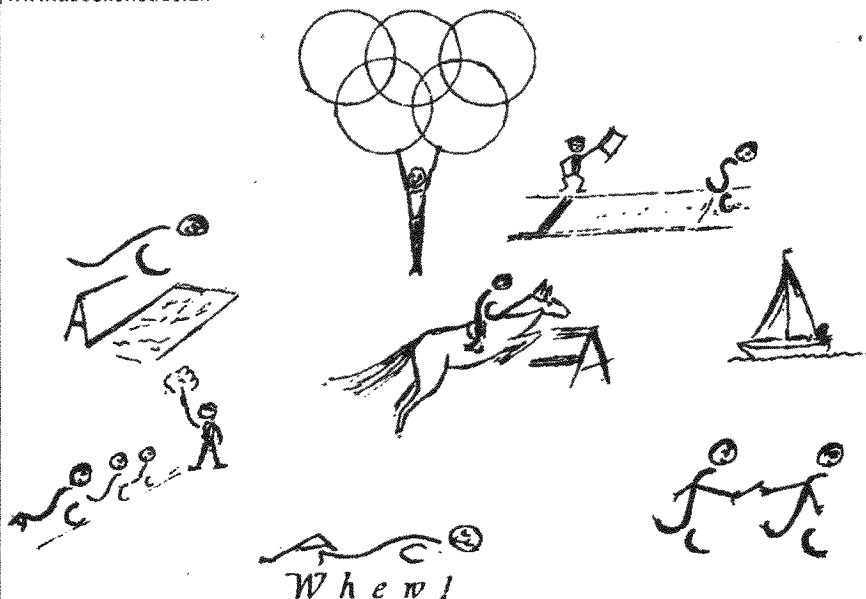


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**NEWSLETTER No: 287
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From the Deputy Editor

Well, hi again!! You've guessed it, ASOC Towers is suffering the same weather as you and surprise surprise it is absolutely running water down here in the dungeons, Ha and the boss is off enjoying himself.

I have to say that I was really disappointed with lack of Jubilee stories but pleased with your response with other articles so please keep it up, David gets so tetchy when he has nothing on the spike as they say. Please note front page all copy to David in future, yes I've come to the end of my little run and sure you are all upset: not.

Jubilee, well we were rather restricted because my wheelchair decided it was time to retire at six years old, you all know I don't treat them gently, so I was awaiting my new one on this special weekend. Yes my supplier did lend me one but he didn't realize the batteries were shot. Kathleen normally cycles on a Monday morning and I thought this was an ideal time to try some of these routes in my loan chair. So this particular weekend we did manage a couple of very interesting walks limited to about 3 or 4 miles and then nursing the batteries to get back home, all very nerve wracking. We sat and watched the procession of boats up the Thames which brought back a lot of memories and we found very interesting, the different craft, how London has changed in the last 40+ years and the stamina of the Queen and Duke was amazing. We wish we had that sort of energy or was it sheer determination, either way pretty fantastic. We did our bit and drank many many toasts to the Queen and put in so much effort a little sleep was appropriate now and again.

Now that I hand back the mantle to David I would like to thank you all for your support, assure you that if your article has not appeared it will be sent to Dave and it will make it. Kathleen and myself are planning on going to Litchfield Fort Paul and Whitby so SEE YER.

Come on members do your stuff!

W reg Autosleeper Symphony I'm having great difficulty finding spares for gears especially 2nd! Has anyone had similar problems or have any contacts/bright ideas? Have spoken to Autosleepers and Peugeot with no luck.

Hoping someone may know something! Many thanks,
Peter Gray Member No 6558 01372275106

In reply

We have an Auto Sleeper Kemerton purchased from Marquis in Tewkesbury June 2011. We too noticed rusty wheel nuts and showed this to the local Peugeot dealer in Llanelli, South Wales. I am not sure how old Alistair and Val's Broadway is and whether it still falls within the Peugeot warranty, however the wheel nuts should fall under the auspices of Peugeot and not Auto Sleeper as they form part of the chassis. In our case Peugeot agreed to replace the wheel nuts on all four wheels.

David and Diane Wilson-Evans

To all ralliers.

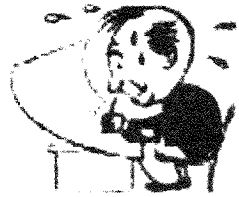
Marshals have asked me to point out that ralliers must put an emergency contact Tel.No. on their rally slips. In the event of an emergency, this number will be required by the marshal, police or health authorities.

Will all ralliers also try to write their e- mail address as clearly as possible to enable the marshal to contact them, if necessary.

I will be looking to change the layout of the rally slip to give more space for this address.

Neil Rogers.

Chairman's Chat



Okay, so I have to start with an apology this month. It appears that in my enthusiasm to rush off to the Austrian Rally I may just have overlooked the need to tell Jill that I had volunteered her to write something for the newsletter! Sorry Jill and thanks for filling the gap.

The rally at Zell was a great success and all those who attended had a great time thanks to the hard work put in by Liz and Jeanne. On a personal note, Angie and I would like to thank all the ralliers for their good wishes (and alcohol!) to celebrate our Ruby wedding anniversary which occurred during the rally. It was a very special way to celebrate our big day.

On the subject of rallies, I am concerned that all the stories about who can or can't run a rally seem to have resurfaced and are in danger of gaining credence. I want to make it clear that any member of the club can run a rally and that Neil Rogers our rally co-ordinator will be delighted to supply all the information you will need. Members of the committee will be happy to assist if you wish but that is not a requirement. My only suggestion is that it might be a good idea to attend one or two rallies before you run one yourself – just to get a flavour for how they work.

A glance at the rally programme for 2012 shows that there are more rallies than ever but look deeper and you will find that there are less people running them. The club is indeed fortunate to have a group of people who are willing to give up their time and effort to run rallies for us but this situation cannot continue. So the challenge is there for all members – and particularly those who attend rallies regularly - to have a go. It really isn't difficult; it will only take a few hours to prepare and the time to attend the rally yourself. You can be sure you will get a place!

Finding a site isn't difficult – both the big club's rally almost every weekend and they are bound to use a site near you. Our exemption certificate limits us to a maximum of five nights but that doesn't mean every rally has to last five nights. Some marshals choose to provide meals or entertainment but that is not necessary, nor is a handy bus stop.

Many local tourist attractions have spare land – such as overflow car parks which are not needed most of the year and are ideal for our purpose. Approach them for out of season use and they will bite your hand off for all those extra visitors. The whole point of this sort of rally would be to visit the attraction so three nights would be plenty and off site activities become irrelevant. Nor does the rally have to be huge. The size of some venues will dictate a limit on numbers and that is fine.

So just a few thoughts to hopefully inspire you to action. Don't forget to check dates and venue with Neil before you make a booking and I'm sure he'll give you all the help you need. I look forward to him complaining that he is being rushed* off his feet by potential rally marshals!

Hi I would like to comment on an article in the July newsletter.

"I noticed the word "Topaz" in the July newsletter and settled to read the article. I was saddened to find that Joan Hastings' husband had died and she had been "forced to sell the Auto-Sleeper". There may have been many reasons, but I wondered whether, if she had not driven it, she felt unable to take up the challenge. I do urge widows to try using the van even if they have doubts, and not give up on their hobby. I was in Chesterfield on a site when my husband was taken ill and I had never driven our Topaz, but I had to get it home. I was amazed to find how soon I felt confident driving it to Solihull and I even backed it into the drive - just a bit tricky. I do urge wives to drive the motorcaravan from time to time. You never know if accident or illness when you are away will force you to drive it when you are already distressed.

After twelve years I still have an Auto-Sleeper but my present problem is that people tell me "How brave you are!" It ages me considerably. Grr.

Rita Daley"

A follow-up from a November? Article

The story of our Harmony appeared in the Newsletter last November (if my memory is correct) and since then the Harmony has had a busy time. There have been some days out on the odd sunny day (still waiting for a few more) as well as shopping trips, school runs, small furry animal rescue runs and occasional long journeys.

The first job was to establish an ownership trail which was achieved with the help of DVLA form V888 (£5). I wrote to all the owners for information and got a reply from one in Oxfordshire who had the Harmony for around 3 years. I assume all the others had either moved or didn't want the hassle from a total stranger. The Oxford owner kindly filled in some gaps and even sent some photos. So, if a Mark Harrison from West London (2002), Yvonne Boyd from Chorley (2009) and Peter Dakin from Barnsley (2010) are reading this I'd love to hear from you at terry_hammond1@yahoo.co.uk.

The VOSA website had all the MOT's from 2006 listed as well as any advisories (which aren't always included with MOT's in FSH's) which also led to some garage contacts for service histories. The administrator for Discovery Leisure was particularly helpful as he restores old cars and was on my wavelength. It's worth noting that garages under the "Retail Motor Industry Federation (RMI)" banner are bound to keep service histories for 7 years.

Peugeot UK were able to tell me when the Boxer left the SEVEL factory April '98, and Alan at Auto-Sleeper spares was able to let me know when the Harmony went through their QC department, June '98. I was shocked to find out that there was a 9 month gap before it came to us as 'new', April '99, having spent its first winter 'standing somewhere' ! I'm not surprised there were gear selection issues at the time and reluctance on Peugeot's part to properly resolve those issues throughout 2000. Had there been internet forums back then the scale of this issue would have come to light which appears to have been equivalent to the FIAT shudder of recent years. Peugeot would have then been forced to deal with the stiff gear selection on the early Boxers.

I now have a month by month ownership trail from April 1998 to the present day (inc. 3 years waiting to be loved on various forecourts). I've also had people knocking on my door attracted by the Harmony!

At the risk of being burnt at the stake for heresy the Auto-Sleeper Forum has been extremely helpful, patiently (and with a little humour) answering many questions by a group of very knowledgeable individuals who have expertise in most areas, and if not, have leads to obtain an answer. The latest gem is that MolyKote BR2 Plus is ideal for lubricating gear selection linkages!

I often promote ASOC (Baz's tech sheets) when the opportunity arises as there is room for both organisations.

Judging by recent comments about customer service at some dealerships on ASOC, Charles Trevalyen is being sorely missed.

The next bit is going to sound like an award winner thanking all and sundry. Well, they deserve it because they have made the whole experience more enjoyable.

Daniel at P&P Campers in Gosport (8 miles away) has played his part by honouring his 12 month bumper to bumper warranty without question when the clutch pressure plate failed. It and the release bearing was replaced FOC and for nominal contribution from me the clutch plate was replaced as well. Gear changing is now better than new ! He has also resolved a couple of habitation issues, not bad for a 14year old van. The moral here is BUY LOCALLY, try to avoid exhibition 'snake eyes' as it'll pay off in the long term.

Alan (gawd help us when he retires) and the team at AS spares have delivered bits and bobs overnight, including a replacement manual, not something many manufactures can manage these days.

A new set of Uni Royal Rain Max 2 tyres have been fitted (much improved ride) at a cost to match internet prices by West Hampshire Tyres and Segensworth Automobiles have done an excellent job on the servicing, particularly a gearbox service to Diamond Dave's (PMH magazine) specification in an attempt to ease the gear selection before the pressure plate failed, picking up and delivering the van to and from home.

cMc1 from Poole came over and installed Airides, charging only workshop fitting charges as part of a winter promotion.

Next up Rhinoinstall has added a Laserline AP500 cruise control, also available under other brand names.

I'm well on the way to dealing with my pet hate, rattles! Moulded pipe wrap, felt buttons in cupboard door jambs, and some Noisekiller sheets are finally taking effect.

Having just read about fridge servicing in the July Newsletter, that's next on the list as I wouldn't mind betting it hasn't seen an engineer since 2002! Rick Stephens <albanycaravans@aol.co.uk> is going to come to my home address, £60 plus parts.

Has our Harmony been spoilt?- you bet, but it means my other half (who is now less able than when I first wrote) can get out and about so worth every penny !! Best Wishes to all at ASOC, sorry, our Jubilee weekend was pretty uneventful.

Terry Hammond

Rally News

IOW Rally

Margaret & I would like to thank Ken & Mac for a most enjoyable rally at The Old Barn, Sandown, I.O.W.

We enjoyed very much the "Get togethers" in the Barn on Weds. & Sat. evenings where everyone enjoyed pitting their wits against others in the "Quiz " (sorry Trish & Mike our brains were out of gear that night !) and the card Bingo & Raffle .

We were amongst those "Intrepid Campers" who also enjoyed greatly the Shanklin to Sandown coastal walk with a stop at a Hostelry on the way for a coffee, ably conducted by Ken .

Well done you two !

Margaret & Bob Still . 2269 .

Tiptree Rally

What a great spot for a new rally, run by Jill and Tony Showell, assisted by Rita and John Tubb.

Nice and central to the village, the jam factory with its museum, shop and popular restaurant and also buses to take us to Maldon, Colchester, Chelmsford Market and Colchester Zoo.

Jill supplying us with her delicious home made cakes at the coffee meetings went down very well, as did a fish and chip supper.

The weather was kind to us although windy at times. Thank you Jill and Tony for a great first rally in a nice location. You were the perfect hosts ably assisted by Rita and John

Pat Mayne

THE GOOD, THE BAD, and THE UGLY

Well the good of course, was the wonderful time we all enjoyed at Newark Show Ground. Meeting old and new friends, having a good time and lots of laughter, and fun. Thanks of course to the committee and the marshals, without whom the whole thing would have been impossible.

Good too, was the great entertainment from Fiona Harrison, she certainly conveyed her enthusiasm for music to the audience, and had us all standing and clapping for more at the end of the evening. Thanks also to the caterers for the excellent dinner, and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. I must of course mention the tremendous total of nearly £1800 towards this year's nominated charity. Well done to us all.

The bad, unfortunately was beyond the power of the committee to control. i.e. the bar prices!! I can hear you all groaning in agreement!!

The Ugly, I'm sorry to say, was the sight of the poor marshals, with rain gear, hats, gloves, wellington etc., standing around waiting for us lot to turn up, in our well heated, dry, cosy vans, making quips about the weather, and generally being far too jolly!!

Well that's it, thank you, thank you to all the people who work so hard to ensure that the National Rally, is just that. Something for everyone, it seems a shame that there are so many members, who choose not to attend, we would love to see, and meet you even if you are not usually able to attend other rallies.

Hope to see you all again in better weather.

Judith Horner



Jubilee Weekend



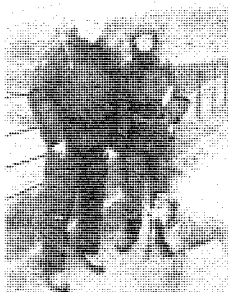
Is everybody boring except Diana and Patrick?

After a rash idea last December, Patrick (aged 70 in Aug) and myself (aged 67 in Aug) decided to try and walk the Pennine Way before old age debilitation or rigor mortis set in.

We started on 30 April from Edale and were going to use our 'Legend' motorhome as accommodation. This meant using public transport or taxi's to get to the start each day and walk back or to our home on wheels. (We did not fancy the idea of walking 10 miles only to find we could not get transport or had to wait ages in cold & wet conditions.) Anyway, I have digressed!

At precisely 2.00pm on Saturday 2 June, whilst walking in the rather gloomy Border forest only 3 days from completion of the Pennine Way, we chose a tree....that using your imagination... was crown shaped. Here, in a break in the rain, we sang 'God Save the Queen' at the tops of our voices! Well, we did not want to miss the occasion completely and I am sure Her Majesty would have appreciated our efforts.

Diana Illingworth membership
number 6608





August 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.

Tuesday 31st July – Sunday 5th August (5 Nights) Redbaste 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 Marshals: 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 Outwell Road, EMINETH, Norfolk, PE14 0DU. Please enclose SAE.

Maximum of 18 vans. All Hardstanding pitches, no electricity. Access to toilet facilities including disabled between 6.00 pm and 9.30 pm 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, Biskeney, 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.

13th - 17th August (4 Nights) St Cross Symondians Cricket Club Winchester SO23 8RT

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 Charmwood 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).

RALLY FULLY BOOKED.

The site is ¼ 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 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 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.

16th - 21st . August (5 nights) Eskdale School, Whitby, North Yorks

RALLY FULLY BOOKED.

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

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 21st -Sun 26th August 2012 (5 nights) Topsham Rugby Club, Topsham Nr. Exeter Devon.

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

Rally marshalls 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.

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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 buses 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.

10th - 13th 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.

: 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.

14th - 17th 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.

20th to 24th 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 20th.

Rally finishes 12 noon on 24th.

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.

24th September to 1st October 2012 (7 Nights) Autumn in Dartmouth at Little Cotton Caravan Park Dartmouth. TQ6 0LB

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 Charmwood 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. September (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.**

14th. - 18th. October (4 nights)Whitemead Forest Park,ParkendL.Nr.Lydney,Gloucs.

Emergency mobile 07528442136 (Whitemead only).

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

Site fee including hard standing with hook up £10.00 per night.

Rally Fee: including room hire £3.30 singles,£5.00 couples.

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

One day there will be a guided walk and on another day a cycle ride.

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

Please enclose a S.A.E. or request an e-mail if you require confirmation.

Directions:Into Lydney from Gloucester turn right just before the level crossing and follow road for Parkend.At Parkend station turn left to top of road,turn left and site on left.

Limit 30 Vans. DO NOT arrive before 14-00 hrs. on Sunday.

Friday 9th. -Tuesday 13th. November (4 nights) Sedgemoor Carnival,Burnham on Sea Holiday Village,Burnham on Sea, Somerset.

Emergency only mobile. 07711375323.

NO DOGS ALLOWED, SITE RULES.

Site Fee : £62.50, Rally Fee: £2.50 Total.with Rally slip, £65.00. before 1st.October Please note cheques will not be cashed until Oct.5th.

Send a Stamped Addressed Envelope or a clearly written e-mail address for confirmation & £65.00 full payment with your rally slip to Brian Ellis,52 Golf Links Road, Burnham on Sea,Somerset.TA8 2PP.Tel.No. 01278 784 524. E-mail ell_ba82@yahoo.co.uk

Saturday coach trip at about £4.00 per person at 9.30 a.m. & 11.30 a.m..**DO NOT** send these payments with the rally slip.

The site is a full facilities Haven site.

73 touring pitches provisionally booked.Of these 47 are hard standing & 28 grass pitches.Usual rules apply ;first to book are hard standing,remainder on grass.

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 Clark's Village of Street on Saturday.Fireworks display Sunday and the Carnival on Monday evening.

Burnham town is a 10 minute walk up the prom from the site with a range of shops and eating places plus a supermarket and a long beach (7 miles).Monday is not your average town carnival,as many will testify.There are floats decked with thousands of lights,some moving displays,some tapestry and many walking entrants.The whole parade can take about 2 hours.If you have never seen this spectacular event visit highbridgeandburnhamcarnival.org.uk (all lower case).

Directions: Sat Nav. Use TA8 1NQ and look for Holiday Village signs.

M5 junction 22 Burnham on Sea exit to the large island (Edithmead A 38) and turn **left** and follow signs for Burnham Holiday Village. (Taunton A 38).

Approx. One mile straight over island (A38) and continue past caravan sales,over railway bridge then turn **right** at the Asda island signposted Burnham Holiday Village.At Mini island by petrol station bear left onto Marine Drive towards Burnham town centre.Holiday Village is in about a quarter of a mile on the **left**.

We depend on volunteers within the Club to act as Rally Marshals.

If you know of a suitable site why not think about running a rally.It is not difficult & help is available.Committee members are available to assist if required.

A "Guide to New/Possible Marshals" is available. If you would like one please contact me.

I have some sites that have offered a rally site,they have not been vetted as to their suitability for rallies,please ask if interested.

It is important that *all* potential rally dates and venues are checked with me first as unless they are approved by the Club,there will be no Public Liability Insurance.

**Neil C. Rogers
3 Appleby Close,
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E-Mail. ncr@mypostoffice.co.uk

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Your name and address (Please PRINT)

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Phone No. Mobile No.....

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

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

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

Please complete both sides of this form.

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

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

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

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

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

Extras: Please indicate which you would like, **if available**:-

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.**

Does Lightning Strike Twice

We bought a 2006 Nuevo ES last July, having gone from motorhome to caravan back to Motorhome and on our second time out at bedtime the rain poured in through the Heiki roof light. Only over one side and this was Barbara's side. So bucket, sponges and towels were used till morning. A phone call to Marquis at Poole who speedily arranged for us to take the van to Marquis Plymouth (We were at a site in Looe). Fantastic service and all repaired for us to continue our stay.

No Problems Since

We decided the layout wasn't quite right so changed to a 2007 Autosleeper Hampshire, this time seems just right!! We took delivery on 1st June and went off to Brixham, Hillhead site on Sunday 3rd June for Jubilee. We left on Tuesday and at Exeter Barbara went to the rear and Lo and Behold rain coming AGAIN through the Heiki rooflight. Yet again over where Barbara sleeps.

On arrival back home we discovered it worse as the rain came in via the TV Aerial pole. Once again good old Marquis at Poole they had the van back and did the repair and all is well we hope !!!

The van has been to the New Forest this weekend and it rained and rained and no leaks!!! but would you believe we got into Malcolm's cousin's Land Rover Discovery for a trip out and as it pulled away the sun roof leaked all over Malcolm !!! Are we fated?

Oh forgot to say Malcolm has a water leakage phobia of 40 years standing.

Best wishes Barbara & Malcolm Woodward.

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Webmaster and Chair, Tech Group: Baz Wellard can be contacted at 18 Greenwood Close, Fareham, Hants Po16 7UF or email baz.wellard@virgin.net

Strapless in Provence

That's not Dorothy . . . but keep on reading as it could be very important to some members.

We have had an under chassis LPG tank on both our Talismans for several reasons including: - economy (*the first tank paid for itself and the second had very nearly*); convenience (*giving us spare locker space*) and capacity (*especially for our longer trips*). Both were professionally retro-fitted by experts in that market, but not by Auto Sleepers as they did not have the facilities for LPG tanks – then.

In mid June we travelled 550 miles from Le Havre to Provence and had a pleasant trip until we reached Nyons, only a very short distance from our campsite destination. On the town's main bridge, at peak traffic time, the van came to an abrupt halt with a metallic grinding noise from under the chassis.

Police arrived very quickly and efficiently controlled the traffic, whilst I investigated the noise. A quick look clearly showed that our under chassis LPG tank was dragging on the ground, but still connected by the gas pipes! The police arranged for a breakdown van to lift our motorhome, and the partially connected tank, to a garage.

At the garage it was evident that the retaining straps had broken. The two straps had been sleeved with PVC tubing, presumably to stop them chafing. However what the sleeving also did was to retain water inside which had, unseen, rusted the straps to such a state that they finally snapped!

It is now July and we are still in France and having to use our Gaz 907 (BBQ) bottle(s) in lieu of the LPG tank supply. We will be arranging to have another tank fitted when we return home. However we will ensure,

as on our first tank that the straps are strong and can be visibly inspected.

My advice to any member, who has an under slung tank, is to regularly check the quality of the straps and in particular to see if they are PVC sleeved. Taking corrective action as soon as possible.

Cash or Cards

We were surprised, from the above experience, that the garage did not accept 'plastic' cards; perhaps other garages are the same? Luckily, however, we had enough Euros and Pounds to pay the bill of €288. We had contacted our insurance company and will be claiming the 'recovery' part of the bill (€200) on return. The disposal of the tank and LPG, by the garage, we expect we'll have to pay. Perhaps, therefore, another piece of advice is not to rely solely on plastic cards but also to carry a reasonable amount of cash for such emergency payments?

Nev's Retirement

Many long standing members will remember Neville Jelfs - who along with Phil Bennett (*both Honorary Club Members*) and Charles Trevelyan (*Club President*) were the mainstay of the Company's support for all the Club & Company rallies over the many years. After setting up independently Nev was one of the first to offer special 'member's deals' for motorhome repairs and improvements.

Nev has now decided to retire from the motorhome arena and will concentrate on the family printing business. However, he is still willing to offer members advice on motorhome matters. Nev can be contacted on info@acorn-creative.com

Our thanks go to Nev for all his support to the Club and wish him the very best in his quasi 'retirement'.

And finally

I recently had an e-mail from a member who was stuck in Manila Philippines having been robbed and only had his passport and his plane

left in 12 hours. He had to pay the hotel bill, of \$2,000, before he was allowed to depart, and could I (and other copy addressees) help him with funds! It was of course a regular scam and can easily be identified, e.g. the grammar and the message itself.

I left an answer-phone message with the member, and, when he returned home (not from Manila!), we discussed what would appear to be external access into his computer address book, although his virus protection was understood to be up-to-date. He subsequently contacted his 'service provider' who were very helpful and took corrective action, advising that the scam originated in Nigeria.

I only add this advice to watch out for the next popular scam and take normal precautions, i.e. keeping your virus protection & fire-wall always up-to-date and never reply/open anything suspicious.

Post Script — *Today is the 12 July and Baz Emailed me the following:-*

I've today - had a very similar e-mail from another member who is, this time, stuck in Spain. He has the same request for financial assistance as his wallet has been stolen etc, etc.

Hereford rowing club rally

We would like to apologise to all you good people who had arranged to attend our rally, unfortunately the weather got the better of us this year, being a greenfield site. Together with Sheila and Ivor we have been monitoring the site for the past month, but it was not until the Thursday that Garry (Wanklin) kindly came across from Malvern through a cloudburst and floods , that we decided that it was just not viable.

Particularly sad for us as we had previously decided that after eight years at both Hereford and Ledbury , this was to be our last rally.

Thank you all for you support over the past years, hope to see many of you at Topsham and Brean

Joan and Max Cooke

Welcome to New Members



Membership Secretary: Jill Bertlin, The Rockeries, Sunny Terrace, Lindale, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbra, LA11 6LQ or email: jbertlin@aol.com

Membership numbers from 7893 to 7392

Frank & Del Parker	Lancing	Symbol
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Peter & Chris Bingham	Chalford	Nuevo
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Val Hargraves	Bath	Sussex
Michael & Pam Hill	Aylesbury	Nuevo
Michael & Margaret Prince	Southampton	Devon
Alfred & Rosemary Sexton	Southampton	Stanton
Brian & Margaret Whitten	Perth	Dorset
Sally Blair	Eldersfield	Palermo
Jacqueline Lloyd & Myfanwy Lloyd	Ivybridge	Trident
Alan Newland & Yvonne Williams	Aylesbury	Nuevo
John & Chrissie Biddleton	Winchester	Sussex
Tony Biggins & Susan Moreau	Ilkley	Executive
Mel & Dairne Irwin	Bolton	Broadway
Eric & Eileen Scanlon	Darwen	Warwick
Mike & Jeanette Cocker	Cheltenham	Nuevo
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Ron & Judy Goldby	Carshalton	Lancashire
Bob & Hazel Brettell	Bridlington	Nuevo
Ian & Vicky Scovell	Isle of Wight	Duetto
Norman & Diana Apps	Weymouth	Nuevo
Ann Greenaway & Dave Probets	Nr Truro	Worcester
David & Liz Guy	Orpington	Dorset
Ron & Jayne Ibbotson	Weymouth	Lancashire
John & Glyn Rainbow	Woodridge	Topaz

Are some camping charges unreasonable?

We are finding more and more campsites are charging £2 to £2.50 per night for dogs while children under a certain age go free.

Our opinion is that children use more of the site amenities than dogs, it isn't often you see dogs visiting the showers & toilets or swings and slides and most dog owners clean up after their pet leaving the site owner/warden only a bin liner to dispose of. We have no objection to our dog being kept on a lead on site but do object to the owner's dog being allowed to wander freely and leave a deposit where it will as we found on a recently visited park.

What do other members think?

Allan & Moira Blackstock (4063)

Rally, Peewit Caravan Park, Felixstowe 17 – 22 June

Many thanks to Chris and Shirley Sturgeon and Dave and Theresa Smith for a most enjoyable rally in an area with lots to see and do.

The weather was kind to us and the company great.

The site was a little gem with full facilities at a very acceptable cost. The room adjacent to the reception for coffee evenings made them very sociable occasions. The "footie" fans were treated to the England match on a big screen, arranged by Cedric I believe, who also treated us to a rendition of his of his amusing ditties on Thursday evening.

Finally a pat on the back to Marquis at Martlesham who repaired the faulty wiring to our toilet flushing pump at short notice and a very reasonable cost.

Heather and Pete Martin 3145

BAVARIAN EVENING AT CONKERS

For the last two years Bill and I have run a rally at the Camping and Caravanning Club site of Conkers to coincide with a Bavarian Evening at the Conkers Attraction. This year we decided not to do the rally as we thought it would clash with the ACCEO A.G.M. rally. At the beginning of this year we found out that the Bavarian Evening is actually on October 20th, two weeks later than before.

We have already booked our pitch at Conkers and have bought our tickets, which are £16.95 each. This includes a hot meal during the evening. If any new members or past attendees fancy a really lively evening with genuine "Umpah" music, do please consider joining us. This will not be an official rally, but we can buy your tickets if you will send the total amount for the tickets you require, together with a SAE. Make your cheque payable to Mr. & Mrs. E.W. Grimsley and send it to 24 Paul Drive, Leicester, LE4 9FY.

For those who are not familiar with the Conkers Caravan Site there is a Youth Hostel next door with a Bar and coffee etc., and a Pub in easy walking distance .

Elizabeth and Bill Grimsley

This article sent in by Kathleen Benyan and proves there is hope out there for the freedom that is available in France.

Source was "The Lytham St. Annes Express" Dep Ed

www.lythamstannesexpress.co.uk

Lytham 5

Successful start to pilot scheme

St ANNES' move into motorhome tourism has got off to a successful start, say Fylde Council.

And as a ground-breaking pilot scheme for hosting such vehicles overnight continues until autumn, the resort is set to welcome many more enthusiasts for that form of transport.

The May Day bank holiday weekend saw 14 motorhomes take up places at the seafront car park behind St Annes' YMCA pool, which is the scene of the summer-long pilot scheme.

The aim of the Fylde Council scheme is to attract prosperous motorhomers by emulating the 'aires' found in municipalities across France.

It is thought to be one of the first schemes of its kind in the country and allows motorhomers to stay for up to three consecutive nights.

By Tony Durkin

tony.durkin@lincspress.co.uk

The pilot scheme is running for seven days and nights per week until October 1.

No extra facilities are being provided - but they will be considered for future years if this summer's experience goes well.

The seafront car park has been chosen specifically because it is close to the town centre and other key facilities and is not overlooked by homes.

The fee is £5 per night and motorhomers wishing to stay the following day have to pay the normal car-park tariff.

Overnight parkers have to stay in the central area of the lower section of the car-park and will be forbidden from having open fires or barbecues.

Caravans and trailers are banned and only motorhomes under 10m are allowed.



Motorhomers on the seafront car park at St Annes

A Fylde Council spokesman said: "The scheme started the weekend before the last Bank Holiday and after hosting two motorhomes over the first weekend, we had 14 over the May Day holiday.

"We are satisfied with the results so far and would regard it as a successful start, but we will be looking at how use develops over coming weeks and months as the pilot scheme continues."



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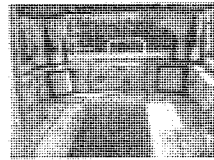
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