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EDITOR'S VIEW

Welcome to May News

You will know by now we had to cancel the National and AGM due to government guidelines on coronavirus. This means we have also suspended all club rallies for this year. See page 22.

We will be arranging refunds for those members who have applied for the National. See page 6.

Just to remind members, your membership allows us to communicate by email from time to time. When you receive the email you are able to unsubscribe at any time, and you will not receive any further email communication. Please remember, if you unsubscribe you may not be able to receive important club information.

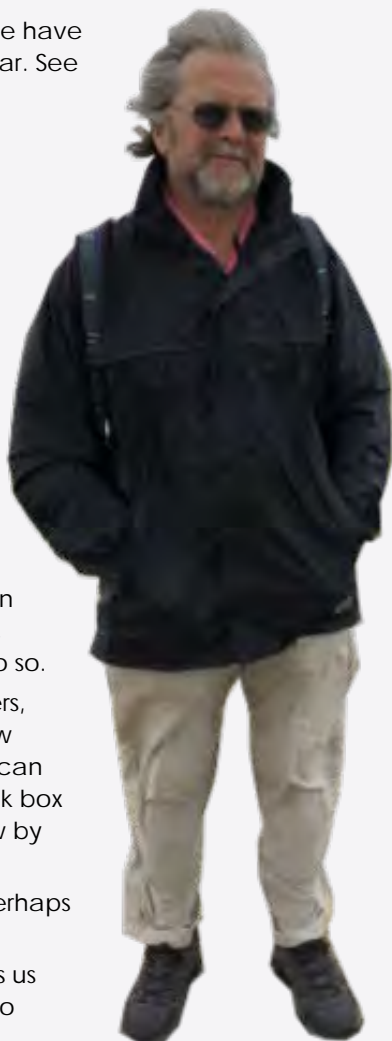
You can re-subscribe at any time via the website opt in button. If you have an email but not registered it with the club, you can also use the opt in button to do so.

We did send out an email to all members, but had some bounce backs from a few emails. If you did not receive an email, can you check your email address and junk box and let the Membership Secretary know by email.

For those who do not have an email, perhaps you have a family member who does.

Please keep the articles coming, It gives us food for thought when we are all able to venture out again.

Stay safe and well.





The club & temporary campsites

Peter Brown, *Chairman*

We are fortunate in ASOC that we are one of only a few hundred organisations in the country that are permitted to legally set up temporary campsites without having to obtain a caravan site licence or apply for planning permission.

This allows us to camp on land that is either unused or seasonally used for another purpose, eg. school playgrounds, sports fields, parks, etc. We can find land that is near a town centre, an attraction, or an event and rent it from the landowner to use as a campsite for a few days, usually at a much cheaper cost than would be paid for a commercial camp site and 'right on the spot'.

This right, that is very precious to the Club, is granted by way of an Exemption Certificate issued to ASOC by Natural England on behalf of the Government. ASOC has to apply to renew our Exemption Certificate every five years and, at that time, has to demonstrate that we still have an acceptable constitution and code of conduct for our members. When first applying, we had to demonstrate that we were an organisation that was competent to operate a temporary campsite and, on renewal, any complaints that had been made about the way ASOC did this would be considered.

The Exemption Certificate that ASOC holds allows us to set up as many campsites at a time as we wish without the need to apply to or notify anyone, we must, however, limit use of any of those campsites to ASOC club members for a maximum of 5 consecutive periods of 24hrs and throughout that time must always have a supervisor on site. I think you will agree that those are not onerous conditions when compared to the rights granted.

ASOC is also eligible to apply for another type of Exemption Certificate that would allow us to set up a temporary campsite for up to 28 days. The conditions of using this certificate are more onerous in that ASOC would be required to enter into a formal tenancy agreement with the landowner and would have to notify the local planning authority of the intent and not using the land if the planners objected. Over the years ASOC has decided not to follow this path.

ASOC, however, does have the opportunity to set up temporary campsites for up to 28 days. We are a member of the Association of Caravan and Camping Exempted Organisations (ACCEO). ACCEO hold a 28 day certificate and make it available for member clubs to use, ACCEO being the organisation that takes the interest in land. ASOC have used this facility in the past.

It is a requirement that any temporary campsite set up within the boundaries of a National Park needs specific permission from that National Park. ACCEO is the organisation that makes these applications on behalf of its member clubs.

Several of our club members seek out land to use as a temporary campsite for ASOC and then take the time to operate it on behalf of the club. We should be very grateful to them for doing this... Is it something you think you could do?

YOUR VIEW

From our President

Dear Peter

Through you, might I thank all members of the Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club for their tremendously generous donation of £250 towards Cancer Research, and their support of Henrietta in this year's London Marathon.

Little did we all realize that when, many months ago, she nominated Cancer Research as her chosen charity, that I would subsequently benefit from their wonderful research. Encouragingly, Henrietta's target of £2,000 has been exceeded – indeed, as I write it is a little under £3,000, with additional Gift Aid of over £500! The support has been fantastic and it is through kindness and generosity, such as that of the Club, that such a wonderful sum has been raised – and contributions still continue to come in.

All this has given Henrietta added impetus in her training, she is well on schedule, and even after a ten mile run hardly looks stressed! She is certainly a determined girl to undertake the Marathon and we are all tremendously proud of her.

Once the run is complete – and hoping earnestly that it will not be cancelled due to Coronavirus – Henry will write a report on her adventures, sending this to all who so generously supported her.

For my part, I am enormously grateful and most touched by the generosity of the Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club for such wonderful and unexpected support. Indeed, I feel most humbled and full of gratitude.

With my thanks and all best wishes

Yours sincerely, Charles

Via the Secretary

Please find enclosed application form for ASOC.

I have always been aware of the Club, and in the past have owned several Auto-Sleeper motorhomes, and always joined the Club during ownership of each one, and especially your rallies were good.

It is interesting that at the age of 81 years, we decided to give up motorhoming – what a big mistake that was – and, as such, have bought a smaller van to continue the life, albeit limiting our trips to this country.

Our first motorhome was bought in May 1966, and was an Auto-Sleeper Executive.

Now our latest van is smaller than previous vans, but suits our purposes perfectly. What is it? Well, a very well looked after, and in fantastic condition, an Auto-Sleeper Executive of 2003 vintage. We love it, and have now completed full circle.

Hope this billet-deux is of interest to you.

Yours sincerely, John Jake

YOUR VIEW

Trapped in Morocco

Hope that everyone is keeping safe and well.

The situation has developed for us as we are now locked in Morocco for the foreseeable future; it will be interesting to find out what a really long term stay in our van will be like - particularly when the temperatures rise to 40/50C. Up to present we have been free to go off site in the van and have made journeys to Agadir to shop and play golf (the courses are now closed). However, we have just heard that at 6.00pm yesterday evening a full lockdown occurred for the next 19 days and we may only venture off site armed with the appropriate authorisation. We managed a small amount of shopping just at the front gate of the site this morning and the campsite owner has suggested taking orders a couple of times a week to replenish our supplies.

Andy Brown

Andy sent this email to News on 21 March [editor]

Still trapped in Morocco

We managed to get a ferry booking for the 2nd April from Tanger Med to Sète in southern France. Got just over half way to the port when the van broke down on the Moroccan motorway. A new part fitted in December broke meaning that the water pump, alternator and brake assistance all failed.

After waiting 3 hours at the side of the motorway we were recovered to Ford Casablanca. They inspected the vehicle the following day and informed us that the part was not available and because of the lockdown they had no mechanics. We were transported to a campsite north of Casablanca where we now repose.

I have now sourced the necessary parts in UK and arranged for a family member to have them delivered to us here. I am in the process of stripping down the engine (some tools loaned by fellow inmates) and hope to effect a repair.

We also discovered a ferry route running from Tanger to Genoa in Italy with available space in the coming weeks and are just waiting to hear from the UK Embassy as to whether we will be allowed to cross from Italy into France and onward.

Hope that you're all keeping safe and handwashing regularly.

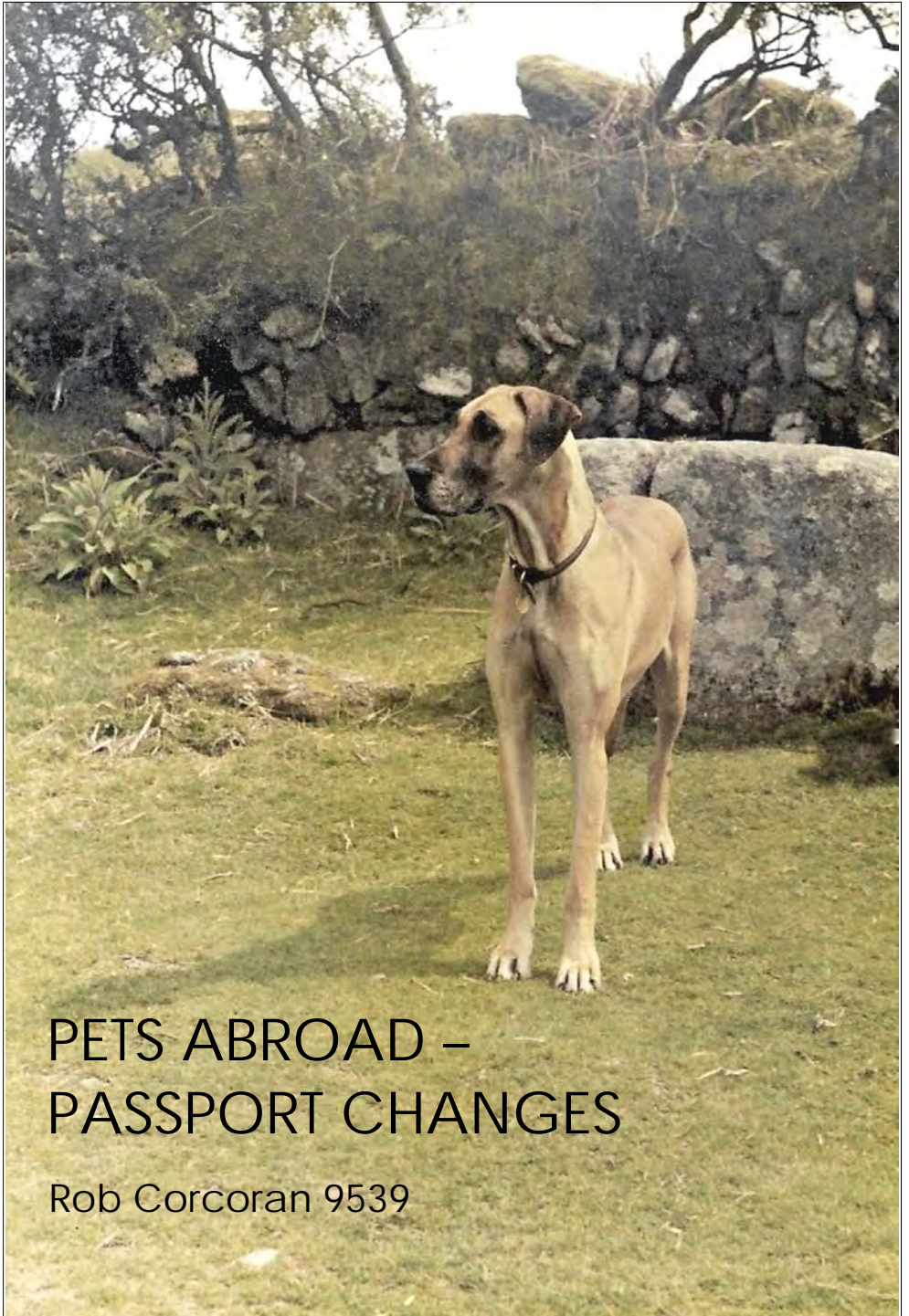
Andy sent this update email to News on 7 April [editor]

DEALER AND SUPPLIER DISCOUNTS

The club has a list of Suppliers & Dealers who have offered an incentive to members. The full list of available discounts can be found on the website.

www.asoc.uk.com/download/deals.pdf

Members are required to produce their current membership card and must advise the dealer in advance before any work or purchases are agreed.



PETS ABROAD – PASSPORT CHANGES

Rob Corcoran 9539

First the good news: until 1 January 2021 you can use your current UK issued EU Pet Passport to travel to the EU. If your pet does not yet have a passport you will have to visit the vet to get one – and allow plenty of time (3 weeks to a month) before your travel date. Pets must be at least 12 weeks old and microchipped.

From 1 January 2021 it gets more complicated. The final situation has not yet been sorted but we become a third country and have to apply for listed status. There are 3 categories of country in the EU Pet Travel Scheme – unlisted, Part 1 listed, and Part 2 listed. The advice from Gov.uk is that you should start the process at least 4 months before you travel.

Full information is given on the official website <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pet-travel-to-europe-after-brexit>. Let's look at the rules if the UK achieves Part 1 or Part 2 listing:

PART 1 LISTED	PART 2 LISTED
<p>If the UK becomes a Part 1 or Part 2 listed country, you must have your pet microchipped and vaccinated against rabies at least 21 days before travel. You'll need to make sure your pet's rabies vaccinations are kept up to date and make sure your dog has tapeworm treatment if needed.</p>	
<p>You must also apply for a new document, the UK pet passport. You can use this for travel to the EU for your pet's lifetime (or until full) as long as your pet's rabies vaccinations are kept up to date.</p>	<p>You must also visit an official vet no more than 10 days before you travel to get an AHC* (Animal Health Certificate) confirming that your pet is microchipped and vaccinated against rabies.</p> <p>Your pet will need a new AHC for each trip to the EU. On arrival in the EU, pet owners travelling with pets need to enter through a designated TPE (Traveller's Point of Entry). At the TPE, you may need to present proof of microchip, rabies vaccination and tapeworm treatment if required.</p>

*The AHC is valid for 10 days for entry into the EU and 4 months for re-entry to the UK. Many veterinary practices will have an official vet in their team but do check with yours.

If the UK becomes an unlisted country the rules are similar to Part 2 listing BUT:

1. A blood sample must be taken at least 30 days after vaccination (initial or booster)
2. The blood sample will be sent to an EU-approved laboratory
3. You must wait 3 months from the date the sample was taken before you can travel
4. The vet must give you an AHC listing the test results and the date of the sample

The term UK Pet Passport only seems to be referred to in the Part 1 Listed rules. But with all the documentation you will need for Part 2 or Unlisted status it means you are going to need some sort of record book – which in our case we'll probably call "Lily Westie's Pet Passport".

To summarise – speak to your vet well in advance of travelling in 2021, and don't let it put you off taking your dog, cat or ferret on holiday. Bon Voyage!

CLUB NEWS

NATIONAL RALLY REFUNDS

Those members who paid By BACS please email the treasurer@asoc.uk.com adding "National Refund" in the subject line with the following details in the email body. Membership number, name, sort code, account number, name of bank and the name of the account holder as it appears on their account/card from which the payment was originally made. Please also add the amount of claim. The Bank are asking for these details as an additional security measure.

Those members who paid by cheque. The secretary has their details, who will forward them to me for reimbursement via bank transfer.

This process may take some time to complete.

Thank you for your patience.

John Geeson, Treasurer

Regalia sales have been suspended

The club has decided to suspend sales for the moment because of the current situation about non essential journeys. We feel a journey to the post office to post out shop items as non essential. We will let you know when the shop reopens.

WHITEMEAD FOREST PARK RALLY (pre Coronavirus)

We were very lucky to hold our rally at Whitmead at the beginning of March and we would like to thank all members who attended to help make this another successful rally. A special thank you to Janet and Paul for being our assistants especially for leading the walks. We would also like to thank Celia (Entertainment Officer) for providing a quiz and a quiz/game on our last evening get-together.

Unfortunately our rally in June at Cofton Holidays nr Dawlish has had to be cancelled due to the current crisis. We do hope we will be able to resume rallies later in the year and hope that Whitmead won't be the first and last rally of the season!

In the meantime take care and keep safe.

Jackie and John Moss 5639

Although members are entitled to a copy of News posted to them each month, some have requested to only receive the electronic version. Whilst we are happy to do this, unfortunately, we cannot offer a reduction of membership fee, which remains at £20 per year.

If you wish to receive the electronic version only, let the Membership Secretary know at membershipsec@asoc.uk.com or from the membership contact form on the website

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Auto-Sleeper VW Trooper
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5 cylinder 2.5L Turbo Diesel (2002). 75k miles
Elevating roof. 4 passenger seats and berths. Recently professionally re upholstered.
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Excellent condition, many other extras
Genuine reason for sale.

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Bob 01823 270281
Taunton. Somerset

thank you for the donation

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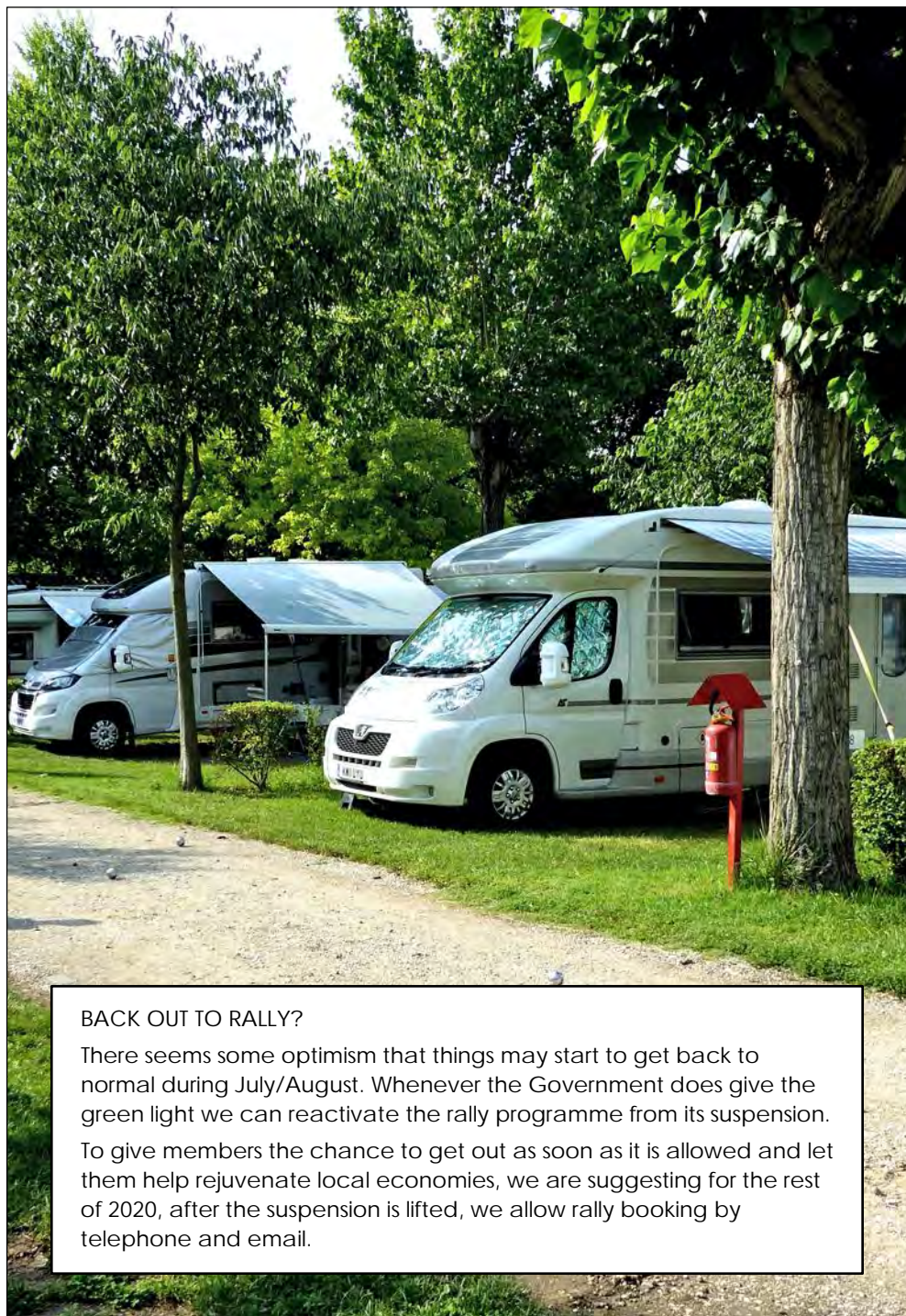


Auto-Sleeper Executive 4 berth
monocoque coach built body with solid wood
hand built, interior furniture,
Length 5.8 meters [19 feet] Width 2.1 meters [7
feet]
49,000 miles approx MOT July 2020

Service history: New brake shoes and full
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Excellent condition throughout, canopy
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panel charging both leisure and engine
batteries, LPG 2 large tanks refill insitu nozzle,
USB station in leisure. TV ariel

£22,000. ono

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BACK OUT TO RALLY?

There seems some optimism that things may start to get back to normal during July/August. Whenever the Government does give the green light we can reactivate the rally programme from its suspension.

To give members the chance to get out as soon as it is allowed and let them help rejuvenate local economies, we are suggesting for the rest of 2020, after the suspension is lifted, we allow rally booking by telephone and email.



From the 1978 Motor Show

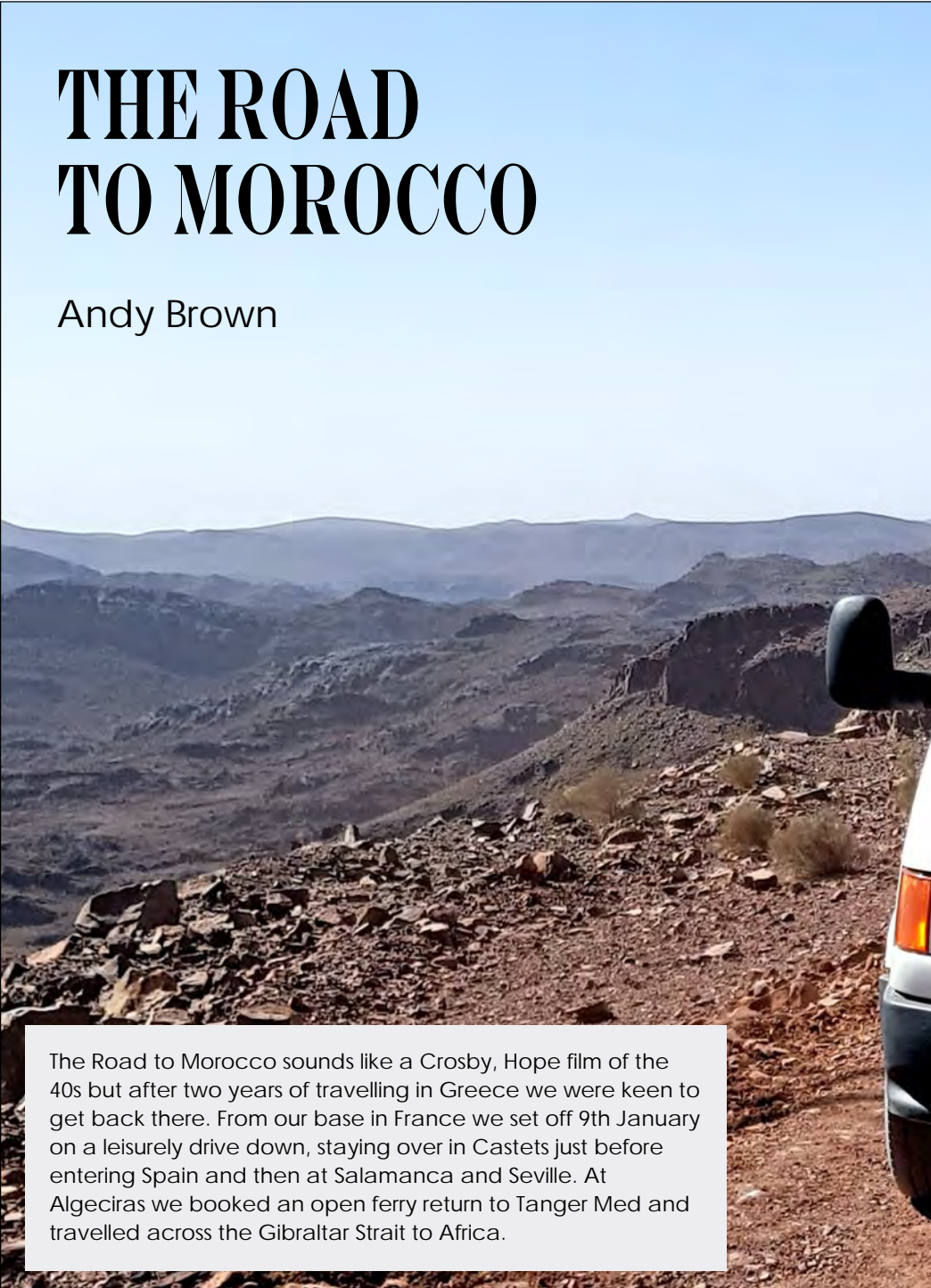
Leyland Sherpa Auto-Sleeper Model LS65

The Leyland Auto-Sleeper which is part of the official Leyland motor caravan range, is a 4-berth luxury motor caravan and is fitted with a 1700cc petrol engine; solid construction elevating roof; 2 single beds; 2 roof bunks; 4 front facing seats; 16 gallon water tank; full ventilation; insulation.

Optional equipment includes: double bed; cab roof bunk; chemical toilet; fly screens; Electrolux gas/electric fridge; diesel engine; automatic transmission; overdrive.

THE ROAD TO MOROCCO

Andy Brown

A white van is partially visible on the right side of the image, parked on a rocky, desert landscape. The background features a vast, hazy mountain range under a clear blue sky. The terrain is rugged and rocky, with some sparse, dry vegetation.

The Road to Morocco sounds like a Crosby, Hope film of the 40s but after two years of travelling in Greece we were keen to get back there. From our base in France we set off 9th January on a leisurely drive down, staying over in Castets just before entering Spain and then at Salamanca and Seville. At Algeciras we booked an open ferry return to Tanger Med and travelled across the Gibraltar Strait to Africa.





Morocco is a great country for motorhomes. In our travels January to March we have had beautiful sunny weather with daytime temperatures varying between 24° and 36° with rain in very short supply. Fuel and food are cheap along with low priced campsites. Roads which take you to and through breath-taking scenery are not busy (except round major cities where traffic can be slightly anarchic). Routes over the mountains both High and Middle Atlas can be roughish and narrow and are certainly not for anyone with a fear of heights. We first travelled here, a few years ago, just before a trip to

the Grand Canyon in USA and the scenery compares favourably which is why the area around Ouazarzate is home to big film studios. The difference between regions is quite stark with lush fertile lands in the north and west changing to arid desert in the south and east. The Middle Atlas mountains are very European alpine and we even visited a ski resort.

From Tanger Med, where we stayed overnight on the port, we took the motorway (£20) to Mohammedia where we found a site and managed to stock up with provisions for the van at the Marjane supermarket, where we also got Sim cards for the phones to access internet and keep in touch with home (over 3 months we paid £20 for almost unlimited access on two smartphones). Fresh meat, fruit and veg we buy at roadside market stalls which are abundant. Local markets (souks) abound and everything you might need is available.

From here we made a circular tour lasting a couple of months via Essaouira, Agadir, Taroudant, Marrakech, Taliouine, Ouazarzate, Mhamid, Merzouga, Azrou, Ifrane, Fez, Volubilis, Chefchaouen and Tetouan before returning home. We walked, cycled on rough tracks, took a camel ride through the dunes, visited Kasbahs and Roman ruins, took a guided tour round the 3rd largest Mosque in the world, played golf on several excellent courses and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

This year there was a lack of British vans due to many UK insurance companies refusing to issue a green card for Morocco, however, we came across a few who had managed to get their insurance extended at no extra cost while some others had purchased Moroccan insurance at the port to cover their stay. Temporary import of the vehicle has now become much simpler and straightforward but you have to be prepared for a short delay at the port on arrival and departure.

French is widely spoken and many now have some English too. People are very friendly and constantly wave as you pass or will cross a road to wish you "Bienvenu au Maroc". In the mountain souks traders often only speak Berber but pointing and hand signs usually suffice. We are still constantly surprised at the low cost of food, 5kg oranges for £1.50, 2Kg strawberries for £2.00, T-bone steak at £8.50/kg. We feel confident in buying at small stalls, even butchers, as they serve the local population and if they were not up to standard they wouldn't stay open. It's a cash society so credit cards are rather superfluous outside cities but cash machines are widely available (the Moroccan Post Office makes no charge for exchange). Gas bottles (French or Campinggaz variety) are widely available and very cheap. We bought a 6kg Campinggaz style bottle with gas for around £8.00; to swap for a full bottle costs about £1.80 and as such we don't use any electric hook-up with the bottle lasting about 2 weeks.

Morocco is in Africa so don't be surprised at some of the poverty and untidiness. In the eastern areas be prepared for dust – if you are mega house-proud you'll be very busy. There are lots of feral cats and dogs especially as you drive through small rural towns. Motorways are viewed as good pedestrian routes or to herd your flock of sheep/goats along the central reservation. Donkey carts abound (sometimes travelling the wrong way along the hard shoulder) and cycles and mopeds seem to



have their own highway code. Rural roads can be narrow so be prepared to run your nearside wheels off the tarmac when you meet another vehicle. In 3 years we have never had a problem but if we had a breakdown I'm confident that it would be fixed; Moroccans fix everything!

If you feel a desire to be a bit more adventurous give it a try – we love it.



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Tech News this month is going to be “thinner” than usual for obvious reasons. I send my best wishes to you all and hope you are staying safe. It hardly seems believable. The planned trip to Whale Pumps in Bangor, Northern Ireland is off for the foreseeable future, so no news here.

The Auto-Sleepers factory is closed, so no contact with them for now.

However, as it gets warmer, there is plenty of opportunity for those of us fortunate enough to have our motorhomes parked up at home, to do some DIY maintenance and possibly some small improvements that we have been putting off. Please remember that there is a stack of Ideas Sheets on the website for you to consider. If you come up with anything that you can share, please let me know and I will write it up for others.

I had a reminder from a member that he is no longer able to take his motorhome out for an occasional spin to “keep the oil flowing” so to speak. I spent a little time thinking about this and composed this reply, which I think might interest others. I would be interested to hear if there are any differences of opinion regarding my reply...

“I would not recommend taking the van out for a run “to keep the oil flowing”, so to speak, even when you can. Keeping your batteries charged is the priority as allowing them to discharge will definitely shorten their life, I keep my van permanently on hook-up on my drive, relying on the clever electronics in modern chargers to monitor and keep the batteries in top condition. If you cannot do this, taking the van for a run (even if you were allowed) will not serve the batteries as well as keeping them connected to a “smart” charger.

As for keeping the oil flowing, even the manufacturer does not stipulate a maximum standing time between use. The engine and gearbox will remain with their internal surfaces “wetted” with enough oil to allow them to start safely, without damage, even after years of standing. When starting an engine that has stood idle for a long period, it is always a good idea to let it run at a moderately fast tick-over for way less than a minute before putting it to work and driving it off. The oil will pump through a modern engine in seconds after starting. The main thing is to get it up to temperature quickly by driving, without overworking it initially.

Probably the biggest disservice you can give your vehicle is to regularly take it on short runs where it cannot get to and stay at working temperature for at least an hour. An engine has a huge mass and getting it to the temperature where there is no chance that water condensate remains in any part of the engine to contaminate the oil is not a quick process. The cooling water temperature alone cannot be used to determine that the whole engine / transmission is at working temperature. Having said that, you will not kill your engine with a few short runs to the supermarket while you are away, just saying it may not be best practice to regularly take it out for a spin year-round to “just turn it over.”

TECH NEWS

In addition, and not part of my reply, is the fact that all modern diesel engines have a thing called a DPF (Diesel Particulate Filter). A legal requirement which, as all filters do, gets clogged up over time. The DPF is “unclogged” by a special routine in the Engine Management System whereby, periodically and when the engine is at full working temperature, the fuel system is adjusted to a weaker fuel-air mixture and the timing is adjusted for a short period to increase the temperature of the exhaust gas and burn off the deposits clogging the filter. It’s a bit more involved than that but, just to give a flavour of what the filter needs. This process cannot be invoked when the vehicle is not given a long run to get it up to temperature and lots of short runs has the potential to leave the filter with more deposits than the automatic cleaning cycle can clear out. The consequence can be that the DPF becomes blocked and will need to be replaced. These filters are VERY expensive (£thousands). It happened to one vehicle owned by my son, who had an aftermarket filter fitted at over £2500 (this on a KIA). He did not know about DPF’s and their needs. His Kia was principally a school run and about town vehicle.

Additional views on this subject, for inclusion in Tech News would be appreciated to technical@asoc.uk.com.

Next month will be an even “thinner” month for content without your contributions so, please, whether questions, opinions or experience(s) please keep in touch, as above. Most of us will have plenty of time on our hands to contemplate. I used some of my time to respond to a call for 3D printers (I am one, I have one) to print face shields for the NHS. In total, by Sunday 5th April, volunteers produced 16,704 face shields over 3 days.

Dennis





Peaceful and rural CL site, lying in the horseshoe bend of the River Severn, Gloucester. One acre caravan site is surrounded by a working arable farm with several footpaths leading from the site, some of which lead to the Severn Way and the Arlingham Walks. The Severn / Thames and the Gloucester / Sharpness Canals are also a short drive away.



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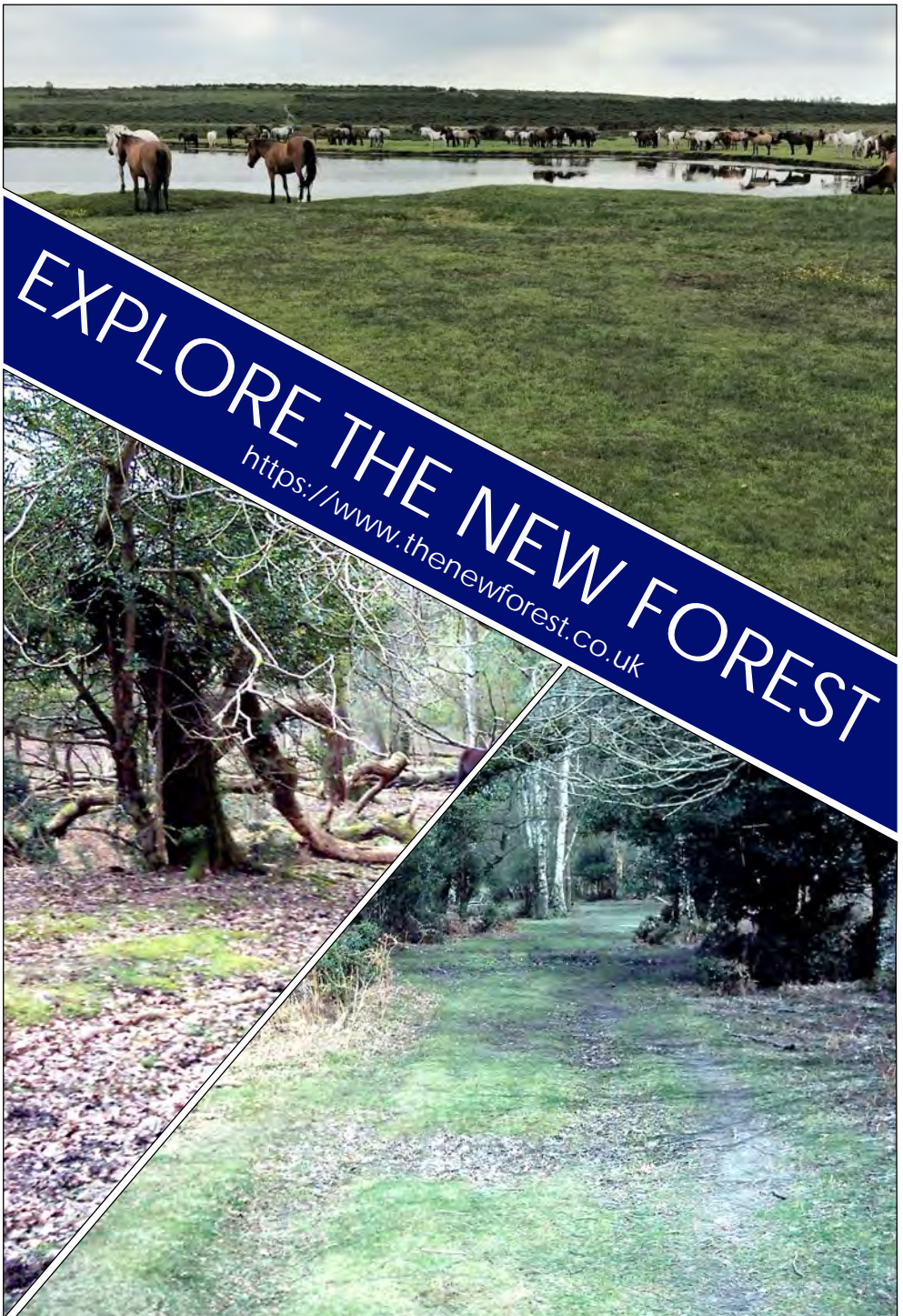
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ASOC EVENTS

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CLUB EVENTS

Applications for rallies

We would like to remind all rallying Club members that you may only apply for rallies by post using the Club rally slip. Under no circumstances will rally marshals accept bookings by telephone.

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 information.

Running a rally

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

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.

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, please contact the rally coordinator.

RALLIES MAY 2020



In response to advice given by the UK Government in the circumstance of the Coronavirus Pandemic, the 2020 ASOC Rally Programme is suspended until further notice

What this means

The only rally that is run by the club, the National, has been cancelled.

Other rallies in the programme are run by volunteer members (marshals), some of those marshals have chosen to cancel the rallies they planned to run

At the discretion of the individual marshals, other rallies in the programme may still be advertised in the usual manner and club members may still choose to apply, however, if the Rally Programme is still subject to suspension, the rally will not go ahead.

BACK OUT TO RALLY?

There seems some optimism that things may start to get back to normal during July/August. Whenever the Government does give the green light we can reactivate the rally programme from its suspension. To give members the chance to get out as soon as it is allowed and let them help rejuvenate local economies, we are suggesting for the rest of 2020, after the suspension is lifted, we allow rally booking by telephone and email.

30 April – 4 May
ASOC National Rally
Nottinghamshire County Show
Newark. NG24 2RB

CANCELLED

1 June – 11 June 2020 (10 nights)

Camping Les Deux Vallées, Vézac, Dordogne, France

<https://www.campingles2vallees.com/en/>

Emergency Tel. No. 07771 827711.

Rally Marshals: Chris and Peter Brown, Liz Irvin.

Rally Fee: £25.00 this is not refundable if offered a place, if you wish to pay this by BACS say so on the rally slip and you will be sent account details.

Site and Fees: The site has large grass pitches, swimming pool, restaurant/bar and is a 15 min walk from Beynac with its Chateau and restaurants and 7 miles from the town of Sarlat. For the ten nights, the fee will be €16.00 per night for the pitch that includes 2 people, 1 dog and electricity and there is (at 2019 rates) a Tourist tax (surcharge): 0.61 € / day / person + Eco participation of 0.36 € / day / person.

CANCELLED

1 June - 7 June (6 Nights)

Briarfields Touring Caravan Park Cheltenham GL51 0SS

Rally Marshals: Rita & John Tubb.

Site Fees £120.00. Rally Fee £6.00.

Please send your rally slip and a cheque for £126.00 to John Tubb together with a clear e-mail address or an SAE for confirmation and directions to Job 70 Charnwood Crescent, Chandlers Ford, Hampshire SO53 5QL. Telephone: 023 8026 7294 Mobile 07754 761423.

CANCELLED

Sunday, 7 June to Saturday 13 June (6nights)

Cotton Holidays, Nr Dawlish S Devon EX6 8RP.

Emergency Tel.No. Mobile 07508200336.

Rally marshals John and Jackie Moss.

Commercial site with extensive facilities. Shop, bar, restaurant, swimming pools, fishing lakes, local walks, good cycle track and bus stop near to the entrance for Dawlish, Teignmouth and Exeter. Grass pitch with electric hook up.

Site fees £132.00 + rally fee £6.00. Rally slips and cheque for £138.00 payable to J. Moss at 34 Cocksparrow Street, Warwick, CV34 4ED. Telephone no. 01926 497309. For confirmation a clearly written e-mail address or SAE.

CANCELLED

Sunday 14 June - Friday 19 June 2020 (up to 5 Nights)

Brixham Rugby Football Club 2020 TQ5 9ED

Emergency telephone number 07711375323.

Rally Marshals :- Brian & Linda Ellis.

Land line :- Phone 01278 784524.

The rugby club is situated in Astley Park, Rea Barn Road, Brixham TQ5 9ED.

We will be camping on the grass pitches so there is no electric hook up but we have use of the club's toilets, showers and the excellent club room facilities with free honorary membership during the stay.

Site Fee:- £8.75 per night (up to 5 nights) plus a £2.50 rally fee and cheque made payable to Brian Ellis to 52 Golf Links Road, Burnham on Sea, Somerset TA8 2PP. Send a stamped addressed envelope or clearly written e mail.

Postal bookings by the 25th May please. Do not post bookings after this date

Any later bookings or queries after the 25th May use marshals mobile only, TEXT or CALL :- 07711375323 or e mail brian2360@talktalk.net

CANCELLED

21-26 June (5 Nights)

Wigginton Grasshoppers FC Rally, York.

Emergency No 07982416878. Rally Marshalls Alan & Glenis Hurst Site Fee £10 per night. Rally Fee Couples £4 Singles £2. Please send SAE or email for confirmation. Booking Slips & cheques payable to Alan Hurst, 6 Chadwick St, Little Lever, Bolton BL311. Greenfield site with water and chemical disposal point, new toilets, showers & changing facilities. Sports Club evening bar. The bus stop is at the entrance to the site with regular buses to York and Haxby Village with local shops, supermarkets, takeaways and pubs.

CANCELLED

3- 5t July Prestwood Steam Fair

CANCELLED

9 – 14 July 2020 (5 Nights)

Leon's Field, St Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE27 5ER.

Rally Marshalls: Barbara and Al. Buckett. Mobile: 07818 006733. Telephone: 01304 369149.

Full details next month.

Thursday 16 to Monday 20 July (4 nights)

Beacon Park, Lichfield, Staffordshire.

Rally Marshalls: Peter and Chris Brown with Tony and Val Vile.

Site Fee: £13.25 per night. Rally Fee: £4.00 per couple £2.50 single.

Emergency Telephone: Marshalls' mobile 07771 827711

Why not spend a few days in the lovely and historic city of Lichfield with its grand three-spired cathedral. Check out what Erasmus Darwin and Samuel Johnson were up to in the 18th and 19th centuries. Say hello to Captain Smith of Titanic fame, though I believe the poor man was somewhat 'infamous' at the time. He stands among the flowers of Beacon Park. There are plenty of shops for anyone in need of a little retail therapy, and numerous restaurants if you don't want to cook.

All this is within walking distance of the rally field in Beacon Park, but if you want to go further afield, there's the National Arboretum, reachable by bus if you don't want to take your van off site, and for the cyclists among you there's a cycle path to Fradley Junction. You don't have to book for all five nights if your time is limited by work or whatever, and it's a fairly large site so we're not really constrained by numbers.

Booking slips and cheques payable to Chris Brown, 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 e-mail where possible. Please note any applications received by post after 20 May cannot be responded to. If you have any queries after that date, please e-mail pcb7ty@btinternet.com. If you wish to pay by bank transfer, please e-mail a request for the account details.

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

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.

18 – 23 July (5 nights)

Aberystwyth Rugby Club,

Plascrug Avnue, Aberystwyth, Cerediion SY23 HL

Rally marshals: Pamela & Colin Maltby. Linda & Derek Day

Emergency Telephone for site use only 07798702090.

Site Fees: £50 (5 nights). Rally Fee:-£5.Single £3.

Please send rally slips to Colin Maltby,

Green Acres,Nantmel,Llandrindod Wells, LD1 6EW.

Please send a clear email address or SAE for confirmation.

We will be pitched on grass.No EHU,water,Elsan and grey water disposal.We will have the use of the Clubhouse,showers and toilets.

A level traffic free walk (10 – 15 minutes) to the town centre,bus and train stations or seafront.Aberystwyth has a large variety of shops,cafes and restaurants.There is a steam train close by and also a cliff railway.

The Rugby Club will allow dogs on a short lead at all times.

No arrivals before 1200 please,depart by 1200 on the last day.

Limit 25 vans

25 - 29 July (5 Nights)

Stafford Boat Club

Maple Wood, Wildwood, Stafford, SG.

Rally Marshals: Angela and Bob Warwick, Pamela and Colin Maltby.

Emergency Telephone 075303 66237.

Site fee: £15.00 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 E mail Address).

This is a level grass site within a working boat club on the Staffs & Worcester Canal with direct access to the Tow Path. There is a steep decent to the camping field.

We have use of the club house during bar opening hours from 8.00 pm in the evening. 1 Toilet and shower are available below club house but own sanitation

advisable. laundry facility's are available, Dogs welcome on lead at all times.

Bus stop to Stafford 15 min walk away, local shops and pub 10-15 min. walk away.

Canal fishing is available with proper rod licence.

Places nearby National Memorial Arboretum, Trentham Estate and Gardens, Lichfield, Shugborough Hall Stately Home.

Rally Starts 12 noon Saturday and finishes 12 noon Thursday.

Max 27 Vans.

31st,July – 2nd, August

National Motorhome Show

East of England Showground, Peterborough.

These are the possible re-arranged dates for this year.

**AUTO-SLEEPER OWNERS' CLUB RALLY APPLICATION FORM**

Rally application form should reach the marshal 14 days before the event if possible
Enclose a SAE if confirmation by post is required of your booking

Date sent:	Rally name:		
MEMBER DETAILS			
First name:	Surname:	Membership No:	
First name:	Surname:		
Address:			
Address:			
Town/City:		Postcode:	
Telephone:		Mobile:	
Email:			
We require these details below of the person to contact in the event of an emergency			
Name:			
Telephone:		Mobile:	
Members guests (include children and their age)			
Name:			
Name:			
Name:			
Name:			Number of dogs:
MOTORHOME DETAILS			
Registration:	Length:	Model:	
ARRIVAL DETAILS			
Day:	am	pm	Evening
OTHER DETAILS			
Is this your first ASOC rally:	Electricity if available:	Evening meal if available:	
Do you intend to bring an additional car, trailer or tent:			
Any special requirements:			

PAYMENT

Including rally fee £

Number of nights

Full payment should be by cheque and made payable to the Rally Marshal
Details can be found on the event details