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"A Happy New Year to all our Readers!"

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From the Editor



Well, this is the first Newsletter of 2015, so I wish you all a Happy New Year. If you haven't renewed your membership, it will be your last Newsletter! So renew now if you haven't done so to avoid missing the February Newsletter. (Remember labels go to printer before 10th January so be quick!)

Contained within the pages of this newsletter are important announcements regarding the AGM and Nomination and Proxy Forms are also within the newsletter and can be cut out (please note they are two sided).

If you wish to attend the 2015 National rally then there are a number of forms to complete and are included with the newsletter as well as a provisional Rally List for 2015.

Deadline for the next newsletter is 10th January. As always send your contributions to **daveatasoc@virginmedia.com** or via the post to the address below. I look forward to receiving plenty of contributions!

Let us hope that 2015 will be of normal weather and we can have some good rallies and holidays in our Auto-Sleepers!

David Mayne

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Chairman's Chat

The start of a new year is often a time of great excitement with plans to be made, holidays booked and maybe a resolution or two to keep us in line. It is also a time to look back and assess the year that is ending and to consider whether things could have been done differently.



So far as the Club is concerned 2014 was a good year. One or two minor problems occurred but with their customary good will your committee dealt with them smoothly and with the minimum of fuss. 2015 looks promising with a growing membership and a good rally programme so we can look forward with confidence. I expect there will be problems along the way but it is important to remember that this Club exists to help all members enjoy themselves and not let ourselves be distracted from that purpose.

In common with so many other diverse organisations we find ourselves in a world of greater regulation and control and this does impinge on our activities. During the renewal exercise for the Club's insurances we were asked if we carried out Health & Safety and Risk assessments for each of our rallies! Fortunately we were able to convince them that it wasn't necessary but I must remind all ralliers of the Code for Organised Walks and Cycle Rides and ask you all to adhere to it. If in doubt, it can be found on the last page of the Members Handbook.

So now the celebrations can begin and Angie and I hope that you will all enjoy a happy and prosperous new year and we look forward to meeting you down the road.

Andy

Heather and Mike Tucker would like to wish all our friends in Auto-Sleepers a very happy and healthy New Year, and hope to meet up with you at rallies in 2015.

Liz Irvin would like to wish all her friends in ASOC a Happy and Healthy New Year. I look forward to seeing many of you in 2015

Photographic Competition 2015

Photos will be on display and judged at the National Rally.

There are two categories as follows:

Category 1

Set Subject

Photograph **MUST** contain at least one Auto Sleeper Motorhome taken either on or off a rally.

Category 2

Open Subject

Photographs can be anything at all, taken on or off a rally.

Up to 2 images can be entered in each category and can be either 6x4 or 7x5 inches.

There will be awards in each category.

1st place £15.00 2nd place £10.00 3rd place £5.00

During the National Rally, members attending will have the chance to vote for their favourite photograph, the winner of which will be awarded £20.00.

Entries may be sent in anytime up to 24th April 2015.

Entries to be posted to:

Jean Hollingsworth
24 NortonGrove
Kingston upon Hull
HU4 6HL

Please ensure the correct postage otherwise I need to collect them from the post office and pay additional postage.

Rally Reports

The Houghton Weavers in Concert

I rather suspect John Greenwood is the Houghton Weavers No.1 fan; he and Helen certainly put a lot of effort into organising, not only the rally but the concert in the church at Buckley with Liz Irvin running the site at Frodsham.

The rally started on the 14th November and dawn the day, came the wind – it blew a hooli! It made meeting and greeting fun, “Which way’s the wind blowing?” somebody asked, “Take a look at the hair.” I answered from somewhere behind it. Of course it began to abate as soon as everyone was parked and dropped completely on the Friday.

The campsite is adjacent to a small shopping outlet with café, which stayed open for our ‘Welcome chat’ on Thursday evening and provided coffee and cake for a small fee. It also provided some of us with breakfast on Friday morning and most of us with Fish and Chips on Saturday evening. It was all freshly cooked and very enjoyable.

The bus arrived (eventually) on Friday evening – it got held up in traffic but still got us to the venue in good time, where everyone enjoyed the concert. Refreshments were provided in the church hall in the interval – a plate of sandwiches and nibbles together with a glass of wine; very nice and included in the ticket price. After which the bus drove us back, dropping us off by the shops as the campsite manager was a little concerned about the noise at that time of night. Well you know how rowdy us silver tops can be.....

Peter and I walked along the river into Frodsham on Saturday and after a very nice lunch – somewhat larger than the ‘light lunch’ we were expecting - got a taxi back!

Everyone left Sunday morning with quite a few heading for what could have turned out to be a ‘mini rally’ at Chester, before going on to Southport; we had to return home for various reasons but never mind.

All in all a rally with a bit of a difference which everyone seemed to enjoy so thank you John, Helen and Liz for all your hard work. John did say “Never again” at the end of it all, but you know what they say John “Never say never”.....

Chris Mawdsley

And so to Southport

The Wednesday following the Houghton Weavers concert saw Peter and I hightailing it to Southport after a very late (4.30pm) start, arriving just as everyone was heading towards the campsite café/ bar for the welcome chat. So after hurriedly getting the cats fed and settled we headed in the same direction. Picking up much needed sustenance on the way (large glass of wine!) we joined the rest of the rally in an area slightly separate from the main bar.

On Thursday we re-acquainted ourselves with Southport, although a walk along the front didn't give us sight of the sea, a very good telescope would have been needed for that!

We decided to go into Liverpool on Friday and after waiting, with others, until the driver's clock registered 9.30am precisely we boarded the bus for Liverpool – not a journey to be recommended, it's tedious and goes through some of the less salubrious parts of Bootle before you finally get a glimpse of the 'new' (Metropolitan) cathedral in the city itself, which we headed straight up the hill for once we disembarked.

I have to admit that being a fan of gothic cathedrals and old churches I wasn't really expecting to like the building but I did. I found both the building and its interior very attractive. We found the guided tour of the original Lutyens crypt interesting, though I couldn't help but be somewhat relieved that his original design for the cathedral never materialised. In my view the current building looks out over the city with some dignity; the statement that would have been made had Lutyens had his way would have had all the charm of a herd of charging bison. The Victorians would have loved it no doubt.

From there we walked down the hill for a look around the 'other' cathedral, which was a bit difficult as they were setting up for an event and from there to the Albert Dock. We managed a quick look around the shopping centre before heading back – via the train (a much better option).

Dave and Wyn had organised a meal for Saturday evening, followed by the drawing of the raffle FOUR which there was much hilarity (I'm sorry but you had to be there).

I understand this will probably be the last rally at Southport but that Dave and Wyn are looking for another suitable venue in the general area, so we'll all look forward to that. In the meantime THANK YOU to Dave, Wyn, Roger and Liz for all your hard work; this is the second time we've been on the Southport rally and we know this one didn't go as smoothly as it might have, but you did a sterling job.

Chris Mawdlsey

Lady Heyes Touring Caravan Park , Frodsham

This venue proved to be an excellent choice for the discerning members of ASOC whose primary reason for gathering, was to be part of the audience who were entertained by the Houghton Weavers on the Friday evening in Buckley Parish Church. This very talented trio of northern gentlemen – from Westhoughton - have been a star turn at National Rallies and their performance on this occasion was as entertaining as ever as they demonstrated their vocal and instrumental skills along with their light hearted banter. A most impressive finger buffet was provided accompanied by a choice of red wine, white wine or fruit juice. Congratulations to all those who had worked so hard to present a most welcome spread of refreshments.

A bus stop was just a few minutes' walk away for those who wanted to venture forth into Frodsham, Chester and surrounding villages. Some members were very energetic - they set off on their bikes or just used their two legs for a good brisk walk, returning to the site and taking advantage of sampling the local brewer's Beer. Others just sauntered around the onsite Craft Centre and enjoyed a little retail therapy.

For the final evening, a “Chip” meal was made available in the Tea Cosy Cafe and a vote of thanks, much deserved, was proposed to Rally Marshal Liz Irvin who was assisted by Peter and Christine and John and Helen Greenwood for their contribution of organising transport, the concert and catering.

Not long after Frodsham, fourteen Autosleepers set up camp in the Broadway Caravan Club site for a *'Rally that was not a Rally!'* On the Friday evening, more retail therapy in a very festive atmosphere. This was the first of two late night Shopping events. Mulled wine and Mince pies were in abundance and the crowds thronged, enjoying the occasion that was notable for its variety of entertainment. ASOC members were seen partaking of the extensive choice of goodies provided by the various food stalls – it was certainly a novelty eating 'al fresco' on a late November evening!

Father Christmas and his lovely Elf welcomed the group on Saturday evening in the Club Site's recreation room. The answers to the quiz were given, and mulled cider with nibbles and mince pies satisfied the appetite.

Very grateful thanks to Steve and Pam Earnshaw for all the effort that they put into what was a most a most enjoyable and festive event. Thanks too, to Ian the Site Warden and his team for making us so welcome – maybe we will return next year?

James & Jill Bertlin 2770

NOTICE

THE TWENTY SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of

THE AUTO-SLEEPER OWNERS' CLUB

Will be held on
SATURDAY, 2ND MAY 2015
At 10.30am.
At the National Rally
In the Cedric Ford Pavilion
Newark and Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society Showground.
Newark. Nottinghamshire.

Nomination forms for election to the Management Committee/Honorary Examiner and Proxy appointment forms are included with this Notice or are available from the Secretary, who requests that Nomination forms and any resolutions for consideration at the meeting should be received by him, on or before Monday, February 2ND 2015. In the case of Proxy appointment forms they should be received by him on or before 10.30am Thursday 30TH April 2015.

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

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

John Osland-Jones, Secretary, Flat 7, Oak Tree Court, 15 Pembroke Way, Hall Green, Birmingham B28 9EX.

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FOR A FUN PACKED WEEKEND COME TO NEWARK SHOWGROUND

THE NATIONAL RALLY 30th April - 4th MAY 2015

This will be the 26th AGM

Meals are available each day. The menus will be included with the application form. These are optional.

The proposed Programme is as follows:

The Cedric Ford Pavillion

Thursday

Evening Meal followed by a get together to meet or make friends.

Friday

Question & Answer Session with staff from Auto Sleepers - Line Dancing
Evening Meal followed by a Quiz. The results of the Cake Competitions then the Cake Auction

Saturday

AGM followed by Open Forum
Evening Dinner followed by The Raffle Draw and Dancing to Phil Carr Music
Dress is as formal or informal as you wish.

Sunday

Sunday Service - Presentation of cheque to the chosen Charity
Followed by Tea and Coffee - Carvery Lunch – Short talk on Motorhoming Abroad.
Evening entertainment provided by Smooth Classics sung by Jack Foley

Stuart Goodwin Pavillion

Friday & Saturday

Crafts - Cakes - Bring & Buy Jigsaws – Bring & Buy motorhome spares or equipment, Books and Regalia Stalls - Technical Advice - Photo and Cake Competitions. Tea & Coffee will be available

Sunday

CLOSED

A free minibus service will run on Saturday and Sunday afternoons to SMC (Newark) to see motorhomes for sale. There is also a small accessory shop. Some refreshments will be provided (to be confirmed).

**The Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club.
NOMINATION FORM**

Annual General Meeting May 2nd 2015

We the undersigned nominate,

Name.

Membership number.

**For election: - Management Committee / Honorary Examiner of
the Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club. DELETE AS APPROPRIATE**

Name of Proposer

Membership number

Signature of Proposer.....

Date

Name of Seconder

Membership number

Signature of Seconder

Date

I agree to accept nomination for election: - Management Committee /
Honorary Examiner.

DELETE AS APPROPRIATE

**I understand that by signing this acceptance I am also confirming the
statement overleaf.**

Signed

Date

Please return this form to the Club Secretary: Mr. J.A. Osland-Jones, Flat 7,
Oak Tree Court, 15 Pembroke Way, Hall Green, Birmingham B28 9EX



I understand that if I am elected to be a member of the Management Committee I will as such be appointed a Director of a Company Limited by Guarantee, a post that is regulated by the Companies Act and monitored by Companies House.

I also understand that I may from time to time be required to agree to be the subject of a credit or similar check by the Club's Banks, insurance providers, suppliers, etc.

I confirm that I have never been convicted of or charged (but not yet tried) with a criminal offence other than (road traffic) motor offences nor have I received an official caution for a criminal offence within the last three years other than a (road traffic) motoring offence.

I also confirm that I have never been declared bankrupt and/or have been subject to any winding up order, insolvent liquidation or administration or have made any composition or arrangement with creditors.

I have never been a director or partner of a company which has gone into insolvency, liquidation, receivership or administration.

I have never been prosecuted for failure to comply with any Health and Safety or Welfare or Environmental Protection legislation.

In respect of any business which I, my partners or directors have been involved with, no insurer has ever declined, cancelled or refused any proposal of insurance. Nor have they cancelled or declined to renew any insurance or imposed terms or conditions.



**AUTO-SLEEPER OWNERS' CLUB
PROXY FORM**

I, _____ Membership Number _____

Hereby appoint _____

As my proxy at the General Meeting of The Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club to be held on: - Saturday 2nd May 2015 and at any adjournment of the meeting.

Signature of Member _____ Date _____

I confirm that I am acting as Proxy for no more than two members.

Signature of Proxy _____ Date _____

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-----CUT ALONG LINE-----

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1. Appointing a proxy will not preclude you from personally attending and voting at the meeting (in substitution for your proxy) if you subsequently decide to do so. However if you wish to revoke your proxy at any time, you must inform the Club Secretary in writing before the meeting starts.
2. A person can only accept appointment as a proxy on behalf of a maximum of two members.
3. To appoint a proxy using this form, the form must be received by the Club Secretary on any day between Mondays to Friday inclusive and no later than 48 hours before the time appointed for the meeting at which it is to be used.
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5. Any alteration to the proxy form must be initialled by the member.



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REPRESENTATION BY PROXY

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

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

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

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

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

As this is a legal requirement you are hereby notified that you have a right to appoint a proxy to participate in the 2015 General Meeting, on your behalf, using the Proxy Form enclosed, which must be received at the address given on the proxy form before 10.30am Thursday 30th April 2015.

May I make three things clear, the person who is nominated, as the proxy does not have to be a member of the Club. I know that this may seem strange, but that's the way the Act is written.

Secondly, that you cannot just put down Chairman, Secretary etc on the form, they will be considered invalid. Thirdly, it must be remembered that no proxy can act for more than two members. That is why they must sign the form.

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

50 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG

Congratulations Glenn and Noel on your forthcoming Golden Wedding Anniversary from all your friends and fellow ralliers at ASOC. Have a fantastic holiday and don't forget to come home - we will still need you in March!

Dear Members

Our loyalty over the last eleven years to Auto-sleeper has been broken with our latest purchase. The requirement of a larger vehicle in order to entertain our grandchildren and having succumbed to all the bells and whistles of another manufacturer, we are obliged to cease our membership.

We wish to express our thanks to all the campers we have met during that time, especially those officers who provide a sterling service for us all. We are left with fond memories of people and places where we have camped, particularly the past Malvern and AGM rallies and the opportunity to be amongst the first to camp at Windsor Race Course.

Roger and Nina Russell (Exeter)

Canterbury Aire

It's not a tune but an overnight stopover for anyone who is prepared to be on a park and ride area. We used it on our way to France this August as it is only 20 minutes from Dover. It costs £3 for 24 hours and that also includes bus travel into Canterbury.

It has fresh water and toilet emptying facilities. OK you are very close to your neighbours, however on the night we were there, and it was busy with 7 Italian vans, 3 Dutch, 3 German some French plus UK vans, there was no noise after 10pm.

If the area is full then there is also extra parking, just ask at the office.

All the information is on the web at canterbury.gov.uk/parkandride

Irene Kitchin 5698

Thanks

I wish to thank everyone for their cards and best wishes and for attending Max's funeral. It was great comfort to have such support. I will still be rallying in the new year.

Joan Cooke

Mk1 Peugeot Boxer

We recently had our 1999 reg, (1998 built) Mk1 Peugeot Boxer Harmony serviced and splashed out on having the front bumper professionally painted as it was in a poor state. Feeling pretty pleased with myself I took the Harmony down to Southsea for a run out.

Problems started when changing from 2nd gear to 3rd and from 4th back into 3rd and I assumed that the clutch cable might have been mis-adjusted during the service and went back to the garage.

Later that day I was given some bad news that the gearbox would have to come out and go to a specialist for repairs.

The gearbox specialist stripped and cleaned it and as MK 1 Boxer gears are no longer available they had to be welded and subsequently re-machined to achieve sufficient synchro spacing. Worn Synchros were also replaced.

The total cost was £950 which included the removal and refitting of the gearbox by my garage, the specialists costs and VAT, not good news just before Christmas !

The result though is nothing short of spectacular. Our Harmony gearbox was never brilliant from day 1 back in 1999 but the transformation (including the lack of stiffness between 1st and 2nd when cold) soon restored the smile, although the credit card bill hasn't landed on the mat yet.

It would appear that this issue is widespread judging by threads on various forums, the most useful one so far has been the Auto-

Sleeper Owners Forum who have several helpful threads on this issue.

Apparently, 3 different gearbox's were used at the SEVEL factory during that period and our BVM ME version is prone to these issues.

A garage should be able to access the 'Peugeot Service Box' with a VIN number and get the build notes (and build date) which show which gearbox was installed as well as 3 pages of other build info (handy for your FSH).

I know from reading the forums that many are suffering with these gearbox's and all I can say is, if you can afford it, get it fixed and the enjoyment will return !
Season's Greetings to all.

Regards Terry Hammond

Dog Friendly

I would like to comment on the article by Alan Bulmer in the Dec 2014 Newsletter (Page 13/14) in which Alan suggests building up a register of Non Dog Friendly Locations.

There already exists a website that may be of assistance to him and many of our dog friendly/owning Members: <http://www.dogfriendlybritain.co.uk/>

The problem with the bus service to the Ludlow CC Site from Ludlow is that it is run by a private bus co with a very poor attitude! We also suffered the same fate as Alan but were lucky enough (especially as it was tipping it down!) to find a dog friendly lady taxi driver who took us to the campsite. Unfortunately we did not keep a note of her details because we had no intention of camping there again!

This dog friendly website has been built up over many tens of years and is brilliant for dog owners. I am quite happy for you to publish my comments in the Newsletter.

Kind regards, *Peter Pipe*

We Agree

We fully concur with the comments recently reported from Andy Cavell regarding the so called “friendly” Caravan and Camping Club. We have been members for many years albeit with a break a few years back. We were originally members of the Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland when we, like many others, were camping in tents. Subsequently we camped with a Rapido folding caravan and now with our trusty Clubman. We have experienced a number of instances over the last few years when we have not felt as comfortable on camp sites as we did in former times.

We also find it extremely irritating that on some sites we are obliged to pay for electricity when we would be quite happy to not use that facility – like other Club members we have an electric panel on the roof and so can be self contained and not using up valuable finite resources.

We also feel that as we do not go away as often as we did in the past the reduced price for members is less attractive. We will still continue to use sites where they are in the right place for us but they will more often than not be private commercial sites. We also plan to attend more rallies where we know there will be friendly people to camp alongside.

Peter and Monica Lucas 5925

Ten Day Trip to the Loire and Brittany Part 2

Thursday 26th June

Today is the day to visit a chateau, so having picked up information from the tourist information office we decided to make for Chateaux Chenonceau. This is the one that straddles the River Cher. On route we visited a winery, tasting various wines made from the Melon de Bourgoyne grape, needless to say purchases were made.

Touring the Chateau and grounds we were amazed by the beauty of the whole spectacle (if you are interested look it up on the internet interesting history). After several hours and tired feet it was time to move on. We stopped off en route for a little wine tasting and purchases.

It was our plan to stay over night in Saumur, but we continued along the D751 which follows the Loire then we came across a 4 van Aire (not in the book) on the rivers edge, just outside the village of Treves. How convenient a small bar with views 20 paces away and baker across the road. Our

dinner was accompanied with large glasses of red purchased earlier at £1.85 a litre.

Friday 27th June

Awaking to a view of the river, breakfast was enjoyed watching and photographing the abundance of wild life. We continued our journey along the D751 to the village of Champtoceaux high above the river which provided the best views that we had seen, the Loire was certainly growing in size.

Armed with information from the local tourist office we keyed the Chateau Cassemichere into the sat nav. On arrival we were shown around the grounds. A plaque on the wall details the planting of the first Melon de Bourgogne vine which was planted after a terrible frost in 1740 destroyed the vines producing red wine at the time. This is the home of Muscadet wine. We then visited the caves where wine was stored in large oak casks. Older casks no longer in use had been preserved as a feature, we then moved on to the cave used as the meeting place of "Les Gastronomes De La Mer". The tasting was most enjoyable, needless to say we both purchased another dozen bottles, at which time the owner helped carry the cases to the van.

It was time to make the long journey to the Brittany coast. A meal of confit de canard was produced from the tin we had used as a door stop for several days.

Saturday 28th June

The town of Paimpol is a short walk from the Aire. We purchased mussels, oysters and filleted Lieu Jaune (Pollack). Returning to the van the heavens opened to clear the muggy air. Today is rest day, time for reading and light domestic duties. Our afternoon walk took us to the small beach on the other side of the marina where yachts were negotiating the lock. This was time to reflect on fond memories of sailing trips across the channel. Later we enjoyed the fish we had purchased earlier, yes we do have veg with our meals.

Sunday 29th June

We set off to stay/see at one of the more beach type areas. The first two aires were closed and the third was not to our liking and the water facility was not working. We were short of water and after some resourceful activity

the tank was full. Map, Aires directory and sat nav were put to use, resulting in a visit to Dinan which is an old favourite Aire with no facilities. As it was a very pleasant evening we took a stroll to the bar on the sunny side of the River Rance. We soon made conversation with a an English couple who have a holiday home just around the corner. After several beers we were invited to see their house, very nice, in true French tradition we were offered an aperitif and then another. Dinner was a little later that evening.

Monday 30th June

The walled town of Dinan high above the river never ceases to amaze. As one walks around the ramparts one realises why it was built there. Every street has something or building of interest including the magnificent Church of Saint Saviour with its stained glass windows and arches spanning 107 feet.

This is where our plans became confused. I had told my wife that I would be home late Tuesday evening. I knew the ferry was for the 2nd July. Right date wrong day. My friend had thought that he was due back at work on Wednesday. His wife thought he was home at the weekend. After a few phone calls we decided to make the most of our "extra day". Instead of St Malo we set off for the oyster town of Cancale. The Aire on top of the hill is a 20 min walk to the oyster beds. The French were in the process of beating Nigeria in the world cup which made for a pleasant atmosphere as we walked along the harbour area.

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Part 3 next month

Technical Group & Website



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Exhaust Repair:

The temporary GunGum repair to my Talisman's exhaust back in August (*Oct newsletter article*) enabled us to get the ferry to France, and has held up extremely well for the 4 months and 1,200+ miles. I am impressed that the repair was rock solid with no sign of breaking up, and seems to be much better than my previous experiences of GunGum back in the distant past.

I have waited until my December annual service & MOT to have the new front pipe replaced. However, none of the three front

pipes supplied to the garage fitted – so I now have one with a CAT (*catalytic converter*)!

I would be useful to know if any other member, with a Peugeot X240 (2002-2006), has had a similar problem?

Shower Tray Repairs:

A short while ago I noticed that the shower tray in our Talisman, had very slight cracks/marks. These might have simply been in the gel coat, but not wanting to take any chance of water getting under the tray I contacted Speedcoat at www.speedcoateuro.com tel. 0800 834525. They then referred me to a local 'Speedcoat Applicator' in my area.

The shower tray was thoroughly cleaned, abraded slightly and the surrounding area completely masked. Two layers of a special 'bonded polyurethane lining' were then sprayed over the whole tray, allowing a short time between the two layers. The repair took 6 hours and was undertaken at our home.

The number of layers depends on the severity of the cracks. The floor did not need supporting, but had that been necessary an injection process would have been used. This extra process was described by Mike Valentine in July 2013, and can be read in the 'hints&tips' document under 'Shower'.

Website Updates:-

- **01/15 –**
 - **Rally List** – 2015 rally list issue 'A' & rally spreadsheet issue 'A'
 - **Technical** – Ideas Sheet No, 235 Reduce vibration on rear view mirror/camera
- **05/14 – Technical** – Ideas Sheet No. 234 Easier access to the LPG fixed tank valve
- **05a/14 – Rally List 2015: - Supplementary* – provisional rally list No. P08**
- **04e/14 to 04f/14 – Rally List 2015 - Supplementaries – provisional rally list No.'s P06 & P07**

*Supplementary updates are not formally promulgated, so you may wish to visit the website occasionally to keep up to date.

'Hints&Tips'. The consolidated list of 'hints&tips' covering the past 10 years now has 24 pages. A copy of which is sent to members, who are on the website advisory list, at the beginning of the New Year. Should you wish to have a copy e-mail at technical@asoc.uk.com

And finally: Dorothy and I would like to wish all our friends in the Club, and at the factory, our very best wishes for 2015. Enjoy your travelling and we look forward to meeting many of you during the year.

Yours aye
Baz Wellard

**A Warm Welcome to
 New Members**

Membership Numbers from 8966 to 8993



Peter Nuttall & Julie Blackburn	Runcorn	Warwick
Nigel & Julie Malcolm	Weymouth	Nuevo
Alan & Anne Knowles	Lytham St Annes	Symbol
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Bryan & Maureen Collins	Belfast	Broadway
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Bryan & Nancy Crane	New Milton	Nuevo
Steven & Maureen Howarth	Burnley	Bourton
Owen & Rosemary Morey	Cheltenham	Warwick
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Paul & Judith Simpson	Pickering	Legend
Barbara Sharod & Graham Robinson	Clacton on Sea	Kemerton
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