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When we said a rally in JCB-land, we didn't expect to get our own!

NEWSLETTER 215

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From the Editor ^(S)

Well, the rally season is really upon us and having got back from Rocester on Monday and looking forward to Telford on Friday we suddenly realised we have a Newsletter to put together and get to the printers IN THREE DAYS!! Still, as we said in the last Newsletter—you do all the work so what's to panic about??

The Rocester rally was the very first one Peter and I had helped organise. But it was Mike Hall's idea to put a rally together around a visit to the JCB factory and what an eye opener that was, very interesting, and as co-marshals Mike and Jeanne were a positive fount of knowledge. *And* I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to everyone to came along to support us, it made for a great week-end.

Italy in the Spring?

Encouraged by the success of our rally to the Black Forest and Oberammergau in 2002, we are considering taking a rally to Italy in May of next year if there is sufficient interest.

We propose a two centre rally spending five of six nights each on sites we know on Lake Garda and near Florence. About 20 vans would be the right number we think.

Lake Garda is set in a beautiful area with plenty to see and do. In addition the attractive city of Verona, the setting of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* (Yes, you can stand on the actual balcony!) is only a short distance away, while the wonders of Venice can be reached on an excursion.

Florence is not only for 'culture-vultures'. Although the great art galleries are worth visiting of course, everyone visiting the city will find a great deal to interest them. Sienna is a seductive sort of place and not far away and who would not want to visit Pisa now you can climb the famous Leaning Tower again, or stand and watch others doing it?

If you are interested please phone us on 01423 889143 or let the Rally Co-ordinator, Neil Rogers, know as soon as you can.

Jean & Ian Day

Could be helpful....

Pete Fisher

If you plan to use your chip and pin card on the continent, it might be worth checking the PIN is unlocked before you go. You do this at an ATM in the UK—enter your PIN, select PIN services and unlock the PIN. It then works anywhere in the world -including, we're told French petrol stations.

[I checked this with Natwest who confirmed the procedure and said it could be done at any Royal Bank of Scotland or Tesco ATM as well of course, at NatWest. Ed.]

Obituary

We are sorry to learn of the death of Alan Vickers. Alan died suddenly in Denmark on 21st June, while he and Helen were on a touring holiday of Scandinavia in their van.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Helen, who said "Alan died doing what he loved—touring in the van."

Thank you

Kathleen and myself would like to thank everyone who responded to our appeal for information on Duetto Modesty Panels. We are very grateful and hope that we may be able to help other members in the future. Thanks again.

Dudley and Kathleen Woodhams

We survived GB Privilege to Andalucia!

Mike & Mo Valentine

As many of you will know Mo and I lead tours for GB Privilege and I thought I would give you a flavour of our latest tour, 3 weeks in southern Spain.

On the 22nd of May we sat with many others on the quayside at Portsmouth, with the wind howling in the rigging and a consequent 3-4 hour delay. So to usefully use the time, Mo and I set off going different ways to meet our fellow tourers, getting to know the names and the vans of the people who were going to be following us for the next three weeks.

We eventually left the quay at about 23.30 hours and the Captain advised us that the first part of the trip to Bilbao would be lively **but** the ship was fully stabilized, he also advised everyone to take great care whilst moving about the ship and not to go out on deck. Mo and I had a drink and then 'hit the sack' hoping to be asleep before the rough stuff hit us.

Rising late we learned that the wind had risen to Force 10 during the night but was now down to a measured 5, *great missed the worst!* We turned the corner of France, Isle d'Ouessant and started down into the Bay of Biscay about 06.00 hrs. When we saw the light of day, we were well into the Bay with near flat conditions.

Now, if ever an area of sea has been maligned, it is the Bay of Biscay, if you want to see rough seas try the mouth of the English Channel.

After some 36 hours the ship docked and we set off for our first site at Aranda de Duero, 140 miles. The site is set amongst trees and has very good facilities. We all celebrated our first evening with a drink. Next day, we drove to the ancient hillside town of Toledo, some 190 miles, with another excellent site. The city of Granada was our next stop, for three days. From here we visited Gaudix, the remarkable old town of cave dwellings cut into the soft sandstone rock. An English speaking guide took us to the Alhambra Palace, said to be the greatest relic of Islamic Spain, then a free day enabled us to look around Granada. This compelling city has much to offer, architecture, churches and colourful plazas.

We then moved to Cabopino near Marbella, visiting the Nerja Caves on the way and by this time the temperature was nudging 42° C. This made us cower under the trees or visit the swimming pool. We took a bus trip to the hill town of Ronda, set on two sides of the spectacular deep rocky Rio Guadalevin gorge, it commands great views over the surrounding area. Before leaving the

town we visited the oldest bull ring in Spain

We then drove to El Rocío, situated on the edge of the Parque Nacional de Doñana. To the first time visitor El Rocío resembles a Wild West town, its wide sand covered streets (no tar macadam here) and squares exists chiefly as the centre of an extraordinary pilgrimage, the Romereria del Rocío. Held each Whitsun, over a million people come from all over Spain, to pay boisterous homage to Nusestra Senora del Rocío (Our Lady of the Dew) a model of the Virgin on a platform of gold and silver. The whole spectacle was just amazing; it all takes place over night, probably due to the temperature. Saturday evening we walked into town at about 22.00 to see the town packed with people, many ladies in the traditional colourful dresses, men in traditional riding gear mounted on beautiful Andalucian horses, some with ladies sitting sidesaddle behind them, all parading around town, not just one or two but hundreds. There were groups of people outside of the houses, singing and dancing to traditional music, police, directing the many horse drawn carriages and carts by constantly blowing their whistles and amongst all of this, pedestrians, who had to take care that they did not get run over. We dragged ourselves home about 4.00 o'clock.

Sunday evening started about midnight, same thing, horses, people dancing and singing We stopped

outside some of the many houses to watch and we were invited to partake of a drink or food given by the man of the house or Hermandades, a devotee of one of the brotherhoods.

The image of the Virgin was brought out of the enormous white painted church about 3.30am by a large band of young men all trying to gain the honour of carrying the Float and then proceeded to go around the town stopping at each of the brotherhood centres, about 150 in all, eventually reaching the town centre for an open air Mass at about 11.00am and finally the Virgin was returned to the church about mid-day. Remember, in Spain, everything happens in *'ish* or manyana time and so on Monday morning we got to bed about 4.30am. Tuesday morning the Mayor took the salute of all of the Brotherhood groups as they set off to walk back to their respective towns, some taking more than a week.

As for us we got into our vans and drove to Seville, Andalucia at its most stylish, to a hot and dusty site, the facilities none too clean and together with some noisy itinerants, was a disappointing site. The temperature was again 42°C., so we decided on a city tour, a flamenco show with dinner and move quickly on to a cooler place, Plasencia, a drive of 240 miles and into the national park of Monfrague. Here the temperature was in the lowers 30's and much more pleasant. I arranged for everyone to take a 4 x 4 jeep trip to see the local

countryside and tick off a number of never seen before birds, ie Eagles, Vultures, Black Kites and Storks. A pleasant 3 days here enabled us to recover from the heat and late nights!

From here we drove to Salamanca, another beautiful city, with the site behind Hotel de Regio and bus into town stopping outside. A group of us went into town that night at about 11.30pm, saw the town in lights and watched a fantastic firework show. We sat in the central square with a beer, listened to one of Spain's top pop groups taking part in a music festival (for most of us not our type of music), before finally returning home at about 2.00am, later that day we went into town by bus for a further look around.

Time to head for home, we drove to a site near Burgos, leaving us with just 90 miles to drive to the port and catch the ferry home. We embarked on the ferry at 1.15pm with a flat calm sea and during the voyage watched a school of dolphins riding the ferry bow-wave, saw several porpoises and 3 different types of whale, finally arriving in Portsmouth after a 29 hour trip on the 15th of June having survived it all!



Overnight Stops on Motorways

Valerie & Robin Gardner

From time to time we make overnight stops at motorway service stations when on a long journey. Recently we found the price charged varies as does what you get for your money. The Caravan and Camping 'Big Sites Book' 2005/07 page 27 lists the service stations that accept overnight stops.

At most SS there is a basic overnight fee, but at some places if you pay a bit more you get a food voucher for breakfast. Even at the same chain of SS the fees vary and because of this we've started a list. As we only started this on our last trip, here's what we have so far.

M6(N) Jn 32/33 Lancaster Moto
£12:00 (A); No (B)

M6(S) Charnock Richard Jv 28/27
Welcome Break
£12:00 (A); £14:00(B); £6:00(C)

M6(S) Jn 16/15 Moto
£13:00(A); £15:00(B); £6:00(C)

M5(S) Jc 3/4 Frankley Moto
£13:00(A); £15:00(B); £6:00(C)

- (A) *No food voucher*
- (B) *Food voucher*
- (C) *Value of food voucher*

Perhaps, if enough members are interested and send their entries to the Newsletter, a comprehensive list could be compiled.

THE IRISH RALLY

Jean and Ian Sellers

We went to the rally in Ireland,
the first call was at Eagle Point.
The view from the site was amazing,
the rally did not disappoint.

There were walks to do if you wanted,
and a room to meet up at night.
If you ventured out in your vans
though, other places held equal
delight.

Then we moved along to Killarney, to
Fossa, another grand place.
We were there for ten days and I tell
you it was a really good base.

Some went down the Dingle
peninsula, though it pays to drive
clockwise round
For if you go the other way coach
drivers you'll vex, as Ven found!

We'd a coach trip round t' Ring of
Kerry on a hot and very sunny day
where we saw Charlie Chaplin's
bronze statue, at Waterville, close to
the bay.

Quite a few of us went to the theatre
where we saw Riverdance, what a
break!
I'll tell you it seems just impossible to
do what they did with their feet.

The next trip began at Kate Kearney's
just near to the Gap of Dunloe.
Some walked the seven miles through
it, the rest in Jaunting carts did go

We all met at Lord Brandon's cottage,
then got on three boats on the lake.
For the ones in the boat that got
damaged it was quite a journey to
make!

All too soon the rally was over
and we bade our goodbyes to Erin
So thanks to all of the helpers
and three cheers for Elizabeth and
Bryn.



We had a good time too

Just returned home from two super
rallies but completely different.
Statford Upon Avon and Prestwood
Steam Fair. Well done to Sandra and
Bernie Wisely and Jan and Vic
Hicklin and all the helpers.

No more rallies (worst luck) as we are
off to Thailand for five weeks.

Sylvia and Norman Brice.

Technical Group & Website

Baz Wellard
Chairman Technical Group & Webmaster

Ideas Sheets:

Hopefully, two more Ideas Sheets will have been approved by Auto-Sleepers by the time this Newsletter is published. The two Idea Sheets are:

- No. 128** Improved sink drainage (*Nigel Wilkins – 3579*)
- No. 129** Easier checking of spare wheel pressure
(*Baz Wellard – 1508*)

Almost 100 Ideas Sheets have been requested in the last month so there still appears to be an encouraging interest in members seeking to improve their motorhomes.

Please continue to send in your Ideas to me with photos and/or drawings, if possible. Remember the simplest ideas are often the best, and they do not have to be technically biased!

Club Website:

Recent update No. 5/06 – includes:-

- **Rally report:** Report and photographs on the Irish rally by Chris Mawdsley (*5128*)
- **Vehicle reviews available:** Topaz (*July 2006*)
Eton (*July 2006*)

If anyone wishes to have a copy of the Ideas Sheet(s) or the reviews, please send me an SAE to 18 Greenwood Close, Fareham, Hants, PO16 7UF.

Stolen Van

You will know that I have had my van stolen. I slept in it on Saturday night and returned home on Sunday (to keep a lunch date). My intention was then to leave on Monday and stay away until I got bored!

A neighbour telephoned early on Monday morning worried because the van should have been on my drive and this was the first I knew of my loss.

Since then I have contacted my friends in the club and have received e-mails of sympathy, but what is more, these friends have told their friends and spread the news so that those on holiday can keep a look out for it all over the country. I am very, very grateful. This is a club benefit I did not consider in the early days!

Unfortunately there is no news at all, and I doubt I will see 'Holly' back on my drive again, but if I do hear anything I will let Chris and Peter know.

One thing though, I have the vanity unit in my loft, plus the back rest of the long seat (we had narrower one made), plus some of the infill stuff for the bed and the cups and saucers (I replaced with mugs). I wonder if the 'new owner' will approach Auto-Sleepers for replacements.....? A policeman did also mention looking on E-bay, a careful eye might pick up a stolen vehicle belonging to the club.

Rita Daley

Lancashire Constabulary have written to Norma Caley as follows

'On behalf of the Police Forces across the UK, Lancashire Constabulary Stolen Vehicle Squad is compiling a list of stolen motorcaravans, which it is hoped will assist in their recovery and identification.

The most relevant information which is frequently absent from reports, is the name and model of the actual motorcaravan conversion. For example, a 'van may be recorded simply as Fiat Ducata when it is actually a Swift Royale 630 or Elddis Autostratus EK, or as Ford Transit, when it is an Autosleeper Amethyst.

To collect this information is a mammoth task and it would assist if you could publish the contact details below in your magazine/newsletter. I would be interested in hearing from anybody who has a motorcaravan stolen in the future or has had one stolen in the last five years or so. As details of base vehicle manufacturer and engine/chassis numbers are already available to the police, the information I am hoping to receive is:

- Registration mark
- Make and full model of conversion
- Owner's name and contact telephone number(s)

Additionally, if there are any unusual (e.g. left hand drive or automatic transmission) or distinguishing features these may assist in identifying a vehicle where the identification numbers have been removed or changed. In the case of a distinctive vehicle a photograph may be helpful and these can be sent by email. Picture sent by post cannot be returned.

Information can be sent by email to:

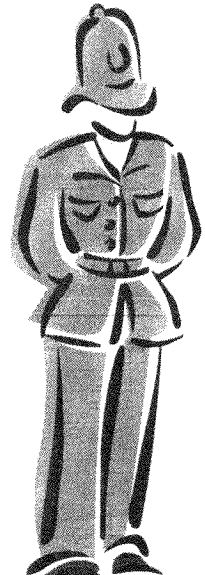
stolenmotorcaravans@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

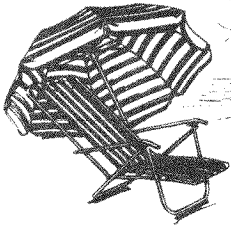
or by post to:

Motorcaravan Index
Lancashire Constabulary
Stolen Vehicle Squad
PO Box 77
Preston
PR4 5SB

Many thanks.

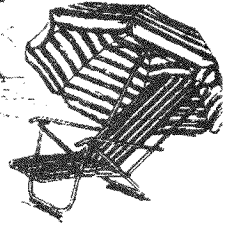
Stuart Wedge
Detective Constable





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Rally Supplement



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

******* ITALY 2007. Are you interested in a two centre rally, Lake Garda & Nr. Florence? If so then please let me know ASAP.**

New Rally. 16th - 20th .October (4 nights) Camping & Caravanning Club Site, Keswick.

Change of dates:- Eastham Hall, Lytham now 12th - 15th .October.
Full details of both rallies in this supplement.

10th - 14th August (4 nights or less if you wish!) Abingdon Vale Cricket Club, Abingdon, Oxfordshire

Emergency Tel. No. 07880 532057 (Marshal's mobile)

Rally Marshals: Angie & Andy Cavell and Jeanne & Mike Hall

Site fee: £5.00 per night: Rally Fee £2.50 couple, £1.50 single (inc VAT) Rally slips & cheques to A.Cavell, 24 The Close, Hampstead Norreys, Thatcham, Berks. RG18 0RY. Tel.No.)1635201976.

Attractions: This is a green field site adjacent to the River Thames and only a short walk from the town centre, which has a variety of specialist shops and several pubs.

There are many local attractions including bus and boat services to Oxford. We will have the use of the pavilion for a get-together on Friday evening if the weather is bad!

Dogs welcome, subject to usual rules: there are walks straight from site.

The Croquet Club has offered tuition and a mini tournament on Friday morning at a cost of £5.00 per head. Numbers are limited, so this will be on a first come first served basis. Please indicate on rally slip if interested but **DO NOT SEND MONEY**. Payment will be direct to the Croquet Club on the day.

Directions: The Cricket Club is on the A415 Abingdon to Dorchester road. If you approach from Abingdon, it is on the **right** after you go over the river bridge. Don't turn in to the car park! About 100 yards after the car park there are two gateways side by side. The Cricket Club is the **right** hand gateway. Coming the other way it is the second of the two gateways on the **left** just after the 30 mph sign. **Limited to 50 vans**

22nd - 27th . August (5 nights).Topsham Rugby Club,Nr.Exeter,Devon.

Emergency Tel No. 07890876859 (Marshals mobile.)

Rally marshals Elizabeth & Bryn Morgan 44 Mersey Road, Stockport. SK4 3DJ. Tel No.0161 432 4869 and Nora & Ven Venables Tel No.01902 332 105

Site Fees: £6.00 per night incl. Vat. Rally Fee £2.18 for singles £4.35 for couples incl. Vat.

)This is a **GREEN FIELD SITE** with fresh water and an Elsan emptying point (No electricity.) We will be able to use the club's toilet facilities during the day. We plan to devise a roster so we can use the one communal shower room .Dogs are allowed but they must be on a lead at all times and exercised off the site. **N.B. Please say on rally slip if you are bringing a dog.**

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We will have some access to the clubhouse in the evenings but the Rugby club may be having some functions whilst we are there. We hope to organise a "Bring Your Own Supper" one evening.

Attractions: **TOPSHAM** is a delightful small town situated on the River Exe. Topsham Town Fair Week coincides with our rally. Topsham has an historic quay, ferries across the river and an excellent bus and train service to Exeter City. The town has a good range of shops, eating places, pubs and an open-air heated swimming pool. The nearby River Clyst has a nature reserve that is popular with bird watchers. Dartmoor National Park is a short drive away. The rugby club is 300 yards from the town.

Please send cheques payable to B. Morgan together with a rally slip and an **SAE** to the above address. Directions and confirmation of booking will then be sent to you.

LIMIT OF 35 VANS

24th - 29th. August (5 nights) Wonderful Wensleydale, Wensleydale School, Leyburn, North Yorks.

Emergency Tel. No. 079220049714 (Marshal's mobile).

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

Site Fee: £4.55 per night. No Electricity. Rally Fee: £3.50 (couples) £2.50 (singles).

THIS IS A GREENFIELD site, NO TOILETS.

Booking slips 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.

Attractions: Hardstandings, access to room in the evenings. Wensleydale Show during weekend. Market day Friday. Cheese making at Hawes, violins at Leyburn, Aysgarth alls, Middleham and Bolton Castles, Jervaulx Abbey, Racehorses on the gallops. The Black Sheep Brewery, the Teddy Bear Workshop, Tea Pottery and Dairy Ice Cream at Brymor.

Directions: From A1 North/South take the A 684 at Leeming Bar. s.p. Leyburn/Hawes. Go into town centre at Leyburn and take A6108 S.P. Richmond. School on right in approx. 300 metres. Enter gate and drive to roundabout and return to enter rally site. on right.

7th -11th. September. Motorhome & RV Show, Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

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

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

Site Fee: Special Club prices. Arrive Thursday £28.00 Friday onwards £23.00.

Rally Fee: £2.35 (incl. VAT). Send rally fees, £2.35 with rally slip & SAE for Show application form to Mrs. J. Hicklin, 381 Manor Road, Brimington, Chesterfield, Derbyshire. S43 1PP. Tel. No. 01246 236 157 **by 24th. August. Show application forms to be returned to the organisers, Stone Leisure, by 30th. August.**

8th - 10th. September. (2 nights) Essex Steam & Country Show, Billericay.

Emergency Tel. No. 07905 898149 Marshals' mobile.

Rally marshals Stella & Ian Ross.

Rally Fee: £2.35 (incl. VAT). GREENFIELD Site. No Electricity.

Send rally fee, cheques payable to Mrs. S. Ross, with rally slip and SAE for Show application form by 24th. August to:- Mrs. S Ross, 33 Grosvenor Gardens, Upminster, Essex. RM14 1DL. Tel. No. 01708 228075.

Fees payable to Show Organisers. Special advance booking prices. Camping 2 nights £14. Show tickets per day Adult £8, child £4, Senior Citizen £6. Return the Show application form to the organiser, address on form by closing date 1st. September.

Attractions: Vintage steam engines. Over 150 craft stands, working heavy horses. Trade stands, arena events, vintage cars & motorbikes and much more.

Directions: Will enclose sketch map with application form.

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****Members are welcome to attend one or both of these rallies.Why not do both and have an extended holiday in Essex & Suffolk.****

14th - 17th. September (3 nights) Clare Priory,Clare,Suffolk.

Emergency Tel.No. 07905 898149. Marshals' mobile.

Rally marshals:Stella & Ian Ross.

Site Fee:£6.00 per night. Rally Fee:£3.00 GREENFIELD Site No Electricity.

Cheques & rally slips to:-Mrs.S.Ross, 33 Grosvenor Gardens.,Upminster,Essex.RM14 1DL

Tel.No. 01708 228075.

Attractions: A return visit to this popular site in the centre of a very pretty village next to Clare Country Park.Cheese & wine supper available @ £4.50 each,please pay with booking slip.Also possible Fish/Chicken & chips,state if interested.

Directions:Clare is about 10mils W of Sudbury/At Clare take A1092 to Haverhill.In 200yds left into Ashen Road,in 100yds left into Priory.Ignore brown signs in centre of Clare-footpath access only. Max. 20 vans.

8th -10th. September (2 nights) Ludlow Food & Drink Festival,Ludlow School,Ludlow,Shrops.

Emergency Tel.No. 07849298695(Marshals' mobile).

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

Site Fee:£7.05 per night.(Incl.VAT). Rally Fee:£2.35(Incl.VAT). Total fees £16.45.

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. **NO DOGS allowed.**

Attractions: This weekend is Ludlow's Food & Drink Festival which is held on the Saturday & Sunday .There is a Sausage Trail,a Bread Trail,an Ale Trail plus cheese tasting.

Directions: 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 30 vans.**Rally closes at 3.00p.m. Sunday. **DO NOT**

ARRIVE BEFORE 4.30 p.m.FRIDAY.

11th - 15th. September.(4 nights)Whitemead C.P.,Wool, Dorset.

Emergency Tel.No. 077114550731 Marshals ' mobile.

Rally marshals:Barbara & Alan Potter.

Site Fee:£5.50 per night. Plus electricity £2.00 per night.Rally fee:£2.35 per couple,£1.75 single.

All incl.VAT. Booking slips & cheques to Barbara Potter,Westbrook,Mill Lane,Monks Risborough Bucks.HP27 9LG.Tel.No. 01844 274021.

Local attractions: Monkey World, Bovington Tank Museum,Lulworth Cove,Durdle Door, Corfe Castle ,Wareham,Swanage,Studland Bay.Railway station & bus stops within a few minutes walk to Dorchester,Poole & Weymouth plus village pubs.Campsite also has shop & games room with a pool table & darts.Also a takeaway offering breakfast & evening meals.

Directions:From Dorchester follow A352 to Wool.Take first **left** after railway crossing and site is 200yds on **right**.From Southampton follow A31 to Bere Regis then follow signs to Wool.Turn **right** just before level crossing site 200yds on **right**.

13th -18th.September (5 nights) Shoreham Airdisplay,Shoreham by Sea, West Sussex.

Emergency Tel.No. 07999571461.

Rally marshals:Shirley & Chris Sturgeon & Theresa & Dave Smith.

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Site Fee: £2.00 per night. NO Electricity. Rally Fee: £2.35 (incl.VAT).
Airshow tickets: £20.00 per adult,£8.00 per child.(Covers Saturday & Sunday).
Saturday evening buffet meal £4.12 each (Incl.VAT).Please state interest and pay in
advance Send SAE for confirmation if required.Possible airport tour please state if interested.This
is a GREENFIELD site with water & elsan emptying. **NO DOGS.**
Booking slips & cheques payable to A.N. Fowler,20 Hawkins Close,Shoreham by Sea,West
Sussex.BN43 6TL.Tel.No. 01273 594 479.
Attractions:2 day Airshow with on ground entertainment,Cycle rides from site.
Directions: On A27 between Brighton & Worthing leave A27 at traffic lights opposite Sussex Pad
Hotel.Turn into airport (This is the only entrance for motor vans).
Please do not arrive before 12 noon Wednesday.

Note new dates.

21st -24th. September. Northern Motorcaravan Show, York Racecourse, York.

Emergency Tel.No. 07922049714 (Marshals' mobile).

Rally Marshals:Pauline & Neil Rogers,Evelyn & Ben Mansfield & Jean & Ian Sellers.

Rally Fee:£2.00 (couples),£1.5 0 (singles) Both incl.VAT. **Please remember to send a rally slip and cheque for the Rally Fee** payable to N.C. & P. Rogers; 3 Appleby Close, Aldbrough St.John, Richmond, North Yorks. DL11 7TT. Tel.No. 01325 374 540

The special Club site fees are on the form enclosed with the July Newsletter
site fees are:- Thursday to Monday £36.Friday to Monday £33,Saturday to Monday £30. You may either use the form enclosed in last month's 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 with the site fees, **before** the closing date.

1st.September. 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.

25th - 29th. September.(4 nights).Butlins,Minehead,Somerset.

Tel.Nos. 01278 781976 & McA Mobile 07840076771, & 01902 332105.

Rally Marshals:Jill & Richard McAllister & Nora & Ven Venables.

Site Fee:£49 covers 4 nights.Rally Fee:Couples £3.00.Singles £1.50.Rally slips & cheques with SAE to R.J.McAllister,Milesway,Stear Drive,Burnham on Sea.TA8 1BZ.

The site is a commercial touring site with full facilities including electricity in fee plus all the Butlin facilities – shops & entertainment.Also if any member would like to avail themselves of a breakfast & evening meal in the dining room this can be arranged for £39 commencing with evening meal on Monday and concluding with breakfast on Friday.Please let the marshals know when you book.Pets welcome.

Attractions:In addition to the Butlin complex which includes Splash Waterworld,a funfair & two supermarkets on site,a Tesco supermarket is approx 15 mins walk away as is the town centre,the West Somerset Railway to Bishop Lydiard nr.Taunton.There are a number of walks & coach trips.A golf course is close by.The medieval village on Dunster with its Yarn Market & National Trust Castle.More details on arrival.

Directions:From M5 travelling East or West you can leave at either J25 Taunton follow the signs for Minehead on A358 or J24 Bridgewater and follow signs to Minehead. – leave the M5 & turn right on the A38 towards Bridgewater and left at four way junction lights on the Taunton road (Morrisons & B&Q in view to your left) joining the A39 to Minehead.Continue on A39 through traffic lights at Dunster junct. On to first roundabout on approach to Minehead – turn right to Sea Front passing Tescos & turn right again on front to enter Butlins by 2nd.gate on right, East entrance. Follow signs to Touring Park. Please do not arrive before 12 noon. on the **25th..September.**

28th. September – 2nd. October (4 nights) Masham Sheep Fair, Old Station Holiday Park, Masham, North Yorks.

Site Tel.No. 01765 689569.

Rally Marshals: Valerie & Robin Gardner.

Site fee: £9.00 per night. Electric hook up optional £2.50 per night. Awnings extra. Rally Fee: £6.00 couples, £ 4.00 singles Vat included.

Rally slips & cheques to: Mrs. V.J. Gardner, Marangu, 13 Carrington Avenue, Flackwell Heath, Bucks. HP109AL. Tel.No. 01628522363. Mobiles: Valerie 07881 712 786, Robin 07961 987412.

Please include an **SAE** for confirmation, directions & meal selection* Your mobile no. on the rally slip would be helpful. Attractions: The Sheep Fair (opens Saturday & Sunday from 10a.m. to about 4.00p.m. is an annual event for the showing of locally bred sheep. Other events include a Sheep Show, sheep racing, spinning & weaving demo, pottery & glass blowing, fleece stalls, sheep dog demo, coopering, market stalls, a small fair, street procession etc. There are also good places to eat.

Friday morning. A walk in the local area will be led by Ian Sellers.

Friday evening @ Black Sheep Brewery Tour* (min 15 persons) includes a drink and supper* £15 per head. The brewery is about 15 mins walk from site.

Saturday evening: Dinner* £5.50 per head including a sweet & coffee.

*The selection of dishes for both venues will be included with your letter for confirmation to the rally. Payment for the Friday Brewery Tour & Supper & Saturday evening meal to be paid at rally

6th. – 8th. October (2 nights) Eden Camp, Nr. Malton, North Yorks.

Emergency Tel.No. 0777 557 0182.

Rally Marshals: Jan & Vic Hicklin.

Site Fees: £9.00 per unit per night (includes VAT & unlimited admission to museum & use of Hut 12 for weekend). **No Electricity.** All hardstanding on car park. Eisan disposal & water available.

Rally Fee: £1.35 + 50p per person (incl.VAT).

Rally 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: Eden Camp is a modern history theme museum set in a P.O.W. camp.

Malton is within walking distance of the camp.

Friday evening get together & Saturday evening an American supper in Hut 12. 1940's dress optional. Meals served in the Naafi.

Directions: Junct. A64 York to Scarborough road & A169 Malton to Pickering road.

Rally opens 12 noon Friday & closes 12 noon Sunday.

Late arrivals will have to park outside gates which are locked between 2030hrs. & 0800hrs.

Limited to 40 Vans.

6th.-8th. October (2 nights) Bracklesham near Chichester West Sussex.

Emergency phone 07745 522 335.

Rally Marshalls Mo and Mike Valentine

Site Fee £8.50 inc Elect. Rally Fee £2.35 per unit Max 25 Vans with elect.

Rally slips and Cheques to M. Valentine, 11 Hamilton Close, Langstone, Havant PO9 1RP
tel; 023 9248 2818

Green Field Site, own facilities essential. Fresh water, grey and black water emptying point on site and rubbish bins.

Attractions nearby. City of Chichester, Chichester Harbour, City of Portsmouth, Arundel Castle, Petworth House, Wittering Beach.

Directions: A27 Chichester By-pass, Roundabout turn onto A286 Birdham/West Wittering Watch SPEED CAMERA near the end of long straight road. 4.5 mile Roundabout, first exit A2198

Earnley/Bracklesham/West Wittering. Site on left in 500 yds. Tawney Nursery (Fuchsia Galore)

Rally starts at 12 noon Friday.

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12th - 15th. October (3 nights). Eastham Hall C.P. Lytham,LanCS.FY8 4LS

Site Tel.No.01253 737907(Emergencies only).

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

Site Fee:-£11.50 per night includes electricity & use of hall for 3 nights. (Incl.VAT).

Rally fee:-£3.00 per van +£1.00 per person, cost of hall has increased. (incl.VAT).

Booking slips to:- Mrs.B.Kaye,14 Firthwood Rd.,Coal Aston,Dronfield.S18 3BW.Tel.No. 01246 412 679. Cheques payable to B. & V. Kaye.

Attractions:- All the fun of the sea side at Lytham St Annes,Fairhaven,Blackpool,go shopping at Freeport.

Thursday Tea/coffee biscuits in hall.Welcome to friends old and new.Bring your spare camping equipment to our bargain table.

Friday. Steak pie and a choice of sweet in the hall.£3.00per head.

Saturday Fish & chip supper in the hall £3.00 per head.Tea/coffee provided. **Competition**

Harvest Festival Hat, hopefully Tom will give us another monologue to followed by the raffle.

Do not send money for this meal.

We exchange Christmas Cards with friends,saves a lot of postage.

Sunday Tea /coffee/biscuits.Rally ends.

Directions: A584 to Lytham,on entering Lytham at first mini roundabout turn **RIGHT** over railway bridge to next roundabout.Turn **RIGHT** again s.p. Kirkham.Site on **RIGHT** in ½ mile.

16th - 20th. October (4 nights).Camping & caravanning Club Site,Keswick, Cumbria.CA12 5EP

Emergency Tel.No. 0775 360 9463 (Marshals' mobile).

Rally Marshals: Sue & Peter Coward & Jenni & Geoff Raistrick.

Site Fee for 4 nights £42.60 (all full service pitches -no further age concession).

Rally Fee:-£4.00 couples,£2.00 singles. All fees include VAT.

Rally slips & cheques payable to Mrs.S.P.Coward.Send to:-Mr. & Mrs.P.Coward,Silvergarth,Low Riddings,Grasmere,Cumbria.LA22 9QY. Tel.No. 015394 35828.

Please include a **SAE** for confirmation of booking,site directions & other relative details.

Attractions:-Site is located on banks of Derwentwater,just 10 mins walk from centre of Keswick.A variety of places of interest,sailing,walks in Northern Lakeland.Opportunity of a guided fell walk.

We aim to repeat last year's successful **theatre visit** and have made a provisional group booking of good seats at the celebrated Theatre by the Lake for a matinee performance on Wednesday 18th - to enjoy the comic situations created by Noel Coward's "**Private Lives**".Cost(same as last year)£8.50 per head.**Please send the money with the rally slip** as we are required to pay upfront.The hall in Keswick has again been reserved for two evening social gatherings.

There is an optional Back Stage Tour (Thurs.a.m.) at the theatre,max 20 people. £3.00 per head,pay on day.A Fish & chip supper is planned for the final night.Further details in the confirmation letter.

Please indicate on rally slip if interested in either or both.Rally starts at 12 noon Monday (vans arriving earlier are charged £5 extra by CCC.**Limit of 30 vans.**

*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

3 Appleby Close,

Aldbrough St. John,

Richmond,

North Yorks,

DL11 7TT. Tel./Fax. No. 01325 374 540 E-Mail. ncr@nasuwt.net

Local assistant: Jerry Haxton (01354 740931) March,Cambs.

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Rally : Date:

Your name and address(Please PRINT)

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..... 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

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

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Maybe this evening in Stratford should have been a 'Spot the Egg' competition?

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In addition to the information about her stolen van Rita Daley sent the following note about cleaning cassette toilets.

"A reference by Valerie & Robin Gardner about 'pressure washing' inside a cassette toilet makes me a bit anxious. Some years ago there was a very comprehensive article in MMM about dismantling the unit and mentioned quite emphatically that water should not be sloshed end to end when cleaning the cassette. This can apparently dislodge some of the smaller parts inside the unit, and I wonder if pressure washing might have the same effect.

The article is now lost in the van, but it did stick in my memory as I had the habit of giving it a good shake when rinsing and emptying before adding fresh water and the chemical."

FRIENDS NEW & OLD

As we have a bit of space this month I'm going to take the opportunity to table some of my views, not as a committee member or as the Newsletter Editor but as a Member.

We have been fortunate to be able to attend a number of rallies in the last few months and some topics have arisen in discussion several times.

There are views that there are impenetrable cliques within the club and associated with those a 'closed shop' for acceptance for rallies.

Chris and I have been in the Club just over two years. In the first year we learnt that rallying is popular and that to avoid disappointment we had to provisionally plan our rallies as soon as the first annual list appeared and be ready to post the rally slip the day the relevant Newsletter arrived in the post. As I work it also means planning holidays and days off to coincide with the rallies in advance on the basis that it is better to cancel that sort of thing if not accepted on the rally, than wait till I know I can take the time off before booking for the rally. If there is a problem it is that the few who run rallies do it so well that the rallies are very popular and a solution would be for many more members to run rallies.

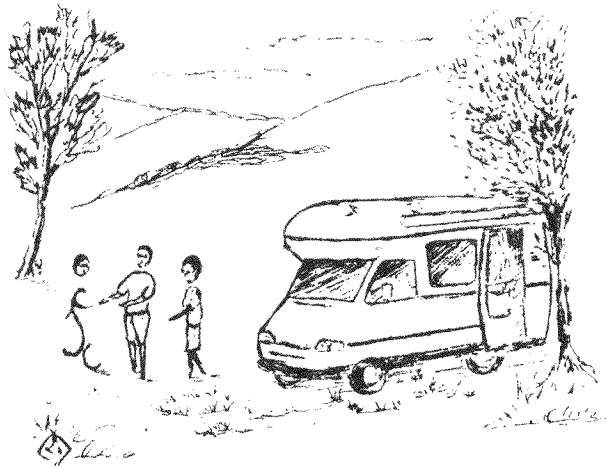
As for Cliques: The reason we have given our support to the Club so quickly is because we were accepted and befriended immediately. Those who have had the benefit of hearing me pontificate will be surprised to know that I am very reserved (really!!) and it takes special people to make me feel at ease quickly. This club is full of such people! Most of you will have heard of this but I'll repeat it anyway – if you feel left out open your bonnet or crawl under your van and you'll soon have a circle of new acquaintances offering you help – it works! And speaking of acquaintances, they often become friends – friends who live in distant parts of the country (we are a National Club). When

friends arrange or by chance meet at a rally its not surprising to find that they get together and chat, drink, eat, etc. but if you stop to pass the time of day with them it would be very unusual for you to be ignored.

And speaking of friends; the Club was started by a collection of Auto-sleeper owners but it is now a large set of friends and acquaintances who happen to own vans made by AS. It's the friendliness of the club members that Chris and I cherish, not the van we use. I would like those of you who have to stop motor homing because of age or ill health to be able to stay (non rallying, non voting) members of the club but to be sent the rally list so you know where we are and can come to visit for an hour or two. A little more radical – I think we are generally agreed that AS vans do not have exclusivity on design and quality any more – I think it would be perfectly acceptable for members who change to a different make of van to move to a different category of membership whereby they could not vote but could attend maybe a couple of 'open' rallies a year. I'm sure there are a couple of the larger rallies that could be opened to none AS owning members with motor homes up to a pre-defined length. I wouldn't like the club to change from being a collection of friends to being a set of acquaintance who own 'Vintage AS Motorhomes'

Well I've had my say but the same facility is open to all club members and I hope you keep sending your articles and letters.

Peter Brown



AS OWNERSHIP

John Dobson

I was very interested in the correspondence and articles in the latest ASOC Magazine. At long last there is an acknowledgement that AS Quality has slipped below the expected standards. Is there a hint that the owners themselves could be a valuable source of feedback? I do hope so especially as many of the faults complained of by many owners we have met appear to be still being built in.

I find myself very much in agreement with the sentiments expressed in Alan Waugh's letter. We are on our third AS van and the quality got steadily worse. Last month on the campsite in St Cere in the Upper Dordogne there was effectively a mini AS Rally with four AS vans and one former AS owner, now delighted with his Hymer, on site. The only satisfied customer was the one who owned an older Trident.

My wife and I love our Nuevo as the design and layout are ideal for what we want but I have kept a catalogue of faults and niggles that have come to light. Needless to say the Service Centre and Cotswold Motorcaravans have been nothing but excellent in rectifying the myriad faults.

During the period that we have owned our Nuevo we have also owned a Skoda Fabia car which has had to have one fault rectified! This involved neither cost nor an expensive round trip. I would dearly love to be able to have confidence in any future AS we may buy as I would be reluctant to leave the fold.

A catalogue of over 3 years of ownership!!! [Not had time yet to ask AS for their comments—expect we'll get them next month.]

1st Year

1. Gas cooker lid catch fitted to prevent bouncing
2. Caravan door lock needed attention
3. Heater rattle fixed unit repositioned fins clipped
4. Water ingress to pod over cab via incorrectly sealed marker light. Hekkie checked at same time.
5. Backrest cushions replaced as tabs had pulled away inadequately fixed.
6. Outlet pipe from fresh water tank rubbing against very sharp edge of chassis member plastic sleeve fitted
7. Trim above cab fell off screws too short.
8. Roof bolts tightened.
9. Several locker doors fitted with anti rattle pads. (d.i.y)
10. Water entered well below caravan door knick cut in seal.
11. Shower tray replaced original outlet pipe to one of drain holes had been cut too short and the drain forced through plastic to fit.

12. Bathroom door re-hung caught on roof beading. Had been hung too high originally.
13. Drain pipe from bathroom washbasin adjusted to allow better out flow. (W)
14. Several locker catch surround rings loose refixed.
15. Loud creaking noise traced to furniture fixed.
16. Creaking from fridge area possibly shelf unit.(see later)
17. External locker door lock at front end had to be stripped and re built.
18. Cold draught across front of caravan and cab entering via safety belt slots foam rubber inserted to try to prevent. AS reps claimed not to have heard of the problem.
19. No indication anywhere as to correct tyre pressures, subsequently two different guidelines given.
20. Doors under kitchen sink adjusted to fit better.
21. Water entered rear marker light.
22. Flap in heater vent to caravan fell out.
23. Moulding below windscreen replaced
24. Sender from fuel tank replaced fuel gauge still does not work properly
25. Plastic strip! Appears to have come adrift from somewhere replaced runner for seat swab
26. Kitchen sink cover hinge core comes out can easily be pushed back.
27. Lining in overhead locker next to wardrobe came off - replaced.

2nd Year

28. Knocking from vicinity of top of drivers door Peugeot cannot trace despite remounting the door.
29. Investigate shutting of caravan door seems to need to be slammed to shut it properly. Is door warped slightly other owners report same problem.
30. Slight leak from outlet drain taps waste and fresh water other owners have same problem washers? Still leaks. Wouldnt it be nice to have adequate outlet taps!
31. Seal at rear of roof not sealed properly no sealant.
32. Condensation inside the caravan window on drivers side.
33. Condensation in overhead lockers in cold weather.
34. Bench seat swab on drivers side needed replacing replacement agreed- after 2 months wrong sized seat sent to Marquis.
35. Leisure battery replaced one cell dead.
36. Water filler cap replaced twice original failed.
37. Rattle from chassis appeared to come from area of rear suspension. Springs replaced by Peugeot.

3rd Year/ 4th Year

38. Furniture creak from vicinity of fridge finally fixed
39. Problem with caravan door finally fixed.
40. Plastic sealing strip (covers screw heads) round caravan door fell off twice, once going up the M5.
41. Bathroom sink tap had to be replaced.

Chairman's Chat



As motorhomes seem to be getting bigger and bigger, many members have told me about the space restrictions that mean they cannot have a vehicle bigger than the Clubman. It does certainly seem to be the ideal for many of you and its disappearance from the model range was a big disappointment.

Auto-Sleepers are aware of this, and have been looking into the possibility of a replacement. Before I raise too many hopes, I must make it clear that this will not be a monocoque. Volkswagen is unable, or unwilling, to produce a chassis which will take the weight and that means a special extension would be required. The total cost of all this would be £50,000 plus, at which price, I think you will agree, the vehicle would not be viable.

However, it may be possible to produce a similar vehicle using modern production materials for approximately £38,000 if there is sufficient interest. I have agreed to co-ordinate a response to A-S, so if you would be interested, please let me know.

On a different subject, during a recent visit to Willersey I was interested to see one of the pop top VW vans sitting in the yard with the roof going up and down on its own. It was the new electric rising roof on test! Apparently it has been up and down several thousand times—the equivalent of over nine years of use—and it's still going strong.

Andy Cavell

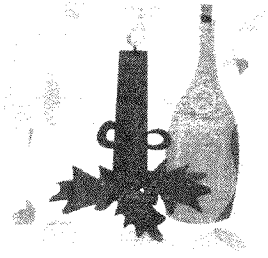
BRUGES & BRUSSELS CHRISTMAS MARKET TOUR

GB Privilege is organising another trip to Christmas markets exclusively for ASOC members. As well as displaying Belgian products Brussels market will have a large number of stalls from other countries; Bruges market by contrast is much smaller and more traditional.

December 3 2006: Sunday

If you want to you can meet up with the tour directors on Saturday evening (2 Dec.) at a campsite near Folkestone. On Sunday we will catch a morning ferry from Dover to Calais. After disembarking, we have a drive of about 70 miles,

nearly all on motorway, to arrive at our campsite on the outskirts of Bruges. Inexperienced drivers will be given the opportunity to 'follow the leader'. The campsite is about 30 minutes walk from the centre of Bruges, or you can catch a bus within 300 metres of the campsite. A hypermarket is also within 300 metres of the campsite and an early morning baker within 400 metres. This evening the group can get to know each other at an informal drinks reception.



December 4 2006: Monday

A day to relax after yesterday's drive and to sort out all the little chores, as well as getting in food stocks from the hypermarket.

December 5 2006: Tuesday

This morning has been left free, but in the afternoon we will be collected by bus and taken on a drive of about 60 miles to the world-famous Brussels Christmas Market. You will be able to spend the late afternoon and all evening tasting the various local specialities and comparing the Christmas items from all over Europe. The bus will collect the group at about 21:00 and return to the campsite.

December 6 2006: Wednesday

Another free day so you can visit Bruges, either on foot or by bus, and see their small Christmas Market. We suggest you make the visit after dark as the lights on the stalls are very attractive.

December 7 2006: Thursday

This morning we head back to Calais and spend the night in the car park at Franglais, which is a good quality wine warehouse. The car park is secure, but there are no facilities. Franglais closes to the public at 19:00 and at 19:30 we stroll in for a buffet meal and free wine tasting. Beer will also be available at French prices. After the meal and tasting you can shop at hypermarket prices and collect your purchases the next morning before you leave.

December 8 2006: Friday

At 08:00 the local baker will deliver bread, croissants, etc., for your last French breakfast. Then go to a local hypermarket to stock up on all the other Christmas essentials. The savings you make could easily pay for the whole trip. Don't forget to fill up with cheap diesel before boarding the ferry.

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- ◇ Return ticket on the Dover-Calais ferry for a motorhome up to 6.0 metres long + 2 people.
- ◇ 4 nights at Bruges campsite, with 220-volt hook-ups
- ◇ 1 night at Franglais car park near Calais
- ◇ Bus to and from Brussels Christmas Market
- ◇ Buffet meal and wine tasting at Franglais
- ◇ Suggested route
- ◇ Relevant road map
- ◇ Services of GB Privilege tour director for the duration of the tour cont'd..

The price per person based on the number of people in one motorhome will be
£135 per person for four people
£150 per person for three
£185 per person for two and
£290 per person for one

A deposit of £75 will be required and a minimum of 15 motorhomes will be needed to operate the tour. The maximum will be 25 motorhomes.

Further details and a booking form can be obtained from GB Privilege Limited, 3 The Fields, Tacolneston, Norfolk NR16 1DG. Phone 01953 789661, fax 01953 789519 or email gbprivilege@yahoo.com.



AS Pollensa Y reg. 18,400 miles. 1.9cc petrol engine. MOT & tax to October. 1 previous owner. Sale due to increased disability £23,900. [*Advertised last month - corrected email address*]

Contact: Teresa & Alan Harrison 01989 567001 e-mail avrf23@dsl.pipex.com

AS Nuevo Peugeot Boxer 2.0 HDi diesel 2 berth Aug.2002 3,600 miles. Immaculate Omnistore 3m awning, TV 12v and mains, internal screen cover. Lots of extras. Non-smoker. No pets. Sale due to ill health. **£21,950.**
Contact: A Cooke 02476 542777

AS Neuvo Peugeot Boxer 2.0 HDi Diesel, 2 berth Nov.2002, 8,000 miles. Immaculate. Non-smokers/ Standard AS spec. plus drivers' swivel seat, Omnistore 3m awning. TV aerial with booster. Rear corner steadies, exterior side access locker, roof rack and stainless steel ladder. Rear reversing mirror, internal screen insulation and Gemini Thatcham Alarm. **£22,995 ono.**
Contact: Peter Chipchase 01226 287436 or 07967 131577 (South Yorkshire)

1994 Talbot Symphony 2 berth AS 49,000 miles. Taxes Sept.06 MOT April 07. Shower/cass toilet, 3 way fridge, 2 burner hob, blown air heating. Serviced. 4 new tyres, new leisure batter, new factory fitted Fiamma awning. Curtains, blinds, fly screens. Underside newly wax oiled. **£12,500 ono Contact George or Alma Yapp 01544 231624** (Herefordshire).

Thanks for donation

Peugeot Boxer 1 set x 3 internal Silver Screens **£30.** 1 pair plastic headlight protectors with blanks for use in Europe **£20. Contact E P Winter 01526 353537** (Lincs.)

Thanks for the donation

Fiamma 320 Back Box £100.
Wastemaster £25.
Contact. Peter Woodman 01908 370614
(Milton Keynes)

Thanks for the donation

Brand New 25m mains hook up lead, still in sealed Bag. £20. 4 x 15" **plastic wheel trims** to fit VW Trophy £10. MMM magazines 1998-2005 free to collector.
Contact: Derek Hockley 01903 782810
(W.Sussex).

AS Talisman GX Peugeot 2.5 TDi 1999 model S Reg Dec.1998. 4 berth. No pets, children or smokers. One owner. FSH, new CAM belt. Standard AS spec plus extra electric points, Heki roof light, swivel passenger seat, twin bike rack, alarm and immobiliser. 41,500 miles. Ex. Condition. **£25,995**

Contact: Barrie & Tricia Rowland 01480 473149 (Huntington V.near A1)
Email triciarowland@tinyworld.co.uk

Thanks for the donation

AS Gatecombe VW 2.5 TDi Sept.2005 1,000 miles. Heki roof light, shower, cass.toilet. Full cooker with 4 burner hob. 3m Fiamma awaning & twin cycle rack. TV aerial ^ Booster. As new **£32,000**

Contact: Jim & Doris Sibthorp 01245 269914 (Essex) **email janddsib@hotmail.co.uk**

Thanks for the donation

AS Duetto 2.5D (LWB) Manual 5 speed Aug.1994. Fully served inc. habitation check. Full Cert for gas Nov.2005. 2 berth oven/grill/2 burner hob, fridge, flyscreen/blinds. Fiamma awning, radio cassette, 2 Captains seat both swivel. Cass toilet/ shower room. Blown air heating, water heater, power steering, undersealed. VGC,

well mainted. FSH. MOT Nov 06 Tax June 07. No smokers/pets/children. **£14,750 ono.** **Contact Jacqui Bolton 07784 733615 email**

Boltonstormont@tiscali.co.uk
(Chesterfield, Derby)

Thanks for the donation

Peugeot AS Pescara 2000(W) 2.0 petrol. 18,600 miles. FSH, MOT from May 06 and habitation check. 2 berth with o-cab bed, rear kitchen full cooker & fridge. Carver heater, shower & toilet. Status TV aerial, fitted solar panel. Fiamma awning & bike rack, Silver Screens, wheel clamp. **£19,750 ono** **Contact: Paul Doolin 01379 871006** (N Suffolk)

Thanks for the donation

AS Talisman on Talbot Express 1986 2.0 petrol 88,000 miles. One owner. Garaged. Non-smokers. No pets. Many extras inc. Van Bitz Alarm. Eberspacher heater. Awning. Above average condition. **£6,500**

Contact:Ken Richards 01323 891842 or 07970 154638 (E.Sussex)

Thanks for the donation

Duetto 2.5 TD 1999 T (last of old shape). Standard AS spec plus Status 570 TV aerial, bike rack, Omnistor awning, tow bar (never used), drivers seat swivel, alloy wheels, Silver Screen for every window, enchanced VanBitz alarm, recent CAM belt, FSH. Non-smokers **£17,500 ono.**

Contact Graham Laer 01993 882696 (Oxford) **email laer@onetel.co.uk**

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