel.No. 07799660641 Marshal's mobile.

Rally Marshals: Sandra & Bernie Wisely.

Site Fees: £7.50 per night incl.VAT NO Electricity. Rally Fee: £2.50 incl.VAT. GREENFIELD site, toilet emptying point & fresh water point.

Pub toilets during opening hours.

Cheques & rally slips to:- Sandra Wisely, 2 Mount Pleasant, Bishops Itchington, Southam, Warks. CV47 2QE Tel.No. 01926 614 194.

Fishing on site (permit can be purchased at pub). Canal walks from Blue Lias.

A pig roast has been organised for the Saturday night at £7.00 pp, vegetarian option available. Please confirm if you wish a meal on rally slip, all monies for meals to be paid direct to vendor.

Directions: from the Southam by-pass take the A426 signed Rugby, in just over a mile at the first crossroads **turn left** (unclassified road 17tgw) Blue Lias on **left** in about ½ mile.

From Rugby take A426, go through Dunchurch towards Southam. After approx 4 ½ miles pass the Boat Inn public house on the right. At just under 1 mile at the next crossroads **turn right** (Unclassified road 17tgw) Blue Lias is on **left** in about ½ mile.

**10th - 22nd June (12 nights) Camping Les Deux Vallees (3 star site)
Vezac, Dordogne, France.**

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

Site Fees, bookings taken for the full 12 days only.

Pitch fee 2 persons plus electricity (6 amps) plus tax =€10.30 approx £8.00 per night.

Camping Les Deux Vallees require:- €5 booking fee plus €10 pitch fee - approx £12.00 Rally

Fee:-£15.00 non-returnable. **Total required £27.00** cheque payable, with rally slip to:-

I.C. Barnett, High Level, Farden, Bitterley, Ludlow, Shrops. SY8 3HU. Tel. No. 01584 890 428.

Please enclose a 9X6 SAE.

The camp site is not on a bus route, the village of Beynac is approx. 20 mins walk. Sarlat is 5 miles away.

Site fees payable to site - Credit Cards are accepted.

Full facilities plus a swimming pool, bicycles to hire, camp shop, restaurant, bar and take away.

Proposed coach trip, subject to numbers, BBQ, boat trip, evening meal and boules.

Approx. mileage Calais 520 miles, Cherbourg 435 miles & Le Havre 435 miles.

If friends wish to be parked together then please arrange to arrive together. Please **do not** arrive before 12 noon.

You have to arrange your own ferry bookings and any relevant insurance.

If you wish to apply for a rally and are unsure of the correct procedure please consult the sheet "A Guide for new ralliers". This sheet can be found in the pack sent to new members after joining the Club.

If you wish to run a rally in 2005 please contact me to check dates before booking with a site. A "Guide to New/Possible Marshals" is available. If you would like one please contact me, details below.

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 & 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.

Neil C. Rogers

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Aldbrough St. John,

Richmond,

North Yorks,

DL11 7TT.

Tel./Fax. No. 01325 374 540 E-Mail. ncr@nasuwt.net

Local assistant: Jerry Haxton (01483 223 476) Woking, Surrey.

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Rally : Date:

Your name and address(Please PRINT)

..... Post code:

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

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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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 Evening meal: Yes No

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

Full payment MUST accompany this slip-cheques payable to the marshal.
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were disappointed to learn that the Club and Company Rally, which we attended last year, was to be discontinued.

Sue and Bob Linard

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Tyre Pressures

My wife and I have just purchased our first motorhome, a 1997 Duetto on Ford Transit base, and are looking forward to our first overnight stopover. However, apart from the obvious concerns about finding and using all the facilities within the leisure area, we are also somewhat puzzled as to what tyre pressures we should be using to achieve maximum safety, comfort and economy. The A-S manual states 'use pressures as per the manufacturers handbook and increase by a few pounds', not very helpful to novices. Can any past or present owners of this model help, please?

On a lighter note, we are looking forward to participating in some of the many advertised rallies and meeting with fellow members during the season - we shall be the ones with puzzled expressions trying to work out what goes in which hole. Hopefully all will become clear quite quickly, and then we can get on with the business of relaxing!!!

Heather and Mike Tucker

What's this about a "season" for using the van? *Sheila ana* / spent a week away in early February and another weekend at the end of that month. And we all know that various members utilise their vans throughout the whole year, even in rain, hail, snow and high winds.

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Savoir Faire?

Our late winter holiday in France was "un disastre". The baguettes, croissants and vin rouge were well up to expectation. Sadly, the weather was not. It rained every day and by the last day but one our motorhome and that of our friends were repositories for mountains of wet clothing.

Came the last day and we left Camping La Bête d'Avril, faced with a 200 km drive to the ferry port wearing our very last items of dry (well, not so wet!) clothing, with nothing else to wear for the long drive home when back in the UK. How could we dry some clothing while we drove to the ferry port? One idea involved stretching a rope between our two vans and hanging some clothes on it to see if the wind would dry something out while we drove along. This was

dismissed for three reasons. Firstly, the French police might deem us to be towing; secondly it might be difficult to convince them that the line of clothes was actually a ship-type flag signal spelling out the words "Vive La France" and thirdly, what if the line snapped while in transit?

Suddenly, inspiration! We carried a rotary clothes line (totally unused due to the French weather). In a very short time the feet were lashed firmly to the luggage bars on the roof of our van and clothing attached. It had stopped raining, there was a light breeze which caused our whirlygig to whirl, albeit slightly. For us this was proof that by the time we arrived at the ferry port our speed and the wind would result in dry clothing. It worked. We duly arrived at the port - having been subjected to some strange looks (and, it must be said, some applause) en route. Rotary clothes line duly unlashd and stowed and we drove on to the ship dressed to the nines.

We only came unstuck once. Just outside the ferry port there was a bridge which was just a tad lower than we thought. If anyone finds a pair of red frilly "unmentionables" caught in the brickwork.

Norman Rendle

Before anyone gets too "carried away", please make sure that you have noticed the date of this magazine!!

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Sailing

A really good site to stay on, with large pond for fishing and sailing complete with jetty and docks is "Sachel Court", Springbok Estate, Alfold, Cranleigh, Surrey. The telephone number is 014 0375 2555.

Four rallies have been held there in the past but unfortunately this year the dates required were not available. There is a model boat show during the weekend of 4th & 5th June 2005.

Sylvia and Norman Brice

Our friends also sent in the following which amused me and I thought that you would enjoy it too.

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Never Lie to Mum

Brian invited his mother over for dinner. During the course of the meal, Brian's mother couldn't help but keep noticing how beautiful Brian's room mate, Stephanie, was. Mum had long been suspicious of the relationship between them and this had only made her more curious. During the course of the evening, watching the two of them react, she started to wonder if there was more between them than met the eye.

Reading her thoughts, Brian volunteered "I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you that Stephanie and I are just roommates".

About a week later, Stephanie came to Brian saying "Ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the beautiful silver gravy ladle. You don't suppose she took it, do you?" Brian said "I doubt it, but I'll send her an e-mail just to be sure". So he sat down and wrote "Dear Mother. I'm not saying that you 'did' take the gravy ladle from the house; I'm not saying you 'did not' take it. But the fact remains that one has been missing ever since you were here for dinner. Love. Brian."

Several days later, Brian received a letter from his mother that read: "Dear Son. I'm not saying that you 'do' sleep with Stephanie and I'm not saying that you 'do not' sleep with her. But the fact remains that if she was sleeping in her own bed, she would have found the gravy ladle by now. Love. Mum."

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Van Design

There seems to be a lot of discussion lately about the practicalities of the newer motorhomes. We were looking to replace our aged Rimini model last year and spent some considerable time trying to find a suitable model, most of which we found too sophisticated for our needs (especially as this is our only vehicle). As probably with most motorhome users we stop at campsites which, in my experience, supply all the necessary requirements of hot water, showers, toilet etc and so it seems somewhat pointless to carry all this stuff around using extra fuel and wasting space! I have even taken out the tap that was supplied and manage perfectly well with a 10 litre plastic water container. In the end we managed to find another much newer Rimini model which we are really pleased with.

The other great thing about the Rimini is that it has an 'elevating roof' which, if you are lucky, means that you can get under some of those height barriers that seem to be springing up everywhere (as mentioned in the March Newsletter) although this can have disastrous results if you forget to lower the roof before leaving the car park!! Which brings me on to the next point, if anyone else has got an elevating roof motorhome I suggest they fit an alarm which sounds when the ignition is turned on when the roof is up. This only needs a microswitch and a buzzer wired into the auxiliary 12volt circuit. The parts only cost a few pounds and are relatively easy to fit. I don't know why A-S don't fit such a thing when they make this type of model.

Bryan Finegan/ Buffy

The micro-switch idea seems like a good one, but many moons ago I had a lifting roof van with such a warning fitted. Unfortunately, like so many small switches, the darned thing never worked so I was able to drive along one early morning with the roof well up!

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Motorhome Shows

Few, I am sure, are aware of the enormous amount of work that goes into the preparation of our two main show stands at the Birmingham Boat and Caravan Show and as well as Earls Court. We thought, therefore, it would be interesting to give you a greater insight into the depth and level of preparation work that is required so you can perhaps, as the Earls Court show approaches, envisage the enormous amount of work that is undertaken by both Steve Cant and Rob Jenkins in our Sales Department and indeed others here at Willersey.

Well before the event, we reserve the appropriate stand space to the dimensions we require. Once this has been confirmed, our stand fitters, Classic Design and Build, are shown the dimensional floor plans and instructed as to how best to display approximately 19 vehicles on the area in question. We deal largely with Mick Humphreys, of Classic Design and Build who duly submits to us approximately three options around the concept of our ideas. Once this is agreed, and the price confirmed, the panels are then made together with the ceiling and the display boards.

The ball is now firmly in Mick Humphreys' court who then liaises with the sub-contractors in respect of the electrical and plumbing requirements, the design and manufacturing of the ceiling, the signage and graphics and, last but not least, the carpet tiles. Bearing in mind that underneath each van there is a 13 amp socket for the mains lights in each display vehicle, you can then understand the depth of preparation and detail required. Each vehicle is specially wired not least to ensure the on board battery charger operates the appropriate lights. Concurrently we at Auto-Sleepers organise the telephone and fax communication and liaise with the stand organisers in respect of the positioning, size and artwork for the overhead sign. At this stage, too, we have to consider the health and safety connotations, write our own compliance statements and prepare our own risk assessment.

Approximately two weeks before the show, Steve and Rob gather together all the materials that they will need - largely cleaning and maintenance materials together with spare parts and spare items that might otherwise be broken such as crockery, light bulbs and catches.

At the same time, Jill Humphreys - wife of Mike - liaises with us regarding the catering requirements in respect of coffee, sandwiches and light refreshments. We organise, too, the day-to-day running of the show and particularly the cleaning of the vehicles and the hoovering of the stand.

We must remember that whilst all this frenetic activity is taking place, the vans for the show are being meticulously built and checked here at Willersey. Almost everybody is involved in this operation and particular mention must be made of Alan Curry, our Quality Manager, Paul Coldrick, his assistant, and indeed all members of the Quality Department who are heavily involved in constant checking and re-checking every single aspect of each vehicle. It is imperative that they are displayed in faultless condition and to this end the amount of time spent on checking the vehicles is very important.

It is at this stage, well prior to the build-up of the show, that we liaise with our much-respected ally *Neville Jelfs*, who each day travels to the stand, be it in Birmingham or Earls Court, to clean and valet the vehicles, assisting in the building up and the stripping down of the stand. Indeed at the recent Birmingham Boat and Caravan Show, *Neville* was at the stand each day at 8 o'clock to ensure that once again the display vehicle were in pristine condition.

Now is the time to consider the arrival of the vehicles. When Steve and Rob arrive on site, generally no more than three days prior to the show opening, they are confronted with an empty space and carpet tiles on the floor with chalked lines showing the stand boundaries. Already the office will be in the process of being built, and the scaffolding for the roofs and lighting will be in position. It is at this stage that close co-ordination takes place with Paul Freeman, our delivery guru, and our own stand staff regarding the positioning of the vehicles. As they are driven in to their fixed and final position, a further load is awaiting outside to be positioned. Bearing in mind that approximately 20 vehicles are on display, the co-ordination of the transporter uplift both in timing and, not least, the correct order (furthest van in first) is particularly important to get right. Once the vehicles are in position the internal and underside lighting is connected and the florists get to work.

Long before the event, of course, we speak to our dealer network inviting chosen dealers to work on our stand. At press day - no more than two days after the vehicles have been driven onto the stand, we demonstrate our new product to the dealers supporting us, walking them around the stand, familiarising them with our sample books and other point of sale material.

By this time Steve and Rob will be fairly exhausted and the show will not even have begun! Once under way, at 8 am daily they fax back to the factory the previous days orders, and at the end of the day it can be, at weekends, as late as 7 pm, lock up the vehicles, checking there are no further problems for the following day and eliciting the necessary support from the factory. The final breakdown is again in the hands of *Neville* and our own breakdown team. We ensure that the first kit that comes back to base is the admin equipment so that the day after the show finishes, Steve and Rob, in conjunction with Tim Hughes in our Sales Office can co-ordinate the orders taken at the show and get the wheels rolling to ensure also that these are confirmed to the dealers in a speedy and timely manner.

This is but a brief oversight on what is involved, the next time you step onto the stand at either Earls Court or Birmingham, just imagine the heavy hearts that Steve and Rob must have when they walk onto an area no better than pristine concrete with a few carpet tiles on, realising the enormity of the task in front of them. Very often it is approaching midnight two or three days before the event takes place so whilst you are tucked up in bed, warm and comfortable, think of these two and our support team, *Neville* not least, who are getting to work earnestly with our, and of course your, interests at heart! Quite a story isn't it?

Charles Trevelyan

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Hidden Benefits & Thanks

As new members, *Dorrie & I* attended our first Rally at Carsington Water last year with a Clubman. It was great until *Dorrie* was taken very ill late on the second evening and had to be rushed away to Derby Royal Infirmary around midnight. It was a worrying time but all well now and we take this chance to say our heartfelt thank you to the rallying members for their thoughtfulness and help, especially the marshals: *Jill, John, Pat & Henry*. *John* went out of his way to drive me to the City that first night - we actually beat the Ambulance to A&E. Then he came back for me early the next morning. They even saved us the makings of the cream tea for us. I had made a promise to demonstrate my Amateur Radio hobby. Unfortunately, that became impossible in the circumstances but maybe I will be able to do demos at future rallies.

Later we found a hidden benefit to *Dorrie* being laid up. Spent time we would not normally have to spare on a bit of net surfing. We fell across an advert for the very vehicle we had given up looking for after nearly 3 years without success. The first time *Dorrie* could go out we

went and brought it. We have already done some short trips in it, definitely suits our style and more room for our elderly Saluki too. It would be great if we could swap user notes with another member with a '96 (ish) rear lounge Legend (Ford). A Legend with a number plate including ASH - we had to call it 'Phoenix', didn't we ? All we need now is some sheets of red, yellow and brown sticky back plastic to make a couple of personal Phoenix logos or some lettering in the A-S font.

Dorrie & Bob Clayton

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From the Technical Group

I am pleased to release the following Ideas Sheets: -

- No. 89 Reduce the Seitz blind rattle
- No. 90 Storage of glasses/bottles in the cocktail cabinet *
- No. 91 Magnets for those upper cabinets
- No. 92 Cutlery & utensil drawers
- No. 93 Drying rail in the shower room
- No. 94 Fly screen for Hi -Top windows
- No. 95 Fiddle rail for the cab area
- No. 96 Tool boxes under Boxer passenger seat
- No. 97 Smaller table for dinette
- No. 98 Shower room shelf
- No. 99 Shelves in cupboards above the cooker/sink
- No.100 Fitting a wheelchair through a van door *
- No.101 Boxer cab curtains as a thermal barrier *
- No.102 Prevention of smells from grey waste water *

(* These Ideas sheets are awaiting approval at time of typing)

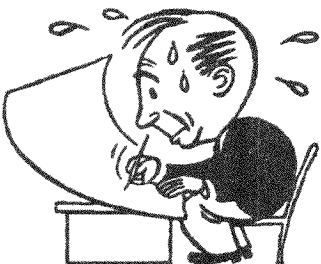
All the above are available, as usual, by sending me an SAE with your membership number to 18 Greenwood Close, Fareham, Hants, PO16 7UF.

In the past I have received requests for information on companies who are able to buff up motorhomes to restore them to their original condition and thus also provide future protection. I am now able to advise that Oaktree Services can provide such a package; as well as other motorhome work. The firm is situated at Unit 4 New Barn Workshops, Shinehill Lane, South Littleton, Evesham, Worcs WR11 8TR. Full details can also be obtained by ringing 01386 832777.

Baz Wellard

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Chairman's Chat



Already we are nearing the Annual General Meeting and the Dinner / Dance (which is the more important, of course). I hope to see a goodly number of you at Newark this year. We do usually manage to enjoy ourselves, even during the official meeting.

One thing which has amused me is the way in which some members complete the booking forms. In some cases when asked for the names of people attending the response has been "Two"! Equally, when asked for the number of people who want this or that choice of food the reply has been a tick. I have even seen the answer to the request for the disabled badge number as "Yes, we have one". Never mind, *Sheila* manages to cope with all of these small problems. But I wonder how other, more official, forms might be completed. If applying for, say, some housing benefit, is it enough to say "I want some".

I sincerely hope that I shall be a little better at "Chairmanising" the meeting this year. You may remember that last time I got into a bit of a pickle over which bit came next and whether we had dealt with something. Lack of experience - well that's what I say. But I am reminded of the school report comment which appeared on mine from time to time (i.e. regularly!) "Must do better next term!" We shall see.

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For Sale

Duetto, ford 2,5 Diesel. 'V' reg, Nov. 99. 30,000 miles, FSH, VGC. All A-S refinements, 2 berth, toilet, hot water to sinks and shower, oven with cooker, 3 way fridge, Carver central heating. No dogs, no children, non smokers. Fitted F45 Fiamma and free standing awning used once. Alarmed. 2 bike rack. Reversing aid. Briefcase solar panel. MOT 07.05.05. Alloy wheels. 2nd battery. Taxed till 30.04.05. £20,000.00. Tel: Bryan Jones on 019 4267 1377 (Leigh, Lancs). Thanks for the donation.

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Clutch cable for Talbot J5 Express, 2.0L petrol model. New. Still in suppliers packaging. £10.00 plus p&p. RideRite rear axle air suspension





kit (used), to fit Talisman based on above chassis. £120.00 ono plus p&p. Tel: G Emms on 013 0285 1862 (Doncaster, S. Yorks).

Thanks for the donation.

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Executive 2.5 Diesel Peugeot Boxer, 1996 'P' reg, 42,000 reliable miles. One careful owner from new. 2 berth, twin sofa layout, quickly and easily converts to two single or one large double bed. Whole van in excellent condition with very clean upholstery, kitchen and washroom. Non smokers, no pets or children. Recent cambelt, leisure battery and tyres. Driverite air rear suspension aids. £15,995.00. Please call Roger Green on 018 4384 4989 (Birchington, East Kent).

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Tow-bar complete with electrics, to fit Topaz. £60.00. Full set of rear seat cushions for Topaz - open to offers. Tel: Norman Brice on 014 8356 2986 (Guildford, Surrey)

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VW Clubman GL, 'N' reg, 1996 March. 35,000 miles. F.S.H. 5 speed, 2.4 diesel, TB Turbo fitted. Alarmed. Full MOT. 2 berth, ladder guard, Fiamma canopy. 2nd owner. Non smokers, no pets, no children. £17,000.00 ono. Call Philip Gledhill on 014 8465 4180 or 07 831 456 689. (Huddersfield, West Yorkshire) [This corrects the erroneous advertisement in March Newsletter]

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For VW T4 - Taylormade (the best) External Silver Screens. Pristine, used for less than a season. £50.00. Peter Russek Pocket Mechanic VW T4 Vehicle Manual for 4 Disc brake models from 1995 - covers Van 800, 100, 1200, Caravelle CL & GL, Bus - short & long wheelbase with 1.8 Ltr, 2.0 Ltr & 2.5 Ltr Petrol engines. Brand new unused. £10.00. Fiamma Ultra Back Box. 500 Litre model, 17Kg, 147cm wide x 53 cm deep x 70cm high, white. Was on a Clubman for less than a season. £185.00.

Bob Clayton, Tel: 013 0253 7670 (Doncaster, South Yorkshire), e-mail g0dambob@aol.com (starts with my Amateur Radio call sign so the second digit is a 'Zero').

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Caravan PORCH awning **BUT** fits over the OPEN back doors of Transit/Peugeot etc with both doors open. Or over the sliding side door. In good condition. Complete with all poles etc. Been in use up to last year. Ideal if you are staying on site for a few days. Getting shot of this as we tend to move on after a couple of days or so and have not need for it. Need the space so will take £50.00. Buyer collects but can inspect first of all. Located near the Three Counties showground.. Tel Geoff Williamson on 016 8431 0431 (Malvern, Worcestershire).

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