



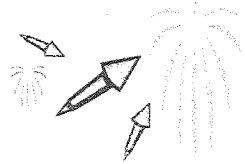
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AUTO-SLEEPER OWNERS' CLUB

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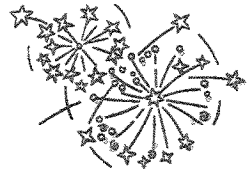
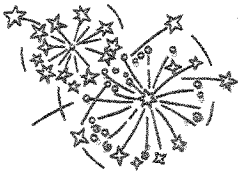


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January 2012

From the Editor ^(S)

Can I please draw your attention to the fact that within this issue of the Newsletter there is information and formal notification relevant to the Club's 2012 Annual General Meeting.

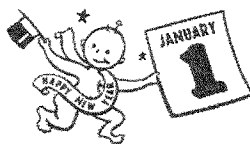
The Notice for the meeting is on the next page and that is followed by information on Proxy representation.

Towards the centre of the Newsletter are forms that can be cut out to use to nominate potential Management Committee Members/ Honorary Accounts Examiner and with which to appoint Proxies. As the majority of the membership are couples, there are two Proxy appointment forms.

Rhys Beynon (a former Club member) is looking for a Topaz (post-2000). If you have one to sell, or know of one please contact him at Merlin's Oak Edwin Road West Horsley Surrey KT24 6LN or telephone on 01483 283498.

Thank you to all Members who have renewed their Membership.

For those who have not and wish to remain Members, please do so without delay. With best wishes for a happy, safe travelling 2012.



Jill Bertlin, Membership Secretary

Keith Taylor and Rita Jones would like to wish all club members a happy and healthy 2012. We look forward to catching up with members at lots of rallies.

NOTICE

THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Of

THE AUTO-SLEEPER OWNERS' CLUB

Will be held on
SATURDAY, 5th May 2012
At 10.30am.
At the National Rally
In the Cedric Ford Pavilion
Newark and Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society Showground.
Newark. Nottinghamshire.

Nomination forms for election to the Management Committee/
Honorary Examiner and Proxy appointment forms are included
with this Notice or are available from the Secretary, who requests
that Nomination forms and any resolutions for consideration at the
meeting should be received by him, on or before Monday,
February 6th 2012. In the case of Proxy appointment forms they
should be received by him on or before 10.30am Thursday 3rd
May 2012.

Members are informed that they have a right to appoint a proxy.

Members are reminded that admission to the Annual General Meeting is
subject to proof of membership, and that current membership cards
should be carried at all Club events.

John Osland-Jones, Secretary, 14, Doveridge Rd. Hall Green,
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REPRESENTATION BY PROXY

This is the third year of the introduction of Proxy Voting, and I therefore hope that this article will explain to old and new members the way proxy voting works for the A.S.O.C. Some who are reading this will see that I have cribbed parts from previous years.

When the Club became a Company Limited by Guarantee in 2002. It followed the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 and 1989. These Acts did not allow for proxy representation in a company with no share capital.

When the Companies Act 2006 was passed to consolidate the above Acts, cut down on red tape and simplify the running of companies, it introduced proxy voting.

Section 324 of the Act, Right to appoint a proxy, states "a member of a company is entitled to appoint another person as his proxy to exercise all or any of his rights to attend and speak at a meeting of the company". This section overrules anything stated in the articles of Association. So at the AGM in 2010 we changed our Articles of Association to comply with the Act.

What this means for the Club, is that if a member wishes to appoint a proxy, they have to fill out a proxy form and get their proxy to sign the form, and then send it to the Club Secretary before the due date.

As this is a legal requirement you are hereby notified that you have a right to appoint a proxy to participate in the 2012 General Meeting, on your behalf, using the Proxy Form enclosed, which must be received at the address given on the proxy form before 10.30am Thursday 3rd May 2012.

May I make two things clear, the person who is nominated, as the proxy does not have to be a member of the Club. I know that this may seem strange, but that's the way the Act is written. Secondly that you cannot just put down Chairman, Secretary etc on the form, they will be considered invalid. It must be remembered that no proxy can act for more than two members. That is why they must sign the form.

As you can see this change though important, will not alter the running of the Club. It only means that the AGM the voting procedure will take a little longer while we count the votes.

John Osland Jones, Club Secretary



Chairman's Chat

As we leave the old year behind, with its many trials and tribulations, we welcome 2012 with great enthusiasm and hope that it will bring us health, happiness and friendship during the forthcoming touring season. Keep an eye on the rally list because there will be some new rallies posted as well as the tried and tested ones for you to enjoy this year, *do not miss out.*

With winter now in full swing, how many of you have given consideration to being properly equipped to drive safely during the bad weather? If like me, you are out and about during the next three months, I do hope that you have completed a good visual safety check around the van, checked the tyres making sure they are correctly inflated, all the lights work and seeing everything is *tickety boo*. Also that you have all of the various safety items needed in the event of being caught out in some truly bad weather so that you are able to cope with any event.

Mo and I have always enjoyed camping during the winter with the crisp air, observing the changing colours in the trees and seeing nature in the raw makes for a really joyous time away. We do not mind the odd bit of snow but being soft southerners it must only be a bit, unless there is enough to go skiing.

At our most recent Liaison Meeting the removal of rear wheels was discussed and A~S carried out some experiments on the Mercedes vans and found that they could be removed by jacking the chassis up behind the spring hanger. This problem will not arise in future because the new vans are being fitted with an easily removable aluminium 'skirt'. The Mercedes warranty query has been confirmed now as 3 years from date of registration. From now forward when you collect your new vehicle All of the ancillary items will be in a sealed see-through bag and therefore no pieces *should* be missing.

If you have not looked at our web-site lately then reacquaint yourself with it because you will see that numerous changes have been made thanks to Baz Wellard, who keeps a close eye on possible ways of updating and keeping abreast of the latest trends.

I trust that you all spent a pleasant Christmas, wherever you were and Santa brought all you needed! Mo & I would like to wish everyone a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year and look forward to meeting up with you again during the coming year.

Mike Valentine

The National Rally

3rd - 7th May 2012

**FOR A FUN PACKED WEEKEND COME TO NEWARK
SHOWGROUND**

This, the 23rd AGM will be followed by questions & answers

Come and enjoy the daytime activities we are planning

Tai Chi - Line Dancing - Boules Competition
First Aid instruction including CPR
Arts and Crafts - Photo competition - Cake Competition
Regalia Stall - Technical Advice - Bring & Buy Jigsaws
Traders for you to visit

A free bus to Brownhills will run daily to enable everyone to see motor homes for sale. (To be confirmed)

Then the evening entertainment will include:

- Thursday - An evening to chat with friends old and new
- Friday - A get together and quiz evening
- Saturday - Dancing to the very popular Tuxedo Junction
- Sunday - A sing along with Fiona Harrison 'The Good Old Days' Music Hall. Everyone is welcome to dress in Victorian or Edwardian costume but this is optional.
- This will be followed by Fiona Harrison in Cabaret

The Rally will end on Monday 7th May 2012

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Barbara Buckett, email: buckettb@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01304 369149

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS FOR 2012 NATIONAL RALLY

Calling all crafters, artists and hobbyists.....

Which members would like to exhibit their hobby, craft or paintings at the 2012 AGM?

Please get in touch with me before February 28th so tables can be reserved, **Stuart Wood** on 01484 604133 or email stuwd@yahoo.co.uk

PHOTO COMPETITION

The 2012 photo competition will be run by **Jean Hollingsworth** and the categories are as follows:

General: Photographs must contain an Auto-Sleeper or be taken on a rally.

Humorous: All photographs must be taken at a rally.

Sizes: 6" x 4" or 7" x 5". Only these sizes will be accepted.

All photographs must be received **by 31 March 2012**. No photographs will be accepted after this date. All photographs must state Category entered for, Title, name, address and membership number of entrant.

A maximum of 4 photographs per member may be entered.

Please send your entries to:

Jean Hollingsworth
24 Norton Grove
Kingston-upon-Hull
Yorkshire HU4 6HL.

Telephone: 07879 716576 or 01482 572682 e-mail:
jaholly1@gmail.com.

Provisional Rally List 2012.

February.

20th. - 24th. Whitemead Forest Park, Lydney, Gloucs.

March.

April.

12th. - 15th. Marston's Albion Hotel, Burton on Trent, Staffs.
 26th. - 29th. National Motorhome Show, East of England Showground,
 Peterborough.

May.

3rd. - 7th. National Rally & A.G.M. Nottinghamshire Showground, Newark.
 10th. - 17th. Little Cotton C.P., Dartmouth, Devon.

June.

10th. - 17th. Old Barn T.P. Nr. Sandown, Isle of Wight
 13th. - 17th. Tiptree, Essex. **NEW**
 15th. - 25th. Zell am Ziller, Austria. **NEW**
 17th. - 21st. Felixstowe, Suffolk. **NEW**

July.

1st. - 5th. Hereford.
 6th. - 8th. Prestwood Steam Fair, Prestwood, Nr. Great Missenden, Bucks.
 12th. - 17th. St. Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs.
 13th. - 15th. Northern Motorcaravan Show, Cheshire Showground.
 19th. - 23rd. Beacon Park, Lichfield, Staffs.
 31st. - 5th. Aug. Redgate Junior School, Hunstanton, Norfolk

August.

13th. - 18th. Winchester, St. Cross Cricket Club, Hants. **NEW**
 16th. - 21st. Eskdale School, Whitby, North Yorks.
 21st. - 26th. Topsham Cricket Club, Topsham, Devon.

September.

6 th . - 9 th .	Motorhome & US RV, Show, Shepton Mallett, Somerset.	
10 th . - 15 th .	Holiday Resort Unity, Brean Sands, Somerset.	
20 th . - 23 rd .	Wallingford on Thames, Oxon.	NEW
20 th . - 23 rd .	End of Season Show, Lincoln Showground.	
24 th . - 1 st . October.	"Autumn in Dartmouth", Little Cotton C.P., Devon.	
27 th . - 30 th .	Marsden Cricket Club, West Yorkshire.	NEW

October

3rd. - 8th. A.C.C.E.O. National Rally, Stourport on Severn, Worcs.

November.

9th. - 13th. Sedgemoor Carnival, Burnham on Sea, Somerset.

Cheshire View, Chester Rally

Wyn and I would like to start with an apology to those people to whom we did not say a thank you to at the closing meeting on the Sunday morning. This we would now like to put right through these pages.

We thank Liz and Roger Spensley. Roger for his help with the siting of the vans as they arrived. Liz for her assistance with the greeting of vans as they arrived and for her assistance with Wyn with the coffee and tea both on the Thursday evening and Sunday morning, also for organising and running the quiz. Eunice Locket for her help with the set up on Sunday.

We give a big thank you to all those attending that donated so many lovely raffle prizes and all those that bought raffle tickets. This helped to make the raffle a huge success.

We thank all of you that came and helped in making it a good rally and stress free for Wyn and I.

Thank you all.

Wyn & Dave Crabbe

The Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club.

NOMINATION FORM

Annual General Meeting May 5th 2012

We the undersigned nominate,

Name.

Membership number.

For election:- Management Committee / Honorary Examiner (**Delete as Appropriate**) of the Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club.

Name of Proposer

Membership number

Signature of Proposer

Date

Name of Seconder

Membership number

Signature of Seconder

Date

I agree to accept nomination for election:- Management Committee / Honorary Examiner (**Delete as Appropriate**)

Signed

Date

Please return this form to the Club Secretary: Mr. J.A. Osland-Jones,
14, Doveridge Rd. Hall Green, Birmingham B28 0LU.



January 2012 Rally Supplement.

A Happy New Year to all our members.

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.

******* It is the responsibility of each rallier to ensure that they arrive at a rally on the correct day and time for the start of a rally. This will avoid embarrassment to both parties. The marshal is entitled to ask early arrivals to leave and return at the correct day/time.**

If you are unable to attend a rally or will arrive late please inform the marshal.

15th to 25th June 2012 Zell am Ziller, Austria.

Rally Marshals: Liz Irvin & Jeanne Hall assisted by Angie & Andy Cavell.

Emergency Tel. No. 00 44 (0)7711 271568.

Rally Fee: £20.00, not refundable if offered a place. Rally slips & cheques to A. Cavell, 24 The Close, Hampstead Norreys, Thatcham, RG18 0RY. Please provide your email address if you have one, if not please enclose an SAE.

Site Fees: The region of £15.00 a night including **This rally is now fully booked**

Site: Camping Hofer is a small, family run site in the town of Zell am Ziller. It has a swimming pool and its own restaurant. The town centre is only a few minutes walk from the site and contains a small supermarket, shops, bars and restaurants. There are also bus and train links to all the major towns in the area.

Attractions: Zell is on the valley floor so there are reasonably level walks and bike rides in all directions. There are cable cars to take you higher up the mountains for the more energetic. The local tourist railway is well worth the trip and runs steam hauled trains on a regular basis. A visit to the nearby Swarovski factory will be a must for anybody who likes pretty sparkly things.

Warning: Anyone caught singing extracts from the Sound of Music will have to buy drinks for all the other ralliers.
Limited to 25 vans. Please do not arrive before 2.00 pm.

20th-24th February (4 nights) Whitemead Forest Rally : Parkend, Nr. Lydney, Gloucestershire GL15 4LA.

Site reception. 0845 345 3425.

Marshals mobile 07799591550 (no reception on site).

Rally Marshals: Yvonne & Stuart Wood ,and Celia & Alan Waugh.

Site fee including hard standing with hookup £18.50 per night.

Rally fee including room hire £3.00 singles, £ 5.50 couples.

Attractions: Leisure centre with gym & pool, cycle rides & walks in the forest. On site restaurant and local pub both serving good food.

One day there will be a bus to the Dean heritage centre at a cost of £5.50 per person if you want to go on this ~~please indicate and send money with the fee~~

Please send cheque **This rally is now fully booked** on, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire HD8 ~~01484 811111~~

Please enclose a SAE if you require confirmation and directions.

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 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 their 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.

Neil C. Rogers
3 Appleby Close,
Aldbrough St. John,
Richmond,
North Yorks,
DL11 7TT.

Tel./Fax. No. 01325 374 540

E-Mail. ncr@mypostoffice.co.uk

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Technical Group & Website

Baz Wellard

Chairman, Technical Group & Webmaster



Power cable danger: Ray Smith has advised me that: - "At an inquest into the death of two people who died in a caravan fire it was decided that the cause of the fire was the ignition of the supply cable which was coiled up under the van". It is essential that the power cable should always be fully unwound such that it cannot overheat. I would presume that this is well known – but a reminder will not go amiss.

Winter Hibernation: The December Newsletter guide on winter hibernation has now been slightly updated and is now available as Ideas Sheet No. 219. Included in the update, to ensure there is no misunderstanding, the last part of the section on 'water' now reads: - "Ensure that the engine cooling water has sufficient anti freeze. Top up the windscreen washer bottle with proprietary screen wash, which contains its own anti freeze – do not use engine anti-freeze."

Mercedes spare wheels:- Last month I reported that the Mercedes 3.2T Devon & Stanton models do not come with spare wheels but can be retro-fitted [at approx £2,000]. Geoff Scott, CEO ASG, has since advised that if the 3.5T chassis is specified, at the time of ordering, a spare wheel is included as standard, and it will, of course have extra available pay load. The cost is £1,295 inc. VAT, at the time of writing.

Mercedes Warranty: Geoff Scott (CEO) has confirmed that Mercedes warranty is 3 years and not 2 years as in the documentation currently accompanying new vehicles. Action is in hand to correct. If you have any doubt contact Mercedes customer care on 008800 9777777 or 0207 6609993, have your chassis number ready.

Rear wheel removal:

Ford chassis: In last month's Newsletter members mentioned the

problem of removing the rear wheel on the Ford chassis. This was a known situation for some models and they were supplied with a 5" steel pyramid on which the jack would be placed. There are still three in stock - Ref EF024 'Ford Jack Extension' and cost £35 plus VAT. Contact Alan Osborne 01386 842630 to confirm suitability and order.

Mercedes: Geoff Scott (CEO), at the Club's request, kindly arranged for a trial to be undertaken to identify if there was any problem removing Mercedes rear wheels. As a result I received the following report: - "Regarding the changing of the spare wheel. We have tried this out, as we discussed, and I am happy to confirm that we did it without too much hassle at the jacking point indicated by Mercedes-Benz. You do have to jack the vehicle up a little higher though."

Safety: On safety grounds I would suggest that removal of wheels be left to the recovery services, or tyre suppliers, with their expertise and comprehensive equipment.

Library update: I now have a review of the 2012 Nuevo EK and the 2012 Windrush. See back page for my e-address and postal address (*SAE for the latter, please*)

Replacement Talbot panels: For members who have one of the classic A~S motorhomes news of possible availability of replacement panels, tanks etc may be of interest. Contact Hadrian Panels www.carpanels.co.uk or 01434 674676 & 02476 368010. For fuel tanks try Beaver panels www.beaverbodypanels.co.uk or 01226 780542. If you are on internet don't forget to check on eBay.

Hints & Tips & Ideas Sheets: Members who are on the list for automatic updates on the Club Website will have received the annually consolidated copy of 'hints&tips' as an attachment to update No. 01/12. Members who wish to be included on the automatic updates list can simply send me an e-mail - with your Membership number, please. The latest list of Ideas Sheets is on the Club website under 'technical'. Members not on internet can receive copies of both by sending me a large SAE (£0.66 stamp).

Website: Update 12/11 contained:

Technical:

- Ideas Sheet No. 219 – Winter hibernation

- Eligible models - Windrush & Worcester added
- Recalls (page) – Customer care contact details for VW; Peugeot, Ford & Mercedes

Stop Press:

- Update to December article on Winter Hibernation – do not use engine anti-freeze in windscreen washer fluid
- ASG confirmation that the Mercedes warranty is 3 years and not 2 as referred in incorrect documentation

And finally: Dorothy and I would like to wish you a happy and healthy New Year, and hopefully we may see many of you during 2012.

Mercedes Warranty

Further to other comments on the current warranty offered on vehicles imported by Mercedes Benz UK. The third year of the warranty is not recognised by Mercedes systems outside the UK. If, whilst abroad you suffer a failure in the third year that would be covered by warranty in the UK you should have the work done by a MB dealer, bring back the receipt and then claim a refund from your local UK MB dealer.

Peter Brown

Roof Cleaning

One place on my van that is always a problem to clean is the roof - if it's not cleaned regularly it starts going *green*!! The roof has a rippled effect and *green* really loves it.



The best way to clean the roof is with an electric polisher/scrubber. I fit the scrubbers and fill the liquid tank with diluted Flash. Climb on the roof, with the help of Val (all 5 feet nothing of her) who then struggles to pass up the extension and the scrubber with diluted Flash dripping all over her. It takes about 15 minutes to clean - less than it takes Val to dry off and change clothes..... Then it's inside for coffee.

Robin Gardner

Welcome to New Members



Stephen & Lesley Bailey	Alfreton	Kemerton
John & June Bolton	Didcot	Symbol
Martin & Tracey Collins	Reading	Nuevo
Eddie & Dee Vincent	Chippenham	Warwick
Colin & Eileen Watkins	Bromsgrove	Inca
Fred & Pamela Archer	Brede, Rye	Devon
Michael & Rosemary Adams	Waterlooville	Kemerton
Ken & Sandra Elliott	Hailsham	Sussex
Tony & Katie King	Milton Keynes	Northants
Keith & Margaret Avis	Andover	Clubman
Steven & Lynette Evans	Tavistock	Broadway
Nigel Flook & Li Li Juan Feng	Usk	Rambler
Pete & Sue Archer	Standsted	Duetto
James & Margaret Conlan	Milton Keynes	Ravenna
Steve & Julie Thompson	Nottingham	Symbol
Bob & Debbie Benton	Ipswich	Dorset
P W & K A Fryer	Basingstoke	Broadway
Eric & Jo Hawes	Sudbury	Dorset
David Munt & Jean Evans	Honiton	Topaz
John & Cathy Pynn	Hungerford	Sussex
Wendy Heywood	Llanelli	Topaz
Martin & Caroline Johnson	Swindon	Nuevo
Pat Tulk	Hereford	Symbol
Alan & Carol Hotine	Torquay	Hampshire
Alan & Carol Morgan	Burgess Hill	Clubman
Tom & Teresa Smyth	Thatcham	Harmony
Mike Wragg & Jan Marais	Ferndown	Lancashire
Gary & Kate Lee	Blackpool	Trooper
Brian & Liz Heskins	Southampton	Talisman
Derek & Pat Burgess	Alton	Symbol
Janet France & Donna France	Preston	Cotswold
Daonal & Wendy Walker	Frinton-on-Sea	Nuevo

Peter & Penelope Wymer	Ashbourne	Broadway
Annette Leech	Worcester	Trident
Eric Scorse & Diane Johns	Bodmin	Executive
Barbara Thompson	Wareham	Inca
Glen & Angela Julian	Sproatley	Duetto
David & Sheila McInerney	Devon	Nuevo
Richard & Angela Salliss	Chalford	Executive
Dave & Carole Lee	Burton on Trent	Harmony
Charles & Gill Nicklin	Stratford upon Avon	Rienza
Steve & Jan Pickles	Bradford	Nuevo
John & Jacquie Terry	Great Bromley	Symbol
Dave Hawkings & Nicky Steiner		
Geoffrey & Valerie Foster	Dinas Powis	Cotswold
Jeff & Chris Harrison	Uffington	Symbol
Bill Mills & Mo Doe	Warwick	Nuevo
Dave & Susan Mountjoy	Potters Bar	Legend
Mick & Hilary Otter	Weymouth	Nuevo
Carl & Christine Ripley	Weymouth	Executive
Ron & Maureen Hibling	Middlesbrough	Pollensa
Malcolm Bagnall	Kings Lynn	Suffolk
Trevor & Chris Russell	York	Duetto
Ralph & Ursula Bloor	Saffron Walden	Worcester
Gordon Burns	Ferryside	Talisman
George & Chris Guthrie	Weston-super-Mare	Legend
Richard & Jean Knight	Gosport	Duetto
Shaun Todd & Philip Wright	Chesterfield	Palermo
David & Sue Caddell	Witney	Nuevo
Keith & Eve Bateman	Chester	Warwick
Martin & Kristin Dawson	Sittingbourne	Nuevo
Everett & Pamela May	Swanley	Sussex
Dave & Chris Richardson	Eastbourne	Symbol
Ian & Alison Stone	Scarborough	Symbol
Jim & Christine Watson	Crediton	Trident
James & Evelyn Stewart	Fareham	Clubman
	Fraserburgh	Cotswold

2012 ACCEO NATIONAL RALLY

You will have noted from previous Newsletter items that ASOC are to be the host club for the 2012 ACCEO national rally.

ASOC are one of 200 or so member clubs of the Association of Caravan and Camping Exempted Organisations (ACCEO). ACCEO liaises with government on behalf of member clubs to retain the right to hold rallies on non-commercial sites without the need for licensing or planning consent. Each year ACCEO holds a national rally that includes social and entertainment evenings and that can be attended by any member of any member club.

ACCEO chose Tattershall Lakes site in Lincolnshire for the 2012 National Rally. Circumstances have recently developed that mean that site is no longer suitable for the ACCEO National.

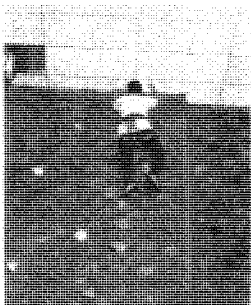
ASOC and ACCEO committee members have worked together to locate and book an alternative venue. After a joint visit, the Riverside Rally Field of the **Lickhill Manor Carvan Park, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcestershire** has been booked for the rally on **3rd to 8th October 2012**.

The site is a short riverside walk from the resort town of Stourport-on-Severn. There are many attractions in the locality including the town of Bewdley, the Severn Valley Steam Railway and the West Midland Safari Park.

There will be an ASOC rally marshalled by Liz Irvin & Jeanne Hall within the ACCEO rally that we hope will be enjoyed by many ASOC members.

Eberspacher Diesel Heating

Dave Williams has recently acquired a Wilton with Eberspacher diesel heating. Whilst the van is warming up, the heater flattens the leisure batteries. To mitigate that David is having to run the vehicle engine whilst the heater warms the van. Can anyone offer help/advice to David. His mail address is Bungv1948@aol.com and I (Peter Brown) would appreciate a copy.



I DID IT! On 29th November, as promised, I climbed the wall at West View Leisure Centre to raise funds for MS Research. I do however have a confession – I was misinformed about the height of the wall – it is only 30ft not 50ft, however, I compensated by following the initial climb by conquering one which is more difficult and which had to date beaten me, so it was with a great sense of achievement that I hit the ceiling.

I am very grateful to everyone who has supported me, Allan and our extended family who have encouraged me, especially when I was having the ‘collywobbles,’ the leisure centre staff who were very accommodating and the ten family and friends who ‘cheered me on’, these ten included Liz & Roger Spensley who kindly travelled up to Preston from Warrington. Most of all I thank all the people who have donated so generously to realise a total in excess of £1,000 – I only climbed two walls but it is humbling that so many have so willingly given.

People have commented on my age but if one is blessed with good health age is only a number and I am so grateful to be in this position. Thank you all once again for the opportunity of increasing my sponsorship, what a great club we belong to.

On behalf of Allan and myself, we wish you a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year or as we Scots say ‘Lang may yer lum reek.’

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