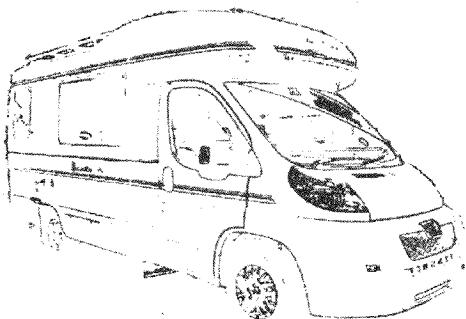
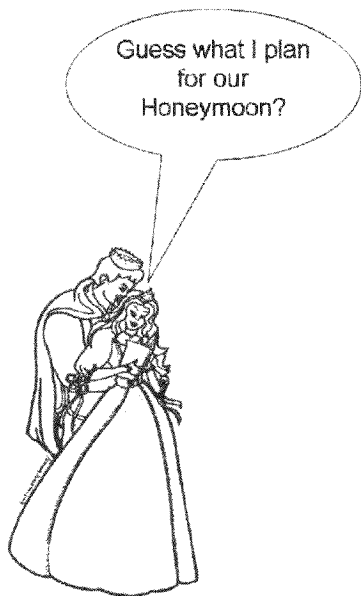


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**May 2011**

# From the Editor <sup>(S)</sup>

We have been told that on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th May Motor Plus Motorhomes will be showing off an extensive display of the Auto - Sleepers range at the Derbyshire Motorhome Show which is to be held at the Denby Pottery Visitor Centre. As well as the new and used motorhomes to be displayed there will be a selection of associated trade stands.

Also the visitor centre carries out tours and cookery demonstrations as well as their factory shop and Restaurant. Overnight parking is available (no facilities) prior booking essential. For more details visit the website [www.motorplusrmotorhomes.co.uk](http://www.motorplusrmotorhomes.co.uk) and for more details on Denby Pottery Visitor Centre [www.denby.co.uk/pca/visitor\\_factory](http://www.denby.co.uk/pca/visitor_factory). We suggest you double check with the company if you plan to over-night.

We hope everyone has been enjoying the fabulous weather we've been having just lately and with the rally season well underway, let's have your rally reports in. The Marshalls do a superb job and deserve the recognition. We're certainly looking forward to our summer trip to France and Germany, culminating in the Rudesheim Rally.

The National Rally Sub-committee have got their collective fingers crossed that everything goes well this year; it's been an interesting one for Nora to organise - *thanks Will and Kate*. However, I'm sure we all hope both events go well and that the sun shines on all of us.

You may notice quite a lot of input from the Editor in this edition - your fault!! WE NEED INPUT.

In the meantime we hope you've enjoyed Easter and look forward to catching up with you at a rally sometime.



## **This year's charity**

Hello everyone, I was pleased to see that this year's charity is going to be the Parkinson's Disease Society; those of you in the club that know us maybe don't realise that Margaret suffers from Parkinson's. She was diagnosed 20 years ago, and since then has had a slow progression until 5 to 6 years ago her arms and legs stopped working and she became completely dependent.

We thought at that time our days of touring in the camper were over, but luckily, having the Auto-sleeper Ravenna meant I could adapt it to set in an overhead gantry to be able to hoist Margaret inside. The only problem I had was not being able to get her into the toilet and shower. We overcome this by only going to sites with disabled facilities, taking our own floor crane with us and only using sites with electric to recharge the lifting equipment.

Touring too far from home is now out of the question as I have to do everything while we are away and too much driving is no help to either of us. Unfortunately, that means no AGM, rallies on green field sites, or dare I say it, places north of Watford.

We are both members of Parkinson UK and support our local branch, without being able to attend meetings, as unfortunately finding places with hoisted toilet facilities are almost non-existent. We wholeheartedly support [changing-places.org](http://changing-places.org) as they are the facilities that I could use for getting Margaret around, other than that it's the camper or nothing.

This June is the third Isle of Wight rally I have run in conjunction with Mac, who I met through organising the first one. I can only do it as Margaret goes into respite care at the local Leonard Cheshire four times a year, June being one of her visits.

I look forward to seeing many of our club members on the rally, and have already got some re-bookings from previous years, so we must be doing something right.

***Ken and Margaret Bolton***

## Annual Subscription

I've just collected my van from it's habitation service at Marquis Berkshire and thanks to Baz's efforts in obtaining a 10% discount for members I saved £19.31.

As the Club subscription is £20.00 that means my membership for this year has cost me 69 pence and I think that is very good value for money!

*Andy Cavell*

### **YOUR AGE BY BEER MATH - TRY IT!**

Don't tell me your age; you'd probably lie anyway

This is pretty neat. It just takes a few minutes. Work this out as you read. Be sure you don't read the bottom until you've worked it out! This is not one of those waste of time things, it's fun.

1. First of all, pick the number of times a week that you would like to have a drink, beer, lager or wine (more than once but less than 10)
2. Multiply this number by 2 (just to be bold)
3. Add 5
4. Multiply it by 50 -- I'll wait while you get the calculator
5. If you have already had your birthday this year add 1761, If you haven't had your birthday yet this year add 1760.
6. Now subtract the four digit year that you were born.

You should now have a three digit number  
The first digit of this was your original number  
(i.e., how many times you want to have drink each week).

The next two numbers are

**YOUR AGE!** (Oh YES, it is!!!!!!)

***THIS IS THE ONLY YEAR (2011) IT WILL WORK, SO SPREAD IT  
AROUND WHILE IT LASTS. THE BEER CALCULATOR***

# Geocaching

If you remember when a "Legend climbed Legend" I mentioned that when we arrived at the top of the Grossglockner we searched out a geocache. Last month I told you about Dartmoor Letterboxing. - So what is Geocaching?

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by enthusiastic seekers equipped with GPS devices. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, outdoors and then share your experience online. Geocaching is enjoyed by people from all age groups, with a strong sense of community and support for the environment. Geocaching is global and takes you to places that you would not normally visit or even knew existed.

For the motorhomer, when you have decided on the route of your new trip, that is the time to go online and log onto [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com). When you log on and click on Hide and Seek you will be asked for the location, grid ref or post code. (don't forget this thing is global so don't just key in Boston because you will get Boston Mass. USA. Not Boston Lincs).

So having called up your chosen area you will see a map showing the geocaches. Click on one and the screen will open up with details of the cache. The details contain information of how to find the cache but also photos of the site and area, comments by fellow geocachers and clues. This is not like trainspotting because you can be guaranteed to be taken to fantastic locations that are not mentioned in the tourist guide books and usually you will be given a great deal of background information by the geocache hider who is invariable local.

To go geocaching you will need a GPS, I use a Garmin eTrex which is quite a basic GPS but very accurate and easy to use, you may be able to use your mobile phone. Blackberry, ipod and possibly a satnav.

So, don't just write it off as a nerdy pastime, check it out and if you are not fascinated I'll give you your money back. That will be difficult because the basic Geocaching is FREE. Go on, log on to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) and prepare to be surprised.

*Patrick Beaumont*

PS. I will be at the National Rally so if you want a chat I have a Legend Reg No N 650 EES



## **Chairman's Chat**

My congratulations go to William and Kate and wish them a long and happy marriage.

This season has got under way with, here in the south, brilliant weather and I am sure that I have seen even more vans out on the road than in any previous Aprils. There are a good many rallies mentioned in this Newsletter, some new and others previously run, all inviting you to attend; I do hope that you will all go and enjoy them particularly if they are out of your usual haunts. It will be nice to meet up with our new members at some of these events, Welcome to you all.

*Mike Valentine*

## **ACCEO National Rally**

In the January newsletter the Chairman wrote about the importance of ACCEO to our Club and the invitation to organise their 2012 National Rally and AGM. ASOC has responded positively to that invitation and I can now confirm that the event will take place at Tattershall Lakes Country Park in Lincolnshire from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012 and all the park facilities including a new swimming pool will be available for our use.

More information on Tattershall can be found at [www.tattershall-lakes.com](http://www.tattershall-lakes.com)

As in previous years we will be organising our own rally as part of this weekend and nearer the date we will be looking for volunteers to help out. In the meantime if you would like more information please get in touch - my contact details are on the back page of this newsletter.

This year's ACCEO National Rally and AGM will be held at Towcester Race Course from 29<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> October and promises to be a splendid weekend. There will be an ASOC rally as part of the event so we hope to see you there.

*Andy Cavell*

## **Brean Sands Rally**

We were so delighted to read that there is to be a rally in September at Holiday Resort Unity, Brean Sands.

We stayed there before going to the Burnham ASOC rally last year and really enjoyed the site. It is so convenient for buses, the bus stops are just outside, and the pub where Brian suggested the Burnham rally Monday lunch is just down the road.

We visited the new pier at Weston Super Mare and enjoyed a walk along the beach before having a meal in Brean village. We are looking forward to the rally in September.

*Keith Taylor and Rita A Jones*

## **That 3500 Limit**

Well done to Gerald for spotting that the B+E allows a trailer up to GTW limit (depends on vehicle and its suitability to fit a tow bar). It was certainly tucked away on the web site and not helped by the fact that new drivers only get a B.

At least that clears many over-age caravan pullers who seem to use 4X4s. But that 3500 limit on vehicle still reduces the choices on new motorhomes with a decent payload. The average weight on a caravan seems to have increased by 50% since my days of towing! But at least I can get a new A/S van and tow a caravan if I go that route at a later date, without the need to fork out £120 every 3 years.

My van by the way has a 5000kg GTW but the back end of the Ford Ravenna is not suitable for a towbar due to the A/S chassis extension (per A/S). Luckily I am happy to stick with it at present although things keep going wrong!!

*David Mayne*

## Leisure Battery Charging

Batteries on charge 24/7 - I have read with interest the comments on leisure battery charging.

My leisure battery is hooked up to the mains all the time when parked up and have not experienced any problems. Maybe its because the leisure battery is in line with the vehicle battery which will take output from the leisure one as the vehicle battery discharges because of the alarm and the radio on standby. The only thing I need to do is keep an eye on the distilled water level in the leisure battery which needs topping up every couple of months.

Autosleepers did the habitation check recently, which I assume includes electrical checks and all seemed well

*John Morris*

I commented to John

"The fact that the leisure battery needs to be topped up every two months indicates that the battery is being overcharged and is gassing (slightly). This in itself will not harm the battery but if you didn't diligently check the acid level and top up, the plates would overheat, distort and cause the battery to fail. To avoid the risk of forgetting to top up it would still be my choice to only charge for 24hrs a week."

After further communication with John I gave the following explanation:

Trying to design lead acid battery installations is like trying to walk a tight rope as very small changes in voltage and temperature can make a big difference in performance.

Simply there are three types of charging:

Constant current; (voltage can start very high) to recharge a battery

Trickle; to maintain the charge of a fully charged but unloaded battery (a very small current compensates for the natural leakage current of the cells).

Float; the battery is permanently connected to a load, the float charger

effectively supplies the load current with the battery supplementing that when required. In the event that the battery does give some of its charge to top up supply to the load then it is recharged by the float charger but over a much longer period than would be needed for a constant current charge.

The leisure battery installations in a motorhome are Float Charged. When living in the motorhome and using appliances, all works as designed. When the charger is active but no (or very minimal) load is drawn, the voltage set for float operation is higher than a trickle charge voltage would be and, when left connected for a long time in such circumstance causes minimal gassing. Over a period of time (weeks) this gassing causes acid loss and without top up, permanent damage to the cells.

*Peter Brown*

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## **The A-S Warranty**

As I have found out the expensive way, should someone miss out on the first year's habitation check for whatever reason then Auto Sleepers will declare the habitation warranty void during the second year regardless of whether or not any claims, such as split cushions or failing paintwork are involved. I can understand those systems involved in the habitation check being voided but the rest that would not be picked up on the check anyway?

Further to this, the 240 volt box in the van stopped charging the leisure battery because the charging board had developed a fault. On speaking to the suppliers, it seems that reverse polarity on hook up can cause a large enough spike to do the damage. I had never heard of this possibility before but obviously I can't rule it out. Therefore the suggestion is that polarity should be checked BEFORE the hook up is connected. I am assured that there are units on the market that can do this, although I have not yet seen one.

So may I suggest that another adaptor may be the answer. This can be made up simply with a male ISO(blue) plug, a short length of hook up flex and a trailing three pin socket that will then permit the use of an ordinary polarity checker at the hook up source.

*Pete Fisher*

## **Rambling in May** (well April actually)

Its quite a while since I've had to make substantial contribution to the Newsletter contents - I must chase harder for your contributions!!

### **What do you want from the Newsletter?**

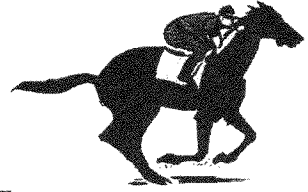
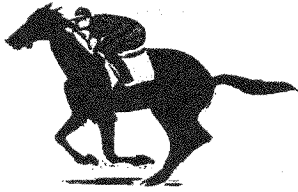
In just over 12 months time you will have a new Editor for the Clubs Newsletter so this might be a good time to start a debate on whether the traditional style and content is still what the Club membership wants?

Bearing in mind that under the current rules, each member has to receive a copy of the Rally supplement by post each month; do you still want a monthly Newsletter? Could it be bi-monthly or quarterly? During my tenure as Editor I've included little that is not directly connected to club business or motorhoming - is more varied content desired and if so where could the contributions come from?

### **Vehicle Warranties**

On the previous page, Pete Fisher gives vent to his frustration on a warranty matter. I have some sympathy for the point that Pete makes about the many items that are covered by warranty but that would not be subject to an annual check, however it is a fact that the second year warranty is additional to the legal norm and that it is only granted if specific obligation are met by the owner.

Our Wilton was built at the very start of the actions by AS to recover the quality of build for which they had previously been renowned and unfortunately was not built to the quality of current new vehicles. AS were however exemplary in the manner with which they honoured their obligation under warranty right up to the end of the two year period. I must also add that during the final (3rd) year of the Ford warranty, potential faults with the steering rack and rear axle were identified and both were replaced without quibble. It is really worthwhile checking that you are complying with the terms of any warranties and to have the vehicle very thoroughly checked just before they expire.



## May 2011 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. 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.

**NEW RALLY 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. September, Holiday Resort Unity, Brean Sands, Somerset. TA8 2RB**

**28<sup>th</sup>. April – 2<sup>nd</sup>. May National Rally & AGM. Nottingham Showground, Newark.**

**4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. May (5 nights) Little Cotton C.P., Dartmouth.**

Site Tel.No 01803832558, Fax 01803634887, Website [www.littlecotton.co.uk](http://www.littlecotton.co.uk)

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

Site Fees: £12.50 per night incl. electricity. Rally Fee: £3.00 includes VAT.

**Minimum booking 3 nights.**

Rally slips with cheque payable to R.J. McAllister, Milesway, Steart Drive, Burnham on Sea, TA8 1BZ.

Please include a S.A.E. for confirmation. Tel.No. 01278 781976 or 07840076771 ( Mobile).

**Attractions:** This is a 7.5 acre immaculate site with full and disabled facilities.

Dogs are welcome but they **MUST** use the site dog walk and be **KEPT ON A LEAD** while on site.

There is a well stocked site shop; papers must be ordered the day before. Close by are Sainsbury's &

Lidl. There are regular bus services into Dartmouth and beyond to Kingsbridge, Plymouth, Totnes &

Torquay. Cross on the ferry to Kingswear for a steam train to Paignton or a bus to Brixham.

There are boat trips from Dartmouth. Ferries run to Greenway Quay, Greenway House & Gardens

(NT). There are other NT properties in the area. Bring your bus passes

This is the 14<sup>th</sup>. year of the Dart Music Festival held from Friday 6<sup>th</sup>. to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>. May..

If you wish to be on the site before or after the rally contact the site owners. Please do not arrive before NOON on Wednesday.

***NB This rally follows on directly after the Dartmouth Music Festival Rally and will start at 2.00p.m. to allow the marshalls to get to Minehead and set up. If sending applications for both rallies they can be sent in one envelope.***

**9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> May (4 nights) Butlins, Minehead, Somerset.**

Emergency Tel.No. 07840076771.

Rally Marshals: Jill & Richard McAllister & Rita & John Tubb.

Site & Rally fees £60 (4 nights) including electricity. This is a 16.5% discount on normal site fees it includes a £20 non-refundable deposit for each pitch.

Send Rally slips & cheques payable to Mrs. J.M. McAllister, Milesway, Steart Drive, Burnham on Sea. TA8 1BZ. Tel.No.01278 781976.

Please send an **S.A.E** for confirmation & directions.

**Attractions:** Butlins is a quiet commercial touring site with full facilities ,showers,toilets plus access to all the usual Butlins on site facilities. There might be a "meal deal".i.e. 4 dinners & breakfasts at a bargain price,details on arrival.

Pets are welcome. Bicycles are useful for getting to the main gate and to the centre of town for shops & cafes. There is a cycle track to Dunster. The Tourist Info.,the station of the West Somerset Railway,trains to Bishop Lydiard & Tesco are within walking distance of the gate. Minehead & Butlins are on level ground but you must allow 15/20 minutes to walk to the main gate and the same 15/20 minutes into Minehead.

Minehead is on the edge of Exmoor and within an hours bus ride up Porlock and down Countisbury Hills to Lynton & Lynmouth where there is a 19<sup>th</sup>.C. water powered cliff railway. The bus for Lynmouth leaves from the railway station – 10 minutes walk from the main gate. Some buses for Taunton come through the main gate into Butlins to pick up & drop off.

**10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> May (3 nights) Cartmel Park Race Course, Cartmel, Cumbria  
LA11 6QF**

**THIS RALLY IS NOW FULL**

**19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> May (4 nights). Bentley Wild Fowl & Motor Museum.  
Nr. Halland, E Sussex.**

**THIS RALLY IS NOW FULL**

**23<sup>rd</sup> –27<sup>th</sup> May (4 nights) Hurley Riverside Park, Hurley, Maidenhead, Berkshire  
SL6 5NE**

Emergency Tel:- No.07754 761423 Marshal's Mobile.

Site Tel:-01628 824493 Website:- [hurleyriversidepark.co.uk](http://hurleyriversidepark.co.uk)

Rally Marshals: Rita & John Tubb and Jean & John Gutsell.

Site Fees £50.00 including electric for four nights. Rally Fee £3.00 all include VAT.

Please send a SAE for full directions and confirmation, with rally slip and cheque for **£53.00** payable to Rita Tubb, 70 Charnwood Crescent, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire SO53 5QL Telephone 023 8026 7294.

**If you are bringing a car or towing a trailer please state on rally slip.**

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

The site is ideal for visiting Henley on Thames, Marlow, Maidenhead and Windsor. It is situated

beside the River Thames with fishing available. There are two pubs serving food near to the site.

Hurley village is about ½ mile from the site with pubs, shop and post office. There are several N.T. properties nearby you can visit. There is a bus stop right by the site entrance.

You can walk or cycle the Thames Way path towards Marlow or Henley from the site. The site is situated on the A4130 between Henley on Thames and Maidenhead.

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

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

**27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May ( 4 nights) Ledbury Rugby Football Club, Herefordshire.**

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

Marshals: Joan & Max Cooke & Sheila & Ivor Barnett.

Site fees: £10 per night. Rally Fees: £2.40 (Incl.VAT). **No Electricity.**

Drinking water, waste facilities, toilet & showers. Bar open each night.

Bus stop outside gate for Ledbury, Ross & Hereford.

Booking slip and cheque payable to J.E. Cooke, The Magnolias, Canon Pyon Road, Hereford. HR1 7RB. Tel.No. 01432274906. Please include a S.A.E for confirmation and directions.

**Directions:** For the Rugby Club (HR8 2LP) leave the M50 at Junction 2 and take the A417 to Ledbury. The Rugby Club is off the roundabout on A449 to Much Marcle.

Limit 25 vans

**5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> June ( 7 nights) Old Barn T.P. Nr. Sandown, Isle of Wight. PO36 9PJ.**

Emergency Tel.No. 07730212750 -07866621291.

Rally marshals: Ken Bolton & Mac.McArthur. ( Tel.No. 01983675918).

Rally fees ( including ferry fares) £148 per unit for 7 nights including electricity. (Incl VAT).

The ferry will be Red Funnel Southampton to East Cowes. Basic ferry charge is for a van 5.5 metres long & 2.25 metres high.

Anything higher & longer will be charged extra. Ferries leave Southampton every hour on the hour so when booking put time of departure on rally slip.

**Contact the rally marshal before booking for details of package.**

Then send an S.A.E. with rally fee made out to K.Bolton, 2 Cherryside, Lake, Sandown, Isle of Wight. PO36 9LU. Tel.No. 01983 402059.

**Attractions:** Most of the Isle of Wight is an area of outstanding natural beauty with many attractions. The site is situated on the main Newport Road between Sandown and Newport.

A Morrisons store is ¼ mile away & opposite the site is a very nice café.

There are bus stops nearby and it is quite easy to get all over the island by bus, passes accepted.

There are lots of walks nearby and you are in sight of the Isle of Wight airport, a small private airport with a grass runway. Pleasure flights are available or you can learn to fly.

Rally starts 12 noon 5<sup>th</sup>. June, ends 12 noon. 12<sup>th</sup>. June.

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> June to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011. (7 nights) Camping Rudesheim am Rhein, Rudesheim, Germany.**

**THIS RALLY IS NOW FULL**

**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> July ( 2 nights) Prestwood Steam Fair, Great Missenden, Bucks.**

Emergency Tel.No. 07775570182 or 07749378587.

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

Fee for the weekend £18.50 per unit. Rally Fee: £2.50 per unit. (Incl.VAT).

**NO Electricity.**

The weekend fee includes unlimited entrance to the Steam Rally.

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This is a GREEN FIELD site- own toilets essential.

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

If unavailable please ring Margaret on 01442 851080.

**Directions:**From A413 Great Missenden take the A4128 to Prestwood and follow steam rally signs.  
**NO arrivals before 1.00p.m. Friday please.**

### 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> July (5 nights or less if you wish!)

#### Abingdon Vale Cricket Club, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 3HP.

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

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

Site fee: £6.00 per night: Rally Fee £3.00 (inc VAT).

Rally slips & cheques to A. Cavell, 24 The Close, Hampstead Norreys, Thatcham, Berks.  
RG18 0RY.

**Attractions:** This is a green field site adjacent to the River Thames and only a short walk from the town centre, which has a variety of specialist shops and several pubs. There are many local attractions including bus and boat services to Oxford. We hope to have the use of the pavilion for a get-together on Friday evening if the weather is bad! Dogs are welcome, subject to usual rules; there are walks straight from the site.

**Directions:** The cricket club is on the A415 Abingdon to Dorchester road. If you approach from Abingdon, it is on the right after you go over the river bridge. Don't turn in to the car park! About 100 yards after the car park there are two gateways side by side. The Cricket Club is the right hand gateway. Coming the other way it is the second of the two gateways on the left just after the 30 mph sign.

Please do not arrive before 2.00 pm to allow us time to mark out the site.

### 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> July 2011 (4 nights) Emberton Country Park Nr Olney, Bucks. MK46 5DB

Emergency Number: 07964532936 (Rally Marshall).

Rally Marshalls: Pat and David Mayne.

Site Fees £9.50 per night (inc VAT) Rally fee £3.20 per couple £2.20 Single (both inc VAT).

Rally Slips & cheque to Mr D H Mayne, with SAE, please, for confirmation.Send to Mr. D. Mayne,, 27 Mentmore Rd., Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Beds .LU7 2NY.Tel.No.: 01525 634824).

**Attractions:**Emberton Park is situated approx. 1 ¼ miles south of the market town of Olney on the A509. The Park is about 200 acres and the fee includes access to the park and its facilities. Fishing is permitted (free) on the lakes and the river Great Ouse with appropriate rod licences. There is also a boating club. The Milton Keynes Redway system for cycles runs though the site to Milton Keynes, including cycling around the Park. From Olney, there are buses to Northampton, Bedford and Milton Keynes. Train Services from Milton Keynes run to Euston in London for the adventurers!)

Olney has a Market on Thursdays and there is an excellent Museum and Gardens (inc. tea rooms) celebrating the lives of William Cowper and John Newton. There are a number of shops, pubs, cafes and a supermarket (approx. 1 ¼ miles).

We shall be using the small Rally field adjacent to the Great Ouse which has a toilet emptying point as well as fresh water and waste water disposal. No Electricity asit is a **Green Field site**. There is a Public toilet in the Park with hand washing facilities (cold) about 200yds from this field. The Park also has a Campsite for tents etc and Residential use and is frequently visited for day entry only. It is intended that you will decide on your own daily activities as there is a wide choice of interests nearby. If the weather is good we may hold a communal BBQ. or similar.

**Directions:** From South take the A509 northwards from Jctn 14 on M1 until you arrive at Emberton village and then in ¼ mile look for signpost for Emberton Country Park on the left. Report in at Gatehouse then follow signs to Rally fields (Right at top of drive). From North take the A509 from Wellingborough and 1.5 miles south of Olney, turn right into Park (signed) and do as above.  
Rally starts at 12 noon, so don't arrive sooner as I may not be there!!

**14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011. Northern Motorcaravan Show, Cheshire Showground, Tabley, Knutsford, WA16 0HJ.**

Emergency Tel. No. Marshalls Mobile 0786 8000 705

Rally Marshalls: Liz & Roger Spensley, & Eunice & Brian Lockett.

Please use the booking form enclosed in the May Newsletter if possible.

If you use a form from other magazines mark the form ASOC and note the special club site fees. Arrive Thursday £38, Arrive Friday £35, Arrive Saturday £32.

All bookings for Pitch and Saturday evening entertainment must be made with Warners and the booking form sent to them by 24th June, 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 £2.50 couples, £1.70 singles (inc.VAT) to: R. & E. Spensley, 30 Kilsyth Close, Cinnamon Brow, Warrington, WA2 0SQ. Tel. No. 01925 813558.

Cheques payable to R. & E. Spensley.

The rally ends 12 noon Sunday but you may remain on site until 12 noon Monday.

**Thurs 21st - Monday 25th July 2011 (4 nights) Beacon Park, Lichfield, Staffordshire.**

Rally Marshalls: Ted & Trish Pratt & Vic & Jan Hicklin.

Emergency Tel.No. Marshalls' mobile 07713186508.

Site Fee: £5.75 per night inc. VAT. Rally Fee: £2.50 inc. VAT.

PLEASE NOTE THIS RALLY IS 4 NIGHTS LONG.

Booking slips and cheques payable to P.M.Pratt, 3 Grafton Rd., Stapenhill, Burton on Trent, Staffs. DE15 9DN. Tel.No.01283536818.

You may arrive on Thurs AFTER 12 noon NOT BEFORE PLEASE. (This is virtually a green field site although there are toilets in Beacon Park).

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

**If you would like to go on a tour of Lichfield Cathedral during the weekend, please telephone on above number to let me know.**

**Attractions:** Beacon Park is adjacent to Lichfield City centre. Busses are available to National Arboretum from Lichfield bus station.

**Directions:** Beacon Park is situated on outskirts of Lichfield, just off the A51 Tamworth to Rugeley/Stafford Road leaving Lichfield. Follow brown Beacon Park tourist signs. Turn into Walsall Road, then immediately left into Lower Sandford Street. Follow signs for Car Park, the site is through the car park keeping to the right.

POSTCODE for Lower Sandford Street is **WS13 6RA.**

**28<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> August (5 nights) Leon's Field. St.Ives. Huntingdon. Cambs. PE27 5ER.**

Emergency Tel.No. 07908177041

Rally Marshalls: Julia Briars-Filby, Shirley & Chris Sturgeon & Theresa and Dave Smith.

**GREEN FIELD site NO Electricity & NO toilets.**

Site fee: £6.00 per night. Rally Fee: £2.40 (Total for 5 nights £32.40) Incl.VAT.

Rally slips and cheques payable to Mrs J.Briars-Filby, Quiet Waters. The Broadway. St.Ives. Huntingdon. Cambs. PE27 5BX. Tel. No. 01480 463634.

The site is by the Great Ouse River, 200yds. from the town centre. Buses every 20 minutes to Huntingdon and Cambridge. Monday and Friday are market days in St.Ives and there are plenty of pubs, restaurants, cafes and charity shops. Beautiful riverside walks and Leon and Avril allow us to wander over their meadows.

Please send **SAE** for confirmation of booking and directions.

PLEASE DO NOT arrive before 12.30 pm on Thursday. Rally closes 11.00 am. Tuesday

**Rally limited to 40 vans.**

**Do not enter St.Ives Town Centre**

2<sup>ND</sup> -6<sup>TH</sup> August (4 Nights) Redgate Junior School, Hunstanton, Norfolk, PE36 5DY

**THIS RALLY IS NOW FULL**

**11<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> . August (5 nights) Eskdale School, Whitby, North Yorks.**

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

Rally Marshals: Liz Irvin, Peter Brown & Chris Mawdsley.

Site Fees £6.00 per night. Rally Fees £3.50 couples £2.00 singles (both include VAT). **Greenfield Site, No Toilets, No Electricity. All Hardstandings.**

Booking slips to Mrs E. Irvin, 43 School Lane, Kirk Ella, HULL, East Yorkshire.HU10 7NP. Tel. No. 01482 658345. Cheques payable to Mrs. E. Irvin.

**Attractions:** Whitby Regatta 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> August. School 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.**

*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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**E & OE.**

Rally ..... Date .....

Your name and address (Please PRINT) .....

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

Phone No. .... Mobile No. ....

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

Van Reg. .... Model/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.**

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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:

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Have you any special needs? Yes  No . If Yes please specify:-

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## **Geocaching**

Thanks to Patrick Beaumont for his past article on Dartmoor letterboxing and the one in this issue on Geocaching.

I use a handheld GPS unit to supplement my map reading when walking and was aware of Geocaching but wasn't sure what it involved.

When I received and read Patricks article I signed up to the Geocache web site and one evening a couple of weeks ago when camping at the Hawes CC site, a friend and I walked out to find a nearby cache. It was 1.5 miles away and on the Pennine way and we recorded our find in its log book. Last weekend I found one less than 1 mile from our house and with it a fabulous viewpoint that is little known even to the locals.

I'm now hooked and can commend the pastime that complements our main one (motorhoming) very well. Thanks Patrick.

*Peter Brown*

# **Rally News**

## **BURTON RALLY**

Another great rally from Trish and the team, and this year she surpassed herself and gave us a mini heatwave at the begining of April.

We had two good meals in the pub on the Fiday and Saturday evenings, and with John Hill and Pete Orme celebrating birthdays everyone had a good time.

The brewery tour went well, and Pete Orme wearing an old Marstons 'T' shirt was presented with a new one.

A great rally, our thanks to Trish, Ted, Jan and Vic. We hope to see you all again next year.

*John and Linda Hill*



## Editing the Newsletter

### From the Editor

I hope you read the Committee Reports in the last Newsletter in which Chris and I confirmed that this coming year will be our last editing the Club Newsletter. I thought it would be helpful to those

who may be interested in taking on the role to know what's involved. Please don't hesitate to speak to me if you want clarification or more detail.

The Club has provided a monthly Newsletter to each member since September 1988 and since January 1990 they have been in the form of a 20 page booklet, added to which is a supplement prepared by the rally co-ordinator, giving details of Club rallies. In my experience as Editor the frequency and size of each Newsletter issue is appropriate for the items of information and news that are presented for dissemination to members.

For many years now the Club has employed a professional printer to print, collate, package and despatch the Newsletter. His facilities are basic but he charges accordingly, helping to keep the club subscription to a minimum. His service during the time I have been Editor has been exemplary and he has several times helped me out with problems at the very last minute before despatch. It is the target that the Newsletter should arrive with members on or before the first of the month. To achieve that I aim to get the copy to the printer by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month and to that end ask for all contributions to be with me by the 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Club Membership Secretary prints address labels each month from the current member list. These are sent direct to the printer who fixes them to the envelopes.

The Editor screens all additional information that is from time to time included in the Newsletter envelope to ensure that there is no conflict

with the content of the Newsletter and that package weight/size for 2<sup>nd</sup> class postage is not exceeded.

During the life of the Club the Newsletter Editors role has always been filled by a club committee member. This ensures that the Editor is fully aware of all Club policies and current issues and of course directly accountable to the committee as a whole for the content of the Newsletter.

Chris and I have been very fortunate over the last few years to have the support of Dudley Woodhams as Deputy Editor. It is the Clubs policy to have a deputy ready to stand in should the Editor be unable to produce an issue for any reason (and the first issue that Chris and I produced was under such circumstances) but we have also found it a great benefit for Dudley to take full responsibility for the production of two issues a year. Dudley may not be in a position to volunteer to take on the Editors role full time and should that be the case, he is very keen to carry on as Deputy.

So, following the pre-amble, what qualifications does the Editor need and what does he actually do?

I think it reasonable to assume that anyone volunteering to take on this role will consider themselves competent in the use of basic publishing or suitable word processing software and to that end will own reasonably modern computer hardware capable of running such software, they will also be competent in the use of e-mail and of processing attachments that come in a variety of formats. The club owns a copy of Microsoft Publisher and, subject to committee approval, would, if needed, be able to acquire a basic printer capable of providing the quality of copy needed by the Newsletter Printer.

The input for the Newsletter comes in all sorts of hard and soft formats and some has to be copy typed. Certain club information has to be given priority but other than that its down to the Editor to Edit!

Once the copy is finalised, it is printed, in booklet format, single sided on 100gm paper and posted to the printer in a cardboard backed A4 envelope.

*Peter Brown*

# Technical Group & Website



**Baz Wellard**  
**Chairman Technical Group & Webmaster**

**Deals for Members:** 'Reliable Security' has kindly offered a 15% discount to members fitting high security locks.

They say: - "Our staff are fully qualified professionals with a reputable history of experience throughout the Midlands. We specialise in providing a range of security services tailored to meet the diverse needs of each customer. We are aware that the industry is constantly evolving and are committed to staying at the forefront of our profession."

They can be contacted on [www.reliable-security.co.uk](http://www.reliable-security.co.uk) or by telephone on 01889 568403.

**LEZ:** In the Feb 2010 Newsletter I reported that the 3rd (and final) phase of the Low Emission Zone (LEZ) had been suspended. I can now advise that it is planned to come into law on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012. This will affect motorhomes that do not meet the Euro 4 compliant emission standard. This last group of vehicles are classed into 2 categories:-

- those weighing between 2.5 & 3.5 tonnes, registered prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2002; the charge is £100 per day, plus a fine of £500 for not paying
- those weighing between 3.5 & 12 tonnes, registered between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2001 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006; the charge is £200 per day, plus a fine of £500 for not paying

To confirm whether your motorhome is compliant go to [www.tfl.gov.uk/lezlondon](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/lezlondon) and click on "check if your vehicle is affected" and simply enter your vehicle number; or ring 0845 6070009.

**Motorhome Covers:** "To cover or not to cover, that is the question?" That's a question I'm often asked! I now have independent advice available for those who wish to consider a cover for their motorhome.

## **Website Updates:**

- 04a/11 supplement – Brean rally dates changed - rally list & rally

spreadsheet

- 04b/11 supplement – Talisman II on Fiat chassis added
- 04c/11 supplement – Postal rates updated
- 05/11 – Deals for Members – Reliable Security added

**And finally:** Motorists who pass their driving test after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1997 and wish to drive motorhomes over 3.500 tonnes now have to take a HGV course; have a medical examination and a driving test - cost >£1,100! Moral: Sometimes it's good to be that little bit older!

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## More tips for newcomers

Water and gas Before you set off on a trip make sure that water is flowing through the taps, and that all gas appliances are working particularly if the water has been drained, and/or the gas has been turned off for a long time. If everything is working that's fine, but you don't want to park up for the night and then find that you have a problem, much easier to call on a dealer on route to get your problem fixed.

Buying your van When buying a new or used van it is a good idea to stay for a night or two near the dealer or vendor so that you can go back to them if you have problems working any of the appliances in the van, people have been known to buy a van and go off on a long tour of Europe the same day. Even brand new vans sometimes have equipment that gives trouble, and it is much harder to sort it out in the south of France or Spain, or even with a dealer who is 100 miles or more away.

Electric hook up On many vans the hookup connection has a catch on it - this must be pressed down to release when disconnecting.

Checklists A list of required food, clothes, and equipment is a good idea as things are easily forgotten, I keep one on the computer and print it off when necessary. I also have another list stuck to a piece of plywood (so I don't lose it,) to check that all jobs have been done before moving off. (You don't want to leave with the hookup lead trailing having ripped it away from the site socket or the accommodation door flying open or have items falling out of cupboards, internal doors swinging etc do you.)

Vehicle measurements check the length width and height of your van (don't forget the TV aerial) and have them written out and stuck to the back of your sun visor for easy reference. I understand that it is a legal requirement if your van is over 3 metres high to have the height in full view at all times.

Parking meters We have a separate purse with assorted change in it for these things, we pay out of our own pockets most of the time and only use this stash when we can not find the correct change, then we top it up as soon as possible afterwards.

Satellite navigation Is very good to get you there, (I wouldn't be without ours,) but it will often take you by a route you didn't want to use, or roads that are unsuitable for a vehicle the size of yours. Never rely completely on it unless you are utterly lost, always have a good map to cross check against the signposts.

Tyres these do of course have a limited life, tyre life is approximately 5 years even if there is plenty of tread left, after this time you are at risk of a blow out and should get them checked by an experienced tyre fitter. The manufacturers recommend that under no circumstances should you continue to use them after 7 years, as the carcasses degrade and the compound hardens with age.

Batteries Your vehicle will probably have 2 or more batteries, a starter battery under the bonnet, and 1 or more leisure batteries somewhere in the habitation area (often under the drivers seat or under a fixed bed,) these are different internally to the starter battery and if you need to replace any of them do buy a good quality rather than the cheapest, as providing they are looked after and kept charged up they will last far longer than the very cheap versions sometimes sold as leisure batteries. Allowing any battery to go flat is the quickest way to ruin it.

TVs these must be **retuned** at almost every stop, as different transmitters transmit on different frequencies, make sure you know how to do this, and try it before you leave home. (A few expensive TVs will tune in automatically) Also although most transmitters transmit horizontally, occasionally you may have to adjust your aerial to the vertical position to get a good picture. Sky dishes also have to be adjusted depending where you are, trees and buildings can block the signal.

Stopovers We are members of an organisation called motorhome stopovers which may be of interest to you, [www.motorhomestopover.co.uk](http://www.motorhomestopover.co.uk), also the Caravan club, or the Camping and Caravan Club. Both of whom have lists of small simple and inexpensive sites called certificated locations and certificated sites respectively + many larger sites, however most of these are for their members only. You will have to join the respective club to use most of them.

Refrigerators most vehicle fridges have a double catch, one position is fully closed, and the other is slightly open to be used when not in use to prevent mould. Don't forget to wedge a folded tea towel or similar in the freezer door to allow air to circulate through it.

*Brian Murphy*

### THE YOUTH OF TO-DAY

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and enquired of his Father as to when they could discuss his use of the family car. His Father said he'd make a deal with the Son: "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut - then we'll talk about the car".

The boy thought about it for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it.

After about 6 weeks his Father said : "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut".

The boy said, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair ..... and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair".

### YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE THE DAD'S REPLY

**"DID YOU ALSO NOTICE SON THEY ALL WALKED EVERYWHERE THEY WENT !!!"**

**PAM & TERRY HOLTOM**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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Brian & Anne Sweatmore	Chippenham	Sigma
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James & Kirsten Crinan	Bournemouth	Berkshire
Alan & Ruth Bailey	Manchester	Symbol
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Preston & Joan Hemming	Cheltenham	Dorset
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Alun & Beryl Starr	Cheltenham	Sinus
Brian Anderson	Plymouth	Dorset
Barbara Blake & Win Adams	St Albans	Mezan
Brian Brodhurst	Isle of Wight	Symbol
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