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War Memorial designed by none other than Edwin Lutyens.



One of three pubs.



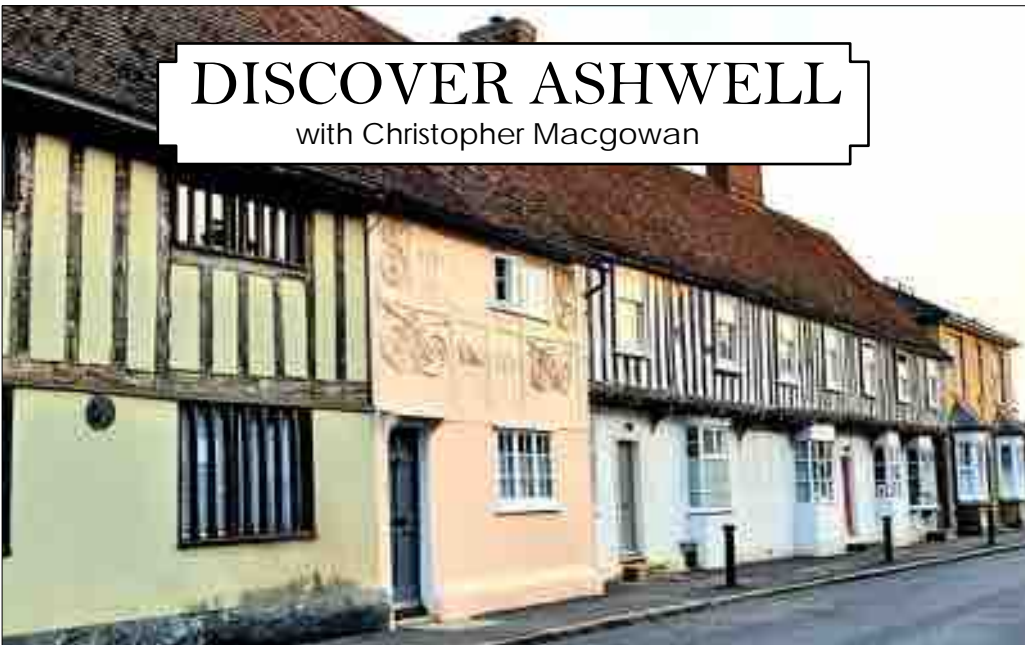
United Reform Church



Parish church of St Mary the Virgin

DISCOVER ASHWELL

with Christopher Macgowan



The lockdown prevented us from going anywhere but as soon as all the sites re-opened we decided to get out and about in our AutoSleeper Malvern as much as we could. Typically we would have embarked on tours to France, Germany, Italy, Spain and further afield but with all the quarantine dramas we decided to completely change our strategy and stay local.

One of our first trips was to Ashwell in Hertfordshire - a pretty village which has the advantage of having a Caravan and Motorhome Club site within its boundary.

The village is barely a ten minute walk from the touring site and you could be forgiven for only a passing glance at the war memorial but it deserves better as it was designed by none other than Edwin Lutyens. Sir Edwin was a prolific architect who not only designed the world famous Cenotaph in London but loads of country houses and bridges as well.

Shortly after the war memorial you come across the classic English village cricket ground with a pavilion and then you are in the village proper. Lots of fine buildings, three pubs and St Mary's church plus a variety of shops combine to make it a pleasant tour. It may only have about 2000 residents but there is quite a lot to see. One of its most famous claims is a freshwater spring and being the source of the River Cam. Amongst its famous erstwhile residents is none other than Kiki Dee.

So Ashwell village with its CAMC Ashridge Farm touring site in my opinion is well worth adding to your collection of nice places to visit within easy walking distance of a touring site.

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editor's view

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It seems I am not the only one remembering, Chris has been doing the same, see the hub page 6.

The recipe last month reminded me of a conversation with my cousin at Uncle Vic's funeral. Uncle Vic was a master baker and confectioner. He was asked how to make scones, his answer. "take 3 dozen eggs, 30lbs of flour.... " My cousin only wanted to make a dozen.

After Chris's memories, it had me thinking again of the early days. Of course, a couple of glasses of wine does help.

The Club had a few rallies at Taunton rugby club, but I remember when running a light show in the disco days, we were booked every Saturday at the Rugby Club to support the disc jockeys. What mad evenings they were, where most got drunk, but well behaved. The journey home where we always got stopped by the police in the early hours of the morning because we were driving an old London taxi, which they thought had been stolen, The number of times we took people back to the villages on our way home because of no other transport for them. Dancing to Herb Albert "this guys in love with you".

The National Spectacular team are running the photo competition again and full details can be found somewhere in the magazine. If you entered last year these photos will be judged as a separate competition.

A big thank you to members who take the time to send in items, please keep them coming.

The Rally Coordinator has asked me to remind members who want to run a rally next year to let him have the details by the end of this month. His details can be found on the Club Events page.

Our celebration with "The Haunted Snail"

View from the
Blackwell Hall CL site

Tim Gardner



We recently set forth in what we now call 'The Haunted Snail' [A-S Bourton], to celebrate our forty-seventh wedding anniversary. The first outing for some months, we spent four nights at Chatsworth, followed by four days on the edge of the Peak National park.

The Chatsworth site was a delight as we had access to the parklands, not only in the day but also in the evenings, with time to discover some interesting structures hidden in the woods and superb views. The amenities were open, but with some restriction on the site, but we decided to use our on-board facilities which we found more than adequate. My youngest daughter and her husband joined us for a short time to share in my wife's birthday and our 47th wedding anniversary, staying in a local hotel.



The CL site at Blackwell Hall , from the Limestone Way

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The Peak District site was a CL site on a farm, called Blackwell Hall between Buxton and Bakewell. It was about a 30 minute walk to join the Monsal trail, a bit of a challenge in places descending the steep hill to join it. We had taken our bikes for riding around Chatsworth, but decided to hire a couple of bikes to cycle the trail. The trail is eight miles in length, but was very crowded with cyclists and walkers of all ages being the weekend. About half way along there are facilities and a cafe at Millers Dale Station. There are various access points into other dales to explore from the trail. The trail follows the path of the River Wye for part of the way.

As we reach the end of the trail at the Bakewell end, we found an extremely nice pub to have meal, after carrying out all the necessary required precautions we have to do nowadays.

On one occasion we left the Monsal trail and joined the Limestone Way for a fairly easy climb to loop back to the site. Later we did find another way to join the beginning of the Monsal trail which was a little easier with only one steep section, The views were spectacular from the CL site although the amenities were basic but were more than adequate, but you do need levelling blocks.

Both sites we would be more than happy to return to at some future date. The layout at Chatsworth, and to be able to lose oneself in the parkland was a delight, as was the ability to follow various paths and discovering hidden treasures of the parkland.

Our visit to the Peak site and district was very enjoyable, with the added bonus of excellent weather, the views were quite breathtaking. I did fail to get a Bakewell Pudding so we will have to return in the near future.



There can be few of us who don't admit to enjoying a spell of people-watching as we sit under the motorhome awning with our glass of wine or mug of tea.

Sometimes it is simply a bit of guilty schadenfreude as we watch a newly arrived caravanner demolish a boundary wall after swinging much too fast into his pitch ("Told you he was going too fast") but sometimes it is inexplicable.

How to explain the lone Austrian motorhomer who, at 9 am on a very wet and very cold French morning, popped up from his fully opened roof light wearing only a snorkel mask and as, far as we could see (and he was standing on a stool inside the van so that was quite some way) stark naked? So far so peculiar but when he began to do stretching exercises we wondered for his sanity. We only stayed for one night so don't know if this was his daily routine.

Then there was the lady who, having spent a lot of time sweeping and -yes- hoovering - her patch of hard standing, went over to the sanitary block and came back with two Caution: Wet Surface signs which she put at opposite sides of her pitch and then went inside. The pitch was bone dry, the weather hot, no-one that we saw was trespassing over pitches and she had no awning or outside furniture that we could see.

Then there's the man who spent a no doubt happy afternoon throwing ping pong balls onto his van roof and watching them roll down the roof and off the other side. Had he been throwing them randomly we might have thought he was after a bit of exercise but he always seemed to be throwing them from and to the same place and he made notes after each throw.

We can at least explain and sympathise with the poor Dutchman who managed to park in a satellite black spot on his pitch when his angry wife clearly wanted the latest episode of her soap NOW. He spent ages moving the large dish round the pitch and adjusting everything he could find to adjust before unplugging his EHU lead and speeding off to a new pitch, shouting at his wife and vice versa. Unfortunately he did not unplug his satellite dish which he dragged after him for a fair distance before we managed to get out and stop him. By the look of it there would not be any TV for the rest of the holiday unless a good panel beater was found. We did wonder if it was deliberate.

How well we remember a fun afternoon at a remote Spanish campsite when a newbie caravanner arrived and tried to connect his water supply hose to the fire hydrant on his pitch. Nothing much would have happened had he not tried to loosen the very tight tap with a hefty blow with his tent peg mallet. This knocked the top off the hydrant and the massive jet of water released went straight up and then straight down, all over the open windows and door of a less-than-impressed German couple sunbathing

on the pitch behind. Putting a bucket over the top of the geyser only served to send the bucket sky rocketing off to bounce off the roof of the German van.

By far the most terrifying was the Finnish couple in a huge van in Spain. They tried numerous times to raise the front of the van but each time the levelling blocks slipped on the gravel. After a lot of very angry Finnish arguments the woman put a towel underneath each block and then – I still feel faint thinking about it- lay down flat in front of the van and held the towels in place while her husband revved up and onto the blocks. By that time we had located

our First Aid kit, put the Spanish emergency number on speed dial and rehearsed how to say “ Come quickly, there is a lady squashed flat under a motorhome at Bonterra Park “. Fortunately the worst did not happen and the towels worked . Unfortunately, however, all the too-ing and fro-ing onto and off the blocks had done something irreparable to the tyre valves which resulted in flat tyres so the blocks were not needed after a few days.

As my native Yorkshire women say :
"There's nowt so queer as folk".

Chris Strawson 8845

Our store/rally tent had given us good service but the material had suffered badly from the sunlight and had become very fragile, thus the need to find a new one. The replacement had to be a convenient size, lightweight, sewn-in groundsheet, weatherproof and easier to erect.

We settled on a "Maypole - Tidy Storage Tent":- Height 68ins; L77ins & W33ins Weight 3.6Kg. Purchased from Camping International. www.camping-intl.com £49.99 + delivery £5.95. Search for Maypole.

Baz Wellard



SORRY!

On receiving the postal newsletter today I realised that I had sent you the 2017 rally report which you kindly inserted into the newsletter, I attach the 2020 Blue Lias rally report with my apologies and hope that you have the space to put it in the November News. Apologies again
Sandra and Bernie Wisely 16

Blue Lias Rally 16 - 20 August 2020

We arrived and got ourselves set up ready for our first arrivals at 1200. First to arrive were Collin and Christine beating Ronnie and Angela into second place, with a steady trickle all afternoon, which saw 13 vans on site, unfortunately Celia and Alan Waugh had to cancel (hope you managed to get the van fixed).

Everyone was so glad to be able to get out using the motorhomes again that not even the weather was going to dampen the spirits and we certainly had a mixed 4 days of rain and sunshine.

People gathered in small groups (sticking to the 2 Metre rule) and caught up with friends. Some went off for walks along the canal and a few made use of the pub for a drink and sampled the reduced menu for basket meals, which all agreed were very good.

Sticking to the covid guide lines we decided that there would be no coffee morning before departing and were pleased that all enjoyed themselves and we were all just glad of the opportunity to be back rallying, even though it was slightly restricted.

Some motorhomers use grass



This simple doorstep mat helps reduce mud, dirt, wet grass etc., from being trodden into the motorhome's carpet. It's easy to clean with a hose or a bucket of water.

All that is required is an off-cut of "faux-grass", 2 cable ties and 4 eyelets.

It is not a new idea, and maybe only applicable to earlier models - with manual steps? Baz Wellard

Auto-Sleepers Management Role changes

We have been advised that Alan Curry, Customer Service Manager has been appointed as Quality Manager. Alan's Role will now be undertaken by Peter Tombs, who has worked alongside Alan for many years. Peter also manages the Warranty System for Auto-Sleepers.

Peter can be contacted by email peter.tombs@auto-sleepers.co.uk or 01386 853511

The new Service Manager, Karen Stevens, can also be reached on 01386 853511

"old", as I have, at last, had my hip replacement in September, after waiting more than two years. The next thing could be knees, as they deteriorated during this time.

My AS Gatcombe is likely to be bought by a younger gentleman/friend whom I have known for several years, in our local V.W. Owners' Club. We both have a German and an England parent, but the opposite way round. We are both sure that it is the German connection which helps our friendship, and also the reason we both drive Volkswagens. Peter and a lady friend, Susan, came to see me at Blue Lias and we were able to have a mid-day meal together in the Pub. Before the rally I had made plum chutney and nineteen jars of plum jam, so decided to give a jar of jam to each unit at the rally. I was rather surprised that this generous gesture was not mentioned in any write-up in "News". My (Victoria) plum tree was absolutely laden with plums, hanging like bunches of grapes.

I probably eat more chutney than jam, so I decided to give some of it away. More jars will be given to family and friends for birthdays and Christmas over the next year, as I cannot possibly eat it all by myself.

P.S. The decision has been made – Friday, 9th October – Peter was ready to take over my ASOC Gatcombe. Occasionally one has to make a big decision in one's life, and this was one for me. After more than 40 years camping in five different motorcaravans all on Volkswagens (and two husbands), it is an end of an era. I hope to remain a (Social) member to keep in touch with the Club.

Elizabeth Grimsley 2080



Blue Lias Rally

I attended the rally at Blue Lias in July this year, but I was somewhat confused when I read the report by Sandra and Bernie, as some activities did not match this year's rally. I looked more closely to see it was dated July 2017, three years ago. Is that somebody's error?

It was good to socialise and chat to members during the day, but then late or early in the day was when I missed my late husband, Bill. Also I have to do all the jobs on site now, so it is a big decision whether I continue on my own, maybe with a smaller VW Auto Sleeper, or give up.

The choice would be the VW panel van Topaz, but they have not been made for a few years, so it would have to be a (good) second hand model. Then I also remind myself that I am over 80 now, and do I want to carry on camping? I know they say "You're as old as you feel!" At present I do feel

These are the final farewell pictures of Liz and her Auto-Sleeper.
Peter Cockerill (her new owner)



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TRAVEL

DENMARK

Heather Haythornthwaite

! We looked, we planned,
and abandoned our
two weeks to Denmark **!**

But realised it was still possible for the summer even with the pandemic. It is possible to get from Calais to Germany in about four hours. The transmission rate had stayed very low in Denmark, and was also low in Germany. If we


didn't get out of the van in France, Belgium or Holland, we could avoid a two-week quarantine on our return. We planned to visit southern Denmark, but not visit the beaches of the north west coast where the surfing is good, or Copenhagen, the capital city, preferring a more low-key exploration of other places.

We usually go to France or Belgium several times a year – perhaps for a day's shopping, or a few days break, and are familiar with the sites and facilities that we value in Flanders and northern France. We have travelled extensively in France, Italy, southern Germany, and Spain, but had never headed north.

We had traded our twenty-five-year old Symphony for a beautiful ten-year old Auto-Sleeper Stratford, and were keen to get out and about, knowing we could minimise our exposure because we would be as self-contained as we wished. We have only been holidaying for three years in a motorhome. My husband retired at 60, and I am a self-employed artist, aged 57, we are both active and able, but not very athletic, but our time was especially flexible this year.

On 27 August, we set off, normally with empty cupboards and take delight in the different shopping experience and flavours on the journey, but this time we were prepared for the Apocalypse, with every cupboard filled with our requirements. I even managed to make a couple of loaves of sourdough bread while we were away.

We live less than an hour from the Channel tunnel, so this would be a full day's drive into Germany. We had booked into a campsite in Munster for two nights. Munster is a lively city, we had a great evening, and a wonderful following day.

Our experience of German campsites isn't extensive, but we have consistently noticed they were excellent. We found advance planning is important, even their 'pitstop' space for an overnight stay can be fully booked. Many motorhome visitors seem to stay for a week at a time, and some filled with people who pitch up for the entire season, so there is limited flexible space. 



Next we had the 400km drive near to Ribe in south western Denmark to our next campsite. There were no tolls, but the roads were pretty busy especially around Hamburg, and more congestion than I had expected.

Our campsite near Ribe - not far from Esbjerg was idyllic, leafy, quiet and almost empty. The facilities were clean and simple, and the washrooms heated. The site shop was stocked with useful essentials and accepted breakfast bread orders. The campsite had a large glasshouse with palms in it, with a long communal table. As Denmark can be chillier and wetter, this was a good facility. We didn't use it because there was a local classic car rally group camping there, and we had resolved to keep our distance this summer.

Ribe is a pretty town with an enormous collection of original buildings – a sort of living town museum. To sit in the Square, watching people and drinking chilled beer was an absolute treat. We could have cycled the 7 miles into Ribe -it was absolutely flat, and many small roads could be taken.

View from the rooftop gallery, ARoS, the Aarhus art gallery



We made a visit to Aarhus, the second largest city in Denmark. It was very busy, with the start of term feel to it- many university students were returning. Although we had decided to cycle about we soon changed our minds: the campsite was uphill on a long straight artery out of the city... not a pleasant journey for me, even with my electric bike – but my husband would have done it. The Art Gallery was amazing, the supermarkets were good, the harbour was lively too.

We travelled on to Odense, to the town campsite, faultless, clean, quiet and comfortable. Cycling into the centre and all around was easy and enjoyable. There is a lovely meandering river with a wide track that takes you through the woods, by the river and into town. Many people were walking, jogging and cycling there.

Finally, we headed south to a large campsite near Aarosund, close to the

German border, very clean and quiet. It had a superb swimming pool that we enjoyed very much. Only 10 people at a time with Covid restrictions – not a problem, as we were the only people there. Again, cycling is the way people get about, and the roads and cycle lanes and paths were easy to use.

Our final two nights were back in the Munster campsite.

We could have safely and easily eaten out more, safely visited more museums and galleries, and shopped much more than we did – but we had resolved to try to minimise social contact. We deliberately chose to be low key. Nevertheless, we did some tourist things, visiting a ceramic museum, a couple of art galleries and some shopping - of course.

The late August/early September temperature was about 20C by day, maybe a little warmer in the sunshine, and cooler in the evenings at about 17C, and colder still in the night-time.

Our average nightly campsite cost was £25-£30. We filled up with LPG in Middelfart apparently there are only six.

In both Germany and Denmark hand gel is immediately available every time you enter a building. Masks must be worn in shops in Germany, but not in Denmark. Otherwise the Covid arrangements felt less onerous than here.

The Channel Tunnel crossing was twice as expensive as last summer! In addition we took out £40 cancellation cover. The outbound journey was quick and easy. Our return trip could have been improved if they had permitted



us to take an earlier train. Instead we waited 2½ hours for the one we were booked on. The place was very, very empty indeed : about 5% of the car park and queuing lanes in use. We avoided the lounge. On the whole trip we saw a scant half dozen GB plates, and they were all close to Calais.

I hope this encourages other Auto-Sleeper folk to consider Denmark as a holiday destination.

WHERE WE STAYED

Munster Campsite: Campingplatz Münster, <https://www.campingplatz-muenster.de/>. Two nights on our way out, and two nights on our return.

Ribe Campsite: Darum Camping, <https://www.darumcamping.dk/>. Three nights.

Aarhus Campsite: Aarhus Camping, www.aarhuscamping.dk. Two nights.

Odense Campsite: DCU-Odense City Camp, <https://www.dcu.dk/campingplads/dcu-odense-city-camp>. Two nights.

Aarosunc Campsite: Gammelbro Camping, <https://gammelbro.dk/>. Two nights.

WHAT WE FOUND

The Danish sites we stopped at were more variable than Germany, a little less regimented- more variety about the size of the pitches - and equally clean and well run. We were given a book of Danish campsites. when we first arrived in Ribe. which listed many campsites along with their opening dates. Fishing, and fish cleaning tables were all available on the Danish campsites we visited, as with all the Danish campsites, chalets are available. Probably a good idea in winter time

The German pitches, all precise, and they like to tell you exactly where to put the van. It can be important to agree to park it in the other way around to accommodate our left-hand side door and awning. The washrooms and facilities are perfectly maintained and excellent local information available. Cycling is usually easy in and around the campsite.

Campsite at Bramming, mid way between Esbjerg and Ribe.



Dingbats Quiz

say what you see

As usual, the small numbers at the top are the number of letters in the words so: 5, 5, 3, would be 3 words: 5 letters 5 letters & 3 letters

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TECH TALK with Dennis

Water filler - update

I received this welcome email from Martin Peace with a very interesting observation – thanks Martin.

Hello Dennis,

I read with interest the item in the last issue of the club magazine ,pg 15, re the device for manually filling with water submitted by Dave10620.

What a great idea! I've been searching for something like that for ages. I purchased the part suggested from Screwfix and thought my problems were solved. Unfortunately even though I too own a Nuevo (2018) the part needed a bit of a modification to fit my filler point.

My van is fitted with a Fiamma filler cap. A friend of mine owns a Broadway and it fitted perfectly, but his filler cap is a different make.

Anyway, I removed the lip from the end of mine and it fitted fine. On filling with



water I discovered water running out from a sealed body panel joint behind the rear nearside wheel arch. I suspect it was water going from the filler housing, through the breather holes (there's a hole in both outer and inner faces of the filler housing) and running along the inside of the van panel somewhere. I am not sure if this would be detrimental to the van.

To cut a long story short I have modified the part further by gluing, with a good epoxy resin glue, a disc cut from a piece of thin 2mm plastic and section of plastic pipe inside it to feed water directly down the water inlet. See photo.

It might be worth considering if anyone else has any concerns. Cheers.

Martin Peace 1030



Spare wheel carrier for Stanton

Another enquiry this month comes from Peter Lowther 10827 about carrying a spare wheel for his Stanton. Many of you will know that the Stanton is built on the short wheelbase Sprinter chassis and because it is rear wheel drive and has a differential at the rear, by the time the water tanks are fitted there is no room underneath for a spare wheel. His enquiry reminded me that I had seen a bespoke carrier for the Stanton. It is made by Watling Engineers Ltd in St Albans. They cost around £600+VAT fitted and are made to order. It does not seem unreasonable to me considering the cost of having a bike rack fitted, which might be an alternative if you can secure the wheel to the satisfaction of the police.

For those who might be interested in the added peace of mind, here are the contact details...

Ben Babcock
Watling Engineers Ltd.
www.watling-towbars.co.uk
sales@tow-bars.co.uk
TEL: +44 (0)1727 873661



Gel Coat repair

Dave Davis 10908 had an unfortunate incident involving his new Broadway EB that required a small quantity of Gel Coat for the rear panel. He was advised to go to Cheltenham Laminating who made him very welcome, gave him a factory tour and provided him with a small quantity of "Peugeot White" Gelcoat for his DIY repair. He reports he is very happy with the finished repair. He says you would not know where the repair was. <https://cheltenhamlaminating.co.uk/contact> They manufacture many of the GRP panels for Auto-Sleepers. You may recall a repair to an Auto-Sleepers Monocoque door lock they carried out that was described in an earlier Tech News.

Technical Library

Please remember, There is a small library of workshop manuals for our vehicles that are listed on the website. They are available for loan.

Safety Note

This month's safety message is to remind everyone, no matter whether working on your motorhome or doing any other DIY project to think first. do you need a second person to help.

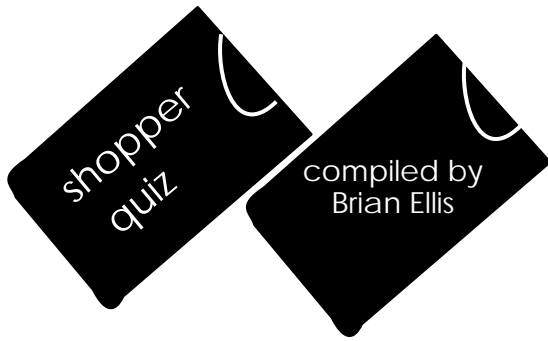


Occasional table for free

A quick modification to the locker door on my Stanton, gave me a very useful side table for occasional use. It bothered me that the locker door was allowed to drop down without any support other than the hinges taking the strain.

I used an old Guy rope cord from a windbreak and fixed it inside the locker with short screws and a washer. Works great! The door still shuts and latches with the cord in place around the latches. Just be careful about the length of screws you choose. Too long and you will be repairing a hole in the outer wall!





- 1 Which chocolate bar from the Mars company features a palm tree on the wrapping?
- 2 Which brand of toothbrush is named after a type of tooth?
- 3 According to the advertisement slogan, how many cat owners claim their cats prefer Whiskas?
- 4 What is the product that DFS specialise in the sale of?
- 5 Which English war sounds as if the two sides were fighting over a box of chocolates?
- 6 Which spread do you either love or hate?
- 7 What is Berti Basset made of?
- 8 Which brand of Lager has a name that means "cheers" in Swedish?
- 9 Which brand of sausage shares its name with a borough of London?
- 10 What is commonly known as the original Irish Cream?
- 11 What colour is Felix the cat in the cat food adverts?
- 12 What is the Logo for the National Lottery?
- 13 Which brand of tea includes an English county in its name?
- 14 What type of tea from Twinings is named after a British nobleman?
- 15 What is the sixth most populous city in the United States and a brand name of cheese?
- 16 Old speckled what? is a brand of beer?
- 17 Which sportswear brand was named after an African antelope?
- 18 Which flavour of ice cream is also a native of a historic city in Southern Italy?
- 19 Which city on the east coast of Scotland gives its name to a Walkers Luxury fruit cake that is traditionally topped with almonds?
- 20 Which potato based snack comes in tubular cans?

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP STILL ONLY £20 FOR 2021

Membership of ASOC becomes due on the 1 January 2021 except for those joining after September 2020 as their membership is valid until the end of December 2021.

Any renewals not received before 10 January 2021 will no longer have the ASOC News posted to them and will no longer have access to the member area.

There is no need to fill in and post a renewal form each year.

Please be sure to inform the membership secretary of any changes to your details during the year, by emailing on membershipsec@asoc.uk.com. For those members who do not have email my address is below.

OUR PREFERRED METHOD OF PAYMENT IS BY BACS

For members new to BACS or who do not use internet or on-line banking, BACS payments are simple. You can either make BACS payments online through your internet banking system or go to your bank and ask over the counter to make a BACS payment.

The information the Teller will need is your bank account number and sort code (printed on your cheques) and the Bank name, account number and sort code of our club bank, together with a payment reference.

When submitting your BACS payment please use as the payment **reference your ASOC membership number first followed by your surname.**

Any other inclusions in the reference box may delay you receiving your new membership card(s). This is how the treasurer and membership secretary will identify your payment (eg. 1234 Smith).

Our bank account details are:

The Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club
National Westminster Bank
Sort Code 01-01-78
Account Number 19654375

PAYMENT BY CHEQUE

You can still pay by cheque if you prefer, and if you do, you must put your membership number on the back of the cheque. That is all we need as your name will be printed on the front of the cheque. To speed up the process please **do not** send your payment to the Willersey address.

Cheques should be made payable to The Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club and should be posted to:

Jean Downie
ASOC Membership Secretary
88 Portreath Drive
Allestree
Derby DE22 2SD

Your new membership card(s) will be sent out as soon as possible after your payment has cleared.

As a result of a decision made by Members during the 2019 Annual General Meeting, members who have been in the club for 30 continuous years or more become “Gold Members”.

If your membership card says “Member since 1990”, you will no longer need to renew or pay an annual subscription. You will be issued with a gold membership card. This card will be valid for as long as you own an Auto-Sleeper. Your membership number and entitlements remain the same. These cards will be issued in December.

Jean Downie
Membership Secretary

dingbat quiz answers

- 1/ When push comes to shove 2/ A lost cause
- 3/ A fine line between love and hate 4/ No one is above the law
- 5/ Running on empty 6/ Skating on thin ice (i's)
- 7/ Left right and centre 8/ To hell AND back
- 9/ An eye for an eye (eye 4 eye) 10/ Wise after the event
- 11/ Where there's a will there's a way 12/ Back to square one

Shopper quiz answers

- 1 Bounty 2 Wisdom 3 8 out of 10 4 Sofas 5 War of the roses 6 Marmite
- 7 Liquorice 8 SKOL 9 Richmond 10 Baileys 11 Black and white
- 12 A blue hand with crossed fingers 13 Yorkshire tea 14 Earl Grey
- 15 Philadelphia 16 Hen 17 Reebok 18 Neapolitan 19 Dundee 20 Pringles

Payment required is by bank transfer, email your order to regalia@asoc.uk.com

We will confirm your purchase together with our bank details, and reference number to be used when paying by bank transfer. It is important to use the reference number when transferring as we require it to deliver the order

Club shop

order forms available on the website

017 TWO ASOC PENS
£2.50

required

013 LITTLE MAN STICKER
£3.95



4" high, available in purple, silver, red, blue, green and black

required

purple silver red
blue green black

012 BUDDY BEAR £12.50



with ASOC tee shirt

required

(INCLUDES DELIVERY EXCEPT ITEM 021)

015 ASOC GRILLE BADGE
£15.10



with fixings (fits all vans)

required

014 LANYARD £3.90



required

018 SCREEN BADGE £1.20



required

PITCH RESERVATION BOARD



019 without vehicle registration £5.40

020 with vehicle registration £8.40

019 020

required

registration

021 VAN NAME STICKER

plus 60p per letter
postage 70p

required

lettering required

Brush Script
Times Roman
Aachen Bold
Helvetica Bold

ASOC EVENTS



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RALLY INFORMATION NOVEMBER 2020

RALLY MARSHALS

are you running your rally in 2021

If so, the Rally Coordinator needs the details by the end of
November 2020

FANCY RUNNING A RALLY?

Let us have the details by the end of November 2020

The Rally Coordinator has a list of suitable venues to hold rallies if you don't want to find a venue yourself for the first time.

He is happy to give you any help you may require.

Why not assist a Rally Marshal to see what is involved.



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NATIONAL SPECTACULAR

NEWARK SHOWGROUND

29 APRIL - 3 MAY 2021

You may be wondering what is happening due to the ever-changing advice and restrictions given by the government.

The tablets have kicked in so Martin and I have been organising the event as though everything will be as normal, but will keep reviewing the situation each time the Government do a U turn.

So, for now, the framework is in place for the National to be like other years.

Regarding the costs, we are waiting for prices regarding the food and the electrics so that I can work out the costs per unit.

A full programme of events will be laid out in the programme guide which will be in your arrivals pack.

In the Sir Stuart Goodwin Pavilion, there will be tea and coffee so everyone can have a good old natter, there will also be all the old favourites.

MORE NEXT MONTH FROM MARTIN AND OZZIE WHEN THEY ARE LET OUT ON DAY RELEASE



PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2021

submit up to four photographs

Judging takes place at the National Spectacular

Closing date for entries 31 March 2021

All members per motorhome can enter

Size 6 x 4 inches or 7 x 5 inches unmounted

WIN £25

This years subject for photographs
What did you get up to in your motorhome
during and after lockdown

Entries should be sent with your name and membership number to:

Rita Tubb

70 Charnwood Crescent, Chandlers Ford, Hampshire, SO53 5QL

NOTE: Items entered in the competition may be used in Club publicity



What do you carry in your motorhome?
Have you checked your payload?

