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From the Editor



You will have noticed that the newsletter was delivered about a week earlier last month, this was our Printer's idea as many of the members would have been at the National Rally on the usual delivery date. Well Done Mick.

The National Rally went off well apart from some unpleasantness at the Open Forum. Al and Barbara have have now stood down from the committee and next year's event will be run by Keith and Janet Ross.

You will find many reports and letters relating to the National and I have increased the size of the newsletter to take account of this. (Makes up for a few short issues lately!) Remember that I can only print what I receive so it's up to the membership to send in contributions and photos to make the newsletter interesting.

Hopefully you will continue to support me as last year when I had an excellent response to a plea I made at the National rally last year, so please keep this up.

You will observe that the committee posts have changed – see Page 2. I remind you all that I still have not got a Deputy Editor and there is a major need for the club to have one who would be expected to take over when my time is up.

Deadline for the July Newsletter is by 10th June and please send all your contributions in to **daveatasoc@virginmedia.com** or by post to the address below. Please allow up to 4 days if using a second class stamp, even First Class often takes 2 days!

David Mayne

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Chairman's Chat



For everyone who attended the National Rally, I am sure you will join me in praising Al and Barbara Buckett for another (their fourth) excellent event. Their hard work and efficiency, prior to and throughout the weekend, ensured we all had a wonderful time and along with the Sub-committee and the many members who contributed in any way towards the Rally, please accept our grateful thanks and appreciation. We extend our best wishes to Keith Ross, who has agreed to take on the Chairmanship of the National Rally Sub-committee, ably assisted by his wife, Janet.

At the AGM, the Membership was delighted to honour John Normandale, the Club's first Chairman, by granting him the title of Vice President.

By now you will have gathered that the Committee appointed me Chairman (the first 'lady!') and I will do my best to justify their confidence in me, for the benefit of our wonderful Club.

On our return home, James & I visited the local butcher and told Mark, who served us, where we had been for the previous week (they had missed us!) and that I was now Chairman of the Club. His immediate comment was, "chocks away and rally on!!" Good advice for us all, perhaps?

Travel safely

Jill Bertlin

Guide & Rules

With the introduction of the newly formed Rally Sub-committee, the reviewed and updated Guide and Rules for Rally Marshals will be published and in place for the 2016 Rally season.

CHARITY 2015/16

Firstly I would like to thank all members for sending in nominations at such short notice for the 2015/16 Charity of this year. The one that was chosen was **The Maria Hanson Foundation**, and was nominated by James & Jill Bertlin, membership no. 2770.

The charity is Derby based and run solely by Maria. It provides Holidays by the sea for families with terminal or life threatening conditions, children and adults alike, allowing memories to be made when time is short. More information can be found at :-
www.mariahansonfoundation.org.uk

John Jones

Sorry we have to say goodbye.

The winter months unfortunately have not passed according to plan health wise, therefore Paula and I have decided to retire the Nuevo which will result in the pleasures of rallying during the 2015 season being sadly missed.

A chest problem leading to fatigue and breathlessness has taken its toll and eventually gave rise to the decision taken.

We wish to extend our thanks to all marshals for organising the rallies and to members whom we met on the sites for their kindness and support. The 10 years of our membership of the ASOC have provided us both with many happy memories.

Best wishes and happy rallying in the future

Paula and Les Henman. 5635

Rally Reports

Marston Rally

We arrived at the 'Albion' on a warm Thursday afternoon, a marked change to the recent weather. After an afternoon relaxing in the sun, Chris, myself and many others enjoyed a meal in the Albion.

Next morning was a guided tour around the Marstons Brewery but as we have been before, Chris and I spent the day at the National Arboretum. The Arboretum is a very special place and not at all confined to tributes to the armed forces and we were again blessed with a warm sunny day. That evening we had a meal arranged for us in the Marstons visitors centre and enjoyed socialising with our fellow ralliers.

Saturday was windy and not warm at all. Many went into town whilst we visited the nearby Barton Marina that has a nice selection of shops, pub and cafes. In the evening a group meal was arranged in the Albion.

Despite Ted's various ailments, Trish did a marvellous job of arranging the weekend with assistance from Jan and Vic and others and was thanked by the ralliers during coffee on Sunday morning in the Marstons Social Club. She even kept a close eye on one of our more frivolous members – see photographs.

Peter C Brown

National Rally

What a great weekend! Very many thanks to Al, Barbara and all who were involved in the running of the National Rally, and who put in so much effort for everyone's enjoyment. It seemed to run effortlessly, which is due to all the planning and hard work which is unseen, but very much appreciated.

Margaret & David Dunball 7954

It was a fine Thursday afternoon when we pulled into the Newark Showground for our 'First National Rally' and already there were plenty of vans set up and ready to enjoy the weekend ahead.

We soon hooked up, had the kettle on and began to make friends with those around us. Everyone was welcoming, new ralliers, and old hands alike, and we felt we were amongst friends.

My first job was to set up my craft stall in the Sir Stuart Goodwin Pavillion. I had proudly brought my lace samples and a 'work in progress' along to show everyone what bobbin lace is all about. I had a small pillow for those who were interested in having a go themselves. Many took up the challenge including Harry & John who were very adept and light handed when it came to twisting the bobbins!

On the Friday morning whilst I was busy in the craft hall, my husband, Clive entertained himself by visiting the Newark Air Museum adjacent to the site. It was very worthwhile and he thoroughly enjoyed himself. Later he attended the question and answer session with the Auto Sleeper team, again very worthwhile.

The rest of the weekend was taken up with the AGM, visiting SMC and thoroughly enjoying the food and entertainment provided for us, surrounded by friendly and welcoming fellow motor homers. A huge thank you to all who were involved in organising such a fantastic event, we will return next year.

Brenda Treacher



SHEFFIELD TIGERS RALLY 2015

The Sheffield Tigers rally has been cancelled.

We rang to finalise details with the club and was told there would be rugby matches being played while we were on site near our vans.

Also there would be a family fun day near our vans and in the club house. So with consideration and backing from Neil we cancelled.

We are sorry if anyone is inconvenienced but thought it best for peace and safety. When we first booked the site we were told we were the only ones on site.

Yvonne and Stuart.

2015 AGM Photo competition results

Set category

Result	Name.	Membership No.
1st	David Hollingsworth. Big Yorkshire Sky	5968
2nd.	David Hollingsworth. Rally in a glass, Whitby	5968
3rd.	Irene Kitchen. Looking across Loch Leven.	5698

Open category

1st.	Irene Kitchen Red Sea at Vatersay	5698
2nd.	Angie Smith. The sea of poppies, Tower of London	5333
3rd.	Peter Fisher. Man and his friend.	336

Judged by Charles and Angela

The overall winner. (Voted for by attending AGM members.) David Hollingsworth with Big Yorkshire Sky.

Thanks to all the members who took the time to enter the competition this year. I look forward to receiving plenty of entries in 2016.

Jean Hollingsworth 5968

Spot the difference competition held at the AGM.

£70 was raised for the chosen charity by this competition which appears to have been an easy one this year as there were more than 30 correct papers handed back in. George Langhan 8596, was drawn from the correct entries. I will have to make it more difficult.

Having taken photos around the site ready for next year, I asked everyone around for permission to use the photos if their image was captured and everyone consented to my using them. However, if anyone has any objections to raise about the use of any images concerning them, perhaps they would e mail me at jaholly1@gmail.com to say so and I won't use the image in question.

David Hollingsworth 5968

THE NATIONAL RALLY & A.G.M. 2015

A big thank you to all who displayed their crafts and hobbies in the Sir Stuart Pavilion this year.

Also thank you for guessing the weight of the iced fruit cake which raised £54.

Also thank you for guessing how many jelly beans were in the jar which raised £13.

Stuart Wood.

Thank you to all the volunteers that sold raffle tickets.

Thank you to the volunteers that folded raffle tickets on the Saturday.

And thank you to all who donated raffle prizes.

Yvonne Wood.

National Rally 2015

When Barbara and I took over the running of the National Rally four years ago we inherited a very experienced sub committee all of whom were prepared to continue in their roles. They have proved invaluable to us and

without their help and support it would have been a much more difficult job to take on.

There have also been members who have run stalls, competitions served refreshments old and folded many raffle tickets marshalled and many others who have helped behind the scenes all enabling the Rally to run smoothly. Our true and sincere thanks go to everyone involved. We have enjoyed the experience and learnt a great deal on the way.

We have now handed over to Keith and Janet Ross who have already got some new and exciting ideas which is what is needed and our best wishes go to them.

I would like to thank Auto Sleeper's for their generous donation towards the cost of running the Rally again this year.

Finally we would like to thank everybody who has been kind enough to thank us. The flowers are looking lovely and the whisky glass has been christened!

Al Buckett 5829

THANKS

On behalf of those of you who took advantage of the tea and coffee served in the Stuart Goodwin Hall I would like to thank the two Jeans (Sellers and Gutsell) for their hard work on Friday and Dorothy (Wellard) and her team, Celia (Waugh) and Gill (Brindley) for spending their Saturday afternoon working hard.

My thanks also go to Stuart for setting up and keeping the urns full on both days.

Pauline Rogers.

It is very important that we remember that fund raising for our chosen charity would not be anywhere nearly so successful without the generous support of the companies who donate prizes for the raffle.

This year they were :-

Reluxe Furnishing	Motor Plus Motorhomes
Brittany Ferries	Auto-Sleeper Service Centre
Cotswold Motor Caravans	Robsons of Wolsingham
Mercedes Benz	Peugeot

Our grateful thanks to them and to everyone else who donated a prize.
Andy Cavell

11th Q&A Session - National Rally - Friday May 1st 2015

Approximately 135 members attended the Question & Answer (Q&A) session at the National Rally at Newark Showground. On the podium, to respond to the questions, we were very fortunate to have Geoff Scott (ASG CEO); Alan Curry (A~S Customer Services Manager), and Andrew Cooke (Thetford). Chaired by Baz Wellard (ASOC).

Introduction: Geoff Scott opened the session by giving information on the current position regarding ASG and their future strategy. The detailed report was very informative and well received by all those attending.

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The following are **very brief** notes of the questions/comments raised and the corresponding responses.

Q1: Some members questioned the logic of placing a number of components where they were installed. Specifically mentioned was the difficulty accessing the Truma heater reset button – and the apparent lack of protection for others – again, to be specific, the internal pipe-work to the BBQ point.

A1: With the limited space available and the need to conserve as much space as possible we have to pack things in pretty tightly and there always has to be a compromise between access and space saving. We also have to comply with the legislation governing the construction and use of the motorhome and this can sometimes push us into decisions we would prefer not to have to make. However, you can be assured that the engineering is designed to meet the best possible outcome.

Q2: On our 2 year old Lancashire the LPG tank regulator had to be replaced, as it was poorly positioned near the rear wheel and has suffered from oxidation.

A2: This is the first time this has been reported. However, if an additional baffle is deemed necessary, then A~S will cover the cost.

Q3: Why is my 2013 Broadway only covered with a 2 year warranty?

A3: From experience the majority of faults will come up in the first year, or possibly the second. With better understanding of the problem ASG can help where possible.

Q4: The 'user' handbooks are ineffective and do not appear to have been proof read. Poor spelling and grammar is getting through, and the handbook does not always relate to the vehicle in question.

A4: It is difficult to answer without being specific. The handbooks are definitely proof read and one individual is responsible for that role. However, the point is taken and the concern will be referred back for discussion. Any specific examples would be gratefully received and will be passed to the author for inclusion in re-writes wherever possible.

Q5: Electric for my wheelchair is always a problem to charge when not on mains! Is there any solution?

A5: There is a project ongoing, in which Baz has been involved, to develop leading edge technology for an 'LPG driven Power Cell'. This should suit such requirement; and for owners on long time 'green field' camping. Estimated cost will be around £1,000 and the target is to make it commercially available in 2-3 years. One problem, that has been identified, is the quality of LPG. There is a possibility that the Asian market may have a great need for such Power Cells.

Q6: In October I received my new Nuevo, but the manual did not answer my questions, and unfortunately Marquis did not have sufficient knowledge to give me answers. However on enquiring through the factory an excellent response was received.

A6: Very welcome to know that we are helping.

Q7: The Hartel door stop (door stay) on my 2year old Broadway fell off and the warranty had ceased a few months before. The hinge was repaired but soon broke again. I'm not sure how to repair it myself.

Q7: It is necessary to apply 'lock-tight to the thread? This is done during assembly.

Q8: Accessing the main valve on the outlet of the under-slung LPG tank is very difficult. Is there any solution?

A8 No there is no solution in production. However there are three means of shutting off the gas:-

- The valve on the tank itself
- Using the yellow tap on the regulator at the tank
- Using the internal isolation taps in the cupboards.

(N.B. There is an Ideas Sheet, No. 234, which might help)

Q9: The habitation door shuts too easily when the wind blows, and there is an accident waiting to happen.

A9: We will look at the problem in the R&D Department. However the main function of the stay is to stop the door opening too far and straining the hinges.

Q.10: Why do the Thetford fridge shelves not fit very well.

A. 10: We are aware, at Thetford, that securing the fridge shelf can be a bit tricky but the main point is to ensure that the catch is correctly located when you have to move the shelf. If the 'lug' is correctly located then the tray will not come out, and fitting is easier. We have made the locating clip this way to maximise internal fridge space and for maximum security.

Q11: Why do Thetford not have mobile engineers to resolve issues and service their fridges?

A11: Thetford prefer to train the dealers to undertake such functions, and to do this we run training sessions with dealers on their site. Dealers are regularly updated by either on-site visits or by mail, and are backed up by specific contacts at Thetford. Thus the dealers can

become a 'one-stop-engineering function'.

Thetford also have independent engineers that are trained and approved by Thetford. Also, there is an intention to evolve a Premier Scheme and Thetford will advise Baz in due course.

Q12: Why are A~S models not fitted with fly screens.

A12: We are currently looking into this facility

Q13: Information from Peugeot states that the incorrect battery has been fitted in later chassis. The 'cranking' load is 980A and not 650A, and it is understood that Peugeot are upgrading the battery during the routine service. Is A~S aware?

A13: We have no knowledge of this Peugeot action.

As there were no further questions Geoff, Alan and Andrew were thanked for attending the Q&A session and answering all the questions.

On that note there was a very generous round of applause and the session closed.

Baz Wellard

Chairman Technical Group and Webmaster

Letters to the Editor

At the end of Andy's Chairmanship.

We are writing to say a very big thank you to Andy and Angie Cavell for the many years that they have served the Club. The many rallies that they have run both in the UK and abroad have brought fun and laughter to many club members and encouraged a lot of people who have been wary of travelling abroad to give it a go.

The many years that Andy has served on the committee and behind the scenes by joining ACCEO and learning as much as he could all for our benefit can not be underestimated.

Angie has been very supportive throughout as they are a team. We want them to know that we realise the amount of their leisure time and their lives they have dedicated to the Club and long may they continue to feel appreciated enough to continue their good work.

Barbara and Al Bucket 5829

COMMENTS ON THE A.G.M. 2015.

It was good to see so many first time ralliers attending the National Rally this year. I only hope that the unpleasantness which occurred during the Open Forum of the A.G.M. has not put them off attending this event in the future, or indeed any of our "normal rallies".

In my humble opinion it was unforgivable that a member should come as a day visitor (as of course they have every right to do) and then stand up and berate the Committee and its Chairman in such an aggressive fashion. The Committee had obviously worked hard to research the subject which had been brought up concerning our insurance for marshals. I may be wrong ,but as far as I am aware this member has never been a marshal for the Club and indeed has never shown any interest in doing so.

Everyone has the right to express their views at our meetings but it was the way in which those views were expressed which caused acute distress for some members. We are supposed to be a friendly club after all.

Another point which came up at the meeting was that marshals did not get any help from the Committee. Well, for my sins, I am given the job of proof reading the Rally Supplement (and yes I do miss some errors sometimes). However when there is space on the back page of the Supplement as in the February edition, there appears a sentence which states , "Running a rally is not difficult and assistance is available from Committee Members ". After all they are all at the end of a 'phone line or have E-mails.

Perhaps we should all go to Specsavers!

Pauline Rogers. 0313.

Having thoroughly enjoyed the AGM rally it was with much surprise and disgust that I found myself listening to what seemed like a personal attack on poor Andy Cavell! Having done such a sterling job throughout his appointment as chairman I felt it was wrong for him to be spoken to in such a way by a few disgruntled members . Obviously there is a problem over rally organisers and time issues but I felt it should be a general discussion not a personal attack and would like to let him know that this is how we personally feel. I do hope it doesn't deter him from continuing to be a valued member of the committee .

Les and Geoff Tutt. 7252

I attended the AGM and Open Forum at the National Rally recently, and whilst I am all for the right to express ones opinions on any subject, I was appalled by the remarks of one member of ASOC who seemed to be of the opinion that the committee were not running the club in a proper manner and once the outgoing chairman had stepped down matters might improve.

The comment was neither accurate or called for, nor is it acceptable to make a debate personal. Andy Cavell, supported by Angie, has given 15 years to our committee (including 2 stints as chairman) and along with all the others has given unstintingly of his time, knowledge and skills. To be slighted in such a way as he steps down as chairman I think is unforgivable and given the amount of similar comments I heard during the remainder of the rally, I am certainly not alone.

Nothing can take away the hurt this must have caused Andy and Angie, or the nasty taste it has left behind, but can I say on behalf of THE VAST MAJORITY of this club a very heartfelt thank you for all they have done and I am only sorry, though not surprised, that Andy has felt it necessary to stand down from the committee.

Chris Mawdsley

With the exception of one I have attended every AGM since the Club's formation and I am most concerned with the performance of a few members during the Open Forum. To take the Committee to task in a constructive way is good for both the Committee and members, hopefully resulting in an acceptable agreement for all. However at the Open Forum this year comments became personal which, not only was hurtful to those concerned, but ultimately damaging to the Club. The situation those attending witnessed was totally out of order and utterly unforgivable. I sincerely hope it will never ever happen again.

The Committee, and specially the National Rally Sub Committee, who give up their time voluntarily, work hard for the Club and its members and we all benefit. It would be nice in the future if a little more respect could be shown whether in agreement or not with Committee decisions.

Daphne Normandale 0051

Another excellent National Rally, thanks to everyone involved. Barbara and Al have done a wonderful job with their team these past years and I wish good luck to Janet and Keith who are taking over.

It's a shame that at the Open Forum after the AGM it took one man personally insulting the Chairman to put a damper on it. The person concerned stated that he had been involved with many committees, so he should know full well that whilst a committee has a spokesperson in the form of the Chairman, decisions are made by the committee as a whole and certainly not by one person.

The committee work very hard on behalf of the members and I'm sorry to say Andy has now resigned and will certainly be missed from the committee. It's very sad that his last three years as Chairman has had to end in such a way.

Pat Mayne 2818

100 Rallies and Counting

We've been rallying with ASOC for nearly eleven years and are approaching our 100th rally. I keep all of the lists of rally attendees who share rallies with us and have extracted some statistics of the number of times other members have been on the same rally as us:

No of rallies shared	No of Sharing vans
1	213
2	82
3	45
4	26
5	27
6 to 10	68
11 to 20	46
21 to 30	14
over 30	4

I'm sure we have a statistician in the club who can comment of the figures?

Peter Brown

The church service lead by the Salvation Army on Sunday of the Newark rally, collected £203.30p.

Thank you to all those who attended and your generosity.

Janet Ross

Hi from the New National Rally Sub Committee Chairman

Those that attended the AGM will know that Jan and myself have volunteered to run the National Rally at Newark next year.

Although we have been members of the Auto Sleeper club for just over 10 years this is our first attempt at running a rally. It does seem a bit scary and daunting at the moment but with the support and encouragement we have received to date, we feel anything is possible !

Our special thanks must go to Al and Barb who have been showing us the ropes during the past year. We hope we can deliver a National Rally which lives up to the standard they have set.

Any member who has any ideas about entertainment or group outings for the National Rally please don't hesitate in contacting us. We would like to hear from you

Keith Ross

Andy Cavell

Regrettably Andy has decided to resign from the Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club Committee, of which, for the last three years he has been an excellent Chairman. On behalf of us all I would like to thank Andy for the many years during which he has contributed so much to the Club and also Angie, who has tirelessly given her wholehearted support.

This means that there is now a vacancy for a Committee member, and if you feel you would like to play a part in the running of the Club, please contact me or any member of the Committee.

Jill Bertlin

Our new Broadway

May 2014, I retired early. Linda had already given up work as home care, which had been the main reason we missed so many rallies.

We planned to change campers and that seemed to be the ideal opportunity. We admit Auto Sleeper was not our first choice. Other makes and layouts appealed to us and having had five motor caravans previously, four of them Auto Sleeper, we had a pretty good idea of what we wanted. The dilemma we faced was being members of ASOC. With friends past and present and running rallies, it was Auto Sleeper, or leave the club.

We chose the Broadway, end bathroom. A big decision, but hopefully our final change. First outing was Whitby. Four hundred mile journey, comfortable ride nice motor.

The start of our problems. Batteries seemed to run down quickly as we were non electric. Took it back to the dealer who "recalibrated the control panel"

Next few outings were electric hook up so no problem.

At AutoSleeper, I was advised and shown how to turn off the electrics when the vehicle is left standing to preserve the batteries. Apparently, the system monitors the battery levels and this process can put a gradual drain on the system. BUT it has a 30 watt solar panel which must surely keep the batteries up.

Our previous two campers had a 20 watt panel and over wintered standing for weeks and never failed even with aged batteries and a Van Bitz alarm. This one has gone flat on me more than once and had to be recharged just to start the engine.

It's also worth noting that if switching the electrics on and off is a requirement, WHY did they put the control unit at the back of a floor level cupboard requiring hands and knees with a torch to find the switches? Taking the vehicle back to the dealer doesn't seem an option as Auto Sleeper corrected their recalibration? To go back to A/S is a long journey and will they find the fault if it is intermittent.

So I had the batteries checked locally and began monitoring the whole system over time to try to identify or eliminate the problem.

I am no wiser now other than to say something quirky is going on. Alan Curry of Auto Sleeper is now involved and hopefully, with his help, we will get through this. Watch this space.

Brian Ellis 2360

Ed: This was brought up at the Q and A session by other members and is being investigated. See report.

Exemption Certificates.

The Committee has asked me to clarify the Club's position on the use of Exemption Certificates for those members who were unable to attend the recent National Rally and A.G.M.

The Club has been granted a 5 day Exemption Certificate by Natural England and the equivalent bodies in Wales and Scotland. This entitles the Club to run a rally on a Green Field site (non commercial). The certificate is valid for 5 days or 120 hours and the rally has to be run within that time scale. No time is allowed for setting up for the rally or clearing up afterwards. All of this has to be completed within the 5 days. A Rally Marshal is not allowed, under the Club's Insurance, to be on site before or after the 5 days (or 120 hours).

There is also a 28 day Exemption Certificate that is held by A.C.C.E.O. and is available to our Club. To apply to use this certificate application has to be made through A.S.O.C. and A.C.C.E.O approx 4 months before the rally is to be held. The marshal of a rally who wishes to use the 28 day certificate has also to be an individual member of A.C.C.E.O. The time span of 4 months is due to the fact that A.C.C.E.O. has to seek permission from the local planning department in the area where the marshal wishes to run their rally. Other enquiries have also to be made by A.C.C.E.O.

If you are thinking of running a rally on a non commercial green field then the first step is to contact the A.S.O.C Rally Co-ordinator who will be able to assist you and explain what is involved.

These Exemption Certificates are not required if the rally is to be held on a commercial site as the site will already have its own planning permission and insurance to cover campers.

Neil Rogers (A.S.O.C.Rally Co-ordinator).

LEISURE BATTERY:

Following on from the recent item about changing a leisure battery, I also have had need to replace the leisure battery on my 2004 Executive. It had done sterling service as the original one that had come with the vehicle, but after 10 years I thought it was time to renew.

Finding one that will fit into the tray under the drivers seat is a challenge as most batteries today are too big.

However, as an alternative to the solution found by the previous contributor, I found that a NUMAX XV24 (86Ah) with a 2 year guarantee fits in beautifully (allowing for the odd skinned knuckle screwing down the side clamps !!) and can be purchased from your local motor accessory outlet at circa £84. Happy camping!

Keith Bott (5557)

We have a Symbol (2009) but are having trouble with the **automatic step jamming**. I read in a camping magazine that this could be caused by dirt on the step. Knowing this, we keep it clean but it still jams. The fuse appears ok. Any suggestions on what is causing this problem?

Clinton Grant 4032

Cleaning the Roof

Having received several suggestions on how to clean the van roof (some not very practical!) Mike got his thinking cap on and devised a safe and acceptable method, which involved both of us.

Standing on a small stepladder inside the van, he opened the Heki and cleaned the roof with a long handled brush with me passing the necessary to him and finally rinsing it with the hose.

This proved very successful and safe as he was surrounded by the Heki all the time.

I hope this tip is helpful to members.

Janis Wood. 4201

Locking water filler cap not locking

I found recently the locking water filler cap was not locking. After a lot of fiddling without success, I went to the Internet.

The information which came back from contributors was to drop the cap into hot water. After doing this it was working perfectly again. Why this happens no one seems to know, the thought is it expands the plastic?

John Morris

Technical Group & Website



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Driving Licence Paper Counterpart:

As I mentioned in my April article the need for a Driving Licence Paper Counterpart is coming to an end. As from 8th June it will no longer have any legal basis and the advice is to destroy your paper Counterpart after that date.

However, if you hold a paper Driving Licence – from before the photo-card was introduced - that must be retained.

It is very easy to check personal details held on file. All that is needed is:- Driving Licence No., National Insurance No. & Postcode. Go to www.gov.uk/view-driving-licence .

Further information is also available at www.gov.uk/dvla/nomorecounterpart

Cleaning internal windows:

A member recently requested advice on how best to clean the 'film' fitted to the inside of the windows of his new Peugeot Warwick panel van.

The supplier/fitter has recommended soapy water (*e.g. Fairy Liquid*) the same strength as for washing up. I use the same for the inside of the windows on my Talisman.

Peugeot Boxer Battery.

I understand that some Peugeot Boxer chassis may have been fitted with an incorrect size battery. The battery should be a 980A* whereas in some cases a 650A* has been fitted. (**cranking capacity*)

If in doubt contact your dealer who should replace it under warranty.

Keeping in Touch:

You can be personally made aware when an update is made to the Club Website (*excluding supplementary updates*), if you send me an e-mail. This can be very useful if there is important ASOC information to disseminate, or urgent items such as re-calls e.g. the recent re-call of LPG cylinders.

As existing recipients will be aware, I group the promulgation into clusters e.g. A – B; C – D; etc, depending on size. However, due to Spam restriction only 100 maximum addresses are allowed per 24hours. Once over that limit you are 'cut-off' for the next 24 hours. As I have 2 separate accounts the distribution is usually achieved over 2-3 days.

Rally Reports & Photos:

Now that the rally season is getting into its stride, if you have any rally reports and photos (*not too large*) you wish to share with other members, through the Website, simply send them to me.

Ideas Sheets – Drafts awaiting review:-

- No. 236 Strengthening the 'pull-out' sofa bed
- No. 237 Improve habitation heating in the Bourton Cab
- No. 238 Improvement to a Symbol's single bed
- No. 239 Overcoming Peugeot Auto 'Radio-off' (X290 2015 – on)

Website updates:

- 03/15 - Updated 2015 AGM & Committee; and Sheffield rally cancelled
- 02/15 - Revised Guide & Rules for Rally Marshals
- 01f/15 – Supplementary - Rally list & spreadsheet – revised Cheddar dates.

Yours aye

Baz Wellard.

A Warm Welcome to New Members

Membership Numbers from 9084 to 9109



Thomas Lewthwaite	Egremont	Warwick
Tessa McCarthy & June Greasby	Epsom	Talisman
Sam Kerry	Hucknall	Symbol
Bill & Frances Peach	Newcastle under Lyme	Bourton
Henry Hobbs	Woodhall Spa	Nuevo
Tony & Dia Francis	Corsham	Sussex
Mike & Sue Colson	Scunthorpe	Berkshire
Eddie & Maureen Conner	Clacton on Sea	Warwick
David & Ro Neal	Harpenden	Burford
Adrian & Janet Anderson	Tynemouth	Warwick
Jo Bell	Saltburn by the Sea	Talisman
David & Denise Brown	Bridgend	Warwick
Rob & Chris Gilroy	Southampton	Duetto
Maureen Groppe	Winsford	Symbol
Janet Shippen & Simon Pugh	Manchester	Stratford
Shafique Ahmad	Hawksworth	Windrush
Owen & Sue Morgan	Fareham	Clubman
Mark Selvester & Julie Stanbridge	Malvern	Talisman
Peter & Caroline Willis	Sutton Coldfield	Broadway
John & Margaret Cadman	Ilkeston	Broadway
Simon & Christine Ewart	Liverpool	Burford
David & Ann Goldthorp	Sheffield	Symbol
Martyn & Yvonne Holder	Birmingham	Broadway
Alison Hughes	Holmfirth	Kingham
Hugh & Jayne Venables	York	Kingham
Tim & Sheila Ward	Birmingham	Trooper

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kevinprocter22@gmail.com

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The cover fits the vehicle which is 5.712 metres long
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