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NEWSLETTER 266

November 2010

From the Editor ^(S)

Before we start we'd like to draw your attention to the fact that a metal link bracelet was found on the marshal's pitch at the Conkers rally. If you've lost one contact Elizabeth Grimsley on 0116 269 2220.

We would also like to make the following announcement on behalf on Angela Rose and Mike Johnson

"Angela and Mike are pleased to announce the arrival of their adopted ex racing greyhound, previously named 'Stonecliffe Lady' and now called Maisie. She is four years old, black and white and raced at Yarmouth. She has settled in very well and enjoying her retirement."

NATIONAL RALLY 2011

Stuart Wood would is again looking for volunteers to be part of the National Rally next year and would like to hear from anyone wishing to exhibit their hobbies and any budding artists who would like to exhibit their work (this proved very popular last year).

In addition he would like to know if anyone would be interested in entering a flower arranging competition.—see Chairmans Chat for details

Please get in touch with Stuart as early as possible either on 01484 604133 or stuwd@yahoo.co.uk.

And even more importantly....

Hopefully you will not miss the club membership renewal form enclosed with this issue of the Newsletter. At this time of imminent change in the VAT rate you will be interested to know that the Club pays VAT on a portion of each subscription received. It is therefore a small benefit to the Club if subscriptions are received before the end of December this year.



Chairman's Chat

I would like to give a Big Welcome to all of our new members who have joined since September; the scheme of giving a year's membership supported by Marquis has proved to be very popular, but I also notice that several others have joined through recommendations. I do hope that you all get something from being a member whether it is by meeting new friends on rallies or from the technical papers available on-line covering the many subjects regarding modifications to the various vans or on how different problems have been overcome and technical information re clutch judder, tyre-valve failure and recalls to name but a few. Studying the list of the new member's vans, it is good to see that the Marquis brand of Counties are being successful and selling well against the competition.

By the beginning of November all models will now have been photographed and by going to the A~S web-site you will be able to take 360° round tour, *don't forget to go through the door*, including the bathroom.

Our meetings with the A~S CEO continue, Baz and I have been privileged to view the new Retro Monocoques and the Caravans – **Impressive**, as they were being prepared for the October NEC show. In recent years, the Club has not been represented on the show stand but this year a small display board for the Club together with membership forms was on one of the pillars. Next year, A~S will celebrate its 50th year of manufacturing and I understand a 'Retro Rally' may be planned by them for June or July, details will be given out when I receive them.

Mo & I attended both the Faversham and Dartmouth rallies, thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone and would like to thank all of the Marshals for their efforts, the good weather joined in as well to enhance the 'bonhomie'. In Faversham, as you will see by going to the ASOC (www.asoc.fsnet.co.uk) web-site, (click on rallies) Bez won a raffle prize to 'die for' and everyone enjoyed the moment as she 'tried' them on. In Dartmouth, thanks must go to Steve for stirring many of us early each morning and leading us through the basics of Tai Chi and he also demonstrated his art as a magician with Mo being his assistant, her photo is on the web-site, *cost you a £1 to look she says*. We shall look forward to these rallies being run again next year.

The AGM National Rally committee decided it would be nice to celebrate Auto-Sleeper's 50th anniversary by holding a flower arrangement competition during the rally with the theme 'A Golden Celebration' to be staged within a 30cm x 30cm (12" x 12") platform and held in the Stuart Goodwin Hall.

So that an early decision can be made we need to know how many of you would be interested in taking part so please contact Stuart Wood on 01484 604133 or email him at stuwtd@yahoo.co.uk.

Hoping that you all enjoyed the show and I look forward to hearing some of your comments on the new models.

Mike Valentine

It's nice to hear from some brand new members....

My wife Jean and I are new members of the Club although we are not new to Autosleepers, nor indeed motorcaravanning. We are now on our third Autosleeper, but for whatever reason we were not offered membership before.

However, I would like to introduce us and give other members some background information on us. We have a long term following of grasstrack racing and have toured extensively throughout France. Over the last 5 years have owned a parkhome in Provence, which we have just sold. As you can guess we have a fair knowledge of France, particularly the south, from Antibes in the east to the Pyrenees. Also around the southwest and up through to Brittany. If any members need any information on these areas I am happy to help.

We are late sixties in age, having retired about 6 years ago from the construction industry after 35 years. We have about 20 years with both caravan and motorcaravan experience and are based near Wimborne in Dorset, with children and grandchildren close by, perhaps a little too close.....

We were at the Shepton Show recently and are out and about very frequently. Our motorhome incidentally, is an Orion Sirius which we acquired on 1st September, we are therefore just getting to know it. Our previous van was a Talisman and prior to that a VW Hitop. Well, that is our background briefly and we are looking forward meeting up with members soon.

Mike & Jean Pocknell

Can you help?

I have just acquired at VW Topaz T5 (2006) and wonder if anyone can recommend a specialist who has previously carried out retrofit air conditioning to this vehicle. If you are able to help please contact me on dss.asd@btinternet.com.

Many thanks.

David Seaton-Smith

We have a wind problem - not Joy and I personally you understand - but with our Truma Ultrastore Water Heater which is now about six years old. It has been the same since new and will work fine for months, until its windy then we have trouble lighting it, sometimes it will not light at all, so we have to put the kettle on. Has any other member had this problem and found a simple solution, or the answer? If so, please contact us on joy.nigel@talktalk.net.

Joy & Nigel Wilkins



Goodbye

It is with sadness I write to say that I shall not be renewing my membership as my husband Don died in July. He hadn't been well for some months, but in the Spring he began to recover. His death was quite unexpected and unrelated to his former ills.

I would like to thank the marshals of all the rallies we attended and say farewell to the friends we made—we may meet again some time.

In the Spring I shall sell our beloved Executive; it will be sad to see it go, but I am not getting any younger!

Jeanette Cadney

We also say goodbye to Lucy & Keith Watson who have been in the Club 2 years and attended many rallies.

Rally News

VAT INCREASE - JANUARY 2011

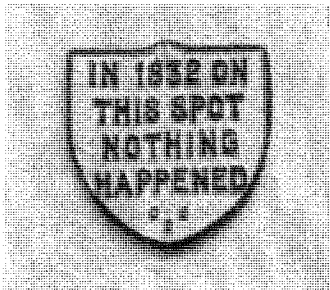
Will all marshals please note that VAT will increase to 20% in 2011. This will mean that rally fees will need to increase in line with this. For example a rally fee of £2.35 will increase to £2.50. Please do not forget to allow for this increase as it will also apply to plaque costs. Failure to allow for the increase could cause your rally to go into the red.

The aim is for all rallies to at least break even. Please remember that any large purchases or extra marshals fees must first be approved by either the Treasurer or Rally Co-ordinator.

Neil Rogers

More on Faversham....

I must apologise for any spelling errors that may appear in this article but it is only a draught version, having barley arrived back from an amaizeing rally at Faversham. From the first ASOC brew from the tea urn until the last prize drawn inn the raffle there was plenty going on for us non-locals. During the day we could hop on a bus or take our vans (in our case, a pint-sized one) to the festival and be entertained by a multitude of musical groups, Morris dancers and street entertainers. So tuns of thanks to mine hosts Barbara, Al, Mo and Mike and we hope there will beer nother one sometime!



Also spotted this on the road leading to the quay.

Celia and Alan Waugh

ACCEO

The ACCEO rally at Uttoxeter was a lot of fun - with our own little band of Autosleeper members.

Dave and I only arrived Friday and didn't go to the business of the AGM but the evening entertainments were good. The Lunar Caravan Club were the hosts this year and couldn't have been friendlier.

After the rally and because we arrived late we moved on to the CC site on the race course to give us more time there. The site is to be recommended. Nicely looked after, a short walk to the town and bus terminal, also a short walk to Tescos and a bowling alley/cinema. Dave and I went to the cinema to find there is a special price of £2 on a Monday. The 5.45pm show had lots of spare seats, but there was a stampede towards us on the way out when the 8.30pm crowd rushed in.

Thanks Chris, Liz and Peter, we certainly enjoyed ourselves.

Pat & David Mayne

Stone

Another good Rally at Little Stoke Cricket Club. It rained all day on Friday, but a few of us braved the weather and were able to browse the stalls at our leisure, not much good for the stallholders though.

What a difference on Saturday, it was quite warm with a bit of sunshine, it brought the people out and we had to push our way through the crowds (better for the stallholders). Had a good night in the C.C. where the Beetle Drive was a good laugh, and we finished off with a raffle.

Woke up to rain again on Sunday, but we were homeward bound.

Many thanks to Chris, Peter & their little helpers, Liz & Jeanne.
Well done.

Dave & Trish Robinson

Autumn in Dartmouth

35 vans arrived on Monday to a sunny day, coffee was served in the evening and all ralliers welcomed. On Tuesday at 9.00am 25 members were initiated into the art of Tai Chi by Steve Earnshaw. (see photos on the Web). There was coffee and Pam and Steve Earnshaw were celebrating their 36th wedding anniversary, and provided cakes for all the rally members. Steve then provided us all with a magic show assisted by our chairman's wife Mo, dressed for the occasion in a one size fits all bikini!!!!

On Wednesday evening after coffee Steve gave five members a challenge to open a magic box in less than 60 seconds; if they were successful the prize was a bottle of wine. None were successful so the wine was added to the raffle.

On Thursday evening, as it was The Macmillian Nurses sponsored coffee morning on Friday, we decided to do a sponsored Cream Teas for all our Members. Scones, Cream and Jam was duly purchased and cream teas were provided for all. If any members wished to donate to Macmillian Nurses a jar was provided. We had collected £125.00 for the charity and we were sent a card from the charity thanking us for our donation. Many thanks to all who donated.

By Friday, members said they felt better after doing Tai Chi all week, so many thanks to Steve for taking the class each morning. Coffee time this evening was also Raffle time and time for the answers to the Quizzes.

All enjoyed Little Cotton and it has been booked for September 2011.

John Tubb

What a fantastic site for a rally, views, buses and so many places to visit by road, water or rail. We had TAI -CHI each morning to get us going, which provided much giggling!! Thanks Steve.

Rita and John did a fantastic job with their assistants Jill and Richard. Thanks very much to you all for a really enjoyable week which included me being the magicians assistant in a bikini complete with wand!!!! Oh,

with all of the excitement I forgot to mention the spectacular cream tea afterwards, it obviously went to my head, or was it on to my waist.!!!

Mo Valentine

Conkers

At a recent rally at the Conkers site we all found ourselves transported to Bavaria on Saturday evening courtesy of a few Bavarian-style outfits and an Oompah Band. Audience participation was required by way of a few of us making absolute fools of ourselves and a lot of swaying from side to side and standing up/ sitting down (not to mention forward and back). It was a fun evening and included a German meal.

The week-end included a cycle ride around the area on Friday and a walk on Saturday which included a look at the Moira Furnace and refreshments in the coffee shop.

It was a fun week-end, the weather was kind and our thanks go to Bill & Elizabeth Grimsley and Liz Irvin for organising a rally with a difference.

Chris Mawdsley

Coming up for 2011:

Rudesheim am Rhein. June 2011.

The next rally at Rudesheim, in the Rhine Valley, Germany, will be for 7 nights from Monday 27th June leaving Monday 4th July. The rally site is approximately 350 miles from Calais. We are unable to include the previous weekend because Easter is late and there is a national holiday, and a Harley Davidson Rally is taking place. On the Sunday the roads on both sides of the valley from Koblenz to Rudesheim are open to walkers and bicycles but closed to traffic.

The site, listed in the Caravan Club Travel Service in Europe Brochure, is used by many rallies including GB Privilege. Website -

www.campingplatz-ruedesheim.de The campsite is on the banks of the Rhine, only 3/4 mile from the town.

Attractions in the area:

- Full day Rhine Cruise to St. Goar.
- Cable car ride over the vineyards to the Germania monument, with either return by cable car, or with a ring ticket: - walk along the panorama path to the chair lift, ride down to Assmannshausen and return to Rudesheim by ship.
- A tour of the vineyards in the Winzerexpress (tractor drawn train) which can take us to a tour at the Asbach Brandy Visitor Centre, we walk back to the campsite (downhill).
- A visit to the Bromserburg Castle, with guided tour of the Winemuseum, followed by a wine tasting.
- Visit the Drosselgasse famous for its garden wine taverns.
- Taste the local wine and experience a Rudesheimer Coffee made with the local Asbach Brandy.
- The Rhine in Flames firework display on 2nd July

2011 Campsite charges are expected to be similar to this year which was €27.30 per night for 2 adults, €22.00 for 1 person, inclusive of electricity - 10 amps, showers €1 for 5 minutes, dogs €3 a night. I hope to arrange a Rhine in Flames cruise with 2 course meal, the cost in 2009 was €50.50 per person.

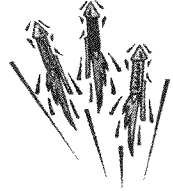
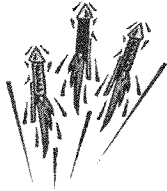
Full booking details in next month's Rally Supplement.

Liz Irvin

Possible Rally at Butlins Minehead

Proposed for 9th to 13th May 2011 (4 nights).

I am talking to Butlins at Minehead about the possibility of another rally there next year. As a reserve deposit per pitch will be required when booking it would be most helpful to have some idea of the number of members likely to want to join us. It would be an immediate follow on



November 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.

Please inform the Rally Marshal beforehand if you wish to bring a car, trailer or tent to a rally.

Marshals please note that the rate of VAT will rise to 20% in January 2011. This will mean a rise in rally fees by 2.5%. This would make a rally fee of £2.35 into £2.50.

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 standing 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.

Rally Date

Your name and address (Please PRINT)

.....

..... Post Code

Phone No. Mobile No.

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

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

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

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

Please complete both sides of this form.

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.**

from Dartmouth Music Festival Rally. Details are expected to be in the Newsletter next February, meanwhile it would be appreciated if you can e-mail your interest to me at richardmac59@talktalk.net

Richard McAllister

Three months of France Passion!

Have you ever stayed overnight on a snail farm, shared a communal meal on a French farm, or drunk wine produced from the very vines you are parked alongside? We were fortunate enough to spend three months over the summer this year touring France in our 2004 Palermo. We are first-time motor-homers, buying our van in February 2010 and, after just a few practice weekends, we set off on our French adventure on June 4th. As well as stopping at twelve beautiful campsites, we also experienced no less than sixteen memorable night stops, courtesy of the France Passion scheme, and are pleased to recommend it as a unique and inexpensive way of discovering the real France.

On the campsites we quickly realised that once parked up, we were loathe to move the van again until the end of our stay. This meant limited opportunities to explore the near-by villages, cities and tourist spots. However, before we left the UK, we came across the France Passion site on the internet at www.france-passion.com, learning that in 2010 there were no fewer than 1,500 free night stops on offer, covering 87 departments of France, with hosts including wine growers, farmers, breeders and farmhouse produce makers, many in the most stunning countryside locations. The scheme is exclusively aimed at motor homes, offering stops of only one night. By alternating our holiday between campsites and France Passion stops, we opened up opportunities to see more places.

Membership of the scheme is 29 euros for 2011 and the catalogue will be produced in March. It offers a comprehensive guide to all the participating venues, organised geographically, with excellent maps and a key giving details of any available facilities, such as water, rubbish bins or toilets. The catalogue also gives local directions to how to find the venues, including a guide to accessibility. It is clear whether you will need to drive up a dirt track with few passing places, or scale a steep hillside. A word of warning though. Most of the sites claim that the owners speak English. We did not find that, and although all the owners were welcoming and hospitable, we did have to converse using our limited French!

It is advisable to call in advance to reserve one of the limited spaces, as the most popular places can be snapped up, especially in the height of the season. In the main we were well organised and did book ahead, but on two occasions we were nearly caught out. The first was in the beautiful wine village of Fleurie in the Rhone Valley, when the venue we had booked on the telephone a couple of days earlier, turned out to be seemingly deserted. Happily there was space at an alternative vineyard just a minute down the road, where we enjoyed a spectacular view of the French Alps far on the horizon. The other occasion was at the very end of our trip, in the last days of August, when we had forgotten to book ahead, and found ourselves driving in a rain storm with every place we tried already fully booked or closed for late summer holidays. At seven o'clock, feeling rather desperate, we were eventually taken in by a Champagne grower where we bought a good deal of his bubbly!

We frequently found ourselves at places blessed with amazing views, meeting charming friendly hosts, buying quality local produce such as cheeses, patés, cakes and pastries, exploring the near-by hamlet or village, or experiencing the 'degustation' of wines at independent vineyards nestling in famous wine regions such as Bordeaux, Loire, Macon and Burgundy. We quickly became practiced at arriving at our night stop late in the afternoon, and immediately requesting a tasting of the wine. The vigneronns were more than happy to lead us into their atmospheric damp, dark cellars, with tasting rooms complete with tempting open bottles and long-stemmed wine glasses, where we could enjoy the delights without worrying about driving afterwards. There is never any obligation to buy at any of the France Passion venues, but our Palermo clattered home on September 1st with over 150 bottles of wine on board!

Amongst our favourite night stops was a snail farm in Massiac in the Auvergne region, where the snails are bred underneath wooden planks in large fields, and where the resident chef cooked us a tasty selection of dishes. We stayed on a goose farm in the Dordogne, where we enjoyed a romantic outdoor dinner, including the most exquisite fois gras, overlooking the lovely village of Rilhac Lastours and a medieval castle in which Richard the Lionheart stayed on his journey to the crusades. Again in the Dordogne, we stayed at the Ferme de Cantegrel, where the owners host a local farmers market and communal meal every Monday evening during the summer. We had a fabulous time tasting the local produce and sampling the wines, watching fascinated as local families flocked to eat together at the long trestle tables set up under colourful awnings. Not all the venues offer dinner, but we did enjoy some picnics in unusual places, including one in the middle of an enormous vineyard in the Loire valley. That particular evening we watched a spectacular electric storm from the safety of the front seats of the van, totally blown away by the extreme force of nature rarely

witnessed in the UK. In the Bourgogne region around Beaune, and in Champagne, we spent happy evenings on vineyards, learning about the wine-making process and discovering which vintages are the best in recent years. In St Leger we were lucky enough to meet a delightful wine-grower called Jean-Yves Renaud, who was preparing to bottle his 2009 Mercurey and Rully wines, the week following our stay with him. We were so impressed with the tasting that we made a detour eight days later and returned to collect four delicious cases!

It would be possible to spend your entire holiday in France simply taking advantage of these France Passion night stops. However, we preferred to alternate our time between enjoying the peace, relaxation and facilities on offer at the campsites, with the authenticity and magic of the night stops. In our opinion, to visit France in a motor home and not to stay at some of the France Passion venues would be a travesty. Why not take a look at the website and learn more about what is on offer?

Victor and Phyllida Scrivens

It is with very much regret that we have to advise you that on 16th August 2010 **Joan Lec** died after a six month battle with cancer. Her husband Peter has written "*Prior to February '10, Joan was still able to walk ten miles and was reasonably healthy, but since mid February '10 Joan had been virtually house bound with severe pains as soon as she ate, drank or moved, and was on medication for stomach ulcers until early June.*

After three scans, the last in early May, we were told in early June she only had two months to live. This was a total shock, as the bowel tumour we had assumed would be operable, and that the area on her liver (in the same place as a false alarm ten years ago) was not of concern, but this was not the case.

In July it was confirmed she had bowel cancer and that her liver was riddled with cancer. She did manage, despite being the only patient in a wheelchair, to complete two out of a proposed twelve chemo treatments - each taking nine hours door to door.

I was able to look after Joan at home throughout the six months, however she did spend her last three days in the Hinckley and Bosworth Community Hospital, as I could not cope any longer on my own with such limited resources. This hospital and its staff were absolutely superb."

Technical Group & Website

Baz Wellard
Chairman, Technical Group & Webmaster



Winterisation:

The time is coming when motorhomes will need to be prepared for the worst of the winter. For those who may be preparing their motorhomes for the first time and, possibly, for those who need reminding, there is a guide available on the Club Website (see *Technical page*) which is also repeated on Ideas Sheets No. 85 (*contact details on the back page*).

In addition to the guide you may also wish to consider filling your van's tank with a good brand of diesel and running it at least once a month. This will help prevent rusting on the brake discs & clutch plate; charge the batteries and 'exercise' the turbo waste-gate (*to stop it sticking*). It will also help prevent the undesirable 'motorhome-sleeping-syndrome' and possibly ensure that tyres do not 'flatten'.

You may also wish to ensure that the grey water tank is clean. One method is to put enough of a diluted solution of Elsan (or equivalent) to cover the bottom of the tank and run the van to wash it thoroughly around. Leave the solution for a few days, to break down any residual matter and go for another run. On return empty the solution and flush the tank thoroughly, disposing the contents in the recommended manner.

It is important that all taps are left open (*pump off obviously*). Last winter a few taps were reported leaking after the small amount of water left in the taps had frozen.

Finally it may be a convenient time to check your tyres. Checking for tread depth & even wear is fairly straight forward. However more

difficult, but essential, is to check the walls for any 'cracking' and/or bulging. Remember the recommended age for motorhome tyres is around 5 years - 7 years maximum!

Habitation Checks:

The quieter season is also a good time to consider having the van's (annual) habitation checked. If you're having the check done at A~S Service Centre or Marquis remember that members can expect an exclusive 10% discount. See Members' Deals on the Club Website for all the other deals available.

Ideas Sheets:

- No. 206 Solar screens for top hinged windows
- No. 207 Improve hanging in the wardrobe

Website Update No. 12 Dated 29th September, contained:

- **Rallies**
 - Faversham rally report & photo gallery
 - Dartmouth rally report & photo gallery
 - Topsham rally report & photo gallery
 - Technical
 - Model reviews - Cotswold FB 2010
 - Fuel statistics - Stratford 2010
 - Ideas Sheets - 203; 204; 205; 206; & 207.
- **Stop Press**
- **Regalia**
 - New smaller ASOC teddy bear now available

Advance Notice of Rallies

You may recall that earlier this year there was concern expressed via the Newsletter that full rally application details were being published as part of advance rally information. **Neil Rogers** reports that after discussion, the Committee has decided that all rallies advertised in the Rally Supplement will be available for applications from members by rally slip.

Buyer Beware – Compressor Fridges

Autosleepers have started to install compressor fridges in some models. These can only be powered by electricity and the Club had been concerned that this would make them unsuitable for use on Aires, Rally Fields, etc. in that the leisure battery would not have the capacity to power them for more than a few hours. At the recent rally at Topsham a new club member and first time rallier found that to be a fact. The fridge switches itself off well before the battery is fully discharged. It would seem that a hook up, generator or fuel cell is necessary if this type of fridge is fitted.

I recommend that if you consider acquisition of a van with this type of fridge installed then you be certain that its operation is compatible with your style of camping!!

Digital TV in the UK

On the programme of the recent ACCEO national rally was a presentation on the subject of the digital tv changeover in the UK. The presentation was given by Steven May of Maxview who was very knowledgeable and enthusiastic about the subject and who has subsequently accepted an invitation to give his presentation at our Clubs 2011 National Rally.

In summary, after the analogue signals are switched off, 26% of the UK will have very limited terrestrial tv coverage and of that 26%, circa 90% is in the popular camping areas of the country.

After years of saying "I'll never need satellite", I bought a portable kit yesterday.

Peter Brown

Welcome to New Members



John & Margaret Snape	Ampfield	Devon
Malcolm & Doris Jones	Diss	Mezan
Anthony & Jane Ashton	Bolton	Topaz
Lee Smith	Chipping Norton	Trooper
John Benfield	Chipping Norton	Trident
Alan & Joan Lewis	Ripley	Warwick
Trevor & Linda Leadbetter	Swadlincote	Duetto
Robert & Cynthia Wright	Rotherham	Warwick
Ross & Camilla Ashe-Cregan	Tywyn	Symphony
Andy & June Fielding	Market Drayton	Duetto
Terry & Pat Finch	Stourbridge	Broadway
Mary Murphy & Gillian Keevill	Worthing	Topaz
John & Wendy Temblett	Braintree	Symphony
David & Elise Witt	Southampton	Broadway
Dick & Lynn Cannell	March	Executive
Clifford & Diana Fairlamb	Penrith	Topaz
Brian & June Kew	Fareham	Northants
Raymond & Lynda Parker	Nr Manningtree	Lancashire
Derek Russell & Verena Banyard	Ramsey	Nuevo
Ben Goodyear & Marian Dwyer	Solihull	Nuevo
Tony McGonnell & Dianne Wilkinson	Ryton	Stratford
Chris & Valerie Ainsworth	Manchester	Duetto
David Seaton-Smith	Meifod	Topaz
Jim & Elis Birchall	Walsall	Talisman
Dave & Gloria Smith	Wokingham	Symphony
Graham & Chris Gayford	Dorcheester	Executive
Don Hope & Pat Cochran	Worthing	Devon
Gerard & Margaret McGeehan	Co Donegal	Berkshire
Robert Ancliff	Bradford	Topaz
Andy & Jean Chapman	Modbury	Devon
Denys & Heather Barron	Romsey	Sussex
John Winkless	Felixstowe	Warwick

Ian & Kate Kemp	Berrywarbor	Devon
Jimmy & Nichola Gooderham	Lowestoft	Eton
Len & Angela Jackson	Horton	Dorset
David & Rose Matthes	Lanchester	Trident
Sue Mayhew & Hugh Connor	Waterlooville	Talisman
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extras. We can sell for **£37,995**. Around £7,500 saving. Will can deliver in UK. **Contact George Strachan 01434 634297 or 07884 326300**

OmniStor Safari Room to suit Executive. Vgc only used one. **£200 ono Contact Mike Tottey 01425 476851** (Hampshire)

"Nearly New" 10 reg Autosleeper Nuevo 11 EL. 2 berth 2.2HDI. Largest 130Bhp Peugeot engine. 6 gear manual. Registered only August 2010. 3,500 miles. Full warranty. Immaculate condition. Drives superbly and can get into car parks! Love the Motorhome but want to upgrade to 4 berth Autosleeper for 2011. Extras include: Air con cab, cruise control, passenger air bag, awning plus Kampa travelpod, fitted TV, reversing camera, solar panel, taxed Aug 2011. New price around £45,500 plus all the

two silver screens to fit Ford Transit 1991 to 2000. **£25.00 each. Contact Brian Ellis, Burnham On Sea 01278 784524**

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Smart For Two Coupe in Silver Metallic

with black interior trim, Fitted Chris Cox A-Frame with Jockey Wheel, electrics and inertia braking, ready to be towed. First Registered 12 December 2007, Full Service History, 999cc Petrol Engine, Air Con, Alloy Wheels, Radio/CD, Taxed to Feb 2011, Warranty to Dec 2010, 13100 Miles and in Mint condition. **£5750 ono. Genuine Silver Screen** to fit Mk 4 Transit, used two seasons only, in excellent condition, complete with storage bag £35.00 ovno.

Contact Geoff McCabe 01772 613777 or 07835 825703 email geoffrey.mccabe@btinternet.com

Motorhome Cover (unused) designed for a 23' long motorhome or in this case a Palermo. The bag was only opened to check the contents which included poles to help fit it on the van. Buyer collects and should check the contents before payment as I have never seen it as a whole. This appears to be a quality item. £90.

Two yellow plastic ramps in a case £8
1 new Propane bottle (full) not required when we fitted Gaslow) £10 for the gas, bottle is free.

Contact Alan Greenwood rosalan@ic24.net

AMETHYST, 2001 4 berth, 2.5TD manual, 41,000 miles, FSH. Owned since 2002 by present (second) owners. Shower/toilet, full oven/hob/grill, fridge, blown air heating, mains electric hook up/gas supplies, Van Bitz alarm, cycle rack. Non smokers/no pets. **£16,500 ono.**
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Fiamma Roof Box size 1 excellent condition complete with fixing brackets **£150 ono** (££270 new). **Contact Ken Wood 01270 811889 or 07850 497878 kw690@aol.com** (S.Cheshire but will meet)

Peugeot Harmony reg 1997 27,000 miles. FSH all instructions and MOTs 2 litre l petrol. (very quiet) power steering. Tax + MOT. Factory fitted immobiliser with master key. 4 forward facing, 2 berth with 'captains' chairs. 3 way fridge, 2 burner hob & grill. Mains hook up TV point 12/230 volt blow air heating. Gas/electric water heater. Shower cassette toilet wash basin wind out Fiamma Pro 50 awning. 3 new tyres white body with blue upholstery. Fits 'standard' parking spaces. Spacious over cab storage, built in safe, levelling blocks. Extra fold down shelf for increased kitchen work space. Nice clean condition, has never towed **£13,250 ono Contact David Allen 07986 715979** (Somerset)

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