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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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Front cover photo: Lymington Harbour

editor's note

Welcome to March News.

Auto-Sleepers Service Centre has asked me to remind members they need to show their current membership cards to reception before any work is commenced. This is important, as once an invoice has been raised, you will be unable to claim your discount.

Just to remind members we need your articles on your travels, we have had quite a few over the last few months, but we need more, don't forget we also need more pitchstops, so don't keep them a secret.

If you don't send the editor your articles, blank pages might start appearing in News, and it's back to editorial madness, and I'm sure you will not want that.

If you are going to the annual general meeting (see the information below) it is very important you have your membership cards with you. They will be checked on the door, and you will not be able to attend the meeting if you cannot show them.



Annual General Meeting 5th May 2018

Keith Ross, National Rally Chairman
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As you saw in last month's magazine the National Rally and AGM is to be held over the May Bank Holiday weekend
The AGM being held on the morning of Saturday 5th May at 10.00 am

The meeting is open to any Auto-Sleeper Owners club member and you do not have to attend the National rally to come to the AGM

Should you wish to attend please come with your membership card on the day

If you would like to stay on site in your motorhome on either the Friday and/or Saturday night, please contact me on the telephone number or email address listed above,

The cost for each night will be £21



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 find out what is involved

Hello fellow members

For those who do not know me, my name is Stuart Wood and a member of the National & AGM sub committee.

I organise the Sir Stuart Goodwin Pavilion at the National Rally with my wife Yvonne and, with assistants we set up the Pavilion with chairs and tables for the various crafts and hobbies and, of course, the popular café.

We are looking to step down from this role after this years National, so we are looking for someone to come forward and take over the running of pavilion from us in 2019.

The role entails organizing the various events held in the pavilion, including setting up the tables and chairs including manning a stall on the Friday and Saturday and clearing away after Saturday. We would still be available to assist if required in between other jobs on the committee.

If you would like to contact me for more information, here is my telephone number and email.

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The Club's chosen charity

I would like to remind our long standing members and inform new members that once a year the Committee ask for nominations from members, particularly one close to them, to choose a non-national charity that we could support for a year, although we are not a fund raising club. From the nominations made a charity is chosen and the current one is the Rosemere Cancer Foundation, who so ably supported our late Chairlady Jill Bertlin. The monies collected/donated during the past year will culminate at the coming National Rally at the beginning of May.

Should any member wish to make a further donation, would they please make the cheque payable to the Auto-sleeper Owner's Club, send it to our Treasurer, making sure you include your name and state that it is a donation for the Rosemere Charity.

Thank you for your support.

Mike Valentine, Club Charity Officer

WIN A PRIZE

IN EACH CATEGORY

photographic competition 2018

Closing date 14 April 2018

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 of each category will be judged at the National rally

Winning entries will be kept for any publicity by ASOC
and will also be displayed on the club website

Each entry should have a separate sheet with photograph name, category being entered, your name, membership number and address

send entries to

Rita Tubb

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We are Pat and Tom, both originally from the UK, but emigrated to Australia in 1980 and lived there until we retired in 2007. We then decided to move to Malaysia and have lived in Penang since then. Back in 2011 we decided to buy a caravan in the UK (we are dual citizens so have both Australian and UK passports) and we spent 6 months touring around the UK. The following year we returned and did Ireland and more of the UK and in 2014 we took it over to Germany. It was a large Bailey Barcelona with a 4WD tow car and we quickly realised that it was way too big to travel around Europe so started looking at both motorhomes and campervans. We decided that a campervan suited our needs as we wanted our travels to be about "the journey" rather than just staying at a few sites.

As we like to travel for at least 6 months of the year we wanted to make the small space as comfortable as possible and we also wanted to try to get away from using campsites all the time. Tom spent hours and hours researching different companies and different layouts. At one stage we even considered getting one built to our own specifications. We had seen a few that we liked but couldn't get everything we wanted from any one company. Tom did actually go as far as doing a detailed design and we took it to a company to get a quote to build it. We really thought that we would go down this path but, as we live overseas, we started to think that maybe it would be all too hard.



We were at the Auto-Sleeper factory a few weeks ago and had the pleasure of meeting with and chatting to Peter Brown, Baz and Dorothy. We were waiting to pick up our Warwick XL after some warranty work and Peter and Baz were waiting to go into a meeting. We had just returned from a 7 month trip around Spain, Germany, Belgium and The Netherlands in our new Warwick XL. We told them about our van and the many changes that we had made to it. They were very interested and Tom took Peter and Baz to show them around it. Peter then asked me if I would like to tell our story for ASOC News.

We had seen the Warwick XL and liked the design and it was 95% what we wanted. We then approached Auto-Sleepers to see if they would be willing to make some changes and we spoke to Dave Williams. He was brilliant and, between himself and Brian, they were able to make the changes we requested.

When we got back from Germany, I found out that I had breast cancer so we weren't able to travel in 2015. We still wanted to order the van and chose a "name" for it.

We decided to call it Eternity. This came about because of a story about a man called Arther Stace. He was an Australian soldier and came back from WW1 a broken man. He became famous as a reformed alcoholic who converted to Christianity. He came from a very poor background and could neither read nor write. One day he listened to a sermon about eternity and he couldn't get it out of his head. Then a powerful voice from the Lord told him to write the word "Eternity".

Even though he could hardly write his own name the word “Eternity” came out smoothly and in beautiful script.

He wrote the word 500,000 times in yellow chalk in the exact same style on the streets and pavements of Sydney over a period of 35 years and no one knew who was writing it. He just couldn’t stop himself from writing it. It was eventually discovered who he was he became a legend in Sydney and was known as Mr Eternity. He died in 1967 aged 82 but his story lives on.

We are not particularly religious but we did like the story and decided to call our van Eternity as, after surviving cancer, we said that we wanted to travel for eternity. Dave Williams had stickers made for the camper in the exact same script. Due to family reasons we weren’t able to travel in 2016 either so we had to cancel our original order and re-ordered a new one to pick up 2017. Our “Eternity” took on a whole new meaning as it seemed to be an “Eternity” from first thinking about it to actually picking it up in March last year.

I will try to outline the changes that we have made to the standard Warwick XL and the reasons why we made these changes.



Base Vehicle & Factory Fitted Extras

Fiat Ducato 4 tonne rather than the standard 3.5 tonne chassis – this enabled us to carry extra weight which was important to us

Fiat Comfort-Matic Auto-Gearbox – we chose an auto rather than a manual. We have lived in Australia for 30 years and autos are more popular there than manuals so we have got used to driving them and just prefer this option

Auto-Sleepers premium pack and winter pack



Captain's chairs – for more comfort

Truma Aventa air conditioner – to keep cool when travelling in hot countries (provided we have power)

80W solar panel – to give us extra power when on non-powered sites

The following extras were items that we wanted to make the camper more personalised. We wanted to maximise the usable space and make it more comfortable for us to live in long term.

White colour coded rear bumper, wheel arches & side panels

Front & rear mudflaps

Twin leisure batteries – to enable us to camp “off grid” for longer periods

Extra 12v & mains sockets – we added quite a number of additional points

Bathroom door locker – This was our “invention” and proved to be very useful

We asked Auto-Sleeper to build us a locker fixed on to the back of the bathroom door (inside the bathroom). This goes from the top of the door right to the bottom with shelves that are 100 mm deep. It has eight shelves and we use this to store our shoes and small items like rice and pasta.

Bathroom laundry bin – This was instead of the shelf and toilet brush which is the standard and has been very useful. We keep our cleaning and toilet chemicals in it and also our washing and pegs

Bathroom vanity cabinet – Instead of the standard wire rack. This looks much nicer and is far more practical as it holds quite a lot and keeps all our toiletries out of sight.

Removable shelves in all overhead lockers – we have shelves fitted in the centre of all the overhead cupboards. This means we can separate items thus giving us more storage.

No leg rolls on bed benches – more comfortable when sleeping on them.



Lift up table extension on the outside of the kitchen cupboards – this opens up outside so means we can put things such as sauces, salt and pepper etc on it when we are eating outside

No free standing table – we chose not to have the large free standing table as we felt one table was enough. We have modified the inside pole table and have a tripod that can be fitted for use outside

Eternity graphics

After Market Additions

Glide-Rite self levelling – Tom loved this as it made setting up so easy. We were often moving on daily so this was a great asset

Oyster Vision 65cm automatic satellite system

Avtex 21 inch TV

Waeco CoolMatic CD 3 drawer fridge mounted under bench – This was just brilliant. It is unbelievable the amount that it holds. We keep our veggies, beer and wine and lots more. It was expensive but has been one of the best additions that we have made as the fridge is only quite small.

Under bench Chubb safe

Series-T Thatcham approved deadlocks fitted to all doors – As we have been staying “off grid” quite a lot this additional security just gave us a bit more peace of mind and a little bit harder for someone to break in.

I think we can definitely say that the change from a caravan to a campervan was a good move for us. Over a seven month period we stopped at over 130 places and have been to some beautiful places and seen some wonderful sights. We have tried to use the motorhome stops rather than campsites as much as possible. This has made a huge saving and we estimate it has cost us on average £200 a week less than when we were travelling with the caravan.

We love our “Eternity” and hope it lives up to its name and that we are able to continue travelling for many years to come. Happy travelling to everyone.



Florence

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STOP

SHARE
THE
AIRE

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About 2 miles walk to city centre,
just off a bus route

More pictures at link below, including
of the car park entrance. You can
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L Letters

Extra rear-view mirror

I've found with my Symphony Boxer van conversion the visibility to the rear is limited. The side mirrors leave a large blackspot directly behind the van and the central mirror on the windscreen gives an excellent view of the wardrobe.

To help with this I bought a small mirror with a suction pad (available from most accessory shops) and mounted it in the top right-hand side of the windscreen where it looks directly out of the window in the rear door.

This lets me see cars directly behind the van, particularly those tailgating.

Bob Watford ASOC9962

Can you help?

Ireland's wild Atlantic Way

We are undertaking this trip in May and are wondering if any members had done this, and could offer any advice

Fiona Sallis 9263

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Valentine caption competition winner

congratulations to Brian Felgate 5282

I may only be a TALISMAN and you are a
SYMBOL of beauty,
but let's DUETTO together down BROADWAY and
AUTO-SLEEPER for ever





Are you still looking up?

Shortly, never to be seen again



Advert for Dunn and Co - gentlemen outfitters which was situated in Staines for many years but disappeared in the 80's. Peter Lucas 5925

Our Spanish odyssey

Roger and Liz Watts 8549

Roger and I have recently returned from four weeks touring Spain in our camper van – living in close quarters but with all mod cons – including hot water, heating and TV. Most campsites are well provided with electric hook-up, hot showers and other facilities, so quite luxurious! The advantage of a small van is that you can get to most places – town centres and narrow mountain roads – or that's the theory!

A 24-hour Brittany Ferries crossing to Santander in February – sounds risky? But we were fortunate; the Bay of Biscay was as calm as a millpond. Friends had taunted us that there had been heavy snow in Northern Spain. True - the Picos d'Europa were looking beautifully snow-clad – but the roads were clear. The roads in Spain are wonderful. A huge amount of money has been spent on infrastructure generally. We saw many incomplete new roads, rail tracks and building sites – the money had clearly run out. ➡



"Picnic" in las Alpujarras

We took the precaution of booking a couple of campsites on the Mediterranean coast for a few nights. It was just as well as the sites were crowded, if not actually full. However, we always found room on inland and country sites, although a number were closed until Easter.

One of the joys of motorhoming is to be able to come and go as you please. If you find a place you like, stay a bit longer – but if the weather’s bad, move on. We have a stack of books and guides and the internet to find suitable campsites and Aires, which are spaces provided specifically for motorhomes, usually just an area in a car park, sometimes with water and drainage laid on, and they are mostly free of charge. Very handy for a one night stopover.

We covered 2000 miles and had 13 different overnight sites. We started in the northern city of Burgos with its magnificent cathedral, the first of many, and a memorial to El Cid. We then drove through the Rioja region, stopping to taste and buy wine from a small vineyard listed by the Wine Society.

Our next gastronomic adventure was a truffle festival in the ancient Valencian city of Teruel. A tourist industry is being developed on the back of cultivation of the black truffle in an attempt to reverse the migration of people from the countryside into towns.

Moving towards the Med coast near Valencia we started seeing the ubiquitous orange tree and olive grove. This was clearly the height of the citrus season with heavily-laden orange and



The bull ring in Valencia

lemon trees everywhere. From our coastal site we used very efficient and cheap public transport, bus, train and taxi to get to and from the elegant city of Valencia, taking in the marvellous Art Nouveau railway station, Mercado Central (food market) and the vast bull ring.

One disadvantage of a camper van over a car and caravan is that once you are settled on a site you are reluctant to move the van to explore the local area. That is where our bikes, or public transport, come in handy.

We were keen to discover lesser-known wine regions of Spain. Everyone knows Rioja, but what about Yecla? Fortunately we had an introduction to the Bodega Castano, a family-run winery in the Murcian town of Yecla. We enjoyed a comprehensive tour of the vineyard and winery, ending up with tapas and wine-tasting in their private dining room. We loaded the van with cases of wine and some locally-produced olive oil thrown in for good measure.

Our next drive to the Andalusian town of Almeria took us through what is said to be Europe's only desert. The cactus-strewn, rugged terrain and dried-up riverbeds have provided the setting for filming many well-known spaghetti westerns. Almeria itself, on the extreme south coast of Spain with short ferry crossings to North Africa, has a very Moorish feel, with the majestic Alcazaba or fortress overlooking the town and harbour.

Having reached the far south, we now planned our route back through the centre of the country, taking in Granada, Cordoba and Toledo but avoiding the metropolis of Madrid. We spent the first day driving through the ever-popular Las Alpujarras, beautiful upland valleys lying between the high, snow-topped Sierra Nevada and the coast. Small villages cling to the hillsides where almond trees were coming into bloom. This was where, having got off the main road in one of these villages, we found ourselves driving down a street which got narrower and narrower, as well as steeper and far from straight, and with no chance of return. Startled residents pressed themselves into doorways at our approach, it seeming there was no way we would get through. We did but not without making a big dent in the side of the van. We were lucky not to get completely stuck!

Granada was amazing, but the experience somewhat spoilt by our first encounter with crowds and queuing. As ever we found greater pleasure in discovering smaller, just as interesting places, which we almost had to ourselves. An example of this was the small town of Tordesillas on the banks of the mighty Duero river in the region of Castilla y Leon. The tourist office recommended we visit the Monasterio do Santa Clara. We had nearly had our fill of cathedrals, castles and historical monuments but were glad not to have missed this. It was a "working" monastery with eight monjas (Spanish for nuns). Our Spanish guide took us through room after wonderful room, locking each door carefully behind her. In this town, in 1494, an historic treaty was signed between Spain and Portugal to divide up the countries they had discovered in the New World. Famously an error on the map meant that Portugal got Brazil by mistake! The following day we tasted wines of Ribiero de Duero which completed our trawl of the Spanish wine regions.

We were certainly tourists; we met people who were away in their motorhomes for months, often spending weeks on end on just one site. One man had been in his caravan on the coast since last June. Some had sold up their homes and were permanently on the road. Roger and I agreed that four weeks at a stretch was enough. We were looking forward to returning to normal life in the Wychwoods – but are already planning next year's trip to Spain and Portugal.

snippets

SUPPLIER DISCOUNTS

what you need to know

We have many companies who offer members a discount on the goods and services they supply.

To claim your discount, you must present your ASOC membership card at the time of order or arrival.

You will not qualify for the discount by presenting your membership card after work has commenced.

European low emission zones

These are increasing rapidly. You can now download an app for iphone, ipad or android. Find out more all about the requirements for each zone on the link below.

If you are thinking of ordering a badge, it may be cheaper to buy from the appropriate country website rather than this website

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www.ownvehicle.askmid.com

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www.bikeregister.com

www.viamichelin.fr

www.viamichelin.co.uk

<https://vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk/>

Old photo sparks another tour

Terry Hammond 7578



I've made it a project to print all the photos with labels held on my laptop and put them in albums for the family to look back on in years to come. During the photo printing exercise I came across some from a cycle tour in Scotland back in 1963. At the same time I've been thinking about a tour in 2018 having successfully completed a two week solo trip to Southern Ireland in 2017.

So it was a no-brainer to start planning a four week tour of Arran, Skye and around Loch Lomond in May 2018 following in those wheel tracks, building in enough days on the islands to allow for being grounded by the weather.

I'm also allowing sufficient time to stop driving from place to place and pause mid journey to take in the vast amount of scenery through the camera lens.

However, my Harmony, which will 20-years old in 2018, had a rough ride in Ireland so a decision was taken to invest in a mechanical refurbishment.

Better to spend a four figure sum on keeping the Harmony up together, for which there are deep emotional ties, than chop her in for a younger model spending a substantial five figure sum in the process.

So far there's been a full service and MOT, four new shock absorbers, new cambelt, timing belt and water pump, plus a rear silencer assembly. I then took her to M&W Autos in Wisbech for a gearbox rebuild, as recommended on the ASOF forum, and had a great weekend at Ferry Meadows C&MC site, riding on the Nene Valley Steam Railway, prior to delivering the Harmony to Wisbech. (Maurice at M&W let me have a courtesy car free of charge to get home to Southampton).

The previous gearbox refurbishment local to me turned out to be a classic 'bogit & leggit' because although 2nd & 3rd gear synchros were welded, a substantial amount of silicone was removed this time round!

Given the rarity of my particular gearbox (apparently MK1 Boxers used two different types of gearboxes on the Sevel production line) the original plan was to gather up the replacement gears and ancillary parts from here and Maurice's Italian source. However, these parts are becoming really scarce including those from Italy, to the point where older Citroen and Peugeot cars are now also affected.

Technical group & website

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Is Spring Here?

If so, Ideas Sheet No. 226 – “Post Winter Preparations for the Summer Season” may help you. Email me for a copy.

Change in French Speed Limits

In order to reduce “the alarming rise in deaths”, the French Government is lowering the speed limit on two-lane highways - from 56mph (90kmh) to 50mph (80km/h). Effective from 1st July 2018.

I wonder if Sat Nav providers will be updating accordingly?

P.S. Remember last month’s article: UK must now make traffic offence information available to another member state!

All about tyres

See page 20

Website Updates

Supplementary update 01b/18* - 2018 Rally List & Spreadsheet - Issue C/17 - change of dates for Widdecombe rally. Now 10th -15th May.

Occasional visits to the Update Page are recommended to keep up to date with supplementary updates. <http://www.asoc.uk.com/updates.htm>



Charging Electric Cars

Recently I looked at a "2-car bay" electric charging facility in my local area. I was naïve enough to expect both power plugs to be of the same design - not so!

There were actually 3 totally different connectors - see photo above.

- DC Combo2
- AC
- DC CHAdeMO

So much for standardisation!

TIME TO CHECK?

The availability of motorhome tyres usually becomes difficult due to the huge demand at the beginning of the season. Supplies from manufacturers may take a long time to satisfy the demand



It is also worth asking to check the dates on the tyres you intend to buy, they may be from last years season

The general recommendation for safe driving is a minimum of 3 mm tread and to replace tyres between five and seven years

It is also worth changing the steel bolt in valves at the same time, but some tyre fitting companies do not stock them.

Please note: I understand, a legal requirement in France is; that tyres on the same axle must be of the same make and tyre pattern. Suggest a check that all your five tyres are the same.

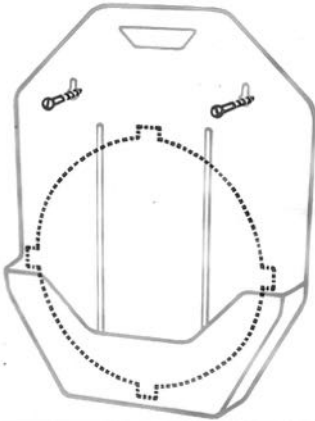
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IMPORTANT CHANGE

Please note the Rally Coordinators new details below with effect from 1 March 2018

rally information March 2018

Neil C. Rogers, Rally Coordinator
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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.

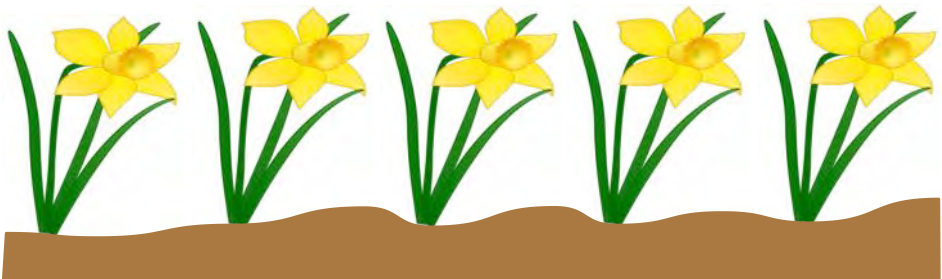
Rally slips and cheques to Chris Mawdsley, 5 Kenilworth Walk, Cheadle, Stoke on Trent, ST10 1WA.

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: Janet & Peter Murphy

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, Tallacoole, 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) Whitemead Forest Park Rally, Parkend,
Nr. Lydney, Gloucestershire GL15 4LA.**

RALLY FULL

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 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 (14.00 hours). 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)

RALLY FULL

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

Emergency Tel. No. 07922 049714

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 & 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, 5 Emerson Court, Carmel Road North, Darlington, Co. Durham, DL3 8JB. Tel. No. 07922 049714.

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

**3 – 7 May 2018
National Rally & A.G.M.
Nottinghamshire Showground
Newark. NG24 2NY**

Note change of dates for this rally below

10 – 15 May (5 nights) Widdecombe C.P. Paignton, Devon. TQ3 1ST

Emergency Tel. No 07711 375323

Rally Marshals: Linda & Brian Ellis.

Site Fee: £67.50, Rally Fee: £3.50 total £71.00 payable to Brian Ellis. at 52 Golf Links Road, Burnham on Sea, Somerset. TA8 2PP. Tel. no. 01278 784524.

e-mail: ell.ba82@yahoo.co.uk

The site is adult only and has hardstandings with 10 amp electric hook ups. It has toilets, showers etc and a café/restaurant on site.

The site is tiered and some may find the upper levels steep in places so any disabled or walking problems please note on rally slip. (continued on next page)

The nearest bus route to Paignton is about 20 minute stroll towards Maddon Village or the site has a 16 seater mini bus available at a charge of £3.00 per person return to Paignton Bus Station. From Paignton bus station there are regular services to Torquay, Brixham etc.

Alternatively there is a local taxi service.

Directions: The site is at Widdecombe Lane off the A380 bypass near Paignton and Torquay.

13 – 18 May (5 nights) Harrogate C.P. Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate, North Yorks. HG2 8NZ

Emergency Tel.No. 07922 049714

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

Site Fees: £17.00 per night with electric hook up.

Rally Fee: £3.00 couples, £2.00 singles.

*****Rally slips & cheques payable to N.C. & P. Rogers, 5 Emerson Court, Carmel Road North, Darlington, Co. Durham, DL3 8JB. Tel.No. 07922049714.

The site is a full facilities site located close to Harrogate. There is a supermarket close by and "Fodder " an award winning shop & cafe'. A bus stop is close by.

Attractions: Harrogate is a spa town with Betty's Cafe and the Valley Gardens. Also within easy reach of York, Leeds & Knaresborough, RHS Harlow Carr Gardens, Fountains Abbey, Harewood House, Lightwater Valley and the Yorkshire Dales and much more are nearby.

Directions: The site is adjacent to the Great Yorkshire Showground which is off the A661 on the outskirts of Harrogate. Leave the A1M at junction 45 onto A659. At first roundabout take 3rd exit signed Wetherby. At next roundabout take 2nd exit onto A661 signed Harrogate. Follow A661 and turn left at Sainsburys. Please enclose an SAE or clearly written email address for confirmation of booking and directions.

NO ARRIVALS BEFORE 2.00 p.m. Dogs on leads at all times.



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