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From the Editor



As we all know January is a quiet month and that is reflected in this month's newsletter with only 7 items submitted! Therefore I have had to reduce the number of pages and repeated all of the Ads for the National, just as a reminder if you haven't applied to go or submitted to the stalls etc. in the Sir Stuart Goodwin Pavilion with a few extra announcements included.

From my point of view, the Broadway is now 4 years old and it needs to have an anti-perforation check, and I had to contact Peugeot Customer services to find out whether this could be done by my local service garage as they can cope with MOTs on lorries and large motorhomes up to 5 tons

They informed me that only a Peugeot dealer can do this. I then asked where my nearest dealer was that had the hoist and the door height to deal with it. I was informed that my nearest one was Broad Green at Wellingborough (about an hour's drive away).

They were most helpful and as they offered a free Collect and Return service, I decided it was only fair to let them do the service and MOT at the same time. Good result, especially on the dark evenings!

The Deadline for the next newsletter will be by 10th March and you can send contributions at **daveatasoc@virginmedia.com** or by post to the address below. Please will you consider finding something to write about that would be of interest to other members.

David Mayne

Items for the newsletter **MUST** reach your Editor by the **TENTH** of the month. You may post them to 27 Mentmore Rd Leighton Buzzard Beds LU7 2NY or email to **daveatasoc@virginmedia.com**.

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Mike would like to thank all those who sent him best wishes after he fell from a ladder last August whilst cleaning the van. He is progressing well, but still has a way to go, so can't use the van yet. But this started me thinking about how others cleaned their motor homes?

Our previous van was a Talisman which didn't have a solar panel on the roof or an air conditioning unit, so we bought a cover for the van in the winter but took it out regularly for a drive.

Now the Lancashire has the above on the roof which helps keep the batteries charged in the winter.

After forbidding Mike to climb on the roof again, we found a local car wash who could help us. But after watching them with the very high pressured hose, we were concerned about water ingress through vents and the above units etc.

So I wondered if members had any experience of car washes they could pass on to us?

Janis Wood 4201. janis46wood@gmail.com

Plastic Bottle Tops

Mo & Mike would like thank all of the members who collected plastic bottle tops on our behalf over the past few years, helping us to raise money for a Rotary Charity.

Our recycling contact has just advised my club that they will no longer be recycling bottle tops.

When we started collecting they were turned into wellington boots but what happened recently is not known.

Once again, Thanks for your help.

**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).

National Rally Cake Competition

1st Prize £30 2nd Prize £20 3rd Prize £10

Mincemeat Cake *this cake will keep for several weeks*

6oz/175g Butter, softened

6oz/175g Dark brown sugar

4 Large Eggs

18oz/500g Mincemeat

12oz S/R Wholemeal flour

A little Milk to mix if necessary

Heat oven 170/Mk 3

8"/20cms round deep tin

Cream together butter and sugar until light and fluffy.

Beat in eggs a little at a time.

Stir in Mincemeat, fold in flour and mix well, adding milk if required to make dropping consistency, place in deep tin in preheated oven, cook 10 mins. at 170/mk 3. Lower temperature to 150/mk2 and continue baking for 1.1/4 > 1.1/2 hrs. until firm. Leave to cool and then turn out onto wire rack.

Regards *Mike*

National Rally Tombola

I have volunteered to run a Bottle and Can Tombola at the National Rally, in the Sir Stuart Goodwin Pavilion, assisted by Chris Mawdsley and Angie Cavell.

All proceeds to the Club Charity.

We would be very grateful if club members could start collecting bottles and cans to donate to the Tombola. The more we have, the bigger the display and the greater the contribution to the charity.

Many thanks

Liz Irvin

SALES AND WANTED BOARD

This will be situated in the Stuart Goodwin Hall again.
If you would like to place an advert it MUST contain

Motorhome type Registration Number

Your Name and telephone number

Please see me in the hall to have it put on the board.

A donation to the weekend charity of £1 to place the advert is suggested.
A further donation on completion of a successful transaction would be appreciated

Ian Rainbow-Wood 07521 813890
Broadway EK FJ14 GDZ

National Rally- Sir Stuart Goodwin Pavilion

At this year's National rally we will have the Sir Stuart Goodwin Pavilion open to display hobbies and crafts on the Friday and on the Saturday afternoon.

I look forward to anyone that can display a hobby or craft to contact me as soon as possible.

It does not need to be elaborate but something you are interested in that will be of interest to others.

Also we are considering having a picture gallery again.

Anyone who would like to exhibit their paintings can get in touch with me when you have had chance to think about what paintings you would exhibit. This is not a competition but a way of showing your works of art and seeing other artist's works .

If anyone would like to demonstrate their art by doing some painting in the Pavilion over the weekend we will be pleased to hear from you. We will be very happy to accommodate you.

You can reach me on 01484604133, 07799591550, or Email at stuwd@yahoo.co.uk.

Thank you. Stuart Wood.

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 Norton Grove
Kingston upon Hull
HU4 6HL

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

"WESTERN MOTORHOME SHOW, MALVERN, 14th to 16th August.

MARSHALS WANTED , either to assist me or to take over (am willing to assist You! if desired). This is a super show and the last two years we have had over 45 vans stay on Club pitches. It would be a shame if we had to cancel for lack of help. Please, can YOU help?

Offers to Neil or direct to me on hopkinsgill39@gmail.com Tel: **01244 675180. Gill Hopkins**

Technical Group & Website



Webmaster and Chairman Technical Group: Baz Wellard can be contacted at 18 Greenwood Close, Fareham, Hants PO16 7UF or email : technical@asoc.uk.com

New Stanway Model:



As I write this article (*9th Feb*) Auto Sleepers are finalising a prototype new panel van that will have been on show [*by now*] at the February NEC Motorhome Show. This pre-view is in advance of a formal summer launch.

The model's title continues with Auto Sleepers' association with the Cotswold villages and has been given the name of **Stanway**.

Stanway is based on the Peugeot Boxer chassis and will be a High Top, as per the rest of the Peugeot van conversion range.

There are two berths; a rear kitchen, shower and toilet. It has seating for 4 around the table, with the 2 forward facing table seats having

seat belts.

I hope to have more details in due course.

Damp Problems:

Mark Burdett (Service Centre Manager) has advised me that there have been a few cases recently of customers having damp areas near their toilets.

It was found that these damp areas are due to the fact that owners have travelled with their toilet holding tank full of fluid which can overspill behind the toilet and end up on the floor either side of the toilet base.

This only affects those models with a pedestal toilet i.e. Thetford and Dometic types. Those with a bench seat toilet are not affected.

The information for holding tank water levels is available in the manufacturer handbooks as well as the A/S manual, page 3.2 point 22 with reference to the toilet holding tank preparation for travel.

Electric Cycles on the Continent:

As I understand it someone has been successfully prosecuted in Spain for riding an electric bike without insurance or appropriate documentation.

It would appear that the cycle's motor should not exceed 0.25kW; and cannot exceed 25kph. Also, when pedalling is stopped the electrical assistance must cease. Otherwise the bike is classed as a low-powered moped. It is believed this rule is continental wide?

Contacting another Member on Technical Matters:

Occasionally I receive requests from one member asking if they can contact another member - who has written a technically related article in the newsletter. Whilst I cannot pass on that member's details what I can do is to contact the second member and ask if he/she is willing to cooperate. I then leave it to the two members to make direct contact.

It's gratifying to report that there has never been a refusal to cooperate. That's what this Club is all about!

Website Update:-

Supplementary updates:

- Update 01b/15:- Rally list & spreadsheet - update.
- Update 01c/15:- Technical – fuel statistics for Stanton (Mercedes) added

N.B Supplementary updates are not promulgated – suggest you visit occasionally!

Yours aye
Baz Wellard

A Warm Welcome to New Members

Membership Numbers from 9021 to 9036



Rosemary O'Toole & David Shale	Swanage	Clubman
Fred & Brenda Butler	Frodsham	Broadway
John & Kay I'Bell	Southampton	Burford
Alan & Annette West	St Austell	Windrush
Vincent & Carol O'Sullivan	Hook	Warwick
Jim & Sue Clark	Uckfield	Warwick
Les & Elizabeth Parson	New Quay	Broadway
Elizabeth McIlwaine	Liverpool	Nuevo
Roger Beacham	Sleaford	Kemerton
Keith Hudson	Barnetby	Symbol
Barrie & Christine Kerry	Driffield	Ravenna
Ann Butterworth & Peter Botterill	Chester	Trident
John & Sue Murray	St Helens	Executive
Chris & Barbara Barkham	Basingstoke	Warwick
Gordon Sheppard	Walsall	Bourton
Malcolm & Jane Coles	Gillingham	Trooper

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



Thanks for your
Donations .

Auto Sleeper Warwick Duo

September 2013. Little used.

2200 miles only.

Still under warranty.

All usual Duo fixtures plus roof fitted satellite dish and solar panel. Tow bar (for bicycle rack). 21"AVEX T.V. plus Humax twin recorder.

£41.500 ono. Genuine reason for sale. Alan

01934 842016.

AandAShipham@gmail.com

Auto Sleeper Symbol

1999 Petrol, 37000 miles, new MOT, good condition TV and retracting Ariel, Many extras, ready to go for season. Illness forces reluctant sale.

Rebuilt gearbox Jan 2014.

Thule electric step. Two lady owners.

£9,750 West Midlands area (Tamworth). Tel **01827 895338** or **07964 661321**

Spare set of carpets For

Autosleeper Cotswold FB
ES(Dinette model)

-never used. £50

Tel: **07720 404326** - Bedfordshire

PVC Rear Door Storage box

complete with all fittings GRP Colour
Grey £240

Contact Dave on **01260 277888**
(Cheshire)

Auto-Sleeper Warwick duo

2012 Aug

7000miles service history, Warranty Aug 2015.

Tow bar, insulated water tanks, Rear Door Bit-z boxes 44" * 30" * 14".

Colour Golden White / un-marked.

Leg Injury forces reluctant sale
£38500 ono

Contact Dave on **01260 277888**
(Cheshire)

Auto-Sleeper Warwick Duo

Sept 2009 15,000 miles

Recent habitation service at Marquis

Good condition, many extras, cycle rack, luggage box, awning
MOT Sept 15 £29,950 On0.

Contact Colin **01803 556710**
(Torbay)

Or **07976 929499**

FOR SALE

Kampa Rally Pro 260L awning

for motorhome, fits into roll out awning. Suit vans 250cms.-265cms high. Little used cost £350----
£100 to clear.

BaseCamp Panoramic Family

260 awning for motorhome, fits into roll out awning. £30.

Angled swivel table leg, with fittings £30.

All can be seen at the National Rally. Neil Rogers
Tel. No **01325 374540**