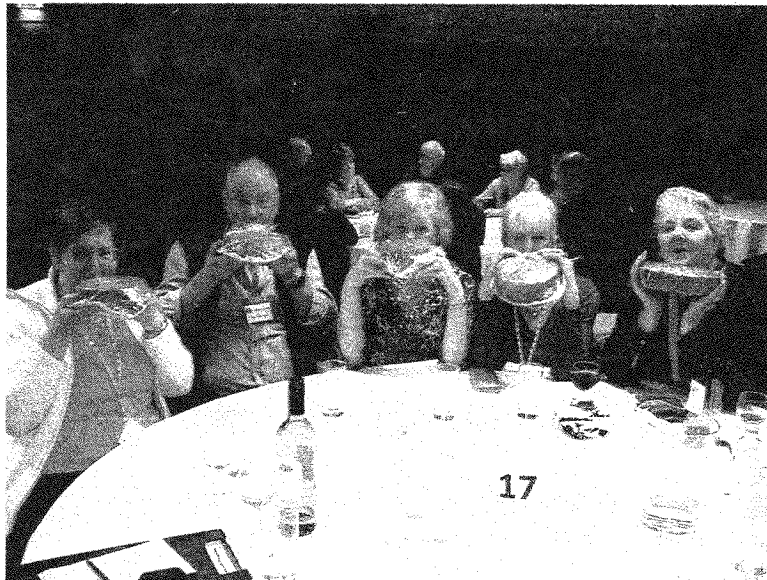




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**Some of the Winning Cakes at the  
AGM**

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# From the Deputy Editor

Well it's that time again and I'm back down here in the dungeons of ASOC towers. As you know we are under new management but it is still very damp, dank, and miserable down here among all the old files.

First I must welcome our new Editor who is enjoying himself playing with his new toy and I'm sure the newsletter under his guidance will go from strength to strength.

Unfortunately we were unable to make the AGM this year and by all accounts we really missed out. Kathleen and I were upset not to have seen you all at the national and hope to see you next year or better still to catch up with you at some rallies during the year.

Inside there are a few piccies to look at and for those plus the front cover photo it's thanks to Jean Hollingsworth.

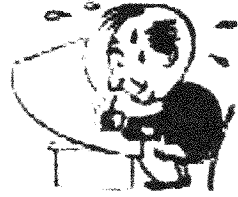
As David said I'm doing this and the August issues again but this was arranged with Peter so next year who knows. Other than that it's emergency cover but we certainly don't want that.

I would like to thank Jill for the "New Members" list and the "Vice-Chairman's Chat", filling in for Andy who is off covering the globe, Neil for the "Rally Supplement" and Baz for the "Technical Group and Website" **AND last but not least** the members for their contributions which are so vital for the production of the newsletter.

One little moan, I'm really struggling for articles which makes it a much harder job to do as I'm sure David would agree.

**The theme for August ASOC or not, let's have lots of piccies and stories of what you did for the Diamond Jubilee weekend even if it was walking the dog.**

## Vice-Chairman's Chat



I have just received an email from Dudley Woodhams, who as you will know, kindly steps in to give the Newsletter Editor a 'Summer Break' for the July and August editions. The Chairman, Andy Cavell suggested Dudley asked if I would do a 'Vice Chairman's Chat' as Andy is on holiday. (I note that Andy had left these shores before the suggestion reached me!)

'Thrown in at the deep end' springs to mind, but here goes...

I certainly appreciate the opportunity of being able to express how honoured I am to have been elected, by the Committee, as the first 'lady' Vice Chairman and I hope I will justify their confidence in me. I would also like to thank James for all his support, without which, I could not possibly do the job. You will no doubt have noticed that I am not a 'Vice Chairwoman' and certainly not a 'Vice Chair' – most uncomfortable! Incidentally, this appointment carries a very heavy price as we decided to invest in a brand new motorhome (an Auto-Sleeper, of course) and the order was placed with a Marquis agent as James was keen to save the cost of membership in 2013.

I do hope you were all able to enjoy the extended Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, a pity the weather was so awful, after such a glorious couple of weeks. Perhaps an Auto-Sleeper Cavalcade along The Mall would be warmer and dryer for the next celebration.

Glancing through the Rally Supplement I notice there is a really good selection of Rallies during the next few months and we are already looking forward to attending two in July, where we hope to see many of you.

Wishing you happy and safe travelling

**Jill Bertlin**

### **Draughty Fridges**

We were pleased to take up Dometic on their free offer to inspect fridges of vans newer than 3 years old whilst at the National Rally.

We had bought our new Nuevo Classic last September and were very pleased with it - particularly the quality of the insulation. Our 2001 Symbol had been our pride and joy and took us to many destinations in this country and on the continent. However, it was never the warmest van and there were always lots of draughts in it, depending on the direction of the wind. The Nuevo has had virtually no draughts - except one, just above the fridge. Due to our draughty experiences in the Symbol we accepted that in the Nuevo as just one of those things also. However, as soon as we heard about the Dometic offer we wanted to ask the engineer if he could do anything about it.

Fortunately the strong, cold breeze that usually whistles past Newark was up to its usual tricks and the engineer soon discovered that the fridge had been badly installed and that it had not been properly sealed at the top. He advised us not to

use the fridge on gas in case fumes from the vents came back into the van. Just by chance all our other camping venues since the Nuevo's purchase had hook-ups, so Newark was the first time we had used gas.

Luckily the cavalry, in the form of Auto-Sleeper staff attending the Technical Q and A session, came to the rescue. After the session Alan Curry from the Service Centre arrived at our van and confirmed the poor installation and offered to re-seal the fridge at Willersey if we cared to call in on our way home.

This we did and whilst we waited it was soon seen to.

Now we have no draughts and can sleep safe in our very comfortable Nuevo bed!

Alan Waugh

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Dear Auto Sleeper Club

Sadly, my husband John Hastings, passed away at the beginning of May and so I have been forced to sell our Auto-Sleeper VW Topaz and will therefore have to leave the club.

We have been members for a number of years, have enjoyed countless rallies and made many new friends. It was great exploring new venues and returning to old ones such as Topsham and Little Cotton in Dartmouth.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank all the Rally Marshalls for their sterling work and efforts to care for us and afford us the chance to have so many happy hours with our Topaz

So farewell and many thanks for all the happy memories.

Yours sincerely

Joan Hastings Membership no. 4415

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### **Dometic Fridge Servicing**

As you know Mike Valentine had been organising for this servicing to be carried out at the National Rally but was unable to attend, and I was volunteered. This servicing was carried out by the local Dometic Service Agent Phil Lorriman at a slightly reduced price and he dealt with about 24 members and changed about 6 burners and jets due to bad rusting. These require regular servicing to avoid poor performance and poor combustion, and you know what that means.

My Fridge stopped working properly last year on a Rally and food got spoilt (the first clue as heat was still coming out of the flue). I decided to get it serviced at home as there was only one day left. The local Dometic service agent was found (Yellow pages) and charged £60 plus new parts (and he had a 60 mile round trip to get to me. He was amazed it had lasted 12 years (not serviced at all!). I have to admit that I thought the fridge seemed not to be cooling properly and turned the thermostat down! They service Electrolux fridges too, as that was the starting point for Dometic who have retained the service engineer concept.

Some of the others on the Rally had not been checked for 5-7 years and were similarly affected. So any member who has not had a service done (in the last 2-5 years) would be well advised to book a local service whilst at home

Remember rusting of burners is affected by a number of issues.

Dometic Company also sent an Engineer to do a free 3 year safety check on all vehicles that were sold after January 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 and had 4 vehicles to check out. This service is only provided at National Rallies of participating clubs. Alan Waugh was asked to switch his fridge off as it was incorrectly fitted and AVS corrected this at Willersley on the way home. This proves how useful this service is and could avoid a fatality!

Regarding Thetford fridges, it appears that you have to take your motorhome to a local service agent (which could be at your local caravan dealer). Check the Thetford Europe website for your nearest agent and give them a ring or try Yellow pages.

There is, of course, the Auto-Sleeper Service Centres and Dealerships.

David Mayne

Charles Trevelyan has asked me to pass on his thanks to all concerned in making the National Rally weekend such fun. He said it was wonderful to meet so many old friends and to have the opportunity of sharing each others news.

Al Buckett.

# Rally News

**Dep Ed**

**Please Note:** The Fort Paull rally cost should read £6 per night instead of £7

**Please Note:** The Hunstanton Rally is no longer fully booked so get a move on to book the available spaces

The following details were sent to me unfortunately after Neil had left the country. Brian has put a deposit down as is usual but has to have numbers by October so that the site can offer vacant pitches to the general camping population. So this is a preliminary entry

Sedgemoor Carnival Rally  
Burnham On Sea Holiday Village  
Burnham On Sea, Somerset.  
Friday 9th to Tuesday 13th November  
Carnival is on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November.  
No dogs allowed, site rules

**Rally starts from 10 am Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, no early arrivals please.**

Full facility Haven site.

75 touring pitches provisionally booked.

There are 47 hard standing pitches and 28 Grass pitches.

Usual rules apply, first to book are hard standing, remainder to grass.

Note: All level pitches with electric hook up and are accessed

by tarmac roads.

Disabled or special needs please indicate on rally slip.

We hope to have our usual coach trip to Clarks Village of Street on Saturday for retail therapy and Christmas shopping. Fireworks display Sunday and the Carnival on Monday evening.

Burnham town is a 10 minute walk up the prom from the site and has a nice range of shops pubs eating places, plus Supermarkets and a long beach (about 7 miles).

Monday night is not your average town carnival, as many will testify. There are floats decked out with thousands of lights, some moving displays some tapestry and many walking entrants in between. The whole carnival parade can take about 2 hours

For those who have never seen this spectacular event, visit [highbridgeandburnhamcarnival.org.uk](http://highbridgeandburnhamcarnival.org.uk) (*all lower case*) *click pictures*

Please Indicate On Rally Slip if you are interested in Saturday Coach trip at about £ 4.00 per person at 9.30 am and 11.30 am

DO NOT send these payments with your slip

Site fee £62.50 and rally fee of £2.50 (inc. vat) before October 1st please. Note: cheques will not be cashed until Oct 5th

**Total: - £65.00 Send full payment with Rally slips and "A Stamp Addressed Envelope", OR, clearly written e- mail address, for confirmation to**

Rally Marshall: - Brian Ellis,  
52 Golf Links Road, Burnham on Sea, Somerset, TA8 2PP

Phone . . 01278 784 524 home with answer phone  
E mail, [ell.ba82@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ell.ba82@yahoo.co.uk)  
Emergency only Mobile 07711 375 323

**Directions** (Sat Nav.Use TA8 1NQ and look for Holiday Village signs)

M5 junction 22, Burnham on Sea exit. To the large island (Edithmead A38), turn Left and follow signs for Burnham Holiday village, (Taunton A38).

Approx. one mile, straight over island (A38). Continue past caravan sales, over railway bridge then turn right at the Asda island sign posted Burnham Holiday village. To mini island by petrol station, bear left onto Marine drive towards Burnham town centre. Holiday village about a quarter of a mile on the left.

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### **ASOC – DARTMOUTH Music Festival RALLY 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

56 members in 28 vans attended this year, the longest travelled being Liz and Gavin Fox from Dalbeattie, Kirkcudbrightshire who were touring in the South West. The arrival day dawned wet and very windy, just as it had been overnight and stayed that way all day.

Thinking of the grass, fortunately the site owners were able to make available a good number of their hard standings for the heavier vans, and requested that the lighter vans only be sited on grass pitches. The marshals got a good soaking that Thursday but overnight relief came at day-break with sunshine and only a light breeze.

It remained like that for the Music Festival period ending Sunday evening. Members got out and about making the most of the favourable weather and visited the town and festival shows which included the Military Wives Choir singing at The Bandstand for half an hour on Friday evening. On Saturday many visited the Britannia RN College to enjoy its open day and see the RM Band beating retreat on the parade ground. When they are not serving overseas they are a regular feature on the open day. Other things to do included boat trips at much reduced prices by the Greenway



## July 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.

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.**

### 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, Pylon 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 - 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

Emergency Tel.No. Marshalls' 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 pcb7ly@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** Rally Marshalls: Mike & Heather Tucker. Telephone No 01945 581618

Emergency Tel No 07879 643988 or 07796 445176 .

**VACANCIES**

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

Emergency Telephone No. 07754 761423 ( Marshals 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 , 70 Charnwood Crescent, Chandlers Ford, Hampshire SO53 5QL. Telephone: 023 8026 7294 Mobile 07754 761423. together with **SAE** or your **e-mail address** for confirmation and directions.

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 mi 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, Alresford, Alton, and various other destinations.

Places of interest: - At Alresford 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 Paull Rally near Kingston upon Hull, East Yorkshire, HU12 8FP.**

Rally Marshalls: Jean and Dave Hollingsworth.

Site fee: £6.00 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 01482572682 / 07879716576. Please enclose S.A.E. or provide e-mail address, for map and directions. Fort Paull 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, N**

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

**RALLY FULLY BOOKED.**

**Directions:** From Scarborough on A171, on entering Whitby, after lay-by and 30mph. sign, turn left into Eskdale Road and the school is on the left. From Guisborough or Pickering on A171, enter Whitby and continue on the Scarborough road, cross the new Esk Bridge and continue up the hill to the top, Stainsacre Lane. Eskdale Road is on the right, before the industrial estate. Post code YO22 4HS. **Limit of 25 vans.**

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> –Sun 26<sup>th</sup> August 2012 (5 nights) Topsham Rugby Club, Topsham Nr. Exeter Devon.**

Emergency Tel No. 07890876859 (marshal's mobile).

Rally marshals Elizabeth & Bryn Morgan 44 Mersey Road Stockport SK4 3DJ. Home Tel. 0161 432 4869 assisted by Val & Robin Gardner and Jean & John Gutsell.

Site fees: £8.50 per night. Rally fee: £4.00 for couples = £46.50. £2.00 for singles = £44.50.

This is a **GREEN FIELD SITE** (no electricity). We will be able to use the club's toilet facilities during the day. We plan to devise a roster so we can use the club's communal shower room (very basic). Dogs are allowed but they must be on a lead at all times and exercised off the site.

**NB** Please say on rally slip if you are bringing a dog as you will have to be sited on the car park.

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

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

Please send cheques to the address above payable to B. Morgan together with a rally slip and stamped self-addressed envelope. Directions and confirmation of booking will then be sent to you. Possible limit of 35 vans.

**6th-9th. September The Motorhome Show,Shepton Mallett,Somerset.**

Emergency Tel.No. 0777 557 0182 Marshals' mobile.

Rally Marshals: Jan & Vic Hicklin,Eirwen & Ben Cox. & Margaret & Bob Cleaver.

Site Fee: Special Club prices. Arrive Thursday £38.00 Friday onwards £33.00.

Rally Fee:£2.35.Send rally fee with rally slip & SAE for Show application form to Mrs. J. Hicklin,381 Manor Road, Brimington,Chesterfield,Derbyshire.S43 1PP.Tel.No. 01246 236 157 **by 21st.August.** Show application forms to be returned to the organisers,Stone Leisure,by **28th.August.**

**10th.-15th. September ( 5 nights).Unity Holiday Resort,Brean Sands,Somerset.**

Unity Holiday Resort is a full facility site in an area well worth exploring.

An ideal follow on rally from The Royal Bath and West Show Ground at Shepton Mallet as Brean is just 26 miles from the showground or just take it as a September break.

Brean is ideal for walking with 7 miles of beach, plus the Brean Downs, also cycling . There are busses to Burnham On Sea and Weston Super Mare.

Dogs are welcome on this site.

Site fee £56.00 includes electric hook up and club passes. £2.50 Rally Fee .

**Total: - £58.50 Send full payment with Rally slips and "A Stamp Addressed Envelope",**

**OR, clearly written e- mail address, for confirmation to Brian Ellis 52 Golf Links Road,Burnham On Sea,Somerset TA8 2PP.Phone : 01278 784524. ell.ba82@yahoo.co.uk**

**Directions.** Post Code TA8 2RB M5 to Jct 22 Burnham On Sea.Cross straight over A38 heading Burnham On Sea, Cross Tesco Island, then at mini island, turn right Berrow /Brean. Follow this road about 4 miles, to Brean, site is on the right. Yellow field.

**10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September (3 nights) The Woods CP, Alva, Clackmannanshire.**

Emergency Tel. No. 07891104186 or 07969312703 (marshals' mobiles).

Rally Marshals: Moira & Allan Blackstock.

Site Fees: £15.00 per night with or without hook-up .Rally Fees £3.00 couples £1.50 singles.

Booking slip & cheque payable to M. Blackstock, 39 Sumpter Croft, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 9UJ.

Attractions: Tranquil but central location. Perth, Edinburgh, Stirling and Glasgow within easy reach. Good walking, cycling and historical area.

Retail therapy nearby (within walking distance for the fit) at Sterling Mills Outlet Village. Area and season not renowned for MIDGIES but no guarantee given.  
SAE please for confirmation and directions.

**14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> September (3nights) Belhaven Bay CP, Dunbar, East Lothian.**

Emergency tel. No. 07891104186 or 07969312703 (marshals' mobiles).

Rally Marshals: Moira & Allan Blackstock.

Site Fees: With hook-up £15.00 per night. Without hook-up £12.00 per night. Rally Fees £3.00 couples £1.50 singles.

Booking slip & Cheque payable to M Blackstock, 39 Sumpter Croft, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 9UJ.

Attractions: Located in the John Muir Country Park. Beach, bird watching, and the countryside is ideal for walks or hunt for fossils at Barns Ness. The harbour town of Dunbar, which boasts a 'tropical' leisure pool, is close by and is approximately 28 miles to either Edinburgh or Berwick upon Tweed. SAE please for confirmation and directions.

**20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2012 (4 nights) Bridge Villa Camping Wallingford Oxon.**

Address:- Crowmarsh Gifford, Wallingford, Oxon. OX10 8HB. Tel 01491 836793.

Rally marshals:- John & Jan Geeson and Phil & Shelagh West.

Tel numbers:- John 01491 641776 mob:-07785932348.e-mail:- john.geeson@talktalk.net

Site fees:- £14.00 p/night inclusive (£56.00 for 4 nights) plus £2.50 rally fee. £1.75 singles.

Send application slip & cheque made payable to J Geeson, 20 Bradley Road, Huntercombe, Nuffield, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon. RG9 5SG. Include SAE for confirmation and directions or e-mail address for same. Meal available Saturday night, please indicate on booking slip if interested.

Dogs allowed on leads at all times. Dog exercising along river.

Attractions: - Wallingford is a small historic market town on the River Thames with frequent buses to Oxford, Reading and Henley-on-Thames. (Bus stop 500 yds from site). Close to town centre with supermarket, various shops and eateries. Didcot railway centre 6 miles, buses from Wallingford town centre. Thames path walks and cycling, castle gardens and museum. Dame Agatha Christie walking trail and location for Midsomer Murders. Please do not arrive before noon on 20<sup>th</sup>. Rally finishes 12 noon on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**20th.-23rd. September. The Motorhome Show, Season Finale, Lincoln Showground.**

Emergency Tel.No. 07922049714.

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

Please use the booking form enclosed in the July Newsletter if possible.If you use a form from other magazines please mark the form ASOC and note the *special Club site*

*fees:Arrive Thursday:£40, arrive Friday £37, arrive Saturday £34.All bookings for the Saturday evening entertainment must be made with Warners when returning the application form to the organisers, by Monday 3rd.September, if you wish to rally with the Club.\*\*\*\*\*Then you must also complete a Club rally slip. (this also applies to internet bookings).* Return it,with the Rally Fee of £2.50 couples,£1.70 singles

to: N.C. & P. Rogers, 3 Appleby Close,Aldbrough St.John,Richmond, North Yorks.DL11 7TT  
Tel.No.01325 374540.Cheques made payable to N.C. & P.Rogers.

Please collect the Club rally information pack from the A.S.O.C. marshal before parking

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

**24<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 ( 7 Nights ) Autumn in Dartmouth at Little Cotton Caravan Park Dartmouth. TQ6 0LE**

Why not come and join us for 7 nights now all the holiday makers have gone home, and enjoy all that this area has to offer.

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

Site fees £13.00 per night, inclusive of electric. Rally Fee £5.

Send your application slips and a cheque for £96.00 payable to Rita Tubb together with **SAE or E-mail address** for reply and directions to 70 Charnwood Crescent, Chandlers Ford, Hampshire, SO53 5QL. Telephone No. 023 8026 7294 or Mobile 07754 761423.

The site has excellent facilities, inc. disabled.

Dogs are welcome but **must** use the doggy walk, and be kept on a lead at all times whilst on site. The area has a good bus service, down into Dartmouth or venture further afield to Kingbridge, Totnes, Torquay.

You can cross the ferry to Kingswear and catch the steam train to Paignton, or the bus to Brixham. You can enjoy a boat trip up the River Dart to Totnes or out to sea.

There are also various NT properties in the area to visit. Remember to bring your Bus Pass.

**Please do not arrive before noon on the day of the rally.** If you wish to extend your stay either before or after the rally please contact the site direct on 01803 832558.

**27th. - 30th. ( 3 nights ) Marsden Cricket Club, Huddersfield. HD7 6NN.**

Marshal's mobile: 07799591550.

Rally Marshals: Yvonne & Stuart Wood & Rae & Philip Gledhill

Site Fee: £6.00 per night. Rally Fee: £1.50 singles, £2.50 couples. GREENFIELD Site.

Please send cheque to Yvonne Wood, 26 Burton Acres Way, Highburton, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire. HD8 0RF. Tel. No. 01484604133.

**Attractions:** Room at night with bar, toilets. On main bus route & Call a Ride. Canal & moorland walks, canal trips through Stanage Tunnel into Lancashire. Local pub with own brewery and good food. One night there will be a meal at the cricket club, please indicate if interested.

**Directions:** From Huddersfield take A62 for Oldham. In about 9 miles in Marsden New Inn on right. Take first left (Fall Lane). At roundabout turn right (Mount Road). Cricket Club ¼ mile on left. **Limit 25 vans.**

**3rd.-8th. October ( 5 nights ) A.C.C.E.O. National Rally, Lickhill Manor C.P., Stourport on Severn. DY13 8RL**

This year ASOC will be the organizing group on behalf of the ACCEO Committee

Rally Marshals: for the ASOC area Liz Irvin & Jeanne Hall. Emergency Tel. No. 07711271568 (Marshal's mobile).

The rally field is a GREENFIELD site, own toilets recommended, **NO Electricity.**

**Attractions:** The rally field is by the River Severn and there is a short walk along the riverbank to Stourport on Severn with a variety of eating places. There is a convenience shop by the site entrance a short walk from the rally field. Entertainment is available Friday & Saturday nights, Sunday morning grand raffle.

Costs per unit: Friday & Saturday £18. add, if required, Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday nights £7.15 per night.

Weekend entertainment pass (valid for Friday & Saturday evenings) £10.00 per person. Admission to the marquee on Friday & Saturday will be by entertainment pass only.

All ASOC bookings are made by the rally marshal on one special form. **The closing date is 31st. August.** Please include your rally slip, the overall length of your unit and if you will be using an awning. Please also state if you will be bringing a car or trailer. Booking slips & cheques for rally & entertainment Mrs. E. Irvin, 43 School Lane, Kirk Ella, Hull, East Yorkshire. HU10 7NP. Tel. No. 01482 658345. Cheques payable to Mrs. E. Irvin by **31st. August.**

**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**

**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.**

Is this your first ASOC rally? Please tick box. Yes  No

Number of people in your van: Adults..... Children.....

Adults' names (Incl. forenames).....

Childrens' names (incl. ages).....

Cheque enclosed for £..... for..... nights incl. rally fee.

Extras: Please indicate which you would like, if available: \_

Electricity: Yes  No  Evening meal: Yes  No

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

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Full payment **MUST** accompany this slip-cheques payable to the marshal.  
**POST FORM TO REACH MARSHAL 14 DAYS BEFORE EVENT,if possible.**  
Enclose a SAE if confirmation is required.

Ferry vessels going to and from Totnes for a one way fare of £2 (normally £12) and a one hour harbour trip for a pound. These fares apply for May only; there is a price war going on and the Western Lady boats are running cheaply between Brixham and Torquay. A number of ralliers took advantage of these concessions. Steam trains and the buses were the other popular means of getting about.

It being the Queens Diamond Jubilee year the members were invited, without obligation, to decorate their vehicles as they felt inclined. Those who took part produced a host of red, white and blue flags, bunting and many photos of the Queen on flags of varying size. The show was judged by site staff who felt there should be joint winners, namely Mr & Mrs Vic Baughan and Mr & Mrs Alan Hurst. Each received a bottle of red wine on our final evening together.

After the weekend the weather turned quite windy and cold but not a lot of rain until departure day, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>, when some showers came to see us all off.

Because of the cold wind we did not have the usual social evenings as in the past to provide hot drinks for get-togethers as it was too darned uncomfortable to stand around outside. Many of us much enjoyed the fish & chip supper brought up from The Frying Pan in Dartmouth on Monday evening at 5 PM. Wednesday evening again at 5PM, and to get out of the wind, we met in the shelter of the hedge on the far side of the field, for a cream tea provided by the marshals, followed by the quiz answers and the Draw. Thanks were expressed to all for attending in support of the rally and to those members who had assisted with help in selling raffle tickets, serving teas and coffee and in any way at all where help was required. The rally was concluded with the wish that everyone had a safe onward journey to home or wherever they were going. Our 'goodbyes' were expressed with the hope we may meet again on another rally field in future.

This was the first seven night rally covering the Music Festival (three days at week- end) and all things considered we were generally lucky with the weather other than on arrival day and the cold wind after the weekend but that did not stop members enjoying themselves with all Dartmouth and the area had to offer.

Jill & Richard McAllister

# Technical Group & Website



## Breathalyser for France:

Mentioned before, in the last 2 Newsletters, has been the need to carry a breathalyser kit for driving in France. Having just bought mine (Halfords £4.99) I notice that there is an expiry date of about 2 years, so watch the date! The same goes for other items e.g. EHIC.

## Truma Heater:

At the recent Q&A session, at the National Rally, questions were asked why the Truma heater was cutting out in the windy conditions at both the Peterborough and the National rallies. Geoff Scott (CEO) has further commented as follows:

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*"Under exceptional circumstances it is possible for pressure differentials at the under floor air intake and the roof exhaust terminal (flue) to overcome the normal draught that normally clears the products of combustion from the heat exchanger.*

*This always occurs in gusty windy conditions and results in either the flame being blown out or going out because of a lack of oxygen caused by slowing down the normal draft; in either case the heater senses this and attempts to reignite the burner.*

*If the flame was blown out it will almost always reignite immediately without any problems because there is plenty of airflow but if the cause was a slowing down or stopping of the*

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*normal draught it often fails to reignite because the thermocouple cuts the gas supply off before normal oxygen levels can be re-established inside the combustion chamber. It is then necessary to wait a few minutes to allow the combustion chamber to clear before attempting to relight the fire."*

A solution is the fitting of a short flue extension which, Neil Rogers has kindly advised, is available from Truma - Part No. 30010-2080.

### **Members' Deals:**

Motor Plus Motorhomes, an authorised A~S Dealer in Derby, have kindly agreed to offer special deals for members. Details can be found at [http://www.motor-plus.co.uk/auto\\_sleepers\\_owners\\_club.html](http://www.motor-plus.co.uk/auto_sleepers_owners_club.html) . Full details will also be included on the 'Deals for Members' page on the Club Website at the next update.

### **Ideas Sheets:**

No. 221      Replace fluorescent tubes with LEDs:

No. 222      Improved Truma freshwater filling.

Perhaps our newer members are not aware of the simple process to pass on their ideas to other members. If you think that other members might be interested in your improvement, please take notes and photos and send them to me and I'll prepare them as Ideas Sheets, for review by Auto~Sleepers.

Over 11,000 Ideas Sheets have now been issued so there is always an interest and often the simplest of ideas are the best.

Ideas sheets are free and can be sent as either email

attachments or by SAE.

### **Fuel Statistics:**

As you may be aware there is a comprehensive guide to fuel economy for most A~S models/chassis on the Technical Page of the Club website. However there is a lack of information on the more recent Euro 1V & V compliant vehicles.

If you do, or can, keep a log perhaps you could send me the information you have collated, please. Ideally details should include: - mpg; model; engine size; chassis make; mileage; membership number.

### **Website Update No. 05/12, dated 1<sup>st</sup> June, contained:**

- **Rallies:**
- Rally report and photographs of the Dartmouth rally
- **Stop press:**
- Update on Q&A session at the National Rally
- **Technical:** Ideas Sheets 221 & 222

### **AGM & National:**

Update on the final charity donation of £1839

### **And finally:**

Don't worry if you're a kleptomaniac . . . you can always take something for it!

## Welcome to New Members



John & Diane Whiteford	Bristol	Nuevo
Denis & Karen Bird	Nr Gainsborough	Trident
Anthony & Pamela Barton	Poole	Ravenna
Jeffrey & Christine Goddard	Nelson	Nuevo
Stephen Le Vine & Sybil Bannass	Eastbourne	Executive
Philip & Nicola Oldfield	Dewsbury	Worcester
Graham Watson & Taylor Watson	Bedford	Broadway
John & Val Wright	Ferndown	Sigma
Graham & Sue Webb	Lymington	Pollensa
Ray & Pat Wilkinson	Barnoldswick	Gloucester
Bill & Margaret Ashton	Liverpool	Cotswold
David & Linda Clemson	Wolverhampton	Broadway
Doug & Jen Malbut	Tamworth	Nuevo
Jonathan Phillips	Keighley	Trident
Sydney & Jacqueline Wesley	Worcester	Dorset
Nigel & Wendy Blackburn	Edenbridge	Topaz
Graham Bramley & Valerie Bramley	Chichester	Worcester
Graham & Louise Lewin	Paignton	Lancashire
Colyn Burkill & Jill Chivers	King's Lynn	Rienza
Keith & Patricia Hall	Folkestone	Duetto
Sylvia Lockwood	Pontefract	Nuevo
David & Christine Turver	Ipswich	Broadway
Michael & Beryl Mansbridge	Kendal	Topaz
David & Vicky Sears	Darwen	Cotswold
Tony Watters & Janet Trethewey	Plymouth	Topaz
Rhys & Mel Beynon	West Horsley	Topaz

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Ivor & Linda Preece	Newport	Topaz
Jukka & Melanie Kovero	Co Dublin	Hampshire
Eileen Holland & Carol Edwards	Stevenage	Devon
Roger & Sheila Pullen	Midhurst	Pescara
Pete & Anne Rae	Gretna	Sussex
Stephen & Jackie Hale	Frinton-on-Sea	Cotswold
Claudette Evans	Bournemouth	Trooper
Ian & Lynn Godwin	Leyburn	Topaz
John & Jenny Parkin	Northampton	Symbol
Peter & Ann Briggs	Eastbourne	Broadway
Christopher & Marie Ann Sykes	Huntingdon	Stanton
Geoffrey & Joyce Reed	Cambridge	Nuevo
Paul & Pamela Sunderland	Morton-in-Marsh	Executive
Patricia Vince	Ipswich	Duetto

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### Charity 2012

The following is an extract from a letter I received from Jonathan Andrews Director of Fundraising Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research,

"I want to thank you for your generous donation of £1,837. I know from James Bardsley how much effort has been put in your events and we are extremely grateful for your continued support. Your support will help fund our life-saving research. Thank you again for your support.

### Regalia (Flags)

We have had a few Members enquiring if we could get a flag with the A.S.O.C Badge on. Well I have found a company that will do one.

Examples are:-

1/2 yard 45cmx22cm £11.40 + del (10)

3/4 yard 68cmx34cm £18.73 + del (10)

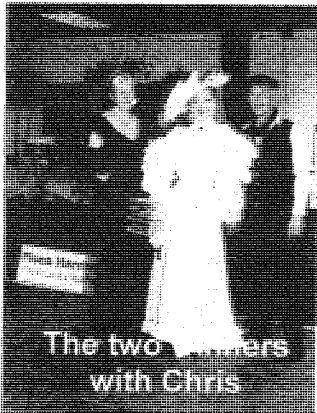
1 yard 91cmx45cm £33.17 + del (10)

All the above are Roped & Toggled

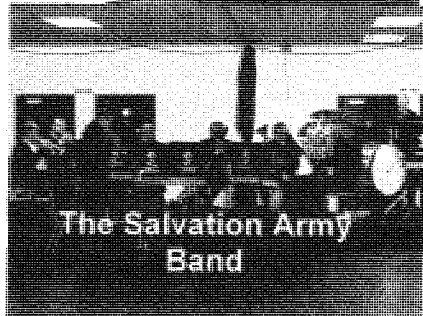
These will have to be Specially ordered and in quantities of 10 as shown, so I will have to have orders in those numbers, and a deposit will be required. So please phone me if interested and I will take your details. If there are enough for any of the above I will order them.

John Jones (Regalia Officer)

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*Pictures  
from  
the  
AGM*



## Windmill Power

Last year shortly before we went to Cartmel rally I purchased a wind turbine from Maplins. Instead of the more usual propeller this is an upright with scallops to catch the wind which could be used at full size or half size for strong winds. It is also fitted with all the usual protection such as back feeding from the battery and a controller that protects the battery from over charging.

The idea was to eliminate the need for a generator and charge my wheelchair from a converter (supplying the charger) supplied by the leisure battery, this being recharged by the windmill. Great idea in theory we always have a wind don't we? Nope we don't, only when I don't need it. The wind generator needs a fairly strong wind to charge batteries and from my first trial at Cartmel the wind didn't really blow at all, just as well we had a hook up as well.

All this was very disappointing but not a complete disaster. How did the wind generator redeem itself, well if hooked up at home when the motorhome is not being used it will keep the vehicle battery charged and swapped over to the leisure battery at regular intervals so that all batteries are looked after perfectly at no cost of electricity. The wind genny is easily powerful enough for this, keeping pace with alarms, clocks etc. and over longer periods of time (not short periods like rallies) we can just about guarantee to get the wind to drive it.

The whole set-up including a specialized mounting pole came to less than £150, this being considerably less than solar panels and much smaller. Pity about the irregular wind but it is much more pleasant without it but as you can see all was not wasted.

To finish all the people I have spoken to say that my generator does not bother them but if you are one that feels it does you have my sincere apologies but I can assure you that I run it as little as possible and only to charge my powered wheelchair which is vital for me to get on with my life as you do.

Dudley Woodhams 5658



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your donations**

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