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Welcome to August News.

We have replies from members regarding LPG filling stations they have used and these have been listed later on in the magazine.

Well, we had winner for the competition. Several entries were on the same lines, so they were put in a hat to obtain the winner.

The item was a blocking brass for foiling on the spine of a hardback (cased) book, if you look on your bookshelf, remove the jacket, if it has one, and you will see it on the spine. It can be in gold, silver and other colours.

It reminds of the time when we used to run seminars for self publishers at the factory. We explained how books were put together and used to tear off the covers or cases to show how the text paper was folded, sewn, notched or perfect bound and just throw them on the floor. The look of horror on their faces when picking up a full leather bound edition and they thought I was going to do the same. Even I would have got into trouble, had I done so.

Warwick Racecourse



Win a tenner competition

Congratulations to Robert Chenery 11196

Chairman's chat

With the lifting of the Covid restrictions on 19th July, I hope many of you are taking tentative steps to return to the New Normal. It is good to hear Rallies are now underway and are being well supported by members and there looks to be a great programme of Rallies ahead this year, my thanks go to all the Marshals and organisers. Hopefully, we may be able to squeeze into a rally later in September and meet some of you.

The 3rd July saw the cancellation of the October Motorhome and Caravan show at the NEC, cancelled due to uncertainty over large events. On a positive note I'm aware there has been a huge uptake in demand for the motorhome industry due to many opting for Staycations.

I have also seen the huge demand for Habitation & Safety Checks following the Pandemic lockdown easing, with many service centres fully booked for many months ahead. Having been involved with Health & Safety in my past career it's comforting to hear so many people are ensuring their vehicles are safe to use.

Our Winchcombe has been in undercover storage in Lancashire since March 2019, (having only purchased it in the January) when we popped home to the Isle of Man for a couple of weeks prior to the National, and then the lockdown hit. It has been a challenge to get the various items booked in for service and have parts available. There are many things to think about before we can use, such as base vehicle recall notices, the condition of an engine which has not run, the condition of the batteries which were isolated, tyres, gas systems, water, waste and toilet tank condition, levelling systems, towing systems and known faults on the control systems to repair. Hopefully, we have not had any "little guests" enjoying our van whilst its been in storage. It will be exciting to get back and re-introduce ourselves to the van and hope to get to meet some of you on our travels.

I would like to thank John Geeson, our Treasurer, for all the hard work and enthusiasm he and Jan have put into the Club over the years. John has understandably decided to step away from the Committee from 1st July to welcome home and support Jan's ongoing recovery and rehabilitation following her recent stroke. I'm sure I speak for all in wishing them both well and a long happy future together. Hopefully we will see them at future club events.

Following no response from the recent magazine advert for Treasurer, my wife, Carol, has moved position in the committee from Minutes Secretary to take up the challenge of interim Treasurer. We currently have a number of vacancies on the Committee and would welcome your input, without a committee there is NO CLUB!! We are a friendly bunch, who work as a Team. We meet in person four times a year, or as we have been doing through the pandemic, some of the meetings have been via Zoom.

We do not need heaps of committee experience, just a lot of enthusiasm, inspiration, some bright ideas and a little time to progress YOUR club to support our members and provide the services and activities for the future.

Covid has seen many people change their lifestyles, the way they approach life towards the New Normal, Staycationing with a surge in demand for motorhomes and potential new club members.

If you would like to be part of an enthusiastic team developing the club, why not give me a call or email.

Until next month, stay safe

Steve

Sad to be leaving

Unfortunately after much soul searching I have decided, with great sadness, to sell my camper. I would like to thank everyone who has made me so welcome on the rallies I have attended, from the first one in Holland in 2004, to the last at South Lytchett last year. You made it possible to go to places that I would never have gone to otherwise and the marshals have always worked so hard to make it fun and interesting for all--I shall miss all that so much. I wish you all many more years of happy motorhoming.

Sue Tyack

A big thank you

I would like to thank all members, who, over the past 10 weeks have bombarded me with telephone calls, cards, letters emails WhatsApp's etc., etc., with enquiries and good wishes to both Jan and me. I appreciate immensely the concern from members both present and past. Jan's recovery is progressing very well and she was transferred to Wallingford Community Hospital on 29th June ready for discharge, hopefully, before you read this message.

The support from members of ASOC has been quite overwhelming and humbling and both Jan and I thank you all for your support.

Unfortunately, as the future is uncertain for us both, I have, reluctantly, had to give up my position on the committee as your treasurer but hope to see everybody sometime in the near future

John Geeson 2187

Adieu to ASOC

Alas, Alan and I are announcing that we have had to accept that we must abandon the agreeable activity of being away in our auto accommodation. Alan's Alzheimers has advanced so that it is affecting my ability to assume all the added responsibilities necessary for the adventures which we have always avidly enjoyed. Our all-important axes have taken us on A-roads, autoroutes and autobahns allowing us to stay awhile in an abundance of places from nearby in Axmouth, across in Antrim and abroad as far afield as Austria. Above all, the amazing Association that is known by the acronym ASOC has allowed us to acquire many amiable and affable acquaintances through attending rallies in an array of attractive areas around and about. Examples are Abingdon, Annan and the AGM, but alternatives are available! We have appreciated the abilities of the assorted marshals and assistants in arranging these assemblies for the amusement of all the attendees, giving access to amazing attractions in those areas. Also we would like to add our appreciation to the appointed ambassadors and administrators of the aforementioned ASOC.

Apologies for attempting to use alliteration in this article. It achieves absolutely nothing apart from it allowing the author to take advantage of an ample accumulation of 'a's from the alphabet. With an affectionate adieu to all our allies,

Celia Waugh 4496

HUB

Sad news

DEIDRE I. HAMILTON

July 1924 - June 2021

It is with great sadness that I have to inform members that Deidre has died after a freak accident, a few Saturdays ago, when she and Ralph were preparing to go shopping. Although she was well into her 90's, she was still very fit and healthy, so this was a big surprise to everyone who knew Deidre.

I got to know Ralph and Deidre by chance way back in 1982. My first husband and I had bought our first new motorcaravan from a dealer in Bath. At that time there was a Camping Show at Brands Hatch in Kent, which we went to. As we parked I noticed two consecutive registration numbers to ours, so I moved our camper to park next to them. We soon got chatting to the two owners, and found that we had all been to the same Agent in Bath, of course.

After that we became friends with Ralph and Deidre, and eventually we both changed vans again to buy Auto-Sleepers, once the Club was in existence, and we occasionally met up at Club rallies. The last time was at Lytchet Minster, Poole in 2018. We have always kept in touch with them by phone, and stayed with them once at Pyrford, Woking.

Elizabeth Grimsley 2080

NEW AIRES WEBSITE

The company AirePark Reservation have launched a new website <https://reseauairepark.com/>

ASOC CLOTHING RANGE (INCLUDES DELIVERY)

MENS & LADIES FLEECE £23.30



001 MENS: navy blue, royal blue, seal grey
S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

002 LADIES: navy blue, royal blue, classic red
14, 16, 18, 20

POLO SHIRT £14.30



007 with ASOC badge
dark or light blue

008 with little man motif
pink, dark or light blue
S, M, L, XL

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 a 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

I trust more and more of us are getting out in our motorhomes at last. We enjoyed a very well-run rally at Wigginton, near York a few weeks ago. The weather was kind for the most part and we were able to go and see the very interesting Rievaulx Abbey and Fountains Abbey on two of the best days. Nothing to do with Technical, except while we were away, I had an enquiry about motorhomes, speed limits and unladen weights. My blood ran cold because I know this is a minefield and the government websites and the motorhome brochures turn what should be something straight forward into a nightmare.

Motorhomes and Speed Limits in the UK (a long read)

Here is the nub of the problem: There are two different speed limit restrictions for motorhomes. The higher limits are exactly the same as for normal cars. The lower limits reduce the maximum speeds and are shown in this extract from the government website...

National speed limits

A speed limit of 30 miles per hour (48km/h) applies to all single and dual carriageways with street lights, unless there are signs showing otherwise.

	Built-up areas mph (km/h)	Single carriageways mph (km/h)	Dual carriageways mph (km/h)	Motorways mph (km/h)
Cars, motorcycles, car-derived vans and dual-purpose vehicles	30 (48)	60 (96)	70 (112)	70 (112)
Cars, motorcycles, car-derived vans and dual-purpose vehicles when towing caravans or trailers	30 (48)	50 (80)	60 (96)	60 (96)
Motorhomes or motor caravans (not more than 3.05 tonnes maximum unladen weight)	30 (48)	60 (96)	70 (112)	70 (112)
Motorhomes or motor caravans (more than 3.05 tonnes maximum unladen weight)	30 (48)	50 (80)	60 (96)	70 (112)

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See the problem yet? There is a threshold of 3.05 tonnes (3050Kg) Unladen Weight, above which you must abide by 50 in a 60-limit area, and 60 in a 70-limit area. Simple.

Not so. What is the Unladen Weight of your vehicle? I defy you to find out or calculate it with confidence. It does not form part of the specifications from the manufacturer. We are left with a bewildering range of options for attempting to calculate it. It is not the Mass in Running Order (MIRO), it is not the Maximum Technically Permissible Laden Mass (MTPLM) or any of the other acronyms littered about the spec sheets.

I contacted an Expert. Gareth Marsh is sales and engineering manager of SvTech. Please visit their website - <http://www.svtech.co.uk> This is who they are...

"SvTech offers a range of technical support services to vehicle manufacturers, converters, bodybuilders, dealers and end-users across Europe. Our services are all DVSA-recognised and backed by leading vehicle manufacturers, so if you are looking to modify your vehicle, look no further!"

This is the very surprising advice we are given by Gareth.

GM: For the purpose of motorhome speeds in the UK, these can ONLY work to the figure shown on the logbook/V5c under little letter 'g' Mass in Service.

A couple of things to explain here;

- 1 – The figure shown may not be the same as that shown in the brochure.*
- 2 – This field may be blank.*

Since a motorhome's unladen weight can change depending upon the options requested through the dealer, the actual unladen weight may be much higher (or even lower) than that shown in a brochure.

In my 25 years of covering vehicle approval, I am only aware of one instance of a motorhome being pulled up for a speed issue on an A road where the unladen weight was brought into question.

This turned out to be a vehicle that was incorrectly recorded on the DVLA records as a two-axle rigid truck at 3500kg, when in fact the vehicle was a tag axle motorhome at 5t and it was only due to these errors along with the weight of the vehicle that flagged it up for a check.

Had this been on the V5c as a motorhome and 5t – 3axle, it is highly likely it wouldn't have flagged up a problem, so another recommendation is to check your V5c/logbook details are correct.

So what happens next and what about enforcement?

If there is a figure shown and this figure is over 3050kg, then you are subject to 10mph less than car speed limits on A-roads. - i.e 50mph not 60 mph on a single

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carriageway and 60mph not 70 on a dual carriage way. Still 70 mph on a motorway.

If the field (g) is blank or less than 3050kg then, within reason, you are the same as car speed limits, regardless of details shown in a brochure.

** This doesn't rule out the bigger MH's say a tag axle or American RV where, without doubt, the unladen weight would be over 3050kg, however the WIMS* enforcement and roadside enforcement would only weigh/see the loaded weight of the vehicle and the details recorded with the DVLA/DVSA, so the unladen weight wouldn't be known. An officer is unlikely to start searching for a brochure to find the "claimed" motorhome unladen weight, nor strip the vehicle back to barebones to find this.

* WIMS – Weigh-in-motion sensors.

In-built weighing system in the road. – useful read - <https://keepontrucking.uk/weigh-in-motion-sensors-wims-explained/>

Please be aware that the speeds listed against unladen weight for motorhomes only applies to the UK and not to Europe, where vehicle speed limits are based upon design weight, not unladen weight.

DD: WOW! was my reaction. I had previously gone round in circles trying to calculate my unladen weight from all the figures from Auto-Sleepers' brochures. Now, all I need to do is look at my V5 at item g. Mine, a 2020 Bourton, says 1879. This figure bears no resemblance to any of the numbers I had arrived at which began with a Mass in Running Order of 3043 (A-S supplied data) and with as much calculated weight from all the definitions of what is not "essential habitation equipment" and driver and fuel, the lowest figure I could get to, adding on all the so-called options was 2985. I have no idea where 1879 comes from.

However, Gareth says with his expert certainty that it can only be the Mass in service figure recorded on the V5 which would flag up and count. Having discussed this with him on the 'phone, he agrees with me that the government definitions are muddled and he definitely asserts the Mass in service figure recorded on your V5 is what is on their computer and is the only figure that can be used to determine the threshold. No calculations or guessing needed. Gareth adds,

"although the MTPLM and MIRO may be recorded in a brochure, this cannot reasonably be used to calculate unladen weight for enforcement, as this MIRO figure may include a driver of 75kg, 90% fuel and other non-essential or added items, that were not on the vehicle at time of production – This is not the unladen weight as defined in C&U**. As mentioned, this doesn't rule out the bigger tag axle MH and American RV's, as the unladen weight would of course be over 3050kg, but your typical two axle Auto-Sleepers style motorhome - yes."

** Road Vehicles Construction & Use regulation 1986

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Please re-read his comment item one again, I will have more to say about this next month.

Also, please re-read his comment item two. I can attest to this. I visited Derby Motorhomes as part of this research and Tim Lemon and I took a look at the V5 of a Mercedes based Malvern to see what the Mass in Service (g) was recorded as. NO FIGURE RECORDED. So, this van, coming in with a MTPLM of 4100Kg can legally operate up to the same speed limit as for cars. Please draw your own conclusions from this about the way the regulations are written and implemented.

Gareth has more to say about payload which I will report next month in instalment two. I bet you can't wait!

Enforcement

I wondered about the enforcement side of these regulations. We are very fortunate to have the experience of Police Sergeant, Phil Lee, who is a fellow member (11109). I contacted Phil for a view from the sharp end.

Phil kindly wrote back and I copy his comments (in part) here for us all to benefit from. He qualifies his comments as "informed" as distinct from "Expert" opinion.

PL: The numerous laws applicable to this area would include The Road Traffic Act 1988, Construction & Use Regs 1980, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and probably many others. Each refer to different weights; unladen, kerb, Mass in Running Order – it really is a minefield!

A speed limit is exactly that – a limit – not a target. What is the "weight"? How long is a piece of string?

The unladen weight of any vehicle is the weight of the vehicle when it's not carrying any passengers, goods or other items. It includes the body and all parts normally used with the vehicle or trailer when it's used on a road, but doesn't include the weight of fuel or batteries in an electric vehicle - unless it's a mobility scooter or powered wheelchair (who really thought it necessary to specify the exemption of a 3-tonne mobility scooter / powered wheelchair?) <https://www.gov.uk/vehicle-weights-explained>. How can you use a vehicle on a road with no fuel?

To complicate things further, some also refer to Kerb weight: This is the total mass of a vehicle with standard equipment and all necessary operating consumables such as motor oil, transmission oil, brake fluid, coolant, air conditioning refrigerant, and sometimes a full tank of fuel, while not loaded with either passengers or cargo.

MIRO = is the basic weight straight from the factory, so no water, gas bottles etc. but does this include the weight of any specified option packs?

The state of Policing today is such that there would be exceptionally few officers with training, skill, knowledge and time, to be able to successfully prosecute a

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speeding offence, except where there is a significant transgression of speed.

The Association of Chief Police Officers ('ACPO') publish their guidance on speed limit enforcement ranges:

For 'manned' speed detection equipment, the operator must form an opinion that any particular vehicle is travelling in excess of the prescribed speed limit, and only then can this opinion be corroborated by use of an authorised device (laser speed meter / VASCAR computer). For speed cameras, ('unmanned equipment'), the 2 images produced are the opinion and corroboration of the speed. VASCAR

Limit	Device tolerance	Fixed Penalty when education is not appropriate	Speed Awareness if appropriate		Summons in all other cases and above
			From	To	
20 mph	22mph	24 mph	24 mph	31 mph	35 mph
30 mph	32 mph	35 mph	35 mph	42 mph	50 mph
40 mph	42 mph	46 mph	46 mph	53 mph	66 mph
50 mph	52 mph	57 mph	57 mph	64 mph	76 mph
60 mph	62 mph	68 mph	68 mph	75 mph	86 mph
70 mph	73 mph	79 mph	79 mph	86 mph	96 mph

All speeds identified above are those shown on the speed device, speedometer or other detection devices

operators must maintain and provide their 'assessment' sheet in the event of any anticipated 'not guilty' plea, indicating their record of accurately recording a range of speeds, which adds further variance to the speed ranges. In addition, the officer must conduct a dynamic risk assessment on where and how to stop the vehicle safely, and you will quickly see where enforcing relatively minor infringements becomes onerous.

As can be seen above, we are not talking about a couple of MPH here – you would have to be recorded at an actual velocity of 57mph or above to fall foul of any speed offence, by which your speedometer would probably be reading closer to 60mph anyway, (so quite a way over the speed limit).

Ultimately, was that speed unreasonable in those circumstances? If a driver could evidence that the MTPLM minus the Payload took it under 3050Kg, and therefore out of that legislation, in my opinion prosecution would be unlikely unless there were other attendant circumstances.

My advice would be to subtract the 'user payload' from the MTPLM, as both of these are shown on the specification sheet, (see the example of an Auto Sleeper Malvern opposite).

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Dimensions

Overall Length	7330mm / 24'1"
Overall Width (mirrors folded)	2350mm / 7'9"
Overall Width (mirrors extended)	2780mm / 9'1"
Overall Height	2860mm / 9'5"
Internal Height	1960mm / 6'5"

Weights

MTPLM	4100kg
MIRO*	3218kg
Maximum User Payload	882kg
Essential Habitation Equipment	17kg

In the example above, $MTPLM$ of 4100 Kg – 882 Kg = 3218 Kg, so this is well over the 3050 Kg limit, so the lower speed limits do apply.

This legislation also applies to Ford Transits and other vans of similar size, ('light goods vehicles'), and when have you ever seen a Ford Transit abiding by a 50 mph single carriageway national speed limit for that class of vehicle?

Let us not forget that any speed can be considered inappropriate in certain circumstances, and you must always "drive at a speed that you can stop in the distance you can see is clear".

These large vehicles are our valued possessions. Drive with courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and comfort of yourselves, your vehicle, and everyone else on the roads. Reading the road ahead and anticipating the conditions ahead can save huge amounts of money in fuel and maintenance costs.

DD: So, in the words of Bugs Bunny, for this month "That's All Folks!" - hope you are all still awake – let me know.

Whale Heat Air Survey

Whale are running a competition this year and have increased the prize to £250

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5VWJXGT>

LPG FILLING STATIONS FROM MEMBERS

After last month's request for members to let us know of any LPG stations they have used to fill gas tanks. Below is the list so far. A member also received a list from Morrisons of their filling stations and this is available in the member area of the website. All the stations are slowly being listed in an html file, but it is a bit jumbled at the moment. Please let us know of any LPG stations you are using.

Esso garage
A24/Leatherhead (Surrey) bypass
Givons Grove roundabout, KT22 8LY.
<https://goo.gl/maps/2c4hBYzvx7SMwpok6>

Adams & Sons
Glaston Road,
Morcott, Rutland, LE15 9DL
<https://goo.gl/maps/j4ZEg9nNybHBMQgM6>

Tiddington Garage
Oxford Rd, Tiddington, Thame,
Oxfordshire, OX9 2LH
01844 339210
<https://goo.gl/maps/YnGaM3k71H5yyyhg7>

BP
A50 Derby Road
Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, ST14 5AA
<https://goo.gl/maps/DiDsVzWusoTPGh3a9>

Brownhills Motorhomes (ask in accessories shop)
A1/A46 Junction,
Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG24 2EA
<https://goo.gl/maps/Qhh8Xn2QR9GUaEwW8>

Co-op Petrol Station
(You need to look or ask for the pump)
Broadford,
Isle of Skye IV49 9AE
<https://goo.gl/maps/4jiSoFqgye3QAuN2A>

Autogas 2000 Ltd & Autogas 2000
Leisure Ltd
Carlton Miniott,
Thirsk, North Yorkshire, YO7 4NJ
<https://goo.gl/maps/p8wgShEHQmbJDgHU8>

LPG underslung tanks

A member kindly compiled this little table, which may help to interpret the LEDs. But it depends upon the tank being set at the correct angle. But please remember this is only a guide and maybe different for your tank. Let us know your thoughts.

Red LED only (not normally on):	say 4 litres left. Time to top up.
1 green LED: 2 litres (plus reserve of 4)	= 6 litres left
2 green LED: 4 litres (plus reserve of 4)	= 8 litres left
3 green LED: 6 litres (plus reserve of 4)	= 10 litres left (I got 9 in when 3 lights left)
4 green LED: 8 litres (plus reserve of 4)	= 12 litres left
5 green LED: 10 litres (plus reserve of 4)	= 14 litres left
6 green LED: 12 litres (plus reserve of 4)	= 16 litres left
7 green LED: 14 litres (plus reserve of 4)	= 18 litres left
8 green LED: 16 litres (plus reserve of 4)	= 20 litres left

EVENT INFORMATION



Neil C. Rogers, Rally Coordinator,
5 Emerson Court, Carmel Road North, Darlington, Co. Durham DL3 8JB
Telephone: 01325 954508 Email: ncr@mypostoffice.co.uk

Applying for rallies: You can only apply for rallies by post using a Club rally slip. Marshals will not accept bookings by telephone.

Please inform the marshal if you plan on bringing a car, tent or trailer to a rally. Additional parking space may be required. Members must have their membership cards ready for inspection at rallies. If you are unable to attend a booked rally then please inform the marshal ASAP. as there may be other members wanting to attend.

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

Tea & coffee will not be served at rallies this year following Government distancing rules.



19 - 24 August 2021 (5 nights) Eskdale School Whitby, North Yorks. YO22 4HS.

Rally Marshals: Liz Irvin, Peter, and Chris Brown
Telephone: 01482 658345 mobile: 07711 271568
Emergency Telephone: (Marshal's mobile) 07711 271568 email lizirvin@outlook.com

Site fees: £10.20 per night.

Rally Fees: £4.00 couples, £2.50 singles.

Total with rally slip £55.00 couples, £53.50 singles.

Booking slips and cheques payable to:
Mrs E Irvin, 43 School Lane, Kirk Ella, Hull, East Yorkshire. HU10 7NP.

Please enclose SAE or clear email on slip for confirmation. In early July, please use email or mobile contacts, for confirmation.

Arrivals after 12 noon on Thursday.

We have the use of toilets and showers and use of a room in the evening but Government guidelines may change this. We will be using the car park and tennis courts.

I am trying to negotiate emergency battery charging. The school playground and balcony will not be available this year due to the windows being replaced, this will cause some noise during the day on weekdays. Places will be limited.

The Whitby Regatta is still planned for this year.

The school is off the Scarborough Road. Buses stop at the school gates to Whitby. Come and explore Whitby's fascinating and historic streets and waterfront. For walkers, the Cleveland Way coastal path is nearby. The Sainsbury's superstore is nearby on Stainsacre Lane.



Directions: From Scarborough on A171, on entering Whitby, after the 30mph sign, turn left into Eskdale Road after the layby, and the school entrance is on the left. From Guisborough or Pickering on A171, enter Whitby and continue to the Scarborough road, cross the new Esk Bridge and up the hill to the top, Stainsacre Lane. Entrance is off Eskdale Road before Sainsbury's store and petrol station.

Limit 20 Vans

19 - 22 August 2021

The Western Motorhome Show Malvern

Rally Marshals: Gary & Pat Wanklin and Mo & Mike Valentine.

Telephone: 01886 832364

Emergency telephone: 07885 812512.

If you require a booking form go to

www.outandaboutlive.co.uk booking forms or book online.

Please mark the form ASOC and note the special club site fees.

Arrive Thursday £68, arrive Friday £65.

All bookings for Saturday night entertainment must be made and paid to Warner's when returning the application form to them .

Application's close on Wednesday August 4th.

If you wish to rally with the club then you must return the application form to Warner's by this date. Then you MUST complete a club rally slip (this also applies to internet bookings)

Return it with the rally fee of £2.50 couples, £1.75 singles,

Cheques payable to Gary Wanklin, 18 Beverley Way Malvern Worcs WR14 1LA.

Please collect the club rally information pack from the ASOC Marshals before parking where directed

The rally will finish at 12 Noon on Sunday but you may remain on site until 12 Noon Monday



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.

23 - 27 August 2021 (4 Nights)

St Cross Symondians Cricket Club Winchester SO23 9RT
Rally Marshals: Rita & John Tubb and Jean & John Gutsell
Telephone: 023 8026 7294
Mobile: 07754 761423.
Emergency Telephone: 07754 761423 (Marshals Mobile).

Site Fees £48.00. Rally Fee £5.00

This is a Greenfield Site with a CDP and Water point.

ONLY POSTAL APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED

Please send your rally slip and a cheque for £53.00 payable to:

Rita Tubb, 70 Charnwood Crescent, Chandlers Ford, Hampshire SO53 5QL.
together with your email or an SAE for confirmation and directions.

The site is less than a mile from Winchester centre. There is a bus stop outside the site which will take you there, alternatively it is a nice walk along the river. Buses are available from Winchester Bus Station to Southampton, Romsey, Alresford, Alton, and various other destinations.

Places of interest: At Alresford there is the Watercress Line (Steam train), Various National Trust places in the area, The Royal Green Jackets Museum, Whitchurch Silk Mill, Jane Austen's House, Winchester College tours, Intech Science Centre, Planetarium, Marwell Zoo, Winchester Cathedral or visit Southampton Docks to see the Ships in Port, or Visit the Isle of Wight.

Please do not arrive before 12 Noon.

Limit 30 Vans

6 – 10 September 2021 (4 nights)

South Lytchett Manor Caravan and Camping Park,
Dorchester Road, Lytchett Minster, Poole, Dorset BH16 6JB.
Rally Marshals: Mo & Mike Valentine. Assisted by Al & Barbara Buckett.
Mobile 07745 522335. Landline 023 9248 2818.
Site fee: includes electric, free WIFI and TV hookup.

Total of 4 nights £78.50 per unit.

The Rally will be run according to Government Guidelines of Social Distancing.

We will not be organizing the Teas & Coffee occasions. You will be welcome to bring your own drink and socialize with us at the distance of 2 Metres.

Rally slips and cheques payable to:

M Valentine, 11 Hamilton Close, Langstone, Havant PO9 1RP.

Enclose SAE or email address for confirmation. Latest receipt for booking 12 August.

South Lytchett Manor Campsite, is an award winning commercial site, 5 miles from Poole, Dorset. The bus stop is directly outside the entrance, from where you can catch a bus to Poole, Bournemouth, Dorchester, Lulworth Cove, Wareham, Corfe Castle and Swanage. ➡

Ralliers will have full access to all of the site facilities, (showers, toilets etc).
Dogs welcome but must remain on a lead at all times.
Rally starts at 2pm, no arrivals please before and closes 11.00am on day of departure. Should the Government Guidelines change, then we will make decisions accordingly.
We have visited the site and found many precautions in place.
This year we are limited to 30 pitches in the one field.

9 - 12 September South West Motorhome Show

Shepton Mallet, Somerset. BA4 6QN

Rally Marshals: Martin Ross, Assisted by Angela & Bob Warwick

Emergency Telephone 07901 771040 Mobile.

Please use. Booking a form from Other magazines Please Mark the form ASOC and note the special club site fees:

Rally from Thursday 9th to Monday 13th September, Arrive Thursday £58 Arrive Friday £55. All bookings for Saturdays entertainment must be made & paid with Warners when returning the application forms to them by 25th August.

If you wish to rally with the club then return the application form to Warners by 25th August.

Then you must also complete a club rally slip (this also applies to internet bookings). Return it with the rally fee of £3.00 couples, and £1.50 for singles, Rally slips and cheques payable to:

Martin Ross, "Elvina" Wold Road, Barrow-upon-Humber, DN19 7BT.

Telephone 01469 530893. Mobile 07901771040. Email mross@uwclub.net

Please collect the club rally information pack from the ASOC marshal before parking where directed.

The rally finishes at !2 noon Sunday but you may remain on site until 12 noon Monday. There are no electric hookups on site.

19 -26 September 2021 (7 Nights)

Briarfields Touring Caravan Park Cheltenham GL51 0SS

Rally Marshals: Rita & John Tubb


Site Fees £154 Rally Fee £5.00 (ONLY POSTAL APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED).

Please send your rally slip and a CHEQUE for £159.00 payable to Rita Tubb together with a clear e-mail address or an SAE for confirmation and directions.

To Rita Tubb 70 Charnwood Crescent, Chandlers Ford, Hampshire SO53 5QL.

Telephone: 023 8026 7294 Mobile 07754 761423

20 pitches only. Please do not arrive before 1.00pm.

This is an adults only site with full facilities, hardstanding pitches with electric hook up. It is ideally situated for experiencing Regency Cheltenham renowned for its exclusive shopping; from charming boutiques to shopping centres with many 

leading retailers. Historic Gloucester has a wonderful Cathedral where Harry Potter was filmed, dockside, award winning Waterways Museum and its Quays outlet shopping centre.

The site is well positioned as a base to explore the beautiful quaint Cotswold villages of Bourton on the Water, Stow on the Wold, Broadway & Winchcombe. There is an excellent bus service which runs frequently (every 10 minutes during the daytime and every 20 minutes throughout the evenings) from outside the park entrance to both Cheltenham and Gloucester.

There is also a daily service to Oxford which allows you approximately 5 hours to explore the city before returning you to Cheltenham.

24 - 26 September Season's Finale Show

Lincoln Showground. LN2 2NA

Marshals Yvonne & Stuart Wood and Martin Ross.

Emergency phone: 07799 591550

Please use a booking form from Motorhome Magazine or online at Warners. Mark form ASOC and note the special club fees. Arrive Thursday £58.00, Friday £55.00.

Booking for Saturday night entertainment must be made and paid to Warners when returning the application form to them. Applications closing date 10th September If you want to rally with the club you must return the form before this date. You must also send a rally slip to the marshal. Rally fees £3.00 couples, £2.00 Singles.

Cheques payable to S. Wood. 26 Burton Acres Way, Highburton, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, HD80RF. Phone 01484 604133.

Please collect club rally information pack from ASOC marshal before parking where directed.

Wednesday 29 September (1200 hrs) to Monday 4 October (5 nights)

Ludlow Racecourse

Marshals: Peter and Chris Brown

Telephone: 07771 827711.

Email: pcb7ty@btinternet.com

Note: Applications by email only

If you have any queries, telephone or email.

There is no rally fee or electric hook-ups.

Bookings received by end of August are guaranteed a rally plague and progrmmme.

The cost of the rally for Friday and Saturday nights is £37, there is no extra charge for the entertainment. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday are optional nights at £13 each. Please indicate on the application form which nights you want to stay. For this year you will be asked to pay on arrival at the rally. Alternatively, you will be



able to pay by BACS, no sooner than 1 week prior to the rally – if you wish to do this, ask for the account details when you apply.

As caravans attend this rally we are asked to advise if you wish a permanent tent awning to be erected and also the length of your vehicle, please include this information on your rally slip.

This rally is part of the annual ACCEO (Association of Caravan and Camping Organisations) National Rally. Toilets are available as is a large hall in which social activities and/or entertainment is planned for each evening. There will be professional entertainment on Friday evening from female vocalist Emily Abbiss and on Saturday evening from '4th Avenue' Tribute to Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons. The ACCEO AGM is on Saturday afternoon and can be attended as an observer by any interested rallier.

Ludlow Food Centre, Restaurant & Plant Centre is a short walk away, as is a bus stop on the Shrewsbury to Ludlow route, and it is about a 2½ mile walk to the traditional town which boasts butchers, bakers, etc., and a splendid castle.

you can use this booking form

<https://www.asoc.uk.com/21acceobook.xlsx>

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RALLY REPORT

Wigginton Rally, York,
26 June to 2 July

Tilly (my little doggie) and I have just returned from the Wigginton rally. My first rally since lockdown and I just wanted to say how much I really enjoyed it. Thank you Alan and Glenis.

How exciting it was arriving and seeing all the Auto-Sleepers parking up and meeting people again face to face. My adrenalin was running and walking around the vans and chatting was an experience I had forgotten, like a lot of people, because of covid. I became quite hoarse and quite emotional.

Alan and Glenis Hurst, as Marshalls, were great, and their son, Paul, as Chairman of the Community Pavilion, and his wife, Heather, helped the whole event go very smoothly.

The welcome meeting was held in the function room, a great venue and Alan and Glenis made me welcome at their table. During his welcome speech, Alan had everyone laughing when he said the elsan was in the flower bed!! What he meant to say was in the drain in the flower bed. Sorry Alan, we knew exactly what you meant!

York was only 4 miles from Wigginton and I got the bus on Tuesday (buses running every 15 minutes from site). Sadly, I had to pay (£4.50 return) as I don't have a bus pass yet!

I have been to York many times (an hour from my home), but for anyone who hasn't been before, there are 5 things to do that are a must. Walk the City walls, walk along The Shambles cobbled street with rickety buildings, go to Betty's Tea Rooms, visit York Minster and visit the Yovik Centre. But bustling with all sorts of shops and including a lovely river walk.

I decided to leave Tilly in the van as I would only be 4 hours or so, and on my own it's difficult to go into shops with a dog. That morning it was red hot, so I decided to leave the van windows open and put the blinds down and leave the van door open a crack. I was parked next to the marshalls van and Alan said it would be fine to leave Tilly outside, on an extended lead, with access to the van and water and he and Glenis would keep an eye on her. So that's what I did.

Well, Tilly lapped up the fuss and attention so I am told. She rolled on her back for a tickle constantly to any ralliers that passed, and everyone loved her. Except Alan and Glenis's new rescue dog, Titch. A Jack Russell which they have had only a short time.

When Tilly, my Yorkie poo, met Titch, it was battle stations!! 2 females together!! But, as with all rescues, it's time, patience and trust to get them on the right track. Let's hope they make friends in the future!!



Wigginton is a lovely venue for a rally. York, as I say, is 4 miles away and the flat walk into Wigginton and Haxby village being only 20 minutes with its pubs, shops, coffee shops and a co-op and sainsburys, its ideal. Everything is handy.

The clubhouse/sports club is open each evening and the facilities are excellent. Brilliant new showers (with no constant button pressing!) and toilets.

On Tuesday evening at 5 pm England were playing Germany. Football is not my cup of tea, but the function room was open for ralliers wanting to watch the match on a big screen. I believe it was the wall! I could hear the "ohs" and "ahs" from my van. At 6.30 pm the roar was tremendous. I assumed England had scored. And again at 6.40 pm. Yes, we won 2-0.

Wednesday evening was fish and chips in the function room. Excellent. Delivered and hot.

Thursday evening suddenly came round with the farewell meeting, and Friday morning the inevitable packing up to leave. Always a sad time to see everyone go. I was all sorted, got into the driver's seat, turned the ignition key. Absolutely nothing! Tried a few times then got out and walked over to Alan and said my van won't start at which point I was reduced to tears.

Glenis gave me a massive cuddle which worked wonders.

Thank you to everyone who came to my assistance. Once the bonnet was up, several men had their heads under it. Being on my own, without the support of such good autosleeper friends, I would be lost on occasions like this.

Jump leads were tried but still nothing.

Eventually I rang the AA. They were with me in less than 30 minutes. The leisure battery was full and fine. The guy checked the starter battery for me and found that it had just died a natural death. Nothing that I had done and it certainly didn't owe me anything being at least 12 years old if not more. He replaced the starter battery there and then and took the old one away. What wonderful service. I could have kissed the AA man and I told him so! I was so relieved.

I headed home. Rather emotional, with my little Tilly at my side. Nothing else could happen that day could it? Just to top it all, on arriving home I found a large dead thrush on my back doorstep. Sadly, it had been there for some time (I was actually away for 3 weeks in total). You can imagine how difficult it was to move it. Really unpleasant and being on my own, only me to do it.

However, the rally was lovely. Thank you again Alan and Glenis. Roll on next year. I will be first on the list to go again.

Slowly getting my confidence back driving, I am pleased not to have sold the van in April. I just need to stay closer to home.

Let's all hope covid is truly under control by 2022!!.

Lesley Prince 6599



Wigginton Grasshoppers Rally, York Marshalls - report

We had a good turn out and all arrived safe on Sunday afternoon. Regular and first timers were very impressed with the location and facilities, we had mixed but good weather, everything went as planned as we worked with covid government regulations, and all seemed to go well

Alan & Glenis Hurst 6707







AUTO-SLEEPER OWNERS' CLUB RALLY APPLICATION FORM

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

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

PAYMENT

Including rally fee £

Number of nights

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