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*I need to take care of this very expensive
protective coating somehow!!*

NEWSLETTER 253

October 2009

From the Editor (S)

As I write this early in September I can't help reflecting on what seems to be another great year for rallies *in spite of the very wet weather* and we're looking forward to what I'm sure will be another successful rally in the Lot Valley; and we would just like to say thank you to everyone who responded to our plea to get copy in early.

Now, before we go any further here are the answers to the Brain Teasers in last month's issue:

1. The third room—lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead.
2. The woman was a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it and hung it up to dry.
3. Charcoal, as it is used in barbecuing.
4. Yesterday, today and tomorrow.
5. The letter e, which is the most common letter used in the English language, does not appear once in the paragraph.

Our thanks to Brian Ellis for that particular headache.....

It appears that lots of you were aware that a certain lady was celebrating a big birthday in August and she sends the following message:

"Thank you to all my friends who remembered my big birthday in August. For the lovely cards, good wishes, presents and flowers. I appreciated it very much.

I celebrated for a week and enjoyed the big day immensely. I had a lovely meal and returned home to enjoy our German wine – thank you Liz."

Nora"
that's Nora Venables (as if you needed reminding)

The National Rally

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2010

The details of the Photo competition for next year are as before.

General Must contain an Auto-sleeper or be taken on a rally.

Humorous All photos must be taken at a rally.

Sizes 6x4 or 7x5 only these sizes will be accepted.

All photographs must be received by 31st March 2010 no photos will be accepted after this date.

All photos must contain Category entered for:

Title, Name, Address, and Membership number.
A maximum number of 4 photos per member.

Please send to Rita Tubb at:

70 Charnwood Crescent, Chandlers Ford Hants SO53 5QL

HOBBIES & CRAFTS

Hello Hobbyists and Crafters. It's that time of the year again to organise the hall, but this year we thought we'd try something different - an Art Exhibition, so would anyone who would like to exhibit please contact Stuart Wood (by the end of December so we can judge the interest), obviously hobbyists and crafters should be in touch as well, at:

26 Burton Acrews Way, Highburton, Huddersfield HD8 0RF
Tel: 01484 604133 email: stuwd@yahoo.co.uk.

We know a lot of you paint and we would love to see some examples of your work.

Charity Choice 2010

Once again, as Members may remember, at the National Rally we select a charity that would benefit fund raising activities. So we would like to do the same at the 2010 National Rally. The selection would be made by the Committee from nominations made by you, the Members.

The criterion is that it should be a lesser know national charity. Nominations will remain anonymous to the Committee until a charity has been selected. If you would like to nominate a charity for 2010 then please write to me at:

31 Abbott Lea
Mansfield
Nottinghamshire NG19 6NF

By 20th January 2010. Please make sure you send everything direct to me with full details of the charity you wish to nominate and why. Please enclose 14 leaflets of the charity for the Committee (I will make copies of your letter). It would also help if you could confirm that your charity, if selected, would be able to set up a stand at the National Rally and that a representative would be available to accept the cheque on the Sunday morning.

John Jones

Charity 2009 says 'Thank You'

Extract from a letter received from Crossroads Care

"On behalf of Crossroads Care I would like to say a thank you to all members of the Auto Sleeper Owners' Club for you recent donation of £2021.59. Congratulations, and once again thank you

*Valerie Thomas
Manager"*

Technical Group & Website

Baz Wellard
Chairman, Technical Group & Webmaster



New Stratford Model:

I have now had the opportunity to discuss the 'non-gas' policy of the fridge in the Stratford running on 12v or 240v only, with Geoff Scott (CEO Auto Sleepers Group). I was advised that the Stratford was designed to meet customers' requirements for an end lounge/double bed and to meet this requirement the Design Department could only fit a 'non-gas' fridge! It was stated that the Stratford would, however, have a lower current consumption than any earlier models using LED lights; latest water pump etc.

Prospective purchasers will be advised, by the dealers, that it has a non-gas fridge and the expected life of the 110 AH battery is around three days on 'green-field-sites', and they can then make their own decisions.

Ideas Sheets:

The following Ideas Sheets have been approved. For copies please e-mail to baz.wellard@virgin.net or SAE to 18 Greenwood Close, Fareham, Hants, PO16 7UF. *(There may be a slight delay in receiving copies!)*

- No. 184 Nuevo revised waste system
- No. 185 Correct way to wind a mains cable – all models
- No. 186 Alternative door stay for a monocoque
- No. 187 Auxiliary 12v socket from leisure battery - X244 Boxer(2)
- No. 188 Auxiliary 12v socket for a Sat Nav – X244 Boxer(2)

Website

Update No. 08/09 contained:

Rallies – cancellation of Masham
Ideas Sheets No's 184 – 188

Stop Press:
Closing date for October Newsletter submissions has been
brought forward to 31st August

Opportunity to buy surplus Auto-Sleeper stores at the
Marquis - Golden Cross Branch

And lastly:

I do have fuel information for three Nuevo on the X250 – but I could do
with fuel data for other conversions on the X250, please.

Regalia Update

I have the chance of a number of grille badges, 3" in dia. Stainless
steel, red and blue on silver, etched, with 2 holes. They are
1.2mm thick and will cost approximately £7.50 each. You would
have to buy your own fixing screws or bolts in stainless steel but
these should be available at any DIY store (the reason for this is
the variation in grilles).

Also available self cling sun visors in blue with white lettering
'*Auto Sleeper Owners' Club*'; these would cost £4.25 each. The
kit comprises 3 pieces eg:

Plain piece - *Auto Sleeper Owners' Club* - Plain piece (in case
you need to extend).

Please let me know if you are interested or would like to order any
of the above.

John Jones
Regalia Officer



It's that time of year again...

You will find with this newsletter the Renewal form for 2010. Please remember that the form must be completed and returned to me with a cheque, to renew your annual Membership.

Many thanks,

Jill Bertlin
Membership Secretary

Rally News

ADVANCE NOTICE



"You want a Rally – Where?"

We have received approval from the Rally Co-ordinator to run two rallies in 2010. The first one in June is 5 days at Tattishall Village in Lincolnshire, the second is 10th August for 5 days at 'Dans Meadow' site Martlesham, near Woodbridge, Suffolk, with a chance to use a 'custom-made' hall on the field.

Because of peculiarities of sites and fees and *"we cannot afford much these days"* the following should be considered - the rally fee will be for 5 days, no reduction for less. The fee will be per unit and not per individual.

Despite us almost paying you to come there will be a 'last night sit-down supper' at no extra cost, on both occasions.

No booking can be accepted until the rally is published in the Rally List, but it can only be on first come, first served.

If you are interested in coming to either please ring the Commander-in-Chief on 01354 654526 or email to address below

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RALLIES UNDERTAKEN

Alsace Rally 2010

As members seem to plan their holidays earlier and earlier every year we would like to let everyone know that we will be running a rally in the Alsace next year. The venue will be Camping Les Cigognes at Turckheim which is a very nice municipal site just a short walk from the town centre. There are all the usual shops and restaurants etc in the town. It is also conveniently placed for visits to the many attractions in the area.

The dates will be 10th June 2010 for ten nights and places will only be available for members who wish to stay for the full ten nights. Applications are through the normal rally booking form closer to the time. Watch the rally supplement for details.

Angie & Andy Cavell and Dorothy & Baz Wellard

We have also received some information from John & Helen Greenwood about a possible rally site at Neydens; they are not able to run a rally here themselves but if anyone is interested they should contact John and Helen on hgreenwoodhome@aol.co.uk or telephone 01352 752883

'The site is a 4star site called La Colombiere. It is used by the Caravan Club advanced booking service and is situated in a small village called Neydens within two miles of the Swiss border and about a 30 minute drive from the centre of Geneva. There is a bus service between Geneva and Annecy which runs within a few minutes walk of the site.'

Site website: www.camping-la-colombiere.com.

Now for one that was run this year - Ledbury

Two weeks before our rally was due to start (5th July) the number of applications were not coming up to expectations and we started to worry, thinking that Ledbury as a rally venue had run its course and should we be looking for somewhere different for 2010??

23 vans attended and everything went fine although Max caused some early confusion having got the bus timetables for the Hereford area instead of the Ledbury area, but this was quickly put right.

Monday night we had our usual skittles competition under the clubhouse verandah, masterminded by one Cedric Jones, assisted on the scoreboard by Sylvia Smith. The knockout competition was won by Terry Holtom.

Cedric provided a trophy for the winner and this was later taken to Hereford by Eddie and Mary Newman and engraved as the '*Grippe Memorial Trophy*' in memory of our good friend Dennis Gripton, who on previous Ledbury rallies had entertained us with his guitar playing and singing.

Tuesday night we had our meal in the main hall of the clubhouse and the in-house caterers did us proud with huge portions of steak and ale pie.

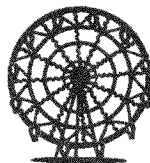
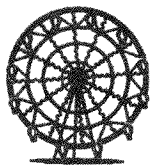
Wednesday night saw us in the clubhouse bar for our raffle, quiz and humorous reading by Cedric. 'Geoffrey with a G' the clubs Events Manager was ever present; he helped us tremendously and each night came up trumps with a surprise supper snack.

A big thank you from us to all those mentioned and to all you lovely people who attended. We were absolutely overwhelmed by the generosity of the folks bringing us raffle prizes; they just kept coming, so again many, many thanks to one and all.

Looking back we have thoroughly enjoyed running this rally. The facilities provided by the rugby club are first class and Ledbury is nice and central for getting on the buses to explore the surrounding area.

So shall we be holding further rallies at Ledbury? - You bet we will!

Joan & Max Cooke. Sheila & Ivor Barnett



October 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.

If you are interested in running a rally in 2010 please contact me A.S.A.P.

******CANCELLED 29th. October – 1st. November Chatham Historic Dockyard.
Circumstances beyond our control.**

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

6th – 10th. November (4 nights). Sedgemoor Carnival, Burnham on Sea Holiday Village, Burnham on Sea. TA8 1NQ

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

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

Site Fee: £55.00. (Includes electric). Rally Fee: £2.50. Total £57.50. (Incl.VAT).

Rally slips & cheques made payable to: Brian Ellis, 52 Golf Links Road, Burnham on Sea, Somerset. TA8 2PP. Tel.No. 01278 784 524. Mobile 07711375323.

Please send a **SAE** for confirmation.

Burnham Holiday Village is a full facility site.

Rally limited to 70 pitches, 40 are hardstanding the remainder 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. Please indicate on rally slip if you are disabled or have special needs we will try to accommodate you closer to the facilities.

NO PETS ALLOWED, site rules.

Attractions:

Saturday coach trip to Clarks' Village of Street (shopping). Please indicate on slip if interested, approx. £3.75 each. Coach 9.30 am & 11.30 am from holiday village. **DO NOT** send these payments with your slip.

Sunday a.m. Scenic stroll (weather permitting) through park onto Highbridge Caravans, sales & accessories for tea & biscuits and a browse. **Evening** Fireworks display on beach followed by dingbat quiz.

Monday Coffee morning then a stroll along beach to pub (Food available).

Evening Two hour (approx) Carnival Procession through Burnham.

Tuesday Rally ends noon.

The Holiday Village is approx. 10 mins walk from the town centre. A Tesco store is a short ride out of town with parking. There is also a Somerfield in the town.

Directions: M5 to Jct 22 exit to large island, turn left on A38. Follow signs to Holiday Village. Head towards Highbridge, Bridgwater. Bear right at next island, pass Highbridge Caravans and over railway bridge to Asda Super market Island (store and large car park to your left), turn right and follow signs to Holiday Village. At mini island by petrol station, turn left site is the about a quarter of a mile on the left.

Rally starts at 10.00a.m. Friday 6th. November.

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.

If you wish to have a rally included in the "Provisional Rally List 2010" issued with the January Newsletter then I must have dates etc. by the end of November.

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

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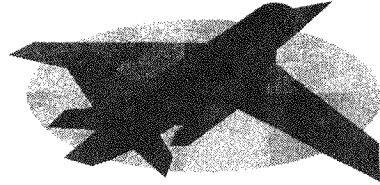
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Shoreham Air Show.

The famous 6 – Chris, Shirley, Dave, Theresa, Tony and Lynne have done it again – organised a very happy rally at Shoreham.



They had everything perfect including the weather and dinner on Saturday evening. The girls wore black stockings with their short black skirts and white blouses, and the gentlemen, not to be outdone wore black bow ties on their white shirts with black slacks. They served us with a super meal of melon as a starter, meat salad platter followed by hot apple crumble and custard. This was accompanied with red or white wine and fruit juice. How they did it no-one knows – especially as the facilities are limited to 3 Auto Sleepers!

Thanks from all of us who sat back and enjoyed a splendid evening finished off with some readings from Cedric's famous selection. Suffice to say we all enjoyed that too.

The air show too was spectacular with a visit each day of the Vulcan Bomber, also a 'flying' visit from the Red Arrows.

Look forward to seeing everyone again next year – which will be our 6th!! Don't know how many they have marshalled. We all hope the 'famous 6' have all recovered.

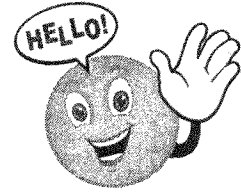
Della Chapman

Want another brain teaser with your coffee?? See what you make of these anagrams courtesy of Malcolm Grubb.

DIRTY ROOM
BEST IN PRAYER
MOON STARER

ROPE ENDS IT
THEY SEE
WOMEN HITLER

THE ETIQUETTE OF THE WAVE



There's correspondence in one of the big club magazines this week from a sad motorhomer who swapped to caravanning. He said he missed the camaraderie of "the cheery wave", which caravan-draggers completely ignore. In fact he's missed it so much he's swapped back!

But ignoring the whole psychological complexity of the why and wherefore he was seeking guidance on the etiquette of waving – the who and how rules.

For that he only needs to hark back to TW3 in the 60s. I know you'll all understand what I'm talking about because I reckon we are nearly all of a certain age in this hobby! One of the most memorable sketches from "That Was The Week That Was" featured flat-capped little Ronnie Corbett, trilbyed medium sized Ronnie Barker, and bowler-hatted lanky John Cleese. It begins with Corbett saying "I know my place....."

So – I drive an AS Symbol, it's a van conversion, and I do an open handed cheery wave to fellow AS van conversions such as Tridents, Troopers, Harmonys etc. Other makes of van conversion get an open handed, less cheery wave as they are usually Johnny-come-lately brands lacking the fine tradition inherent in the AS. Apologies to Warwicks and Stratfords with their black windows – from a distance you look a bit like the JcLs!

If it's a Nuevo or a larger coachbuilt like a Broadway well, "I know my place..." and continue the subdued wave into a tug of the forelock. That's if I recognise you at a distance because you might just be an Autocruise or Autotrail and it wouldn't do to wave at them.

At which point I digress – why does ASOC not have a windscreen sticker visible from a distance so you know you are among friends??

To continue, what of the Mezan? It's a small van with a coachbuilt back, but it's lower than me, I look down on it literally. And they can't see my wave so they don't know to tug a forelock so we'll leave them to their own class. Basically – you wave to like-minded travellers, on the basis of "yes, we both got it right didn't we!"

Living on a small island like Skye you get to know many of the local residents and it's common practice to acknowledge other car drivers. I emphasise "acknowledge" because it's never a wave – you don't even take your hand off the steering wheel. No, it's simply a raised index finger, right hand. And woe betide the neighbour who doesn't acknowledge back!

Also living up here we get loads of European campervans on the road and it goes without saying that they never wave so neither do you. Same for Vee-Dub T2s as they are always driven by 12-year-olds who will laugh at you if you wave.

I'll close with a cheery Thank You: to all the campervans and coachbuilts who waved to us when we were almost home last week from a trip south. Nothing to do with etiquette, it's the recognition that "Gosh you made it all the way up here as well – hope the weather improves".

Rob Corcoran, Skye

Service

The heater on our 13 year old Topaz started misbehaving this spring. Those at the Peterborough Show Rally may remember my request for advice at the Sunday morning coffee get together. The advice received there (various size hammers to electrical wizardry!) proved to no avail, so I consulted Willersley. The upshot was a trip to the Service centre to remove the bed box, a trip to Southampton to get the heater fixed, and then a lot of physical work and mental anguish putting it all back together. It now works!

The reason for writing this note is to say a big thankyou to the staff at Willersley. Their detailed help via phone calls, and the wonderfully explicit demonstration and written notes given by Chris when removing the bed box for me, were so thorough and sensible that, despite all the hassle, I feel that the whole exercise has been beneficial.

The moral of this tale? – Willersley may have changed owners again, but at the sharp end they still provide the same wonderful service. Again, thank you very much.

Chris Meaden

Chairman's Chat



It is with much sorrow that I have to report the deaths of two of our long standing members, Harry Bowker (1048) and Beryl Jenkins (3564). I am sure that you would wish to join with me in sending our condolences to both Doris and Ceri and their respective families at this very difficult time.

Baz and I recently went to a meeting with Geoff Scott, the Auto-Sleeper CEO, to hear of his aspirations for the company in the coming years and without doubt, both he and Mike Crouch are determined to regain the position in the market that Auto-Sleeper's once held for producing top quality motorhomes. New models are on the drawing board, to be announced at the NEC in October, providing the chassis' arrive on time! Unfortunately we were unable to view the recently announced Stratford because the vehicle was elsewhere. We toured the factory to see all of the recent production changes including the much tidied site, the re-arranged production line, enabling different models to be built at the same time with the aid of the JIT software. I must say that it was very interesting to see the sequence of installation and how the different models come together as a finished product.

I was reading the September Newsletter and pleased to see that so many of our Rallies have been fully booked or at least very well attended. Congratulations to all of the Marshalls, firstly for finding a good 'spot' and secondly for making the rally such a success and enjoyable. This makes it very clear that members are using their vans regularly and those members who have not attended a rally are missing out.

I attended the Shoreham Rally during August and must say, what a good rally. One evening, a meal was served by the well dressed Marshalls but not before a competition was held for the best dressed table. The meal was first class and if there was to be a criticism, it would be that there was too much food and I spied a 'doggy bag or two' going home.

We watched in amazement at the flying displays, with some of the stunts being so spectacular they defied physics.

Congratulations to the Marshalls, Mo and I enjoyed the event enormously and hope to go next year.

Mike Valentine

A TRIP TO DENMARK (week 1) Derek Moras

'The time has come the Walrus said...', well, actually it was Maureen who said why don't we go to Norway? So we started to do a bit of research. We had done about 10 years of caravanning around the UK when the children were small, but in the early 80's we started going to France into Gites with friends. This lasted until the late 1990's when other family commitments curtailed our travels.

Then we had a bright idea, why don't we buy a campervan so we bought an Auto Sleeper Symbol and had five great years going around the UK sites again. Family commitments changed again and it was time to upgrade the van. So we looked around, couldn't find anything we liked better so ended up with an 06 ES model which takes us back to my first paragraph.

This was going to be our first trip abroad in the van and having read so often that the first trip should be a short familiarisation type of trip, we decided to go for Norway!

Unfortunately, the DFDS Ferry direct from Newcastle to Norway was cancelled in September '08, so the plan was modified to visit Denmark for two weeks and then drive back through northern Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium and France to Calais and so back to the UK, a total of three weeks.

By the end of January this year we had, organised everything and were ready to roll on the 17th May.

Our plan was generally to follow the coastline around Jylland, then drive across the Lillebaelt bridge to the island of Fyn (or Funen,) explore there, then across the Storebaelt bridge to Zealand, spend a day in Copenhagen (we don't like towns and shopping) and then spend the rest of the second week exploring and finally take the third week to drive back to Calais.

On the 17th we set off from Bristol to Harwich which on a Sunday is quite a nice trip and we were ready to board the DFDS ferry 'Dana Sirena' at 4.30pm. The ferry was excellent, the cabin and beds comfortable, as much food as you wanted and bars and entertainment afterwards.

A nice calm crossing meant we had a good nights sleep and were ready for disembarkation at Esbjerg at 1.30pm the next day and to drive up the coast road between the North Sea and the Ringkobing Fjord and see how far we got.

The only advanced booking we did for the whole three weeks was for the two weekends, as I thought these may be busy if the weather was fine. But as it turned out there were no problems for the whole of the holiday, all site owners/wardens spoke excellent English and were very friendly and helpful.

Once out of the Terminal we found the correct road, but as always when we got to the first major cross roads at Varde - no signs- so when in doubt turn left and this time it worked and we picked up the 181 which took us up the coast between the North Sea and the Ringkøbing Fjord as planned.

We stopped for some shopping essentials at near Nebel a little town in countryside reminiscent of East Anglia; then on to Ringkøbing and the main road to Ulfborg where we found Rejkjaer Camping, a nice tidy site with electric hook-up. There were only two other couples in residence this early in the season but as with all the other Danish sites we stayed at there were a lot of caravans all set up with awnings complete with dining tables, microwaves, fridge/freezers and all the comforts of home waiting for them when holiday time arrived.

Tuesday morning dawned dry and sunny and after a leisurely breakfast took the road to Leurvig, on round the coast to Struer and the Salling peninsula. We passed some lovely little villages and picturesque churches, one in particular which had a foreground of yellow rape in flower. Our next intended stop was Spottrup Castle but unfortunately it was not open that day so we had to content ourselves with a picture and drive on.



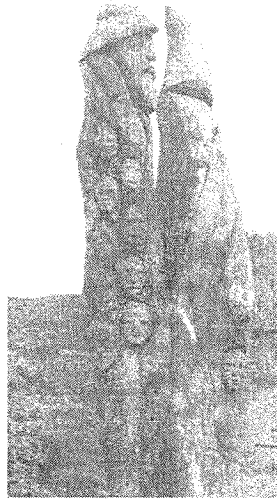
We crossed the Limfjorden on the Salling -Sunbroen bridge to the island of Mors. We crossed the island then turned off the main road to the village of Hanklit to see the 'layered' cliffs, where one can clearly see the different coloured layers. The next site, Erslev Camping turned out to be a lovely site set in clearings in a wood with all mod cons and very friendly owners. Adjoining the site about 5 minutes walk away through the woods was the beach onto the Limfjorden where the owners had found many fossils there and suggested that if we were interested it would be worth a look, and Maureen was very lucky to find a fossilised sea urchin and some very pretty shells.

We went looking for Vikings on Wednesday at a village called Aggersborg, where we found a nice little Church, with beautiful frescoes, built beside an old Viking

fortified settlement. Unfortunately, all that remained of the settlement were the earth ramparts but there was a small museum there explaining the layout of the settlement which was built by Harald Bluetooth in 980 and 981

On Thursday afternoon we went off to explore the southern half of the island. At Neesund we found a small ferry connecting the island to the mainland and beside the road someone had carved a series of faces into an old tree. Unfortunately we could find no explanation for this but I wondered if it was a tribute to the memory of some fishermen. We then drove on around the coast back to the site using all the small back roads which we find much more interesting and give a much better picture of life in the country.

We left the site on Friday and drove to Viborg. The Cathedral was well worth the visit. It had amazing ceiling paintings and fresco all around the walls and photography was not discouraged. We then went down into the Crypt museum to see some of the archaeological treasures and then a trip up the tower to get a view of the town which we then walked around looking at the shops. All very nice but very expensive!



We then wended our way across country to Hjarbaek Camping at Logstrup. After an overnight stop we drove down through the central spine of Jylland; there was very little traffic and travelling at Denmark's top speed limit of 80kph (approx 50mph) gave us plenty of time to admire the scenery en rout.. By lunchtime we had reached the centre of what the Danes call their 'Lake District' at a pretty little town called Ry and walked down to the very picturesque lakeside marina, driving on after lunch to Ajstrup Strand Camping just south of Arhus, and adjacent to the beach. There were a couple of men fishing and they had caught some 'needle fish' which we had never heard of. They looked a bit like mini sword fish, about 6 to 8 inches long with a pointed beak or nose. Apparently they were very sought after and only appeared in that area during late May for a couple of weeks.

This concludes part one - look out for part two in a forthcoming issue.

Welcome to New Members



Keith & Jacqueline Cooper	Barnsley	Pollensa
Chris & Frances Ford	Wollaston	Duetto
Kelvin & Gill Morris	Norton Sub Hamdon	Nuevo
Martyn & Dilwen Turek	Southampton	Talisman
Thomas Stubbs	Manchester	Legend
Andy & Julie Adams	Swindon	Executive

You've done very much better with contributions this month—thank you— but still half a page to fill.

At long last I got round to looking at channel crossing with Tesco vouchers. Very good value but; our travel insurance comes with our bank account and is dependant on the travel being procured using a bank card.

An addendum from me to Baz's piece on Rear Seat belts last month; If you travel with more passengers than seat belts in a van registered after 20/10/07 - then not only will you be in breach of road traffic legislation but you will find that your insurance will be void with you personally responsible for any financial claim resulting from an accident!!!!

Peter Brown



Thank you to everyone who sent donations.

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