

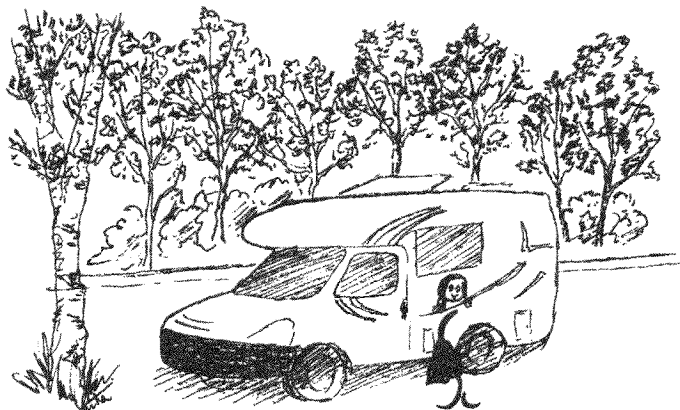
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# **AUTO-SLEEPER OWNERS' CLUB**

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***NEWSLETTER 285***

***June 2012***

## From the Editor

You will note that you have a new Newsletter Editor David Mayne and I can be contacted at [daveatasoc@virginmedia.com](mailto:daveatasoc@virginmedia.com)



I am pleased to announce that Dudley Woodhams will continue to be the Deputy Editor for the Newsletter and will compile the July and August editions or when there is a need.

I should say a big thank you to Peter and Chris for producing the newsletter for a number of years and continuing to do so last year!

This has given me time to organise my hardware and software as I have experienced a number of problems, but hopefully, all is now well despite my expenditure - yes the committee have to buy their own stuff so the club owns nothing! Expenses only cover consumables used for club business. Very Sensible!

Also in taking over the newsletter, it requires that I should be available from the 10th of each month to about the 15th to produce and post the newsletter to the printer and my 2011 rallies and holidays were already organised as well as family commitments so its good to plan

2012 events with production dates taking priority. And thank goodness Dudley is there to help out!!

Am I planning any major changes to the newsletter. I don't think so!

I prefer evolution, not revolution, but I hope over the future issues to change slightly the layout and presentation of articles that you have to send in!! Being Editor allows me to only edit or rectify any typos that I spot and if I think major changes are needed, I would refer back to the contributor.

All that remains is for you to send your contributions to me, either via email or post ( legibly written of course). It would seem that 95% of the membership is on email so that's the preferred method to avoid my typos!!

Contributions to the newsletter are written by YOU, so we look forward to hearing from you, otherwise there will be nothing to edit. And no newsletter.

**Remember: Deadline for next Edition is 10th June to Dudley Woodhams. Contact details are on the Back page.**

*Regards David Mayne*

## New Chairman's Chat

I would like to start by thanking all the members who attended the National Rally for their patience and understanding with any glitches which occurred in the administration of the AGM. The loss of the two most important members of the committee to illness in the days immediately preceding the event was bound to cause some problems but in true British style we muddled through! We were all disappointed that after three years of hard work as Club Chairman, Mike Valentine was unable to attend the meeting. I thank him for his efforts on our behalf and am glad to say that he is staying on the committee. It was a great pleasure to welcome John Tidbury to the AGM and to pass the resolution appointing him as a Vice President. After John's years of service to the club it seems small reward but is nevertheless a sign of our lasting gratitude.



Despite the setbacks it was a really wonderful weekend. Alright, the weather could have been kinder but in the end that didn't seem to matter. A very special thank you to Al and Barb – this was their first year in charge and they did a fantastic job – and to their support team who made sure everything went according to plan. If you weren't there you missed something special and I would urge you to note the dates for next year's event in your diaries now. They are Thursday 2nd May to Monday 6th May at the same venue – Newark Showground.

At the committee meeting which followed the AGM your committee did me the honour of electing me chairman and I will do my very best to live up to their and your expectations. The other members of the committee are

Jill Bertlin	Vice Chairman & Membership Secretary
Ozzie Osland-Jones	Secretary
Peter Brown	Treasurer
Al Buckett	Chairman AGM Sub-committee
David Mayne	Newsletter Editor
Neil Rogers	Rally Co-ordinator
Baz Wellard	Chairman, Technical Group & Webmaster
Alan Waugh	Minutes Secretary
John Jones	Regalia Officer
Mike Valentine	Committee Member

The mathematicians amongst you have probably worked out that there are only ten names listed plus me makes eleven so you are correct – we have

a vacancy for a committee member. There is no particular post that needs to be filled at the present time but it is always useful to have a couple of people in reserve if a job comes up! If you are interested in getting involved, or would like to know more then please get in touch with me or any of the committee members – our contact numbers are on the back page or you can email me at [arc8307@gmail.com](mailto:arc8307@gmail.com) I look forward to a rush of interested members!

**Andy Cavell**

**Members Please Note:**

"At the Annual General meeting of the Club held on 5<sup>th</sup> May a proposal to amend Article 45 of the Clubs Articles of Association carried. Please make manual amendments to your copy of the Clubs Members Handbook (page 8-9) so that Article 45 reads as follows:

45. The Committee shall maintain appropriate accounts in the name of the Club with recognised clearing bank(s). The Committee shall make and enforce such rules as seem to it appropriate from time to time for the operation of any bank account in the name of the Club provided that in respect of each account cheques and similar payment orders shall be signed by at least two persons nominated for the purpose by the Committee or drawn from a class of person specified by the Committee save that when telephone or internet banking facilities are available the Treasurer is authorised to operate the accounts using either of those facilities."

**NATIONAL RALLY 2012**

I would like to start by thanking all of you who attended this year's National Rally. The weather could have been kinder to us but as usual we made the best of it.

The members of the National Rally sub committee have worked hard all year and even harder on the rally weekend and for that I thank them

In excess of 50 people helped to make the rally run as smoothly as possible as a result I am unable to thank individuals but I am very grateful to you all.

For your information the dates of next year's National Rally and AGM are as follows:

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2013** and I hope to see many of you there.

The total sum of the cheque raised for Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research is made up as follows:

Cake Auction	182.01
Quiz	214.00
Jigsaws	73.60
For Sale	65.10
Members Fund Raising	65.00
Profit from Raffle	558.85
Boules	49.00
Tea & Coffee	89.63
Trade Donation	15.00
Spot the Difference	45.00
Club Donation	400.00
<b>Total for Charity</b>	<b>1757.19</b>

The money collected at the Salvation Army Service was £237.87

Thanks to everyone for your generosity.

Thank you Auto Sleepers who donated £1500.00 towards the National Rally costs.

Al Buckett

Once again we achieved a very respectable total for our charity, which is only made possible by the generous donations we receive from many people. This year we are particularly grateful to Cotswold Motor Caravans, the Auto-Sleeper Service Centre, Leisure Kingdom, Robsons of Wolsingham plus Peugeot and Mercedes Benz. Thanks also to all the individual members who also gave prizes – the prize table seemed to be fuller than ever!

### Rally Marshals

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the Marshalling duties at the National Rally.

Your assistance in most unfavourable conditions, to say the least, made the task run smoothly and our workload much easier. Once again a Big Thank You to everyone.

*Jan and Vic Hichlin*

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### AGM 2012 Raffle

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the raffle, either donating prizes, selling and folding tickets and helping on the Saturday night. The raffle managed to take just over £800 for the charity.

*Yvonne Wood*

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### A.G.M. Refreshments

On behalf of everyone at the A.G.M. I would just like to say a big " Thank You" to Jean, Twink, Julia, Dorothy, Jill & Celia who so willingly gave up their time to serve refreshments on Friday & Saturday in the Stuart Goodwin hall. I would also like to include Stuart & John for all of their assistance.

*Pauline Rogers.*

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### More thanks

A big thank you to all who displayed their hobbies and crafts in the Sir Stuart Goodwin Pavilion, and who brought Jigsaws for sale and who donated items for the White Elephant table.

*Stuart Wood*

Thank you for the very warm welcome I received when I visited Newark. It was lovely to see so many friends and apologies to those I did not say cheerio to, Martin wanted to get away early. I did find it hard but next year it will probably be a little easier.

Congratulations to Al & Barbara for running such a successful A.G.M. Rally, all the comments I heard were very good so I know it went well. I look forward to seeing you at more rallies.

*Nora.*

## Rally Reports

### 'Marston's Pedigree ...'

After a six year gap, returning to the Albion – venue for the 'Marston's rally – proved to be yet another worthwhile journey for a most enjoyable rally.

If it wasn't for the temptation of sampling Marston's Pedigree Ale/Oyster Stout or even soft drinks, the majority of those on the Brewery Tour would have continued to hang over the rail mesmerised by the procession of about 40,000 empty bottles per hour, arriving at their destination fully charged with product and ready for dispatch. We were privileged to be taken round by Sheila, a delightful guide and hostess who chose to leave retirement behind, specifically to look after the ASOC party.

The very suggestion that it was to be a 'weekend off cooking for the ladies' was taken on board with enthusiasm – much to the advantage of the Albion Hotel, who looked after us so well and all with a smile.

The Bus passes were much in evidence and for us it proved to be an expensive experience shopping in Burton having ticked off everything on our list and added a few items that weren't. However, all the staff in the shops and 'Cafe B' were so courteous and helpful, that the emptying of our wallets was almost painless!

For the evening games we managed to find a few 50 pence coins in an attempt to recoup our retail therapy losses – all in vain – but are consoled with the thought that our contribution was all for a good cause.

To Trish, Ted, Jan & Vic we offer our grateful thanks and congratulations for all their hard work to ensure that we returned home with happy memories of a rally that was full of pedigree moments.

*James & Jill Bertlin*

### **Lost Property**

After the Peterborough Rally, someone left a step behind! I took it with me to the AGM and then home.

If the person wants to claim it, please ring Stuart Wood on 01484 604133 and I will get it to a rally of convenience.

*Stuart Wood*

## **Peterborough Rally**

We have just returned from the Peterborough Rally and feel that Pauline Neil Yvonne and Stuart deserve a medal for their heroic efforts of providing information tea and coffee in horrendous weather conditions. They were out and about helping ralliers and getting themselves soaked over and over again.

The show itself was very good with lots of stalls to spend too much money on. The food and entertainment were all of a high standard. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. This was our first visit to Peterborough and we could tell despite the rain that this would normally be very sociable and relaxed rally so it won't be our last.

*Barbara and Al Buckett.*

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Peterborough (on Sea) Show Rally.

Pauline & I would like to say a big "Thank You" to all who came to the Peterborough Show Rally and put up with the atrocious weather conditions we had over the weekend , without complaining or losing their sense of humour.

If it is any consolation we have not had weather as bad as it was in over 14 years of running the Show Rally. We were sorry that we were unable to have the final coffee morning and draw. This meant that our 12 new ralliers were unable to have the opportunity to meet everyone.

All we can say is that we hope that it has not put you off coming to what is normally an excellent Show. We look forward to seeing you at show rallies in the future.

We would also like to thank our hard working and long suffering assistants Yvonne & Stuart Wood, as without their help we would not have been able to cope.

*Pauline & Neil Rogers.*

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Our thanks go out to Neil, Pauline, Stuart and Yvonne for all their very hard work under very wet and difficult circumstances!  
Completely covered from head to toe we think there was a smile on their faces as they paddled up and down the rally field pitching everyone as they arrived. Many thanks once again.

*Gary and Pat Wanklin*

## Peterborough "on Sea"

We have just about recovered from our aquatic outing to the Peterborough Show/Rally. The weather and conditions could not have been worse. The marshals did an amazing job. They must have been frozen standing about in the cold, wind and rain waiting to greet new arrivals and yet they remained cheerful throughout the weekend.

A big thank you to Neil, Pauline, Stuart and Yvonne.

*Terry and Ray Harvey*

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### **Leaving the club.**

Farewell

Unfortunately Robin and I have had to sell our van and therefore have resigned from the Club.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone we have met over the years for their kindness and friendship. Can we say a special thank you to all the Rally organisers whose hard work has given us so much pleasure. Best wishes,

*Pauline and Robin Keeley*

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### Leaving the Club

Due to poor health, we have, with great sadness, sold our Duetto. So it's a fond farewell to all the lovely people we have met through belonging to the club.

*Yours sincerely Fay and John Baker*

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### **2011 Peugeot Motorhomes Battery Fuse.**

Frank Edwards wrote to us to advise that these vehicles are fitted with a 300A fuse at the vehicle battery. Not something you would carry as a spare and not noted in the handbook. Luckily the AA man covering the Peugeot Warranty was nearby as he had managed to blow this fuse.

He was trying to start the motor whilst in gear and clutch depressed and his foot slipped! So the fuse did its job to protect the battery and starter motor.

This may equally apply to other modern vehicles as they manage costs of production and safety.

I know we may do this when we stall in traffic (for speed) but otherwise it should be that we put in neutral and handbrake on before attempting to start the engine. That's the first lesson I learned when taking driving lessons. If you lived on a hill you might not trust the handbrake though. Seems a lot of garage people have this habit too. So beware, especially if your shoes are wet.

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### **Rusty Wheel Nuts**

We are new members, having recently purchased a new Auto-Sleeper Broadway from Marquis at Plymouth.

We noticed rusty wheelnuts on our first inspection and brought this to the attention of Marquis, who replaced them immediately with chromium-plated ones that they purchased themselves at a cost of only £17 per set of 16, as Peugeot refused to do so.

Whilst Peugeot deny the wheelnuts are under warranty, in fairness they provide the chassis mainly for work vehicles where this would not be an issue, presumably.

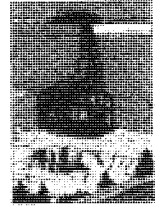
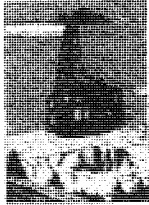
*Alistair and Val Evans*

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### **Peugeot Cab**

In response from Keith Orchards item in the May Newsletter, I have had a letter from Andrew Fewster saying he has the same fitment on his cab and he has found that there is a 6 inch slit in the rubber floor adjacent to the rear edge of the cab. He was concerned about this being durable as there is some give in the rubber flooring. It turns out this has been raised at the ASOC/AS liaison meeting in the past and this has been the situation for a number of years, apparently with no detrimental effect. I contacted Geoff Scott and he has provided the following information:

"As Auto-Sleepers customers know, we convert on Peugeot, VW and Mercedes chassis. All of these base vehicle manufacturers are building vehicles for the European commercial market. By comparison the motorhome market is small. The Fiat/Peugeot plants in Italy produce over 300,000 units annually. Although Auto-Sleepers influence is limited with these manufacturers we do make strong representation on product design.



## June 2012 Rally Supplement.

Please carry your ASOC membership cards when attending rallies.

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

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.

**Will Marshals please ensure that they have the post code for their site as it is necessary if you need to contact the emergency services.**

**\*\*\*\*NEW Rallies in Scotland. 10th.-13th. September The Woods C.P. Alva, Clackmannanshire & 14th. – 17th. September Belhaven Bay C. & C. P., Dunbar, East Lothian. Full details next month.**

### 10th June. 17th of June ( 7 nights). Old Barn T.P. Nr.Sandown, Isle of Wight. PO36 9PJ.

Rally Marshals. Ken Bolton 01983402059. & Mac. McArthur 01983875918.

Emergency telephone numbers 07730) 212750 or 07866) 621291.

Rally fees: -£151 for seven nights including electric and ferry fares.

Those wishing to make their own way seven nights including electrics £98.

**It is advisable to phone Ken Bolton (01983) 402059 to get details of the package.**

The ferry is the Red Funnel from Southampton to East Cowes which leaves every hour on the hour.

A preferred time of departure on your Rally slip would be helpful. **A large stamped addressed envelope** is necessary for the ferry tickets. Cheques and Rally slip please send to K.Bolton.

2, Cherryside, Lake, Sandown, Isle of Wight. PO36 9LU.

**Attractions:** Most of the Isle of Wight is an area of outstanding natural beauty with many attractions. The site is situated on the main road from Newport to Sandown. A Morrison's supermarket is a quarter of a mile away and opposite is a garden centre with a nice cafeteria. Bus stops are nearby and buses can take you all over the island. Bus passes accepted. There are lots of walks are nearby and you overlook the Isle of Wight airport a small private airfield with a grass runway.

**13th to 17th June (4 nights) at New Park Cottage, Maypole Road, Tiptree, Colchester, Essex. CO5 0ER.**

Emergency tel No. Marshals no. 07773851097.

Rally Marshals - Jill and Tony Showell and John and Rita T

**RALLY FULLY BOOKED**

**15<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 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 FULLY BOOKED.**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2012 (5 nights) Peewits Park, Walton Avenue, Felixstowe, Suffolk IP11 2HB.**

Emergency Tel.No. 07999571461 (marshal's mobile).

Rally Marshals: Chris & Shirley Sturgeon 01359244360 & Dave & Theresa Smith 01787477063.

Directions: Ipswich A14 to Felixstowe, first roundabout take 2<sup>nd</sup> exit onto Port of Felixstowe Road.

After flyover, roundabout take 2<sup>nd</sup> exit onto Walton Avenue, Peewits entrance is on the left.

Limit of 20 vans. Rally starts 12 noon.

**RALLY FULLY BOOKE**

**1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July (4 nights). Hereford Rowing Club, Herefordshire. HR4 0BE**

Emergency Tel Nos. Max 07791582881, Joan 07989153109.

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

Site Fees: £7.00 per night. Rally Fee: £2.40. NO Electricity.

Drinking. water, waste disposal, toilets & showers together with the use of the club's bar and catering facilities.

5 – 10 minutes walk to the cathedral and city centre.

Rally slips & cheques to J.E. Cooke, The Magnolias, Pyon Road, Hereford. Tel.No. 01432 274 906.

S.A.E. please for confirmation & directions.

Directions: Turn off A49 at Hereford city end of river bridge (westwards) then immediately turn left into Greyfriars Avenue and you're there.

**5<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> inclusive July (5 nights) Buckler's Hard in the New Forest.**

Rally marshals: Mo & Mike Valentine.

Tel: 023 9248 2818 Mobile 07745 522 335.

**RALLY FULLY BOOKED**

## 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</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 £20.00 per unit.Rally Fee: £2.50 per unit. **NO Electricity.**

The weekend fee includes unlimited entrance to the Steam Rally.

This is a GREEN FIELD site- own toilets essential.

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

## 12<sup>th</sup>.July – 17th. July (5 nights) Leon's Field. St.Ives. Huntingdon. Cambs.

### PE27 5ER.

Emergency Tel.No. 07908177041.

Rally Marshals: 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: £3.00 ( £1.50 singles)(Total for 5 nights £33.00 / £31.50).

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 10 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.

For those interested a coach trip to Ely has been arranged for the Friday. Leaving at 10am returning from Ely at 3pm £6.00 per person. Money with booking form please. LIMITED spaces so "first come first served"

Please send SAE for confirmation of booking and directions.

**PLEASE DO NOT** arrive before 12.00 pm on Thursday. Rally closes 11.00 am. Tuesday

Rally limited to 40 vans.

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

## 12th - 15th July 2012. Northern Motor Caravan Show,Cheshire

### Showground Tabley Knutsford WA16 0HJ.

Emergency Tel. No. 0786 8000 705 (Marshall's mobile).

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

Please use the booking form enclosed in the May Newsletter if possible, if you do 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 evening entertainment must be made with Warners and the booking form sent to them by 25th 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 to: R & E Spensley, 30 Kilsyth Close, Cinnamon Brow, Warrington, WA2 0SQ. Tel. No. 01925 813558.

**Please do not follow your Sat Nav on arrival to the show, you will be directed to the wrong entrance.** Leave M6 at Junction 19 and leave the roundabout via the A556. Proceed to the next roundabout, follow all the way back on yourself and turn **left** into Pickmere Lane B5391. Temporary road signs will direct you from Junction 19 off the M6.

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

**Thurs 19th - Monday 23rd July 2012 (4 nights) Beacon Park, Lichfield, Staffordshire.**

Rally Marshals: Peter Brown, Chris Mawdsley, Liz Irvin and Jeanne Hall.

Emergency Tel.No. Marshals' mobile 07771 827711.

Site Fee: £6.00 per night. Rally Fee: £2.50.

PLEASE NOTE THIS RALLY IS 4 NIGHTS LONG.

Booking slips and cheques payable to Chris Mawdsley, 5 Kenilworth Walk, Cheadle, Stoke on Trent ST10 1WA tel: 07771 827711. There is no limit on the number of units attending however please note that there will be a considerable delay in responding to applications received after 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Any queries after that date should be e-mailed to [pcb7ty@btinternet.com](mailto:pcb7ty@btinternet.com).

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. Showers should also be available 0900 to 1000 Fri-Sun).

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

**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**.

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July – Sunday 5th August (5 Nights) Redgate Junior School, Hunstanton, Norfolk, PE36 5DY.**

Emergency Tel No 07879 643988 or 07796 445176 – Marshals' mobiles.

Rally Marshals: Mike & Heather Tucker. Telephone No 01945 581618.

Assistant Rally Marshalls: Peter & Heather Martin.

Site Fees £42.50 for 5 nights. Rally Fee £4 couple, £2.75 single .

Please send booking slips and cheques payable to M. Tucker, 43 PE14 0DU. Please enclose SAE.

**RALLY FULLY BOOKED**

Maximum of 18 vans. All Hardstanding pitches, no electricity. Access to toilet facilities including disabled between 6.00 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. only, (hall will be closed at all other times). Patio area with limited seating can be used in fine weather. 'Bring your own Supper' evening is planned, together with an entertainment evening with raffle. Dogs welcome but must be kept on leads on site.

Local attractions. Hunstanton is an attractive seaside town – the only west facing seaside on the East coast – with plenty of restaurants, cafes and pubs, also Sainsburys and Tesco stores within walking distance. There is a range of smaller shops covering most needs.

There is also a Sea Life Centre, a Theatre, a Swimming Pool and a permanent Fairground! There are numerous walking and cycling opportunities. Good high street shopping is close by at **King's Lynn** with regular bus service. The Coasthopper bus service with a stop within walking distance has a regular service to the North Norfolk coast, taking in Brancaster, Wells-next-the-Sea, Blakeney, Sheringham and Cromer. This coastline has some of the best bird watching in the British Isles. Other attractions include Norfolk Lavender (try the lavender scones!) and Sandringham.

**13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> August ( 4 Nights) St Cross Symondians Cricket Club Winchester**  
**SO23 9RT**

Emergency Telephone No. 07754 761423 ( Marshal's Mobile).

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

Site Fees £7.50 per night. Rally Fee £3.00.

Please send your rally slip and a cheque for £33.00 payable to Rita Tubb together with **SAE** or your **e-mail address** for confirmation and directions.

To Rita Tubb 70 Charnwood Crescent, Chandlers Ford, Hampshire SO53 5QL.

Telephone: 023 8026 7294 Mobile 07754 761423.

This is a **Greenfield Site** with a C.D.P and Water point.

Dogs welcome on leads. (Please state on rally form if you are bringing a dog so that we can allocate you a pitch in a shady position).

The site is ¾ ml from Winchester centre. There is a bus stop outside the site which will take you there, alternatively it is a nice walk along the river.

Buses are available from Winchester Bus Station to Southampton, Romsey, Alesford, Alton, and various other destinations.

Places of interest:- At Alesford there is the Watercress Line (Steam train), various National Trust places in the area, The Royal Green Jackets Museum, Whitchurch Silk Mill, Jane Austen's House, Winchester College tours, Intech Science Centre/ Planetarium, Marwell Zoo. and Winchester Cathedral.

Please do not arrive before 12 Noon. (Limit 30 Vans).

**11th-16th August 2012, (5 nights) Fort Paul near Kingston upon Hull,**  
**East Yorkshire, HU12 8FP.**

Rally Marshalls: Jean and Dave Hollingsworth.

Site fee: £7.00 p/night. Rally fee £3.50 couples, £2.00 singles.

Toilets, waste disposal, NO ELECTRIC, Greenfield site is in an enclosed secure museum grounds, near the River Humber, situated approximately 6 miles east from the centre of Kingston upon Hull.

Booking slips and cheques to J. Hollingsworth, 24 Norton Grove, Kingston upon Hull. HU4 6HL.

Tel.No. 01482572682 / 07879716576. Please enclose **S.A.E.** or provide e-mail address, for map and directions. Fort Paul has a café/bar, available for meals. Admission to the visitor attraction during the rally is free, where among other items on display is the only remaining Beverley Aircraft. A wine and cheese evening will be held "on the train".

**Attractions:** Walks along the river, The Deep in Hull, the only submariun in the world, which is a successful Millennium Project, the old town museums quarter (which includes a deep water trawler) most of which are free. Wilberforce House, home of William Wilberforce and the Humber Bridge.

Over the weekend there will be a 16th century re-enactment group at the Fort. Nearest small town is Hedon, approx. 2 miles away. Well behaved animals are welcome but not allowed within the internal museum grounds.

There is a regular bus service 10 minutes walk away. The coastal towns of Hornsea & Bridlington are 16 and 30 miles away and Beverley is about 15 miles. Spurn Head and Bempton are the places for bird watching. Rally closes 11am Thursday. This is followed by the Whitby rally, making it more financially viable for those who would like to visit Yorkshire.

Please do not arrive before 1pm on the Saturday.

**16<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</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.

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**Attractions:** Whitby Regatta 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> August, with Fireworks Finale on Monday evening. Whitby Folk Festival Week also starts on 18<sup>th</sup> August. The school is 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.**

**21st. - 26th. Topsham Cricket Club, Topsham, Nr. Exeter, Devon.**

Full information for this rally will appear in the July Rally Supplement.

**Membership cards should be available for inspection at all rallies.**

*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.*

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**E & OE.**

With respect to the small slit in the rubber of the Peugeot cab area. This is as per the design and specification of all Peugeot and Fiat models without the triple bench seat. Auto-Sleepers are assured by Peugeot there is nothing that can be done to alter this. Being mindful of this, Auto-Sleepers ensures the vehicle is fully carpeted in this area and where appropriate go that extra mile in ensuring our customers enjoy their motorhome.

Auto-Sleepers takes feedback from our customers seriously. Many of the features you see in the model line-up today come from customers and ASOC members alike. All Marquis customers complete a questionnaire which are constantly reviewed by Auto-Sleepers Design Department.  
Regards Geoff Scott"

Apart from regular Meetings with our Technical Group Chairman, the A/S Company attend the National Rally for a Q & A session to discuss any queries or problems that members have and they field 4/5 Directors to cover Sales, Design and Customer service. Note the information in Baz Wellard's Report.

I should like to remind members that neither the Club nor the Newsletter can handle customer and warranty claims on member's behalf. Contact your Dealer or the Customer Service Department. I personally have always had good service from my Dealer and the After sales Department of Auto-Sleepers.

*David Mayne*

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### **Winter Drain Plug**

I had exactly the same experience as Michael Wainwright (May newsletter). Having bought my Lancashire new last July, I took great care to read the winter draining instructions. Like him, I removed the drawer from the wardrobe and, with torch, contorted myself to find the yellow lever.

Failing, I drove to Marquis in Tewkesbury. A young man slid the off-side passenger seat forward and behold! At least I've had no trouble with an over-depressed lever.

*Frank Edwards*

## Touring France

As a new member of ASOC, I would like to know if any members or committee members are planning to tour France this year, or are there any rallies to France? I am asking this because I find the thought of going abroad and driving on the other side of the road nerve racking. I have asked many people the best way to go. Some say via Portsmouth, others via Dover and the Channel Tunnel.

What I would like to do if this is possible would be to follow another member who may be planning a trip, say to northern France, to get a feel of the roads and driving on the other side.

I have a sat. nav. but I believe there are now restrictions put on them regarding speed cameras, as mentioned in your last newsletter. (Ed: and this one)

If there are any views on this matter I would be very grateful, e.g. where to stay, places to visit, or where other members may have been to.

I have always wanted to travel abroad right down to Italy e.g. Lake Como, Lake Garda, which I have so far done by coach only. Having a motorhome gives you this chance, but doing so I find not easy.

I feel I cannot be the only one that feels this way, or am I? Please contact me on Tel: 02380 435803 (Southampton)

*Sheila & Geoff Challinder*

Editor: Well Geoff and Sheila, I have to say that we do run rallies to France but not this year, watch out for details in Rally List. The Caravan Club and also the Camping and Caravan Club similarly do rallies and we, and I am sure they, will happily arrange to organise for one of the ralliers to meet at the port of departure and lead you to the site chosen. Contact the Rally Marshal when you book.

If you are a member of CC or CCC, they do provide information books and travel insurance as well as cheaper ferry bookings and European site bookings and many of our ASOC ralliers use their services. As you don't have a computer, they are contactable via telephone.

If anybody is planning to travel to France this year and want company, ring Sheila and Geoff please.

## **Re: Sat Navs in France**

Just a line re. the above, I understand that it is not enough to just switch off the speed camera. It is necessary to delete the existing data and reprogramme with an update that does not include speed camera alerts. Only the French!

*Harry Emblen*

### **Message from Mike Valentine**

I would like to say a big Thank You to all for the many Get Well cards, telephone calls and to all those who signed 'the Big Card'. I did not realize that I was so popular!!

The hip replacement operation went well, I had a few rough days afterwards but am now well on the road to recovery and expect to be out and about by the beginning of June.

I know that Mo appreciated the many calls she received enquiring of my well-being.

Thanks again.

*Mike Valentine*

### **Message from Ozzie**

Ozzie telephoned to say he wishes to thank all those that sent New Home Cards and Get Well cards that he has received, including the BIG Card (signed by all at the AGM) and he was touched by all the kind messages.

He hopes to be in his new abode on 18<sup>th</sup> May and is looking forward to the Tiptree Rally.

## Photo completion Results for National Rally 2012

### General

1)	D Fillingworth	(6608)	£15
2)	A King	(7611)	£10
3)	B Wellard	(1508)	£5

### Humorous

4)	P Hill	(5798)	£15
5)	T Pratt	(1081)	£10
6)	B Lockett	(6486)	£5

Thanks to everyone who entered the competition.

For 2013 – 2 categories but some changes.

### Set Subject

Up to 2 images to be entered that contain at least 1 Auto-Sleeper, taken off or on a Rally. Either 6"x 4" or 7" x 5"

### Open Subject

Up to 2 images to be entered and they can be of anything at all. Either 6" x 4" or 7" x 5"

### Overall Winner

By voting for the most popular image selected at the National with a prize of £10

A spot the difference competition will be held again in 2013 as it raised £45 from this year. Prize for the first correct entry drawn will be £10. Please remember to put correct postage on postal entries

*Jean Hollingsworth*

*Editors Note: Jean has given you early warning for this so get those cameras out this summer (when it arrives). I expect Jean will remind us nearer the National Date.*

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### **Burton on Trent Rally (Marston's)**

We would just like to say a big thank you to all those who attended the Burton Rally at the Albion Hotel, for your most generous contributions towards the Leukaemia charity fund. You raised the grand total of £65.00 over the weekend, which I handed in at the AGM. Our Great-grandson attended the cheque hand over at the AGM with his Granddad and Nanny, and had a great time running round seeing everybody. He is usually such a reserved little 3 year old that it was lovely to see his reactions with you all. Thanks again and hope you all enjoyed the Burton rally, it has been booked for next year.

*Ted Trish Jan and Vic*

# Technical Group & Website



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

## **National rally – Q&A Session:**

The Q&A session was attended by over 100 members and the questions and answers covered a wide range of topics. Brief notes are on the Stop Press page of the Website.

Our thanks go to Geoff Scott (CEO), David Williams (Sales Director), Alan Curry (Customer Relations), Brian Cross (Design & Development) and to Stanley McFarland (Whale Pumps), for tackling all the items raised and either answering there-and-then or visiting a few vans to try to resolve queries/problems individually.

## **Members' Discount with A~S & Marquis:**

May I remind members that the 10% members' discount, offered by Auto Sleepers and Marquis, is for 'fitted accessories' and 'habitation checks' only. It does not include the labour, repairs, replacements, layout changes, enhancements, bodywork and vehicle servicing. Also, you must present your membership card at the time of arrival; any quote previously given will not be honoured if the card is not presented.

## **Warranty Matters:**

I occasionally receive correspondence from members regarding motorhome quality issues, with the expectation/hope that the Club will pursue such concerns on their behalf. Although I am happy to receive such information, in case they are of a more generic nature, I must explain that the Club is not able, or mandated, to take up warranty claims on behalf of individual members, sorry.

The correct procedure for complaints is that they should be clearly identified and made direct to the supplying dealer. The dealers, and the company, have laid down procedures that will then be followed.

Please remember that when transferring a current warranty there is a formal process to be followed, which may include an administration fee. The transfer should also be completed as soon as possible.

### **'Fake' Auto Sleepers:**

Be a little wary if you, or any friends, are buying a pre-owned Auto Sleeper perhaps 'on the internet' or privately. The great majority will be genuine but there may be a few that are not - 3 on eBay at the moment!. The implication could be far reaching, including owners not being eligible for Club membership

If there is any doubt – check if there is an Auto Sleeper build number in the glove box, and also the van should be accompanied with genuine Auto Sleeper documentation. Always remember 'Caveat Emptor'.

### **A little more payload:**

I note that quite a few members, like us, do not find it necessary to use the motorhome steadies. I removed ours - giving another 19Kg of payload – always useful.

### **Electronic Tolls in Portugal:**

I previously raised the issue of the 'electronic only paying motorways' in Portugal and asked if anyone has experienced the new system if they could advise me. One member has kindly responded and has said that currently the cameras cannot read UK number plates! But continue to be wary.

### **Website Update No. 4/12 contains:**

- Rallies: Rally list & spreadsheet -  
Change of Wallingford rally dates
- Home page: Update of Newsletter paragraph and minor layout changes..
- AGM/National Rally: Summary & photos
- Committee: New honorary role & 2012 Committee, with associated roles
- Articles of Ass'n: Update to Article 45
- Stop press: Brief notes of the Auto Sleeper Q&A session.
- Technical: Update on the Technical Group members.
- Members' deals: A-S & Marquis updated

### **And finally:**

Mistakes are a great educator when one is honest enough to admit them and willing to learn by them.

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## **A Warm Welcome to New Members**

Alister Crichton	Bathgate	Legend
Stephen & Carol Aspery	Verwood	Topaz
Anne Beckett	Bury	Duetto
Javed Bhatti & Louise Holden	Hook	Sussex
John & Margaret Burnett	Gretna	Northants
Bryan & Brenda Fuller	Reading	Broadway
Barry & Doreen Golden	Bexhill-on-Sea	Northants
Andrew & Jean Howcroft	Skipton	Northants
Nik Kemp & Nikki Linfield	Banwell	Nuevo
Bill & Hazel Meads	Guernsey	Northants
Jeff & Lynn Murray	Grange-over-Sands	Executive
Brian & Lynn Reece	Newbury	Trooper
Kevin & Julia Thomasson	Poole	Broadway
Barry Webb & Valerie Jones	Lowestoft	Harmony
Stephen & Carole Wellman	Basingstoke	Cotswold
Clyde & Christine Campouser	Gosport	Sussex
Jack & Shirley Heathcote	Manchester	Dorset
Maggie Jelbert	Coombe Martin	Trident
Raymond & Carol Jenkins	Cinderford	Worcester
Rob & Linda Lee	Bacup	Lancashire
Ken & Sheila Shuttleworth	Preston	Executive
David & Lynne Hallas	Leeds	Nuevo

### **New Members Contd.**

Ray Taylor	Stoke-on-Trent	Gloucester
Adrian & Sarah Payne	Epsom	Nuevo
Harry & Ruth Brazendale	Northwich	Symbol
Colin & Catherine Westren	Ipswich	Broadway
John & Arlene Draycott	Wimborne	Eaton
Paul & Jenny Todd	St Neots	Rambler
Roger & Christine Brown	Crawley	Talisman
Duncan & Edna Munro	Nemphlar	Devon
David & Sarah Sloane	Blackpool	Windrush
Dennis & Kathleen Cooke	Newent	Sussex
Martin & Sharon Wyeth	Basingstoke	Cotswold
Michael & Vivien Meath	Barnoldswick	Kemerton
John & Annie Hudson	Faversham	
Andy & Pam Chapman	Longfield	Sussex
Brian Douthwaite & Margaret Sleema	Netheravon	Nuevo
Clive & Lynne Hiscock	Salisbury	Harmony
David & June Wendon	Manningtree	Executive
Peter & Anne Phillips	Blandford	Broadway
Michael & Rachel Amott	Sunderland	Lancashire
Walter Cook	Ebb Vale	Duetto
John & Elizabeth Higgins	Millom	Duetto

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