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From the Editor



I'm pleased to say that contributions to the newsletter are on the increase. Please keep this up!

This newsletter contains further items for the National Rally that I was unable to put in last month and I also have received a number of rally reports as the rally season gets into full swing, as well as other items of general interest to the membership. It's always nice when I get more than I need and some that can be delayed until a quieter month.

On a personal note, Pat and I did our last rally at Cofton with the Ravenna as we now have a 2011 Broadway which had one careful owner. Getting to understand the newer technology in both the cab and the habitation space was a bit daunting at first but I am getting there. My biggest problem is getting used to a different driving style as the old Transit was very forgiving, whereas the newer Boxer needs more precision and unusually the driver's seat needs not to be fully pushed back unlike any other vehicle I have driven and it gets disturbed when we swivel it in camp mode. Hopefully a longer stint of driving will solve that!

Please keep your contributions coming in.

The Deadline for the August Newsletter is by 10th July. Send your contributions to daveatasoc@virginmedia.com or via the post at the address given below.

David Mayne

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Vice-Chairman's Chat

It is that time of year again and Andy & Angie are away in France so the 'Chat' is mine!



I woke up early the other morning (quite a feat, as those who know us well, will testify!) wondering what to chat about and my mind started drifting to Committee positions and titles. Should I be Vice-Chairman or Vice Chairman? James may have the definitive answer, but isn't it amazing how a tiny dash can make a world of difference in meaning!

On to more relevant matters... It has been noticed in one of the Motorhome Magazines that Mid Devon District Council has recently decided to allow motorhomes to stay overnight in its car parks at a fee of £1.00 per visit – 5.00pm to 8.00am. Although no facilities are provided, the remark, '...of course, an evening meal can be bought in the town where the overnight stop is made', may imply there are a few Motorhome owners among the Council Members! Should an extended stay be required, to have breakfast or to shop, the charge is £1.00 for five hours parking. Perhaps it is time for other councils in the Country to follow suit and encourage us travellers to spend time in their locality instead of turning us away with their height barriers and exorbitant charges!

Wishing you safe travelling wherever your Auto-Sleeper may take you!

Jill

ANNOUNCEMENT

I have good news for the romantics among you. Liz Irvin and John Hill have become engaged. Many congratulations to you both.

Editor

Obituary - Ben Mansfield

We are deeply saddened to learn of the death of Ben Mansfield on 20th May 2014. He was born in Burton upon Trent on 30th May 1931 and at seventeen he registered for National Service joining the army, where he was placed in the Parachute Regiment, which gave him a lot of pride for the rest of his life. He travelled all over England, eventually ending up near Scarborough, where he met Evelyn. When Ben was discharged, he moved back to Burton upon Trent and he & Evelyn were married there in 1952. They had two daughters and then returned to Scarborough where their youngest daughter was born.

For many years Ben had a VW caravanette, he then changed to an Auto-Sleeper joining the Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club in 1989. Whilst still working, they would have the occasional weekend away and then once he retired and had more free time on his hands, the trips became more frequent. Ben joined the ASOC Committee, where he served 18 years and many members will remember him as the Chief Rally Marshal, who on the big rallies, when 600-700 vans would turn up, he would be responsible for sorting out all the other Marshals and greeting Ralliers with a big grin and a cheery welcome.

Together with the club, Ben and Evelyn visited many places in the UK, often taking their grandchildren with them, and they even took a trip abroad to France. One of Ben's biggest priorities however was the social life and he made many hundreds of friends, who he knew by name, and Evelyn often had a job knowing whose van he was in, enjoying a tot of whisky!

Ben thoroughly enjoyed his time with the club, so it was with a heavy heart that he had to bid his Auto-Sleeper farewell last year and with equally heavy hearts his many family members and friends, including thirteen Auto-Sleeper members, said farewell to Ben at his funeral on 2nd June.

As well as their three daughters, Ben & Evelyn have four grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren and we offer them all our deepest condolences.

Jill Bertlin

Obituary - Ben Mansfield

We first met Ben (and of course Evelyn) soon after we first joined ASOC. His distinctive blue and white VW LT van along with his cheery smile and friendly words seemed ever present at every early rally we managed to attend. We soon got chatting about the merits of VW vans and he proved to have a wealth of knowledge and advice.

When we came to running our own first rally on a 'green field' school site Ben was there with helpful tips on siting vans in limited space. He was a tower of strength supporting us on each successive rally on this site. We witnessed his marshalling skills at many other rallies, especially when the weather turned against us.

We recall the November rallies at Eastham Hall when vans had to be sited on the access roads, and the one year that the AGM was held in a rainstorm at Uttoxeter Racecourse. It therefore came as no surprise when we heard that ASOC had appointed him as Chief Rally Marshal. From then on we were greeted at all AGM and 'Club and Company' rallies by Ben and his team, ably supported by Evelyn who recorded all the attendance lists by hand.

Some years later Ben decided that it may now be a good idea to embrace modern technology and get a computer. I helped him out with a couple of visits to Scarborough to set him up with a computer and email address. Although he managed to use it a little and enjoyed websites of trains and lorries, he decided his hands were too big to cope with the keyboard successfully and he gained most pleasure out of letting his grandchildren use it.

John Greenwood

Rally Reports

More on the National Rally

I would like to send a very big thank you to the unsung heroes at the ASOC meet at Newark, namely, the Rally Marshals.

My husband Terry has recently been classified as disabled and at present is unable to drive so I had the job of getting us to Newark from Kent (some 170 miles). Well the journey was a nightmare, took over an hour just to get through the Dartford tunnel, then heavy rain, two very near misses (not my fault I would hasten to add) and like a fool I only had one major stop en

route. I forgot that when we came previously both of us drove and therefore it wasn't so tiring

When we arrived we were shown onto a disabled spot but it was not near a tarmac road and I asked if it was possible to be moved. I said I quite understood if the answer was "No." Within a short time they came back to me and said "Come and see if this little spot will be better for you" I thanked them and returned to the van to move it. On getting to the new spot there they were all ready to help me settle in, when I thanked them they said that they especially liked to see the lady drivers helped.

The following morning when I went to get the paper they asked if I felt better as they said I had looked so ill when we first arrived, I said "Yes thank you, I was just so very tired when we first got to Newark"

I have learnt my lesson and had two stops on the way home and arrived back fine and dandy. By the way the whole time at Newark was great, so glad we made the effort.

Jo Phillips (6162)

The National Rally Cake Competition

In reply to the comment made in the last Newsletter, I would like to make the following points.

We do carry out all judging correctly as per the recognized rules.

The two judges firstly checked that the cakes were to the written specification of shape and size and then the tops and bottoms of the cakes were studied. A "V" section was then cut from the base and examined for consistency and then tasted.

This was carefully carried out on each cake before any decision was made before any judgment took place.

Only the purchasers of the first three cakes would have known that such a piece had been removed due to the others being cut and sold with cups of tea and coffee.

I hope this will clarify the situation.

Mo Valentine

Charity 2014

Once again Members have excelled in the fundraising efforts at the National Rally this year.

I would also like to thank members who sent in their Nominations, unfortunately we can only choose one.

So remember we have to look forward to 2015, so whether you re- apply or be a new nominator please don't hesitate to send in your nominations when the time comes.

I have just received a letter of thanks and a Certificate of Recognition from MNDA. An extract from that is as follows :-

"We have recently received your kind donation of £2,765.93. I would like to thank you and the members of Auto-Sleeper Owners Club for your generosity and support ; it is greatly appreciated.

Your kind gift will help us to improve care and support for people with MND, their families and carers, across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It will also help us fund and promote research and to campaign and raise awareness so the needs of those affected by the disease are addressed by wider society.

Few conditions are as devastating as MND. There is no effective treatment and no cure, that's the cruel reality of the disease and why we are so determined to achieve our vision of a world free from MND. Please encourage your friends and family to take a look at our website ; <http://www.mndassociation.org/> or call us on 01604 611860.

With best wishes, Julie Naismith Community Fundraising Administrator"

John Jones

Having received our June newsletter in the post, we settled down to read it and were extremely pleased to hear how members had really enjoyed the National Rally in Newark, as we did.

It is our third visit to Newark and the rally just gets better and better! - thank you to every one concerned in organising such an enjoyable event. We have made some wonderful friends.

This year our nomination for the charity was chosen - the Motor Neurone Disease Association - and what a fantastic amount of money was raised - £2,765.93. We were both extremely emotional at the presentation of the cheque - amazing.

Thank you so much for your generosity supporting vital research into what is a rare, life limiting disease. Hopefully, one day, a cure will be found and as with many cancers today, people will recover and lead a normal life again.

An extra special "thank you" must go to John Jones, Regalia Officer and his wife who were very supportive of us during the weekend and all members who worked tirelessly for such a good cause.

Happy "Motor Homing" to all.

Best wishes

Vic and Lesley Prince 6599

We are new to motor homing and our first rally was the National - again a new experience as we like quiet, uncrowded venues - not sure what to expect!

No worries! We thoroughly enjoyed it and appreciated just how much time and effort people put into the organising and smooth running of the event.

Yes, it's all down to the people - everyone was so friendly and welcoming. We met some wonderful people.

After the rally we weren't ready for home, so we took advantage of the offer to "relax and chill" at the Lakeside Holiday Park, which was offered by Don Amott Parks at a reduced rate. It was well worth the trip. Couldn't fault the site. Clean, well maintained and helpful smiling staff. We would use it again if in the area.

So, all in all, a thoroughly good time was had and we are looking forward to enjoying a few more rallies when we are able to.

David and Kath Wharton 8696

Cofton Rally Reports

Cofton Rally 17th May

What an amazing few days and what a wonderful rally.

We didn't quite know what to expect on our very first auto-sleeper rally and were perhaps a little apprehensive about how things would turn out. We needn't have worried. As soon as we arrived on site, (a bit later than anticipated due to an unplanned dentist visit), the wonderfully warm greeting we received from rally organisers, Alan, Celia, Brian and Ruby put us both immediately at ease. We were shown to our pitch and very soon found ourselves talking to fellow ralliers including other first timers Sandy and Bob from Cornwall.

Cofton is a beautiful site in a very green and peaceful valley, the amenities are second to none and very comprehensive. It certainly is a very large site but is so well planned that it really doesn't feel at all overwhelming. The outdoor swimming pool looked very inviting but I'm afraid these days the air temperature needs to be at least 100 degrees before we can pluck up courage to take the plunge!

On our first evening all fellow ralliers met in the site bar where we were given a short introduction to details of the surrounding area, attractions and bus routes, which was very helpful. The rest of the evening was pleasantly spent chatting and making new friends.

The next day Pete and I headed off up river on our trusty electric bikes not sure how far we would go but our journey ended when we reached the beautiful Turf Hotel, and supped a well earned drink. A lovely spot, especially on a sunny day.

On the second evening many of us sat down to dinner together. Pete and I thoroughly enjoyed the very amusing tales Lynn and Clive related about their experiences as Punch and Judy entertainers. Clive told us that he once swallowed his swizzle.....I wondered if he ever saw it again, but felt much too polite to ask!!

More cycling and an afternoon visit to Teignmouth followed on Monday.

We would also like to thank Barbara for her amazing early morning tai chi lessons, what a great start to any day.

Pete and I had a brilliant first rally and would like to sincerely thank everyone for making us feel so welcome. We are sorry that we had to leave a day early but grandparent duties were calling. We hope to see you all again before too long.

Best Wishes

Chris and Pete Weaver



Trivia about the Cofton Rally



Time flies, 'tis over a month since thirty-two ASOC vans with their intrepid travellers arrived at the top-notch Cofton campsite. After they chose their pitch on the turfed terraces they were able to think about which tourist attractions they would like to travel to in the next three days. The number 2 bus could transport them to the towns of Dawlish (terrible train track trouble), Teignmouth (a typical resort), Newton Abbot (a trading town) or to the city of Exeter (with Tudor buildings). Some even traversed the tidal waters to the thriving town of Exmouth whilst others took off on their two-wheelers. The first two days were tremendous with tropical temperatures and plenty of tanning, but we did then have an untimely thunderstorm and the pitter-patter of the wet stuff.



Each morning at 9.30am, timed for tardy risers, ralliers trotted along to one of the areas off the tarmac where Barbara was tutoring us in tai chi. Her talents must be the talk of the town, even the globe, because on one occasion we were joined by a

trio of ladies from India in their traditional togs ~ they thought it was thoroughly enjoyable. It was a hard task tempting some of our men to join in. Funny how their tactics involved washing-up duties at exactly 9.30am!

Before twilight approached each evening we met in one of the campsite rooms ~ a get-together and chance to have a tippie and tittle-tattle on the first evening, a meal to tickle the taste buds on the second, an impromptu testing quiz (run by the site) on the third, and the time-honoured 'tombola' and team challenges on Tuesday, the final evening.

The traditional quiz, tucked into the envelope and to be tackled whilst having nothing better to do, was on the topic of black because of the resident black swans in Dawlish. Also 'A Totter around Teignmouth', otherwise known as a treasure trail, was thought out for those who liked to trundle round and stop at a tavern or a teashop. The theme was the twentieth letter, so all the answers began with 't'. Thus those of you who have taken the trouble so far to read this twaddle will have worked out the thread and now know the reason for the tedious tally of 't's. Anyway, returning to the trail, the token for the ones with the top total of ticks was a Teignmouth Town tea towel. To be utilised at 9.30am!

The trials and tribulations of running the rally were tempered by the terrific support we had from our two assistants, Ruby and Brian, and we tender our thanks to them and also to the tombola ticket traders Shelagh and Barbara.

Celia and Alan Waugh

Well, what can I say about the Cofton Rally? Wonderful weather, wonderful venue, and wonderful company. Oh and not forgetting the most important, wonderful Marshals, and assistant marshals.

For those of you that missed it, you missed a real treat, and a great start to the summer, I hope. For those of you that were there, I think you will agree that the Cofton venue was great, the staff there helpful and obliging, and the facilities second to none. In fact the indoor pool was so tempting that I found myself going back for a second swim.

We thoroughly enjoyed the "meet ups" and best of all the last night raffle and game, you can always rely on Alan and Celia to give us something new and entertaining.

We were certainly sad to pack up the old van, and head for home, and as usual we were last to leave!! Thank you so much Alan and Celia, Ruby and Brian for making a great weekend, I cannot wait for our next outing.

Best wishes Judith Horner

A rally good experience at Gulval

Curiosity, lack of motorhome knowledge and a desire to meet with like minded people led my husband and I to attend our first rally at Gulval Cricket Club, Penzance over Spring Bank Holiday weekend. Work commitments meant that we arrived later than everyone else but we were

soon made to feel welcome. We were not the only 'newbies' in the group but as such I hope we behaved ourselves.

Our lasting memories will be of using the cricketers' communal showers (not at the same time as them), seeing a cat walked around the field on a lead and the barmaid. I have to say how much we enjoyed the company, chat and sharing of tips and experiences of the other members. Thank you all and special thanks to Marshals Jean and Dave Hollingsworth also Deputy Marshals, Phil and Shelagh West.

Our Autosleeper Symbol proved to have advantages over our previous tents, no pitching in howling gales, and we continued to tour Cornwall and into Devon during the rest of the week. My, those lanes are narrow. Thankfully, the weather improved.

Looking forward to future Autosleeper tours and rallies.

Debbie and David Williams 8665

THE RALLY AT PONTEFRACT.

We went to the Pontefract rally at Farmer Copleys Farm shop run by Alan Guest and assisted by Josie.

The weather was not good as it rained some of the time but we still enjoyed the rally. We had a bus ride into Leeds one day and did a bit of shopping at the new Trinity shopping mall.

Another day we had a trip to Junction 32 Freeport.

Because the rally started on the Wednesday we missed the best market day but went to the Saturday market instead.

On the Saturday night a meal was arranged in the café of the farm shop. It was Josie's birthday so a card was passed round and the Farmer supplied a birthday cake.

On the Sunday we went round the ruins of the Pontefract Castle which is very interesting.

At the Sunday coffee/tea the raffle was drawn. On the Monday morning a lot of us went on to the rally at Scarborough

Yvonne & Stuart Wood

THE SCARBOROUGH RALLY.

We have just come from the Pontefract rally and what a change in the weather.

Last week we were dressed in macs and this week it is out with the shorts and T shirts.

A walk was organised on the Tuesday morning led by the Marshals Janis and Mike wood to Scalby Mills via the cliff top walk which is part of the Cleveland Way, from there some walked back and some walked further into Scarborough .

When we go to the Whitby rally we cycle to Ravenscar on the cinder track which is an old railway line , wondering what the rest of the cinder track is like further into Scarborough every time. We now could try it out from Scarborough to Ravenscar. We found out that it is all uphill to Ravenscar but was a pleasant ride anyway.

There was a room where we could have coffee/tea and a get together in the evening and on the final night a beetle drive was organised.

Thanks to Janis & Mike and there assistants Jean & David Hollinsworth.

Yvonne & Stuart Wood.

Letters to the Editor

After leaving the national rally Pam and myself went to Whitby to check out a claim made on national TV (Countryfile) regarding the national winner of fish and chip shop of the year. Our quest was to visit the said winner which is “ Quayside” and see if we agreed with the judgement. We weren’t disappointed. Icelandic cod and chips eaten the best way, outside in the open air !

Then on the way home from Whitby we called at “Eden Camp” near Malton. The last time we were there was some twenty years ago. There have been numerous additions to the exhibition including wartime menus in the cafe, unfortunately not war time prices but still very reasonable.

Anyone visiting should not miss the opportunity of trying to open the door on the outside toilet which is near an “Anderson shelter” in the exhibition. If anyone visiting Yorkshire obtains the booklet “Yorkshire seaside handy

guide 2014” from tourist information they will find a voucher for discounted entry for persons over 60 years of age that is a bogof. Anyone not in the know, Eden Camp is a wartime museum that now contains facts and relics from the Great War onwards.

Cheers Pam and Steve Earnshaw 3865

The benefits of being members of ASOC

Are that we have had two completely different but equally enjoyable rallies in the last month. These took us further down in Cornwall than we have ever been before hence giving us the opportunity of going on afterwards to the Isles of Scilly for a week to finish our three week holiday.

The first rally was in Dawlish. We had a great time at Cofton. This is a commercial site with swimming pools, lakes, evening entertainment, restaurant and shop. Very good facilities and the bus stop just outside the gates. Celia and Alan Waugh were assisted by Ruby and Brian Sutton all of whom had put in a lot of preparation with a quiz a treasure hunt and some very good games for the evenings plus an excellent raffle. It was very good to be able to meet up in the main building in the evenings.

The second rally was Penzance. This was a green field site on a cricket ground with beautiful views around us. Here Jean and David Hollingsworth were assisted by Shelagh and Phil West. We were very lucky to have the club house and bar to ourselves in the evenings and as it was a small rally we were all able to sit and chat and have lots of laughs and games which again was very sociable.

The Town of Penzance were trying to regain the record of how many pirates they could get in one place at the same time as Hastings had taken it from them. So we felt we should help to make up the numbers and bought hats eye patches scabbards to dress up for the occasion. This didn't look like we had made much effort so we added jackets made from black bin liners and make up for beards and moustaches. The Guinness Book of Records officials were there and clicked us all in to a set area of the quay. The atmosphere was electric with bands, stalls and entertainment to appeal to all age groups. Unfortunately the numbers were 57 short of the 14000 that were required but we had a great time.

Then on to Lands End to put the motorhome in storage (only £28.00 for the week) and walk across the road to the airport to fly across to the Isles of Scilly in an 8 seater plane. To see the clear sea in varying shades of blue

and then the white beaches surrounding the islands you could easily think you were abroad. Only 15 minutes later we landed on St Mary's. It was the start of a memorable week. We went on lots of boat trips, had delicious meals and plenty of walks to take in the beautiful scenery. We even had a ride on a 1948 tour bus.

A great holiday, a great time and thanks to the ASOC rallies we could justify going all the way across the country to achieve a long awaited dream of going to the Isles of Scilly.

Barbara and Al Buckett 5829

Our early ASOC days

After reading Nora Venables article in the May magazine, followed by our annual visit to Newark for the 25th National rally, we were prompted into reminiscing about our own early days in ASOC. We weren't in at the very beginning, but joined at the end of 1991, after buying our first Autosleeper (a VX50 later named the VW Trooper). This was our third VW campervan, and although we had bought second hand, it was a lot newer than our two older models.

At the time our daughter Ruth was still in primary school and although she had grown up with campervan holidays we wondered whether rallying with the club would suit her. As an only child her priority had always been to seek out new friends on every campsite we visited! However, our concerns were unnecessary when we attended our first rally at Honeybourne in April 1992 where we met the Tidbury family with their two children.

In June we went to a rally in Denbigh and she met up with Kirsty from Cumbria, so while membership of ASOC has always been predominantly older couples, we soon settled into attending rallies as often as we were able and she enjoyed them all. In those days we were both working full time and most rallies were arranged for weekends which suited us ... among many we have happy memories of Fell End in March, Wicksteed Park for the AGM in April, Beverley Racecourse at May Bank Holiday, Lytham Lions Club also in May, and then Club and Company rallies at Malvern just before we set off for our family trips to France.

Then at the end of the year came the fireworks and Blackpool illuminations rallies at Eastham Hall. When we began to run rallies ourselves Ruth enjoyed helping out, and we always seemed to attract any other club members who had children at that time. The years passed, Ruth grew up

and circumstances changed work pressures for us both, plus demands of caring for elderly relations, along with increasing numbers of rallies held midweek, meant that active participation in ASOC reduced considerably. We still managed the AGM rally each year and our Autosleeper was still well used.

She was in our ownership for 14 years and she still had plenty of life left when we sold her. We have now moved 'up' to the 'Clubman' in our retirement and are once more participating in club rallies.

Life has come full circle this year as just the week before travelling to Newark we celebrated Ruth's wedding and we were both so pleased when the happy couple chose an old VW campervan as their wedding transport – happy memories for us all this year!!

Helen and John Greenwood 1020

Status TV Directional Aerial 530

On our last holiday we had no TV signal, so on returning home, I took the television into the house, where it worked perfectly. I then carefully removed the aerial from the van and connected it to the TV, once again no signal. This prompted a telephone call to Status and a quote of £140.00 was given for a complete replacement.

After some thought, it is only an aerial in a plastic box and it is broken, so what had I got to lose by pulling it apart. On unscrewing and taking off the top to expose the metal aerial, the connections were ok. On the end is a tiny circuit board which is the amplifier on the early model and can be identified by purple graphics on both the aerial and control box. By removing the circuit board the TV worked perfectly, so carefully reassembling the case and sealing with silicone the job was done.

All I needed now was a new amplifier to fit in the wardrobe in place of the old control box. At a total cost of £25.00 I have now updated to the latest model, which is identified by orange graphics.

Should anyone have a similar problem you may call me on 01926 498309

John Moss (5639)

Technical Group & Website



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Gas Regulator Product Recall:

Motorhome owners are being advised that gas regulator manufacturers 'Clesse' are recalling some LPG Gas Automatic Changeover Regulators because of a risk of a gas leak.

A gas safety issue may arise in models produced in 2013 (04/13; 05/13; 06/13; 07/13; 08/13; 09/13 and 10/13). There is a potential risk of gas leakage on the second stage regulation. Clesse is recalling the affected regulators and replacing them with 2014 models. For further details contact 'Clesse' direct, <http://www.clesse.co.uk/Page509.htm>

Auto~Sleepers may have fitted some Clesse gas regulators in the past however they are **not** to be confused with the Automatic Changeover Regulators.

I publish this information in case any member may have had a Clesse Automatic Changeover Regulator retro-fitted.

A~S New Van Conversion – The Wave:

A~S have now produced their prototype model the 'Wave' van conversion on the Mercedes Vito.

I have not yet seen the Wave and therefore I do not have a great deal of information. However, I understand that it will have a 2.1 litre CDI Euro V diesel engine with 136 or 163bhp and the option of a five speed torque converter automatic. It also comes with the option of a high top or rising roof. I hope to have further details of the Wave in due course.

Diesel Particulate Filters:

In order to meet European emission legislation all A~S current motorhomes (*along with other converters*) are fitted with Diesel Particulate Filters (PDF). These filters decrease the harmful exhaust of diesel engines by reducing the soot which can be injurious to health.

They are designed to be 'self-cleaning' by occasional fast motorway runs to keep them working efficiently. Problems can occur when vehicles make many slow speed short runs and the filters do not get hot enough to burn off the excess soot. A replacement DPF can be costly!

I do have two articles on the subject which give more detail. E-mail or SAE to me.

Do not forget to let your engine run on for a short while, after a high speed sprint, to ensure continued lubrication of the very hot turbo bearings.

Baz

A Warm Welcome to New Members

Membership Numbers from 8746 to 8770

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| Paul & Sally Ellis | Bury St Edmunds | Clubman |
| Andrew & Monica Hogg | Dunfirmline | Symbol |
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