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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 information.

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.

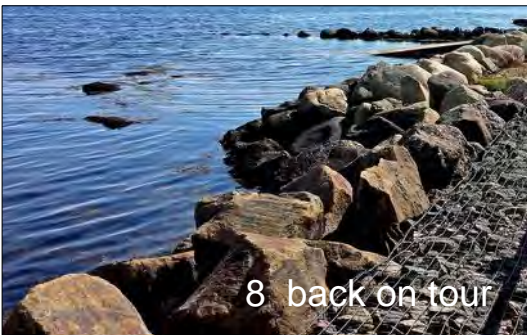
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editor's note

Welcome to August News.

I am writing " editor's note" this month from the New Forest, we tend to spend some time in the forest walking. It's amazing how we think we remember the paths, but, inevitable always get lost.

We were at the C&MC Centenary site, which to us seemed very quiet. Then Black Knowl where we managed to get in at short notice, something which was impossible in the past. Perhaps the C&MC site fees are now too high for some.

We do try to respond to members who request the electronic version of News by return, so apologies if it has taken longer than usual for some to receive the username and password.

We have a new website, please take time to have a look, it is changing all the time as we try to get it right. The member login area on the website is in progress at the moment and you may see a login for "member area" on the website, it's in testing mode at the moment so you will be unable to login. When we are up and running you will need to subscribe to access this area. If you are subscribed to web updates or ASOC News you will need to do nothing, you will receive the username and password. New users will need to subscribe by going to the subscribe to ASOC News button.

You may be thinking why do I need to subscribe to the members area? This is because we will have a single username and password for all members, and we need to judge how many would like to access the members area or magazine. It also means if the username and password is changed for whatever reason, an email alert to the change can be made by an email very quickly.

For those who access the PDF of the electronic version of News, a reminder that the links are live, and can be accessed by clicking on them, this includes the committee emails.

The email for webmaster@asoc.uk.com has been deleted. You may need to delete it from your contact list.

Finally, can you please read the club information on the inside front cover, a few changes have been made.



49.6 mph

Don't get caught

from 1 July the new French national speed limit for rural two lane roads was implemented.

We have just returned from 3 weeks touring in France. We were surprised to have this note (below) put on our windscreen whilst shopping in super U in Arrandon near Vannes. Has anyone else had anything like this?

Nigel and Julie Malcolm 8967



Be careful using any private car parks

I would like to warn fellow members of parking motorhomes (of any make) in car parks controlled by a Company called Parking Eye.

In May, I parked in Tower Road Car Park, Newquay, paying £4.00. This, I understood from the list of charges, allowed a three-hour stay. I left after two and three-quarter hours.

Subsequently, I received through the post, a demand for £100.00, on the basis that I had not made any payment at all. As I had kept my ticket, I sent off a copy as proof that I had, indeed, paid for the required period, and thought that would be the end of the matter. Parking Eye, then wrote to say that they had rejected my appeal but, their £100.00 charge was now based on the fact I had not made sufficient payment. Nowhere have they

stated what the actual scale of charges for this car park should be, only that 'insufficient time was paid for on the date of the parking event'. It would seem, that hidden in the small print, the £4.00 charge for three hours only applies to private cars, not to any other vehicles.

Muir Gordon 9827

Many car parks have special terms for larger vehicles, including, you may need to pay for two spaces if you occupy them. Many motorhomers look for the edge spaces where they can extend over the grass area [editor]

Farewell

Many thanks for putting our Ford Amethyst up for sale in the magazine. It has been successfully sold to new owners, a family with two children, who I am sure will look after it tenderly as we did.

Dorothy and I would like to say farewell to all the rally members we met over the last eleven years. We had such a wonderful time at Whitemead, Winchester, Shoreham, and of course, the many AGM's that we attended at Newark. We are off to new adventures. with "Stay on a Farm" cottage holidays and maybe the odd trip abroad.

All the best to you all. Kind Regards,

Tony & Dorothy Herbert (Dogs Bess and Ben)

Modern technology and road safety Part 2

I was on an ASOC holiday with Rob Corcoran when I read his piece in the magazine. I had to relay to him my terrifying experience on a motorway just east of Milan on my way to join the rally.

Chris was driving so I was on the outside of the inside lane on the motorway. We approached a car in the centre lane cruising at circa 55 with cars passing both sides. As we passed, I noted animated voice movement and passed the comment "he's on the phone".

Several minutes later the same car, having increased speed to 70, passed us. I looked in and could see that he had both hands behind his head, gripping the headrest. Watching his



progress, I could see the car drifting to the outside and then when approaching the lane line, moving back in before drifting out again. It was obvious to me that the speed was set by cruise control and that the lane deviation system was guiding the car. As other cars approached to overtake, they were often surprised by the "drift" toward them and themselves moved to the concrete central barrier.

I don't want to see that again and hope that those who see these features as a safety enhancement system start to take human interpretation into account.

Peter Brown

Thank you

Firstly I would like to thank the ralliers at Lake Garda who so kindly gave their help, advice and ministrations (including expert bandaging, creams and magic lotions) following my "sprained ankle". However, after an x-ray when we arrived at Le Grand Bornand, it turned out to be a broken bone in my foot. I had walked on it for three weeks.

Because of my foot we had to leave to go home on only the second day of our rally at Le Grand Bornand, and needless to say we were gutted.

So the second big thank you from Andy and me is to our co-marshals Chris and Peter, and to Liz Irvin, who so willingly and ably stepped into the breach, or you could say just got dumped in it.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the ralliers at Le Grand Bornand for the lovely messages we received after the rally. It was really kind and thoughtful, and very much appreciated. From the group photo it certainly looked as though you were having a great time, and we would have loved to have been with you.

Angie Cavell 3752

Wishing bubble fish clock

Do you know where it is?

On the half hour it plays the tune "I'm for ever blowing bubbles."

If you catch a bubble, you make a wish.

I caught a bubble and wished for more items for News. I expect to be overrun by items.



TECHNICAL

Dennis Downie, Chairman Technical Group

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Many thanks for all your enquiries for help and information. 5 in all this last month and requests for 21 Ideas Sheets. Keep them coming, I trust that most of my replies have helped, if not, I would like to know.

I was selfish enough to take four weeks out on holiday with my wife, Jean, and our two dogs, in Keswick and then on to Scotland, but I was able to continue to respond to most of your requests. If there are any outstanding issues, please let me know via technical@asoc.uk.com

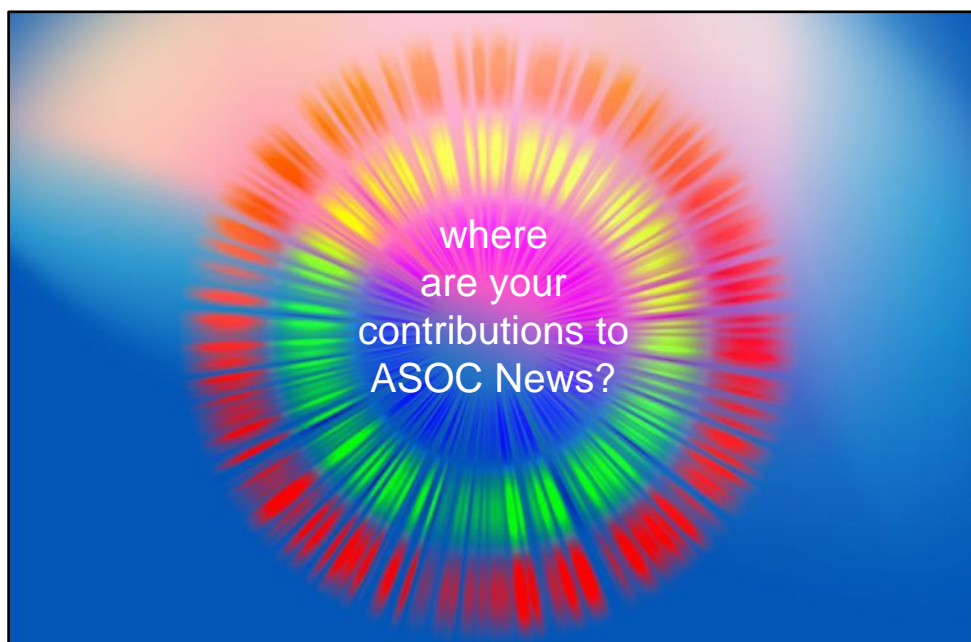
For my own part, I had my own "Technical issue" while we were away, that I will share with you. We returned to the motorhome (Stanton) after a few mins walking the dogs, only a few yards away, to find it locked and the keys inside. Luckily, I had left the nearside habitation window open and I could see the keys on top of the fridge. They were unreachable and as hard as I tried I could not climb into the motorhome through this window (too high, too unfit). Luckily there were a couple of young men fishing off the quay close to us and one of them was able to fish the keys off the fridge and out through the window. I had an anxious few moments as if the keys had snagged and dropped to the floor they would have been out of sight. I plan to get a spare Hab door key cut and secrete it away for emergency use. Also, I will be looking at why Mercedes cannot or will not disable the auto-locking function.

I am looking to broaden the scope of the expertise of the Technical Group by having a number of members who have owned their motorhome for long enough to have become "expert" in aspects of the operation and running of their particular model. I am not necessarily looking for lots of knowledge and skill (although that would be nice), but in a club of approx 1,000 motorhomes, we should be able to pool our knowledge to help each other. In this way, if an enquiry or plea for help comes in, I can email a "model expert" to ask if they have something to suggest in responding to fellow members. I don't anticipate this being an onerous "duty", just being able to respond to an email question from me to help another member, with credit given in all cases. Please consider supporting me by considering if you would not mind me contacting you occasionally for advice. If you are willing, I would ask you to drop me an email to technical@asoc.uk.com letting me know what model(s) of Auto-Sleeper you have, experience with and your email address and membership number. I would like to have as many fellow members as possible to expand the technical group and share our experience in this way so, please, I would be delighted to hear from you.

Most of us do things to improve or personalise our motorhomes. Some simple and, perhaps trivial, some complicated, requiring specialist skills. Whatever they are, please consider submitting these ideas to me so I can develop them into our formal "Ideas Sheets". We have close to 250 of these ideas in our library for you to use as you see fit and I would like to continue to grow this useful set of documents and, ultimately, put them up in a members only area on the website to improve accessibility. I cannot do this without your input. Some ideas will be submitted to Auto-Sleepers for approval and all will be published and credited. ➔

I have quite a few Ideas Sheets presented over the years that were not approved by Auto-Sleepers. I am considering publishing these. I believe that we all should be free to do what we want with our motorhomes that is safe to do and provided that members carry out modifications within their own capabilities or buy in the required expertise I do not have a problem publishing ideas rejected by Auto-Sleepers where I can point out the objections they raised. It is then up to members to take their views into account.

I have been given some items from the stores at Auto-Sleepers which might be of interest to members. They include a number of Erberspacher D2 Diesel heaters, heater fuel pumps, an electric heater of the same style, control panel and a large quantity of gold coloured downlighters with G4 Halogen bulbs (these can easily be converted to LED with G4 LED bulbs). If you are interested in any of these, please let me know. I would be looking for a small contribution to club funds and recovery of any shipping costs. Any of these items not requested will very likely appear at the next National Rally in 2019 for members to peruse and make offers on, along with the Inca spares mentioned in last month's magazine. First come, first served, please let me know if you are interested in any of these.



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Back on tour

Terry Hammond 7578

My gearbox issue referred to in the News item March 2018 was resolved as Maurice at M&W Autos in Wisbech had miraculously found one of the last new old stock gearboxes for my specific vin number in the country.

Armed with an internal inspection camera he verified its newness and, with a new clutch assembly, my Harmony is now in better health gearbox wise than it when it left the Sevel factory in 1998, this time installed with a bucket load of TLC. Maurice is an old school craftsman.

So with some renewed confidence in the mechanicals I set off for the west coast of Scotland at an easy pace.

Having arranged stopovers in the Cotswolds, the edge of the the Derbyshire Roaches and a dip into the Lake District arriving in Ayr five days later.

Personally, I preferred the manicure flat C&MC sites such as Ayr (and a toilet block) to the steeply sloped wooded pitches at Coniston Park Coppice, which also includes a very narrow access road to the site entrance. I stopped at Meathrop Fell on the way home, a much better option.

The ferry for Brodick on the Isle of Arran left Ardrosson on time and it was great to see Goat Fell gradually came into view before landing at the recently rebuilt dock. Brodick Promenade is a great place to pause for a break with great views, free parking and a fairly large Co-op to re-stock and admire the male staff dress of kilt and dirk.

Seal Shore Camping on the southern tip of Arran had fabulous sea views overlooking Pladda Island and Ailsa Crag where I had the first of many front row waterside pitches and was my base for four days. I managed to

above: Seal Shore Camping at Kildonan, Isle of Arran



The Standing Stones at Machrie on the Isle of Arran

The Jacobite Steam Train arriving at Mallaig from Fort William





The footpath up to the 'Prison' mid point on the Quiraing. [inset] The challenging approach road to the Quiraing from Staffin



Information board at the start of the footpath up Quiraing on the Isle of Skye



Torvaig Campsite just outside Portree Isle of Skye

explore the island including the stunning views over the central String Road, visit the row of houses built as a memorial to the 'Clearances', Blackwaterfoot and the Macrie Standing Stones.

The ferry from Lochranza took me to Clonaig and subsequently to North Ledaig just outside Oban and another shoreside pitch. This would be a base for the Jacobite Steam Train which only runs Monday to Friday (with long booking times) which, unfortunately overlapped my next stop at Bunree CMC site (and yet another waterfront pitch) due to the scarcity of seats and date limitations on the train.

After a few days I drove to Mallaig for the Skye ferry to Armadale and on to the Torvaig Caravan and Camping Park just outside Portree with a front row mountain view pitch. This site is 'first come first served' and was also cash only during my stay.

My aim here was to conquer the Quiraing not only in driving up to the butty wagon at the start of the path but to walk up to the 'Prison' mid point. My Harmony is a little asthmatic when it comes to long steep hills so I chose the route up from the Uig side which from the Loch Lomond Bikers dashcam footage looked a slightly easier route. Coming up from the Staffin side has a steep hairpin bend at the top and thoughtless parking in the hairpin 'elbow' wouldn't leave me enough room to roll back and have another go if baulked.

The end end result of the 1.5 mile walk up, what seemed like a goat path to the halfway point was breathtaking views as well as a test of my stamina and nerve. This path is not for the faint hearted ! The road conditions on both islands are simply shocking in places and my dashcam finished up on the floor several times, as did the light cover in the toilet which had to be gaffer taped to the ceiling to prevent it getting completely smashed.

I would also say that my sub 5 metre van conversion was the ideal tool for getting into the very best scenic places probably off limits to larger vans.

A final circuit around the top of Skye and it was time to return to the mainland bypassing the Kyle bridge and using the Glenelg ferry which is the last turntable ferry in the world and likely to have been the one my mate and I used on our cycling tour at Ballaculish in 1963 which is now replaced by a bridge.

The next destination was Loch Lomond and Ardlui Camping and Caravan Park. Although there was an elevated view of the Loch the pitch was marked out on a tarmac car park but had a tap, an ehu and a decent toilet which offset the paucity of space. Still, I'd only be there at night so it was tolerable.

Arrochar, the Rest & Be Thankful Pass and Inverary were on my itinerary with a quest to find our B&B from the 60's in Arrochar. Having roped in total strangers it was found, and as I no intention of leaving without a 2018 photo of it- job done. The Rest & Be Thankful Pass was awesome with the parking area at the top giving great views down the original Military Road.

Luss was next on the to do list and as you saw in the March issue I had to replicate that 55 year old photo with an up to date version. Using a tripod and camera self timer got that one too.

So now homeward bound across the Erskine bridge back to Ayr so I could buy Lorne sausage for my son-in-law that would last the week long journey home.

On this 4 week solo tour I met lots of fellow tourers from many nationalities who would all stop for a chat intrigued by the theme of my tour. It was both exhilarating and exhausting in equal measure arriving home elbow deep in post and knee high grass.

There's plenty of transport events to keep me going for the rest of this year but I'll be off again next year only in two separate 'long' fortnights probably to North Wales and the Isle of Man Festival of Transport- I'm drawn to mountains, sea views and ferries.

If anyone would like to get in touch as there's much more detail than space allows in the News, you can reach me on terry_hammond1@yahoo.co.uk

I'm on the exact spot lochside at Luss 55 years on from the original





Le Grand Bornand Rally

Rob Corcoran 9539

The second foreign rally of the season actually got off to a bad start. We were greeted by Andy Cavell and assistant marshals Peter and Chris with the news, that Angie Cavell had had “a bit of a fall”.

On their way to the Lake Garda rally Angie slipped on a kerb edge in Belgium. Thinking it was just a sprain she struggled on for three weeks assisting Peter and Chris until they arrived in Le Grand Bornand. But the local ski injury experts at the hospital identified it as a broken bone, they strapped it up as it

was too late for a plaster cast and advised complete rest. We sadly waved them off home the following morning.

The silver lining to this cloud was that we reserved their pitch for the boules tournament and some referred to it as Le Terrain Cavell in their honour!

It has to be said that there were very few clouds over the next ten days with temperatures up to 28C. A pleasant breeze from the mountains kept us comfortable, though awning tie-down kits were advised just in case.

The club has rallied at Le Grand Bornand previously and the choice of venue proved to be quite inspired – would you choose a ski resort at 920m (about 3,000ft almost the height of Scafell Pike, England’s highest mountain) for your summer holidays? We gave it a try and were very impressed with this town of 2,000 inhabitants, as many cows, and every building an Alpine chalet.

The campsite

Close to the town we had a complete elevated terrace for the 21 motorhomes attending, making two rows on either side of the access road with a modern toilet block in the middle. Views were across the town with forested hills and mountains. You were into the shops in about ten minutes, with a choice of two boulangerie/patisseries (vital to your correspondent!) among the high quality retailers, restaurants and bars.

The location

Le Grand Bornand is on the edge of the French Alps in Haute Savoie, surrounded by Switzerland with Geneva just to the north. It’s conveniently reached via the A40 autoroute – known as the Autoroute Blanche as it sweeps skiers all the way to Chamonix, the Mont Blanc Tunnel to Italy, and numerous ski resorts on the way. You can also approach via the beautiful lake resort of Annecy, about 40 minutes away. Winter skiing is the big business here of course but it’s also dairy farming country for hundreds of families. The sound of cow bells was a constant background noise from across the fields and the milk is used to make the local cheese Reblochon, used in the Savoie delicacy Tartiflette with potatoes, onions and lardons.



Things to do

In summer the site is perfect for walkers of all standards with signed routes across the hills. On the Saturday after we all arrived the cable car service from the middle of Le Grand Bornand opened. This took you up 500m – higher than Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain - where a ski lift then takes you to a final height of 2031m and views of Mont Blanc beyond the spikey Aravis mountain chain. Some chose to walk from these landing stages, others admired the scenery or watched the dozens of paragliders leaping off the edges and soaring above us. You can even take a tandem paraglide if you have 90 euros and nerves of steel!

Many ralliers also took bikes but the hilly surroundings were not to everyone's taste. As part of the Tour de France route there are some serious climbs around here and the area was being prepared for the massive mobile circus that accompanies the Tour.

Le Grand Bornand featured in the 17th stage on ITV4 coverage on 17 July if you want to see if it's available on catch-up.

The rest of us common or garden tourists enjoyed sitting in the sun, mooching round the village, taking the free buses (for all tourists staying more than one night) to local villages, visiting Annecy using the regular bus service, and even – as we did – taking the motorhome off-site to Chamonix for the day. A weekend festival at St Jean de Sixt, a couple of miles down the road, entertained many of us with stalls, local musicians, dancers and a German band from their twin town Dachsberg. Le Grand Bornand hosts an excellent and extensive street market every Wednesday morning too.

There was also the Boules Tournament to appeal to sporting types (!) and its final took part on a bunting and flags bedecked Cavell Terrain. Julie and David skilfully captured the Yellow Jersey (bottle of wine actually) with a thrashing of this correspondent and Mrs C.

But the main ingredient of a rally is the people, and you don't have to make "new best friends" with everyone there – you just drop into new acquaintances. Maybe you do find that some friendships endure, as we've found.

So, we do hope that the Chairman's plea for volunteers for the foreign rally organising rota is answered. And maybe that Angie and Andy decide to do a re-run of their aborted "Farewell Rally", whether it's at Le Grand Bornand or even, dare one suggest, a return to what some say was the best ever foreign rally, at St Sylvestre-sur-Lot in 2009?



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Our fantastic Irish Rally Tour

6 -26 June 2018

Val Thomson

We started our tour a week earlier on an afternoon calm crossing to Rosslare, with an overnight stop at Ferrybank C&C Park on the outskirts of Wexford. Pitches are allocated on a first come first served bases. It had good facilities.

Our next stop to the east coast via New Ross and the Dunbrody Famine experience museum (with brilliant scones) this was literally a hide-away site SW of Limerick off N69, Curraghchase.

We stayed at a family site cut into the Forest of a mansion's grounds with hard standings, it had basic clean amenities and a campers kitchen. (The lovely young man ran the Irish stand at the NEC in February) In two days we drove Route 2, visiting Adare, allegedly the prettiest village in SW Ireland, then out to Ballybunion, so Belle, our lab could have a swim in the Ocean, back up to Foynes to visit the Flying Boat Museum; and finally Bunnratty Castle (a brilliantly devised and marketed family venue of ancient Irishness). The latter two venues and the scones being the highlight of Route 2.

Our next stop was Doolin on the South Sound of Galway Bay. A very flat family site right on the Ocean, with good facilities but the beach is only suitable for surfers. Our main TA was the Cliffs of Moher which are part of the Burren, where we spent a whole day. Belle, on her extending lead, could have made us a mint from the Americans wanting a doggy Hug! A geological fascination and well worth the money. Travelling west to join our first rally, I decided instead of travelling the coast road, we should drive through the Burren to the National Park Centre. It was just a forest with the surrounding land just rock, miles of it with cattle grazing in the most random of places. It had no agriculture or lush green fields.

Our first rally site was Camac Valley Touring Park on the outskirts of Dublin was the next

destination. It had stand-alone hardstandings, each with their own waste, water, grass and electric. Shame about the ablutions. We took the tour bus service into Dublin, with the dog, a bonus particularly as the weather was hotting up. Dublin had so much to see and do. Sadly, many attractions are not dog friendly but we saw Dublin, the Leprecaun Museum, walked the parks, the infamous Temple bar, the port and, of course, more scones. About midway through our stay Hurricane Hector made his appearance. So glad we were not at Doolin.

Moving to our next rally site in the Wicklow mountains we drove out via Sally Gap. We were in awe of the landscape. With stunning waterfall, a geological masterpiece en Route, one week later it was dried up by the heatwave. We will go back.

Rathdrum was our second rally site set in the Avondale valley with a river running through it. It had tenting on one side and vans on the other. The amenities were very good. It was a bit out in the sticks, with only a rail service. Walking up to the village was exceptionally steep. Our travel arrangements included Avoca, (Balleykissangel). Nothing of interest except for the Hand Weavers working museum and factory walkabout showcasing the beautiful woven woollen products, all for sale in the shop. We had the best scones here, so large, we missed out on lunch. Then back to Wicklow mountains again via Glendalough. I still can't believe we paid €15 car parking for privilege of walking two lochs. Further up the road was a free car park with food outlets. We drove around the mountains through the gaps twice. It was just so beautiful.

One of the outstanding features of this country is the friendliness of folk, on one occasion we stopped to look at the magnificent mountains and lochs when we were approached by two ladies one of whom went straight into tour guide mode to tell us about the vista in particular, the loch is owned by the Guinness family who imported white sand to make a beach at the loch, so it looked like a glass of the black stuff. Another time we were waiting outside a church to visit an exhibition of rural Ireland. We got chatting to an elderly couple and before we knew it they invited us in for coffee whilst we waited.

Our final destination was Dungarvan at Casey's Caravan & Camping Park at Tallacooles, Clonea on the south coast and a ten-minute walk from Clonea Bay beach. We were blessed with a heatwave, and paddling twice a day with Belle. I even got to kayak. The amenities at the site were very good.

The walk into Dungavin was alongside the estuary on what is known as the Waterford Way. Our walk was nearer six kilometres than the advertised three. We decided to get a taxi back as it was too hot for the Belle to walk back. Waterford was historically interesting, as would have been the Crystal factory but the tours were fully booked so we enjoyed the Viking trail on which Charlie underwent a virtual tour of Viking life under a visor! Enjoyed scones in the Druids pub. Wyrd. P

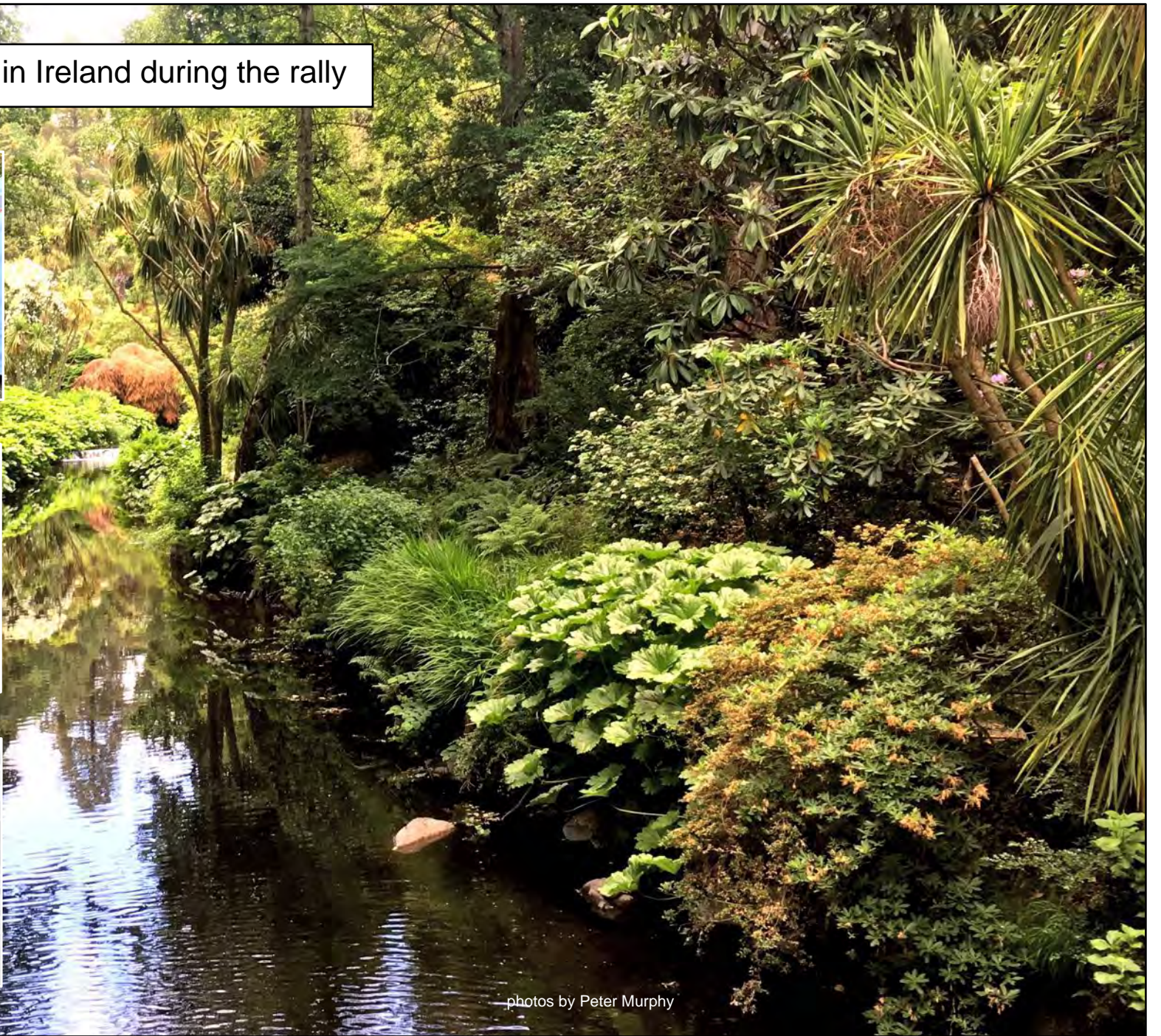
Our journey back to Rosslare was via Yougal, a medieval, coastal town, whose previous inhabitants included Sir Walter Raleigh and Oliver Cromwell. We would have liked to have spent more time looking around.

One disappointment was the lack of thatched croft houses, or so we thought and guess what, we found in the last two hours before driving to the dock: all shapes and sizes sitting very pretty in the village of Kilmore Quay and looked out over the working port. It was very picturesque.

Our Emerald Isle experience met most of our expectations not least the weather with only a couple days of mizzle, very few mozzies and the many long lovely evenings. We made friends and enjoyed the evening socials with Irish skittles, boules, badminton and archery courtesy of Peter and Janet.

Our thanks go to Shelagh and Phil for their organisation skills, not just booking the sites but getting the area right with something for everyone, we enjoyed cities, countryside and coastline. We were told It took two years in the planning.

The beauty and the fun in Ireland during the rally



photos by Peter Murphy

RALLY INFORMATION

Neil C. Rogers, Rally Coordinator
5 Emerson Court, Carmel Road North, Darlington, Co. Durham DL3 8JB
Telephone 07922 049714 Email rally@asoc.uk.com

please read the important rally information on the inside front cover
please inform the marshal if you wish to take a car, trailer or tent to a rally



RALLY CHANGE OF DATE

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

16 - 19 August Western Motorhome Show Three Counties Showground Malvern WR13 6NW

Rally Marshals: Pat and Gary Wanklin and Mike and Mo Valentine.
Emergency Telephone 07885 812512

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

Arrive Thursday £61. Arrive Friday £58.

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 1st August.

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 G Wanklin 18 Beverley Way Malvern worcs WR14 1LA . 01886 832364

Please collect the club rally information pack from ASOC Marshall before parking where directed.

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

20 - 24 August 2018 (4 Nights) St Cross Symondians Cricket Club Winchester SO23 9RT

Rally Marshals: Rita & John Tubb, Jean & John Gutsell.
Emergency Telephone 07754 761423 (Marshals Mobile).

RALLY FULLY BOOKED

Site Fees £40.00. Rally Fee £4.50.

Please send your rally slip and a cheque for £44.50 payable to Rita Tubb together with your e-mail address or an SAE for confirmation and directions to:

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

Telephone: 023 8026 7294 Mobile 07754 761423.

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

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

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

Places of interest: at Alresford there is the Watercress Line (Steam train), Various National Trust places in the area, The Royal Green Jackets Museum, Whitchurch Silk Mill, Jane Austen's House,

Winchester College tours, Intech Science Centre, Planetarium, Marwell Zoo, Winchester Cathedral or visit Southampton Docks to see the Ships in Port, or Visit the Isle of Wight.

Please do not arrive before 12 Noon.

Limit 30 Vans

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 August 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. Post code YO22 4HS.

2 - 7 September 2018 (5 nights) South Lytchett Manor Caravan and Camping Park Dorchester Road, Lytchett Minster, Poole. Dorset. BH16 6JB.

Rally Marshals: Pam and Steve Earnshaw, Barbara and Al Buckett.

Emergency Telephone 07961 626717 (Steve's mobile). 07951 711056 (Pam's mobile).

Site fees £82.50. Rally Fee £7.50 couples. £5.50 singles.

Total £90.00 couples £88.00 singles including electricity and Wi-fi.

Please send your rally slip with a cheque for the appropriate amount made payable to P. & S. Earnshaw 27, Lundhill Grove, Wombwell, Barnsley. S. Yorks. S73 0QZ.

Telephone 01226 750862 together with your Email or SAE for confirmation and directions.

South Lytchett Manor is an award winning commercial site 5 miles from Poole. There is a bus stop directly outside the site entrance from where you can catch buses to Poole, Bournemouth, Wareham, Lulworth Cove, Durdle Door, Dorchester etc. Ralliers will have full access to all the sites facilities showers toilets etc. Dogs are welcome must be kept on lead at all times.

Please NO ARRIVALS before noon and the rally closes at 11 a.m. on day of departure.

6 – 9 September

Warners South West Motorhome Show, Shepton Mallet

Rally Marshals: Martin Ross assisted by Liz Irvin.

Emergency Telephone 07901771040 marshal's mobile.

Please use a booking form from other magazines, please mark the form ASOC and note the special Club site fees:

Arrive Thursday £43, arrive Friday £40

All bookings for the Saturday evening entertainment must be made & paid with Warners when returning the application form to them by Wednesday 22rd.August.

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

**Then you must also complete a Club rally slip, (this also applies to internet bookings).

Return it with the Rally Fee of £2.50 couples,£1.75 singles,

Rally slips & cheques payable to

Martin Ross, Elvina, Wold Road, Barrow on Humber, DN19 7BT. Telephone 01469 530893, mobile 07901 771040. e-mail mross@uwclub.net

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.

10 – 14 September (4 nights)

Beamish The Living Museum of the North.Co.Durham.DH9 0RG.

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

Museum Telephone 01913 704000 Emergencies only 10.00am - 6.00pm.

Marshal's mobile available 9.00 - 22.00 hrs.morning & evening 07922 049714.

Site Fee: £11.25 per night. (Includes charge for toilet emptying tank).

Rally Fee: £3.00(couples). (Singles £2.00). Greenfield site with hardstandings. No Electricity. Toilets open when museum open.

Booking slips to: N.C.& P.Rogers, 5 Emerson Court, 96 Carmel Road North, Darlington, DL3 8JB.telephone 01325 954508.

Cheques payable to N.C.&P.Rogers. SAE or e-mail address for confirmation of acceptance.

Special admission fees to Museum using vouchers collected from marshals. 25% off admission fees. These cover all the days of the rally. SEND NO MONEY.

Attractions: Award winning Beamish Open Air Museum, Buses to Durham City, Metro Centre, Newcastle. The Angel of the North, Weardale & Teesdale. Locomotion Railway Museum, Shildon. Food available at pub outside gates and in Museum during opening hours.

Directions: From N & S on A1M. Leave A1M at junction 63 for Chester le Street & Stanley. Follow signs for Beamish Museum on the A693 (s.p.Stanley). Right at roundabout approx 4 miles from A1M.

If you will arrive after 6.00p.m. please show on rally slip.

Please note that we are rallying on a new site, please follow ASOC signs from top right hand car park.

RALLY STARTS AT 12 NOON NOT BEFORE.

FANCY RUNNING A RALLY?

then contact the rally coordinator

10 - 16 September (7 nights)**Unity Holiday Resort, Brean Sands, Nr. Burnham on Sea, Somerset. TA8 2RB**

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

Emergency Telephone 07711 375323, marshal's mobile.

Site Fee: £12.00 per night includes electric & club passes.

Rally Fee: £3.50.

Send rally slips & cheques, payable to

Brian Ellis, 52 Golf Links Road, Burnham on Sea, Somerset. TA8 2PP. Telephone 01278 784524, ell.ba82@yahoo.co.uk plus a S.A.E. or a clear e-mail address for confirmation.

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

Dogs are welcome on this site.

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

21 – 24 September**Seasons Finale Show, Lincoln Showground LN2 2NA**

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

Emergency Telephone 07922 049714, marshals mobile

Please use a booking form from a motorhome magazine and 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 with Warners when returning the application form to the organisers by Wednesday 10 September, if you wish to rally with the Club.

***Then you must also complete a Club rally slip, (this also applies to internet bookings).

Return with a cheque for the Rally Fee of £3.00 couples, £2.00 singles to:

N. C. & P. Rogers, 5 Emerson Court, 96 Carmel Road North, Darlington. DL3 8JB.

Telephone 01325 954508.

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

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

A.C.C.E.O. National Rally, Wednesday 3rd October (1200 hrs) to Monday 8th October (5 nights) Ukrain Youth Centre, Weston on Trent, Derbyshire, DE72 2BU.

Marshals Peter Brown and Chris Mawdsley telephone 07771 827711

This rally is part of the ACCEO annual National Rally. Toilets are available as there is a large hall in which social activities and/or entertainment is planned for each evening. There will be professional entertainment from the Duo, Tandem on Friday evening and on Saturday evening a multiple tribute artist, Wayne Swift. The ACCEO AGM is on Saturday afternoon and can be attended by any interested rallier. There are no electric hook-ups. There is a bus stop about ½ mile away with a service to Derby. [continued on next page]

RALLY INFORMATION

There is no rally fee. The cost of the rally for Friday and Saturday nights is £30, tickets valid for both nights entertainment are available at £10 per adult. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday are optional nights at £10 each. Please indicate on the application form which nights you want to stay and if you want the entertainment.

As caravans attend this rally we are asked to advise if you wish a permanent tent awning to be erected and also the length of your vehicle, please include this information on your rally slip. ASOC has to present a collated booking form so can I please have your rally slip and cheque before 27th August.

Peter Brown, 5 Kenilworth Walk, Cheadle, Stoke on Trent, ST10 1WA. If you have any queries or wish to book during September when we are away from home, telephone 07771 827711 or e-mail pcb7ty@btinternet.com.

Cheques payable to Peter Brown. If you wish confirmation of booking please include an e-mail address or SAE.

Thursday October 25 - Monday 29 (4 nights) Rally terminates 1200 noon Monday Bridge Villa Camping, Wallingford Oxfordshire.

Rally Marshals: John and Jan Geeson, (01491 641776 mobile 07785 932348 email john.geeson@outlook.com) assisted by Phil and Shelagh West.

Site fees £74.00 rally fee £5.00.

Please forward cheque for £79.00 payable to J Geeson, 20 Bradley Rd Nuffield Henley on Thames RG9 5SG. Enclose SAE for confirmation and directions or clear email address please. Possible meal Friday evening, indicate on application form if interested. Hall available Saturday and Sunday evening.

Wallingford town centre is just a short walk across the bridge with a regular bus service to Henley, Oxford, Reading and Didcot. Picturesque walks along the Thames and Castle Gardens. Market day Friday.

Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a short lead at all times. Dog walking adjacent to the site.

Limit 20 vans

29 October – 2 November (4 nights) Wells Touring Park, Haybridge, Wells, Somerset. BA5 1AJ

Rally Marshals: Liz Irvin, Chris Mawdsley and Peter Brown
Emergency Telephone. 07711 271568

Site fees: £64.00 plus rally fee £5.00. No admission before 12.00

Send rally slip and fees payable to Liz Irvin, 43 School Lane, Kirk Ella, East Yorkshire. HU10 7NP. Enquiries 07711 271568 or lizirvin@outlook.com Confirmation by email, SAE if no email.

The site is a Premier Parks site for adults only and includes showers and electricity. We have negotiated a discounted fee for the rally.

The site is within walking distance of Wells with a cathedral and a moated Bishop's Palace. Wookey Hole is nearby. Group Guided Tours can be arranged to the Cathedral and the Bishop's Palace, please indicate on the slip if interested.

The bus stops at the site entrance to take you to Cheddar Gorge or Weston-Super-Mare, or to Wells with connections to Bath, Bristol, Glastonbury or Street.

Limit 25 vans



ACCEO National Rally 2018

Ukrainian Youth Centre

Weston on Trent, Derbyshire. DE72 2BU

3rd - 8th October 2018



Full Social Programme

Wednesday	Meet & Greet
Thursday	Social Evening
Friday	Live Entertainment
Saturday	ACCEO AGM Live Entertainment
Sunday	Social Evening

Bus Service to Derby

Minimum of 4 outward & return trips to Derby Town Centre on Friday and Saturday (more if required) a small fare or donation will be required.
By kind permission of the Potteries Omnibus Preservation Society



The Rally Marshals can be contacted on 07934 968183. This phone will be switched on at 9:00 on Wednesday 3rd October and will remain live for the duration of the rally.

Cost for the National £30.00 for the weekend with any additional nights,
(Wed, Thurs & Sun) at £10 per night.

Admission to the entertainment is £10 per adult, with accompanying children going free.

Your Weekend Entertainment

Friday Night

Tandem



Father and Daughter Duo

They perform songs from all eras and certainly know how to get a party started. Have appeared on many Members Club Rallies

Saturday Night

Wayne Swift



Multiple Tribute Artist

Back by popular demand
Performs songs by Michael Bubl , the Rat Pack, Robbie Williams and many more hits from the 60's to the 00's

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:		
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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