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# EDITOR'S VIEW

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Welcome to February News.

Our Rally Coordinator is keeping a close eye on what rallies might run in the current situation.

Many of the articles which appear are from places outside the UK. If any member has any travels within the UK they might want to share, please send them to the editor@asoc.uk.com.

Many members have elected to receive the magazine in electronic form only. If you would prefer this, please let us know.

Being as we are in lockdown, with nowhere to go, I have added an extra quiz this month.

We find some members who are being sent the monthly email are not opened. This may be because they are going to the junk folder or being deleted before opening. Any unopened will now be removed.

Just been thinking, why do you want to be a member of ASOC? I realise that if you use the discounts offered by suppliers you can save the cost of membership, but is that the reason? I have been told that not all members bother to read the magazine. If this is the case, they will not be able to tell me why! Do they find it uninteresting and a complete waste of time. Obviously a committee decision, but is it time to rethink where we should go with the magazine.

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# YOU MUST READ THIS

## IMPORTANT MEMBER REQUEST

is this you?

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Request from the Treasurer

I have received the following membership renewals which neither the membership secretary nor myself are able to identify.

The only details I have, which appear on the bank statements, are as follows:

02/11/20 Pearson

10/11/20 Mr AK & Mrs JESAutosleeper

08/12/20 Harris Renewmembership

14/12/20 Autosleeper Membership

If you have not yet received your membership cards, and applied for them on the above dates, please make contact with the treasurer to identify yourselves.

It is essential, when renewing by bank transfer, that your details are as requested by the membership secretary as advertised in the Newsletter.

Thank you for you cooperation.

John Geeson, Treasurer  
treasurer@asoc.uk.com

# WE ARE VERY SORRY

You know what is coming next without having to read the rest of the article

First, you will read that I refer to zoom in this article. Zoom is an online audio and web conferencing platform. The meetings happen in a zoom app.

The committee had a zoom meeting on Saturday 2nd January 2021 to decide on a course of action due to the covid-19 pandemic.

It was agreed that the overriding consideration was the health and safety of our members, to this end the committee agreed that the only responsible action was to again cancel the National Rally, and that the AGM should be conducted by a zoom meeting.

THE AGM IS STILL BEING HELD ON SATURDAY, 1 MAY AT 10.30AM.  
BUT BY ZOOM.

As a Club and a Company, the committee/directors have a responsibility to hold an AGM before the end of May 2021, as per article 16 of our Articles of Association.

A zoom meeting by its nature is restrictive in the interaction between the committee and members, it also means that there will be a limited number of members that can participate. It is too early to say how many and the way the system will work, but you can be assured that the committee will make it as all-encompassing as it can. The committee knows that this will mean that some members will miss out, but this cannot be helped.

Full details will be in the March/April News about how the zoom AGM will be conducted.

Martin, Ozzie, and the team, together with the committee wish everyone in the words of the song, "We'll meet again don't know where, don't know when, but I know we'll meet again some sunny day".



1 Peace makers gesture

2 In the garden of Eden

3 Heart of .... marching tune of Royal Navy

4 Expanse of sand

5 Used for cricket bats

6 Fire residue

7 Sweet or horse

8 Oxford blues practice this

9 4th July, 5th Nov, 25th Dec

10 Part of the hand

11 Syrup for pancakes

12 Neat and tidy

13 Island in the Med.

14 Twisted mile

15 Boeing 747... etc

16 Not me !!

17 Main goal gets mixed up

18 Zaccaeus climbed this

19 More senior

20 Reconstituted melon

## A QUIZ OF TREES

Each answer is the name of a tree

compiled by Brian Ellis

21 No "H" on the ships wheel

22 I think it begins with a trump card

23 A precious old punishment

24 Think it over before interring

25 You don't want to finish at the top of this

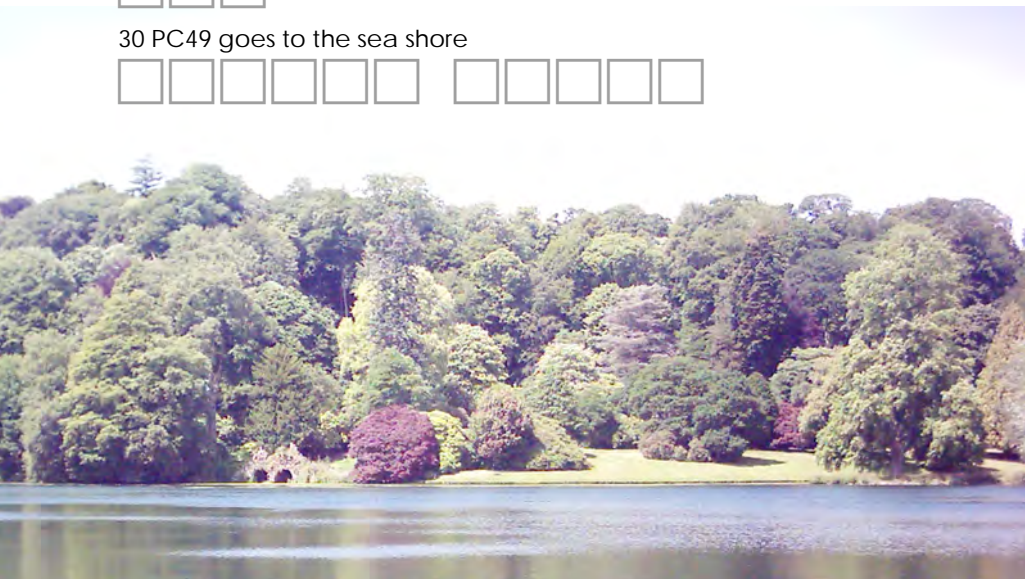
26 This primate does a conundrum

27 Sorceress

28 Used to make Noah's Arc

29 A month

30 PC49 goes to the sea shore



Dingbats Quiz just say what you see

Some easy ones this month

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

4,1,8,3,2,1,8

1/

4 7

2/

5 3 5

16oz 16oz

3/ 16oz 16oz

3, 3, 3

**Chow**  
chew  
**Chow**

4/

1, 3, 5, 3, 4

5/

3, 2, 3, 4

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B

6/

4, 4, 2, 5

**AN**  
KOOL  
**GER**

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4, 3, 3, 5

*Hamlet*  
*Tom Jerry*

8/

5, 5

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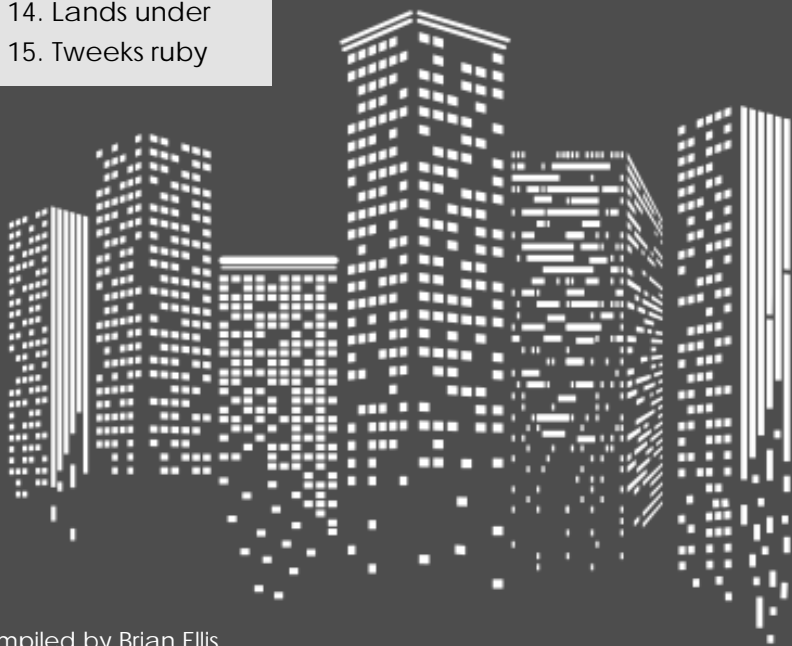
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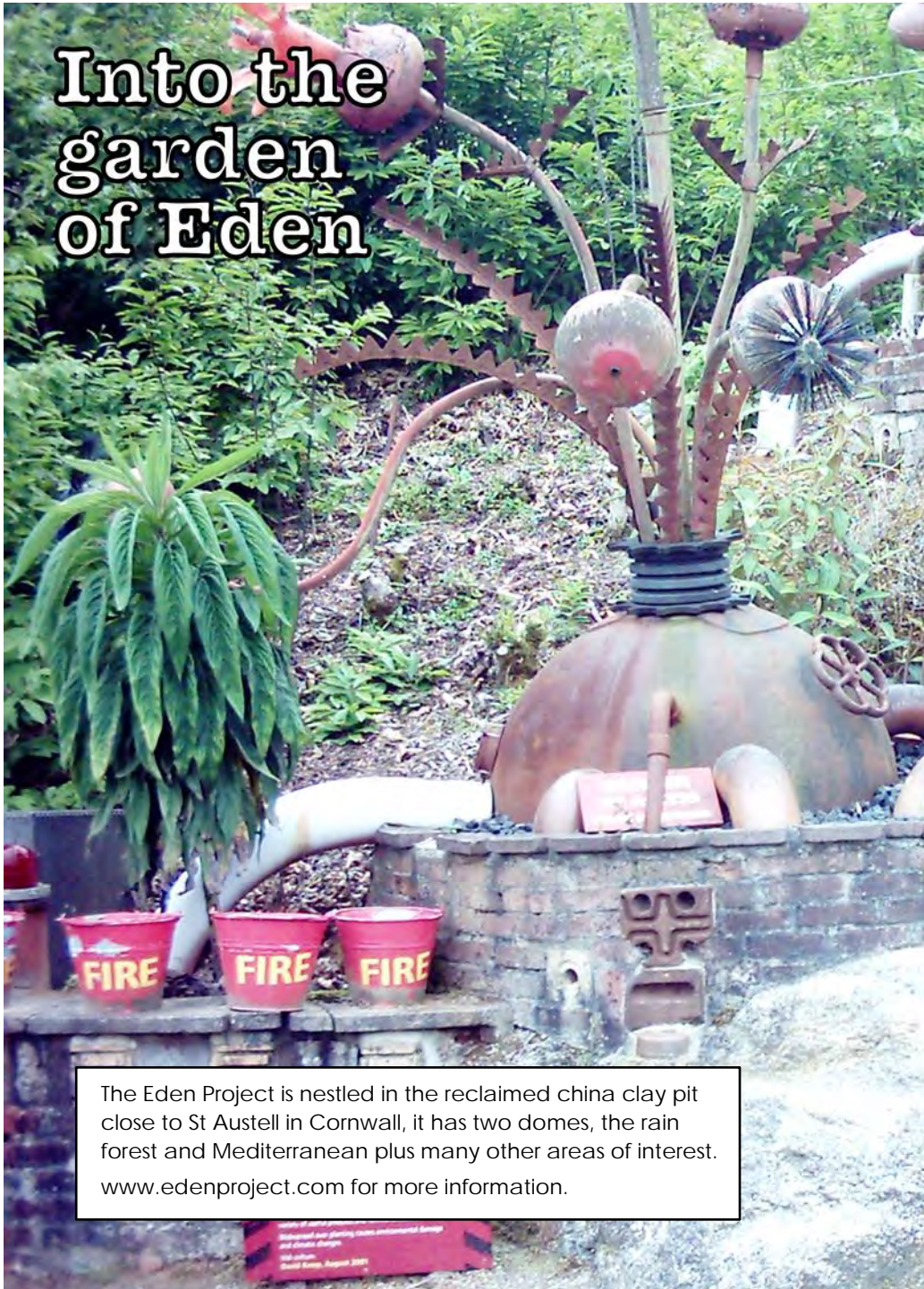
# British Towns and Cities (anagrams)

1. Row daft
2. Left rod
3. No blot
4. Rise call
5. Rest can do
6. Been read
7. No winds
8. Shave me
9. NATO nut
10. Stew chop
11. Lost rib
12. Ruby recan
13. Ban dingo
14. Lands under
15. Tweeks ruby



compiled by Brian Ellis

# Into the garden of Eden



The Eden Project is nestled in the reclaimed china clay pit close to St Austell in Cornwall, it has two domes, the rain forest and Mediterranean plus many other areas of interest. [www.edenproject.com](http://www.edenproject.com) for more information.



Quizzes, Dingbats and others

I noticed a couple of omissions in the December quiz.

These probably occurred while transferring to print due to page margins or text box sizes.

The Round Britain quiz had 30 questions but only 28 answers,

Oop's

As many of you know, this sort of thing is not uncommon with my quizzes, as with possible alternatives, or in some cases the correct answers to some questions, but as always they are covered by the quiz rules;

RULE 1 my quiz my rules.

So; 29/ What colour is the Queen Elizabeth rose, it is Pink

and; 30/ Wimbledon was what type of sports club when it first opened. It was formed in 1868 as The All England Croquet Club with the first true competition held in 1870.

Credit for the quizzes and in particular to the Dingbats should go to the many sources from which they are gleaned. Although I do alter, modify or in a few cases, come up with originals, they are mostly passed around in one form or another in newspapers and other publications, quiz books, pub quizzes and other clubs quizzes etc. I have swapped or traded many in the past.

Fortunately these things are not copyrighted and like most quiz masters, I am quite happy to see people re-use them or pass them on to their social clubs or other such organisations. This applies especially to

some of my own quizzes such as the towns and cities which took quite some time working through the Great Britain Atlas index.

The time was well spent though because I passed this quiz around to several other clubs and was fortunate to win a bottle of wine from one club event when they chose to use this quiz.

(Linda made me own up and pass it on to second place)

Enough said about quizzes, the only question left to answer is, when will we get back to some semblance of normality.

Hopefully soon, until then stay safe and well. All the best

Brian and Linda 2360

*I would like to place all the blame on Brian, but have to share it with him [editor]*

Memories stirred

Reading December's Hub a mention of a Highwayman by Julia & Tony Lain stirred memories of my late in-laws adventures in such a van. A journey to Australia through Europe, Greece, Bulgaria, Turkey, Afghanistan and Iran. A prolonged stay in India & on to Nepal. Then on to Singapore where the family had lived during my father in law's RAF service. A ferry journey to Australia. The friends and families they made are still in touch with us. We started motorhoming late in life (70s) but curtailed by poor health and Covid, we haven't achieved their great adventures. But nonetheless do enjoy our life in our portable home.

Colin Baker 10113

Can you help please

My wife and I are running the Lichfield rally this year; having taken over from Peter and Christine.

We are looking for assistant marshalls to help out on this large rally and shall be grateful if you will put an advertisement for this in the next magazine please. Friends we had in mind now cannot join us:

*'Help required as Assistant Marshalls at the Lichfield Rally in July. The welcome volunteers will have preferably attended this popular rally before and be available to be in Lichfield on Weds 14th July; the day before the rally starts. Please contact us on viles100@aol.com, for more information, Thank you.*

Tony and Val Vile

Travelling to France? You may find this information useful, you can sign up for a free monthly newsletter by email.

[www.motorhomingfrance.co.uk](http://www.motorhomingfrance.co.uk)

Don't forget the photo competition closes 31 March 2021



Fingers crossed and I know it's a bit optimistic, but the first trip is booked for 2021. Going to Iceland in February. If that goes well, will be looking at Asda in March and Tesco in April. Courtesy of JG

Thank you

I would like to thank all the ASOC members for the lovely vase and good wishes you sent to me, it was a big surprise and very much appreciated.

I have come to know you all over the last 17 years and regard you as friends (not clients) and you have listened and supported me through some difficult times for which I thank you all.

I know getting out in your motorhomes will probably not be so easy, but I may just bump into some of you in Broadway when we can all get out and about again, in the meantime, everyone take care and keep yourselves as safe as possible.

Many, many thanks again and best wishes to you all

Carole

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# TECH TALK with Dennis

## Hot Bed issues

I reported on a problem experienced by a member (Dave Davies) who did not like the excess heat generated by the Truma Combi boiler under the bed of his Auto-Sleeper. It makes the bed too hot for comfort.

I heard from Pauline & Robert Gill who suffer from this problem. They give us this feedback...

*"We usually use our Winchcombe year-round and mostly use it on non-electric rallies so have to use the gas heating. The only way is to reduce the heat to about 10deg. and put on more covers. (this can be quite cold in our bathroom in the middle of the night) The main problem seems to be that the gas is very fierce and noisy and takes a long time before the thermostat switches it off. If we go on electric then I can put it on 1EL and this is better and can increase the heat to 12. Giving a much gentler overall heat."*

Does anyone else, who may have missed last month's article have experience to share? Please let me know [technical@asoc.uk.com](mailto:technical@asoc.uk.com)

## Self-levelling systems

Many thanks to Charles Carter, Bill Evans and Richard Burdekin who responded to my appeal last month for feedback on the E&P self-levelling system. It seems that Richard, rather like Graham Hutchins, has not had a problem-free experience and his issues have yet to be resolved. I hope they will both be able to report happy outcomes in the near future, which I will report here. Charles and Bill, like me, both report trouble free use from their systems.

In order to be a bit more comprehensive and informative, I will need a bit more feedback from members who have these systems, or members who considered them and decided they were not appropriate for them. Please consider contacting me [technical@asoc.uk.com](mailto:technical@asoc.uk.com) with your views and experiences.



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## ← Carole Appleton

The Service Department at the factory have lost the services of Carole Appleton who retired just before Christmas. Carole worked for many years in the front office at the Service Centre alongside Mark Burdett. On behalf of the Club, the committee (represented by our Treasurer John Geeson and his wife Jan) presented Carole with a card and a rather splendid vase to help her celebrate and remind her of the contact and help she has given to members over the years. Carole provided much support to members over the years and I am sure she will be missed.

## TECH TALK with Dennis

### Habitation Door

Because of the relationship between the hab door and the fridge vents and other paraphernalia on the side of the Stanton, it was always difficult keeping the door open in nice weather. The slightest breeze would have it slam shut. I was reluctant to fix (screw, glue) something to the outside of the van to hook the door onto to keep it open. My dear mother-in-law (how many of us can say that?) had this Betterware grab handle that fixes to the inside of her shower and I spotted the possibility of using one to keep the door open. It uses suction cups to fix it and grabs hold without marking the painted surface. It is easy to remove and the Bungee keeps the door open very securely.

An added function is as a steadying handle when cleaning the Stanton. The handle will grab anywhere on the sides of the van and when I am climbing up and down my faithful step-up platform to reach the parts I cannot reach from the floor, it gives me the added security as I move around and climb up and down with the cleaning mitt and bucket of water/shampoo. It was suggested to me that it could be used to help you in and out of the van, but I would not recommend that. The suction cups will, over time, give up some of their suction and the handle might let go as you pull yourself over the step and into the van. I



have seen these in the bottom of shower trays as they fall off after a long period of time, under their own weight. For this reason, I don't believe they are really a safe option in a shower as if they are going to let go, they will let go when you apply some force by grabbing to keep your balance. That's when you might end up in a heap. For use as a balancing aid while cleaning, it only stays in place for a few mins until you move on. For permanent use as a grab rail, a handle needs to be properly fixed.

### TV reception

I have reports from fellow members about poor TV reception in their motorhomes. Personally, I gave up on mine in my 2017 Stanton a very long time ago. I fitted an Apple TV box in the van and use it to stream TV catchup services like iPlayer and Netflix / Amazon Prime using my iPhone and a decent data package from Virgin. Nowadays, the new vans come with 4G Wi-Fi fitted as standard so the Apple TV box is not needed (if only I could afford a new van!). I copied the system into my sister's Bourton. If anyone is interested, email me and I will write-up what I did.

I am interested in hearing from you about your TV reception issues to get a feel for how satisfied folks are with their factory systems. I may have some improvements to suggest. Please contact me [technical@asoc.uk.com](mailto:technical@asoc.uk.com) and let me know. It will be important to include your van model and your membership number, if you can remember it.



# EVENTS

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Telephone: 01325 954508  
Email: ncr@mypostoffice.co.uk

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.

## RALLY INFORMATION FEBRUARY 2021

### WHITEMEAD RALLY 8 - 12 March 2021

Due to the current Covid restrictions it has been decided that it is not sensible to continue with the rally.

### Possible rallies 2021

- 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 Beacon 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



If you fancy assisting at a rally, then this is your chance.

We are looking for someone to assist the Rally Marshals at Lichfield in July. If you are interested, please let viles100@aol.com or the Rally Coordinator know.

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

# RALLY INVITATION FROM AAOCC

The AAOCC has extended an invitation to members to attend the following rallies. You are no longer required to join the association as a personal member of Association of Caravan and Camping Exempted Organisations (ACCEO).

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At this time the following rallies are being declared as "open" for attendance by members of ACCEO Affiliated Clubs and ACCEO Personal Members.

McKies Caravan Park, Inholme Farm, Beeford, YO25 8BG

Friday 30th April to Monday 1st May 2021

£14.00 per night Inc electric

Thoresby Park, NG22 9EP

Thursday 27th May to Monday 31st May 2021

£10.00 per night (no electric)

Birchwood Tourist Park , Coldharbour, Wareham, BH20 7PA

Wednesday 8th September to Wednesday 15th September 2021

Holiday Rally, set price per unit booked of £125 for 7 nights including Hookup

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For enquiries and bookings to [mick@aaocc.org.uk](mailto:mick@aaocc.org.uk)

The booking form is available on the AAOCC website [www.aaocc.org.uk](http://www.aaocc.org.uk)

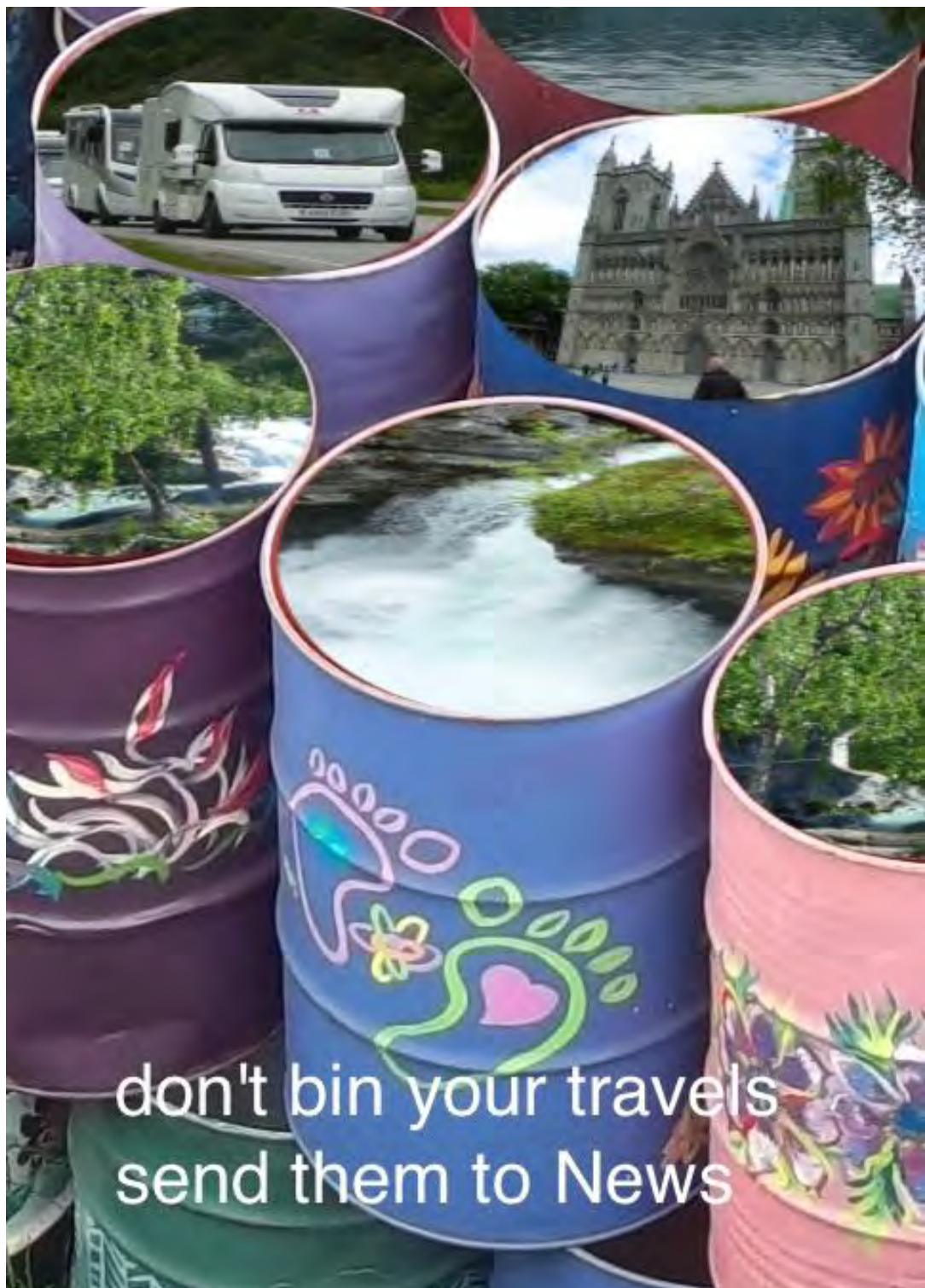
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Please note: Member attending invitation rallies advertised by ACCEO or AAOCC in the magazine do so at their own risk and are not covered by the Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club insurance should there be an accident or any failing of the organisers of non club events.

British Towns and Cities (Answers)  
1. Watford 2. Telford 3. Bolton 4. Carlisle 5. Doncaster 6. Aberdeen 7. Swindon.  
8. Evesham. 9. Taunton 10. Chesham 11. Bristol 12. Canterbury 13. Abingdon  
14. Sunderland. 15. Tewkesbury

dingbat quiz answers  
1/ Make a mountain out of a molehill 2/ Bank Balance 3/ Pound for pound  
4/ Dog eat dog 5/ A cut above the rest 6/ Bob up and down  
7/ Look back in anger 8/ Play cat and mouse 9/ Oceans apart  
10/ Tennis elbow (X 10) 11/ A "little over" weight 12/ Down to business

Trees quiz answers  
1 Olive 2 Fig 3 Oak 4 Beech 5 Willow 6 Ash 7 Chestnut 8 Rowan 9 Date  
10 Palm 11 Maple 12 Spruce 13 Cypress 14 Lime 15 Plane 16 Yew  
17 Magnolia 18 Sycamore 19 Elder 20 Lemon 21 Elm 22 Acer  
23 Silver Birch 24 Mulberry 25 Gum 26 Monkey Puzzle 27 Witch Hazel  
28 Gopher wood 29 May 30 Copper Beech



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# PHOTO COMPETITION 2021

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

Closing date for entries  
31 March 2021

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submit up to four photographs

All members per motorhome can enter

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

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