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An impromptu mini rally at Walton Windmill Hill

NEWSLETTER 248

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From the Editor (S)

I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter break, the weather for the most part, has been kind for a change. We had a family gathering so that was good, but it never ceases to amaze me how someone with a dishwasher can end up washing up so much!!

Just before Easter we had a great time at the Burton Rally, although we didn't visit the brewery this time. Four of us went for a walk instead over the hill to Tattenhall, which is a very pretty village, then back down to the canal for lunch at the Bridge Inn. For those of you who are not aware the food is Italian and since it was lunch time we decided to share two pizzas between the four of us. I'm so glad we did! I don't think any one of us would have been able to walk anywhere had we had one each!! But we all agreed the pizzas (Calzones) were excellent.

Trish, Ted, Jan & Vic organised an superb rally as usual and our thanks to them all.

Incidentally, the photograph and caption on the front is courtesy of Petronella Clark - thank you.

Well I think everything is organised for the National & AGM so for those of you going we look forward to seeing you there, and for those who aren't - why not?

And we have had a request from John Pay:

I have recently bought a 1994 VW T4 Trophy Autosleeper. Whilst I have a copy of the Autosleeper Instruction Manual and the Service Schedule for the vehicle I don't appear to have a copy of the Owners Manual for the VW Transporter T4. Could anyone suggest where I might get hold of one, or alternatively is there anyone who would be willing to send me a copy? I would then copy and return (I will of course cover any postage/package costs incurred). If you are able to assist could you email me at johnpay@btinternet.com?

John Pay (01952 811787)

Just over 20 years ago,

when I was young and even more foolish, I answered John Cox's letter in MMM offering to help start an Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club. We might have up to 200 members by the end of the first year if we were lucky. (Bill Hayes told us we didn't know what we had got ourselves into). Well, we had more than 200 members in the first few weeks and it became more hectic as time went on. Talk about grabbing a tiger by the tail!

Much has been said over the years, but I can still remember the look of contempt/astonishment on the face of the Manager of the Cotswold Water Park, South Cerney, when we went to arrange our Inaugural General Meeting Rally. "How many members have you got?" "Well, none, but we have had 67 letters!" He was a bit offhand as he showed us the 100 pitches we asked to have reserved for the rally. By the end of January I was ringing to see if we could have another 100. We just about had enough to meet the needs of those signing up but some new members (including the Henthornes) had to stay at the Cirencester Caravan Club Site because they had pets. We hadn't thought of pets!

John and Barbara Cox pitched near the entrance to be central for their marshals. Dilys and Frank Stinchcombe (Regalia Officer and Treasurer) and Philip and I (Newsletter and Secretary) pitched near the marquee arranged by Auto-Sleepers. Everyone wanted to talk to us, and around 500 people trying to get in a word became very exhausting. I even had to run to the toilet to avoid being nabbed. We fetched our lunch from the buffet and ate it in our vans, we needed a rest. We were pretty hoarse by the end of the event. The people from Auto-Sleepers were similarly cornered and one took a rowing boat into the centre of the lake for a bit of peace at lunchtime, only to be hailed from the bank. Here, I would like to add that Charles Trevelyan and Neville Jelfs were in the thick of it with us through all the meetings and took on a lot of work with the traders and base vehicle suppliers, providing us with support when it was most needed.

The first Annual General Meeting was at Billing Aquadrome and Clive Jenkins, who was running it and a few of us, arrived to find that no-one

knew we were coming. They should have arranged a large marquee and a lot of meals for the Saturday evening. Fortunately, it was the owner who was on duty and he rapidly made the necessary arrangements, but there were caravans with awnings parked all over the area we were supposed to have for our rally, and a lot of rapid thinking had to be done before the members started arriving. At this time we also had a display of Auto-Sleepers and a lot of traders coming. The marquee was very cold and it rained a lot. Two huge fan heaters were put in and blew hot air around but were probably very dangerous. Those nearby were hot and those just out of range shivered.

We went to Edithmead, Somerset, the following year and had a job getting off the pitches it rained so much, and the people already on site were very angry at our taking over the main lounge area. We booked for the following year but didn't get any response when we tried to make the final arrangements, and within a few weeks of the event we managed to book the function rooms at Wickstead Park, Kettering instead, and we stayed for several years until we were priced out.

By this time the AGM lost Auto-Sleepers and the traders because of a clash of dates with Brands Hatch, a big event where all the makes of Motorcaravan were on display. And so we started the Club and Company Rally at Stratford-upon-Avon during July. It was also a last minute idea but worked very well as it had been a lovely sunny summer. It worked so well that we visited Malvern to see whether we could continue the event there, and you all know that we did that for several years, until prices went up and we could not find a member who would take over and run what had become a big organisational problem.

Life was extremely hectic but very satisfying when people said the club had given them a new interest in life when things had been a bit bleak. Very few people had complaints about what we were doing and it was very relaxed. Now, of course, with so many members and so much legislation, our Committee has to be a lot more business-like. It is a good job I stepped down! I am sure that John and Barbara will agree, we should be very proud of what has been achieved, and I hope it goes on for at least another 20 years.

Rita Daley

Welcome to New Members



Peter & Tina Stevens	Hastings	Symbol
Peter & Gill Turnbull	Whitchurch	Nuevo
Colin & Barbara Greatrell	Ringwood	Nuevo
Clive Wilkinson	Plymouth	Harmony
Jim & Ishbel Livingstone	Bedford	Lancashire
Mick Martineau	Middleton-on-Sea	Trooper
David Taylor	Camberley	Windsor
John & Jane Johnson	Sheringham	Executive
Don & Jill Moore	Coventry	Nuevo
Stanley & Barbara Matthews	Heswall	Windsor
Barry & Anne Stubbs	Whitehaven	Symbol
Alan & Pat Child	St Peter Port	Broadway
Geoff & Janet Byford	Huddersfield	Trident
Tony & Suzanne Miles	High Wycombe	Symbol

Rally News

ROYAL WINDSOR RALLY

Theatre Royal: The show during rally week will be *Dancing Queen*, the ABBA musical sensation, featuring a dynamic cast of singers and dancers, beautiful costumes and dazzling choreography.

To book: 01753 853888 or www.theatreroyalwindsor.co.uk

Prices: Reduction for OAPs. Cheapest seats Thursday matinée

Times: Tue-Sat 8.00pm. Thu Mat 2.30pm Sat.Mat: 4.45pm

Charity Stall: We will be holding a stall of paper-back books, CDs, DVDs, bric-à-brac, all proceeds going to the local Air Ambulance. Bric-à-brac items will be priced individually, all other items will be priced at 25p each (or more if you wish!). Any member wishing to donate to the stall will be very welcome.

Raffle: Bring a new raffle prize and claim £1 worth of free raffle tickets (one per van).

Rally Start: Please do not arrive before 2.00pm as parking on the entry road will restrict access to other racecourse users.

Getting there: Please don't use the Windsor Racecourse post code, if you do you'll end up in a cul-de-sac in a housing estate. (Don't ask for sympathy if you do!!!). The OS reference is map 175/951772.

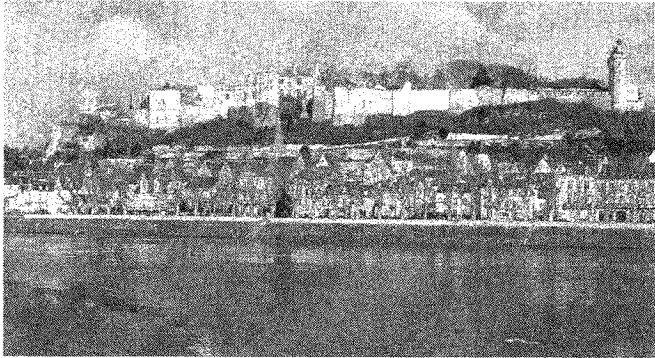
Buses: The nearest stop is just over half a mile away. The majority of routes depart from Thames Street in front of the castle.

Interested: Send your rally slip and cheque to our address as detailed in the rally supplement asap.

Valerie & Robin Gardner

Chinon Rally 26th August to 6th September

If you are intending to come to the Chinon rally and have yet to send in your application, could we please ask that you might do so ASAP?



Unfortunately numbers already booked are such that the rally is not really viable and we may have to cancel. Please see Rally Supplement for details, and Club website for last year's rally report.

Dorothy & Baz Wellard

Carver Cascade Heater

[David has sent a further comment relating to his article in last month's Newsletter]

It may not be obvious but the reason why the plastic would not turn, and for the reference to using a trace of grease when refitting, was bobbles of corrosion in the heater thread had cut into the plastic. For those who do not take MMM, the way to remove the corrosion is to make a tap from a bolt used to hold a towball to a bracket. A friend who tows should have a spare to give to a member who does not. The head of the bolt is placed in a vice and a tapered slot is sawn or ground in the thread, the head is turned two flats and another slot cut and then a third.

David Maddison-Roberts

From the Factory

This month's contribution from the factory comes from Alan Curry Customer Support Manager.

The role of the customer support manager in its current guise is a fairly new one for the company and prior to my appointment the post holder's primary function was to provide support to other areas of the business, in particular the Motorhome Service Centre, Production, Sales and Warranty departments, in their dealing with our customers. This wasn't always an easy task as the Motorhome Service Centre was effectively an independent stand-alone business. Production should possibly have never been involved with after sales matters and the other two after sales departments - Warranty and Parts both reported to different line managers.

The fact that Service, Warranty and Parts all have such excellent reputations is a testament to the personnel within each department, and in practice this dysfunctional arrangement worked much more effectively than we could reasonably have hoped - but we have to admit, it wasn't always ideal.

So why change things? Well the extraordinary economic turmoil that engulfed us all last year created the toughest trading conditions many of us have ever seen and the result has been a critical evaluation of every aspect of our business. The outcome of this review has had effects across the business and one aspect of this has been the merger of the Motorhome Service Centre, Warranty and Parts departments to create a new Customer Support Department with the aim of providing an integrated support service for both our business-to-business and retail customers

The Motorhome Service Centre retains its established trading title to help distinguish it for non Auto-Sleeper owners but is no longer treated as a separate business; it is firmly back as part of Auto-Sleepers core business and for those of you wondering what happened to Phil Bennett, my predecessor who many of you will know from his work at the Club and Company Rallies; I am pleased to be able to report that he is now

happily ensconced in his new role as Production Planning Manager.

As for me, I have been with Auto-Sleepers for longer than I care to remember – I started as a fitter in January 1979 and have been Line Foreman, Design Technician and Repair Shop Forman before completing two stints as Production Manager, and the same as Quality Manager before leaving to take up a post with Sea UK importing and distributing Italian motorhomes. A great job that I really enjoyed mainly because the Italians are wonderful people to work with and I had a very supportive group of people around me. But all good things must come to an end and the general restructuring of the Auto-Sleepers Group saw the passing of that phase of my career. Fortunately for me, I was offered the new Customer Support Managers position and never one to turn down a challenge; I grabbed it with both hands.

So what exactly does the Auto-Sleeper Customer Support Manager do? The brief for the job is very straightforward – Once an Auto-Sleeper has been sold and has arrived on the Dealers site everything to do with it is my responsibility.

The most important part of the job is the day-to-day management of the support we give our Dealers; processing warranty claims, supplying spare parts, giving technical advice, and providing expert hands on assistance when necessary. This work is vital and helps our dealers to look after your motorhome for you. We appreciate that there will be occasions when we need to intervene but our philosophy is that we look after our Dealers so our Dealers can look after you.

Next, if only because of the size of the investment, comes Service. The Motorhome Service Centre has a wholly justified reputation as a first class service provider. Quick to respond, undaunted by the most complex problems and staffed by knowledgeable, skilled and experienced administrators and technicians, its brief is simply to meet Dealers' and Owners' every need. No job is too small - though they prefer something to get their teeth into - and anything from a minor wiring job to a full-blown rebuild can be quickly and expertly dealt with.

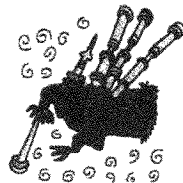
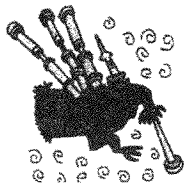
Warranty also plays a large part in the day-to-day life of anyone involved in Customer Service; my job is no exception and I am responsible for the whole system. I write and publish the policy, amend its terms and conditions, and manage the internal and external process from initial report to supplier credit note. I also ensure its terms and conditions are

applied fairly and firmly across the board – usually a fairly straightforward process but there are occasions when claims arrive here for the most astonishing things - often Swift or Auto-Trail!! As with any managerial role the administrative side of things has to be kept under control and the single biggest admin burden is associated with Warranty. Though I should mention at this point that the brunt of this falls to my Warranty Coordinator who I rely on to make sure nothing escapes the system, that every claim is dealt with as quickly and efficiently as possible and the whole system in general runs smoothly. My main warranty administration responsibilities revolve around analysing the data and producing weekly reports for the Production, Design and Quality teams to review.

Close on the heels of Warranty comes the final key support activity – Parts and Spares. Again I am fortunate in so much that I have inherited a great team who have a reputation for fast and efficient service supplying parts to both the trade and retail markets and without who's help owners of our older models would be unable to obtain the spares needed to keep their vans in tip top condition. Luckily this area gives me the least number of problems and the few that do arise are usually caused by delivery hold-ups beyond our control – something that has sadly increased in the current climate particularly for anything sourced from Europe. Someone recently told me that it's a waste of time ordering bits from Germany because they are shut!! A bit over the top but close to the truth for comfort.

And finally last but not least to the reason for me having a job at all - you! I have had daily contact with one or more of you for the best part of 20 years and you never disappoint. Collectively, you know more about motorhomes than we do, have more technical know-how than us, more practical experience, and have a pretty good eye for design. You are, for the most part, courteous, cheerful, interesting, tolerant, curious and understanding - in fact everything you would ask of the kind of people you have to deal with every day. In truth your problems are my problems, some are small and easy to fix, some are complex and difficult to resolve and often as frustrating for me as they are for you, but few are ever exactly the same, and it's this endless variety that makes the job so interesting and fulfilling.





May 2009 Rally Supplement.

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.

Please note my new e-mail address is :- ncr@mypostoffice.co.uk

****Please remember that you have to arrange ferry bookings and any insurance required, health or vehicle, for any foreign rallies.

Applications for rallies must be made on ASOC rally slips by post. The only exception is the National & AGM Rally.

30th. April – 4th. May. 20th. National Rally & A.G.M.
Nottinghamshire Showground, Newark.

26th August to 6th September (11 nights) Chinon in the Loire Valley, France.

Rally marshals: Dorothy & Baz Wellard; assisted by Marion & Jimmy Henwood and Gill Brindley & Brian Thomas.

Fees: Site fees will be payable directly to the site management by members. Last year the discounted site fees were approx. 10 Euros (£8) per night; inc. electricity.

Rally fee: £16.50 inc. vat, non re-refundable if successful. Rally slips; rally fee (*payable to Mrs D. Wellard*), and SAE to:- 18 Greenwood Close, Fareham, PO16 7UF. Tel.No. 01329 231 259.

Town: Chinon is approximately 350 miles from Calais; with a convenient overnight stop 2 hours out of the port. Chinon is a very attractive small mediaeval town on the banks of the River Vienne; which is a tributary of the Loire. Photographs of the town & campsite can be seen at:- www.picasaweb.google.co.uk/bazils2/ChinonSeptember2007

Site: The 2 star site is actually on the south side of the river with views across the Vienne, to the town and its Chateau. It is only a short walk across the bridge to the centre. We have been offered an area that has the advantage that all units can be sited together.

Attractions: Chinon's Chateau dates back to the 11th Century, and the town has attractive buildings with narrow streets and open air cafes and restaurants. There are a great many other Chateaux and attractions in the Loire Valley area.

Logistics: This will be the Club's second visit to the Chinon site and we do not anticipate any limit on numbers. Dogs are permitted, for a small fee. Unfortunately this will not be a 'drop-in' rally and ralliers will be obliged to stay the full 11 nights, please.

12th to 22nd September 2009 St. Sylvestre sur Lot, France

Rally Marshals: Barbara & Stuart Williams assisted by Angie & Andy Cavell.
Emergency Tel. No. 00 44 (0)7880 532057.

Rally Fee: £16.50 inc VAT, not refundable if offered a place. Rally slips & cheques to A. Cavell, 24 The Close, Hampstead Norreys, Thatcham, RG18 0RY. Please provide your email address if you have one, if not please enclose an SAE.

Site Fees: The site fees are not set yet, but last year were in the region of 10 euros a night including electricity.

Site: Les Berges du Lot is located at the side of the River Lot and is run by a very friendly couple who can both speak some English. There is a small swimming pool for campers. Pitches are separated by low hedges.

Within 200 metres are most of the shops, Intermarche supermarket, three bakers, a butcher and a pizzeria etc.

Attractions: 500 metres away is Penne d'Agenais. The port area has boats for hire and shops, bar and restaurant. On top of the hill overlooking the valley is the medieval village where there are more restaurants, the Basilica and many old buildings.

The main town nearby is Villeneuve sur Lot, with lots of shops and restaurants. It is 9km away on the signposted cycle route. Within 25 minutes drive are several more medieval villages.

Limited to 15 vans. Please do not arrive before 12.00 noon.

30th May – 17th June (18 nights) West Coast of Scotland Tour.

Rally Marshals Moira & Allan Blackstock assisted by Jenni & Tommy Wilson.

Emergency Tel. no. 07891704186 or 07969312703 (marshals mobile) .

Starting at 12 noon at Culzean Castle Caravan Park (2 nights) we will proceed to the Isle of Arran (4 nights), Oban (4 nights), Glencoe (2 nights), Morvich (Shiel Bridge 16 miles from Skye) (4 nights), concluding at Glen Nevis (2 nights). If by this time you are not bored with the beauty of this part of the British Isles you may wish to stay here or carry on touring .

Cost to include Site fees and ferry crossings will be approximately £400 we cannot be specific at this time as we are awaiting costs from some sources. Rally fee £15 both to include VAT.

Booking forms with SAE to A & M Blackstock, 39 Sumpter Croft, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 9UJ.

Tel.No. 01772 749178. If your application is successful a deposit will be required within 7 days of receipt of acceptance otherwise your place will be offered to the next on the list.

Morvich is a Caravan Club site which will charge full rate (other sites are discounted), if you are a CC member please give your membership number on your booking slip, it is also *essential* that we know the length of your van for the ferry booking.

Members must book for the full tour. Maximum vans 25.

14th to 21st June 2009(7 nights). Delftse Hout Caravan Site, Delft Netherlands.

Rally starts at 12 noon June 14th and closes 12 noon on June 21st. 2009.

Rally Marshalls: Trish & Ted Pratt & Jan & Vic Hicklin. **THIS RALLY IS NOW FULL.**

Friday, 26th June to Monday 6th July 2009. (10 nights) Camping Rudesheim am Rhein, Rudesheim, Germany.

Rally starts and ends at noon. Marshals: Liz Irvin assisted by Peter Brown and Chris Mawdsley.

Members *must book for the full 10 nights*. Rally fee £15 (non refundable) to be sent with rally slip and SAE for reply, to Mrs E Irvin, 43 School Lane, Kirk Ella, Hull, East Yorkshire, HU10 7NP.

Cheques payable to E. Irvin. Tel. No. 01482 658345. E-mail irvin@irvin.karoo.co.uk Site Fees

expected to be €24.30 per night for 2 adults, €19.00 for 1 person, inclusive of electricity 10 amps.

Dogs €3.00. Showers €1.00 supplement. The site is easy walking along the riverside to Rudesheim.

For local attractions please see November newsletter. I plan to organise an evening Rhine in Flames cruise on Saturday 4th July, including a 2 course dinner (traditional German main course with meat,

supplements and dessert) estimated €50.50 per person. I will need to know numbers for the cruise as I am now aware of another Rally at the campsite and places may be limited **so please confirm your interest in the cruise with your application. A deposit for the cruise booking may be required in advance of the rally. You will be expected to make your own arrangements for travel and insurance.**

7th - 11th May (4 nights) A.S.O.C. Dart Music Festival Little Cotton

Farm.C.P.

Site Tel.No. 01803832558.Fax. No.01803834887.Website www.littlecotton.co.uk

THIS RALLY IS NOW FULLY BOOKED.

12th-15th May 2009 (3 Nights) Pontefract Racecourse, West Yorkshire.

Emergency Tel. No. Marshal's mobile 07950500192.

Rally marshals Janis & Mike Wood & Neil & Pauline Rogers.

Site Fees £23.50 inc. VAT. Rally Fee £2.35 couples £1.50 singles inc. VAT.

Fees & Rally Slips to Mrs. J Wood, 34 Elmete Avenue, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Leeds. LS25 6EH.

Please include S.A.E. for confirmation & details.

This is a Greenfield Site with **NO** electricity. Toilets, drinking water and waste water facilities available, also we hope to have the use of a room. Dogs welcome on leads but not on the racecourse track. Sloping, hardstanding site and blocks will be needed.

Pontefract Racecourse is situated just off Junction 32 of the M62. Within the racecourse area is a park where there are possible walks and also a boating lake. Historic Pontefract is just over a mile away and on a bus route outside the park entrance.

At Junction 32 is Xscape, a ski slope with shops and cafes and next to it the Freeport Shopping Centre. Also close by is Fairburn Ings, an RSPB wildlife bird sanctuary.

Limit of 20 vans.

PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 1PM.

22nd to 25th 3 nights £17-00 c no 27.

21st - 25th May (4 nights) Burn Gliding Club,Nr. Selby,North Yorks.

Club Tel.No.01757 270 296 (Emergencies only).

Rally Marshal:Alan Guest.

Site Fee:£5.00 per night.(incl.VAT) **No Electricity**. Rally Fee:£2.00 couples,£1.50 singles. incl.VAT).

Booking slips to Alan Guest,27 Chiltern Drive,Ackworth,Pontefract,West Yorks.WF7 7DW.

Tel.No. 01977 612 773 Cheques payable to A.Guest.

Attractions: Gliding trial flights/ lessons over weekend (subject to weather). There is a market in Selby on the Monday.

Directions: From M62 junct.34 take A19 towards Selby,Gliding Club signposted in Burn Village.

4th. 9th.June (5 nights).Whitefield Forest T.P.,Ryde,Isle of Wight.

Emergency Tel.No. 07730212750 -07866621291.

Rally marshals: Ken Bolton & Mac.McArthur.

Rally fees £65 per unit for 5 nights including electricity.Incl VAT

Remember that you will have to make ferry bookings & arrange any insurance required.

Contact the rally marshal before sending S.A.E. with rally fee made out to K.Bolton, 2 Cherryside,Lake,Sandown,Isle of Wight.PO36 9LU.Tel.No. 01983 402059.

Most of the Isle of Wight is an area of outstanding natural beauty with many attractions.

New Tesco store within ½ mile of site.

Rally starts 12 noon 4th. June,ends 12 noon. 9th. June.

8th - 12th.June (4 nights) Hurley Riverside Park,Hurley,Maidenhead,

Berks.SL6 5NE.

Site Tel.No. 01628 824493. Website:- hurleyriversidepark.co.uk

Emergency Tel.No. 07754761423 Marshal's mobile.

Rally Marshals: Rita & John Tubb, Shirley & Chris Sturgeon & Theresa & Dave Smith.

Site Fees: £56.00 including electricity for 4 nights. Rally fee: £2.35. All include VAT.

Please send a S.A.E for full directions and confirmation with rally slip and cheque for £58.35 payable to Rita Tubb,70 Charmwood Crescent,Chandlers Ford,Eastleigh,Hampshire.SO53 5QL.

Tel.No. 023 8026 7294. If you are bringing a car or towing a trailer please state on rally slip.

The rally is on a commercial site with full facilities.All pitches have electric and there is a launderette, hot showers,toilets CDP and a shop with provisions and papers available.

Attractions: The site is ideal for visiting Henley on Thames ,Marlow,Maidenhead and Windsor.It is situated beside the River Thames with fishing available. There are two pubs serving food near to the site.Hurley village is about ½ mile from the site with pubs,shop & post office.There are several. N.T. properties nearby that you can visit. There is a bus stop by the entrance to the site.You can walk or cycle the Thames Way path towards Marlow or Henley from the site.The site is situated on the A4130 between Henley on Thames and Maidenhead.

If you wish to stay additional nights either before or after the rally please book by phoning the site on 01628 824493.

Limit 25 vans. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 12.00 NOON.

3rd – 5th July (2 nights) Prestwood Steam Fair,Great Missenden,Bucks.

Emergency Tel.No.07775570182 or 07749378587.

Rally Marshals: Jan & Vic Hicklin & Margaret & Bob Cleaver.

Fee for the weekend £18.00 per unit. Rally Fee: £1.75 per unit. (Incl.VAT). NO ELECTRICITY.

The weekend fee includes unlimited entrance to the Steam Rally.

This is a **GREEN FIELD** Site – own toilets are essential.

Rally slips & cheques to Mrs. J.Hicklin, 381 Manor Road,Brimington,Chesterfield,Derbyshire.S43 1PP. Tel.No. 01246 236157.If unavailable ring Mragaret 01442 851080.

Directions: From A 413 Great Missenden take the A4128 to Prestwood and follow Steam Rally signs. No Arrivals before 1.00pm. Friday please.

5th –9th July (4 nights) Ledbury Rugby Football Club.

Emergency Tel.No. 07791582881 (Max) or 07989153109 (Joan).

Rally marshals: Joan & Max Cooke & Sheila & Ivor Barnett.

Site Fees: £8.50 per night. Rally Fee: £2.35 (incl.VAT). NO ELECTRICITY.

Drinking water,wastewater disposal facilities. Dog walking on site.

Use of clubs toilets & showers.We also have use of the club bar.

Regular bus services to Hereford,Ross,Malvern and beyond.

Include a SAE for confirmation and directions.Please indicate if you require a meal.

Rally slips to_ J.E.Cooke, The Magnolias,Canon Pyon Road, Hereford.HR4 7RB.Tel.No. 01432 274906.

Directions: Ledbury Rugby Club HR8 2LP. Leave M50 at junction 2 take A417 to Ledbury.The Rugby Club is off the roundabout on A449 to Much Markle.

Limit 30 vans.

9th – 14th July (5 nights or less if you wish!) Abingdon Vale Cricket Club, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 3HP

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

Rally Marshals: Angie & Andy Cavell and Mo & Mike Valentine.

Site fee: £5.60 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.01635201976.

Attractions: This is a **GREENFIELD** 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 hope to have the use of the pavilion for a get-together on Friday evening if the weather is bad! Dogs are welcome, subject to usual rules; there are walks straight from the site.

The Croquet Club has again 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. **Please do not arrive before 2.00 pm to allow us time to mark out the site.**

14th - 19th July (5 nights).Royal Windsor Rally, Royal Windsor

Racecourse.

Emergency Tel.No. 07794411446 (Valerie) 07796202238 (Robin).

Rally Marshals: Valerie & Robin Gardner & Pat & David Mayne, Maureen & Cedric Jones.

Site Fees: £38.00 per van. Rally Fee: £3.00 couples, £2.00 single. (VAT included). NO reduction for less than 5 nights.

Rally slips & cheques to Mrs. V. Gardner, Marangu, 13 Carrington Ave., Flackwell Heath, Bucks. HP10 9AL. Tel. No. 01628 522363. SAE for confirmation & map, if required.

Rally starts at 2.00pm. (**NOT** before) on Tues. 14th July and closes at 12.00pm Sun. 19th.

GREENFIELD site + racecourse toilet block. No hook ups. Dogs allowed, subject to usual conditions.

Attractions: Visit Windsor & Eton towns, take tours round Windsor Castle &/or Eton College. See a show at the Theatre Royal, ride on the Windsor Eye or have a swim in the Windsor Leisure Centre. Take a boat ride from the racecourse, a trip on an open top bus or a ride in a horse & carriage round the town, walk by the Thames in Windsor Great Park (including the famous Savill Garden).

Journey to Runnymede where King John affixed his seal to Magna Carta. Hampton Court or Legoland which are all short rides from the town centre. Trains to London Paddington & Waterloo.

Directions: M4 - Jn.6 Go South on A332, slip off at 1st. exit. At roundabout take 3rd. exit go west on A308, over mini roundabout, 2nd. exit, the entrance to the racecourse is under ¼ mile on the right. Follow ASOC signs.

M3 Jn. 3 Go north on A332 until you come to slip road (just after Windsor town centre) that points down left for A308. At roundabout take 1st. exit go west on A308 over mini roundabout, 2nd. exit, the entrance to the racecourse is under ¼ mile on right. Follow ASOC signs. Map Ref. - OS 175/951772.

Raffle - Bring an acceptable new raffle prize and claim your £1.00 worth of free raffle tickets. (One per van). ALL rally slips will be date stamped & taken in strict order of RECEIPT.

16th - 19th July. 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: £2.35 (couples), £1.50 (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:-** Thursday to Monday £38, Friday to Monday £35, Saturday to Monday £32. You may either use the form enclosed in the May 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 26th. June.

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.

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23rd-26th July 2009 (3 nights) Beacon Park, Lichfield, Staffordshire.

Emergency Tel.No. Marshals mobile 07713186508.

Rally Marshals Ted & Trish Pratt & Vic & Jan Hicklin.

Site Fee £5.00 per night inc. Vat Rally Fee £2.35 inc. vat. Booking slips and cheques Payable to P.M.Pratt 3 Grafton Rd Stapenhill Burton on Trent. Staffs DE15 9DN PHONE 01283538818. This is virtually a GREENFIELD site. although there are toilets in Beacon Park)

Sat evening get together includes Jacket potato, dessert and drink - £5.00per person Pay with booking slip.

Attractions Beacon Park is adjacent to Lichfield City centre.

Directions: Beacon Park is situated in Lichfield, just off the A51 Tamworth to Rugeley Road. Go round the island with the Bowling Green Pub in the middle. Then take A 51 Rugeley/Stafford Road; turn immediately right down Walsall Road, then immediately left into Lower Sandford Street. Follow signs for Car Park, the site is through the car park keeping to the right.

You may arrive on Thurs AFTER 12noon NOT BEFORE PLEASE

30th July -4th August (5 nights) Leon's Field, St.Ives, Huntingdon. PE275ER

Emergency Tel.No.07716724910. marshal's mobile.

Rally Marshals: Sylvia & Brian Smith, Julia & Harry Briars- Filby & Shirley & Chris Sturgeon.

Site Fee:£5.75 per night. Rally Fee:£2.00 All incl.V.A.T. **NO Electricity. NO Toilets.**

Booking slips & cheques payable to B.G.Smith, 9 St. Mary's Road, Bluntisham, Huntingdon.

PE27 3XA. Tel.No. 01487 841786. Bookings acknowledged, with directions, please enclose a S.A.E.

Site by Great Ouse, 200yds. From town centre. Buses every 20 minutes to Huntingdon or Cambridge. Monday is Market Day in St.Ives, and on Saturday there is a Farmer's Market. More pubs, restaurants & charity shops than you could hope for! Glorious riverside walks.

Please do not arrive before 12.30pm. on Thursday. Do not enter St.Ives Town Centre.

Rally closes 11.00a.m. Tuesday.

ADVANCE NOTICE

19th - 21st August (5 nights) Shoreham Airshow Rally, West Sussex.

Emergency Tel.No. 07999571461. (Mobile).

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

Site Fee: £2.00 per night. Rally Fee: £2.30 (Incl.VAT).

AIRSHOW TICKETS. £28.00 PER ADULT. £12.00 PER CHILD. (Covers both days).

GREENFIELD Site with water & loo emptying. NO Electricity. Sorry **no dogs allowed.**

Saturday evening buffet meal available @ £4.60 per person (Incl.VAT). payable in advance.

Booking slips & cheques made payable to A.N.Fowler, 20 Hawkins Close, Shoreham by Sea, West Sussex. BN43 6TL. Tel.No. 01273594479. Send a **SAE** if confirmation of booking is required.

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

Directions: On A27 between Brighton & Worthing leave A27 at traffic lights opposite the Sussex Pad Hotel & turn into Airport. (This is the only entrance for Motor Vans). Sussex Pad Hotel post code BN15 0RH PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 12 NOON ON Wednesday.

It is important that all potential rally dates and venues are checked with me first as unless they are approved by the Club, there will be no Public Liability Insurance.

Neil C. Rogers

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

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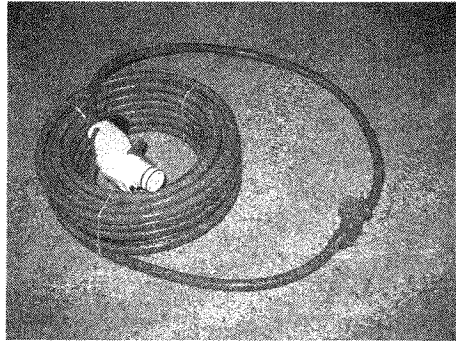
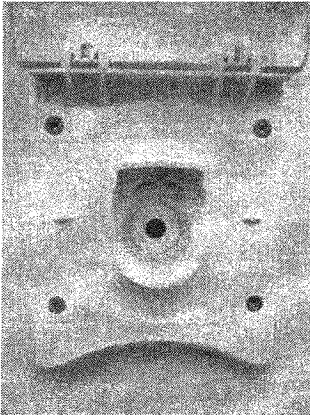
Fresh Water Tank Filling

I received the letter below from Chris Steel in response to a question I raised in the last issue of the Newsletter. I forwarded the letter to Geoff Scott, the CEO of Autosleepers for comment and add his reply further below.

The letters are about the Truma water system as fitted to the Broadway and as I didn't have a clue what this was all about to start with I'll explain first.

The Broadway has a fresh water tank and all of the plumbing you would normally expect in an Autosleeper with one exception. Instead of the usual water filler point connected by a 70mm diameter pipe to the fresh water tank it has a Truma system installed.

The Truma system is designed for use with caravans that do not have internal fresh water tanks and it can be used either with a water container having a truma pump on the end of a pipe submerged in it or by connecting to the water mains via a pressure reduction valve.



The external filler point is a Truma compact. That is a bespoke connection to a 12mm dia pipe that runs to the fresh water tank. The Truma compact also has an integrated 12V connector to power a pump.

For use either a hybrid of cable/pipe, with a submersible pump on the other end to drop in the water container, plugs into the Truma compact filler point, or the 30m long Waterline is connected to a mains water tap.

Hi Peter

The editorial in the newsletter about aquarolls made me smile.

As you may recall we had a Broadway on order and have just taken delivery of it a couple of weeks ago. Now here is what made me smile **the only way to get fresh water into the tank is to use an aquaroll or similar.**

It is not possible to fill up with a hosepipe because a system like the ones used on caravans has been fitted. I did not realise this when we ordered the Broadway or I would have asked for it to be changed so I could use a hosepipe.

It now means that we have to carry a large water container and hope that the pump does not fail.

I think that this is a retrograde step and that AS should look at this again. My husband is disabled and fetching water is a chore I could do without.

I did tell the dealer I bought from that I was very unhappy with the fresh water tank filling system and he said that he would pass this on to AS.

I am going to ask AS when I go for warranty work if the pump system can be taken off and the hosepipe system can be put on.

Best wishes Chris Steel

And response from Geoff Scott

Thank you for bringing this to my attention. I would respond as follows:

Auto-Sleepers constantly reviews it's products and where necessary make appropriate changes. The Broadway has had extremely positive reviews from customers and press alike. The

Caravan Club magazine review of March 2009 made acclaim of how AS had incorporated many customers wishes.

One such change was to incorporate an electrical pump in the water filler. This enabled more storage to be freed up within the bed boxes (as this is what customers requested) and enabled customers to fill the water tank via a aqua roll thus negating the need for customers to leave their pitch. Customers can if they so wish purchase a hose and attachment from their dealer enabling them to enjoy the benefits of the pump/aqua roll or the hose should they so wish.

We have supplied direct to Mrs Steel a hose attachment which will enable her to fill using a hosepipe or a aqua roll.

Regards
Geoff

I have communicated further with Chris. She says it was good of Autosleepers to send the waterline (hose) but this is just something else to carry.

In response to me asking how long it takes to fill the fresh water tank she further says:

I have not used the hose as my tap at home is too far away (the hose is 15 metres) so I don't know about how long it takes with the hose.

When we collected the MH we didn't have a water container with us because I wasn't expecting to have such a fresh water filling system. We usually just carry a short hose, small water container and funnel and this covers all eventualities.

When we discovered the problem we bought a Fiamma rolling tank because this would fit in an underbed locker. The Fiamma holds 23 litres so it takes 4 trips to the water point to fill up. The other problem with the system as fitted by AS is that the external pump hose does not reach the bottom of the water container, it is a bit too short, so I have to lift the water container off the ground or the system takes in air.

In my opinion the space gained by not having the 70mm dia water pipe passing through the locker is far outweighed by the need to carry a big water carrier plus you can't fill your fresh water tank by gravity so if you have a problem with any of the Truma stuff it becomes a major inconvenience.

Additionally, when we use the van in the winter for several days at a time without hook up I would be concerned at the extra drain on the leisure battery of using a pump plus over the winter for 4 months we use the van every two or three weeks and each time I completely drain and then when leaving refill the fresh water system to prevent problems from freezing. It takes me circa 15mins to fill by hose and expect it would take an hour or so with container and pump.

What do you think?

Peter Brown

Premier Service

Whilst attending the Burton Rally, it was noticed that our van was dripping water. On inspection this appeared to be from the Carver Cascade water heater. Being at a fairly local event, I phoned my dealer to see if he could fit us in to get a repair done.

Unfortunately he was fully booked, but gave us the number of Premier Towing Centre, who offered to have a look at the van the following day subject to work commitments. On arrival we were lucky enough to be seen almost at once. It was explained to us that spares for these units were becoming rarer and rarer since production stopped many years ago. Fortunately they do have a stock of spares and, when the opportunity presents are salvaging units from scrap vans to use as replacements.

Happily it seems that our problem was simply the "O" ring between the casing and tank and the repair took less than a couple of hours and we were able to return to the rally and once again have hot water.

Therefore I am happy to recommend this firm, Premier Towing Centre of Unit 15 Whitehall Industrial Park, Tipton, DY4 7JY. 0121 520 6858 www.uk-caravanrepairs.co.uk or www.premiertowingcentre.co.uk

Pete Fisher

Technical Group & Website

Baz Wellard
Chairman, Technical Group & Webmaster



Speed limits in France:

Stuart Williams, who lives in France, has kindly informed me of new speed limits applicable to some motorhomes. Motorhomes towing a trailer, or a car, that has a train weight (*i.e. combined weight*) of over 3.5 tonne are limited to:

- 90Kph on Auto routes
- 80Kph on other roads – excluding of course where lower limits are specified.

X250 (Tear-drop model)

As a result of my request for X250 fuel information 3 members (*Harry Henthorne; Roy Magna & Paul Richardson*) have kindly sent me their figures. For those members who have asked the range is 29 – 32 mpg. All are using 2.2-120pi diesel engines and still 'running-in'. More details on the Club website.

Computer Viruses:

I hope I'm not '*preaching-to-Grandma*' but as we are beginning to spend time away from our computers, it is recommended that on return you update your virus protection before opening your e-mails. Recently there was a particularly virulent virus 'Downadup/Conficker' - which Microsoft are offering £170,000 to find who was behind it - so it always pays to be careful!

Technical library:

There are 3 new model reviews available from the library, (*SAE 18 Greenwood Close, Fareham, Hants PO16 7UF, please*):-

- Broadway – 2 reviews
- Warwick Duo – 2 reviews
- Trooper low-Line

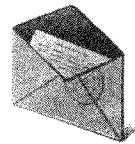
Website:

The latest update to the Club Website, 2/09, contained the following:-

- A further motorhome dealer offer: - Countryside Motorhomes offer a 10% discount to members. Address - Holton-cum-Beckering, Lincs. LN8 5NG. Contact for details 01673 858654. Web www.csmh.co.uk. You will need to show your membership card to obtain discount.
- Rally report – Whitemead Park
- Rally list:
 - Addition of Brewwood; Northern Motorhome Show; Whitby & St. Ives.
 - New spreadsheet showing co-relations of 2009 rallies (*Courtesy of Bill Todd – I can send a copy if you do not have access to a computer, SAE to above address, please*)
- Technical:
 - Revised charges for instruction manual available from Auto~Sleepers. ASOC library copies remain free to members.
 - X250 fuel figures
 - New postal rates – (*see below*)

Ideas Sheets - Postal rates:

As from 6th April new postal rates are applicable. For Ideas Sheets the following is a guide to second class mail:-



Up to 8 pages	small letter size (240 * 165mm)	£0.30
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On board tanks versus carriers.

I read with interest the articles on the above and thought I would put my sixpen'th to them!

We were caravanners for twenty-five years before turning to motorhomes. It's hard to say which I prefer but I do tend to lean towards the latter. Much better for travelling and all in all a lot easier to manoeuvre. The down side is that we don't have a car to travel about in once on site, but use buses, walk, cycle and even taxies if the need arises. But I digress.

Our first experience of a motorhome was in Canada 15 years ago and we did what we were supposed to do, and that was tour around. The only real touring we've done with our own m/h is round Scotland and the West Country. Our love for the Lakes takes us there four/five times a year and once on site, there we stay - very rarely moving from our pitch. This is where the waste carrier, and indeed a fresh water carrier, come into their own. If we relied on the 'on board' tanks we would be on the move to the disposal point and water tap every other day! The only time we use the 'on board' tanks are when we're 'on the road', moving from one site to another or to and from home, and for us that is when they come into their own. Fresh water straight from the tap that goes down to the tank underneath, and we don't leave a watery mess in any lay-by or on the road.

Just going off at a tangent, we are hoping to go to the Western Isles next year and were wondering if any member can help or advise us on our trip. Your itinerary would be very helpful to us together with any advice on where to wild camp, dumping stations and, if any, which camping sites to use. Do we go north to south or is south to north best? Please could more than two people answer in case one says go up and the other down!

shaftoe@btinternet.com

Many thanks in anticipation.



Jean Shaftoe

Stan Tingle wrote to Baz concerning his new Auto-Sleeper Nuevo (120ps engine, 6 speed gearbox, new on 9th January 2008) and asked for his comments to be published in the Newsletter.

I feel very let down by the Sevel group in producing a product with a serious inbuilt transmission defect, and after realising I had spent so much of my savings on a new AS Nuevo which showed the defect up when I reversed up my driveway in it after collection from Marquis, Newbury on 9th January last year, misery set in!

It's been a year of worries as you can well imagine. Peugeot didn't want to know, Fiat still don't want to know (Fiat produce the transmission), Marquis denying all knowledge & Auto-Sleepers not getting involved in any way to help the customer. All trying to cover their backs, closed ranks. Thankfully, my local Peugeot Dealer was immediately sympathetic & listened to my tales of woe. Howards Peugeot, Weston-super-Mare were in a difficult situation themselves, the only information they were getting initially came from me via the Out & About Forum. It originated from Andy Stothert, writer/photographer/ tester with most motorhoming magazines including the Caravan Club & Camping & Caravanning Club. His new Fiat X2/50 broke gearboxes & clutches very soon after he started using it in the Lake District. It's taken a long time to get the attention of the Sevel Group. This inbuilt defect has already cost them, the motorhome convertors & the motorhome dealers dear. We, the customers, have virtually stopped buying their products concentrating instead on Ford, Merc, VW, etc. It will take years to get our confidence back & spend our savings on a Sevel product, some never will.

All that Fiat are trying at the moment, to correct the defect, is fit stiffer engine mountings. Andy Stotherts have been done & he reports that the judder is still the same.

I can report that, thanks to Howards Peugeot, WsM, I now have a new gearbox installed with the lower ratio reverse gear & completely new clutch. I've tested it, unloaded, reversing up a severe incline in WsM & it performed as it should have done when first I purchased it. It came up my difficult driveway easily with the clutch out fully & no revs on the accelerator, just as my previous VW's Gatcombe & Clubman did. My next test will be next week, fully loaded, when after a round trip of 500 miles I'll be reversing up my driveway. Watch this space. I'll keep you posted.

I'm hoping that all will prove to be as it should be, as we cross the Channel again at the end of March & head for Greece, so time to put any problems right

will be tight.

Stan Tingle

Further to the attached, I can now tell you that the Nuevo reversed up my driveway this evening very easily, half loaded, upon returning from a busy week away. I understand that the new gearbox, that has been fitted, has a reverse gear which is the same ratio as 1st gear. It is the biggest that would fit the existing casting.



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