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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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The editor reserves the right to edit or omit any item for whatever reason. The opinions, beliefs and viewpoints expressed by the contributors to ASOC News do not necessarily reflect those of the editor. Your items should reach the editor by the tenth of the month. Please remember to add your membership number and name to your item. Any item appearing in any magazine issue may be freely used by other publications, but please acknowledge both the author and source.

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# editor's note

Welcome to the May issue of News.

Firstly, can I ask members who have an email address and may not have registered it with the club to kindly let the Membership Secretary know. This means we could send notifications if required. We never disclose any members details to any third party.

Members who decide to make a donation to club funds when placing advertisements can now make the donation by internet banking if they wish, rather than by cheque. Email the editor for details.

News wants members to send their favourite cycling routes and walks. I know members would like to read all about them

Unless items come into News, then its back to the ramblings of the editor, or even a reduction of pages, which nearly happened this month. So lets have your articles and photos which will be of interest to members.

You will also remember from last month, we put out a call for a deputy editor. Well, I have been thinking about this and my thoughts are that perhaps those members who may be interested do not want to play second fiddle to the editor, but would prefer to go straight to the editorship and put their own stamp and feel on the magazine. If you are this person, talk to the chairman to find out what is involved.

A blue background featuring a white technical drawing of mechanical parts, including bolts, nuts, and shafts, with various numbers (31, 32, 48, 47, 46) and lines indicating dimensions or part numbers. A white rectangular text box is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

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After 20 years on the Committee, and having had several roles, it is with some regret I have decided that now is the time for me to retire; but not from the Club.

The Club is fortunate to already have a "Webmaster Designate", and we now require another volunteer for the "Chairman Technical Group" role.

If you are interested in the latter role please contact me for details of the current responsibilities.

Baz Wellard, Chairman, Technical Group & Webmaster

## Our ASOC News Letter

I do look forward to the ASOC news letter each month and appreciate the time and effort that goes into it. The reproduction of photographs is a notable advancement which can and has been used to enhance certain articles, reports or notifications, but I feel some are taking precedence over other sections and essential functions of the news letter.

The March news letter contained a four page article including a two page centre spread scenery photograph plus a half page photograph of a bull ring in Valencia, all of this relating to a members trip to Spain. While I appreciate this may be an interesting article it was given four full pages. A further two page spread was taken by an article and photographs from the Technical website and two pages were given to elsan blue and a tyre advertisement. April's news letter then gave a full page dedicated to a possible stop over for those attending the Lake Garda rally and another to advertise ASOC on your phone or tablet.

These are at the expense of other articles and of forthcoming rallies whose details were condensed to tiny print.

Social gatherings and rallies are how this club began and I feel they are essential to its continuance and therefore merit a higher profile and if space is available, I think a monthly update of the years forthcoming rallies could be a worthwhile addition to the magazine as not all members use internet or computers. It could help fill some of the rallies or prompt the introduction of others to fill in the gaps.

On the positive side I have to say that the Whitmead snow scene, Terry Hammond's Photo and the Cheltenham Laminating repair photos I felt were clear and worthwhile additions that enhanced the articles.

I must stress that these are my views only but I would be curious to hear other members views. Despite my comments, I do appreciate the time and effort that the editor and the committee give to the club.

Brian Ellis 2360

Many members take the time to write articles and send them to News. We encourage this to fill 28 pages each month using photographs and text to help. I don't consider any items to be of an advertising nature (apart from members items for sale), but to encourage members to subscribe to the electronic version and send in items of their travels and experiences. You mention using other articles; if only if we had them!

Whilst rallies are a part of the club, we have many members who do not rally, so we need to add items hopefully of interest to them and not just rally details of which they may have no interest. We always include comments and letters from members who rally, but these members are a small part of the membership.

We always need items of interest and would not like members to stop doing this. Sometimes it is left to the editor to find items and fill the pages, hopefully, to the interest of members.

The aim is to give a more magazine look. If you are saying the articles are taking up too many pages and not of interest, it would be quite easy to reduce the number of pages of News - to the back of a fag packet some months! but not while under my editorship. [*editor*]

Thank you for taking an interest in ASOC News and for taking the time to let us have your thoughts on the content. I think it appropriate that I respond on behalf of the Club Committee.

The Editor can only publish articles that are sent to him for consideration, what you are seeing in ASOC News are topics that contributing members feel others may be interested in.

Less than 30% of club members attend any rallies and during the rally season a disproportionate amount of ASOC News is given over to rallies. The Committee have asked the Editor to concentrate more on articles that will be of interest to the membership as a whole and not just those who rally. An example of this is the 'Pitch Stop' series of pieces featuring sites that members recommend and which you suggest should not be included. Surely if this article was of no interest, no one would bother to recommend these 'Pitch Stops'.

The two 'adverts' you refer to in the March issue were in fact tyre safety advice and a 'flashback' to caravan toilet products from the 1970's (note the imperial volumes quoted).

Overall, the view of the membership as a whole is that the Newsletter is going in the right direction, social gatherings and rallies will continue to be represented during the rallying season and I'm sure if photographs accompany these articles they will be included in much the same way as photographs supporting other articles are currently included. [*chairman*]

## TRAVELLING WITH A DOG

Regarding the changes in France.

Please, can anyone offer further advice or suggestions about restraining a dog?

Our dog travels in the back of our VW Sandhurst, which has no rear seat belts.

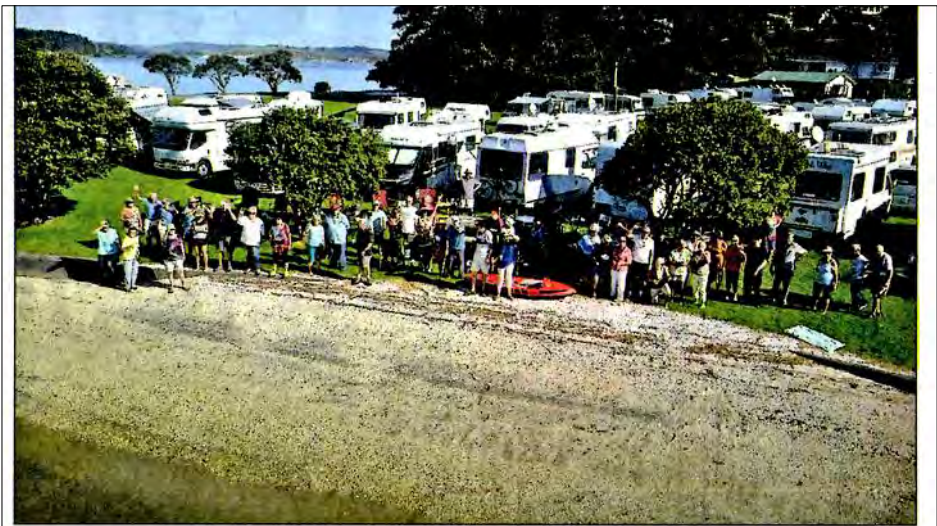
I can only find a harness that attaches to a seat belt anchor.

Linda Wilson 8140



Sibsey level crossing, near Boston, Lincolnshire *photo: Christopher Macgowan*

## FROM NEW ZEALAND



▲ Kalpara has recorded an increase in visitor nights across the board this summer, with camping grounds proving popular venues. Pahi Beach Holiday Park was host to 55 motor homes recently when members of the Motor Caravan Association sub-group, known as The Freewheelers, filled the camp grounds to capacity and employed a drone camera to record the event.

## useful links

[www.tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/low-emission-zone](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/low-emission-zone)

[www.arrivalguides.com](http://www.arrivalguides.com)

[www.drive-france.com](http://www.drive-france.com)

[www.certificat-air.gouv.fr](http://www.certificat-air.gouv.fr)

[www.bipa.be](http://www.bipa.be)

[www.motorhomingfrance.co.uk](http://www.motorhomingfrance.co.uk)

[www.airetoday.co.uk](http://www.airetoday.co.uk)

[www.campercontact.com](http://www.campercontact.com)

[www.icampingcar.fr](http://www.icampingcar.fr)

[www.searchforsites.co.uk](http://www.searchforsites.co.uk)

[www.auto-sleeper-ownersforum.com](http://www.auto-sleeper-ownersforum.com)

[www.bikeregister.com](http://www.bikeregister.com)

[www.saneftolling.co.uk](http://www.saneftolling.co.uk)

[www.eurotunnelgroup.com](http://www.eurotunnelgroup.com)

[www.tfl.gov.uk/lezlondon](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/lezlondon)

[www.viewdrivingrecord.service.gov.uk/driving-record/licence-number](http://www.viewdrivingrecord.service.gov.uk/driving-record/licence-number)

[www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax](http://www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax)

[www.ownvehicle.askmid.com](http://www.ownvehicle.askmid.com)

<https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/getoutside/guides/getoutside-more-with-os-greenspaces/>

[www.bikeregister.com](http://www.bikeregister.com)

[www.viamichelin.fr](http://www.viamichelin.fr)

[www.viamichelin.co.uk](http://www.viamichelin.co.uk)

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

<https://www.searchforsites.co.uk/>

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

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### European SOS 112

Pan-European emergency number: calls to 112 are free from any telephone (mobile, cellular or fixed-line). The number 112 can be dialled to reach emergency services including medical, fire and police from anywhere in Europe.

This Pan-European emergency number 112 can be called from any telephone (landline, pay phone or mobile cellular phone). Calls are free.

It can be used for any life-threatening situation, including:

Serious medical problems (accident, unconscious person, severe injuries, chest pain, seizure)

Any type of fire (house, car)

Life-threatening situations (crimes)

Information on the 112 number can be found on the website

<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/112>

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### France

<https://www.angloinfo.com/how-to/france/healthcare/emergencies>

<http://parisjourney.com/emergency-telephone-numbers-in-france-you-should-learn>

### Italy

<https://www.angloinfo.com/how-to/italy/healthcare/emergencies>

### Netherlands

<https://www.angloinfo.com/how-to/netherlands/healthcare/emergencies>

### Germany

<https://www.angloinfo.com/how-to/germany/healthcare/emergencies>

# *Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way*

Derek Moras 5149

We did this trip in May 2016 and have been meaning to write it up ever since. Seeing Fiona's request in News prompted me to write this article. As far as advice goes, I can only say "go for it" and enjoy the pleasant surprises you get on the way. We had no problems whatsoever and found everyone we met friendly and helpful



Wild Atlantic Way coastline

**THURSDAY 5 May:** We crossed from Fishguard to Rosslare and the general idea was to turn left and follow the coast line (with a few deviations) and see how far we could get up the Wild Atlantic Way. We boarded our ferry at Fishguard at 1345 and arrived in Rosslare at 1815, disembarked and drove to St Margarets Camping site some 20 minutes away. A very nice site and well placed for the ferry. We pitched up and walked down to the beach to stretch our legs.

**FRIDAY 6 May:** Our aim was to cut across country to Cork and then on to Blarney. Unfortunately the best laid plans sometimes don't work out and we spent the first hour and a half going round in circles because none of the village names or roads we were on appeared to be on the map. In the end we resorted to the sat-nav and then had a good drive arriving at Blarney at about 1530. The weather was not too good so we decided against walking into Blarney that evening.

**SATURDAY 7 May:** Rain and cold wind today, so we drove to look at the Castle and Tower. It began to rain even harder so we just looked at the Tower and gave the "Blarney Stone" a miss. After yesterday's failure in map reading we set the sat-nav and had a nice drive across lovely country to Killarney. The town centre appears to be a large roundabout with lots of "Jaunting Carts" tethered all around it for hire. It took two circuits of the roundabout before we found the correct road out. We found a nice site just outside the town and booked in for two nights. As it was still raining we just pitched up and ate in the van.

**SUNDAY 8 May:** The sun was out so we decided on a visit to Muckross House and Farms. After a very interesting guided tour of the house we had an excellent meal in the restaurant



above: Muckross House and Gardens

followed by a nice walk around the gardens. Included in the ticket was admission to the four farm houses on the estate. The first was a small farm house with a few chickens and a donkey. The next house was for the farm labourers and only consisted of one large room for cooking and family use and one bedroom, with a small garden for vegetables. The third farmhouse was considered to be of “medium” size with room for chickens, pigs and outhouses. The fourth farmhouse was the “large” house and fully furnished with period furniture, a kitchen, dining room, bedrooms and living room all with polished wood floors. There were numerous outbuildings and a dairy. In one of the barns there were a number of pens where the children could see and touch a selection of small animals such as piglets, lambs, turkeys and even farm puppies. In another barn we saw a donkey, two shire horses and a very smart Jaunty Cart. We moved on to see the carpenters shop, saddle shop and forge, and the estate schoolroom. It was a good day out and we didn't get back to the site until late.

**MONDAY 9 May:** Today we are off to the Ring of Kerry. The road took us up to the “Ladies View” where we stopped for photos and then on to “Molls Gap” at the top where the R568 meets the N71, where there were more views to be photographed and on down the other side to Kenmare and on to Sneem. We parked up for a walk around the town and a very good lunch in Breens Cafe. Back to the van and drove along the coast road to see “Staigue Fort” an Iron Age building and still in good condition considering. After the Fort we carried on to Castlecove and Derrynane Bay along narrow roads and meeting lots of tourist ➡

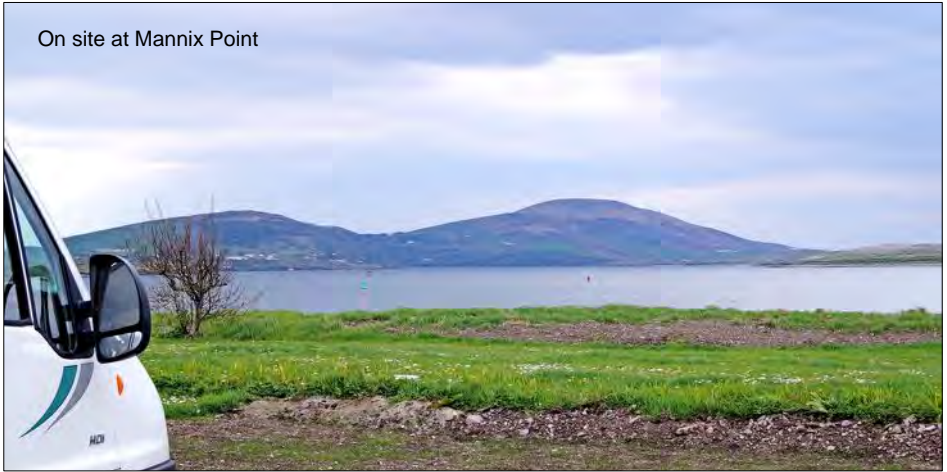


Ladies View



Molls Gap

On site at Mannix Point



coaches coming towards us. Eventually we arrived at Waterville and the campsite at Mannix Point, Calierseven where we booked in for one night. A very nice site right on the waters edge with good views across the bay towards Valencia Island.

**TUESDAY 10 May:** A drive back to Valencia Island to walk up Geokann Mountain. Got to the halfway point to see the Fogher Cliffs and sea birds but the mist came down and we decided not to go further up and returned to the van. Continued around the island and then to our next site at Denbeigh.

**WEDNESDAY 11 May:** We left the site to drive across country to Killorgan and Castlemain and then down to the Dingle Peninsula coast line. Stopped in Dingle and walked around the town. We found a lovely little cafe "The Wrens Nest" for lunch.

Leaving Dingle our next stop was to see the "Famine Cottages" which were in use in the 1820's, very basic with just a roof and four walls and fireplace. The nearest running water was at the foot of the cliffs on the beach.

Then on to Fan to see the prehistoric "Beehive Houses" all made with dry stone walling and very narrow entrances. We continued on around the coast line and back to Dingle.

We took the R569/560 up Sibh Mountain to Connors Pass at 1500ft. Going up was fine but the road coming down the other side was very narrow and in places carved out of the



Famine Houses and Beehive Houses

cliff side. Luckily we met no coaches and continued on up the Wild Atlantic Way to Tralee for the night.

**THURSDAY 12 May:** We left Tralee en route to Ballybunion and up to Tarbert where we took the ferry across the Shannon (20Euros) to Killimer and down to Kilrush. Stopped for lunch in Kellys Bar where there was live Irish music being played. The three musicians turned out to be from Canada and were over to visit ancestral homes. After lunch we continued south down the Wild Atlantic Way to Carrigaholt where we found a campsite on the banks of the Shannon at Doonaha. Only one other touring van turned up and we spent the evening watching large boats going up and down the Shannon.

**FRIDAY 13 May:** Following advice from the site owner we drove down to Loop Head Lighthouse. We had a guided tour up the tower to see the lamp which is now automatic and controlled from Dublin. It will soon be converted to LED's with solar panels to provide power. Whilst we were there three lorries arrived with portable generators as part of the next Star Wars film will be shot there.

We continued along the road, stopping often to admire the views and to take photos, and up past the cliffs of Moher eventually arriving in Doolin. We booked into Nagels Caravan and Camping site about two miles from the village but near the pier and harbourside for three nights. We had chosen Doolin specifically as we had heard that O'Connors pub in the village was renowned for live music every night. The stories were correct and we spent a lovely evening there with good food and music, we left at gone 10.30 pm and they were still going strong.

**SATURDAY 14 May:** We decided to go to the "Burren". It covers an area of between 97 and 220 square miles and is made up of a layer of shale on top of limestone which sits on a granite base and was formed some 300 million years ago. Over time the shale has been washed away and rain has created large fissures in the limestone which have filled with soil. All sorts of plants grow here and we found orchids, primroses, violets and gentian all growing in the fissures. There are also many Iron Age tombs, monoliths and forts. We visited the Poulabrone megalithic tomb. A long but very interesting day with the sun shining and we even heard a cuckoo.

**SUNDAY 15 May:** A quiet day today. Went for a stroll along the shoreline and then to the village for another pub lunch.



Poulabrone Megalithic Tomb on the Burren

**MONDAY 16 May:** We drove on to Galway and parked on the quayside whilst we walked around the town centre. It was then time to find a campsite so we drove on around the bay and found a nice site at Salthill where we had a good view of the bay between residential vans. We ended the day with another walk along the seafront.

**TUESDAY 17 May:** Time to start heading back towards Rosslare. Having woken up to rain we took our time packing up and left mid morning, and had a very interesting run cross country to Gort, Limerick and Tipperary where we had a belated lunch. We then moved on to our next site in The Glen of Aherlow, a National Park, and managed to get a pitch with lovely views. As we finished setting up the rain came back and continued on and off throughout the night.

**WEDNESDAY 18 May:** We awoke to sun and continued our journey back through Caher, Clonmell, Waterford and New Ross stopping off whenever something took our interest. The most interesting was in New Ross where we visited the Dunbrody Centre and a replica of the SS Dunbrody. The Dunbrody was commissioned by William Graves and Sons of New Ross and was built in 1845 in Quebec, Canada, as a cargo ship. Two years later she was converted to carry passengers fleeing the Irish Potato Famine. In 1847 she is recorded as carrying 313 passengers to Quebec. New Ross in Co.Wexford is also the ancestral home of the US President John F Kennedy and a Trust was founded there in 1988 to support local projects. Amongst other projects the Trust has supported a database of Irish immigrants to the USA during the famine. We left the centre around 5pm and completed our run back to the campsite at St. Margarets.



Famine Ship SS Dunbrody (replica) at New Ross

**THURSDAY 19 May:** Left the site and after a short 30 minute trip were back at the ferry port at Rosslare. Only a few vehicles waiting to board and another quiet calm crossing back to Fishguard. Then another drive of just over an hour back home and the completion of a very good Irish adventure. We covered some 1,222 miles in fourteen days on roads that were generally good with very little traffic. The only site we booked in advance were the first and last nights at St. Margarets, Rosslare.

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The outdoors is home to a herd of wild fallow deer, two children's play areas, family trail and plenty of walks. It is open daily 10am-5pm (last entry 4pm).

Dogs are not permitted in the main parkland due to the herd of wild fallow deer, but there is a large (30 acres) dog walking area in the wildflower meadow and woodland copse near the car park where you are welcome to walk your dog.

Visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dyrham-park](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dyrham-park) for more detailed information about visiting times, admission prices and events.



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Garth Randall 8975



# snippets

**SOMETHING TO LOOK OUT FOR**

Van conversions which have a bike rack fitted. Be careful when you release the back door hinges to open them wider, you could put the bike rack runner through the rear light cluster.

**Canterbury Aire**

If you are thinking of staying on the aire, apparently the park and ride where the aire is situated is closed by barriers on a Sunday.

The 1.5 litre Collaps Kettle from Outwell collapses completely flat when not in use. It is break resistant, easy to clean and opens and folds in seconds. Available in many colours from most camping retailers



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At the River Orwell in Suffolk "Spring has arrived" *photo: Christopher Macgowan*



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please read the important rally information on the inside front cover

**The rallies at Hendra Holiday Park, 17 – 24 May &  
Gulval Cricket Club 24 – 29 May  
have been cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control.**

**Sedgemoor Carnival rally has now been confirmed with a change of dates now  
2 – 6 November 2018**

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

Emergency Tel. No. 07771 827711

Rally Marshals: Chris 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.

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## **IRISH RALLY 2018 Monday 11 June to Tuesday 26 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**

## **3 – 7 May. National Rally & AGM**

Nottinghamshire Showground, Newark. NG24 2NY

\*\*\*\*\*Note change of dates\*\*\*\*\*

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

Emergency Tel.No 07711375323.

Rally Marshals: Linda & Brian Ellis.

Site fee five nights @ £67.50 Rally Fee £3.50 Total £71.00.

or individual nights @ £13.50 per night plus rally fee of £3.50.

payable to Brian Ellis.

52 Golf Links Road, Burnham on Sea, Somerset. TA8 2PP. Tel. no. 01278 784524.

email: ell.ba82@yahoo.co.uk



The site is adult only and has hardstandings with 10amp electrics 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.

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 Telephone 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. Telephone 01325 954508

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

**11 – 18 June (7 nights) East Fleet Farm C P**  
**Chickerell, Nr. Weymouth, Dorset, DT3 4DW**

Emergency Telephone. 07711 375323 (Marshal's mobile)

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

Site fees £140 for 7 nights + rally fee £3.50 = £143.50

For less or additional individual nights, site fee is £28 per night plus £3.50 rally fee

Send rally slip and cheques plus a SAE or a clearly written e-mail to:

Brian Ellis, 52 Golf Links Road, Burnham on Sea, Somerset. TA8 2PP. Telephone 01278 784524

The site is at Chickerell about 3 miles out of Weymouth on the B3157 towards Portesham on a regular bus route or the coastal path to Weymouth.

The site is down a lane about 10 minutes walk to the main road and buses

Rally field is sloping, levelling blocks may be required. It has electric hook up, a free house club bar room, we can use the showers and there is a well stocked shop. The site also has laundry, dryers and ironing facilities.

It is a dog friendly site with well behaved dogs allowed in the bar. There are lots of nice walks and dog friendly beaches nearby.

The site is on Fleet Lane off B3157 Chickerell Road.

**6 – 8 July (2 nights) Prestwood Steam Fair, Great Missenden, Bucks.**

Emergency Telephone 07775 570182 or 07749 378587

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

Fee for the weekend £28.00 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. Telephone 01246 236157.

*Directions:* From A413 Great Missenden take A4128 to Prestwood & follow steam rally signs.

No arrivals before 12 noon Friday please. Site Postcode HP16 9HQ.

**Friday 6 July – Sunday 8 July (2 Nights) Spinney Rally Field  
Boothbed Lane, Goostrey, Cheshire WA16 9NG**

(This postcode takes you to the last 90 degree bend only)

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

Spinney Motorhomes have once again invited ASOC members to join them on their Annual Spinney Club Members Rally.

It is a greenfield site with water, elsan points, portaloos and skips available. No hookups.

The theme this year is Glastonbury so think hippy/summer love/ festival.

Fish & Chip van Friday evening and ice cream van on Saturday. Complimentary BBQ Saturday.

There will be a large(r) marquee in which social activities are planned. Outdoor entertainment and various games throughout the day. Entertainment each evening with bar.

A courtesy bus to Spinney Showroom and Accessory shop Saturday.

Their cafe will be open during the day. Table top sale Sunday am.

Cost for Weekend is £10 per person. Rally Fee is £3.00 couples. £2.50 Singles. Booking slip and cheque to:

Mrs E Spensley, 30 Kilsyth Close, Cinnamon Brow, Warrington WA2 0SQ.

Any queries email lizspensley@hotmail.com or telephone 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 Number on your rally slip, and bring your card with you. Rally starts at 12.00 hrs. Please do not arrive before.

*Directions:* Leave M6 Junction 18. Take the A54 (Middlewich Rd) towards Holmes Chapel. In Holmes Chapel at traffic lights, turn left onto A50 towards Knutsford, continue through Cranage and past Spinney Motorhomes Showrooms (On Left). Immediately after Mangoletsi Garage (on RHS) Turn right into Booth Bed Lane, keep right on 90 degree bend, after 1½ to 2 miles keep your eyes open for SPINNEY FLAG and turn left onto rally field.

Limit **25 vans**

**7 -12 July (5 Nights) Stafford Boat Club  
Maple Wood, Wildwood, Stafford, ST17 4SG**

Rally Marshals: Angela and Bob Warwick, Linda and Brian Ellis.

Emergency Telephone 07530 366237

Site fee £11.00 per night inclusive of electric. Rally fee £4.00 per couple. £3.00 singles.

Please send your rally slip and cheques to

Mr. R. G. Warwick, 14 Furneaux Gardens, Fareham, Hants. PO16 7HD, Including a S.A.E. or (clearly written email address) Telephone 01329 236442.



This is a level grass site within a working boat club on the Staffs & Worcester Canal with direct access to the towpath. We have use of the club house during bar opening hours from 8.00pm in the evening, when toilets are available, otherwise own sanitation is essential. Dogs welcome on lead at all times. Local bus stop to Stafford 5 minutes walk away, local shops and pub 10-15 minutes walk away. Canal fishing is available with proper rod licence.

Rally Starts 12 noon Saturday and finishes 12 noon Thursday.

This rally precedes the Lichfield Rally which starts on the 12 July only 16 miles away.

Limit **25 Vans**

### **Thursday 12 to Monday 16 July (4 nights) Beacon Park, Lichfield, Staffordshire**

Emergency Telephone Marshals mobile 07771 827711

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

Site Fee: £11.00 per night. Rally Fee: £4.00 per couple £2.50 single.

Booking slips and cheques payable to Chris Mawdsley,

5 Kenilworth Walk, Cheadle, Stoke-on-Trent ST10 1WA. Telephone 07771 827711.

There is no limit on the number of units attending, and confirmation will be sent via email where possible. Please note any applications received after 30th May cannot be responded to. If you have any queries after that date, please e-mail pcb7ty@btinternet.com.

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 Friday to Monday.

*Attractions:* Beacon Park is adjacent to Lichfield City Centre with its Cathedral, Restaurants, Museums and Shops. 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.

POSTCODE for Lower Sandford Street is WS13 6RA.

### **19 – 24 July (5 Nights) Leon's Field, St Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE27 5ER**

Rally Marshalls: Barbara and Al. Buckett. Mobile No: 07818 006733. Telephone 01304 369149.

Green field site – No Electricity – No toilets. (Charging facilities available for mobility scooters only).

Site Fee: £7.00 per night. Rally Fee £3.00 per unit or £1.50 singles. Total for 5 nights £38.00 per unit or £36.50 singles.

Rally slips and cheques payable to:

Mr A Buckett. 16 St Margarets Drive, Walmer, Deal, Kent CT14 7UJ.

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.

Limit **40 vans**

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

**9 – 14 August 2018 (5 nights) Eskdale School, Whitby, North Yorks.**

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

Emergency Telephone 07711 271568 (Marshal's mobile) email lizirvin@outlook.com

Site Fees £10.20 per night. Rally Fees £3.00 couples, £2.00 singles .

Total with rally slip £54.00 couples, £53.00 singles.

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.

Telephone 01482 658345 or mobile 07711 271568.

Please enclose SAE, or clear email address on slip for confirmation. For enquiries in June please use email.

We have the use of toilets and showers. The school hall is available for evening meetings on the first and last nights.

This year the school will be having buildings erected on the school playground so we will be using the school field. No electricity.

*Attractions:* Whitby Regatta 10th to 13th 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 was 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 the 30mph sign, turn left into the lay-by and the school entrance 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. Entrance is through the lay-by opposite Sainsbury's store and petrol station.

Postcode YO22 4HS.

**Warners South West Motorhome Show. Shepton Mallet 6 – 9 September**

At the moment we have no marshals for this show rally. If we have no volunteers then there will be no official Club rally at the show. [rally coordinator]



ASOC friends meet, Spain 2000 [photo: Baz Wellard]

## 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:</i> If yes specify below	<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