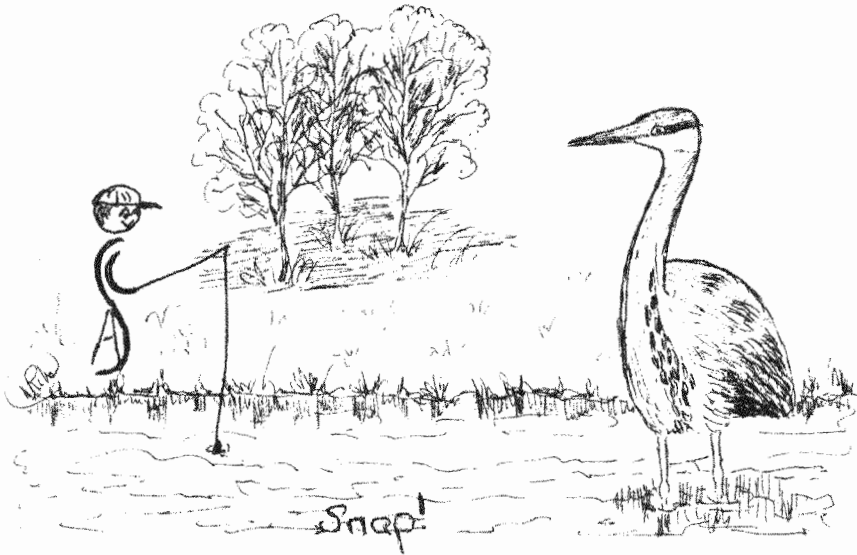




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NEWSLETTER 263

August 2010

From the Editor (S)

Hello again from me, Dudley the over-worked deputy editor. Here in the dungeons of ASOC towers it is still damp and cold but this month Kathleen and I have escaped to a rally at Cartmel where we met some of our fellow members and of course had a wonderful time, more about that later.

I apologise to those members whose contributions I misplaced last month and hope that I haven't missed any this month. I also thank Rita for the front page which says it all.

By the time this issue arrives on your door mat we will have been to Fort Paul and Lichfield and seen a lot more of you and we are really looking forward to it. Well I think that I have apologised enough for one month so get on and enjoy the newsletter. What happened to the short stories? I look forward to them next year when I enjoy doing my stint again. BUT DON'T FORGET, I won't.

A little Ditty that one of you sent me and I found very amusing

Morris and his wife Esther went to the state fair every year, and every year Esther would say, "Morris, I'd like to ride in that helicopter." Morris always replied, "I know, Esther, but that helicopter ride is fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

One year Esther and Morris went to the fair, and Esther said, "Morris, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride in that helicopter, I might never get another chance." To this, Morris replied, "Esther, that helicopter is fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take you both for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride, I won't charge you one cent! But if you say just one word, it's fifty dollars." Morris and Esther agreed, and up they went.

The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word. When they landed, the pilot turned to Esther and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to make you yell out, but you didn't. I'm really impressed!" Esther replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Morris fell out, but you know, fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

Further to Pearl England's Article on Aires in France

We hadn't used them until this year when we bought an "Aires Book" at the Peterborough Show.

Our first experience at Le Crotoy nr. Abbeville was not a good introduction as after heavy rain the whole area was muddy and full of watery potholes and very busy. The Service Point was not very accessible and an unusually expensive charge of 5 euros for the overnight stay and 2 euros for fresh water etc. But the seaside town was busy and interesting due in part because a marathon was finishing there!

After staying at a very expensive site at Versailles we travelled to the Lot Region. Because we were making our way slowly along the river, with just one night stops, aires were ideal. At St. Sylvestre sur Lot we stayed alongside the river with free parking, toilet, facilities and supermarket nearby. As the sun set on the medieval bridge and reflected in the water, I felt it was as near perfect a spot as you can have!

Again at Cahors with free overnight parking and facilities, we were able to enjoy 2 nights which included picking luscious wild ripe cherries 10 metres from the van (eating rather more than was good for us!)

The Aire at Figeac was alongside the busy by-pass so we moved along to a nearby village and spent a peaceful night in the village square alongside 4 other vans!

Leaving Rocamadour we arrived in Blois only to find the recommended aire by the river is now closed. But instead the town has provided a free secure aire with barrier and facilities, which was excellent and very close to the chateau.

After Blois we used Camping Cheque Sites for longer stays and relaxation. So having some free or cheaper stays on Aires does average out your costs and we would definitely use them again when convenient.

The only other things to remember are, you are not supposed to use your awning or have a BBQ.

Janis Wood.

Many Thanks for Your Support

These few lines are to thank everyone for their good wishes, particularly those coming from the Isle of Wight and Ledbury Rallies following Terry's recent operation for bowel cancer. Unfortunately, he is not 'out of the wood' yet as he is due for a further operation within the next month or two. Because of this we shall not be seeing any of you this rally season, but this does not mean you are not in our thoughts, especially with this wonderful 'rallying weather' we shall certainly miss you all.

Thanks again, and we look forward to next season.

Pam & Terry Holtom(0015)

Do you have a Recent Peugeot

My 59, 2.2, 120bhp, Auto sleeper Symbol with 4500 miles on the clock, broke down last week with an ECU failure within the engine management system, it has been repaired by Peugeot under warranty and currently running well.

I was informed by the warranty admin clerk that a batch of ECU's have proved to be faulty and resulting in engine breakdowns.

It might be an idea for members to check with their local Peugeot dealerships in case their vans one of the faulty ECU's fitted, other wise a great van.

Bob & Hazel Brettell

Intelligence Gathering

As our membership is known for its wealth & depth of knowledge especially when it comes to talking about our favourite subject namely ones pride and joy 'The Motor-caravan', I wondered if anyone could enlighten me as to how the 'twin single beds' option that was offered, on the 2007-> (Mk 7) Ford Eton, worked?

Did one slide the front seats forward and use infill squabs to extend the bench seating as in our current 2005 Duetto or were both front seats on swivels and the front seat bases used to facilitate the single bed lengths? The sales literature that I have seen only mentions the availability of the 'twin single beds' option not how it was accomplished.

Mind you I don't know how many Eton's were produced let alone if any of them took up the 'twin single bed' option!

I am unsure if this option was offered with the Nuevo but as a Ford man the Nuevo, nice as the conversion is, is on the Peugeot base and as such holds no attraction for me. Mind you the Mercedes Devon would fit the bill nicely but that will have to wait for the Lottery win that I feel sure is just around the corner!

I can be contacted at rathlarg@btinternet.com or give me a bell on 01776705628 and I will ring you back.

Ricky Smith 1533

Turckheim Rally

We are just writing to thank the marshalls and assistants for the rally but if you get a lot of correspondence on the same subject we won't be offended if ours is not printed.

We would like to say how much we enjoyed ourselves despite the persistent rain. There was so much going on such as

Boules, Horse Shoes, Quizzes, a Tarte Flambé night (These were cooked by the local baker who came to the site and cooked as many as we could eat) a cheese and wine night including a performance of Cinderella (very funny) and a barbeque night. An organised walk in the local countryside and so many anniversaries and birthdays to celebrate which culminated in a wine and nibbles night courtesy of Daphne and John Normandale.

We were made to feel very welcome by the Turckheim people even the mayor came to meet us and offer us wine and some of the local cake. We ended up in the local paper as a result of this. There was a Nightwatchman who took people around the town at 10 o'clock every evening and told us some of the history of the town. Several of us went one night and seemed to be in the spotlight again. The last night of the rally coincided with the start of the local music festival week. Several of us went to the town square to enjoy the music performed by the local orchestra and ended with everyone doing the conga around the square. Then we were offered free hotdogs and chips. What a perfect end to a perfect rally.

Therefore we owe a big thankyou to Angie and Andy Cavell for finding such a nice site and thinking of running an ASOC rally in such a lovely area. Also to Dorothy and Baz Wellard for all the entertainment that they provided and to everyone else who helped to make this an exceptionally good rally.

Barbara and Al Buckett 5829

The Life of the Little Matchstick Motorcaravan

My earliest recollections are of someone saying "Oh, you are clever". I thought he was talking to me; but no, he was talking to my maker a Mr Brian Mortlock who is a member of the Kent Motor Caravan Section of the Camping & Caravanning Club. "Yes" said Pat his wife to their visitor, "It takes hours and hours of work to make a van like this in matchsticks". All I knew was

that I was complete, including all the internal cupboards and sink etc. I wondered what was to become of me, would I just sit on their sideboard? It was coming up to Christmas and the Kent group were to hold their party at Greatstone. So I was carefully packed up and taken there. I then found myself on a big table with lots of other things, wine, boxes of sweets, toilet goods and much more. I then heard that I was to be "raffled". This was very frightening, what did they mean, would I be broken up and thrown away, or made into something else?

Later in the evening a lady called Pauline Southern came up to me and said "Oh, I have had my eye on you for a long while, I'm so pleased I won you in the raffle" So I then stayed with her, at her house, for the next two years. She lovingly looked after me, dusting all my little nooks and crannies and I felt very much at home. One day I overheard her talking to her husband Roy, "I think it is time for the little van to make some more money, this time at The Autosleeper Club AGM at Newark". Oh dear, I thought, here we go again, are they going to sell me? On arrival at Newark I was taken to the hall, again to a large table which was bursting with goodies. Just then this man came along, wearing a very funny hat, a large prawn, and said "That is not going into the raffle". Oh, yet again I was scared, what was to become of me? Cedric, the one with the prawn on his head, said "We will auction him". That sounded worse than being raffled, and by this time I was really, really scared. Pauline said "I do hope it makes a lot of money for the charity". At the dinner and dance, Cedric, him with the prawn hat, started the auction, the bidding went higher and higher and finally the figure was over £50. I didn't know the man who had the final bid; but then heard the man say he was from Autosleepers and I would be given pride of place at their works at Willersey. I just couldn't believe my ears, I felt so proud. So please if any of you visit Willersey, come and say "Hello" I would love to see you.

Ps. I narrated this to Jo & Terry Phillips (No 6162) who said they would type my story for me. I do hope you have enjoyed reading it?

Check your Fiamma Awning, This is Why

When we were at Newark we discovered that the front end cover on our Fiamma F45 (i) awning was missing. It was missing when we purchased the Neuvo in Peterborough but it had been replaced when we collected the van in June last year.

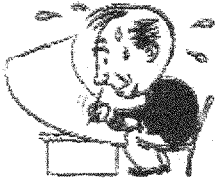
When at Newark we spoke to one of the Autosleeper personnel who suggested we phoned Willersey the following week. This we did and was referred to yet another supplier, whose name I have forgotten. However, when I spoke to the chap there and told him where we lived, he seems very surprised and said "Don't you know of Halesfield' - a huge trading estate just two miles from us! He then suggested we Visit Travelworld RV on Halesfield 14, Telford TF7 4QR Phone 08452305033 and see Bob Dodd the Parts Manager. Within one hour we had placed our order and visited several American type motorhomes and really enjoyed our visit. The staff were all so obliging. We collected the part about a week later and Keith has fixed it.

I am mentioning this, as while at Newark, on the Sunday afternoon we noticed a couple of vans without the front end Fiamma awning piece and several with the front end piece sitting precariously so I hope this information will be of use to some other ASOC members.

Yours sincerely

Rita A Jones Mem No 4297

Chairman's Chat



I do hope that everyone is making the most of this fine weather and getting out and about.

Mo and I have just returned from a month in France, where we met with 29 other vans at Turkheim in the Alsace region of France. Unfortunately the weather was not what we have come to expect on a French rally but a very enjoyable time was had by all and my Thanks and Congratulations must go to Angie + Andy Cavell, Dorothy + Baz Wellard, the marshals, for all of their hard work and arrangements in keeping us occupied. Two days after everyone left, the sun came out and shone for the rest of our time in France, indeed we were nearly cooked on several days with temperatures in the middle 40's. The Alsace region is a very interesting area, steeped in history, with many picturesque villages, excellent foods and of course white wine. In my view this area should be included in everyone's 'must see' list.

I am sure that everyone by now has heard or seen that Auto-Sleepers have swept the board in this years Caravan Club Design and Drive Awards, with 4 major awards given and the Cotswold being the overall winner. It is not often that one company gains so many awards in the different classes and on behalf of all in the club I have sent my congratulations to the company. From an owners point of view it is great to see that A~S have regained or are regaining their rightful position in the market place.

As many of you will know, our Technical Officer, Baz Wellard and I, the Chairman have full and frank discussions with Geoff Scott, the CEO of A~S on a regular basis, during which time we are able to voice our concerns and many of the answers will be listed in the Technical Officers report elsewhere in this newsletter, although we cannot deal with a specific case in detail we do try and get some sort of answer.

May I please make an appeal to all of our dog owners, would you take care to keep your dogs on a lead whilst on the site, whether green field or commercial. These rules are dictated by the owners of the sites and not the rally marshals I know that most members conform but some unfortunate situations have arisen over the year.

That's all for now, Mo and I will look forward to meeting you on rallies in the near future.

Mike Valentine

Rally News

Rally Advance Notices

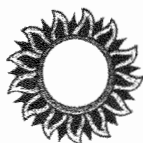
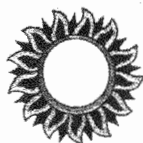
The above has been referred to the committee and hopefully will be resolved at the next committee meeting in September. Obviously it would be inappropriate for any committee member to comment before then.

Whitby Rally

I have received a few enquiries regarding the Whitby Rally being full following Roy Anderton's letter in the June newsletter. This year the Whitby Rally is not full as yet. The rally has reached its limit of 25 vans on previous years, but only one year when it did not coincide with the Shoreham and Topsham rallies was it oversubscribed. On this occasion 7 members were unlucky to receive a place, and one of them will be assisting me this year.

Regarding John Tubb's comments in the May newsletter concerning advance notice for rallies, I can only comment on the Whitby Rally. This was included in the May newsletter because I was leaving for the Alsace Rally on June 3rd and returning on July 3rd, allowing time to receive slips and confirm acceptance to ralliers before I was away from home.

Liz Irvin 4636



August 2010 Rally Supplement.

Please carry your ASOC membership cards when attending rallies.

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

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

NEW RALLY. 20th to 25th September 2010 (5 Nights) Autumn in Dartmouth at Little Cotton Caravan Park Dartmouth. Details in this Supplement.

29th - 3rd August. (5 nights) Leon's Field, St.Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE27 5ER.

Emergency Tel.No. 07716724910

This rally is now fully booked.

18th - 23rd August (5 nights) Shoreham AirShow, Shoreham by Sea, West Sussex.

Emergency Tel.No. 07999571461

This rally is now fully booked.

20th - 25th August (5 nights) Eskdale School, Whitby, North Yorks.

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

Rally Marshal: Liz Irvin.

Site Fees £4.70 per night. Rally Fees £3.00 couples £1.50 singles (both include VAT)
Greenfield Site, No Toilets, No Electricity. All Hardstandings.

Booking slips & cheques to Mrs E. Irvin, 43 School Lane, Kirk Ella, HULL, East Yorkshire.HU10 7NP.Tel. No. 01482 658345. E-mail:- irvin@irvin.karoo.co.uk

Attractions: Whitby will be busy because the Regatta dates coincide with the Folk Festival. Whitby Regatta 21st, 22nd, & 23rd. August. Whitby Folk Week 21st to 27th August.

School situated off the Scarborough Road, buses at the school gates to Whitby. Come and explore Whitby's fascinating and historic streets and waterfront. The site is close to the Whitby end of the Moor to Sea Cycle Route with links to Scarborough and Pickering. For walkers the Cleveland Way coastal path is nearby. Visit Goathland where Heartbeat is filmed, or travel on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway.

Directions: From Scarborough on A171, on entering Whitby, after lay-by and 30mph. sign, turn left into Eskdale Road and the school is on the left. From Guisborough or Pickering on A171,

enter Whitby and continue on the Scarborough road, cross the new Esk Bridge and continue up the hill to the top, Stainsacre Lane. Eskdale Road is on the right, before the industrial estate. Post code YO22 4HS. Limit of 25 vans.

Tues 24th – Sun 29th August (5 nights) Topsham Rugby Club. Topsham Nr. Exeter Devon

Emergency Tel No. 07890876859 (marshal's mobile)

Rally marshals Elizabeth & Bryn Morgan 44 Mersey Road Stockport SK4 3DJ. Home

Tel. 0161 432 4869 and Nora & Ven Venables Home tel. 01902 332 105

Site fees: £7.50 per night. Rally fee: £4.70 for couple=£42.20. £2.40 for singles = £39.90 incl. Vat.

This is a **GREEN FIELD SITE** (no electricity). We will be able to use the club's toilet facilities during the day. We plan to devise a roster so we can use the club's communal shower room (very basic).

Dogs are allowed but they must be on a lead at all times and exercised off the site.

NB Please say on rally slip if you are bringing a dog.

The rugby club may have functions on whilst we are there. There may also be a cricket match played on the far wicket. We hope to organise an al fresco "Bring your own meal" one evening.

Attractions: Topsham is a delightful small town situated on the River Exe. Topsham Town Fair Week coincides with our rally. The town has an historic quay; ferries across the river and an excellent bus and train service to Exmouth, Exeter City and beyond so if you have an English concessionary bus pass bring it with you. The town has a good range of shops, eating-places, pubs and an open air heated swimming pool. Within walking distance is the River Clyst that has a nature reserve that is popular with bird watchers. Dartmoor National Park is a short drive away. The rugby club is 250 yards from the town.

Please send cheques to the address above payable to B Morgan together with a rally slip and self-addressed envelope (we will put the stamp on).

Directions and confirmation of booking will then be sent to you. Limit 35 vans.

2nd. Thursday – 6th. Monday September (4 nights) Faversham Hop Festival, Painters Farm, Painters Forstal, Ospringe, Faversham, Kent. ME13 0EG.

Emergency Tel.No.07818006733.

This rally is now fully booked.

9th – 12th.September Motorhome & RV Show,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 £33.00 Friday onwards £28.00

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 25th. August. Show application forms to be returned to the**

organisers,Stone Leisure,by 2nd.September.

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13th - 17th September (4 nights) Whitemead C.P.Wool,Dorset

NB note change of number.Emergency Tel.No. 07714550731 Marshal's mobile.

Site fee: £7.95 per night. Plus electricity £2.00 per night. Rally fee: £2.35 per couple, £1.75 single. All include VAT.

Booking slips & cheques to Barbara Potter. Westbrook, Mill Lane, Monks Risborough, Bucks. HP27 9LG.

Local attractions: Monkey World, Bovington Tank Museum, Lulworth Cove, Durdle Door, Corfe Castle, Wareham, Swanage, Studland Bay. Bus stops and railway station within in a few minutes walk to Dorchester, Poole and Weymouth, plus village pubs. Campsite also has shop and games room with a pool table and darts. Good cycling and walking area.

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

20th to 25th September 2010 (5 Nights) Autumn In Dartmouth at Little

Cotton Caravan Park Dartmouth.Come and join us now all the holiday makers have gone home, and enjoy all that this area has to offer.

Site Telephone: No. 01803 832558 . Web site- www.littlecotton.co.uk

Rally Marshals:- Rita & John Tubb, assisted by Jill & Richard McAllister.

Site fees £12 per night inclusive of VAT. Rally Fee £3 inclusive of VAT. Send your application slips and a cheque for £63 payable to Rita Tubb together with SAE for reply to 70 Charnwood Crescent, Chandlers Ford, Hampshire, SO53 5QL.Tel. No.023 8026 7294 or Mobile 07754 761423.The site has all the usual facilities, inc. disabled.

Dogs are welcome but **must be** kept on a lead and use the doggy walk on site. The area has a good bus service, down into Dartmouth or further afield to Kingbridge, Totnes, Torquay.You can cross the ferry to Kingswear and catch the steam train to Paignton, or the bus to Brixham.You can enjoy a boat trip up the River Dart to Totnes or out to sea. There are NT properties in the area to visit. Remember to bring your Bus Pass.If you wish to extend your stay either before or after the rally please contact the site on the above number.**Please do not arrive before noon on the day of the rally.**

22nd - 27th September (5 nights) Uttoxeter Racecourse, Staffordshire

This will be a rally at the ACCEO National Rally, Uttoxeter Racecourse, Wood Lane, Uttoxeter, ST14 8DB. Organisers (on behalf of ACCEO) the Lunar Owners Club. ASOC Rally Marshals Peter Brown, Chris Mawdsley and Liz Irvin. This is a Greenfield site with no electricity ½ mile from Uttoxeter town centre, large Tesco, Cinebowl, etc. ASOC Marshal site emergency phone 07771 827711. Cost per unit, Friday & Saturday £18.00, additional nights Wednesday/Thursday/Sunday @ £7.50 per night. Pitched Awning £0.50 per night. Friday and Saturday entertainment pass £10 each adult. **Attractions:** Hall for Friday night meet and greet with music, Saturday night variety show "Kate's Party" and Sunday morning grand raffle. Cannock Chase, Stafford, Stoke on Trent, Derby and the Peak District all within 20 miles. Please note that all ASOC bookings must be made by the ASOC Rally Marshal on one ACCEO booking form therefore: applications on ASOC rally slip (indicate if awning and/or entertainment pass required) with cheque **By 1st September 2010** to Chris Mawdsley 5 Kenilworth Walk, Cheadle, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire ST10 1WA. For further information contact Peter Brown pcp7y@btinternet.com or 07771 827711.

23rd. - 26th. September. The Motorhome Show, Season Finale, Lincoln Showground.

Emergency Tel.No. 07922049714

Rally Marshals: Pauline & Neil Rogers, & Yvonne & Stuart Wood.

Please use the booking form enclosed in the July Newsletter if possible. If you use a form from other magazines please mark the form ASOC and note the *special Club site fees: Arrive Thursday: £39, arrive Friday £36, arrive Saturday £33. All bookings for the Saturday evening entertainment must be made with Warners when returning the application form to the organisers, by Friday 3rd. September, if you wish to rally with the Club.*

*******Then you must also complete a Club rally slip, (this also applies to internet bookings).** Return it, with the Rally Fee of £2.95 couples, £1.50 singles (both inclusive of VAT) to: N.C. & P. Rogers, 3 Appleby Close, Aldbrough St. John, Richmond, North Yorks. DL11 7TT. Tel.No. 01325 374 540. Cheques payable to N.C. & P. Rogers.

Please collect the Club rally information pack from the ASOC marshal before parking. The rally finishes at 12 noon Sunday but you may remain on site until 12 noon Monday.

30th September to 3rd October (3 nights) Little Stoke CC Stone

Staffordshire Planned to coincide with the Stone Food and Drink Festival (1st.-3rd. October) which includes a Manger à trios where restaurateurs offer a choice of fine food with each course in a different restaurant. There's a Real Ale Trail, a farmer's market and a gourmet food marquee open for late night shopping on Friday evening, cookery demonstrations and lots more. For full information go to www.stonefooddrink.org.uk. Rally Marshals, Chris Mawdsley, Peter Brown and Liz Irvin. Emergency Tel.No. 07919 538622. Site address: Uttoxeter Road, Stone, ST15 8RA. Site Fee: £5 per night. Rally Fee: £2 per couple £1 single. NO ELECTRICITY. Maximum 23 vans. Booking Slips with cheques to Chris Mawdsley 5 Kenilworth Walk, Cheadle, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire ST10 1WA.

1st.-3rd. October (2 nights) Eden Camp, Nr.Malton, North Yorks.

Emergency Tel.No.07775570182

Rally Marshals: Jan & Vic Hicklin & Einwen & Ben Cox.

Site Fees: £10.50 per unit per night. (Includes VAT & unlimited admission to museum & use of Hut 12 for weekend).

NO ELECTRICITY All hardstandings on car park. Elsan disposal & water available.

Rally Fee; £2.30 (Incl.VAT).

Rally slips & cheques payable to Mrs.J.Hicklin, 381 Manor Road, Brimington, Chesterfield, Derbyshire. S43 1PP. Tel.No. 01246 236157.

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. 1940s dress optional. Meals served in the N.A.A..F.I.

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

Rally opens at 1.00p.m.

Late arrivals will have to park outside gates which are locked between 20.30 hrs. & 08.00hrs. NO ADMISSIONS to RALLY BEFORE 1.00 p.m.

3rd - 7th. October (4 nights) Earswick,Nr.York.

Emergency Tel.No. 0777 5570182.

Rally marshals: Jan & Vic Hicklin & Eirwen & Ben Cox.

Site Fees:£4.00 per unit per night. NO Electricity. Rally Fee: £2.35 (Incl.VAT).

GREENFIELD Site with water & Elsan emptying.

Rally slips & cheques payable to Mrs.J.Hicklin,381 Manor Road,Brimington,

Chesterfield,Derbyshire.S43 1PP. Tel.No. 01246 236157.

Attractions: Site close to Ebor Way & on a bus route into York with buses to the East Coast (Whitby, Malton & Pickering). York's attractions include the Railway Museum & the Minster.

Directions: Turn North off the A1237 York outer ring road at Earswick towards Strensall. After about 1 mile turn **right** into Farm Lane. Site on **right** hand side.

Address of site is The Lodge,302 Strensall Road,Earswick,York.YO32 9SW.

7th - 11th. October (4 nights) Conkers Camping & Caravanning Club Site,50 Bath Lane,Moira,Swadlingcote,Derbyshire.DE12 6BD.

Site Tel.No. 01283224925. Marshal's mobile 07810 455318.

Site fees:£ 58.00 for 4 nights on hardstanding with electricity & full facilities.

Rally Fee:£ 3.50 couples & £2.00 singles, this includes use of room with tea/coffee in the neighbouring Youth Hostel on Monday evening. All charges include VAT and are for 4 nights.

Rally slips & cheques to Mrs. & Mrs. E.W.Grimsley, 24 Paul Drive,Leicester.LE4 9FY.

Tel.No. 0116 269 2220. Please send an SAE for confirmation & information.

Attractions: This rally is based around a Bavarian Evening on Saturday 9th. October at the nearby Conkers attraction (10 minutes walk by road). A hot meal is included in the price of £15.00 per person, payable in advance - so please include this with your booking. (See note about this event elsewhere in the Newsletter before you book).

Calke Abbey (N.T.), Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre, Snibston Discovery Park, Moira Furnace & historic Ashby-de-la-Zouch. The three year old site is in the heart of the National Forest with former mining railway lines accessible to walkers & cyclists from the site.

Directions: Use A444 between Burton-on-Trent and junct.11 Off M42/A42 and the site is signposted down a minor road in Overseal.

Limit of 25 vans.

Please do not arrive before 12 noon on Thursday (site rules), rally ends 12 noon Monday.

**Friday 5th – Tuesday 9th, November (4 nights) Sedgemoor
Carnival, Burnham on Sea, Burnham on Sea Holiday Village, Somerset.**

Emergency Tel.No. 07711375323 Marshal's mobile.

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

Site & Rally fee £56 incl.VAT for 4 nights. Rally limited to 64 selected pitches this year.

The first 46 are hard stading and the rest are grassed.All pitches have electricity plus access to very good toilets & shower facilities.Please indicate on rally slip if disabled or special needs and we will try to pitch you close to the facilities.The Burnham on Sea Holiday Village is a full facility site about 10 minutes walk from the town centre and shops along the promenade.The complex & entertainment will be available and it is a good area for walking & cycling.

Pitches allocated as slips are received. Sorry but "NO PETS" allowed,site rules.

Send site & rally fee to Brian Ellis,52 Golf Links Road,Burnham on Sea,Somerset.

TA8 2PP. Tel.No. 01278 784524.

Friday 5th. November - Rally starts at 10.00a.m.**Saturday** Coach trip.,**Sunday** evening, Fireworks display on beach.**Monday** evening, Approx. Two hour Carnival Procession through Burnham.**Tuesday** midday Rally ends.

Attractions: We hope to arrange – **Saturday** coach trip to Clarks Village of Street,if enough interested. Cost approx. £3.50 per person.First coach 9.30.a.m.,second coach 11.30 a.m..Pick return 2.30 p.m. & 4.30 p.m.Please indicate on slip if you are interested.
Do not send monies with rally slip,other arrangements will apply.

Sunday morning scenic stroll (weather permitting) through the park and onto Highbridge Caravan Sales & Accessories for tea & biscuits.

Sunday afternoon maybe a cycle ride to the Cider farm.**Sunday** evening after the fireworks join in our dingbat quiz night.

Monday Coffee morning then stroll on the beach to the Berrow Pub.(food available).

Directions: Sat.Nav. TA8 1NQ and look for Holiday Village signs.Or M5 junct.22 exit to large island turn **left** on A38.Follow signs to Holiday Village.Head towards Highbridge,Bridgewater.Bear **right** at next island,pass Highbridge Caravans and over railway bridge to Asda Supermarket Island (store & large car park to your left).Turn **right** and follw signs to Holiday Village.At mini island by petrol station turn **left** Site is about quarter of a mile on the **left**.

Early booking advised as slips & payments will be required by October.

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.

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

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

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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Your name and address (Please PRINT)

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

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

Please complete both sides of this form.

Is 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.**

BAVARIAN NIGHT at "CONKERS" - Saturday, 9th October.

Bill and I have been to this event twice when it was held in November. This year it is being called "October Fest", hence the date for our rally at Conkers Camping and Caravanning Club Site. Several members who have heard us talk about it suggested we put on a rally specifically for the event.

But a WORD OF WARNING - if you intend going to the Bavarian Night - it is enjoyable if you like "Umpah" music, thigh slapping, swaying sideways and up and down at the tables!! It can get exhausting and very rowdy with some audience participation at the front and involves mostly the typical German music. Some old English Music Hall type of songs also creep in, to give a good mix.

The Band consists of four mature men in traditional leather shorts (made by a Saddler somewhere in Yorkshire!); and all the correct instruments. It won't take much persuasion to get Bill into his "Lederhosen" (bought in Munich) and I shall be in suitable clothing as well. It will be up to you whether you wear something for the occasion, but it's completely optional.

Preference will be given to ralliers who intend going to the Bavarian Night, as places are limited, and payment is required with your booking - see the rally list for more details.

Elizabeth and Bill Grimsley

Turckheim June 2010

Where to start?? How about the warm welcome from the Marshals Andy and Angie Cavell more than ably assisted by Baz and Dorothy Wellard. Nothing new in that you may whisper, but how about the equally warm welcome from a member of the Mayor's office coming along the following day to formally welcome us to their town, during which we were provided with Kugelhoff (cake) and wine. A fact reported in not one but TWO local newspapers.



Arriving on Thursday evening a part of sixty English are staying ten days at camping municipal de Turckheim. Aimee Werner, deputy in charge of its management, has arranged a drink of friendship.

So british!

"This gesture of welcome is always much appreciated by groups of foreign tourists", said the manager, Michel Kieffer, who attempts to respond better to the expectations of his customers.



Today it is the English, members of the Auto-Sleeper Owner's Club. They are attending a rally thought of by Andy Cavell during his passage through Turckheim last year. The program is dense with, among others, visits to surrounding villages, the Automobile Museum in Mulhouse and the castle of Haut-Koenigsbourg.

In Turckheim, the gastronomy is honoured with a 'soiree' with Tarte Flambee prepared on site by Marie Fleith of the Bakery Brand, and of course, a tasting tour of the cellar. But do not worry, the tourists also appreciate the richness of architectural heritage of the city they have discovered on Friday for the first time.

So we're off to a very good start and if you were English in Turckheim you were asked if you were part of 'Le Groupe'.

Activities included a vineyard walk, a wine tasting (and buying of course), the boules and horseshoe competitions organized by Baz; the finals for which were attended by the 'rah rah girls'.



Then there were the daily quizzes, also organised by Baz, the tarte flambee (as mentioned in the article), a cheese and wine evening, a BBQ evening which, along with the various

wedding anniversaries, all conspired to make this rally one long celebration.

The area was noted for storks; they seem to be quite curious about campers and regularly tour the campsite. The town itself is very attractive and noted for it's wine and it's 'White Notchman', as christened by Angie quite late one evening the previous year..... it's actually a Night Watchman or 'Night Crier'- who goes around the town each evening at 10pm with his lantern which he asks various ladies to hold for him at various stops along the way whilst he sings for his supper, well wine - what else would you want at that time of night??

All in all an extremely good rally and on behalf of us all a very big THANK YOU to Andy, Angie, Baz and Dorothy for all their hard work - an awful lot of effort went into making this rally the success it was.



Chris Mawdsley



Welcome to New Members

Stan & Anne Gibson	Burton-on-Trent	Berkshire
Brian & Susan Worboys	Hitchin	Cotswold
Ken & Liz Edwards	Southampton	Inca
Gordon & Diane Clarke	Little Leigh	Clubman
Peter Sedgley & Beryl Smith	Sutton Coldfield	Pollensa
	Market	
Derek & Anne Plowright	Harborough	Duetto
Barry Newth	Bolton	Trooper
Les & Pat Udale	Cheadle	Harmony
Andrew Bell	Leeds	Trident
Stuart & Dot King	Southwick	Suffolk
Roy & Vera Collins	Southampton	Lancashire
Dennis & Jenny Hobbs	Ottery St Mary	Stratford
Mark & Lynn Jones	Romney Marsh	Sussex
Nik & Annie Robinson	Newmalhar	Trident
Alan & Audrey Birch	Shipham	Nuevo
Terry Coleman	Southend-on-Sea	Rambler
		Sherpa
Brian & Judy Meakins	Market Rasen	Leisure
Kenneth & Patricia Booth	Barnsley	Nuevo
Sue Baxter	Crow Edge	Duetto
Peter & Valeris Hayne	Glamorgan	Rienza
Rob & Yvonne Knight	Stafford	Amethyst
Bill Brown & Nan McCrone	Cargen Bridge	Executive
John & Sue McGill	Banbury	Wilton
Tony & Jacqui Parsons	East Cowes	Trophy

Thomas & Helen Coen	Wigan	Duetto
David Allen & Sally Koppa	Taunton	Harmony
Bridget Eley & Craig Muir	Oxford	Duetto
Keith & Marlene Hayward	Princes Risborough	Berkshire
Keith & Jean Chapman	Barnet	Devon
Michael & Beryl Mansbridge	Brigsteer	Dorset
Gordon & Susan Leckie	Sandy	Sussex
Martin & Jill Strange	Moretonhampstead	Nuevo
David & Mavis Green	Bournemouth	Nuevo
John & Susan Bradbrook	Ipswich	Symbol
James & Sylvia Eastgate	High Wycombe	Nuevo
Ron & Sheila Booton	Nuneaton	Berkshire
Charlie & Chris Ede	St Budeaux	Executive
Alan & Cheryl Barr	Bournemouth	Executive
David & Pam Lugg	Ipswich	Excelsior
Bill & Bee Cullis	Hereford	Cotswold
Arthur & Peggy Tolver	Norwich	Northants
Mel & Janet Turtell	Pratt's Bottom	Lancashire
Roger Judd	Cleghongor	Trident
William & Meryl Chew	Birmingham	Gloucester
Jeff Worswick & Chris Harrison	Charnock Richard	Symbol
Liz Marshall	Kendal	Trident
Ray & Lesley Hewitt	Southampton	Gloucester
Nick & Barbara Webb	Didcot	Topaz
Harry & Rosalind Barnes	Garstang	Duetto
George Newsome	Edinburgh	Northants
Simon Pettit	Preston	Duetto
Linda Reed	Wimborne	Clubman
Derek Grace & Joy Dodson	Burnham	Windsor
David Brearley & Liz King	York	Legend
Ray & Jan Bridgen	Warminster	Executive

Is a Smell Driving "U" Crazy?

Further to your comments in May Newsletter, I wrote on this subject at length in Newsletter Feb and Apr 2002. Basically the answer is "U" bends. We do not get any smell in our fixed homes because we have "U" bends after every Outlet.

Unfortunately this is not the same in motorhomes. The "dreadful smell" if not there all the time is not far away, especially in hot weather, as all the pipes from any of the services go directly into the waste tank with nothing to prevent smells coming back up the pipe, even though there is a vent in the tank.

I overcame the problem by making by own "U" bends, with easily removable water traps that I empty at least after every trip. No foreign bodies get into the tank and the water in the "U" bend trap stops smells coming back up since 2002.

I offered my idea to CK Tanks about the same time and they said they were considering this matter, but nothing ever happened. What a pity?

Perhaps AS could be approached about fitting "U" bends.

Robin Gardner

PLEASE DON'T IGNORE THIS just because it looks weird.
Believeit or not, you can read it:

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Bet that was impressive? Dudley



Baz Wellard

Chairman, Technical Group & Webmaster

Auto-Sleeper website:

Auto-Sleepers have now re-launched their website (www.auto-sleepers.co.uk) and their Press Release quotes *"This new site is quicker and easier to navigate, offering the browsing consumer more information in a clearer format with greater information on our products, dealers postcode search, layouts including internal 360deg photography, specification, events, aftercare, warranties, reviews, handbooks and so much more"*.

It is of interest that the 360 deg innovative facility is as a result of a request, last year, to the Club for ideas to help improve their website. The 360 panoramic photography provides an internal virtual tour of 14 models allowing the browser to pan; tilt and zoom. More models will be added in due course.

Remote alarm controls:

As a consequence of supporting a member's alarm problem a general reminder may be appropriate. For some alarm systems it is recommended that the 'spare/second' remote alarm fob should be occasionally activated to ensure that it stays in synchronism with the alarm's coding.

Website Updates:

- **09/10:-**
 - Turckheim rally report and photograph gallery
 - Model reviews now available on request:-
 - Cotswold 2010

A Subject That Effects Most of Us

I came across the details of an e petition in MMM relating to the insistence of Local authorities to install height barriers to public cars parks/ including park and ride facilities.

Petition at:- petitions.number10.gov.uk/Motorcaravan

Pat and I had the usual experience last week in Oxford = Park and ride facilities have height restrictions.

Roy F Bridgen 6321

Cartmel 2010

The racecourse is in such a lovely peaceful place within a beautiful location. We arrived on Tuesday and the weather was fine if a bit damp, and many people went into the village to explore its delights. The welcome coffee evening was dry although black clouds threatened, but were kind to us and did not deposit any rain. That night was another story with a howling gale, which was quite frightening and torrential rain keeping a fair few of us awake for most of the night and some people had to take their awnings down in the early hours.

This year the village has christened itself the Sheepy Village and there were life size model sheep in various disguises dotted around the village. I rather liked the Rasta sheep and the burglar sheep but most establishments had one denoting their business. On July 17 they are being auctioned for the Bay Search and Rescue team.

Wednesday was still windy but dry and those of us who did not have the energy for James' walk up the fell were able to sit outside and relax. In the evening there was an impromptu gathering in the Jockeys' changing rooms where we were treated to a song regarding always keeping bathing hats in ones van. As on a previous rally people had been denied access to the pool for lack of the above headgear. These brave souls then went and bathed in Lake Geneva!

Thursday again saw people exploring the village and stocking up on the famous sticky toffee pudding and other delights to take home with them. The rally was rounded off by a meal in one of the many local hosteleries.

A thoroughly good time was had by all and many thanks to James and Jill Berlin for all their hard work in arranging this lovely rally.

Kathleen Woodhams



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