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## From the Editor



This month you will find enclosed the 2017 AGM agenda, 2016 AGM minutes, Accounts for 2016, and the 2016 Open Forum minutes. Embedded in the newsletter are the official annual reports from the committee members.

If you are planning to go to the AGM at the National Rally at Newark, you will need to bring the loose papers and also the April Newsletter for use during the AGM. So when you have read them, put them in your Motorhome so you don't forget.

On a personal note, you will be aware that I shall be leaving the committee after the AGM and the next newsletter (May 17) will be my last, and details will be included for contacting the new Newsletter Editor, so make a note of it. I shall be acting as Deputy Editor for emergency and possibly some planned dates which have yet to be worked out. More details next month.

I have been very pleased with a good number of contributions for the newsletter during my time as Editor and we now have a better process at the Printing Works to be able to show better quality photos and I have been dabbling with a few graphics which we weren't able to produce before. As always the content in the newsletter relies on contributions from the membership so the newsletter is an interesting read. So please keep this up.

**Deadline for the May Newsletter will be 10<sup>th</sup> April** and all contributions can be sent to me at **daveatasoc@virginmedia.com** or by post to the address below.

*David Mayne*

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## Chairman's Chat

For those members of the Club who like to attend rallies, the season has just commenced with the very popular rally at Whitemead Park in the Forest of Dean. The rally was a great success so lets hope that the inaugural rally of 2017 has set the benchmark for the rest of the year.

Towards the end of this month we have the Club's National Rally with a slightly different format this year that we hope will be appreciated by those who attend.

During the National we hold the Club's Annual General Meeting. Attendance at the meeting is not a requirement of admittance to the rally but the AGM and the following Open Forum are always popular.

In this Newsletter you will find the annual reports prepared by the Club Officers. Giving you an advance read of the reports saves time during the meeting but also gives you time to digest the information beforehand. If you are unable to attend, but want to be represented at the AGM, you have the right to appoint a Proxy, details of how to do this were published in the January Newsletter.

If you are unable to attend but would like a topic to be mentioned during the Open Forum, send me an e-mail to **chairman@asoc.uk.com**. I can't promise to raise it but if the opportunity arises, then I will.

*Peter Brown*

## New Management

In response to the piece in the March Newsletter that passed on the information that Trigano are now the Majority shareholders of Auto-Sleepers, Mike Billington (5924) writes....

*"We can only hope that The Factory and the Service Centre are left alone to do what they have done so well for so long ! It is a great pleasure to visit every year for an annual check-up and meet Mark, the Staff and other owners in the very pleasant waiting room as other commitments prevent us from going to rallies !"*

## **The Charity chosen for the year 2017—2018**

For the February committee meeting I presented numerous nominated charities for discussion and the Rosemere Cancer Foundation was finally chosen.

This charity supported our late Chairman Jill Bertlin during her illness. Jill was an out-patient under the care of Oncologist Dr Ruth Board's team and in the Royal Preston Hospital Ribblesdale (Rosemere) Ward.

The Rosemere Cancer Centre is now one of the largest dedicated centres in the UK. With a state of the art radiotherapy department, day case chemotherapy suite, outpatient clinic and 26 bed in-patient ward providing highly specialist and diagnostic and treatment services.

The Rosemere Cancer Foundation exists to raise much needed funds for treatments that fall outside the scope of the NHS, helping to deliver world class cancer treatment.

*Mike Valentine*

## ***National Rally Tombola***

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year Chris Mawdsley and I are holding a Bottle and Can Tombola at the National Rally, in the Sir Stuart Goodwin Pavilion. 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*

## Rally Roundup

### Whitemead Rally

Well the rally season got off to an excellent start at Whitemead, a commercial recreational site adjacent to the village of Parkend in the Forest of Dean. In February or March each year (depending on half term) about 35 vans



head towards the Forest; to be greeted by the Rally Marshals, who have varied throughout the years, but for the last few years have been Jackie and John Moss, aided by Glenn and Noel Clarke. This year they decorated our wing mirrors with laminated cards..??

Despite being part way through a major refurbishment programme, use of the gym, swimming pool, steam room, sauna, jacuzzi, restaurant and shop were all included and all vans having a hard standing and 16A electricity supply.

Once we opened our envelopes it became clear the cards were part of one of the quizzes, so we were all going to get at least some exercise collecting clues!! For the rest of us there were organised walks; on Tuesday we strolled along the bed of a disused mineral railway for a couple of miles to the café at Beechenhurst Lodge, taking in the lakes, forest and bird life, having a leisurely drink and snack before returning at a similar pace. On Thursday there was an option to be led to Coleford via another route through the forest, about 4 miles, from there taking a bus to Lydney and later the weekly bus back to Parkend! Several members did the round robin trip but we chose to walk back searching out several geocache's on the way.

There is a heritage railway runs from Parkend to Lydney and we were pleased to find a full service running for the day on Wednesday. Although not planned, so many of us expressed an interest that the railway reserved a coach for the club on the first train of the day.

In addition to all of this and the welcome evening on Monday, there was a ralliers meal organised for Tuesday evening, the opportunity to use all the



facilities – the pool and jacuzzi were particularly popular and a choice of two pubs in the village which serve meals, so no cooking then!!

Thursday evening we met again in the Venue to hear answers to the quizzes and participate in a raffle that was well endowed with prizes. After thanking the marshals for once again hosting a super rally we adjourned to our vans to prepare for leaving in the morning.

From being used exclusively as a royal hunting ground by the Tudor kings, the Forest was exploited for its vast coalfield and was the home of the Ironworks where revolutionary advances in the manufacture of steel were developed, before becoming the haven for walkers, cyclists and nature lovers that it is now. So for those of you who were unable to get on the rally (I know it was vastly over-subscribed), I'm sorry. We had such a good time and hope you have better luck next time.

*Chris Mawdsley and Peter Brown*

### **National Rally Cake Competition**

If you are attending the National Rally and want to partake in the Cake Competition, please refer to the Recipe and details in last month's newsletter. Good Luck.

# Annual Committee Reports to the AGM

## Chairman's Report for 2017 AGM

As you all know, this past year's activities in the club were overshadowed by the untimely death in November of our previous Chairman, Jill Bertlin. Jill guided the conduct of club business until that time.

Clause 42 of the Clubs' Articles of Association requires the committee to appoint a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer; the club committee therefore appointed me to be Chairman until the annual election of Officers that is carried out immediately after the AGM.

That apart, it has been a good year for the club with financial, rally and membership numbers all continuing to be very healthy.

In April 2016 John Geeson took over as Treasurer and Stuart Wood as Regalia Officer. In October, John Morris was co-opted to the committee as Deputy Newsletter Editor, in preparation for taking on the Role of Editor after the 2017 AGM.

All three have settled in seamlessly and are already making a great contribution to the running of the Club. It goes without saying that the other members of the committee are all also fully committed and work hard for the success of the club.

I would like to thank Sheila Henthorne for taking on the role of Honorary Accounts Examiner. I can assure you that she is as diligent in carrying out the examination as her predecessor for many years, Ian Rainbow-Wood was.

*Peter Brown*

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## SECRETARIES REPORT 2016-17

I've had the privilege to represent the Club in October 2016 and February 2017 at the Auto Sleeper Stand at the NEC. There I met many members and prospective members. I also was able to meet many of the salesman for the dealerships around the country and put faces to names.

The committee again had four meetings during the year to administer the running of the Club, though our meeting in November was tinged with emotion due to the death of our Chairman Jill Bertlin. May I thank Peter Brown for the work he undertook for the Club in very difficult circumstances.

I also represent the Club at the AGM of ACCEO.

*John Osland-Jones*

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### **AGM 2017 Treasurers Report 2016-17**

I took over this position in April last year and with help and assistance from Peter brown. I now feel confident for the future.

Membership subscriptions have dropped slightly but finances remain comfortable.

The £4623.55 surplus for the year includes the £2604.00 paid towards the Rudesheim rally which was deposited in 2016.

We made a few changes regarding banking in as much that all invoices are now directed towards the treasurer for payment. The Lloyds accounts are now redundant except for one that remains with a balance of £1.00 should any old standing orders be paid in.

Printing and stationery expenditure has risen due to price variations and replenishment of bulk consumables.

Sundries and regalia have now been separated for ease of accounting. Club admin now includes committee expenses and any payments associated with the committee, including costs for venues etc.

Rally income was slightly higher even though two cancelled rallies showed a loss due to inclement weather.

I would recommend that the annual subscription remains at £20.00.

*John Geeson*  
*Treasurer*

## **Member Secretary Report 2017**

We were very fortunate that Jill had agreed to let me experience the renewal process this year. The renewal process went well despite all the minor glitches that occur every year and have been reported many times before.

The proportion of members renewing remains at the level it has done for many years as does the number of new members we attract during the year. From a membership view point, the club remains healthy.

As I write this report, we have a long standing club member who has volunteered to stand for the committee and take on the job of Membership Secretary. This is good news for the future of the club and I look forward to handing over after the AGM.

*Peter Brown*

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## **Rally Co-Ordinator's Report for 2016.**

In 2016 we had 8 new locations for rallies and a total of 30 rallies. We had one rally in Germany and a rally in Ireland. As in previous years rally attendances varied, however most rallies were full. We lost the rally at Prestwood Steam Fair where a downpour made the Fair impossible and it was cancelled by the organisers.

As I have said many times before, do not hesitate to apply early for rallies as they tend to fill very quickly.

I would welcome comments from ralliers on how to improve rallies and locations bearing in mind that all marshals are volunteers and they only claim basic expenses.

The A.G.M. & National Rally at the Newark Showground went very well under the guidance of Jan & Keith Ross and their team. Their new ideas were obvious and I look forward to the 2017 rally.

Again I must remind ralliers of the importance of not arriving at a rally before 12 noon, or the stated time in the Rally Supplement. If we are using our Exemption Certificate then we must abide by the rules that govern our use of this. Arrival on time also avoids any embarrassment for yourselves

and the marshals who have to prepare the site for the rally. Please do not forget to have your A.S.O.C membership cards available, as they may be requested by the marshals.

Once more I must thank all the members who volunteered to run rallies during the year. They give their time and effort freely in all weather conditions.

If you haven't rallied yet why not try one; you will not be "organised" and any events at a rally are purely optional to attend.

Finally I must thank all of you who do rally and encourage more of you to think of becoming marshals, help is available if requested, and you only have to ask!

*Neil Rogers (Rally Co-Ordinator).*

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## **Regalia Report for 2017 AGM**

Since taking over as the Regalia Officer in April 2016 I have attended 8 rallies where I could display and sell Club Regalia.

I have now an insight into what Regalia sells and what does not.

After attending rallies with the Regalia shop and having spoken to members I now realise a better selection of Regalia is needed.

This year at the National at Newark I will have some new garments on show to judge reaction to them. Also there will be some sale items.

The Little Man theme, thought up by Rita Daley, is being embroidered onto garments to be displayed at the National. I will only have a small stock to sell but will be happy to take orders to be sent by post or delivered to a rally that I will be attending this year.

I would like to hear from any member at the National who has ideas for new Regalia.

*Stuart Wood.*

## **AGM Report 2016-2017 – Chairman Technical Group & Webmaster**

**Technical:** It has been a busy year covering a very wide range of interesting queries & topics. Most of which you will have seen in my monthly newsletter articles.

**Ideas Sheets:** Ideas Sheets remain very popular. A total 14,223 have now been requested (*416 since last year*), the latest Ideas Sheet is No 246. More ideas, with photos if possible, are always welcome; please send to: - [technical@asoc.uk.com](mailto:technical@asoc.uk.com)

**Liaison:** Regular, liaison meetings continue with CEO ASI. Also the continuing interaction with Production, R&D, Service Centre, Customer Services and Marketing, thus maintaining very useful liaison for both sides.

**Club library:** The Club library continues to be well used by members. Further items are always welcome.

**Website:** The website has had 36 updates since last AGM, and as many of them are supplementary an occasional visit is to be recommended. In particular the rally list and rally spreadsheet is regularly updated, and should help you easily identify where rallies are back-to-back..

**National Rally:** Last year's Tech Table & Q&A session was very well attended and therefore the same format is proposed for this year. Alan Curry (*Customer Services Manager*) will be in attendance for individual problems on Friday AM.

In the PM the Question & Answer session will address the more general matters, with the attendance of Senior Managers from Auto~Sleepers.

*Baz Wellard*

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### **Newsletter Editor's Report to the AGM 2017**

This year, I have produced the newsletter each month and in a timely fashion with our printer doing an excellent job of printing and distributing the newsletter at the start of the month, with the exception of the October issue which was done by John Morris, who has volunteered to become the next Newsletter Editor when I vacate the post at this AGM. I will carry on as Deputy Editor as required.

This year, I have been well supported in receiving many contributions to the newsletter and have been able to provide 20 pages in most months, so thank you all. The fact that we are able to print our newsletter monthly relies on the many contributions from our members, so I would urge you all to keep this up.

As you should be aware, the Printer invested in a better quality print machine, which we started using from the October newsletter, and we are able to add much better photos and graphics and is a major improvement (even to plain text!) This comes at a slight increase in cost but I feel sure you will agree this is worth while.

Remember that this is your newsletter and our members want to read about what you are doing in your Auto-Sleeper and any pertinent items that relate to the club or motor-homing generally, so if you have any good ideas or information, we can spread the news.

*David Mayne Newsletter Editor*

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## **National Rally Sub Committee Annual Report 2017**

As you will all be aware 2016 was my first year for running the National rally and may I start by saying thank you to all those who attended.

108 motor homes attended the rally with 92 % requesting electric hook up. With this in mind a price for 2017 was negotiated with Newark Showground resulting in all pitches having electric

For the 2016 rally it was decided to offer trips on the Saturday and Sunday afternoon which both proved very popular, so again for 2017 we are running a trip to Southwell on the Saturday and a trip to the Lincolnshire Vintage vehicle museum on the Sunday.

The fundraising for our chosen charity was again a great success thanks to the organisers of the various stalls, raffle and other activities. May they be as successful again at the 2017 rally.

Look forward to seeing you all

*Keith Ross*

## **AGM 2017 Exhibition Officer Report**

We were invited by Dave Williams, the Sales Manager for Auto-Sleepers, to attend and represent the Owners' Club on their stand during the October Show held at the NEC. Our Secretary Ozzie together with Mo & I, split the duties between us for the week. You will no doubt remember Ozzie's photograph on the front of the November Newsletter.

We were again invited to represent the Club at the February NEC Camping & Caravan Show, where we met with numerous current members and spoke about the Club to many potential new members, indeed as I write your Membership Secretary has already received several applications to join. The week was split between Ozzie, Mo & I and Pauline & Neil Rogers.

Many of the dealers were happy to see us talking with and offering advice to the many visitors to the stand. We also enjoyed the banter every day between us and the Representatives.

*Mike Valentine*  
*Exhibition Officer*

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## **AGM 2017 Charity Officer's Report**

Our Charity to be supported at this year's National Rally is Winston's Wish, the charity for bereaved children. It is amazing how many children are bereaved of a parent in the UK every day.

We will have a display of leaflets showing how these children are assisted and supported whilst they endeavour to cope with such an enormous loss.

The 2017/18 Charity will be the Rosemere Cancer Foundation, the group who supported our late Chairman Jill during her battle with the illness.

*Mike Valentine*  
*Charity Officer*

### National Rally 2017 Reminder

There will be a table in the Sir Stuart Goodwin Pavilion selling **jigsaws**, proceeds to the charity. If anyone has any jigsaws to donate to the table they will be much appreciated. Please bring any jigsaws to me in the SG Pavilion.

There will be a table in the Sir Stuart Goodwin Pavilion selling **books**, proceeds to the charity. If anyone has any books to donate to the table they will be much appreciated. Please bring any books to me in the SG Pavilion.

There will be a table in the Sir Stuart Goodwin Pavilion selling **motor home related spares & accessories** no longer required by their owners. Proceeds to the charity. Please bring any items for donating to the table to me in the SG Pavilion.

Thank you  
*Stuart Wood.*

### Baltic States

In May/June 2014 we took Otto the ancient Auto Sleeper for a trip to Estonia over a period of eight weeks, completing approx. 9,000 km's. in the process.

As I was stationed in North Germany, in the Army, I naturally took the Auto-bahn route E30 avoiding the conurbations of Duisburg/ Essen etc. through Hannover/ Berlin/Poznan, and the "gap" over the boarder into the Baltic States.

We dedicated four weeks to these countries, including a trip along the North coast of Estonia to the Russian boarder and a day's visit to Helsinki (a car ferry) from Tallinn.

All three capital cities were very interesting with their ancient centres and the campsites were well up to modern standards. As I would not allow a Satnav into our cabin, we often have to wind the window down and `confirm` the way! We found that most people under 50 were enthusiastic to speak English with us, older people should be approached in German, do not use Russian (except in Estonia), as most people refer to it as "that filthy

language!". (A visit to The Museum of Occupations - a shiny black building in Riga, will tell you why!)

On the return journey, we avoided Kaliningrad as we did not wish to bother with visas and green insurance cards, but went North to Gdansk- an absolutely fascinating city, well worth two nights at least. We then, travelled `gently` right along the North Coast of Poland, Germany and Holland back to Dunkirk for the ferry. The little towns along the way were very neat and clean and most relaxed, being where `the locals take their holidays.

On these long trips, we both drive and, when travelling try to limit each `driving day` to, between 2 and 300 kms., staying two nights in each site - if possible. I make up a comprehensive list of every site and at least book every third site, to retain a firm schedule, while allowing a degree of flexibility. As we always travel in the Spring or Autumn, I use Acsi sites wherever possible, which are excellent value for money.

Wherever we went, the locals were very friendly and helpful and as we always go for the local food, we found the whole region a "gastronomic paradise!"

Our one day in Helsinki was delightful - despite a rainstorm!

Some of the countries use the Euro and some local currency. As for Polish and Baltic State campsites, decide where you want to stop and `.Google`

INSURANCE! Be sure you take out a full "Get You Home Policy" - we broke down twice and were `rescued` by the Caravan Club insurers very efficiently, even paying our bill of E2,880, when the garage in Germany would not accept any of our standard plastic cards , (probably due to a large credit fraud problem in Germany at that time!)  
Gute fahrt Moi Drugi!!..."

*Richard and Ivy Birch. 7248.*

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### **Travelling from Kristiansand in Norway to Hirtshals in Denmark by ferry?**

A couple of friends are on the C&CC tour of Norway and Sweden later this year, the tour finishes in Hirtshal in Denmark. So I contacted another friend whose wife is Danish and as they travel frequently back to the homeland, I asked them what attractions should be visited on the route back home through Denmark.

The suggestion was, when you arrive in Hirtshals, travel east and north to Skagen the most northerly tip of Denmark, here you will observe the two seas -- Kattegat and Skagerrak "meeting with the waves" all the way north.

The area is extremely picturesque with thousands of artists visiting this unique area. John and Suzanne think there is not so much to see in Aalborg, so suggest travel south to Denmark's second city Aarhus which this year is the "European Capital of Culture", there is so much to see in this city, eg. Den Gamle Bye (the Old Town) this is not to be missed as there are so many genuine reconstructed houses and shops from all over Denmark.

Other interesting places are Aarhus Kunstmuseum, Tivoli, Aarhus City Hall (John and Susanne were married there) Marlselisborg Palace, the Danish Queen Margrete's summer home, the Botanical Gardens and the Viking Museum.

There are so many places of interest around Aarhus and of course everyone speaks English. Just twenty minutes north of Aarhus is city called Randers, this is also worth a visit.

They also suggest that if you have the time, to allow at least five days in Denmark -- remember it is the "happiest country in the world"

*John Morris*

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## **Emails.**

I recently had a txt and a letter (eventually) from my ISP (Virgin) advising me to reset my passwords as there was Spam being sent by my personal email. Somebody had hacked into my account and got the password. This means that the hacker can send all sorts of spam and other "viruses". This I have noticed a few times from other members as I am on their contacts list. Usually it has a link to a website with health giving properties based in USA. I always delete if there is no personal message! Seems my account was doing the same. I blame the Mail Server as I always run antivirus and other malware programs and have a double firewall!

The solution if you come across this (I usually reply to sender) is to immediately change your password and pick a strong one and the problem should go away unless the problem is on your computer. As my main account (no pun intended) was compromised, I had to run through all the other email addresses that I have and change the email pass words.

There is also advice to check your server and local settings to make sure that you are not Auto Forwarding to an unknown email address, even if you don't use this function normally.

## **See the Quality**

Now that we have an improved printing service for the newsletter, I would point out that it is important that any contributions for the newsletter do not have embedded pictures in them as their quality is greatly reduced.

It is much more likely that pictures that are straight from the camera, (hopefully on a bright day!) will be useable, so please send as separate attachments (Remember that there is generally a 25Mb limit on emails).

Members should only use Word or similar word processors so that the desk top publishing software can handle without any hiccups. Most contributors send straight by an email with pictures seperately attached and this is great.

## **Fonts**

It is interesting to note that Apple based products tend to use Helvetica as their default font and I have found out that this is only licensed to Apple m/cs. When Windows imports an Helvetica font it substitutes it by using Arial.

On my updated DTP software it cannot cope with Bold and italic as I have a downloaded Helvetica font which only works for normal text. Seems prior to installing this, Windows converted behind my back! With about 500 fonts to play with I have generally stuck with fonts that don't look too flashy and are easier to read. You may have noticed that the new Printer also shows fonts more sharply defined compared to the previous printer.

## **Summation**

I hope that this article will be of interest generally, especial to the many contributors who help make the newsletter always of interest to other members and it would be nice to hear from more members about their Auto- Sleeper related adventures too.

*David Mayne*

## **Photographic Competition 2017**

Photos will be on display at the National Rally and judged by a representative of Auto-Sleepers.

There are two categories as follows:

**Category 1 is the Set Subject and *MUST contain at least 1 Auto Sleeper Motorhome. On or off a rally but preferably on***

**Category 2 is the Open Subject and can be *anything at all, on or off a rally.***

Up to 2 images can be entered in each category. Sizes to be either 6 x 4 inches or 7 x 5 inches.

All members per motorhome can enter. In each category there will be:

***1<sup>st</sup> prize £15.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £10.00 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £5.00.***

During the AGM a winner will be selected by attending members voting. The winner will be awarded a £20.00 prize.

**Closing date: April 21st 2017**, no entries will be accepted after this date.

Images will be returned at the AGM or posted back if a SAE is enclosed. However the winning images will be kept for any publicity by ASOC and will also be displayed on the club web site.

Entries to be sent to :

Jean Hollingsworth  
24 Norton Grove  
Kingston upon Hull  
HU4 6HL

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

## Regarding March 2017 Newsletter French Crit'Air Regulations

I applied for a Crit'Air vignette for my 1997 Autosleeper Executive using the French Government Website that Baz mention last month.

My Autosleeper was registered in April 1997 and, on completing the online form, I was told that my vehicle was too old to receive a vignette. The Vehicle has to be registered on or after October 1997 to qualify to receive a Vignette.

Baz advised me to pass this information on, for inclusion in the April 2107 Newsletter. So, on my trips to France, I'd better skip round the cities!

*Best regards to all, Robin 9323*

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### **Safety Message - Truma BBQ Point**

Should any member have this fitted, you should check out the Truma website on:

**<https://www.truma.com/uk/en/press-events/safety-information-valves.php>**

where you will find details of the Truma Safety Message on fitted BBQ points.

Apparently this web site shows which BBQ points are affected but you can also contact your Dealer and/or the Auto-Sleeper Service Centre at Willesley.

Inspection of your BBQ point should show a serial number which will be useful in dealing with this.

**<https://www.check-mot.service.gov.uk/>**

I put the Reg. No. of our original Duetto in – I'm glad I wasn't paying for all of the chassis repairs its needed over the years, it has full record back to 2005. Try it T865ASN Ford.

*Peter*

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## **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](mailto:technical@asoc.uk.com)

### **Question & Answer Questions:**

As you will have seen, in the Programme for the National Rally, we are holding the usual Question & Answer session on the Friday afternoon. At this session we have an informal panel consisting mainly of Auto Sleepers' management.

This is your opportunity to raise any issues, queries or ask for advice with the management. Even if you do not have any personal matters to raise it may well be worthwhile attending to listen to other members' enquiries.

For those not attending the rally you will be able to read brief notes of the session in the June newsletter.

### **Tyres:**

As I've mentioned before, but worth repeating, I suggest you do not leave buying new tyres too late. The availability of motorhome/caravan tyres usually becomes difficult due to the huge demand at the beginning of the season. Re-supply from manufacturers can take a long time to satisfy the demand.

The legal tyre limit is 1.6mm; but I understand that in wet weather it can take an extra two car lengths (8 metres) to stop at 50 mph than if the tread was 3mm. The general recommendation for safe driving is a minimum of 3mm and to replace tyres between 5 & 7 years.

### **Warranty Matters:**

I occasionally receive correspondence from members regarding motorhome quality issues, with the expectation/hope that the Club will pursue such concerns on their behalf.

Although I am happy to receive such information, if they are of a more generic nature, I must explain that the Club is not able, or mandated, to take up warranty claims on behalf of individual members, sorry.

The correct procedure for complaints is that they should be clearly identified and made direct to the supplying dealer. The dealers, and the company, have laid down procedures that will then be followed.

Please remember that when transferring a current warranty there is a formal process to be followed, which may include an administration fee. The transfer should also be completed as soon as possible.

Yours aye

*Baz Wellard*

*Chairman Technical Group & Webmaster* 

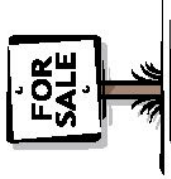


# A Warm Welcome to New Members

Membership Numbers from 9541 to 9758

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Mac & Josy Cormack	Cupar	Broadway
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Micheal & Rachael Arnott	Sunderland	Lancashire
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David & Aileen Ward	York	Sandhurst
Tony & Alison Rawcliffe	Belper	Nuevo
Mary Strode	Winslow	Symphony
Peter & Freda Williams	Tamworth	Fairford
Michael Edwards	Lostwithiel	Clubman
Paul Woodward	Salisbury	Bourton
Helen Cazalet & Rachel Harrison	London	Duetto
George Williams	Beaconsfield	Broadway
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**Membership Secretary:** Contact Peter at: details on Page 2



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