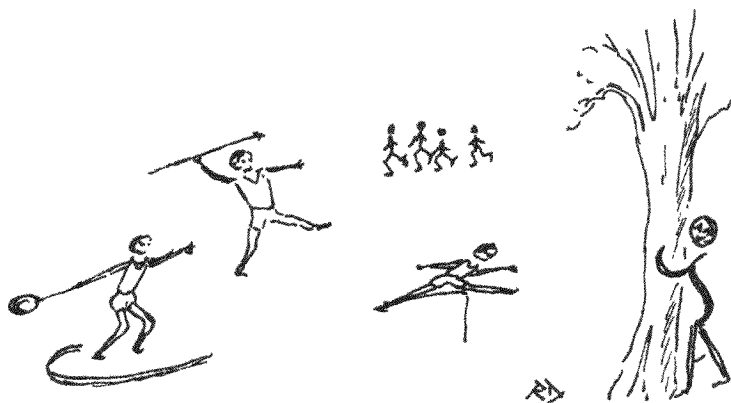




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NEWSLETTER 239

August 2008

From the Editor (S)

Today there is a certain amount of sadness in the dingy dungeons of ASOC towers as we reach the end of our stint of producing the newsletter. Once again we have had a great time and of course many thanks to all those who sent us compliments and special thanks to those who may not have liked our newsletters but kept it to themselves.

I guess that the issue of being able to book rallies is settled as we've had no input on the subject so that has to be good for everyone.

This month we have some really interesting articles including a full report on the Irish rally which may help you make up your mind if you are thinking about a holiday rally.

Since joining the club we have decided the phrase that best describes it is 'Warm and Friendly', and the phrase we seem to hear most, and completely agree with, is 'if you need help the best place to be is at an Auto-sleeper rally'. Anybody who has been a member of any type of club or organisation will know that very few of them can be described in these terms. I put this in the editorial because it makes me feel very proud to belong to a club so described. I know that this might seem a bit woosey but I make no apologies for it.

I look forward to the next time we meet like this, but before I go I will warn you there may be a little giggle or something as you go through this newsletter.

Really Important please don't forget that Peter takes back the mantel for the next few months so send all your input and copy to him.

Correction of the date for the National Rally. I hope most of you noticed that Peters finger twitched so the correct dates for this rally are:-

30 April to 4 May 2009

Proposed Rally/ Tour

Would you like a trip along the West Coast of Scotland 30th May - 17th June 2009? Eighteen nights, six sites taking in the beautiful Island of Arran, Mull of Kintyre and Glencoe to sixteen miles south of the bridge over the sea to Skye concluding at Glen Nevis, approximately 350 miles. Estimated cost in the region of £450 for sites and ferry.

In order to ascertain the feasibility of his trip it would be necessary to know if there is sufficient interest. Please contact Moira and Allan Blackstock at:-

moirablackstock@blueyonder.co.uk or by letter to 39 Sumpter Croft, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 9UJ.

This will not constitute a formal booking which would be made on the official rally slip at the appropriate time. No booking will be accepted for part trip.

Does this ring a bell?

A couple's house was plagued by an invasion of flies in hot weather. After the husband went round with a fly swatter his wife asked.... "Have you managed to kill any?" He replied " Yes four males and two females." His wife asked... "How can you tell which sex they were?" He replied... "Four were on a lager can and two were on the phone."

Thanks to the members who sent me some little ditties, well you have to have a laugh, don't you?

A man went on safari and saw a pigmy standing by a huge dead elephant.

"Good Lord!" said the man. "Who killed that?"

"I did" said the Pigmy, "with my Club."

"You must have a big club!"

"Oh yes, we have over 500 members

Two slugs were slithering along a pavement. As they went round a corner they found themselves stuck behind two snails, "oh no" said one, "Caravans!!"

Thank you Everyone

My wife and I would like to thank John and Rita Stubbs and all those that attended the Hurley rally for their kind words and best wishes for my speedy recovery and hope to see them on other rallies in the not too distant future.

I would also like to thank Baz Wellard for his help and guidance in the saga of the water ingress on the new Peugeot chassis, which I hope to bring to a final conclusion in the not to distant future.

Once again many thanks,
Malcolm and Norma Fish.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone

Travelling abroad? This will save you lots of hassle - and may save your life! Alan Wainwright

For over fifty years we have been travelling in Europe - independently, in groups of caravanners and occasionally on package tours.

Every time we have made sure we had good insurance and, after it came in, E111(now known as ECIC). We thought we were well prepared, until this year when we discovered just how wrong we were. Here is our experience, and it could happen to you!

In February three of us set off for a tour of Central and Northern Portugal. My wife Margaret (81), My daughter Patricia (53), who has had her own separate establishment for 30+ years, and myself (87). After general planning, Patricia and I had made all the detailed arrangements - bookings, reservations etc etc. We were with one insurance company, (ours was Red Pennant), Patricia with another.

Briefly, on our first night in Portugal Patricia was taken ill with severe breathing difficulties and was taken by ambulance to the nearest hospital 29 km away. There she was admitted to Intensive Care under sedation on a ventilator and remained so for the next five days, when she was transferred to another hospital in Lisbon 3 hours drive away.

Bad enough, but worse, that same evening I had a bad fall, and was taken to the same hospital with a fractured femur, which eventually involved a complete hip joint replacement. We all got home three weeks later, still needing treatment.

It was a nightmare, especially for Margaret who, you remember had not been involved in any of the paper work, and had to cope with endless questions: and the key was INFORMATION, and much of it was wanted either before the insurers could be involved, or by the insurers themselves.

She had to sort through handbags and wallets, luggage, hidey holes in the car, and who knows where else to find all the papers, especially insurance, reservation documents etc, and then find a way of dealing with them. But this was only a start, and worse was to come, especially at the beginning before the insurers could even be notified. All concerned were brilliant - hospital (without whom, we have been since

told, Patricia would have lost her life), and the insurance companies, who were a tower of strength. But without information, they could do only a fraction of what was necessary. All were screaming for information: doctors especially, hospital admin, and insurers - and much of it we did not have, yet it was all obviously necessary. Particularly acute in Patricia's case, since we had never known much of what they wanted, and she was in no position to tell them. .

The result is that we are determined that next time we will be prepared: we hope we won't need it, but we will be better organised., and we pass on these suggestions in the hope they may save a great deal of hassle, and even, in acute cases (eg allergies) may save a life.

As a starting point, consider this. If your party suffered a serious event, and someone else, maybe a comparative stranger, had to pick up the pieces. where would they start? In short, always plan for the worst possible outcome.

We suggest three elements:

1. Each member of the party should have, and keep readily at hand, a complete file of all documentation - booking., reservations etc. highlighted if necessary with any action needed. We would also suggest a note of any important engagements in, say, the fortnight after you are due to return (in case these have to be cancelled). If there are friends who would be able to help, note these as well.

- 2 In this file each member of the party should include a fact file on themselves and each other member giving all the details which are likely to be wanted by insurers and emergency services. We suggest below what this should contain, based on the information we were asked for. If you are on a rally or tour, the leader should also have a copy (in a sealed envelope only to be opened in emergency).

- 3 Each member of the party should have their independent source of funds. In many cases we know. for instance, that wives rely on second cards on the husband's account: the folly of this was brought home to us when such a card was offered in payment of a bill for nearly €1000, and rejected on the basis of 'unusual pattern of use'. If you rarely use your cards abroad, make sure your company knows. And you will be wise to have a second, or even third, string

With all this, you will still have hassle, but it will be much reduced, and it will save time, which in some cases could be of the essence.

This is what we suggest should be in your fact file;

Right at the top Your details - name. address. home and mobile phone numbers

Where to find your E111 (EHIC) card. It is likely to be the first thing the hospital asks for and include its number and details

Name and telephone number of your insurers and policy no.

Passport no./ Place and date of issue

NI No

Then Next of kin, Name, address, home and mobile phone numbers

Name address etc. of your GP. (This was asked for a number of times: it may be necessary to check medical history etc.)

Details of a trusted person in the UK who will be able to deal with things on your behalf, a family member if possible. Our younger daughter was an enormous help. This person should have a copy of the cancellation list. and notification list.

Medical Any allergies (I am myself allergic to one type of sedatives, and was desperate that they should not be used)

Any heart or chest problems (the first thing the surgeon will ask) Any other possible complications Any recent procedures

Any medication you are taking. Prescription: give pharmaceutical name and dosage

OTC: name and reason (Brand names often change from country to country).

Any other information you think might be helpful.

Final Comment. Keep every single scrap of paper and a note of phone conversations - you may need it for the final financial reckoning. And get receipts wherever you can.

Our Transit AutoSleeper

We are both sad and pleased to say that our camper van has found a new home. It's now with another enthusiast, George Pratt, to whom we have passed on club details. We're sad that we had to part with her and never had the chance to meet and socialise with you, but pleased that it's gone to someone with an interest at least equal to ours. If you ever meet George and his wife with "Phoebe", (B279NPH) as we fondly called her, give them our fondest regards and give "Phoebe" a gentle pat on her bonnet to let her know she'll not be forgotten.

Thank you all for the short association we had with the club, most helpful and informative as it was, but sheer economics overtook us and we just could not see a way forward to using the vehicle to its full potential with the escalating cost of fuel and other running expenses on our pensions.

Thanking you all again and we trust that our paths may cross in the future. You never know, because we have now reverted to our previous "love", caravanning, this just may happen. We're of a kindred spirit after all.

John and Sue Law.

Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'? *Ans. One Thousand*

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.

Rally News

*Doing nothing is very hard to do,
as you never know when you are
finished*

The following comes from a couple that we met at a very cold and wet camping club meet in Blackpool at Easter. We discussed our vans and I suggested that they should join our club, or at least look at the web site. So the result was that these reprobates joined and we met again at Cartmel, welcome to Philip and Kit

Having recently joined ASOC we decided to go to Cartmel racecourse for our first rally only to find that it was full of warm, friendly, like minded people who went out of their way to make us welcome. The stewards were excellent and organised a guided walk on Saturday and a barbecue of epic proportions on Sunday. The occasional downpours failed to dampen spirits and we really had a great weekend. We would like to thank everyone for their hospitality and congratulate the organisers on such a well run event. Now that we've found you, like it or not, we'll be back.

Philip and Kit Jackson.

Sue thought that the following may be a bit long winded but I feel that it is such a good description, in general terms, of a holiday rally that I felt it may be useful information for those contemplating one, and it's a lovely story.

Irish Rally Report Thursday 29th May - Wednesday 18th June 2008.

From Sue and Alan Grimstead

This was our first Holiday Rally (Dartmouth Music Festival our only previous meet) and our first visit to Ireland. We answered Liz's enquiry for any interested parties to contact her. After she assessed enough

members were interested it was then advertised in the newsletter and we sent off our application by next post - and yes were really surprised to be offered a place.

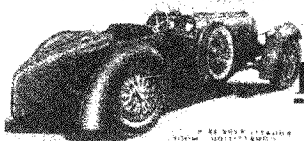
We planned to start our holiday on Tuesday 27th May sailing from Fishguard. We had booked our ferry crossing via The Caravan Club and they didn't inform us that we would be sailing on the "SEACAT"! First problem - checking in we were asked to go to the weighbridge where we found we were overweight! After jettison our water supply etc. and me standing outside with everything I could carry we made the weight.

After eventually finding somewhere to stop for a snack lunch (height barriers in all lay-bys) we proceeded to our first camp site Newtown Cove Caravan Park.

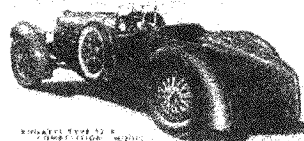
Our next stop was at Blarney Caravan & Camping Park. After booking in we found it was full of Auto Sleepers and Swifts (Hire Vehicles). There were 6 units altogether on their way to the Irish Rally. In the afternoon Alan & I took ourselves off to Blarney Castle and the lovely grounds. Of course we had to climb the Tower and yes, I had to kiss the Blarney Stone - photo to prove it.

Thursday 29th saw 23 of us all arriving at The Hideaway Camping & Caravan Park, Skibbereen, Co.Cork. Our arrival coincided with the Irish Bank Holiday the busiest camping weekend of the year. The owners had prepared an area for our rally all hard standing with electrical hook-ups - all we will say it was very cosy and everybody got to know one another very quickly. After our first coffee evening it sounded like it was going to be fun with Liz & Bryn giving a breakdown of our stay at Skibbereen, while talking of breakdowns Nora & Ven didn't join us until the Saturday due to a faulty exhaust. Whilst staying in Skibbereen we had our first coach trip which took us to Cobh, Kinsale and along the beautiful East Cork coastline. Alan & I took ourselves off to Loch Hyne and had a lovely cycle ride part way around it. Saw a local trotting horse (Papajoe) being exercised in the loch on long ropes - it could only be Ireland. We also had a super day down at Mizen Head and on the beach at Crookhaven.

Tuesday 3rd June found us at Fossa Caravan & Camping Park, Killarney, Co. Kerry for a 7 night stay. We didn't have coffee at our meeting - owners Nina & Derry had kindly laid on hot punch and supplied us all



August 2008 Rally Supplement



***Stop Press. NEW RALLY. 27th. – 1st December. Ulverston Dickensian Weekend. Details later.

****NEW RALLY 30th. October – 2nd. November Brewood Middle School, Nr. Wolverhampton, Staffs. Details next month.

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

If you wish to take a car, trailer or tent to a rally, please ask the marshals if this is possible.

All rallies, with the exception of the National Rally, must be applied for by using only official A.S.O.C. rally slips sent by post to the relevant marshals.

1st – 6th August. (5 nights) Eskdale School, Whitby, North Yorkshire.

Emergency Tel. No. 07711 271568 (Marshal's mobile)

Rally Marshals: L

THIS RALLY IS NOW FULLY BOOKED.

Site Fees £4.70

s (Inc. VAT).

11th – 15th August (4 nights) Bugatti Owners Club, Prescott Speed Hill Climb, Prescott, Glos.

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

Rally Marshals: Angie & Andy Cavell assisted by Mo & Mike Valentine.

Site Fee: £5.00 per night. Rally Fee £1.50 per person.

Rally slips and cheques to A. Cavell, 24 The Close, Hampstead Norreys, Thatcham, Berks. RG18 0RY. Please enclose SAE for directions and further info.

Please do not arrive before 2.00 pm.

This is a green field site with basic toilets open 24/7. We will be camping in a paddock at the bottom of the hill climb course. The site is sloping and levelling ramps may be required. Prescott is well located in the Cotswolds with many visitor attractions nearby. Dogs welcome subject to the usual rules. There is a super walk from the site to the top of the nearby hills.

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The Bugatti Museum will be open during our stay. We have arranged for the Curator to give us a guided tour and talk about the history of Bugatti which is not just about cars! The fee will be £2.00 per head and numbers may have to be limited. Please send money with rally entry slip.

We could also arrange a meal in the course restaurant if there is sufficient interest. Cost will be around £15.00 per head for a two course carvery type meal. Please indicate on rally slip if you would like a meal but do not send money at this stage. **Limited to 50 vans.**

19th - 24th August (5 nights) Topsham Rugby Club, Topsham, Nr. Exeter, Devon.

Emergency Tel No. 07890876859 (Marshals mobile.)

Rally marshals **THIS RALLY IS NOW FULLY BOOKED.** 869 & Nora & Venables Tel. N

27th August. – 1st September.(5 nights).Shoreham Air Show. Shoreham Airport, Shoreham by Sea, West Sussex.

Emergency Tel.No. 07999 571461.

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

Site Fee: £2.00 per night. NO Electricity. Rally Fee: £2.35. **GREENFIELD** Site.

Water tap & Elsan point.

*******NO DOGS ALLOWED.**

Airshow tickets required: £26.00 per adult, £10.00 per child.Covers both days.

Booking slips & cheques made payable to A.N. Fowler, 20 Hawkins Close,Shoreham by Sea,West Sussex. BN43 6TL. Tel.No.01273 594479.

Saturday evening Buffet meal available £4.12 per person,payable in advance.(Incl.VAT).

Booking slips & cheques made payable to A.N. Fowler, 20 Hawkins Close,Shoreham by Sea,West Sussex. BN43 6TL. Tel.No.01273 594479.

Saturday evening Buffet meal available £4.12 per person,payable in advance.(Incl.VAT).

Attractions: 2 day Airshow with on ground entertainment,cycle rides from site.

Please do not arrive before 12 noon on Wednesday.

1st to 10th September 2008 – (10 nights) – Chinon in the Loire Valley France. **THIS RALLY IS NOW FULLY BOOKED.**

11th – 14th. 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. & Margaret & Bob Cleaver.

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

Rally Fee: £2.35 (Incl. VAT). Send rally fee 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 23rd. August.*

Show application forms to be returned to the organisers, Stone Leisure, by 30th. August.

11th – 15th September (4 nights) Lancaster Heritage Weekend, Lancaster F.C.

Emergency Tel.No. 07989776207 Marshal's mobile.

Rally Marshals:- Kevin Harwood & Don Bland.

Site Fees: £5.00 per night. NO Electricity. Rally Fee:-£3.50 couples, £2.50 singles. All hardstandings. Toilets available during the day..

Booking slips & cheques with SAE for confirmation & directions to

F.K.Harwood, 10 Peel Crescent, Westfield Village, Lancaster. LA1 5NY. Tel.No. 01524 62697.

Attractions:- City centre 5 min walk includes Museums (5), Castle, theatres, etc (free entry this weekend). Nearby historic Heysham & Morecambe. RAF display & fireworks. Walking & cycling (level) alongside river & canal. Lake District 30 mins drive away.

Limit 25 vans. Rally starts at 12 noon.

18th – 21st. September. Northern Motorcaravan Show, Pickering Showground, North Yorks.

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.

The special Club site fees are:- Thursday to Tuesday £38, Friday to Tuesday £35, Saturday to Tuesday £32. You may either use the form enclosed in the July Newsletter or fill in an application form from MMM, Which M'Van or Showgoer using the special fees and mark the form **A.S.O.C.**

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.**

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

**25th - 29th. September (4 nights). Masham Sheep Festival, Old
Station H.P., Masham, North Yorks.**

Emergency Tel.No. 01765689569. Site Tel. NOT for rally bookings.

Rally Marshals: Alan Guest & Don Bland. Marshal's mobile 07918028696.

Site Fees:- £14.50 per night, with electric. £12.50 per night NO electric.

Rally Fee:-£8.00 couples, £5.00 singles. (VAT Incl.)

Saturday night a meal has been organised on site at £8.50 per head, including
sweet & coffee. Meals also available. A trip to the Black Sheep Brewery can be
arranged. Please indicate on slip if interested.

Rally slips & cheques payable to A.W.Guest, 27 Chiltern Drive, Ackworth,
Pontefract, West Yorks. WF7 7DW. Tel.No. 01977 612773.

SAE for confirmation & directions.

**2nd - 5th. October (3 nights) Little Stoke C.C, Uttoxeter Road (B5027),
Stone, Staffordshire. ST15 8RA**

Emergency Tel.No. 07919 538622.

Rally Marshalls, Chris Mawdsley, Peter Brown and Liz Irvin.

Site Fee: £4 per night. Rally Fee: £2 per couple £1 singles. (Incl.VAT).

Booking Slips with cheques to Chris Mawdsley 5 Kenilworth Walk, Cheadle,
Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire ST10 1WA. Tel.No. 07919 538622.

A Greenfield site with no toilet, bathing facilities or electricity. The Cricket Club
have an excellent pavilion bar that is expected to be open each night and can
be used by ralliers. Planned to coincide with the Stone Food and Drink Festival
which includes a Manger à trois where restaurateurs offer a choice of fine food
with each course in a different restaurant. There's a Real Ale Trail, a farmers'
market and a gourmet food marquee. For full information go to
www.stonefooddrink.org.uk.

Directions: Leaving Stone going towards Uttoxeter the site is ¼ mile past the
railway crossing on the **right** and is well signed.

Maximum 23 vans.

3rd - 5th. October (2 nights). Eden Camp, Nr. Malton, North Yorks.

Emergency Tel.No. 0777 557 0182.

Rally Marshals: Jan & Vic Hicklin.

Site Fees: £10.00 per unit per night (includes VAT & unlimited admission to
museum & use of Hut 12 for weekend). **No Electricity.** All hardstanding on

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car park.Elsan 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 1.00pm. Friday & closes 12 noon Sunday.

Late arrivals will have to park outside gates which are locked between 2030hrs. & 0800hrs. **Limited to 40 Vans.**

No admission to rally before 1.00p.m.

7TH - 11TH November.(4 nights) Sedgemoor Carnival, Burnham on Sea. TA8 1NQ.

Emergency Tel.No. 07711375323.Marshall's mobile.

Rally Marshals: Linda & Brian Ellis, Sheila & Ivor Barnett.

Site Fee: £50.00.(Includes electric). Rally Fee: £2.50. Total £52.50.(Incl.VAT).

Burnham Holiday Village is a full facility site.

Rally slips & cheques made payable to: Brian Ellis,52 Golf Links Road,

Burnham on Sea,Somerset.TA8 2TP. Tel.No. 01278 784 524. Mobile

07711375323.Please include a SAE for confirmation.

The Carnival is on Monday evening approx. 7.30p.m. start.

Rally limited to 65 pitches,42 are hardstanding 23 are grass.Pitches will be allocated as slips are received,hard standings first.All pitches have hook up and are accessed by tarmac roads.There are also site toilets & showers.

NO PETS ALLOWED,site rules.

Attractions: Saturday coach trip to Clarks' Village of Street (shopping). Please indicate on slip if interested,approx. £4.00 each. 9.30 am & 11.30 am from holiday village.DO NOT send these payments with your slip.

Sunday evening Fireworks display on beach.

Sunday/Monday morning beach to pub walk.

Monday evening two hour (approx) Carnival Procession. 7.30p.m. start.

The Holiday Village is approx.10 mins walk from the town centre.There is also a Saunders Garden Centre and a Tesco a short ride out of town both with good parking.There is also a Somerfield in the town.

Directions: M5 junct. 22 Burnham on Sea exit. To large island (Edithmead A38) turn **left** and follow signs for Burnham Holiday Village (Taunton A38). In approx. 1 mile straight over island (A38) continue past Caravan Sales, over railway bridge then turn **right** signed Burnham Holiday Village to mini island by petrol station. Bear **left** towards Burnham town centre. Holiday Village about a ¼ mile on **left**.

Rally starts at 10.00a.m. Friday 7th. November.

*If you wish to run a rally in 2009 please contact me to check dates **before** booking with a site. This prevents any clash of dates.*

For a rally to be included in the 2009 Provisional Rally List, distributed with the January Newsletter, I must have dates etc. before the end of November 2008.

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. Committee members are also available to assist if required.

I have some sites that have offered a rally site, they have not been vetted as to suitability for rallies, please ask if interested.

A "Guide to New/Possible Marshals" is available. If you would like one please contact me, details below.

*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

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Rally Date.....

Your name and address (Please PRINT)

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..... Post Code.....

Phone No. Mobile No.....

e-mail..... Membership No.....

Van Reg..... Length..... Arrival Day/Time.....

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

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

Please complete both sides of this form.

this your first ASOC rally? Please tick box. Yes No

Number of people in your van: Adults..... Children.....

Adults' names (Incl. forenames).....

Childrens' names (incl. ages).....

Cheque enclosed for £..... for..... nights incl. rally fee.

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:-

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Full payment **MUST** accompany this slip-cheques payable to the marshal.
POST FORM TO REACH MARSHAL 14 DAYS BEFORE EVENT,if possible.
Enclose a SAE if confirmation is required.

with an information pack - so much to do and take in. No time for relaxing, coach trip the next day to the Ring of Kerry breathtaking scenery and so much of it. Stopped for lunch at Waterville we had ours on the beach.

Now Liz made the decision because of the weather forecast to bring forward our next trip or adventure to the next day. Morning found us on our way in small coaches for a short ride to Kate Kearney's Cottage for the start of a 7 mile walk or Jaunty Car Ride through the Gap of Dunloe. Alan and I decided to walk at our own pace having not walked this distance for a long while. What a wonderful experience our comment to each other, what a privilege to be here, so spectacular. We had 4 hrs allowance to walk the 7 miles we did it in 3 and felt pleased with ourselves. After we had all met up for a picnic lunch the rain started. The next part of the trip was a 2 O'clock start in open boats holding 12 people all supplied with large life jackets for a 12 mile trip through rivers and lakes to Muckross Castle and yes we were so lucky the rain stopped at 2 O'clock. We did have fun, at one stage getting out of the boats while they descended the rapids. On the main lake the wind blew and most of us got wet - very rough but enjoyable.

So much to do in Killarney and the surrounding area. Many of us traveled to the Dingle peninsular accompanied by 100's of Harley Davidson motor bikes who were holding an International Rally at Killarney over the weekend. Alan & I also took ourselves off to Muckross House & Gardens which is part of the National Park and walked up to Torq Waterfall. Very handy to have a bus stop outside the campsite which took you into Killarney. Many campers had taken their bikes and this was one of many occasions when they could be put to their full use. Riverdance was also in town and Pam organised tickets for the Saturday night performance. A very good Cheese & Wine Party was organised on the Sunday evening.

10th June, Nagles Doolin Camping & Caravan Park, Co.Clare. Most of us travelled to Doolin via the Shannon from Tarbet to Kilimer it was a lovely morning and there were 8 AutoSleepers on our ferry. This was a nice campsite overlooking the sea, you were able to walk to the pier and get a boat to the Aran islands or to the Cliffs of Moher. Alan & I did the latter, it was great to see all the birds nesting and feeding. Doolin is known for its music and most of us sampled the local brew and enjoyed

the music at O'connors.

13th June, Cong Caravan & Camping Co. Mayo, our last rally campsite. On Saturday we all investigated Cong, Liz showing us the scenic route via Ashford Castle grounds which brought you out by the Abbey. In the afternoon we took a boat ride on Loch Corrib and in the evening Gerry (the site owner) gave us a showing of "The Quiet Man" the film was made in Cong in the 50's. This was the first time we had seen this film and thoroughly enjoyed it - along with the subtitle's that had us all laughing (have you tiddled your last wink)!!! Sunday and our last coach outing to Kylemore Abbey, the walled gardens were lovely, then onto Roundstone and a drive through the Connemara could the scenery get any better.

Tuesday our last full day we joined Liz and others on the "Chalet Walk" again through Ashford Castle grounds to the Chalet, where we conveniently had our packed lunch out of the rain overlooking Golden Bay. Our last coffee evening together was taken in the campers' dining room. A vote of thanks was given by Terry describing all the effort and organisation put into this very successful rally. Steve had organised a word search of Autosleeper models (43 I think) and he announced the winners - 2nd were Pat & Malc but 1st place went to Jenni & Geoff. Well done Steve you had us all thinking and scratching our heads. Having all been told to take 3, 20 cent coins we then ended the evening playing a game with 3 dice Left Right & Centre a good time was had by all with Lily winning 20 per cent of the Centre's takings and the rest going to a local charity.

One sad note we were all sorry to have 3 couples leave the rally early due to family bereavement we didn't all get to wish them good luck.

The weather was really good only 2 days of rain - Liz your "icon" worked wonders. Our mileage for the holiday was 1,423.

It was then time for goodbyes. What can we say we had a great holiday, did things we probably wouldn't have done by ourselves, had lots of next door neighbours and made lots of friends. Happy Rallying to everybody - hope to see you soon and many, many thanks to Liz, Bryn, Nora & Ven.

Rutland Rally

Having got plenty of warning about aircraft noise, it was a pleasure to attend the rally at the Rutland Camping and Caravan Site at Greetham, run by Elizabeth and Bill Grimsley. The Harriers were, in fact, not that noisy except the roar on landing, and were interesting to watch. The Site was excellent, managed by ex- Caravan Club Wardens and matched up to the best club sites. It was very handy for the village and there were many attractions nearby, (and it's open all year if you want to visit).

We had good weather the whole time and the stay was soon over after visiting the local town of Oakham via the Rutland Flyer (free bus to the over 60s) and Pat and I spent one leisurely day cycling around the airbase, stopping at a nice pub for lunch. Many others went down to Rutland Water to cycle the 26 miles around it! There was also Barnsdale Gardens nearby.

Elizabeth and Bill Grimsley had organised a pub meal at the Wheatsheaf, a foody pub where we had an excellent meal. There was also a blue guide tour of Oakham arranged that a number of members attended. What an excellent choice of rally site by the marshals Elizabeth and Bill, and I hope they will do it again in 2010 because there was still plenty to do.

David Mayne 2818

Ron and Linda's Big Trip, 2008.

Following last year's trip to Rome, in our new Nuevo, this year at short notice we decided to head to Barcelona. The reason for the uncertainty was based on the slide of Sterling against the Euro, having witnessed our budget fall by twenty percent, we looked at ways of saving cost's. This was done by using our Tesco deal voucher's to secure a return ticket on Euro-tunnel, sorted then.

We travelled down through the Somme and the Rhone valley to Avignon, into the Camargue and via the coast road into Spain. We really enjoyed the Spanish sites, large pitches, spotlessly clean facilities, manned by a team of cleaning ladies from 7.00 am to 10.00 pm. We stayed at Camping Mas Nou, Ampuriabrava, then moved on to be nearer the beach at L'Amfora, both accept Camping Cheques and were therefore good value.

The drive down through France was not without incident, just north of Lyon we had a repeat failure of the water pipe which returns coolant to the expansion tank, this also happened last year, however Peugeot in France are really good to deal with, and a modified part has now been fitted, this part must have caused a lot of problems as the new part is completely flexible. While at the garage we also benefited from the engine software upgrade. The only downside was having to find a site for an unscheduled overnight stop as the parts were not in stock. If you should ever be passing through Laon, please do not be put off by the Caravan club book, although ours is dated 2004, the local municipal site, is a real gem. Just as well really it's the only site for miles!

We had received lots of advice about visiting Barcelona, starting with be careful to don't go. So I guess we chickened out and took a coach trip with a guide, we did this from Mas Nou and to be honest was the best thing to do, we saw so much more than you would have done on foot. Would recommend this method as you do get a full day, no worries about driving and parking and at 33 euro's each it's probably cheaper than driving in and parking for a day.

We came back over the Pyrenees on a nice clear sunny day, the X250 cab is a dream to drive and relaxing to boot, unlike the previous Chassis which I found tiring to drive. Having had our Nuevo from new in March 2007, and despite a few teething problems and some continuing niggles, like the radio switching off after 20 minutes, I think it's a cracking van, while I write this it's been recalled by Peugeot for the steering rack, you do wonder don't you where they spent the development money, I bet they

have some very nice restaurant's near the Sevel factory!

Back via the west coast of France staying at Isle d'Oieron via the Lot then Loire valley, to Chartre, then home, we managed to visit 22 sites over 56 night's, travelled 2458 miles at an amazing average of 33.6 mpg. We met some wonderful folks and had a great time.

If you feel that a big trip is a bit scary, then try not to think of it as a big trip just lots of small trips joined up, providing you have the security of good insurance, go for it, please be careful, but you need be no more careful in Barcelona or Rome than you would be in London or Manchester.

Ron and Linda Kemp, Membership no 6036

The following cushions are available from the Auto-Sleeper Parts Department (01386 842630), these being excess to our requirements. They are ex-works and carriage is extra

Bench seat cushion	Reynaulds	480 x 1230 x 140	£ 20.00 + VAT
Sussex backrest cushion	Cleopatra	370 x 1330 x 180	£ 30.00 + VAT
Ford Pollensa base seat	Vanity	500 x 925 x 150	£ 20.00 + VAT
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The Gift Of Life

On the very first day, God created the cow. He said to the cow, "Today I have created you! As a cow, you must go to the field with the farmer all day long. You will work all day under the sun! I will give you a life span of 50 years."

The cow objected, "What? This kind of a tough life you want me to live for 50 years? Let me have 20 years and the 30 years I'll give back to you." So God agreed.

On the second day, God created the dog. God said to the dog, "All you are supposed to do is to sit all day by the door of your house. Any people that come in, you will have to bark at them! I'll give a life span of 20 years."

The dog objected, "What? All day long to sit by the door? No way! I give you back my other 10 years of life!" So God agreed.

On the third day, God created the monkey. He said to the monkey, "Monkeys have to entertain people. You've got to make them laugh and do monkey tricks. I'll give you 20 years life span."

The monkey objected. "What? Make them laugh? Do monkey faces and tricks? Ten years will do and the other 10 years I'll give you back." So God agreed.

On the fourth day, God created man and said to him, "Your job is to sleep, eat and play. You will enjoy very much in your life. All you need to do is to enjoy and do nothing. This kind of life, I'll give you a 20 year life span."

The man objected. "What? Such a good life! Eat, play, sleep, do nothing? Enjoy the best and you expect me to live only for 20 years? No way, man! Why don't we make a deal? Since the cow gave you back 30 years and the dog gave you back 10 years and the monkey gave you back 10 years, I will take them from you! That makes my life span 70 years, right?" So God agreed

THAT'S WHY.... In our first 20 years, we eat, sleep, play, enjoy the best and do nothing much. For the next 30 years, we work all day long, suffer and get to support the family. For the next 10 years, we entertain our grandchildren by making monkey faces and monkey tricks. For the last 10 years, we stay at home, sit by the front door and bark at people!

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X250 Chassis:

- **Water in the engine compartment:** Peugeot have issued a recall with 2 reference numbers.
 - B1AW1OF1 - cleaning of injectors and cylinder head face using deoxidising polisher. Protect the injectors and cylinder head face against future corrosion using the polishing wax
 - C2AW1EF1 - sealing the windscreen aperture.

As the above fixes are intended to remove any existing oxidation, protect key components and stop water ingress into the engine bay Peugeot do not feel it necessary to also fit an engine cover. Peugeot state that a customer can, of course, pay for this part and fitted the cost will be in the region of £75.

At least one member has found that he has been refused the rectifications as his VIN number is not identified on the Peugeot recall database for the rectification; he is chasing this error. You may wish to check with your dealer to see if you are on the list and take necessary action to ensure you are included?

Reversing problems: Peugeot have now identified the cause and are in the process of engineering the fix. This will be communicated, by Peugeot, to dealers as soon as it is available. I repeat my recommendation of a few months ago: - If you have not yet checked if you have a problem reversing uphill, then I suggest you do so and if there is a fault, formally register it with your official dealer.

Ideas Sheets:

The following Ideas Sheets have been approved:

- No. 164 – Duetto – Levelling indicator aid from the drivers seat
- No. 165 – Replace halogen lights with 'lower cost' LEDs

Website: Club website update No. 7/08 (25th June) has the following updates:

Rallies: Reports and photographs of the: -Dartmouth;
Minehead and Hurley rallies

For sale

Auto Box Carrier (fit on tow bar), insulated window covers and summer 'see through' covers, both to fit pre 07 model Peugeot Boxers. £250 or will sell separately. Reason for sale, change of outfit. Contact Norman Maskrey on 01858 466711 or email n.maskrey@btinternet.com
Thanks for the donation

Bicycle Rack for VW T4 with Tailgate single rear door. It's a FIAMMA Carry Bike for two bicycles and requires NO drilling to fit. It has only been used once to actually carry a bicycle therefore is in excellent condition. Its ready assembled but can be dismantled and posted if collection is not possible. £80 ono
Contact: Adrian Goulding 01446 412951 or adriangoulding@hotmail.com

A/S Ford Legend 2000 W reg. 37,000 miles, 1 owner, service history, inc. new cambelt, van bitz alarm, wind out awning, detachable tow bar, 12v/240v flat screen tv, reupholstered in a/s fabric, new window seals fitted by AutoSleeper last year. One of the last few built. Immaculate £21,750. Very reluctant sale due to ill health
Contact David Brook-Smith 01484 720 099 (West Yorkshire)
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Ford Duetto 1994 (M) 2.5 Turbo Diesel. 53,750 miles, taxed and MOT, tracker, alarm, cruise control, rear storage box, side awning, wheel clamp, other extras. Full service history, £11,995. Contact Kevin Hudson 07860 378 825 or Brian Hudson 07710 614 312.

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Contact Geoff Rothwell 01745 826 752 Mob. 0777 327 0485
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Items to suit early VW Trident Oil filter £3, Fuel filter (petrol) £3, o/s headlamp assembly £8, Mirror lens (either side) £2, n/s indicator lens (amber front) £4, Rear parcel shelf £5, n/s/r light assembly £5, Fiamma 3 bar cycle rack £60, spark plug set £4, 4 Wheels (rims only) VW 701 601 027 51/2J x 14" £2 each.
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Peugeot Boxer A/S Talisman 2.8 HDI Reg. Feb 03 Taxed and MOT, Excellent condition, 36,000 miles. 1 owner, non smoker, no children. Cobra alarm, Hope fave tow bar, alloy wheels, silver screens and other extras, £23,000 no offers. Sale due to bereavement.
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Peugeot Boxer Symbol ES 2.2HDI 2004, 16,000 miles. This vehicle has been garaged since new and is in excellent condition. Fiamma awning, side door step, silver screens, diesel heater, gas bottles and television included. Full service records, £23,000. Reason for sale, time to give up. Contact Pat and John Bridge 01406 331067
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