



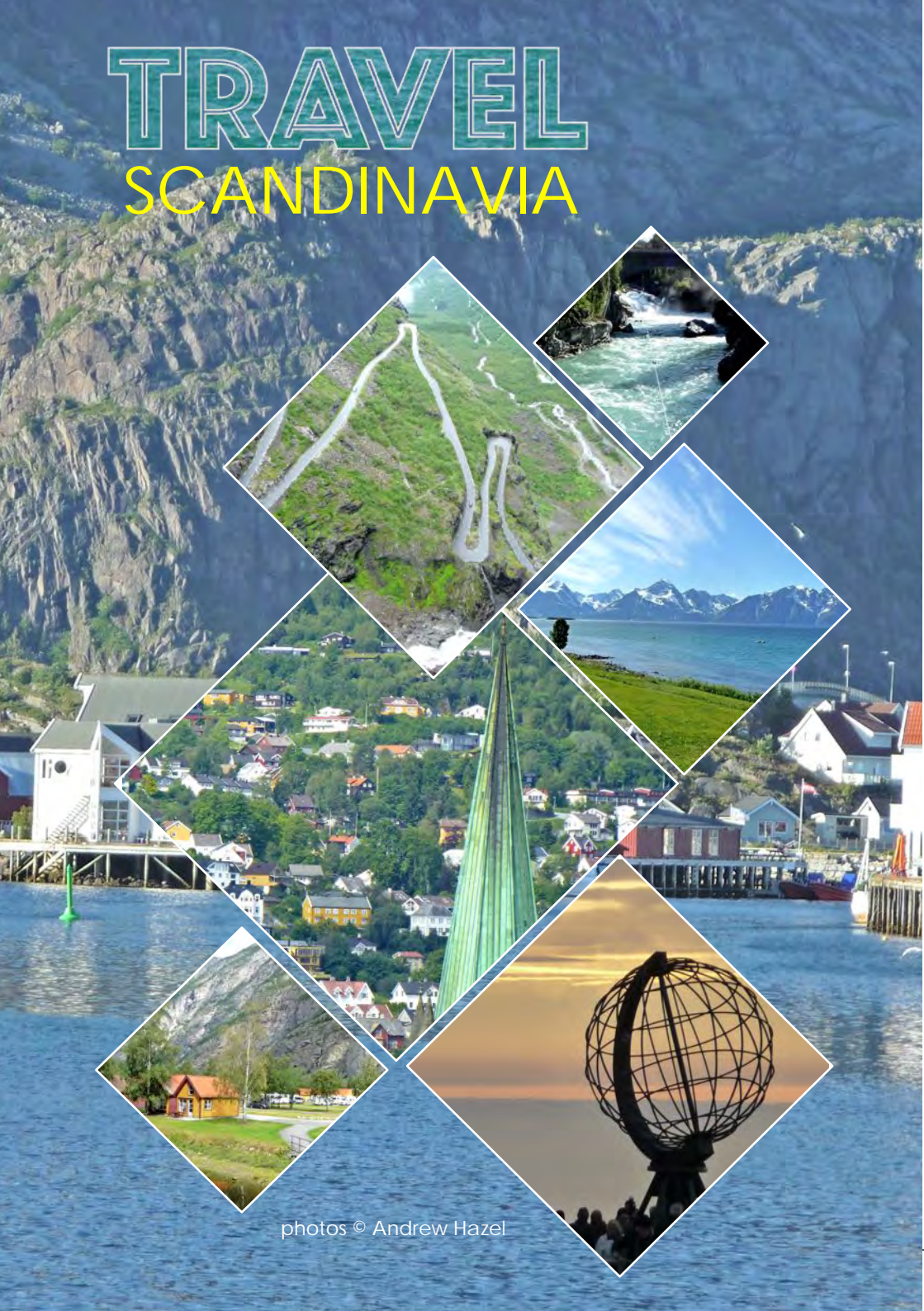
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OF
THE AUTO-SLEEPER OWNERS' CLUB
will be held on
SATURDAY 1 MAY 2021
at 10.30 am

held at the National Rally in the Cedric Ford Pavilion
Newark and Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society Showground
Newark Nottinghamshire

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In the case of Proxy appointment forms they should be received by him on or before 10.30am Thursday 29 April 2021.

Members are informed that they have a right to appoint a proxy.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I completed 15 years on the ASOC committee in October this year, having held the posts of Newsletter Editor, Treasurer, Vice Chairman and Chairman. It was planned that I stand down as Chairman and leave the Committee in May 2021 but as it seems 2021 will be another tricky year, I felt it best to step down now rather than be responsible for changes in the team mid-season. I have enjoyed my time on the Committee and couldn't have done that without the 100% support I've had from Chris.

We plan to rally as much as ever and continue to support the club as many other members do without taking office.

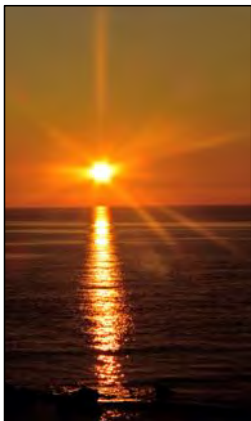
Peter Brown

EDITOR'S VIEW

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Welcome to January News.

As many are using smartphones and tablets, I have been experimenting with the pitchSTOP publication pdf which is available in the member area. It is now available as a website which should make it easier to navigate. The C&MC sites have been removed as these are available from their site. It will eventually be password protected with the same login details as the member area. It is available to view www.asoc.uk.com/p



The campsite is close to the port for the ferry to Norway and had a few groups meeting up at the start or finish of their tours. The ferry is a long one, four to five hours but so long as you don't get sea sick there is an eat as much as you want buffet at a not too expensive price. Once you pay you get the seat/table for the whole trip. As well as an ice cream machine, hot and cold food, beer. Tea coffee are as much as you can eat/drink. Just remember the driver has to drive once back to land. The site is within walking distance to the port with a lighthouse museum and WW2 military installation next to the site. It is not a quiet site due to the number of people coming and going and the ferry times.

view from the campsite at Hirtshals, Denmark
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2021

A big thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership for this year. It has been a very busy period for us all.

The majority of the payments were made by BACS and this has greatly helped the renewal process for the treasurer and membership secretary. Having said that, a few have been very difficult to identify the payee as insufficient information was given as a reference.

Cheques have been fairly problematical this year. Covid has meant that getting to a post office to pay in the cheques has been very difficult due to isolating, long queues and opening times/days of my local post office. Again a few cheques have had incorrect information on them. This is an ongoing problem that we are trying to sort out.

If you have paid either by BACS or cheque and have not received your membership cards, please contact either John or Jean as soon as possible.

We hope you all had a good Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Jean Downie, Membership Secretary

membershipsec@asoc.uk.com

John Geeson, Treasurer

treasurer@asoc.uk.com

WE HAVE A NEW CHAIRMAN

On behalf of the Club and Committee, I would like to thank Peter Brown for his dedication and commitment to the club's committee over the past 15 years, and from a personal perspective, for his guidance and support to me as Vice Chairman, during these unprecedented times.

I wish Peter and his wife Chris well for the future in their many other activities and commitments outside of the Club, and will look forward to catching up with them at future Club events.

Moving forward, I will be stepping up to the role of Chairman with immediate effect, with the full support of the committee, just a little earlier than anticipated as this would have come into effect at the 2021 AGM.

Greetings to you all and please stay safe and well,

Steve Ryan, Chairman

Sending our very best wishes to all members for a Happy and Healthy New Year. Hoping we can enjoy many Covid Free happy times in our vans in 2021. *Janis & Mike Wood*

Wishing all our friends at ASOC a HAPPY NEW YEAR, and we look forward to meeting up with all at the rallies in 2021. We are hopefully running two rallies, one in May at Briarfields in Cheltenham and one in August at Winchester cricket Club.

Rita & John Tubb 4910

BRAIN TEASERS

We would like thank Brain Ellis for encouraging us to keep our brains active during these difficult times. We have always enjoyed Brian's quizzes and dingbats when attending his rallies. We don't necessarily get them all right but it is fun trying to find the answers.

Wherever you get the answers from Brian, it must be getting difficult as you have produced so many in the past. As long as you can keep them going they will be greatly appreciated by ourselves and we are sure many other members would second this. *Shelagh and Phil West (6055)*

Dennis' Tech Talk (News 387 December 2020) mentions Lithium-ion Batteries will be available from Auto-Sleeper in new 2021 models.

Welcome news, especially as the oh-so-helpful electronic controls' power drain makes prolonged wild camping difficult.

But upgrading existing models is an entirely different story. We know because we did it in our 2016 Bourton.

Early Summer 2019, after additional difficulties in the Outer Hebrides, we took advice from our excellent Autosleeper dealers and after much exploration and research we got them to changeover the Bourton leisure batteries to Lithium-ion.

Both before and after this we had extensive phone calls and emails with the Lithium-ion battery suppliers, the battery manufacturer, especially their research and development people, and Sargent electronic controls

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passenger seat and we've changed our travelling to (usually) finding facilities every 3rd or 4th night.
Piers and Frances Brereton 9663

E&P hydraulic levelling system
Following Steve Ryan's article "Reflections of 2020" in the December issue, I have decided to enquire if any other members have had experience of E&P levelling systems. Ours unfortunately, has not been a happy one. We purchased our Corinium Duo new in 2018 and have been delighted with it. The only drawback seemed to be getting the van level on site which needed to be quite accurate for the fridge to function properly. The decision was made in 2019 to look into a hydraulic levelling system, although quite expensive. Being a cautious fellow I did a lot of research and contacted Auto-Sleepers to ask if there would be any issues such as warranty infringements.

I would be pleased to hear from any members who have experience with E&P hydraulic levelling systems, good or bad, either via the ASOC NEWS or direct to my email.
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Graham & Alison Hutchins 10227

Technical would like to conduct a survey regarding this, see page 16.

Thank you
I would like to thank Brian for setting the Ding Bats and Quizzes in the magazines. Over the lockdowns and summer months when travelling has been limited it was so good to have something to concentrate on. The Ding Bats I gave up on but the quizzes I enjoyed. →

Michael and I have been zooming our friends once a week and, I hope Brian doesn't mind but, I've used one or two of his questions when its been my turn to do the quiz.

On the two occasions we have ventured out this year, we've had to return home before our 'allotted' time. The first was a 600 mile round trip to Moffat in two days and the second to the Lakes - this last lockdown came one week into a three week trip. The weather was appalling with flooding everywhere so it wasn't such a hardship to return home. Just hoping that next time out we will be able to stay for the full length.

Jean Shaftoe 4546

useful links

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HOW IT ALL BEGAN

It was back in 1972 when our eldest daughter, Rina, requested a play tent for her tenth birthday. At that time the Saddle makers, in our local town of Wimborne, were closing. It so happened that they had some two men ridge tents in the sale for £5-00 each. One was bought for Rina's birthday, as she had requested. This was bright orange with a fitted ground sheet & bow tie up door. The following week Frank announced, "Come on, we will go and see Harry Langer to buy a second tent, then we will go away!" So a second tent was bought for £5-00. We were a family of Rina aged ten & seven year Nicola & Christopher of four, plus a yellow Labrador. We quickly checked the second tent was complete, packed up a change of clothes & off we went to Exmoor. The only camping equipment we had were four sleeping bags between us. Rina & Nicola shared one tent. In the other tent were Frank & myself, plus Chris, sharing my sleeping bag. On the way we stopped at a town & bought a set of billing cans & a single Camping Gaz burner. So we were set up & ready to go. On arriving at our chosen destination, we knocked on a farmer's door to ask if we could camp in his field. So for the cost of two shillings (10p) we pitched our tents. Oh how lovely, even though the ground was hard. I can still smell the canvas of those two little tents. We loved it and our experimental three nights were a huge success so couldn't wait to go again. After two years we were hooked. Then at the end of season, bought an ex-hire six man frame tent for the cost of £90. A few years later as the children were growing; we bought & made a trailer from a DIY kit, plus other camping items as we could afford them. This tent was our holiday home for the next eleven years, taking us all over the UK. From visiting friends on the Isle of Skye where we were nearly blown away, to staying where I spent the war years in Cornwall. How we enjoyed these holidays. Nicola jokes that on nearly every holiday the car broke down & we had to call the AA, the joys of running an old car. No spare cash in those days. As the children grew up & chose not to come anymore we bought our first camper Van a VW Type two, Devon conversion. This was in 1985 and was followed by four more vans, three of them Auto-Sleepers, the last being our much loved Executive. Now at the ages of eighty one & eighty six, it is time to holiday on our so many memories and photographs. The rest is history! *Pauline Stevens, 4737*

Dingbats Quiz say what you see

As usual, the small numbers at the top are the number of letters in the words
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Compiled by Brian Ellis

Snapshot of Swanage

Swanage area has a lot to offer, with many campsites to suit everyone. A long stretch of beach, coastal paths to Dancing Ledge which can be reached via Durlleston Park, which also has a cafe and visitor centre.

Just a few miles away is Corfe with its castle run by the National Trust, A scenic railway will take you from Swanage or the local bus. A favourite walk is from Corfe back to Swanage on the hills which overlook wonderful views of Brownsea Island and the sea below.

<https://www.visit-dorset.com/explore/areas-to-visit/swanage>



ROUND BRITAIN QUIZ

compiled by Brian Ellis

- 1 What is the official language of the Isle of Jersey.
- 2 Which island hosts the motorcycle T T races.
- 3 The channel tunnel was officially opened May the 6th but of what year.
- 4 What name was given to the 300 mile trek made by Northern workers during the great depression.
- 5 Which football team is nicknamed "The Saints"
- 6 Which University admitted Prince William as an undergraduate in 2001.
- 7 On which Island did Queen Victoria die,
- 8 Where in London does the Marathon finish.
- 9 Which English county shares its name with a horse drawn carriage that in the song had a fringe on top.
- 10 Which British river, beginning with "S", was named "Sabrina" by the Romans.
- 11 Where was crickets first world cup held in 1975.
- 12 The popular British Pub name The Royal Oak is named after whom?
- 13 In which British city was Guy Fawkes born and Dick Turpin killed.
- 14 In which British city would you find Arthurs seat,
- 15 Name the medical man who got wet in Gloucester.
- 16 Which government building is the British Monarch forbidden to enter.
- 17 Name Britain's Infamous prison for the criminally insane.
- 18 What name is given to the three pronged spear brandished by Britanni
- 19 Alphabetically, which British University comes first.
- 20 Which London Street was nicknamed "the street of ink".
- 21 Which East coast resort was the setting for the first Butlin's holiday cam
- 22 Which famous gardening event is held every May in central London.
- 23 When is St. Georges Day.
- 24 Which Scottish football team took its name from the Roman name for Ireland.
- 25 Cheddar Gorge cuts a swathe through which hills?
- 26 Which tree was frequently planted in Church yards in the middle ages, its wood being used for long bows,
- 27 From which creatures is St. Patrick said to have freed Ireland.
- 28 Which site in Gloucestershire, created by Peter Scott, is famous as a wild fowl sanctuary.
- 29 What colour is the Queen Elizabeth rose.
- 30 Wimbledon was what type of sports club when it first opened.



Bath will be implementing its CAZ for the city on 15 March 2021. This means you may need to pay to drive your vehicle into the zone. Private cars and motorcycles will not be charged, Other vehicles who do not meet the standard will be charged £9 or £100 according to the vehicle.

Euro 6 vehicles are free to enter the zone.

Van, light goods vehicle, pick-ups and campervans: under 3500kgs £9

Private heavy goods vehicles i.e. horse transporters or motorhomes: £100 but only £9 if you register your vehicle, which needs to be done yearly.

What does it mean for those driving motorhomes, The main through routes which are used to traverse the city using A4 A36 are now in the zone. Coming from the M4 motorway, down the A46 will take you into the zone. All the known local through routes are now in the zone. This means the direct route to the Newbridge campsite means you will be charged if your vehicle is not exempt. But, a slightly longer route from the motorway and Wiltshire, if you know the area, will get you around the zone to the Bristol side of the city.

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/find-out-bath-clean-air-zone-charges>

The website above shows a map of the zone and all the charges and exemptions. It also has the DVLA checker link, it will also show Birmingham at the same time.

I will try and show the routes I always use, when CAZ comes into force.



let's visit The Somme, a moving experience

The Somme 100th anniversary

As 2016 was the 100th anniversary of the battle of the Somme, we decided to make a stop at Albert on our way south.

John & Jan Geeson 2187

La Boisselle It was on 1st July 1916 at 0730 several mines were exploded on the German front lines initiating the start of the battle. It was here, at La Boisselle, that one of the biggest mines was exploded. The Lochnagar crater (above) 91 meters in diameter and 21 meters deep is the only crater accessible to the public, it is preserved in perpetuity as a lasting memorial and each year on 1st July memorial services are held.

Thiepval Was a significant position during the war and was fortified by the Germans. The battle to retake Thiepval began on 1st July at 0730 when 100,000 inexperienced soldiers went over the top but were quickly hit by machine gun fire. At the end of the day 60,000 British soldiers became casualties, with 12,372 killed. The first day of the battle of the Somme was a failure, a disaster for the British Army and is known as "The worst day in British Military History"

The Thiepval Memorial The Memorial to the Missing of the Somme is the largest Commonwealth war memorial in the world and bears the names of 72,000 men of the UK and South Africa who died on the Somme and have no known grave. From 1st July 2016 and for 141 days (the length of the battle) commemorative services were held each day at noon. On the day we visited the Brunswick accordion band from Mourne NI, consisting mainly of teenagers, were in attendance, en route for the Menin Gate to perform a piece of music "The Men of Mourne", written especially for the Somme celebrations. They played this at Thiepval and not a dry eye was present, an extremely moving piece, from here they marched to the Ulster Tower.

Thiepval Memorial



The Ulster Tower The memorial stands on the ground where the men of Ulster fought and died. The 36th Ulster Regiment suffered over 5,000 casualties on 1st July 1916, one in four were killed, injured or taken prisoner. There is a small museum in the tower and a café serving light snacks, the chocolate muffins are particularly good.

Beaumont-Hamel The Newfoundland Memorial, managed by the Canadian Government, displays a very moving and visual image through the well preserved network of trenches, covering approx. 30 hectares. The memorial to the 29th Division stands at the entrance to the park and depicts a Caribou, the emblem of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. Three bronze plaques commemorate 820 men from the:- Royal Newfoundland Regiment, the





Danger tree



above: The Ulster Tower
right: The Ulster Tower museum
below: Network of trenches

Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve and the Mercantile Marine who gave their lives during the Great War and whose bodies have never been found. One single tree survived the devastation in the area and is a skeleton of the "Danger Tree," so named as it was situated at a particularly exposed area. The only tree that survived in the heart of no-man's land.



An extremely moving experience. The campsite at Albert is situated in parkland with good walks and lakes, and a ten minute walk from the centre of the town.



Greetings. I send a sincere hope that you have all had as good a Christmas holiday as possible this year.

Li-ion battery installation

I was grateful for Piers and Frances Brereton (9663) contacting me about their attempt to upgrade their leisure batteries to Lithium-ion from Lead acid. This was a very timely enquiry as I had just learned that Auto-Sleepers are to fit, as standard, a Li-ion leisure battery as standard to its 2021 range of motorhomes. This is a fantastic step forward for all sorts of reasons which I plan on going into in a future article. Here is their experience with their 2016 Bourton.

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As I own the small cousin of the Bourton, the Stanton and 3 years ago added a second leisure battery, I am interested in the possibility of replacing my two lead acid batteries with a Li-ion battery when these are at the end of their lives. I would like to get to the bottom of the problems that have been outlined here.

I am going to write a technical article for the magazine about the new Auto-Sleeper addition of Li-ion batteries and will work with the R&D team to get an understanding of the issues. It has been made clear to me that Auto-Sleepers will not be offering an upgrade path for current or older models, so I would like to see what can be done for any of us who want to go this route, possibly ending up with a “how to” Ideas Sheet. I will need help with this and would be grateful for any input from members with knowledge of these systems.

Hot bed

Dave Davies (10908) wrote to me describing a problem with the Truma Heater under the bed of his Broadway EB. Waste heat from the combi boiler makes the bed too hot for comfort and he was asking for advice on how to combat this.

My thoughts included improving the ventilation under the bed, perhaps even fitting a silent "Noctua" fan that would cut in when the bed locker gets warm. I cautioned against boxing the heater in as the heater electronics would operate at a higher temperature and this may affect the reliability. Indeed after he contacted Truma for advice, all they could tell him was that covering the heater with anything or fitting fans would void the warranty.

Dave is wondering if anyone else has suffered with this phenomenon and what advice or solutions anyone could offer. Please write to me with your ideas and I will pass them on to him. Perhaps there is a future Tech News article for the magazine based on your experiences.

New models of the Broadway EB have the Whale heating system fitted, which is mounted below the floor. This should eliminate this problem for new owners and also add more storage space in the locker.

E&P hydraulic self-levelling system

Graham and Alison Hutchins (10227) had a new E&P levelling system fitted to their Corinium Duo. This installation has not been without its problems, and to date, they have not been resolved. The levelling jacks slowly let the van down over a couple of days. The problem is being investigated by the installer and also, the manufacturer E&P. Meanwhile there is some frustration building, and Graham and Alison wonder what experiences other owners with these self-levelling systems have.

Consequently, I would like to conduct a small survey of our fellow members who are able to contact me technical@asoc.uk.com with information that I could use to compile a report for the magazine. I would be grateful for Model of van, supplying E&P dealer, approx. date fitted, any details of any service or warranty work carried out and overall opinion of your system.

I will include my own experience with both E&P systems I have purchased on my motorhomes over the years.

If successful, I would be happy to carry out similar surveys on other aspects of motorhome care and use – suggestions welcome.

Auto-Sleepers Service Centre update

From 1 January 2021 the retail labour rate in the Service Centre will increase from £65 per hour to £75 per hour excluding VAT. Habitation servicing costs will remain at £199 inclusive.

EVENTS

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RALLY INFORMATION JANUARY 2021

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

WHITEMEAD RALLY 8 - 12 March 2021

The site is now closed until mid-January. We hope to proceed with the rally, subject to Government guidelines, and have booked the usual pitches on the terrace, hard standing with electric hook-up. At the moment we are unable to book the room for any social gatherings, and they cannot guarantee any indoor facilities being available. The rally will be a DIY, so come along and enjoy the forest. We hope by March things will be better. Details for the rally will be in the February edition of ASOC News

We hope you all have had a good Christmas and wishing you all a healthy and happy New Year.

John and Jackie

Possible rallies 2021

- 8 - 12 March 2021** Whitemead Forest Park
- 17 - 24 May 2021** Briarfields, Cheltenham
- 20 - 25 June 2021** Wigginton F.C. York
- 8 - 13 July 2021** Leons Field, St. Ives
- 15 - 19 July 2021** Beacons Park, Lichfield
- 24 - 29 July 2021** Stafford Boat Club
- 19 - 23 August 2021** Whitby Regatta
- 23 - 27 August 2021** Winchester, Symondians Cricket Club
- 1 - 16 September 2021** Multi-site Scottish Rally
- 6 - 10 September 2021** South Lychett Manor
- 24 September - 4 October 2021** ACCEO AGM

Shows that may take place

- 16 - 18 April 2021** National Motorhome Show, Peterborough
- 20 - 22 August 2021** Great Western Show, Malvern *(we have a marshal)*
- 10 - 12 September 2021** South West Show, Shepton Mallet
- 24 - 26 September 2021** Seasons Finale, Lincoln Showground

Updated 8 December 2020

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.

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.

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7 Osborne House Isle of Wight 8 The Mall 9 Surrey 10 The Severn
11 Lords (London North West)
12 King Charles second, hid in an oak tree to escape his enemies 13 York
14 Edinburgh 15 Dr. Foster 16 The House of Commons 17 Broadmoor
18 The Trident 19 Aberdeen 20 Fleet Street 21 Skegness 22 Chelsea flower
show
23 April 23rd 24 Hilberians 25 The Mendips 26 yew 27 Snakes 28 Slimbridge
29 Pink 30 Croquet

dingbat quiz answers
1. Left high and dry 2. Melt in your mouth 3. Rise above it 4. Daylight robbery
5. Bare minimum 6. Candle in the wind 7. Make ends meet
8. Neither fish nor fowl 9. Like there is no tomorrow 10. No one's perfect
11. Lioness 12. On the scent

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29 April - 3 May 2021

UPDATE

Christmas is over.

Martin, Ozzie and the team hope you have had an enjoyable time though constrained. It is now 2021, and we are both wondering what the Government has in store for us in the way of restrictions. We know that a vaccine is being rolled out and that this will take some time before we all are vaccinated. So, we do not know if the National and AGM will go ahead.

If, and it is a big if, the restrictions allow, Martin and I will rally the troops to try and make the event as safe as possible with the help and advice from the staff at Newark. If social distancing is still a factor, we will have to consider our options.

In the February issue of the News there will be an application form for the event if we have a chance of running it but, as I have commented before, it is in the lap of the gods (Government).

Martin and I have still got our fingers crossed but it's been difficult using cutlery!



PHOTO COMPETITION 2021

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



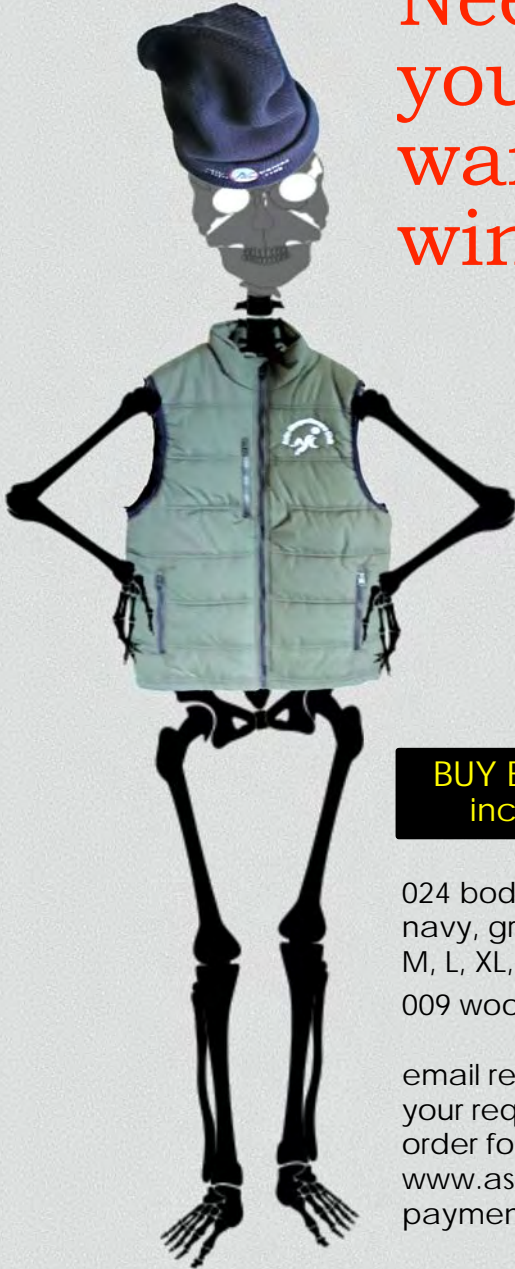
NOTE: Items entered in the competition may be used in Club publicity

submit up to four photographs

All members per motorhome can enter

Size 6 x 4 inches or 7 x 5 inches unmounted

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