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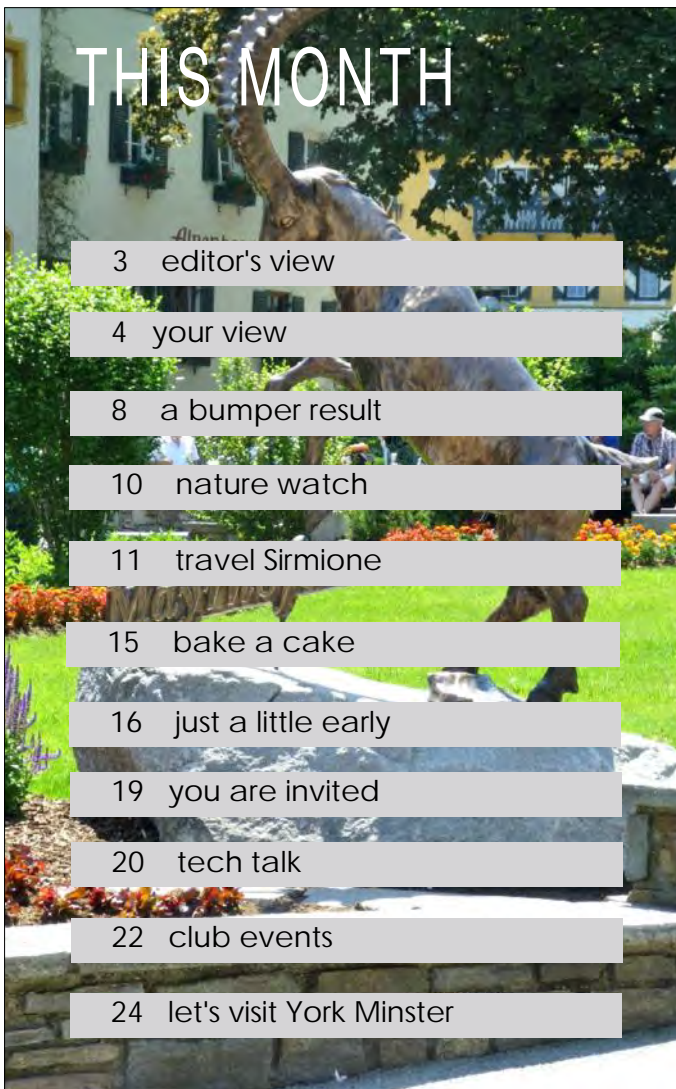
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editor's view

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Welcome to October News

You may have noticed the rally slip is now looseleaf tucked into the envelope. This means you no longer need to detach it from the magazine.

I notice many emails are sent by iPad or iPhone with the message "sent from my iPad or iPhone". This can be changed if you wish.

It seems I am not the only one remembering, Chris has been doing the same, see the hub page.

It's amazing when you are sat in the garden with a glass of wine and remember with a smile at things which had happened in the past.

When your parents told you they would know if you told a lie because your ears would turn green.

About the donkey buried upside down on the hillside with his hoofs sticking out of the ground.

You could only see right through Box tunnel which Brunel built on his birthday.

The time in France with the old van, when we were parked and W needed to use the porti potti, with W sat there, an interested passer by decided to talk to me about the van layout through the driver's window.

The time whilst walking through the nudist area at Studland, W had a long conversation with a completely naked man about a species of crab he had found on the beach.

The time W attending a 15-session radiotherapy at the local hospital, and at one session decided for some reason to Ducktape her to the chair, but forgot to remove the tape after they left the room when they said it was finished and she could go.

The time at a National Trust property, we fell asleep in the van only to be woken by the car park attendant and found we were the only ones left and they wanted to lock up.

PLEASE BE AWARE

Some members are requesting login details for ASOF (auto-sleeper owners forum). ASOC does not run this forum, although many of our members are active on it.

ASOC HUB

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Fare ye Well Auto-Sleeper friends
An end of era has come. We're already missing the sight of the back of our Auto-Sleeper from the other side of the fence and are amazed at the huge space of black tarmac outside the back garden. Yes, we are divorced from Taylor who now has a lovely home in Milton Abbas with two gorgeous young men.

Like you we have missed the friendship and rallies this year. Thank you to all who remember us for your commarderie. Whilst we remain in good health we shall keep a lookout for you on our travels in the more modest form of a caravan. Best wishes to you all.

Charlie and Val Thomson

Blue Lias Rally 16 – 20 July 2017



Tuesday: We arrived and got ourselves set up ready for our first arrivals. At 1200 the first to arrive were Ronnie and Angela followed with a steady trickle all afternoon which saw 15 vans on site with 2 more arriving on the Wednesday and the final van with Joe and Ivy Moss arriving on

the Thursday, who were one of our three first timers, the others being Les

and Jane Cheney, and Ann Ridley, who were all made welcome and they enjoyed their first Rally with ASOC.

We gathered for coffee at seven in the evening and chatted until it got cooler and the midges came out, a few of us continued in the pub until closing time.

Wednesday: We saw a mixture of sunshine and showers, many taking the opportunity to travel to nearby Southam, Leamington Spa and Rugby, making full use of the buses and the numerous walks and cycle paths from the Blue Lias. The weather was kind to us and it stayed dry and sunny for coffee and biscuits again at seven in the evening.

Thursday: Again this was a mixture of sun and showers but the hardy ASOC members again visited the local attractions. The evening was filled with all attending for a meal in the Blue Lias function room and most lingered on catching up with old friends and new.

Friday: We did a Fish and Chip run to Southam and were all surprised at how large the portions were but everyone enjoyed them (I'm sure one between two would have done most of us). Afterwards some of us adjourned to the pub for several nightcaps.

Saturday: This was a sunny day and people again visited the local area before returning to site for 4pm when tea, coffee and biscuits were served along with Pimms. We all stayed chatting until the Pimms ran out and the Midges appeared, with quite a few retiring to the Pub for a meal and a few more drinks.

Sunday: There was no coffee morning as several wished to make an early start for home and places new. A few

lingered on and had Sunday lunch before finally departing.

The most important thing with running a successful rally is the weather and the people who attend and we were blessed with a great mix of people who more than made up for the rather mixed weather, and all seemed to enjoy the company and location.

Sandra and Bernie Wisely 16

Blue Lias Rally

Our first outing in the van since lockdown. Although local to us we thought it would be an ideal chance to make sure everything worked and luckily it did! It was a small rally with 13 vans which made it very friendly and easier to socialise at a safe distance.

Being right on the canal there were pleasant walks in either direction ending up at pubs, which many members took advantage of all serving good food. A few braved the bus into Southam or Leamington Spa. The weather was kind until the Wednesday when it rained all day, when we were "forced" to walk some 200 yards to the Blue Lias for a fish and chip lunch. It was very well organised so we were able to meet up and dine at a safe distance. Our thanks go to Sandra and Bernie for organising and running this small but successful rally.

Jackie and John Moss (5639)


Just got my September copy and in..... colour print at last.... Yeh. Much better - well done..... Will the inside be next! I would even pay more for an all colour mag - much better for all the photos etc. Great mag thanks again..... Mike D

South Lytchett Manor Rally

3 - 8 September

Mo and I arrived on site in fair weather and were greeted by Phil the manager, and were told that from now on he would pitch everyone, unfortunately we would be split into two camping areas. Disappointing, but we all had a good space. We have never seen the site so busy with over 250 campervans, plus caravans and tents all around the site. Due to Covid they had added more loos with sanitising stations, these were kept ultra clean the whole time.

As the afternoon moved on the weather deteriorated but everyone remained cheerful and we were sited into two groups. Friday morning dawned bright and some members caught the bus from just outside of the gate going either to Poole or Swanage and so the few days went on with varying amounts of sun and with everyone going somewhere. With our 44 vans we were unable to socialise with tea/coffee due to numbers.

In the usual way, a quiz of dingbats, everyday abbreviations and names of High Street Stores, was given out and my thanks go to Brian Ellis for his organisation. Much amusement and comments were forthcoming, but it was well received. William and Janina Woodhouse won with 38 correct answers, followed by John and Heather Tidbury with 37, and they were followed by John and Rita Tubb with 36, the remainder were very closely spread. Mo awarded to the lowest number an Auto-Sleeper keyring to Mary and Geoff Dye! This was gratefully received. 

We reluctantly ended the rally on Tuesday morning after five good days meeting up with old friends and making new ones.

Should we book it for next year?

Answers on a postcard!

Our thanks to thank Al & Barb Buckett for their help in running the rally and all the staff of South Lytchett helping to make the rally a success.

Mo & Mike Valentine

At South Lytchett rally

It was great being out and about meeting up with old familiar, friendly faces even at social distancing! It was a bit chaotic on arrival as everyone appeared to arrive at the same time.

The site staff insisted on siting us, and probably would have been better left to our marshals. The downside was being split on to two fields owing to demands on the site. It seemed a strange rally as there was no communal gathering, coffee/tea evenings or organised meal, however it was still very enjoyable, sitting in small groups and forcing down the wine.

We braved our first bus ride to Poole and a meal out, fingers crossed we will be able to do more next season. Our thanks go to Mo and Mike and their able assistants Barbara and Al for all their efforts in making this rally a great success

Jackie and John Moss 5639

I would just like to what an absolutely brilliant idea the water fill device is. I tried it out on our 2020 Broadway EB and it fitted like a glove! And what's more it works.

Does anyone have any ideas what I

can do with my redundant watering can! I hasten to add this item was bought in Ghent in 2008, and has given sterling service.

David Davies 10908

As a new member of ASOC, I received my first newsletter, 384 September 2020.

I bought my new 2020 Auto-Sleeper from Derby Motorhomes in July 2020 a Peugeot camper van model Warwick XL. Reading the newsletter, and on page 15 the TECH TIP about "FloPlast shoe from screwfix part number 82922. I bought it and it fits perfectly on my Warwick XL. Thank you for the info

Jane Gilliver 10916

Please can I say thank you to Dave 10620 who suggested in the September News the FloPlast shoe to use when filling the water tank in a Nuevo. Such a brilliant, neat and cheap idea! Now I can ditch the Heath Robinson contraption involving a suction hook, some string and a floppy funnel.

Celia Waugh 4496

We found, like many others I'm sure, that it wasn't easy to book a site, as most were full of campers like us wanting to use our vans after lockdown!

However we got booked into Salisbury C&CC site. No facilities, but did we really need them? No.

A super site with splendid views of the old fort and bus stop near by. Salisbury is an interesting city to wander around, particularly the area around the cathedral. With many cycle paths, so off we went to Amesbury, through

beautiful villages with picturesque thatched cottages.

Next day we drove to Devizes and visited the nearby Kennet and Avon canal with its 16 locks, an amazing feat of engineering, a lovely walk along the waters edge and delicious pasties at the cafe. On the way back we could see Stonehenge very clearly from the road. Unfortunately we were unable to visit many places of interest, unless we booked in advance, which wasn't always possible.

We then moved on to the Lytchett near Poole, where it was good to meet up with ASOC members again. Over 40 vans were spread over two fields, and Mike and Mo, aided by Al and Barb, did a sterling job getting everyone sited. Thank you to them.

An hourly bus service from outside the site took us to Poole and Swanage. We enjoyed Poole quayside and the Old Town.

On two days we took boat trips to both Brownsea Island and along some of the Jurassic Coast towards Swanage. Brownsea Island is a National Trust property with many delightful walks, and plenty of wildlife. We were lucky enough to see a red squirrel, a young deer and a family of pheasants.

At the end of the rally we drove to a quiet CL, The Darling Buds of May near Newbury, so we could visit Highclere Castle, aka Downton Abbey. A most interesting day was spent there with memories of the TV series, and the wonderful Egyptian museum.

That completed a very varied 15 night holiday, and the weather was surprisingly good for early September.

We hope to get out again, depending on Covid restrictions, and wish everyone safe and happy motor homing.

Janis and Mike Wood 4201

STILL WANTED BY A MEMBER

Auto-Sleeper Nuevo 2 Berth or
Auto-Sleeper Stanton 2 Berth
good condition required
Jim Stanford 01824 709910
Mobile 077697 40812
Ruthin, North Wales

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2000cc petrol
47281 miles MOT July 2021
£14,500 ono.
Extras include: half roof cover, alarm,
awning with inner sleeping tent bike
rack, 3 full bottles of gas, solar panel.
a list is available with many more
extras,
John Cook 07831657781
cookheavyhorse@aol.com
Surrey area

GIVEAWAY

I now have an unwanted motorhome full cover suitable for vehicles 6 - 7 metres long (I used it for the Talisman) it is about 6 years old in reasonable condition. I do not want anything for it but the recipient will need to collect from the Derby area. I am sure a donation to ASOC or its nominated charity would be appreciated in lieu of payment. If anyone is interested they can email me in the first instance to make suitable arrangements for collection.

Keith Shiers

email: keithshiers1@gmail.com

A Bumper Result

Brian Bruton 9306

I acquired my 1999 Symbol in 2015. Apart from a little wear and tear and a few minor blemishes it was in remarkably good condition for its age, both inside and out, despite having had five previous owners. I have done my best to keep it in good shape during my ownership, and still often receive compliments on its upkeep.

One aspect which has consistently proved difficult is the black plastic bumpers, lamp housings and side wall panels, which as other owners will know do tend to weather badly, turning many shades of grey and even almost bleached white if not regularly maintained. Quite a few spray-on products, mostly silicone based, are available to help restore the colour, some of which give quite good results initially, however, the improvement invariably tends to be short lived, lasting only weeks or a couple of months at best before needing renewed attention.

Browsing the internet I came across a U.S. product "Forever Black" which had attracted very favourable reviews - it apparently works differently, by dyeing the plastic, and was reported to give extremely good results and considerably longer lasting. However, such results are highly dependent on rigorous preparation of the affected areas, which must be completely free of all traces of dirt, road grime and past applications of wax, silicones and polishes to enable the dye to adhere - thus requiring intensive cleaning and scrubbing to achieve the desired base.



The product pack includes a bottle of highly concentrated cleaning fluid, although I found Autoglym Engine and Machine Cleaner to be equally effective. After masking the area to be treated I used a set of nylon rotary scrubbing brushes in a cordless drill to thoroughly clean it, using only moderate speed and pressure to avoid friction burns to the surfaces. The dye itself was very easy to apply using the firm wedge shaped sponge applicator, with viscosity heavy enough to give a good coating but thin enough to enable feathering into previously covered areas without smearing even after ten minutes or more interval - most useful when treating larger areas such as front bumper and side panels.

I was impressed by the immediate results as shown in the accompanying pics. Whilst the bottles are quite small, just 10 fl ozs (dye) and 4 fl ozs (cleaner) coverage is extremely good, and I was able to apply a second coat to some areas giving



added depth and lustre to the finish, without opening the second pack I had ordered.

Durability has yet to be fully tested, however, during almost three months since application it has survived extreme weather spells of ninety degrees heat and torrential rain and has so far retained a good deep colour - whereas some smaller areas (e.g. door handles) unsuitable for scrubbing which were treated with silicone spray have already faded badly. It will be interesting to see how it fares during the coming winter - I will file a further report in 2021.



Nature Watch . . .

Hummingbird Hawk-Moth (*Macroglossum stellatarum*)



Though primarily a migrant visitor to the South of England in the Summer, Hummingbird Hawk-Moths are recently suspected to have taken up residence in the UK and can be seen throughout the country from April to December. The number of moths that visit from mainland Europe and Northern Africa, however, is highly variable and they are not common every year.

They are, as we know, likely to be seen in coastal areas but can be found in most habitats, while adult moths overwinter in non-heated outbuildings, or sheltered spots within walls and trees.

Though it is hard to tell from the included photo, Hummingbird Hawk-Moths have huge compound eyes and can perceive differing colours with extreme accuracy. Besides giving them a rather unsettling appearance and yourself a sense of being watched, this also allows them to efficiently identify food plants based on visual rather than olfactory identification.

Information provided by
Durlston Country Park and National Nature Reserve, Swanage
Info@durlston.co.uk www.durlston.co.uk

TRAVEL

Sirmione



Sirmione is a resort town on the southern bank of Lake Garda, in northern Italy. It's known for its thermal baths and Rocca Scaligera, a medieval castle overlooking the lake. Set at the tip of a peninsula, the Archaeological Site of Grotte di Catullo encompasses a Roman villa, a museum and olive trees. Just below the ruins is the rocky Jamaica Beach. The church of San Pietro in Mavino is adorned with frescoes.



The Scaligero Castle is a fortress from the Scaliger era, access point to the historical center of Sirmione. It's one of the most complete and well-conserved of Italy's castles. Wikipedia Address: Piazza Castello, 34, 25019 Sirmione BS, Italy

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grottoes_of_Catullus





Via Casello, 2, 25019 Sirmione BS, Italy

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/nWk8xavxf38h2SCM6>

Spicy Apple Fruit Cake



2-3 cooking apples
4 oz butter
8 oz castor sugar
2 eggs beaten together 8 oz
plain flour
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
1 tsp mixed cinnamon and
powdered cloves 6 oz mixed
raisins and sultanas
A sprinkling of Demerara

Begin by making a puree, without sugar, of the apples. Peel and core them and cook with a little water to soften. Leave the puree to get COLD before using. There should be about one third of a pint.

Cream the butter and sugar and mix in the beaten eggs. Fold in the COLD apple puree

Sift in the flour, bicarbonate of soda and spices

Add the raisins and sultanas

Mix all together then pour into a greased, lined 7 inch round cake tin. Bake in a moderate oven for approx. 1 hour 20 mins.

10mins before the end of the cooking time sprinkle with brown sugar.

GUIDE TO PREPARING YOUR AUTO-SLEEPER FOR WINTER

The information provided in this document is, to the best of the Club's knowledge, comprehensive and accurate. However, no responsibility can be accepted for any loss or damage incurred during the implementation of the described modifications

Checked and approved by Auto-Sleepers Ltd 21 December 2018

The internal insulation of Auto-Sleepers vehicles has improved over the years, so thankfully the only facility requiring winterisation is the water system. You should have no concern for freezing of the system other than the water heater and water pump, since the water tanks are manufactured in a material that can cope with the expansion caused by freezing. If your vehicle is being left unused for several days in freezing conditions, it would be prudent to drain the system fully. Surface freezing of the water in both fresh and the waste water tank will not cause any damage to the tank. The operation of the fresh water system may be affected by ice because the fresh water is drawn off the lower part of the water tank, underneath any layer of ice that may have formed.

It is important that during prolonged freezing conditions, and at times when your Auto-Sleeper is left unused, the water system is drained including the water pump. To drain the system completely open all tank taps, dump valve/drain tap and all internal taps. When water has finished flowing turn the water pump on to rid any residue water from the pump, pipes, pump filter and taps then switch pump off and leave all taps open. Please note that the submerged Whale water pumps should only be operated for 5-10 seconds when there is a risk of running dry. Later Auto-Sleeper models are fitted with either the Truma Combi, Truma Ultrastore or Carver Cascade/Rapide water heaters and instructions for draining and isolating these units are as follows:

Truma Combi Heater

The Combi heater supplied to Auto-Sleepers has a built-in frost protection function called the "Truma Frost Control". If there is a risk of frost (ambient temperature approximately 3°C) the Frost Control opens automatically and drains the boiler. The boiler can be refilled when the temperature rises above 7°C. Nevertheless when the appliance is not in operation, it is essential to drain off the water content if there is a risk of frost. Truma do not allow claims under the warranty for damage caused by frost. Switch off the power to the pump assembly (main switch or pump switch), open the hot water taps in kitchen and bathroom. In order to check the volume of water that is flowing out, place an appropriate container (capacity 10 litres) beneath the

safety/drain valve. Open the safety/drain valve. The boiler will now be drained directly to the outside via the safety/drain valve. Check whether all of the water in the boiler (10 litres) has been drained into the container.

Truma Ultrastore

On Auto Sleepers models that are not fitted with an isolation tap, the complete water system should be drained. There is a dump valve that allows the Ultrastore to be drained of water and this is found in different positions on different models. The instruction manual clearly identifies the location of this dump valve and should be used and left open when your Auto Sleeper is left for prolonged periods in freezing conditions. If you continue to use your Auto Sleeper in such conditions, it is suggested that the retro-fitting of an isolation tap in the water circuit would be a wise move so that the water heater can be isolated while retaining the cold water facility. The Motorhome Service Centre (01386 853511) at Willersey will be happy to supply a tap and/or fit this should you require.

Carver Cascade/Cascade 2/Rapide Water Heater

This water heater must be isolated in prolonged freezing conditions, since if the stainless steel cylinder is allowed to freeze it will stretch the securing bolt, blow the seals and cause leaking into the interior of the vehicle. Replacement securing bolts are no longer available. During the time the Carver Rapide water heater was fitted, an isolation tool was supplied with each vehicle. When the heater is drained the isolation tool should be found in an externally accessed chamber on the outside of the water heater, concealed behind the large screw in the lower left-hand corner. Inserting the tool, thick end first, will lock the non-return valve preventing the filling of the water cylinder - the thinner section allowing the claws of the drain plug to fit around the tool and to allow it to be re-fitted. The upper drain screw, immediately above the aforementioned upper screw, should be left open for a good length of time to allow any residual water to drain out. If you do not have this isolation tool these are available from the Motor Home Service Centre. The earlier model of the Carver water heater, the Cascade, does not have the screw on the top left-hand area of the gas module cover; however the isolation tool may still be used.

Valliant Water Heater

For the older vans fitted with Valliant water heater, you should ring the Motorhome Service Centre who will advise upon the course of action to be taken. It is possible that on the Vaillant water heater the lower diaphragm module can become warped through freezing, preventing the water heater working correctly. There is an easy and simple way of rectifying this - please seek advice from the Motorhome Service Centre. Due to recent changes in legislation the Motorhome Service Centre are unable to carry out repairs on any open flue gas appliances, but rectification advice will be given.

Questions are often asked with regards to the winterisation of the Thetford cassette toilet. Since these are positioned well in-board on the van and are well insulated,



under normal working use in winter conditions, no winterisation is required. If necessary you may wish to put into the flushing tank a small amount of Glycol or similar anti-freeze to allow the toilet to function in extreme conditions. Further advice is available from your Thetford, see <https://www.thetford-europe.com/gb/>

These are the only precautions that need to be taken in respect of the conversion side of your Auto-Sleeper. If your vehicle is being stored in the winter for prolonged periods it is always wise to remove any detachable cushions/scatter cushions and keep these in your home. The fixed ventilation in each Auto-Sleeper will allow the vehicle to breathe over the winter months, although it would be sensible, perhaps fortnightly or three weekly, to thoroughly air your Auto-Sleeper perhaps using the heater to warm the interior of the vehicle to evaporate any residual moisture.

On the automotive side, advice should be taken from your local base vehicle dealer with regards to any specific instructions or indeed from the automotive section of the Motorhome Service Centre, but of course, it is always wise to ensure that prior to the winter your coolant is checked for anti-freeze content and to make sure that the specific gravity is of the correct reading. This can of course be checked and rectified by the Motorhome Service Centre on the number shown above. Another sensible precaution would be to periodically charge the base vehicle and conversion batteries to maintain them in good condition.

If using your Auto Sleeper in particularly harsh conditions, the Motorhome Service Centre always advises the use of Propane instead of Butane for the gas supply since this has superior low temperature performance. If you have any fears in respect of the winterisation of your vehicle please contact the Motorhome Service Centre direct on 01386 853511.

They are always happy to discuss any concerns that you have, together with the retro-fitting of a froststat - a 12-volt heater in your fresh tank, which is a popular option for some owners and they would be pleased to quote for fitting.

Additional tips from members

Keep all taps open in the central position

Remove the shower head as it has been found to crack in freezing conditions where water may be trapped and dangle the hose to its lowest point

Put on the covers for the fridge vents

Leave the fridge door open

Put on wheel covers if you have them

Leave the hand brake off if this is possible and safe to do so

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YOU ARE INVITED



NEW YEAR RALLY

29 December 2020 -- 2 January 2021

ASOC members are invited to this rally that will be hosted by the AAOCC club, the only requirement being that the ASOC member is (or becomes) a member ACCEO (the Association of Caravan and Camping Exempted Organisations) at an annual cost of £5.

The venue for this event:
Robin Hood Scout Camp
Rickets Lane, Blidworth, Mansfield, NG21 0NF

There will be limited electric but hopefully enough to spread about to keep your batteries charged, if not, charging facilities will be available.

The building is only a few years old and has excellent facilities, how it is used will depend on the government guidelines at the time. There is an excellent eating pub within half a mile and lots of opportunity for walking.

If you would like to book on to the rally please email gaynor@aaocc.org.uk

To ensure there are enough units for the rally to run please book by end of October.



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TECH TALK with Dennis

Hints and Tips Updates

I have been editing the Hints and Tips section of the website. There will be a newly edited section on Electrical Hook-up safety, published on the website. It prompts me to consider what has been discussed on forums and what I have heard over the years – both sensible and silly, and to help shed some light on to an important topic. It will appear in the November Magazine.

Skylight cleaning

Last month I reported on a request from Derek Pope (9384), who had asked for information regarding cleaning the Skylight/vent in the bathroom. I reported that, having taken advice, that the whole window had to be removed.

Well, our Club Chairman, Peter, had his doubts and went ahead and unscrewed the four screws in the pop-up handles and confirmed that this allowed the two-part glazing to be detached, without disturbing the pop-up handles, window mechanism or sealing arrangement. The screws in the outer window are captive, so will not be impossible to replace. You will need a T25 "Torx"™ screwdriver to undo the four screws in the handles. This type of screw fits securely on the end of the driver and makes it very easy to refit the window as you are not balancing a normal screw upside down on the end of your screwdriver. You should have the window in the pop-up position to do this work, with safe access to the roof of your motorhome to lift off the window, and re-fit it after cleaning.



It is good safety practice to have someone in sight and sound of you when you are working at height. Please take a brief look around you before you climb with a view to what your options might be if you get into difficulty.

New Service Manager at Auto-Sleepers Service Centre

The Club would like to welcome Karen Stevens to the service centre. Karen started on 14th August. karen.stevens@auto-sleepers.co.uk

I am told that after a difficult shut-down during the Corona Virus lockdown, the production facilities are back up and running. During lockdown, the company invested in modifications to allow work to resume using the Government 2 metre distancing rule. After this was completed and before the lockdown was lifted, the rules changed to 1+ metre working. Consequently, a re-working of procedure,

methods and training was required. The factory is adapting to the new working practices in all areas but it will take some time to have everything running smoothly. The staff at Auto-sleepers beg your understanding during this time and will be extremely grateful for your patience.

As previously reported, The Service Centre is open and happy to take your calls. Please note, the Centre has the ability to allow you to stay overnight if previously booked, with a hardstanding space with hook-up if you need it. The contact number is 01386 853511

Water System on 2019 Nuevo

Our Editor noticed the water system in his Nuevo included an additional non-return valve fitted near the Dump Valve. This Dump Valve opens automatically if the temperature approaches freezing, to protect the system from frost damage.

This extra non-return valve was blue in colour and looked at first glance like a normal straight connector. We discussed this and exchanged emails. It was decided that most likely that this should not be present and John contacted the Service Centre at Willersey. They confirmed that this valve should not be there and they shipped him some parts to change it out. The non-return valve in question is the blue item connected to the black elbow and will serve to prevent the Truma Boiler from draining when the dump valve is opened either automatically, or manually by operating the blue handle on top of it.

The Service Centre said that this should be a one-off error, but as the consequence of a frozen Truma boiler is a ££££ expensive repair, it would be wise to check before the winter if all is operating as it should.

To check your system is draining properly, you should measure the water that drains out by placing a suitable container below the drain point and either weighing it (1Litre of water weighs approx. 1KG) or by using a measuring jug. The boiler holds 8 litres and the pipework should account for another couple of litres at least. If you don't get at least 8 litres, you need to get your dealer to check the correct operation of this frost protection system. If necessary, show them this article.

You may not be able to use a container as the water drains above the underslung gas tank, perhaps the dump pipe should be extended if you could get to it



ASOC EVENTS



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RALLY INFORMATION OCTOBER 2020

Applying for rallies: You may only apply for rallies by post using a Club rally slip. Under no circumstances will marshals accept bookings by telephone. Always carry your membership card when attending rallies. Inform the marshal if you plan to bring a car, tent or trailer.

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

THIS RALLY HAS BEEN CANCELLED

6 - 10 November Sedgemoor Carnival, Burnham on Sea, Somerset

Please Note: This rally will only take place if Government Guidelines allow. Please make sure that the marshal has full contact details in case the rally has to be cancelled at short notice.

5- 9 October (4 nights) Clitheroe, Edisford Bridge Farm Caravan & Camping Site

Marshals Chris and Peter Brown with Liz Irvin

Rally fee £4 per couple £3 singles.

Site fee £56 for up to 2 occupants and 2 dogs, there will be an additional fee for extra occupants or dogs. Any queries please ring Peter on 07771 827711.

Please send you rally slip and cheque to Chris Brown, 5 Kenilworth Walk, Cheadle, Stoke on Trent, ST10 1WA or email the slip to pcb7ty@btinternet.com and request details for paying by BACS.

FULLY BOOKED

This full facility campsite is a 30 min walk from Clitheroe town centre which is located between the Forest of Bowland and the famous Pendle Hill. When we stayed there last year there was an excellent pub/restaurant at the entrance to the campsite but we can have no idea what its status will be at the time of the rally.

Running a rally: If you would like to run a rally, assistance and advice is available from the rally coordinator or committee member. A "Guide for Rally Marshals" is available from the website. When a date and venue is chosen you will receive "Rules for Rally Marshals" and asked to sign a marshal's declaration which should be returned to the rally coordinator. It is important that all potential rally dates and venues are checked with the rally coordinator, who will confirm 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, contact the rally coordinator.

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

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NATIONAL SPECTACULAR

NEWARK SHOWGROUND

29 APRIL - 3 MAY 2021

MENUS FOR THIS YEAR

To make life easy for all we are keeping the menu that was agreed for the cancelled 2020 National

to whet your appetite

THURSDAY

Jacket Potato with assorted fillings (gf)

FRIDAY

Cottage Pie (gf)

or

Chicken Korma

SATURDAY

Poached Chicken Breast with chasseur sauce

or

Roast loin of Pork with sage & apple sauce

SUNDAY

Carvery Beef or Turkey

all accompanying sauces are gluten free
a vegetarian option will be available

more next month from Martin, Ozzie and the team



let's visit YORK MINSTER



A magnificent cathedral
<https://yorkminster.org>



TRAVEL



Grotta Azzurra

Via Grotta Azzurra, 80071 Anacapri NA, Italy

A sea cave on the coast of southern Italy on the island of Capri. Sunlight gives a blue reflection that illuminates the cavern.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/U2h3J75VxrQtVBJR8>