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Rally information

Points to remember

Marshals should let the rally coordinator know when their rallies are fully booked.

Always carry your ASOC membership card when attending rallies.

Inform the marshal if you plan to bring a car, tent or trailer to a rally.

All rallies start at 12 noon unless otherwise stated in the rally supplement.

Running a rally

If you would like to run a rally, contact the rally coordinator for "Guide for Rally Marshals". When a date and venue is chosen you will receive the "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 from the rally coordinator or a committee member.

If you would like to assist a rally marshal to see what is involved in running a rally, or interested in the details of possible rally sites we have, contact the rally coordinator.

Important

All potential rally dates and venues must be checked with the rally coordinator, who will check that the club will be able to comply with regulatory and insurance requirements.

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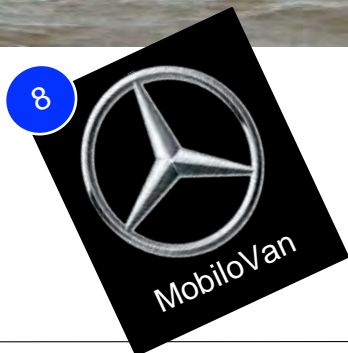
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editor's note

Welcome to this edition of News.

For this month, I have managed to squeeze another sweatshirt out of Stuart as a prize for a Valentine caption competition.

Last month we saw the rally application form changed to a single page and also be available from the website. We have even gone a stage further and made the rally application form available as a download from the website as a fillable docx file.

A couple of members have mentioned downloading the electronic version of News which needs a password to open it everytime is a bit of a nuisance. Well we are testing a members only area. A password is required to access it, but the News issues will not be password protected. The password for the members area should stay the same for the current year. I will send this to you in the normal way.

The National Rally team are putting the final touches to the programme, application and menu forms are included with this month's News.

Rally application form

If you don't want to remove the rally application form from the magazine, a couple of options are available.

An electronic version you can download and type in the information, or the standard application form to fill in by hand.

Just go to the rally page on the website and download.

National Rally Tombola



All proceeds to the Club's
nominated charity

After it's continuing success over the past three years, Chris and I are again running the bottle and can tombola at the National Rally in the Sir Stuart Goodwin Pavilion.

We would be very grateful if club members could start collecting bottles and cans to donate to the Tombola. The more we have, the longer the tombola goes on, and the more chances you have of winning.

Many thanks Liz Irvin

Why not join us at the clubs National Rally

3 May – 7 May 2018 Newark Showground

The 2018 National rally is open for booking and the application forms are enclosed with this issue of News. We have agreed with Newark showground that the rally fees remain the same as last year with all pitches having electric.

The application form shows the charge for a three or four night stay. Should you require a shorter stay please contact me by the telephone number shown on the application form.

As last year you will find there are three forms (yellow) for you to complete and return

1 The Main Rally Application Form

2 The Menu to choose your meals

3 The Application Form for Trips

There is also a white form for anyone willing to give their time helping with either marshalling duties or selling raffle tickets, this form will need to be returned to me.

Please send one cheque for the rally booking and your menu choices and separate cheques for each of the trips.

Important note: The cheques for the trips will not be passed to the bank until we are sure the trips are to go ahead and not cancelled for reasons beyond our control. If trips are cancelled we shall return the cheques at the rally. **All meals and trips are optional.**

The newspaper man will be on site anytime between 8.30 and 9.30 am for around 20 minutes. Please listen for his car horn to tell you he has arrived.

Our proposed Programme at The Cedric Ford Pavillion

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

Friday Question & Answer Session with staff from Auto Sleepers
Evening Meal followed by live entertainment provided by Shooter

Saturday AGM followed by Open Forum
Afternoon Trip to Lincoln
Evening Dinner followed by The Raffle Draw and Dancing to The Heaven Connection. *Dress formal or informal as you wish*

Sunday Music and Hymns by the Salvation Army
Presentation of cheque to the charity organizer, followed by tea and coffee.
Carvery Lunch
Afternoon Trip to Nottingham visiting The Old Court House and Prison and/or the caves beneath the city.
Quiz night

The Stuart Goodwin Pavillion

Friday & Saturday Bring & Buy Jigsaws – Bring & Buy motorhome spares or equipment.
Books and Regalia stalls – Raffle – Tombola – Technical Advice – Competitions. Tea and coffee will be available.

let's visit
ANOTHER PLACE

Crosby Beach Liverpool

Another Place by Antony Gormley is an art installation on the coast. 100 life-size figures spread across three metres of the foreshore and stretch almost one kilometre out to sea.

Crosby beach is a non-bathing beach with areas of soft sand, mud and changing tides.

Visitors should stay within 50 metres of the promenade and not attempt to walk out to the furthest figures.

<https://www.visitliverpool.com/things-to-do/another-place-by-antony-gormley-p160981>



snippets

Do you keep a log of your day?

If so, especially when you are travelling. Then you may be interested in this electronic diary from www.dayoneapp.com It is available for iPhone, iPad and Android. It makes it quite easy to make many entries and with any photographs you may have taken.

Pay for Austrian toll roads online

A change in the law means you can now buy a digital vignette in order to drive a vehicle of 3500kg or less on motorways and toll roads in Austria. For vehicles over 3500kg it is still necessary to obtain and install an electronic GoBox.

Previously, drivers had to buy a physical sticker or vignette at a border crossing or petrol station, but these can be bought online, with no need to display anything in the vehicle as they work via number plate recognition.

A vignette is not needed on the Brenner pay motorway between the Innsbruck Sud junction and the Italian border.

Visit www.asfinag.at/toll/vignette to buy one or for further information.

£1000 fine for visit to Heathrow

from a letter to the C&CC

Easy to forget the London low emission zone has been in force for a number of years and how this affects your vehicle, you should check if you are unsure if your vehicle is compliant to enter the zone. It could prove very expensive.

Contact them on 0845 6070009.

<https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/lez-lez-vehicle-checker-35896>

An experimental ban on caravans and campervans parking overnight on Aberystwyth's promenade has been made permanent

Ceredigion County Council introduced the ban on overnight parking on the seafront at Aberystwyth after complaints that some caravan and campervan owners were parking for long periods on the promenade.

10 litre water carrier

screw cap on the spout and body, the large cap on the body allows for a small pump to be inserted



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you may be thinking about new graphics for your motorhome. well here is something to start you off. *pimp my van Peter Brown*



snippets

Changes in France you should know

I have been checking up on the changes that have taken place in France since the 1st of Jan 2018 and some of these may impact your holiday plans. Please be aware.

Postage stamps up by 10%

Parking charges up by 50-60%

Banking charges up by 0.25%

The minimum wage is up from €9.76 to €9.88 per hour.

More cities have been added to the Crit'Air scheme:

Annecy, Bordeaux, Marseille and Toulouse.

For the small cost in Euros €4.80, apply for your screen sticker.

A first aid test is now part of the French driving test.

Emergency telephone dialling 112.

Now very important to our pet owners travelling to Europe. It is now against the French law for animals to travel unrestrained in vehicles. Fines up to €2500 plus points of your licence. How often we see dogs on passengers laps unrestrained.

You can be taken to an ATM immediately for the money, make sure you get a receipt.

Please be aware that ignorance of the law does not excuse you of a misdemeanour.

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Warners Motorhome Shows 2018

IMPORTANT CHANGE

Please note that Warners who organise the shows at Peterborough, Malvern, Shepton Mallet and Lincoln are no longer sending rally application forms out with ASOC News. This means applications for their shows will need to be made on application forms from various motorhome magazines or online and returned to Warners with the appropriate monies.

Neil Rogers Rally Coordinator

ASOC regalia

The club has a large selection of regalia including caps, sweat shirts and lots more. For the complete list and prices, contact

Stuart Wood
07799 591550
stuw@yaho.co.uk



To stop your windscreen wiper blades from freezing to the screen, pop some corks or similar under the arms to keep them away

MobiloVan from Mercedes-Benz

Our chairman, Peter Brown writes

As is the case with owning a vehicle, life can sometimes get in the way, with issues such as misfueling, smashed wing mirrors and accidentally locking your keys in. The latter happened recently to one of our members' with his Mercedes-Benz Auto-Sleeper.

Unfortunately he wasn't aware that as part of owning a Mercedes-Benz, he was covered by their MobiloVan package. I thought it would be a good idea to emphasise the benefits of MobiloVan to ASOC Members so asked the team at Mercedes-Benz to write a piece for us.



MobiloVan from Mercedes-Benz Vans is a 24/7 free roadside assistance package which guarantees to get your van back on the road as quickly as possible. Available anywhere in the UK and Europe, MobiloVan averages a response time of under 60 minutes, and a roadside repair rate of 80%. Call MobiloVan and a trained technician will arrive in a van stocked with GenuineParts, ready and equipped to fix the issue there and then. If they can't repair the fault at roadside, they'll recover your vehicle to the nearest Mercedes-Benz approved workshop for repair, where you'll be given a range of options to keep you on the road. As long as your van's last service was carried out by an authorised Mercedes-Benz Dealer, you're covered by MobiloVan. You don't even need to have a full Dealer history – if your van is used, or you've missed a service, you can re-qualify for MobiloVan cover at any time simply by using an authorised Dealer for your next service. As if all this wasn't enough, for three years after your vehicle is first registered, MobiloVan will cover you for issues like using the wrong fuel or running out of fuel completely, losing your keys or locking them in the van, two or more flat tyres, being involved in a road traffic accident, vandalism and even attempted theft, so there's no reason to let a minor mishap disrupt your holiday. Basically, MobiloVan takes all the stress out of buying and driving a vehicle so that you can sit back, relax, and enjoy driving a Mercedes-Benz Van. MobiloVan, keeping you and your van mobile, round the clock.*

**Terms and conditions apply.*

See www.mbvans.co.uk/mobilovan for more details

Valentine caption
competition

ENTER NOW TO WIN ASOC SWEATSHIRT



send your caption entry for the above picture together with your contact details and membership number

by email
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entries will be judged and the winner selected by WINGS
(Women in Newbridge Gardens Society)

closing date
10 February 2018

Photographic Competition 2018

GET YOUR ENTRIES READY
NOW!

Category One

Set subject and must contain at least one Auto-Sleeper motorhome, on or off a rally

Category Two

Open Subject and can be anything at all, on or off a rally

Up to two images can be entered in each category

Entry size 6 x 4 inches or 7 x 5 inches

All members per motorhome can enter



The winner in each category is selected by members voting at the National rally



Each entry should have category being entered, your name, membership number and address on the back



FULL DETAILS NEXT MONTH



Poland with a motorhome

Mike and Carole O'Neill



Following some very useful information from other ASOC members about travelling to the Baltic States and Poland and considering the distances involved we decided that we would visit Poland only.

We had a very enjoyable five week holiday from 23 May, and Poland exceeded our expectations. There were a few minor glitches, some of our own making but no serious problems. Everybody we met was very helpful and pleasant, sometimes going out of their way to help, despite an occasional lack of English and our almost total lack of Polish. Most things, food, fuel, sites were cheap or reasonably priced. Many signs, menus etc. were in 2 languages, Polish and English, but less so in the east of the country. Our satnav proved very useful for getting through towns and for getting closer to some sites. Some sites are cash only (PNS = said 'Zwoty') but others would take card payment.

Before departing we agreed on an initial route in principle, checked on the differing national road speeds and requirements and armed ourselves with various guides.

- 1 The Polish Tourist Office free guides including a camp sites map and booklet listing them, quickly sent after email request, very good and useful.
- 2 Caravan and Motorhome Club sites guide, a great help.
- 3 The Camping Card International, used as passport information on site and sometimes a discount.
- 4 Lonely Planet Poland guide book, for places and background.
- 5 Polish phrase book.
- 6 Michelin maps, for the whole country, essential.
- 7 The German environmental windscreen sticker for entering towns etc, this became essential as we went through several of the designated areas travelling through Germany, and to campsites on route. It came quickly by post after an online application.
- 8 ACSI discount books and card, for countries other than Poland.
- 9 Our Garmin Satnav also has ACSI inspected and general sites listed which was helpful.
- 10 Polish cash – Zlotys and Euros which we bought online and collected from Tesco.

Our initial route was the Channel Tunnel with an afternoon crossing to Calais. On to a Auchan Supermarket for diesel and other supplies with overnight at the nearby newly ACSI listed site at Sangatte. We aimed to travel through France, Belgium, Netherlands into Germany to our initial target of Krakow, about 1000 miles from Sangatte, which we intentionally did in 9 days instead of a faster journey.

The Sangatte site is a useful stopover or if you don't want the very good La Ferme restaurant (closed Mondays) at La Bien Assise

In Germany we took time to visit Leipzig and Dresden, which had bus and tram stops outside the campsite for both cities. Leipzig Knaus Camping Park Auensee is large with big pitches. Dresden Mockritz site is a squeeze, get in where you can, very tight but useful only for city access, it has a restaurant and pool. Both cities are interesting, but Dresden more so, as it has been largely rebuilt, just as it was before the war. On our way to Dresden we visited Colditz, as it was not far off route.

It was rather strange on the motorways after Dresden, there were not many lorries, after having travelled along with many of them, especially past Antwerp. We discovered that the day was a public holiday for Ascension, when heavy lorries are banned, so they were all parked up on the service stations leaving little room for other vehicles.

Our next site was overnight at Camping Wroclaw Nr 126 site, a small secure site in housing area and not easy to find, even with the Satnav, we had missed the small last minute site sign. They are slowly improving and enlarging this site. Reasonable with clean facilities.

Then on to Smok (dragon) site, a nice site at Krakow, this was on a hill, with random pitching, our most expensive site in Poland but as a city site, it has a good bus service nearby to the terminus for the city frequent tram service. All public transport in Poland is free for over 70 year olds. You need to take your identity for inspection but, we were not inspected.

Krakow is a very pleasant and interesting city, needing time to explore and there are many tours. Restaurant meals were good, including those in the main square on a covered terrace. In the city we were able to pre-book an English speaking tour of the Wieliczka salt mine for



above: At Smok Camping

below: Debno UNESCO church



the next day. We booked before departing Smok which saved queuing. There are some things in the city, including the Rynek Underground which need advance booking the day before to get in.

The Salt Mine is a 'must', our English group had six of us Brits and the rest being other nationalities. It was fascinating with massive caverns containing chapels, a concert hall, a church, as well as the usual visitor facilities including a cafe. All after more than 800 steps down, but with a lift back.

From here we went south to Zakopane in the Tatra Mountains, part of the Carpathians, very alpine, and famous for its wooden houses, churches, as well as being a winter sports area. All very touristic and interesting. We spent one night at Camping Harena, this was very run down, with poor facilities and public transport to the town. It was reasonably priced and did take credit card. There are two other sites in the area which are possibly better.

The next place was eastwards through Pieniny National Park to Niedzica at Camping Polana Sosny, which does take credit cards. A very relaxing stay, the site is by a bridge and dam, and has a good restaurant in beautiful countryside, with the village across the river. We walked to the shops in Slovakia, approx two kilometres away, and cycled to Niedzica castle and museum with tourist stalls, restaurant, an activity park with zip wire by the main dam, approx 4 kilometres away. Also water activities, boat trips, just below the castle.

We now made our way north via Debno with its UNESCO world heritage wooden church. We avoided Krakow, then beyond Tarno, through orchards and fruit growing, especially strawberries, to Sandomierz, an old, pretty and interesting town with a large sloping market square where many festivities took place. Browarny Camp site in an old manor house grounds, close to the town centre with pedestrian gate and steps, and access uphill to the town. This was a reasonably priced site and does take credit cards. Interestingly we met tent and motorhome campers from the previous site. This town was where we realised the Poles love ice cream.

Our next target was Kazimierz Dolny an interesting old port on the Vistula River, now a tourist destination with many restaurants, shops, old buildings and pricey car parking. On to Kocienice for a one night stopover in a

nice small unsecure site in a corner of the public park above the Vistula River at the town edge, but with many annoying (not biting) flies.

We wanted to go to the lake district in the north but needed a site part way. They did seem thin on the ground in the eastern part of Poland, so we took a chance by going to Wegrow where the Michelin map showed tent icons, but had no listing. The local tourist office told us that the campsites had closed, but directed us to an inn (Zajazd) which apparently allowed camping. After much phrase book and online translator checking, they said OK for 100 Zloty (approx £20.00). It was a surprise to find that we had arranged a motel room, but we were able to watch Father Brown on the TV. We had a nice meal in the restaurant despite translation difficulties, including asking us if we want 'pig iron' which was really 'vegetables'. Wegrow is a normal working town, it had the usual market with stalls and a lot of people sitting on the kerbs with their baskets of eggs, strawberries, and cherries.

Next for two nights we were in the lake district at a rural lakeside site with jetty and boats. This was Nr 9, Nad Zatoka, Wygryny, a small welcoming grassy site at the village edge.

The next day, a Corpus Christi public holiday, on to Mikolajki on Mazuri lake, a nice tourist town and on quiet roads, stopping for a local church procession we were diverted on to a toll road until we arrived at Stogi camp site in the pine woods behind a lovely beach. We were squeezed in due to the holiday weekend for two nights. We took a tram from near to the site into Gdansk, a very interesting city, where we walked the Royal Route to the river harbour and including the huge medieval wooden crane.

After shopping for vodka, our route continued to Baltic Kolobrzek camp site, a very well arranged and managed secure site with three nights on a hardstanding. It was close to a good beach and in walking distance through a wooded public park to the harbour town.

Following this very nice stay, we left for Germany via Goleniow near Szczecin to spend our last Zlotys, including more cherries and strawberries. Arriving at Camping An der Havel, Ketzin for one night. A good small site near the small town.

The next site, Birkensee Laatzen/Hannover, which seemed a good site with swimming lake and restaurant, but mostly with old statics and a very unkempt touring area, although the facilities were new and clean, we would not use this site again. Leaving, we shopped at Lidl and Woolworths before heading to Osnabruck and then to Enschede in the Netherlands at DeTwentse Es site. This is a good, relaxing site with a pool, but with a cash only restaurant.

Next was a tedious journey across Dutch motorways, through the Schelte toll tunnels into Belgium. We stayed at Fort Bedmar site, De Klinge, next to the Dutch border. A peaceful site but facilities were scruffy and needing updating.

We then returned to Sangatte for one night. On to one night stop at La Bien Assise prior to the morning shuttle and finally to home after travelling a total of 3312 miles.

right: Gdansk wooden crane



The club shop

The shop has a range of club regalia including sweatshirts, hats and much more.

They are available from the Regalia Officer by post or at the many rallies he attends.

Cheques should be made payable to Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club and sent to
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Regalia list and prices 2018

This list cancels and supersedes all previous lists and prices and is correct at the time of printing and is subject to change at any time. A selection of Regalia will be available at rallies when the Regalia Officer is in attendance. Please write CLEARLY on the order form.

item	price	postage	quantity	cost
Polo shirt in dark blue with ASOC badge	£11.00	£3.00		
Tee shirt in dark blue with ASOC badge	£8.00	£3.00		
Sweatshirt in dark blue with ASOC badge	£13.00	£3.00		
Polo shirt in light blue with ASOC badge	£11.00	£3.00		
Tee shirt in light blue with ASOC badge	£8.00	£3.00		
Sweat shirt in light blue with ASOC badge	£15.50	£3.00		
Polo shirt with little man motif (colour)	£11.00	£3.00		
Tee shirt with little man motif (colour)	£8.00	£3.00		
Sweat shirt with little man motif (colour)	£15.50	£3.00		
Little man sticker 4" choice of colour	£3.25	£0.55		
ASOC. Lanyard	£2.50	£1.10		
ASOC Grill badge with fixings	£13.70	£1.10		
ASOC Lapel badge	£4.50	£1.10		
ASOC pens (postage for two pens)	£0.70	£1.10		
Van names priced per letter (see note 2)	£0.60	£0.55		
ASOC Screen badge	£0.50	£0.55		
ASOC Pennant	£5.00	£0.75		
Woolly hat with badge	£6.50	£3.00		
Newsletter binders	£4.50	£3.00		
Baseball cap in blue with ASOC badge	£7.50	£1.50		
Baseball cap in cream with ASOC badge	£7.50	£1.50		
ASOC Pitch reservation board with registration	£6.60	£1.50		
TOTAL ORDER VALUE				

NOTE

- 1 If ordering more than one item, please ring for postage cost
- 2 A range of colours are available. Font and sizes are available on request
- 3 Garments are available in the following sizes S, M, L, XL

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Style required	
Colour required	
Registration Number	
Max/min size (if applicable)	
Quantity	
Price per letter at 2 inches high 60p	

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WISSANT

The Aire at Wissant is about 10 minutes walk from the seafront and 12 miles from the tunnel. It is free to use and has grey water and elsan disposal but no water. If approaching from the south, we find it an ideal location to spend our last evening before an early morning tunnel crossing. It is a very popular Aire so you need to arrive early afternoon to be sure of a place.

<https://goo.gl/maps/Bys1Ja12Bdv>
<https://goo.gl/maps/rbChP9uxP9z>

Visiting Monet's Garden

Muir Gordon 9827



Monet's Garden photo: Robin Tannahill

I enjoyed Carol and Robin Tannahills account of their recent travels in France with 'Pablo', not least because we also stayed at Camping de L'île des Trois Rois, beside the Seine at Les Andelys and used it as a base to visit Giverny and Monet's garden.

For what it is worth, our technique for visiting the fantastically popular garden was the reverse of Carol and Robin in that we went late in the afternoon.

We obtained our tickets at the entrance to the garden about 4.30pm after a negligible wait. We did find the garden very busy at first – our visit was in early September – but the crowds soon faded away. By 5.00pm everything was very nice and peaceful, and we greatly enjoyed our visit, exploring the gardens and the famous lily pond, plus touring Monet's house virtually by ourselves.

The garden closes at 6.00pm, we found an hour and a half ample time for a thorough and pleasant visit. The only mystery to us is how Monet found time to do all this beautiful gardening, and still find time to paint!

Even if uninterested in Monet's garden, or the art of the time in general, Giverny is well worth visiting because it has something dear to the heart of all motorhomers – a vast free car park! This is off the roundabout at Giverny to the right, when approaching from Vernon. The car park on the left, while closer to the village, has height barriers. There were many motorhomes from all nations in the car park, and it appears many stay for the night. However, I do not know if it is officially permitted or not. There are no facilities at the car park; toilets etc. are over the road alongside the walkway to the village, but close about 5.00pm.

We enjoyed staying at Camping de L'île des Trois Rois, not least because we were fortunate to be allocated a pitch right on the riverbank. We enjoyed watching the passage of the many big barges and vast passenger cruisers through our windscreen. Even without this bonus, the site is a lovely one, and highly recommended.

Les Andelys is actually in two parts – Petit Andely alongside the river, and Grand Andely up the valley to the east of the Seine. Petit Andely is full of old buildings, rather a quiet touristy backwater nowadays. It is a pleasant walk along the riverbank from the site. Grand Andelys is the main commercial centre, unfortunately rather spoilt by the busy D316 running through its centre. It is a tedious trudge along busy roads from the site, much better to cycle if you have bikes. Otherwise, there is a handy (free) car park on the left of the D316 just before the main centre of the town. The car park is on the corner with the junction with the D1. While there is plenty of parking for cars in Grand Andelys central square, I felt it was all a bit tight for vans.

There is an Intermarche in the centre of Grand Andelys, or a bigger out-of-town Intermarche on the D125 about 3 miles east of the town centre.

You can take your van up to Chateau Gallard, the road is well signposted off the D316, shortly after passing through the centre of Grand Andelys. The road leads to a big, though sloping, car park. Motor vans and large vehicles are not permitted any further down the narrow and steeply sloping road to the Chateau, and on down to Petit Andelys. You, therefore, have to re-trace your route once your visit is over – although the entry road seems signposted as a one-way system, the exit sign says 'Sauf Camping Cars'.

It is about ten minutes walk from the car park to the Chateau. The views are excellent, and make a visit well worthwhile. As well as the Chateau, there are enticing-looking way marked walks around the expanse of chalk downland. Most of the remains of the Chateau are not fenced off, and you can visit them any time; there are handy interpretation boards in French and English.

It is just the central keep that you have to pay to enter. With impeccable timing we approached the drawbridge just before 1.00pm unaware the keep closed for the sacrosanct French lunch break – so cunningly saved twelve Euros there. Perhaps some other reader of ASOC News will visit and let us know if we missed anything of great interest.

opposite: View of the Seine from riverside pitch, Camping de L'île des Trois Rois

technical group & website

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Step One
Print out this sheet, cut and fold along the dotted lines to prevent information being visible

Step Two
Fill in your emergency contact details and medical information.

Step Three
Insert into your tax disc holder.

Share with your family, friends and colleagues you could help save a life!

- Use blank circles to add additional information or details about regular passengers.
- You could consider including a passport photo to assist with identifying the correct casualty.
- Address details are optional and we would not advise you include any personal information that you are uncomfortable with sharing.
- Access to health and next of kin information could be critical in the event of a collision or medical emergency.

Emergency Contact Disc (ECD)

I think we are all aware of the advantage of having a contact telephone number in our mobile phones for "In Case of Emergency" (ICE). Recently Terry Acreman advised me of a Police initiative to extend the ICE to be attached to vehicles. I have looked into it and the following might be useful.

The Police have developed a simple windscreen "Emergency Contact Disc" (ECD) template to be held in the (now redundant) 'Tax Disc' holder on the front windscreen of a car or motorhome.

As well as having a contact name & number, the ECD includes space for such items as medical details; allergies & Doctor's details. Also one can add other details such as insurance & breakdown policy No's and telephone numbers, etc.

The ECD could be particularly useful for anyone travelling solo and Rally Marshals for their ralliers and themselves.

To obtain the ECD - search Google for "Police Emergency Contact Disc" and then simply download & print the disc format (Northampton Police).

Fortunately, Halfords still sell 'Irish Tax Disc Holders' at £3.99 for 3. It's best to order on-line and pick up at your nearest store. Do not buy the magnetic ones – they are not strong enough. Most importantly, the details are so folded so as not to be visible through the windscreen either externally or internally.

Metal Tyre Valves & Alloy wheels

Terry also advises that www.tyresave.co.uk can supply metal tyre valves & alloy wheels to suit motorhomes.

Continental Driving Laws

From May 2017 the UK must make information available to another member state for the purpose of facilitating the investigation by that member state of any traffic offence allegedly committed using a vehicle registered in the UK. Perhaps a wakeup call to be even more careful to watch for speeding; parking; weight; clean air zones etc.

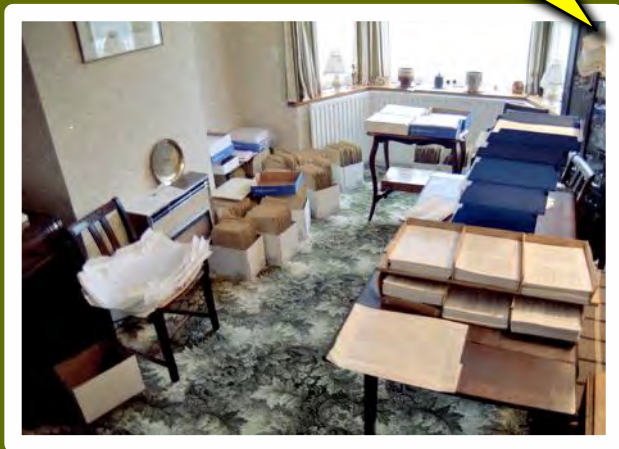
Website Update

Supplementary update 01a/18* Rally List & Spreadsheet:- removal of Gulval & Hendra

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rally information February 2018

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please read the important rally information on the inside front cover

The rallies at

**Hendra Holiday Park 17 – 24 May and Gulval Cricket Club 24 – 29 May
have been cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control.**

5th June – 15th June 2018 (10 nights) Camping Cappuccini, Peschiera del Garda, Italy

Emergency Tel. No. 07771 827711

Rally Marshals: Chis Mawdsley, Peter Brown, Angie & Andy Cavell.

Rally Fee: £25.00 this is not refundable if offered a place.

Rally slips and cheques to Chris Mawdsley, 5 Kenilworth Walk, Cheadle, Stoke on Trent, ST10 1WA.

Enquiries to pcb7ty@btinternet.com or 07771 827711.

Please print a legible e-mail address on your application that can be used for communication about the rally.

Site and Fees: The site has large grass pitches, extensive swimming pools, a high-level lake view restaurant, fronts onto the pedestrian promenade on the south shore and is an 800m 10min walk from the town centre and lake steamer pier. For the ten nights, the fee will be €14.00 for the pitch plus €8.00 per person, per night (= €30 per night for a couple). Dogs are charged at €4.50 per night and there is a city tax that this year was €1.00 per person per night for the first 5 nights.

Limit **25 vans**

20th to 30th June 2018 (10 nights) Camping L'Escale, Le Grand Bornand France

Rally Marshals: Angie & Andy Cavell, Chris Mawdsley & Peter Brown.

Emergency Tel. No. 07880 532057 (Marshal's mobile).

Rally fee: £25.00 not refundable if offered a place.

Rally slips & cheques to A. Cavell, 24 The Close, Hampstead Norreys, Thatcham, RG18 ORY.

Tel. No. 01635 201976.

Please provide your email address (clearly written!) if you have one. If not please enclose two sae's.

Site Fees: The site fee will be 19 euros per night for a motorhome and up to two people, one dog and including 6amps electricity. 10 amps can be available for an extra charge and should be arranged with the site on arrival. Tax will also be payable at the appropriate rate - currently 0.55 euros per person per night.

Attractions: Situated in the French Alps, Le Grand Bornand is a small town with all the shops and restaurants necessary to support life! It is located at the bottom of a small river valley and surrounded by mountains on all sides. Annecy and Mont Blanc are not far away and we expect the cable cars will be operating from the village to take you to the top of the nearby mountain. Camping L'Escale is a privately owned site with good facilities including a swimming pool and its own restaurant and takeaway. It is just a short walk from the town.

Limit **25 vans**

IRISH RALLY 2018 Monday 11th June to Tuesday 26th June (15 nights)

Marshals: Phil and Shelagh West. Assistant Marshals: TBA

Emergency Telephone Mobile: Phil West 07506 061694.

This Rally consists of 3 x 5 nights on 3 different sites in the Republic of Ireland. (Preference will be given to applicants applying for the whole 3-site rally).

Rally Fee £25.00 (non-returnable if offered a place on the rally.) Full directions and further information will be supplied to all successful applicants for all 3 sites.

Please send cheque for Rally Fee with a clearly written e-mail address or stamped, addressed envelope for confirmation of a place on the Rally to:

Mrs S. West, 66 Northampton Road, Broughton, Kettering, Northants. NN14 1NS.

Telephone: 01536 791438.

Site 1 – (11th – 16th June). Camac Valley Tourist Caravan & Camping Park, Corkagh Park, Green Isle Link Road, Naas Road, Kingswood, Dublin. D22 DR60.

135 Euros (27 per night inc. electric) – Showers Token 2 Euros.

Attractions – Dublin City. Corkagh Park – large park with footpaths, fishing lakes, rose gardens and tree plantations. Irish National Stud and Japanese Garden.

Site 2 – (16th -21st June). Hidden Valley Holiday Park, Lower Main Street, Glasnarget North, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow. A67 XY56.

130 Euros (26 per night inc. electric – price to be confirmed (showers ? Euros).

Attractions – Located next to the Wicklow Mountains, Clara Vale National Park, Glendalough, Wicklow Gap to name a few.

Site 3 – (21st – 26th June). Casey's Caravan & Camping Park, Tallacooles, Clonea, Dungarvan. Co. Waterford. X35 EP82.

95 Euros (19 Euros per night inc. electric) – Showers Token 1 Euro.

All campsite monies to be paid to the campsite on arrival.

CARDS NOT ACCEPTED – CASH ONLY.

Attractions – Mahon Falls / Comeragh Drive, Dungarvan Castle, Jameson Distillery, Copper Coast Drive. In addition, the new Waterford Greenway 45km walking / cycling route along the disused railway line from Dungarvan to Waterford.

Dogs welcome at all sites.

Limit **25 vans**

ALL SITES – PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 2PM.

5th -9th March 2018 (4nights) Whitmead Forest Park Rally, Parkend, Nr. Lydney, Gloucestershire GL15 4LA.

Rally Marshals - John and Jackie Moss, Noel and Glenn Clarke.

Site fees - £48.00,(4 nights), which includes entry to all leisure facilities. Rally fee - £4.00

We shall be sited on the terraced area (known as the Meadow) which has been totally refurbished with gravel pitches and electric hook-ups.

Please send rally slips and cheque for £52.00 payable to J.Moss,

34. Cocksparrow Street, Warwick CV34 4ED. Telephone no. 01926 497309,

Mobile (on site only). 07580 809303. Please send a SAE or a CLEAR e-mail address for confirmation.

Excellent for walking and cycling. Good food at local pubs and on site restaurant.

DIRECTIONS - Drive into Lydney town centre from Gloucester, turn right at the Swan pub before the level crossing (sign post Parkend). Then follow the road to Parkend station and turn left at the Fountain pub. At the top of the road turn left, site on the left in about 100 yards.

DO NOT arrive before 2.00pm (14.00hours). Site rules.

16th – 18th March 2018 (2 nights)

Great Central Railway, Quorn & Woodhouse Station, Quorn, Leics LE12 8AG.

Rally Marshals: Angie & Andy Cavell and Liz Irvin.

Emergency Tel. No. 07880 532057 (Marshal's mobile).

Site fee: £26.00 per unit for two nights plus £2.00 per person rally fee.

Rally slips & cheques to A. Cavell, 24 The Close, Hampstead Norreys, Thatcham, RG18 0RY. Tel. No. 01635 201976.

Please provide your email address (clearly written!) if you have one. If not please enclose an sae. This is a "green field site" on hard standing in part of the car park at Quorn & Woodhouse station. There are no electric hook-ups available. Subject to confirmation there will be a diesel operating day on the Friday and steam trains running for the rest of the weekend.

We are hoping to arrange a meal in the Butler-Henderson café on Friday evening. Their food is very good and reasonably priced – please indicate on your rally slip if you would be interested and further information will then follow when available.

Please do not arrive before 12 noon on Friday.

Limit **22 vans**

19th – 22nd April National Motorhome Show, East of England Showground, Peterborough. PE2 6XE.

Emergency Tel.No. 07922049714.

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

Please use a booking form from a Motorhome magazine or online. Please mark the form ASOC and note the special Club site fees:

Arrive Thursday £48, arrive Friday £45.

All bookings for the Saturday evening entertainment must be made and paid to Warners when returning the application form to them.

Applications close on Wednesday 4th April.

If you wish to rally with the Club then you must 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, cheques payable to: N. C. & P. Rogers, 3 Appleby Close, Aldbrough St. John, Richmond, North Yorks. DL11 7TT.

Tel. No. 01325 374540.

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.

DON'T FORGET Please read the important rally information on the inside front cover



WANT TO RUN A RALLY?

or would like to assist a rally marshal to see what is involved

Why not contact the rally coordinator for further information

RALLY APPLICATION FORM

Date sent:		Rally name:	
First name:		Surname:	
Address:			
Town/City:		Postcode:	
Phone:	Mobile:	Membership No:	
Email:			
Additional number of named persons in your van			
Adults:	Children (incl age):	Dogs:	
Name:		Name:	
Name:		Name:	
Name:		Name:	
MOTORHOME DETAILS		ARRIVAL DETAILS	
Registration:		Day:	
Length:		Time:	
Model:		am <input type="checkbox"/>	pm <input type="checkbox"/> Evening <input type="checkbox"/>
Cheque enclosed for £ for nights including rally fee			
Full payment must accompany the application and cheques made payable to the rally marshal			
OTHER DETAILS	Is this your first ASOC rally:	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
	<i>If available:</i> Electricity:	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
	<i>If available:</i> Evening meal:	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
	<i>Any special needs: If yes specify below</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS			
Name:			
Phone:		Mobile:	
We require the details of the person to contact in the event of an emergency			

Rally application form to reach the marshal 14 days before the event if possible

Enclose a S.A.E if confirmation is required

