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photo David Mayne



front cover picture:

The surf is up at Fistril, Newquay

editor's note

Welcome to the July issue of ASOC News. I am writing the editor's note with a glass of red wine thinking, why are members not sending in contributions to ASOC News. The only reason I can think of, you prefer editorial madness to take place. Well, you may come to regret it. Do you really want this to happen? Of course you don't.

We need you to send articles to include in every issue. Have you a blog, or keep a diary about travelling in your motorhome, or Twitter account? If so ASOC News would like to share it with others in the club.

We realise some members have access to the internet, but prefer just to use it occasionally, and just for emails. We also know some members do not have the internet and don't wish to have it,

but we don't want to leave them out. We could insert items from member's blogs into ASOC News from time to time for those who prefer to read this way. It's amazing just how many are travelling Europe and telling us all about it, giving information and places of interest.

Send your twitter or blog information to the editor.

Since the last ASOC News, more members have taken up the option of receiving the electronic version, but remember, you will always have the printed copy which will always be sent out by post.

As usual, the closing date for submissions is the tenth of the month.

All my details are on the inside front cover.

your chairman says

Our new editor, John Morris, was asked by the committee to refresh the newsletter. Well we now have the June issue and what an excellent start.

Those of you who have taken up the option to also have a copy e-mailed will, I'm sure, have been wowed by the stunning full colour reproduction of Baz Wellard's winning photograph from the National Rally photographic competition that is featured on the front cover, as well as the other colour photographs inside. Our membership want to keep receiving the Newsletter by post and to print it in colour would necessitate an unwelcome increase in subscription fees, but if you would like to enjoy the full colour version, ask John to e-mail it to you each month.

our president writes

Like so many of us, I too owe John Normandale an enormous debt of gratitude. In those early days, when the Club was in its infancy, having been founded by John Cox, we needed to place the Club on a professional footing with a strong Committee of Management.

Myself, Phil and Rita Daley, Frank and Dilys Stinchcombe, (of AGM Bell fame), ably supported by the irreplaceable Neville Jelfs, our esteemed Factory Manager, sought a first class chairman, and this is when John came on the scene.

In those early days, John, always so ably supported by Daphne, lived in Kent and had a very busy and demanding job in the City. Here, I digress a little, since I remember John telling me of the train times that he used to catch each day, too early even to mention here! A busy and committed man indeed.

The mileage to and from Willersey was by no means small, and in view of his job and his many other commitments, his time was a premium too. Yet he quite literally threw himself into his role as Club Chairman and duly gave this demanding job his full attention.

I remember those early Committee Meetings well; superbly prepared and with a clear and succinct mind, John covered the ground quickly and thoroughly, ensuring as always that the correct decisions were forthcoming and prompt due action taken.

Under John's Chairmanship, I felt, from the beginning, that the Club was in good hands, and all those years later, it continues to be so. We all have John to thank for laying such firm foundations for success. For my part it was a great pleasure to work with him, a point echoed by all his Committee at the time.

We must remember too, that behind every good man is a good woman, and here Daphne fulfilled this role magnificently. Perhaps even more so than John, Daphne always made her views felt, and always what sound and sensible views they were. They were and are the ideal couple!

We all owe John and Daphne our very deepest thanks for all their hard work and commitment and we all, not least myself, will forever be in their debt.

May their second retirement be long and happy!

Charles Trevelyan

from the technical group & website

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French breathalyser law

In March 2012 the French Government brought in the legal requirement to carry an (in-date) breath analyser (e.g. Alcosence).

However, as I mentioned in September 2013 issue, the French Government then announced that “The implementation of the sanction for drivers not carrying a breathalyser (a fine of €11) has been postponed indefinitely”.

I wrote to the Caravan & Motorhome Club to check if the situation has changed, and their reply was:

“The situation has not changed from what you have discovered. There is a law requiring the breathalysers while in France, however there is no actionable consequence from the authorities. The current advice we give is not bother taking them as no action can be taken against you.”

Personally, (as it is still the law) for a cost of only £4.99, I will still carry a pack just to save any unnecessary hassle.

Heki Opening

When a Heki has been closed for quite a while the rubber seal can often be tight or stuck. To lessen the strain on the winding mechanism it is suggested that a gentle lift on the opening side of the Heki will help.

I also occasionally apply a silicone lubricant, suitable for rubber & plastic, to help stop the seal sticking. I spray it on to a cloth or sponge to stop over-spray and apply directly onto the Heki rubber seal and also on door & window seals.

Membership Numbers

Please remember to add your membership number to Committee correspondence. It makes it so much easier and quicker, especially when we are away and not able to access the Club's database.

“where are your contributions to ASOC News?”

COMING SOON!

We have five pairs of tickets to the October NEC Motorhome Show to win

useful links

www.tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/low-emission-zone

www.arrivalguides.com

www.drive-france.com

www.certificat-air.gouv.fr

www.bipa.be

www.motorhomingfrance.co.uk

www.airetoday.co.uk

www.campercontact.com

www.icampingcar.fr

www.searchforsites.co.uk

www.auto-sleeper-ownersforum.com

if you know of any links other members would find useful, let the editor know



If you go down to the woods ...

So you are thinking, where shall we go for a few days. Well think no farther than the New Forest National Park. Walking and cycling is a great pastime in the forest with its designated tracks and paths. Several maps are available showing routes for walking and cycling and bike hire is readily available if you do not have your own. Getting to other areas of the forest is quite easy by bus and train, but only if staying at certain campsites. During the summer months they have a forest bus which travels through the forest, but you will need to check the timetable for the routes.

Several sites are available to stay run by the Caravan & Motorhome Club and Camping and Caravanning Club, some basic and others with full facilities. We always tried to stay at Black Knowl Caravan Club site because it is within walking distance of Brockenhurst through the forest, although Hollands Wood is closer, it is larger but with not many hookups, but it does give a more forest feel. Some sites are not on a bus route so it is better to check which site would suit you needs.

Brockenhurst has many shops, cafes and pubs, and a visit to the Cemetery where the famous snake catcher is buried and the well kept New Zealand war memorial is a must. The church and cemetery are not far from the railway crossing. Brockenhurst's railway station gives you the chance to travel to other areas a bit farther away, even London.



Caravan Club members are eligible for a discount on the toll fee, you will of course have to be driving your motorhome. Pricing information is available on m6toll.co.uk/pricing

You will need to present your membership card before paying at an attended lane. You will then pay the class 2 car fee. If you want to pay by credit card at the card or green arrow lanes, you must press the assistance button before payment.

If you have a tag, you should refer to the Caravan Club website on how to claim the discount. Terms and conditions can be found at www.caravanclub.co.uk/shop-and-offers/member-offers/m6toll



Broadway Caravan & Motorhome Club site

The site is situated just outside Broadway opposite the railway station which is being renovated by friends of the station and they hope to open the line in the near future, then this will run to Cheltenham racecourse.

Only a short walk to the High Street with plenty of cafes and pubs, and of course, shops to browse. You can walk up through the fields via the Cotswold Way to the National Trust property Snowhill. You can also walk or take your vehicle by the road, but parking is limited. The house has many very odd collections that Mr Wade, who lived at the house, had collected over many years.

www.broadway-cotswolds.co.uk

www.caravanclub.co.uk/club-sites/england/cotswolds/worcestershire/broadway-caravan-club-site/



Letters

We became new members of the Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club at the end of last year when we bought the Fairford. My wife Sandra cares for me as I have M.N.D motor neurone disease, and our beautiful daughter Penni-May always helps making me laugh through a difficult road ahead. We would like to thank SMC motorhomes for always being there for us.

James Sandra and Penni-May Pennington



Family picture at Haven Holiday Camp, Greenaces, Black Rock Sands Porthmadog with our new Fiat Ducato Fairford automatic

To stop or not to stop?

Extra's Cullompton service area, Junction 28 on the M5. If you are looking to break your journey and rest up. I suggest you do not stop at these services. It is really a truck stop with no motorhome parking and you will have to park with the lorries, the car park is not suitable for large motorhomes. It does have the usual coffee shop and facilities, but the outlook is not pleasant. It is also not signposted southbound, but accessible from the slip road.

Calor Gas to phase out 6kg Lite cylinder

Calor Gas has announced that it is to phase out its 6kg Calor Lite cylinder, and is planning to launch a new model for the caravanning market.

Tour de France

Are any of our members following the tour in this year? If so we would like to hear how you got on.

Why not tell us all about it with a few words and some photos.

We know hundreds of motorhomes follow the tour, But how do you go about it?

Please remember to add your membership number to correspondence to ASOC News

Our new members

We would like to welcome our new members. The magazine will give you all the information on forthcoming rallies and events. The website has information on discounts from dealers, a wealth of technical information and help sheets. If you need any further information, just let the editor know.

Broadway	James & Chris Badcock, <i>Lincoln</i>
Sussex Duo	Rod & Tina Andrew, <i>Kings Lynn</i>
Winchcombe	Stuart Penny, <i>Port Talbot</i>
Broadway	S Webster, <i>Brentwood</i>
Executive	Oliver & Shelley Carson, <i>Bristol</i>
Bourton	Mel Copley, <i>Huddersfield</i>
Broadway	Chris & Susan Wilcox, <i>Solihull</i>
Warwick	David & Linda Cox, <i>Loughborough</i>
Symbol	Susan Hutchins, <i>Melton Mowbray</i>
Bourton	Peter & Pat Stallwood, <i>Tonbridge</i>
Winchcombe	Andrew & Marilyn Bell, <i>Leicester</i>
Symbol	Micheal & Jane Bustin, <i>Northampton</i>
Stanton	David & Martha Smith, <i>Rugeley</i>
Burford	Antony & Sandra Head, <i>Chesterfield</i>
Burford	Clive & Carmel Bunting, <i>Fort William</i>
Stanway	Roger Job & Anna Lambert, <i>Surrey</i>
Legend	Peter & Ellen Cuthbert, <i>Sheffield</i>
Trooper	Martin & Jean Reeves, <i>Cambridge</i>
Trooper	Leslie & Sheila Street, <i>Leicester</i>
Broadway	Robert & Sandra Sutton, <i>Banbury</i>
Symphony	Michael & Sue Leach, <i>Maidenhead</i>
Legend	John Curran, <i>Belfast</i>
Talisman	Nigal & Pippa Britton, <i>Gwent</i>
Stanway	Rob & Ruth Martin, <i>Stroud</i>
Kemerton	Felicity Allen, <i>Folkestone</i>
Warwick	Paul Waddingham, <i>Market Rasen</i>
Broadway	Richard & Sonia Smith, <i>Westbury</i>
Kemerton	Jon Mills, <i>Hammerwick</i>
Kemerton	Geoff Maddox, <i>Sutton Coldfield</i>
Burford	Paul & Angela Eyles, <i>Sutton Coldfield</i>
Kingham	David Waters, <i>Long Eaton</i>
Burford	Roy & Jean Seddon, <i>Greater Manchester</i>
Nuevo	Geoffrey & Lesley Richardson, <i>Huntingdon</i>
Kemerton	Barry Harwood, <i>Pulborough</i>
Malvern	Chris Macgowan, <i>Essex</i>
Warwick	Geoff & Jacqueline Parker, <i>Leek</i>
Trooper	Ann Ridley, <i>Worcester</i>
Clubman	John & Diane Bailey, <i>Norwich</i>
Nuevo	Graham & Sylvia Robinson, <i>Essex</i>
Talisman	Roy & Jean Rowley, <i>Nelson</i>
Stanway	Neil Turner & Dawn Barker, <i>Bristol</i>
Kemerton	Julian & Jacky Teeman, <i>Newark</i>
Broadway	Ken & Mary Armstrong, <i>Spalding</i>
Broadway	Andrew & Deborah Varani, <i>Northampton</i>
Broadway	Bob & Margaret Semaine, <i>Essex</i>
Bourton	Graeme & June Stephens, <i>Newark</i>
Kingham	John Hayes, <i>Chesterfield</i>



Taking the magazine electronically gives you colour photographs when we can

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

The French government is cracking down on British drivers breaking the speed limit. You will get fined and it can be very costly. More information at www.breakdowndirect.co.uk/Blog

approximate
European and UK
speed comparisons

km	miles
30	18
50	31
70	43
90	55
110	68
130	80

ITALY ←
FRANCE ←
EIRE ←

European Rallies

For many years club members have enjoyed a series of extremely successful rallies held outside of mainland UK. Just a handful of marshals have organised rallies in Ireland, France, Germany, Austria and Italy.

For 2018 we have rallies planned for The Republic of Ireland, Lake Garda in Italy and Le Grand Bornand in France. I'm sure these will all be very popular with members but if similar rallies are to be held in the future we need to add to those who have the inspiration and then set up such rallies.

If you know of a special location that you would like to share with fellow club members but don't feel you have the experience necessary to organise a rally, why not contact the rally co-ordinator and ask to shadow the marshals on one of the 2018 European rallies – its one way of ensuring you get a place on the rally!

Peter Brown

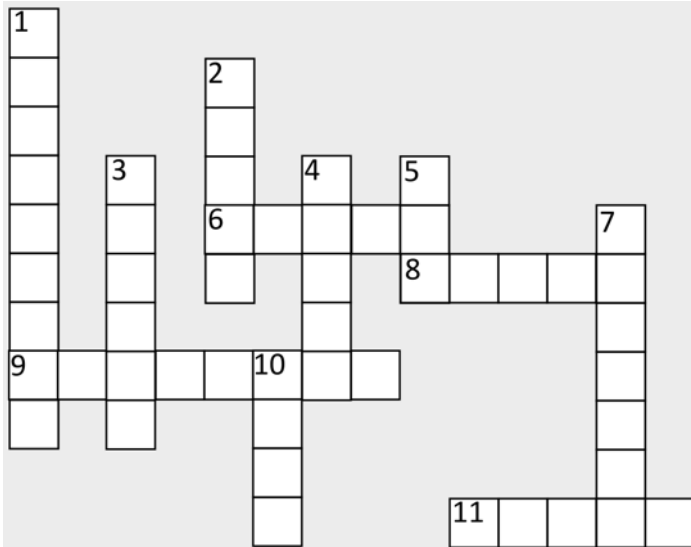
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Complete the crossword and send the answers together with your name, membership number and contact details.



Down

1. Auto-Sleeper factory based (9)
2. time piece (5)
3. London river (6)
4. runs on rails (5)
5. low wattage lighting (3)
7. What city to find Brunels suspension bridge (7)
10. large store, part of Walmart (4)

Across

6. National Trust castle in Dorset (5)
8. ferry terminal in Kent (5)
9. large animal with tusks (8)
11. found in church belfrey (5)

You can send your entry several ways (see below) If you are using online, you will need to just fill in the form with your answers and send

online at

www.redwink.uk

by email to

asocnews@asoc.uk.com

or post to

17 Newbridge Gardens,
Bath BA1 3LT

The winning entry will be chosen at
random from the membership
number

Closing date for entries
10 July 2017

from the rally coordinator

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Tel./Fax 01325 374 540 E-Mail ncr@mypostoffice.co.uk

POINTS TO REMEMBER

Will marshals please let me know when their rallies are fully booked.
Please carry your ASOC membership cards when attending rallies.
Please inform the marshal if you plan on bringing a car, tent or trailer to a rally.
All rallies start at 12 noon unless otherwise stated in this supplement.

RUNNING A RALLY

If you wish to run a rally in 2017 please contact me for the refreshed rules for rally marshals.
When a date & venue is chosen you will receive the refreshed Rules for Rally Marshals and asked to sign a Marshal's Declaration which should be returned to the rally coordinator.
Assistance and advice is available, if required, from me or the committee.
If you would like to assist a rally marshal to see what is involved in running a rally, please contact me.
I have details of possible rally sites, if interested please contact me.
It is important that all potential rally dates and venues are checked with the rally coordinator, as unless they are approved by the club, there will be no public liability insurance.

classified advertisements

Wanted

Pro Tec motorhome cover, green to fit a 2006 executive
Ron Bartlett 6158
Email bartletttron75@gmail.com

For sale

Spare wheel to fit Fiat/Peugeot etc new and unused.
Tyre is a Continental van camper,
size 215/70 R15 CP £25.
01255 812050 (Colchester Essex)
Eddie Conner 9091

For sale

Motor caravan awning
Fits side, rear or can be free standing
base 10' x 5' 7" height 6' 2" £75
R Doughty 9695
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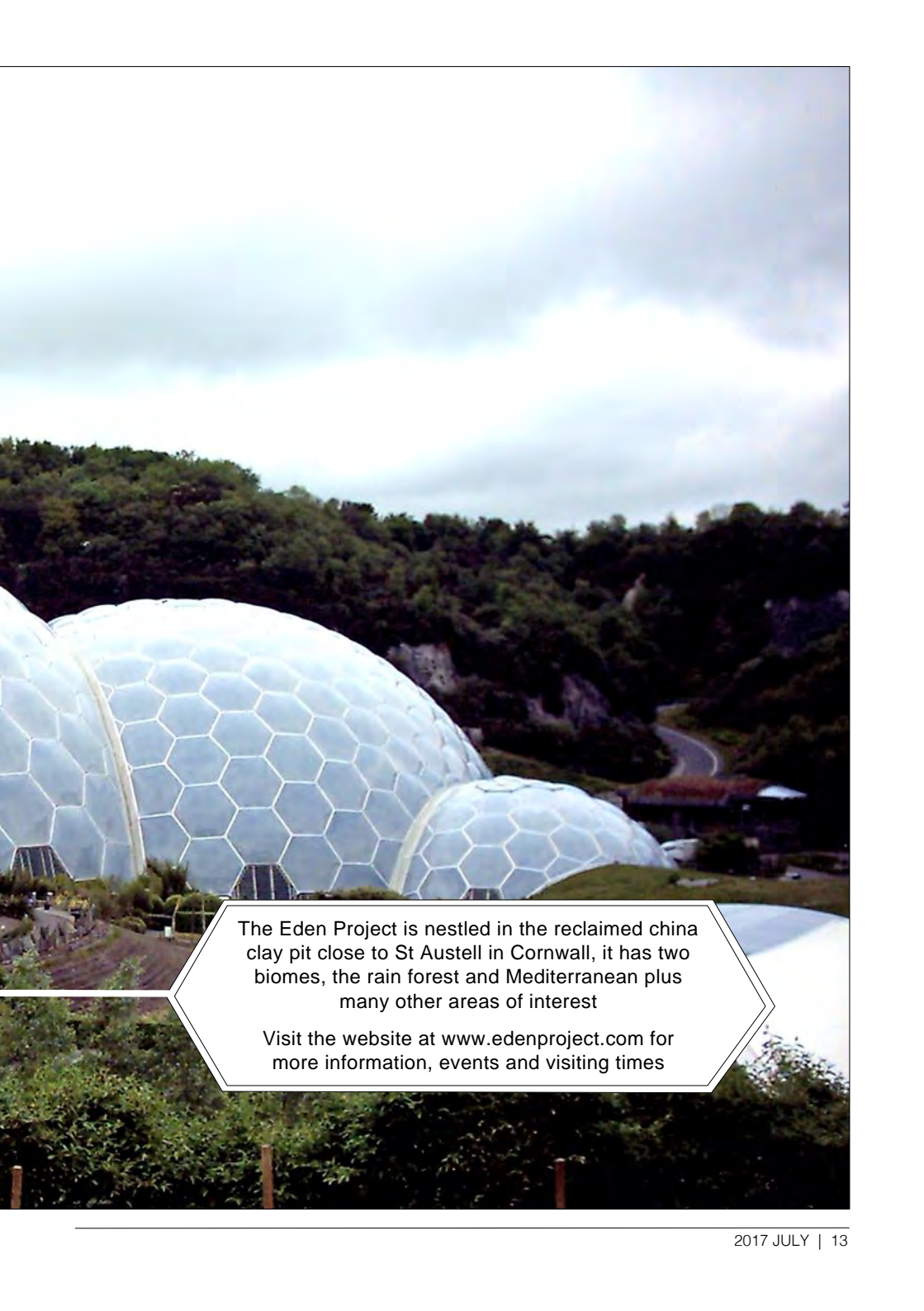
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let's visit **Eden**





The Eden Project is nestled in the reclaimed china clay pit close to St Austell in Cornwall, it has two biomes, the rain forest and Mediterranean plus many other areas of interest

Visit the website at www.edenproject.com for more information, events and visiting times

Cheddar Rally

We were disappointed to have missed this rally last year when they had good weather, but this year the weather was not so kind, although we did have clear skies for the coffee meets, and also the walk to the Pub for Sunday lunch. However, a great place for a rally as it was off the road and surrounded by lovely countryside with plenty of birdsong. We were able to get a bus to Weston-super-Mare and other places after walking about 400 yards to the bus stop down a quiet footpath and cycle path and into the lower part of Cheddar. The town itself had plenty of places of interest. Very much a tourist place with eateries and local shops and the caves were up the hill for those more able. This is a great site for a rally. Our thanks to Brian and Linda Ellis, and Jackie and John Moss, for running the rally which we all enjoyed despite the weather.

Pat and David Mayne 2818



photos David Mayne

Cheddar & Newquay

It wasn't the best start to the Cheddar rally. Firstly we were delayed by road works and when we finally arrived at Petruth, we were told we were on a different field and the grass needed cutting. Fortunately it was only a strip that needed mowing, so we were able to carry on and get the pitches pegged out and the catering facilities up and running, ready for the mid day arrivals.

Wells, Weston-super-Mare, just a bus ride away, and Cheddar itself, are ideal, for a spot of retail therapy. The giant car boot sale on Sundays is a short walk from the site and a haven for bargain hunters. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't kind to us, and shorts and sandals had to be changed for wellies and waterproofs. Our fish and chip communal supper was confined to eating in our vans, but still enjoyable.

Picture trail quizzes are increasing in popularity, and Cheddar is no exception - no googling or surfing the net - just foot power and observation. Late Wednesday afternoon the rain finally eased off, enabling us to have our coffee and tea evening along with the raffle and quiz results. Thursday was a lovely day as we travelled down to the rally at Newquay

We had a good trip down to Hendra situated approximately 2 miles from Newquay. It is a large commercial site with all facilities - swimming pool, restaurants and bars, plus evening entertainment. The field we were on was quite high up, with lovely views of the surrounding countryside. Unfortunately the bus service was rather infrequent, which meant trips out had to be planned very carefully. I think we all attained an "A" in reading bus time tables! We managed to get to Fowey, Truro, Perranporth and Newquay. The beaches are superb, no wonder the area is so popular for surfers.

The highlight of our time in Hendra, was John's big "0" birthday and being awakened by six of our friends, waiting to serenade him with a round of Happy Birthday, and our van and pitch being decorated with bunting, balloons and banners. We had a nice meal at lunch time in Newquay and came back in the afternoon, and finished the day with a cuppa and a slice of birthday cake. Thank you for those who helped to make the day memorable. We left Hendra for the long drive home, whilst others travelled to the next rally at Gulval.

Jackie Moss 5639



John Moss celebrating his seventy birthday at the Newquay rally
photo Brian Ellis

HENDRA AND GULVAL RALLIES



Hendra

Hendra Holiday Park is the largest holiday park in the Newquay region and has all the facilities expected from such a prestigious site, a well appointed toilet and shower block for each area of the camp, and good serviced pitches. There are also food outlets, a shop, and a pleasant bar and restaurant by the exotic outdoor swimming pool.

Our get together with tea, coffee and biscuits on the first evening was in slightly chilly conditions, we were all exhorted by our main Marshall Jean (Hollingsworth) to pray for good weather. We obviously did an excellent job as the rest of the week was sunny and beautiful. We also welcomed four groups of first time ralliers.

The bus stop just outside Hendra supplied a really good service, from our site into Newquay and thence to the rest of Cornwall, from the other side of the road the bus takes you to Fowey on the south coast of Cornwall via St. Austell. If we didn't feel like travelling so far, there was a good pub, The King's Head, about 10 minutes walk from the site. This served a lovely all day breakfast (from 12 noon on weekdays). On Tuesdays, a Car Boot Sale is held in a field near the pub. Unfortunately, it isn't a very good one, but the Farm Shop 500 yards up the road more than made up for that, with a wonderful choice of fresh fruit and veg and a good assortment of home baked produce.

After a relaxing day on Friday, recovering from our trip down to Newquay, Saturday we visited Trerice House, a local National Trust property. We braved the indoor swimming pool on Monday (no, we didn't go down one of the flumes!), then visited Newquay by bus.

Wednesday we drove to Tywardreath, near Par and visited friends before returning via the charming little town of Lostwithiel.

Many thanks to all our Marshalls and Deputy Marshalls for all their efforts on our behalf during the truly enjoyable fortnight.

Mike & Sandra Basham 8483



top: the marshalls in action

below: the final day party





Gulval

On Thursday we left Hendra Holiday Park, and spent a lazy day touring the 30 miles to the Cricket Ground at Gulval. We were greeted by our Marshalls, who had been working hard setting up the pitches, and cleaning the club house, toilets and showers for us. Most units had a good view of St. Michael's Mount, which several people managed to visit.

The first morning dawned bright and fine, and most of us visited the car boot sale on the cricket ground which was in a different league to the one at Newquay. There were many interesting stalls with items for sale ranging from gilded pink porcelain vases to rusty old tools.

We had an excellent time during our stay and not deterred by the slightly misty starts to the days, being used to the eccentricities of the Cornish weather - *"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain"*.

On Saturday we visited a nearby National Trust property, Godolphin House. After sweltering in the sun on St. Michael's Mount on Friday the slightly overcast conditions made walking round the house and gardens more pleasant for those of us who burn easily. Later we visited the famous Prussia Cove (haunt of the King of Prussia, one of Cornwall's more notorious pirates). On Sunday, it was Sennen Cove and enjoyed watching surfers catching waves on the beach, and two Sennen based gigs practicing in the Harbour

Dave, Phil, Jean and Shelagh kept the club house open every evening for us, and we enjoyed really cheap beer and cider as well as putting the world to rights! On Friday they gave us all a special treat and got proper cornish pasties from the Horse and Jockey at Helston, a 30 miles round trip.



top: the photographers selfie

below: Gulval cricket club



Hendra Holiday Park, Newquay

We thank everyone who joined us on this, the first rally at Hendra Holiday Park, Newquay. Arrivals were greeted and pitched with assistance from both John Moss and Bob Malcolm to whom we are grateful. The staff and management of Hendra were all welcoming, pleasant and helpful, and we plan to rally here again next year. There were many activities on the site including archery and segways, which Dave and Shelagh were going to try but surprisingly didn't have time. Maybe next year! Ralliers appeared to enjoy themselves and the weather was quite pleasant most of the time. Lots of visits were made to both the northern and southern coasts and all points in-between. Some had travelled from the rally at Cheddar, including the marshals who brought their tea making equipment and skittles for us to use, for which we are very grateful. So, thank you Brian and Linda Ellis. Many thanks are due to Shelagh & Phil West and Jean & Ian Sellers for assisting on the rally.

Gulval rally

Several ralliers travelled a further 30 miles or so from Newquay to Gulval Cricket Club near Penzance for the follow on rally. We pitched everyone so they had a view of the bay and St Michaels Mount instead of being alongside another motor home. Reasonable weather again and most appeared to have a good rally. On a couple of days the cricketers were active and one morning there was a car boot sale on the pitch no doubt takings being boosted by us visiting ralliers. We had a pasty evening which most enjoyed which entailed me fetching them from Helston, a round trip of 30 miles but worth it. Some intrepid people walked along the promenade to Newlyn and Mousehole while others visited some of the many National Trust properties, of which there are several in the area. As at Hendra, many thanks to Shelagh & Phil West and Jean & Ian Sellers for their assistance on this rally and to all who attended.

Please note

Fort Paull, East Yorkshire, HU12 8FP
12 - 17 August 2017

Responses to Fort Paull rally applications will be delayed for a short while. If need be I can be contacted via email on jaholly1@gmail.com or you may contact Shelagh West on 01536 791438. There is plenty of room on the site.

Jean Hollingsworth 5968

Hendra Holiday Park Rally

What another great site for a rally and the weather was a bit kinder than at Cheddar and slowly improved throughout the week. The site itself was geared up for families with a lot of children about, but you could choose to ignore this and take advantage of the local shop and eateries. Unless you were the lucky few who were able to park up at the top of the field, levelling blocks were needed as there were some slopes nearer the road which was challenging for the longer wheel-based motorhomes.

Most of us chose to ride the buses into town (Newquay) and further afield to Perranporth, Fowey and other areas. The local bus was a 2 hourly service but by walking down to Morrisons and McDonalds, a more frequent service was available to different destinations, although a few members chose to hire a car for a few days or take their van out. Certainly this site offered very good value and thanks go to marshals Jean and David Hollingsworth and Shelagh and Phil West, and hope they will be able to organise another next year. Well done for a great rally.

Pat and David Mayne 2818

Yorkshire Showground Rally, Harrogate

On behalf of the marshals of the Harrogate rally I would like to thank those members who supported us. You were a great crowd despite having to put up with some awful weather.

I would also like to thank whoever left a blackbird's nest on the road behind our van. It must have been one of ASOC because no caravanners passed us that morning. Unfortunately the egg was broken so we couldn't boil it, and for some reason we didn't fancy making birds nest soup for lunch!

We hope that you all had a good journey home and we look forward to seeing you again sometime, somewhere later this year.

Pauline & Neil Rogers 0313

Congratulations and thanks to Neil & Pauline and Stuart & Yvonne for hard work in running the Harrogate Rally. The site was excellent and in such a good position; a farm shop and café next door, a supermarket next to that, then just around the corner bus stops to Harrogate and Weatherby. The weather could have been better, but having spoiled Neil's birthday party on Tuesday we were able to celebrate on Wednesday evening.

On Sunday evening, we took the short walk to The Travellers Rest, an interesting little 17th century pub. Monday the weather was so bad we stayed in the van and socialised. Tuesday we took a bus to Harrogate but it rained so much it was no pleasure walking around the streets. We went to Fountains Abbey on Wednesday; a must do if you are in the area, the ruin is beautiful and the walk around the grounds not to be missed. Thursday saw us on a bus to Weatherby; a lovely walk by the river and lunch in the Weatherby Whalers, recommended by Paul. Friday was an early start for us as we had to get back for another appointment. All in all a very pleasant break among friends old and new.

Moiria & Allan Blackstock 4067

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Friday 30th June – Sunday 2nd July (2 Nights). Spinney Rally Field, Boothbed Lane, Goostrey, Cheshire CW4 8NA.

Marshals Liz & Roger Spensley. Mobile Tel Nos. Roger 07868 000705, Liz 07762 630010.

Spinney Motorhomes has invited ASOC members to join them on their Annual Spinney Club Members Rally.

It is a greenfield site with water, elson points and skips available. There are no hook ups.

There is a large hall/barn in which social activities are planned for each evening with quiz, live music, professional entertainment and bar available. There is a free BBQ on the Saturday evening. More entertainment and other activities such as fun dog show and agility competition during the day. There will be a mini bus on Saturday to Spinney Showroom and accessory shop which offers 10% discount to Spinney Club members and is offering 5% discount to non members on the day. Their cafe will be open during the day.

Cost for Weekend is £10 per person. Rally Fee is £3.00 couples. .£2.50 Singles.

Booking slip and cheque to: E Spensley, 30 Kilsyth Close, Cinnamon Brow, Warrington WA2 0SQ. Any queries email lizspensley@hotmail.com or tel. 01925 813558 . Send SAE or clearly written e-mail address in BLOCK CAPITALS please for confirmation

If you are a Spinney Club Member, give your No. on your rally slip, and bring your card with you. Rally starts at 12.00.

Please do not arrive before

Directions: From Knutsford on the A50 turn Left into Boothbed Lane immediately before Mangoletsi Garage and follow lane, keep right on 90 degree bend, after 1½ to 2 miles site on left.

From South take the A50 from Holmes Chapel and continue past Spinney Showroom on left, immediately after Mangoletsi Garage turn right into Boothbed Lane and follow as above. Limit of 20 vans

30 June – 2 July (2 nights) Prestwood Steam Fair, Great Missenden, Bucks.

Emergency Tel. No. 07775 570182 or 07749 378587.

Rally Marshals: Jan & Vic Hicklin & Margaret & Bob Clever.

Fee for the weekend £30.00 per unit. Rally Fee: £2.50.Couples, £2.00 Singles. No Electricity.

Fee for weekend includes unlimited entrance to the Steam Fair.

This is a GREENFIELD site own toilets essential.

Rally slips & cheques payable to Mrs. J. Hicklin, 381 Manor Road, Brimington,

Chesterfield, Derbyshire. S43 1PP. Tel. No. 01246 236157. If unavailable please ring Margaret on 01442 851080.

Directions: From A413 Great Missenden take A4128 to Prestwood & follow steam rally signs. No arrivals before 12 noon Friday please.Site Post Code HP16 9HQ.

3- 7 July (4 nights) Newland Meadows C.S. Oldbury, Walsley, Worsc WR13 5AY

Rally Marshals Pat and Gary Wanklin, Mo and Mike valet

Emergency Tel No 07885812512,

Rally fully booked

8 -13 July (5 Nights) Stafford Boat Club, Macclesfield, Stafford, ST17 4SG

Rally Marshals: Angela and Bob Warwick, Linda

Emergency Tele. No. 07530366237.

Rally fully booked

Thursday 13 - Monday 17 July (4 nights) Beacon Park, Lichfield, Staffordshire

Rally Marshals: Peter Brown, Chris Mawdsley and Liz Irvin.

Site Fee: £10.00 per night (to be confirmed). Rally Fee: £4.00 per couple £2.50 single.

Emergency Tel. No: Marshals' mobile 07771 827711.

Booking slips and cheques payable to Chris Mawdsley, 5 Kenilworth Walk, Cheadle, Stoke-on-Trent ST10 1WA. Tel No. 07771 827711. There is no limit on the number of units attending and confirmation will be sent via e-mail where possible.

Please note any applications received after 30 May cannot be responded to. If you have any queries after that date please e-mail pcb7ty@btinternet.com

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You may arrive on Thursday AFTER 12.00 noon NOT BEFORE PLEASE. This is a green field site although there are toilets available in Beacon Park, elsan emptying and showers will be available 08.00 to 10.00 Fri-Sun.

Attractions: Beacon Park is adjacent to Lichfield city centre and buses are available to the National Arboretum from Lichfield bus station.

Directions: Beacon Park is situated on the outskirts of Lichfield, just off the A51 Tamworth to Rugeley/Staffordshire Road leaving Lichfield, follow the brown Beacon Park tourist signs. Turn into Walsall Road, then immediately left into Lower Sandford Street. Follow the signs for the car park, the site is through the car park keeping to the right.

POST CODE for Lower Sandford Street is WS13 6RA.

20 - 25 July 2017 (5 Nights) Leon's Field, St Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE27 5ER

Rally Marshalls: Barbara and Al. Tel. No: 07818 006733. Tel: 01304 369149.

Green field site – No Electricity – **Rally fully booked** essential. Charging facilities available for mobility scooters only).

Site Fee: £6.00 per night. Rally Fee £3.00 per unit or £1.50 singles. Total for 5 nights £33.00 per unit or £31.50 singles.

Rally slips and cheques payable to Mr A Bucket. 16 St Margarets Drive, Walmer, Deal, Kent CT14 7UJ.

Tel. No. 01304 853675. Enclose SAE or email address for confirmation and directions.

The site is by the Great Ouse River 200 yards from the picturesque town centre. There is a market on Friday and Monday and there are plenty of pubs, restaurants, cafes and a variety of shops. Buses run every 10 minutes to Huntingdon and Cambridge. A trip on St Ives guided bus to Cambridge is quite an experience and bus passes are accepted. Beautiful riverside walks nearby. Dogs on leads are welcome.

PLEASE DO NOT arrive before 12.00pm on Thursday. Rally closes 11.00am Tuesday. Rally limited to 40 vans.

Do not enter St. Ives town centre. follow directions.

25 – 30 July (5 nights) Blue Lias, Southam Warks

Emergency Tel.No. 07799 660641.

Rally Marshals: Sandra & Bernie Wisely.

Site/Rally fees Couples £11.00 per night, Singles £10.50 per night. No Electricity, own sanitation is essential. Elsan point & fresh water.

Rally slips & cheques payable to Sandra Wisely, 2 Mount Pleasant, Bishops Itchington, Southam, Warwickshire. CV47 2QE Tel. No. 01926 614194. Mobile 07799 660641.

Level green field site adjacent to the Blue Lias public house. Situated on the Grand Union Canal between Southam & Rugby. Canal side pub serving home cooked meals, walks along the Grand Union Canal, Stockton Locks. Bus service within ½ mile of site.

Directions: From the Southam by-pass take the A426 signed Rugby. In just over 1 mile at the first crossroads turn left onto Stockton Road, the Blue Lias is on the left in about ½ mile immediately after you cross an old railway bridge.

From Rugby take the A426, go through Dunchurch towards Southam. After approx. 41/2 miles cross a canal with the Boat Inn on your right. After just under 1 mile at next crossroads turn right onto Stockton Road. Blue Lias is on the left in about ½ mile immediately after you cross an old railway bridge.

WARNING Do not approach from Long Itchington, narrow road and severe humpback bridge over canal with possibility of grounding before reaching Blue Lias.

12 - 17 August 2017 (5 nights) Fort Paull, East Yorkshire, HU12 8FP

Kingston upon Hull City of Culture 2017

Rally Marshalls: Jean and Dave Hollingsworth and Shelagh & Phil West.

Site fee: £8.50 per night. Rally fee £4 couples, £2.50 singles.

The site is situated approximately 6 miles east from Hull city centre.

This Greenfield site set in enclosed secure museum grounds, near the River Humber.

Fort Paull is a Napoleonic Fort. Facilities include toilets which are provided for public use, elsan and waste disposal, water. NO electricity.

Booking slips and cheques to: J. Hollingsworth, 24 Norton Grove, Kingston upon Hull. HU4 6HL.

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Please provide a CLEARLY written e-mail address or SAE. Directions will be given on confirmation.

On site there is a café/bar available for meals, admission to the visitor attraction during the rally is free where among other items on display is the only remaining Beverley Aircraft. Nearest small town is Hedon, approx 2 miles away. There is a bus service 10 minutes walk away. The coastal towns of Hornsea & Bridlington are 20-30 miles and Beverley about 15 miles away. Spurn Head is the place for bird watching and there is a nature reserve close by.

Attractions: Walks along the river, The Deep in Kingston upon Hull the only submariun in the world, a successful Millennium Project, the Marina, the old town museums quarter (which includes a deep water trawler) most of which are free, Wilberforce House, home of William Wilberforce and the Humber Bridge.

Kingston upon Hull will be celebrating having the status of City of Culture during the whole of 2017 so there will be events going on every day in the city.

This rally is followed by the Whitby rally, so if you're venturing up north or down North for that matter, this will make the trip more viable.

Please do not arrive before 1pm as there will be other ralliers leaving the site this day.

17 - 22 August 2017 (5 nights) Eskdale School, Whitby, North Yorks.YO22 4HS

Rally Marshals: Liz Irvin, Peter Brown and Chris Mawdsley.

Emergency Tel. No. 07711 271568 (Marshal's mobile) email lizirvin@outlook.com

Site Fees £9.60 per night. Rally Fees £4.00 couples, £3.00 singles .

Total with rally slip £52.00 couples, £51.00 singles

This year we have the use of toilets, showers and the gymnasium for evening meetings.

No Electricity. All Hardstandings. own sanitation is essential.

Booking slips and (cheques payable to Mrs E Irvin.) please send to Mrs E. Irvin, 43 School Lane, Kirk Ella, HULL, East Yorkshire.HU10 7NP. Tel. No. 01482 658345. Please enclose SAE, or clear email address on slip for confirmation.

Attractions: Whitby Regatta 19th 20th and 21st August, with The Fireworks Finale on Monday evening.

The school is off the Scarborough Road. Buses stop at the school gates to Whitby. Come and explore Whitby's fascinating and historic streets and waterfront. The site is close to the Whitby end of the Moor to Sea Cycle Route with links to Scarborough and Pickering. For walkers the Cleveland Way coastal path is nearby. Visit Goathland where Heartbeat is filmed, or travel on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway. The Sainsbury's superstore is nearby on Stainsacre Lane.

Directions: From Scarborough on A171, on entering Whitby, after lay-by and 30mph. sign, turn left into Eskdale Road and the school is on the left. From Guisborough or Pickering on A171, enter Whitby and continue on the Scarborough road, cross the new Esk Bridge and continue up the hill to the top, Stainsacre Lane. Eskdale Road is on the right, before the industrial estate.Post code YO22 4HS.

17 - 20 August Great Western Motorhome Show. Three Counties Showground. Malvern. WR13 6NW

Emergency Tel. No 07885 812512 (marshal's mobile).

Rally marshal's Pat and Gary Wanklin assisted by Mo and Mike Valentine.

Green Field site, no electrics. To Book with Warners using the booking form enclosed in this Newsletter, if possible. If using any other form mark as ASOC and note the special club fees, arrive Thursday £57, arrive Friday £54. All bookings for the Saturday evening entertainment and site fee must be made & paid to Warners when returning the application form and must arrive at Warners by 2pm 2 August. Then you must complete a club rally slip and return it with the rally fee of £2 50 couples, £1.75 singles to Mr G Wanklin,18 Beverley Way, Malvern Worcs. WR14 1LA. tel No 01886 832364. Please collect the Club rally info pack from the marshal before parking where directed. The club rally starts Thursday 12 noon and finishes 12 noon Sunday but you may remain no site till 12 noon Monday.

21 - 25 August 2017 (4 Nights) Cross Symondians Cricket Club Winchester SO23 9RT

Emergency Telephone No. 0775 (Mobile)

Rally Marshals: Rita & John Tubb

Site Fees £40.00 Rally Fee £4.00.

Please send your rally slip and a cheque for £44.00 payable to Rita Tubb together with a CLEAR e-mail address or an SAE for confirmation and directions.

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Rally fully booked

Send to Rita Tubb 70 Charnwood Crescent, Chandlers Ford, Hampshire SO53 5QL.

Telephone: 023 8026 7294. Mobile 07754 761423.

This is a Greenfield Site with a C.D.P and Water point.

Dogs welcome on leads. Please state on rally form if you are bringing a dog.

The site is less than a mile from Winchester centre. There is a bus stop outside the site which will take you there, alternatively it is a nice walk along the river.

Buses are available from Winchester Bus Station to Southampton, Romsey, Alresford, Alton, and various other destinations.

Places of interest: At Alresford, there is the Watercross Line (Steam train), Various National Trust places in the area, The Royal Green Jackets Museum, Whitchurch Silk Mill, Jane Austen's House, Winchester College tours, Intech Science Centre/Planetarium, Marwell Zoo, Winchester Cathedral or visit Southampton Docks to see the Ships in Port. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 12-00 noon (Limit 30 Vans).

1 – 5 September 2017 (4 nights) Castle Douglas, Galloway, Scotland

Rally Marshals: Moira & Allan Blackstock.

Emergency mobile numbers 07969 312703 or 07891 704186.

Total site Fee £70.00, rally fee £3.00 couples £1.50 singles

Rally slip and cheque payable to A & M Blackstock, 39 Sumpter Croft, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 9UJ.

Tel. No. 01772 749178.

Please enclose a SAE or clearly written email address for confirmation and directions.

Castle Douglas is a small market town situated between the Galloway Hills and the Solway Firth, a good centre for walking, cycling or sightseeing by road and on the bus route between Kirkcubright and Dumfries.

A hall has been booked for the opening and closing evenings.

6 – 21 September 2017 (15 nights, 5 sites) Scottish Rally

Rally Marshals: Moira & Allan Blackstock.

Emergency mobile number 07969 312703 or 07891 704186.

Site fees £280.00 Rally fee £

Rally slip & cheques payable to A & M Blackstock, 39 Sumpter Croft, Penwortham, Preston PR1 9UJ. Tel. No. 017727 49178.

Please enclose a SAE or clearly written email address for confirmation of booking and directions.

Maximum 20 motorhome.

The rally will spend three nights at each of the following sites all on hardstanding with electric hook-up: Crossburn CP, Peebles; With use of the games room the site is on the bus route to Edinburgh and within walking distance of the town - The Wheel CP, Falkirk; Within walking distance of the Falkirk Wheel, toilet facilities are clean but very basic – Cashel Camping in the Forest, Loch Lomond; situated on the loch side and adjacent to the West Highland Way – Glencoe Camping & Caravan Club Site; next to the National Trust for Scotland Information Centre – Faskally Wood CP Pitlochry; Situated in the beautiful county of Perthshire with woodland walks to Pitlochry and Killiecrankie the site has a bar restaurant and swimming pool.

During the rally, we would hope to have a trip on the Falkirk Wheel and a short distance along the canal; if there is at least 15 interested the cost would be discounted to Adults £9.15; Concession £8.00. If you intend taking this trip please indicate on the rally slip and include payment. Should it be cancelled there will be a full refund.

On the final evening the rally will close with a meal in the restaurant at Faskally.

This could be a follow-on rally from Castle Douglas

7 – 10 September Warners South West Motorhome Show, Shepton Mallet

Emergency Tel.No. 07775 570182 or 07749 378587

Rally Marshals: Jan & Vic Hicklin, Margaret & Bob Cleaver.

Please use the booking form enclosed in the July Newsletter if possible. If you use a form from other magazines please mark the form ASOC and note the special Club site fees. Arrive Thursday £43, arrive Friday £40. All bookings for the Saturday evening entertainment must be made & paid with Warners when returning the application form to them by Wednesday 23 August.

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If you wish to rally with the Club then return the application form to Warners by this date.

*****Then you must also complete a Club rally slip, (this also applies to internet bookings). Return it with the rally fee of £2.50 couples, £1.75 singles, Rally slips & cheques payable to Mrs. J. Hicklin, 381 Manor Road, Brimington, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S43 1PP. Tel.No. 01246 236157. If unavailable please ring Margaret on 01442 851080. Please collect the Club rally information pack from the ASOC marshals before parking where directed. The rally finishes at 12 noon Sunday but you may remain on site until 12 noon Monday.

17 - 24 September (7 nights) Unity Holiday Resort, Brean Sands, Nr. Burnham on Sea, Somerset, TA8 2RB

Emergency Tel.No. 07711 375323. Marshal's mobile.

Rally Marshals: Linda & Brian Ellis Jackie & John Moss.

Site Fee: £76.50 includes electric & club passes. Rally Fee: £3.50. Total £80.00. Send rally slips & cheques payable to Brian Ellis, 52 Golf Links Road, Burnham on Sea, Somerset. TA8 2PP. Tel.No. 01278 784524, ellba82@yahoo.co.uk plus a S.A.E. or a clear e-mail address for confirmation.

Unity Holiday resort is a full facility site including swimming pool, bars, clubs & grocery shop. All pitches are on level grass with hook up. It is ideal for walking or cycling as the area is fairly flat with 7 miles of beach plus Brean Downs. Bus stop outside site to Burnham on Sea or Weston Super Mare. Local market & car boot sale. Dogs are welcome on this site.

Directions: M5 to Jct. 22 (Edithmead) Burnham on Sea heading towards Burnham on A38, cross Tesco island, no fuel. At mini island turn right Berrow/Brean. Follow this road for about 4 miles to Brean, site is on right. Look for black/white cow. Rally on Yellow field.

21 - 24 September Seasons Finale Show, Lincoln Showground. LN2 2NA

Emergency Tel.No. 07922 049714.

Rally Marshals: Pauline & Neil Rogers & Yvonne & Stuart Wood.

Please use the booking form enclosed in the July Newsletter if possible. If you use a form from other magazines please mark the form ASOC and note the special Club site fees:

Arrive Thursday: £46, arrive Friday £43. All bookings for the Saturday evening entertainment must be made with Warners when returning the application form to the organisers, by Wednesday 6 September, if you wish to rally with the Club.

*****Then you must also complete a Club rally slip, (this also applies to internet bookings). Return with a cheque for the rally fee of £3.00 couples, £2.00 singles to: N.C. & P. Rogers, 3 Appleby Close, Aldbrough St. John Richmond, North Yorks. DL11 7TT. Tel. No. 01325 374540.

Cheques payable to N.C. & P. Rogers. Please collect the Club rally information pack from the A.S.O.C. marshal before being parked.

The rally finishes at 12 noon Sunday but you may remain on site until 12 noon Monday.

4 October (1200 hrs) to 9 October (5 nights) Stafford County Showground Weston Road Stafford ST18 0BD

Marshals Peter Brown and Chris Mawdsley tel 07771 827711.

This rally is part of the ACCEO annual National Rally. Toilets and showers are available as is a large hall in which social activities and/or entertainment is planned for each evening. There will be professional entertainment from singer Letitia George on Friday evening and on Saturday evening a multiple tribute artist, Wayne Swift. The ACCEO AGM is on Saturday afternoon and can be attended by any interested rallier. There are no electric hook-ups. On Friday and Saturday there will be a bus service between the Showground and Stafford provided by the Potteries Omnibus Preservation Society. There is no rally fee. The cost of the rally for Friday and Saturday nights is £30, tickets valid for both nights entertainment are £10 per adult. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday are optional nights at £10 each. As caravans attend this rally we are asked to advise if you wish a permanent tent awning to be erected and also the length of your vehicle, please include this information on your rally slip. ASOC has to present a collated booking form on 25 September so please ensure your rally slip and cheque are received before 21 September; Peter Brown, 5 Kenilworth Walk, Cheadle, Stoke on Trent, ST10 1WA. If you have any queries, telephone 07771 827711 or e-mail pcb7ly@btinternet.com. Cheques payable to Peter Brown. If you wish confirmation of booking please include an e-mail address or SA.E.

RallyDate sent.....

Number of people in your van. Adults.....Children.....Dogs.....

Names (incl. forenames) and address (Please PRINT)

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.....Post Code.....

Childrens names(incl. ages).....

Phone No. Membership No

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e-mail.....

Model/Length.....Arrival.Day/a.m.p.m. evening

Please complete both sides of this form. P.T.O.



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Is this your first ASOC rally? Please tick box. Yes No

Extras: Please indicate which you would like, if available:

Electricity: Yes No Evening meal: Yes No

Have you any special needs? Yes No If Yes please specify:-

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cheque enclosed for £..... for.....nights incl. rally fee.

In the event of an emergency at the rally whom should we contact?

Name.....

Phone Mobile

Full payment MUST accompany this slip-cheques payable to the marshal.
POST FORM TO REACH MARSHAL 14 DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT, if possible.
Enclose a S.A.E if confirmation is required.

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