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The magazine of the Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club



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To claim your discount, you must present your ASOC membership card at the time of order or arrival. You will not qualify for the discount by presenting your membership card after work has commenced.

RALLY INFORMATION

Points to remember: Marshals should let the rally coordinator know when their rallies are fully booked.

Always carry your ASOC membership card when attending rallies.

Inform the marshal if you plan to bring a car, tent or trailer to a rally.

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

Running a rally: If you would like to run a rally, contact the rally coordinator for "Guide for Rally Marshals". When a date and venue is chosen you will receive the "Rules for Rally Marshals" and asked to sign a marshal's declaration which should be returned to the rally coordinator. Assistance and advice is available from the rally coordinator or a committee member.

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.

Important: All potential rally dates and venues must be checked with the rally coordinator, who will check that the club will be able to comply with regulatory and insurance requirements.

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EDITOR'S VIEW

The views expressed by the editor may not be the views of the committee or ASOC

Welcome to April/May News.

Can I remind members that items on the website and magazine are copyright protected on behalf of contributors. A lot of effort is made to give members information and we request they do not copy or post club information on any forums or in any other format without permission of the club.

We are going back to monthly with the June issue. Each month we have tried to increase the number of pages, but unless members send us travel stories and other items of interest, you may find the number of pages reducing.

Don't forget, if you are attending the AGM, you may want to bring this issue of News with you, so you will have all the reports to hand.



HELP REQUIRED AT THE NATIONAL RALLY
SATURDAY AFTERNOON BETWEEN 2 AND 4 PM
STUART GOODWIN PAVILION

A message has come through via the underground grape vine to the bunker that on Saturday afternoon help is needed to serve tea and coffee in the Stuart Goodwin Pavilion. If interested please contact Ozzie e-mail secretary@asoc.uk. who will pass details on to the relevant person.

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT



As we approach the final hurdles towards the 33rd National Rally and AGM at the end of April, the pandemic seems a distant memory in today's fast pace society. Yet, at the beginning of March, my 87 year-old father came down with Omicron as did five other residents in their complex, just a reminder that the endemic has not gone away as yet.

I'm pleased to report we have an enthusiastic candidate to take the reins of the technical group from Dennis at the AGM.

There are some exciting technical activities and collaborations going on behind the scenes regarding Solar charging which I'm sure that the technical team will update you on in future magazines. My thanks again for all the work Dennis has done for the club and for staying on the committee and supporting me as I took over the chairman's role at the end of 2020.

For those of you who use the AS Monitor tracking service as I do, how often do you check the position of your vehicle and the health of the monitoring system?

Checking mine earlier this year, I was shocked it reported the vehicle was at a campsite and not in the secure storage compound it was left in.

Upon investigation the tracker had failed at the campsite we were staying on last October just before putting the vehicle into secure storage for the winter. I was unaware this had occurred, but it does give me great concern over my insurance cover status without the system in operation. Also, if your vehicle is stolen whilst touring, do you carry your VIN number in your phone for the vehicle? The tracking call centre will require it before alerting the police.

This is something that the technical group are looking into and I know Dennis will be reporting on it in the magazine.

I believe many members, old and new, met the team manning the club area on the Auto-Sleepers stand at the NEC show in February. My thanks go to the team manning the club area and to Auto-Sleepers for giving the club the opportunity to join them on their stand at the show.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the National in Newark later this month, there is a good programme of events and entertainment during the weekend, SMC are laying on a minibus to go into Newark and on the Friday, there are a number of technical representatives from the factory supported by equipment manufacturers to discuss any issues you have with your vehicle. Hopefully the opportunity to have your vehicle weighed for free will be in operation again to check if you are within legal weight limits and technical representatives will be on hand to guide you on potential solutions if you are overweight. It does give you peace of mind as it is so easy to lose track of those little additional items that contribute to your van being overweight.

Until next time

Steve

FOR SALE

Avtex TV 12/240v. 15" screen with mounting brackets, carry case and remote. -£80 o.v.n.o.

Awning - slides into Fiamma or Omnister windout awning (brand new still in carry bag), complete with side poles & WindBreaker with steel poles & pegs (brand new in bag) - £120 ono for both

(The awning size is width 300cm. depth 250cm. height range 200-250cm.)

Fiamma Bike Cover (new) - £10

Fiamma tie down straps - £10

Front tie down strap - £10

Fiamma 23 lt waste water tank - £10

Fiamma groundsheet 4mtr x 2.5 mtr - £25

Silver screen with drop down front and screen privacy (brand new. fitted a 2011 Broadway) - £80 for both

Round table with 2 sets of chrome pedestal tripod legs (19" & 24) . £40

One pair of wheel covers (new) - £10

One pair of mud grip mats - €10

Collapsible bucket - £4

2x internal light fittings - £6

2x Raskelf lux sleeping bags, all in one duvet and memory foam mattress - £45 each or £60 for both

Gas low changeover valve - £8

Melanco stabiliser lock (new) - £15

Contact John Jones - Mansfield 01623 627903

TECH TALK

Surge Protector - continued

Richard Wooton (11168) emailed me enquiring about sourcing the Surge protection relay that I used in my Stanton, as reported in December & January News. Having seen that my original supplier had sold out, I found the following, interesting version that has current and KWH display as well.



https://www.aliexpress.com/item/4001101153814.html?spm=a2g0o.productlist.0.0.6300203bwCj1aJ&algo_pvid=f2e259e1-6dc7-47e4-b6c4-a31636e071cd&algo_exp_id=f2e259e1-6dc7-47e4-b6c4-a31636e071cd-10&pdp_ext_f=%7B%22sku_id%22%3A%2210000014399381087%22%7D&pdp_pi=-1%3B11.2%3B-1%3B-1%40salePrice%3BGBP%3Bsearch-mainSearch

Tracker Advice

A member reported some unfortunate co-incidental events with his motorhome that resulted in his AS Monitor Tracker on his in-warranty Corinium failing. His motorhome is kept in secure storage without the benefit of mains hook-up. Unbeknown to him, someone had disabled the SMS (text) alerts which inform you if any events occur that needs your attention. In blissful ignorance, he quite reasonably assumed no news was good news. However, in this case, no news was bad news. He was unaware that despite shutting the EC700 system down as advised, his leisure battery had become fully discharged,.

In consequence, the tracker fell-back for its operation to its back-up battery pack which in time also became discharged. The vehicle now had no tracker active.

This is a potentially serious "fail" as it could have insurance implications if the van was stolen. Although the chances of this happening co-incidentally with his are vanishingly small, there is more to consider. If the loss adjuster looked at the tracker data on the monitor website as part of his claims procedure, he would find the latest data to be when the tracker went off-line when the batteries failed. As insurance policies are discounted for customers who have approved trackers, they could reasonably argue that the tracker was not operational and the claim could be adjusted or even declined.



Tracker batteries are a service item

Co-incidences aside, in looking in to this he found out that, despite being told by his dealer that the Tracker back-up battery pack was rechargeable, it turns out that it is not. It is a service item. I was able to confirm this with Sargent who advise me that the battery pack should be changed every three years – although it should last longer. You, the owner needs to ask the dealer to replace this battery pack after three years. Failure to do so could be interpreted by your insurer as a failure to properly maintain your tracker and you may then be faced with a loss adjustment in the case of a claim for theft.

If and when you have this work carried out it will be important to keep evidence (the invoice) to show the maintenance has been carried out. Do not keep it in the motorhome or your evidence will disappear with the motorhome!

I have one of these AS monitor trackers and it is very good and compared with others I have had, is very convenient. When I renew my insurance, I may ask what discount I am being given for having the tracker and if it is not substantial, I may insure it as NO TRACKER – even though I will keep it operational. However, I suspect I may be told they will not renew unless the tracker is declared and is operational – we'll see.

Currently I cannot say what this maintenance will cost. It is not written in to the habitation check schedule – hence you need to request it. For this member Sargent accepted it as a warranty claim, so he was fairly satisfied.

Stop Press

I spoke with Sargent last week at the Motorhome show at the NEC. They advised me that all the necessary dealer information will be going out to dealers very soon. They are also developing an App for your smart phone to be able to see the tracker information without the need for a computer – a great step forward.

Copy your V5 to your phone

Have you considered taking a picture of your V5 and keeping it on your smart phone? It is the simplest way of having all your vehicle details with you if you ever need them when away from home. It is not recommended to keep your V5 with your vehicle.

Warranty Periods

It surprised me to discover recently that the warranty on a new motorhome depends on which part of the motorhome requires a claim. There is 2 years warranty on Sargent equipment. Less on other appliances such as fridges, toilets. Consider extended warranty cover with insurers. I notice there is a discount of 10% offered by Derby Motorhomes on extended warranty insurance. Remember to show your membership card before purchasing any discounted products or services using the "Deals for Members" scheme.

Press Studs repair

Peter Fisher(336) sent me this...

For many years press studs have been pulling out of the walls of caravans and motor homes. The solution has generally been a slightly larger screw or an adjacent hole, neither of which is really satisfactory.

So, I have tried to find an alternative answer. At first I used mechanical hollow wall fixings but in order to use them I had to machine the head of the screw down to fit the stud.



Now I think that I may have a solution or two. I managed to get a piece of scrap body and have used that for my experiments.

Going around the relevant part of Homebase there was quite a selection of fixings that may do the job. Many, though, were too long and were ruled out. I ended up with two fixings that will do the job but there are caveats.

The two that I chose were Plasplugs Hollow Door Fixings and Cobra Wall Drillers.

As you can see they work in different ways.



The Plasplugs go into 6mm hole and sit flush, however there is little grip in the thinness of the internal skin of the wall.

The Wall Drillers require a 7mm hole, not the 10 indicated in the blurb. It is also necessary to cut off the first 2 or 3 mm of the fixing. These do not go so flush as the Plasplugs and it is also possible to be a little out of true but do they have the advantage of quite a large surface area in contact with the inner skin of the wall, including a little on the inside face. It is necessary, however, to trim about 3-4mm off the point of the plug.

That said, with both fixings it is possible to find that the screw rotates them in the wall, which is not helpful. The best solution that I have come up with is Loctite 60 second glue and it seems to allow both to grip the wall well enough to get the stud refitted. This is where the Wall Driller shines because of the much greater surface area for the glue to work. Glue was applied to both fixing and surround to the holes. I used 3.5mm x 20mm wood screws with both fittings.

If you can zoom into the right hand picture you can just see that the stud stands a little proud but I don't think that it's enough to worry about.

Plasplugs do a similar piece to the wall driller but the head is larger and it has a greater diameter than the stud.

I did try several other makes but these two were the best that I found. If anyone has better solutions I would love to see them.



Thank you Peter.

Rear View Camera for Ravenna

Pete Hill (11346) contacted me a little while ago and asked for advice on suitable rear-view cameras for his Ravenna. I advised him, based on my experience, not to buy a rear-view mirror mounted type. I found that on two counts they fall down somewhat. Firstly, you cannot get a good a rear view when driving because the camera / video screens cannot display as good an image as a mirror can and if you can see through the rear of your van, you would be better staying with a mirror. Secondly, when driving with a bright sky, looking up toward the rear-view mirror position, the contrast between the bright sky and the video screen washes out its contrast and you find yourself having to stare for longer at the screen than you would at a mirror. Try watching your TV on a bright day with the sun coming in the window. This is exacerbated by the application of a reflective coating on the video screen so it can act as a rear-view mirror when it is switched off. This serves to reduce the contrast of the video image also. My advice is to instal a system with a screen you can mount lower down than the rear-view mirror and he shares with us his choice and first impressions...

"I'm delighted to report that I have installed this small camera and am very happy with the result. I hope you can see the pictures. This is a 5-inch Auto Vox W7 and at £93 from Amazon is amazing value. The reviews were good and there is even a good You Tube video of one being fitted to the back of a caravan.

I have run it into the cupboard and the hole there is exactly behind the camera. I could not use the top running light but a hole behind the rear light cluster comes in to the space beneath the seats. I have it connected to the rear light and the cable up the corner of the inside of the van disappears behind the curtains!

So all in all, very pleasing and if I can do it anyone can with a little perseverance and common sense.

Now to test it on the road and we have been brave enough (or is that foolish enough) to book two nights down on the South Coast for the end of Feb. to open the season! We might just be home early!"



The ASOC logo is rendered in a bold, white, stylized font with a slight shadow effect, set against a dark, textured background that appears to be the interior of a bunker. The letters are thick and blocky, with a modern, slightly futuristic feel.

NATIONAL RALLY BUNKER

On Earth Martin and Ozzie safe in their underground bunker to keep out of the reach of Emperor Mings Imperial Guard, who have been sent to Earth to capture the fugitives and return them to Mongo, this time for execution, as nobody escapes from the rath of Ming.

To pass the time away in the bunker, Marvin, the paranoid android and Tinkerbell, have been keeping the lost boys sprits up, but what has helped the most is processing the applications for the National Rally. Martin and Ozzie would like more as it would keep them occupied until Earth is out of the reach of Mongo orbit. This date is Thursday 28th April and then it will be safe for the two of them to come out of hiding and into the daylight.

To this end an application form is included with the magazine for members to book for the National Rally, but please note the closing date for an application form to reach the secret bunker is Tuesday 12th April.

After this date Martin and Ozzie will be terribly busy spring cleaning the bunker and making themselves presentable to meet ASOC members at the National Rally.



TO THE CLUB AGM

You will need to show your membership card to get in
no card no entry

ATTENDING
THE AGM?
HAVE YOU
GOT YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
CARD

THE AUTO SLEEPER OWNERS' CLUB
AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
To be held on Saturday 30TH April 2022 at 10.30am.
At the Cedric Ford Pavilion, Newark and Nottinghamshire
Agricultural Society Showground Newark.

The Chairman's welcome to the Nineteenth Annual General Meeting of the Club as a registered Company Limited by Guarantee.

1. Apologies.
2. Appointment of Tellers.
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2021, held by Zoom due to Covid 19.
4. Minutes of the Open Forum 2021, held by Zoom due to Covid 19.
5. Committee Reports 2021-2022.
6. Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2021.
7. Annual Subscriptions.
8. Committee elections. There are seven vacancies on the committee and the following nomination have been received.

Liz Irvin 4636	John Osland-Jones 0948
Martin Ross 8332	Stuart Wood 2620
Chris Brown 5128	
9. Any other competent business.

Auto Sleeper Owners Club

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021

<u>2020</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>2021</u>	
£		£	£
18,924.56	Membership subscriptions	17,357.00	
171.40	Donations received	33.00	
340.75	Regalia	444.60	
326.40	Rallies	589.36	
0.00	Raffles	0.00	
18.12	Interest on Deposit A/Cs	2.16	
7,665.76	Annual Rally (incl raffle)	240.00	
0.00	Sundries	0.00	
<u>27,446.99</u>	Total Income		<u>18,666.12</u>
	 <u>Expenditure</u>		
741.28	Postage & Telephone	815.80	
684.90	Printing & Stationery	582.64	
13,844.96	Newsletter	12,107.39	
1,149.80	Club Administration	920.29	
159.80	Rally plaques & leaflets	683.68	
1,262.68	Insurance	1,270.72	
551.68	Regalia	337.68	
348.06	Sundries	98.97	
0.00	Tax paid	0.00	
987.96	Equipment	1,000.95	
9,627.77	Annual Rally (incl charity donation)	0.00	
<u>29,358.89</u>	Total Expenditure		<u>17,818.12</u>
-1,911.90	Surplus for Year	848.00	
33,456.16	Surplus brought forward	31,544.26	
<u>31,544.26</u>	Accumulated Surplus		<u>32,392.26</u>
	 Represented by:		
10,137.73	Cash at bank-current NW A/C 54359	10,983.70	
20,075.91	Cash at bank-deposit NW A/C 54367	20,077.93	
0.00	BACS Payments A/C 54375	0.01	
<u>1,330.62</u>	Stock at Cost or Value	<u>1,330.62</u>	
<u>31,544.26</u>			<u>32,392.26</u>

C Ryan 19.1.22
Hon Treasurer

I have examined the above accounts, which are in accordance with the records of the Club.
I have received satisfactory explanations to my enquiries.

Accounts Examiner

J. Tidbury 21-01-22

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please bring these reports with you when you attend the AGM

CHAIRMAN REPORT Steve Ryan

Following last year's AGM via ZOOM, which was an interesting technical challenge my thanks to all involved on the committee and those club members participating which made the event possible.

My thanks go to the committee for supporting me in keeping the club running efficiently.

Last year we had the departure of our Treasurer John Geeson in July to focus on Jan's health rehabilitation, I would like once again to give my thanks for all the hard work he has done for the club during his time on the committee. My wife Carol has successfully taken on the role of Treasurer, although the transfer had a few teething problems with the Nat West Bank due to the Isle of Man being a crown dependency and not being able to pop into a local UK branch to resolve banking issues due to Covid, travel restrictions and 20 miles of Irish Sea. It was good to see that over 70% of the membership transactions were carried out via BACS after being introduced in 2019.

We also welcomed Liz Irvin as Exhibition & Charities Officer and Chris Brown as Minute Secretary who have both been co opted onto the committee.

Apart from last October's meeting where the committee actually met in person at Teversal, all the committee business has been achieved via Zoom. This has a reflection on reducing the admin costs this year which has seen a slight rise in overall Surplus funding of £845.

As at the end of the financial year, the overall club membership had declined a little this year, in part due to the effects of COVID. A mail chimp reminder at the start of 2022 returned our membership to a similar level to last year.

With the Covid restrictions easing, 130 Vehicles (26.8% of our membership) joined one of the 10 rallies held last year, my thanks to the Rally Marshals who organised and ran the Rallies, without their enthusiasm and dedication we would not be able to share the pleasures of Rallying with our members. It was also great to see many first time members joining the events.

Moving forward, we have reduced the magazine to Bi- monthly as a trial, due to limited content, it is your magazine, what content would you like to appear within it?, perhaps this is a discussion for the open forum later. The Website is doing well and looking good, thanks to John Morris our editor.

This is my first year of chairing the AGM in person. We joined the club in 2018, following the purchase of our Broadway, we attended our first AGM in 2019. We moved to the Isle of Man permanently on my taking early retirement. We changed our van to a Winchcombe in January 2020 and toured full time for 3 months until the arrival of the Pandemic. As we all get back to the new post Covid normal we look forward to meeting more of the members and developing the club going forward.

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SECRETARY REPORT John Osland-Jones

What a strange year for the Club. After all the Covid restrictions of 2020 running into 2021, but as a Club I think we have weathered the storm well. The committee like previous years held four meetings, the February, May and August, were held by Zoom, the fourth in October was face to face at Teversal it was nice to chat in person.

The May 2021 AGM and Open Forum was held by Zoom so that we could abide by the rules laid down in our Articles of Association. It was a baptism of fire for the committee to understand how it would work but somehow, we got through the agenda.

At the time of going to press the paperwork, envelopes etc for the 2022 National Rally are in place. I and the rest of the committee are looking forward to meeting old and new members.

PUBLICATIONS REPORT John Morris

Magazine editor: Not much to say. We have had some really good articles from members and would like these to keep coming. Many members have opted to take the magazine by PDF only, and I would like to see this way of delivering News increasing. We have trialled a couple of bi-monthly issue of News, and will return to monthly from June. Although only my view, I would also like to see the magazine being electronic only.

Website: This is updated on a regular basis with information in the member area of the site. A flag is highlighted on the opening page indicating the updates to the site. We also have an LPG listing website which is compiled from members information where they can fill underslung tanks. It can be found at www.asoc.uk.com/lpg it is updated as members send in details.

RALLY CO-ORDINATOR REPORT Neil Rogers

This year has been very affected by the "Covid" virus and we lost a number of rallies. However we managed 9 rallies in the latter part of the year. No volunteers were forthcoming to marshal at the National Motorhome Show at Peterborough so I had to inform Warners that we would not require a Club pitch.

The numbers of members attending these rallies varied because of the ongoing "Covid" restrictions. We hope that the restrictions will have been lifted by the start of the 2022 season. I am afraid that Club rallying will be restricted in numbers as it will take some years to get back to normal.

Once more I have to thank those members who ran rallies and those who attended them. Many of the current marshals are getting more mature and there is an urgent need for new marshals.

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TREASURER REPORT Carol Ryan

The final accounts for 2021 have been kindly examined and approved by John Tidbury. The accounts were accepted and approved by the Committee at the February meeting and submitted to Companies House on the 11th February 2022.

Due to the ongoing Covid crisis the income is down for 2021 compared to 2020. Membership subs and donations are down, rallies however have increased during 2021.

The expenditure has increased for postage, rally plaques and leaflets from 2020 together with equipment due to the usual ongoing software costs and zoom meeting set up costs due to covid restrictions. Printing, stationery and newsletter costs were reduced, Club administration was lower during 2021 due to meetings running via zoom instead meeting in person. Overall our accumulated surplus has increased to £32,392.26. I recommend that the subscription remains at £20 for the foreseeable future.

I took over from John Geeson in July 2021. Thanks to John having a good working system in place I have been able to maintain the running of the accounts during the past year. We have at least 70% of our members now paying by BACS which is excellent news.

We are now looking forward to the National for which many payments have been received from members who return year after year and from members attending for the first time.

It's been two years since we've been unable to run our National weekend so it would be wonderful for everyone to enjoy this annual event once again. We have during the past two years conducted our quarterly meetings, including the AGM via zoom meetings which have been very successful. Our first in person meeting was held at Teversal in October 2021 when it was deemed safe to attend events in enclosed spaces.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT Jean Downie

Another strange year for all of us. Covid has affected everything the club does.

I hope everyone has managed to stay healthy during this pandemic.

Once some of the restrictions due to Covid began to relax, a little new membership applications started to come in.

Renewals have gone fairly smoothly this year with more BACS renewals than cheques, 70% of the renewals were by BACS. One or two hiccups occurred when my computer had a "blip" but we seem to have overcome them. Thanks to Dennis as he has aided me with the volume of renewals and was the "postman"



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along with our dog, who now recognises the phrase “let’s go to the post-box.”

Although we have had a number of resignations from the club we currently have 764 active memberships. Strangely, this is the same number as we had last year at this time. So the membership numbers are on an even keel.

I would like to welcome all our new members and hope they are able to rally and meet the committee and like-minded motorhomers.

Thank you for all your kind comments and good wishes. I hope to meet some of you this year on our rallies.

REGALIA OFFICERS REPORT *Stuart Wood 2620*

Over the Covid restrictions period I have been selling on line because I could not get to rallies and especially the National Rally. So I have not met up with old friends and new members to show the Regalia that I stock.

I would rather sell Regalia at Rallies because members can try on garments. Also of course the online cost is higher due to postage costs.

I do not make a profit on sales as it is a service to members.

At this years National Rally and A.G.M. I will have a sample of ladies and gents in a new line of shower proof jackets with a fleece interior, in Navy Blue ,Royal Blue and Black.

As usual I can take orders and post garments or deliver to one of the many rallies I will be attending.

NATIONAL RALLY COMMITTEE REPORT *Martin Ross*

Hello all hope you are keeping well.

The Entertainment for next year on Friday night the 28th April is Scott David a vocalist and guitar player. The act I had planned for has stopped so I have some suggestions to put forward at next committee meeting.

Stewart and Yvonne are giving up running the Stewart Goodwin building and also the buying of the raffle prizes, so it's a very big thank you for all the hard work they have done. So, we need to find some new people to help us.

TECHNICAL REPORT *Dennis Downie*

Thank you all for all the technical enquiries in the last 12 months. It is very gratifying to hear from you and to hear about how you overcame the issues that presented. I have been very pleased to be able to contribute where I can. Many of these enquiries end up as interesting additions to Tech News each month.

There are a few more Ideas Sheets on the website, including one that has



COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please bring these reports with you when you attend the AGM

generated a lot of interest about protecting your motorhome from the dangers of damaging mains borne electrical surges. If we ever get to warmer weather, one written by Baz Wellard shows us how to fit a fan to the 'fridge to keep it operating in hot weather.

A new section has been opened on the website with information from members about active LPG filling stations. A theme about the perceived downturn in support by the big fuel companies for forecourt LPG means this little database will be very useful.

Access to the factory has not been possible this past year, for Covid reasons. A shame as Alan Curry and I had agreed to meet four times a year to discuss things "technical" in detail. The first lockdown came just after the first of these meetings.

This is my last Technical report for the AGM. At this AGM, I will step down as the Club Technical Officer. I announced my intention to step down at the 2020 AGM two years ago. As there were no "takers" for the post by the time of the 2021 AGM, and the recent election of our new chairman, Steve, I felt it only fair to continue for a further year. Now, after 2 years of asking, at the 11th hour, a fellow member has come forward with a wish to find out what is involved. There may be more news at the AGM – fingers crossed. Rest assured, I will offer whatever continuing support my successor feels appropriate and I am sure I will continue to contribute to News as a "freelance"

I firmly believe that the Club will thrive with a committee whose members are recruited at regular intervals. They will bring fresh ideas and help to keep the club relevant to its members. We still have committee vacancies so I urge any member who wants to further support the club to give it a go, to step up, and contact Steve to talk it over. You will be very welcome.

Best wishes everyone and thanks again.

CHARITY AND EXHIBITIONS OFFICER *Liz Irvin*

I was co-opted to the committee in August 2021. The chosen charity for 2020 was TOFS Oesophageal Atresia (OA) and Tracheo-Oesophageal Fistula (TOF). No money was raised for the charity because of Covid, so TOFS will now be the charity for 2022. Information will be displayed in the Stuart Goodwin Pavilion at the National rally.

Covid cancelled the NEC shows in 2021. Auto-Sleepers had a stand at the February 2022 show and invited the club to join them as they appreciate our involvement. Membership information was given and questions from the public were answered. Some new members attending their first rally at the National Rally introduced themselves.

THE AUTO-SLEEPER OWNERS' CLUB
THIRTY SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held on 1st May, 2021 at 10.30 a.m.
VIA THE ZOOM VIRTUAL PLATFORM

Officers 2021

Chairman: Steve Ryan (10272), Secretary and Liaison with ACCEO: John Osland-Jones (0948), Treasurer: John Geeson (2187), Membership Secretary: Jean Downie (10117), Rally Co-ordinator: Neil Rogers (0313), Chairman Technical Group: Dennis Downie (10117) Newsletter Editor: John Morris (2388), Chairman National Rally Sub-Committee: Martin Ross (8332), Regalia Officer: Stuart Wood (2620), Minutes Secretary: Carol Ryan (10272), Charities and Exhibitions Organiser: Shelagh West (6055).

48 members were present. The Chairman, Steve Ryan, welcomed everyone and opened the first virtual meeting by the ringing of the Stinchcombe Bell by the Secretary.

The Chairman introduced himself as the new Chairman and host of the Zoom meeting. The Chairman explained the ground rules including voting limitations of the virtual meeting, which was limited to one vote per computer. The Chairman welcomed our President, Charles Trevelyan, to say a few words.

Charles said it was lovely to see so many familiar faces and expressed his enormous thanks to Steve and Carol for taking on the roles of Chairman and Minute Secretary. Charles thanked Peter and Chris Brown for all their good work beforehand and seamless handover to Steve. Thanks also to all the Committee who are doing a marvellous job during this pandemic providing a wonderful informative, really readable newsletter. Charles also went on to say he would also like us all to remember all those members who have passed on that have been an inherent part of the club over the years and our thoughts and prayers are with them.

1 Apologies for absence had been received from:

Bunker, Twink and Dave 5753
West, Shelagh & Phil 6055 (IT issue)
Geeson, John & Jan 2187
Jarvis, Brenda 2759
Leader, Diane 2759
Trevelyan, Anthony (Brother of Charles)

- 2 Appointment of Tellers: Due to this being a virtual meeting and by using the Zoom Polling system, no Tellers were required. All Polling results shared with members present after each vote.
- 3 Minutes of the 4th May 2019 had been circulated in the April News. Thereafter acceptance was proposed by Mike Valentine (2776) and seconded by Heather Tidbury (38), no amendments identified, agreed and signed off.
- 4 Minutes of the 30th Open Forum 2019 had been circulated in the April News. No amendments identified, acceptance of the Minutes, proposed by Peter Brown (5128), seconded by Bill Todd (892) agreed by all and the Minutes were signed off.

- 5 Committee Reports had been circulated in the April Newsletter. The members were asked if there were any questions/comments. None being forthcoming, the Reports were accepted en bloc, proposed by Stewart Wood (2620) and seconded by John Tidbury (38) and agreed by all.
- 6 Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2020 the accounts had been circulated in the April Newsletter. In the absence of the Treasurer, John Geeson (2187) Chairman took comments and a brief discussion was held on the largest expenditure which is the cost of the Newsletter. Peter Brown (5128) commented on halving the frequency of the Magazine, John Morris (2388) Editor discussed the issues of filling the magazine and the cost associated together with the consideration of moving towards an electronic format or a bi monthly format paper copy. At the end of April 2020 there was £31,544.26 in hand. There has been a loss of £5,919.40 over the two year period some of which is due to the Covid 19 pandemic however this is still in line with club policy. Acceptance of the 2020 Accounts was agreed by all.
- 7 Subscriptions for 2019/20
The Treasurer John Geeson recommends that the subscription be held at £20.00 for the foreseeable future.
- Terry Robinson (9739) proposed that the annual subscriptions remain the same, as there may be some unseen costs associated with Covid 19, seconded by Neil and Pauline Rogers (313) and agreed by all.
- 8 Committee Elections. There were five vacancies on the Committee and 4 candidates nominated:
Dennis Downie (10117) to be Co-opted for one further year, Neil Rogers (313), Shelagh West (6055) and Carol Ryan (10272). These were elected en bloc as unopposed.
- 10 Any other competent business
No other business.

Date of next Annual General Meeting to be held at the Newark Showground on Saturday, 30th April, 2022 at 10.30am.

The Stinchcombe Bell was rung to formerly end the meeting at 11.15 a.m.

Post meeting note:

The Chairman apologises for failing to announce the following prior to closure of the meeting:

- 1 The Chairman wishes to express his thanks to the outgoing Chairman, Peter Brown for his Service to the Club over the years.
- 2 The Chairman wishes to thank Ozzie and Stewart for Co-hosting this, the first AGM Zoom meeting.

Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club

Notes of the 32nd Open Forum held virtually via Zoom

Saturday 1st May 2021

The Open Forum commenced at 11.30 am. The Chairman, Steve Ryan (10272) opened the proceedings.

John Osland-Jones (948) commented that next year's National Rally and AGM will be held towards the end of April and it will be kept simple in case there are cancellations made due to issues beyond our control. Costs will increase for 2022.

The Chairman of the National Rally Sub committee, Martin Ross (8322) outlined that the entertainment artists who were booked for 2021 event have been moved to 2022 and 2023 which are Fiona Harrison and Soundation. Martin noted Vivo have decided to disband this year.

John Osland-Jones (948) asked for any other suggestions regarding food for the National Rally.

No questions were sent in to the Secretary for the Open Forum Section.

Roger Watts (8549) raised the concern of the reducing number of outlets for LPG auto gas around his area, for those of us who have underslung tanks. Martin Ross (8332) commented about phone APPS and directories.

John Morris (2388) in the 'chat' messages identified the following links:-

[HTTPS://www.autogas.app](https://www.autogas.app) www.mylpg.eu/stations/united-kingdom
www.filllpg.co.uk www.drivelpg.co.uk/i-have-lpg/find-a-filling-station

Ron Goldby (7925) commented on the matter of underslung LPG tanks and should there be a future retro fit gas locker solution and suggested feedback from this meeting to be sent to the management at Auto-sleepers.

The Chairman to take the matter of the LPG forward with the management at Auto-sleepers.

Terry Robinson (9739) advised that there is a lot of information on the Auto-sleepers owners Forum website. Terry has made contact with Calor gas in Stoke on Trent and they are advising that they are not removing outlets. The Motorhome and Caravan Club which have gas on site, could this be developed for re sale for motorhome use, also could Marquis outlets have a facility for the purchase of Auto-gas.

Peter Brown (5128) This matter has been raised with Auto-sleepers over several years and they advise that gas is available in the agricultural and residential caravan sectors, they do concede that this may not be as readily accessible as forecourt outlets.

Roger Watts (8549) brought up the issue of Club membership forms availability at dealerships.

Jean Downie (10117) Membership Secretary replied that a membership pack is supplied with every new vehicle.

Terry Robinson (9739) enquired are we missing a trick for membership from people purchasing a second hand van.

Jean Downie (10117) replied that it appears that purchasers of second hand vehicles are still using the original application forms or going to the Club website.

Mo Valentine (2776) they keep a number of up to date membership application forms in their third vehicle and hand them out to prospective new members. Several people have joined as a result, suggest other members do similar when on site.

Neil Rogers (313) confirmed that committee members carry spare application forms.

Paul Shaw (10087) commented that all three of his second hand vans had no membership packs within them.

Mike Valentine (2776) enquired if the magazine moves to Bi monthly how does John propose we get notice of rallies into each month in time to apply to each individual Marshall?

John Morris (2388) Neil supplies the rally information always two months in advance.

Neil Rogers (313) confirmed the two months in advance, there are exceptions for instance Whitby where the Marshall requested it to be published a month earlier.

Paul Shaw (10087) pointed out the discrepancy between the time of receiving the hard copy newsletter and electronic copy were three days apart, in relation to booking rallies he would have been disadvantaged if purely using the electronic copy as this arrived three days after the hard copy.

The Chairman pointed out that depending on your location post can arrive at different intervals, for example Isle of Man post is four days behind the UK, therefore, the electronic copy is always earlier.

John Morris (2388) Editor, commented as soon as he received the hard copy from the printers, he updates the website and sends out the electronic copy to members. If you are electronic only, the magazine goes directly to your email address, this effects only six people.

Neil Rogers (313) confirmed that the receipt of the club magazine to members has been at the mercy of the Royal Mail delivery service for many years.

John Morris (2388) suggested that we could not open applications until a certain date or could have an on line booking system direct to the rally co-ordinator.

Neil Rogers (313) pointed out that this could disadvantage members who do not have access to a computer.

John Morris (2388) then went on to discuss the need for rally applications to be approved to reduce unnecessary paperwork and postage for returned cheques due to the rally being over booked. He also suggested that people may prefer to pay by BACS.

Bill Todd (892) reminded the members that this has been an issue on every AGM for the past 15 years and no satisfactory solution has been found. No system is perfect and a lot of time is being wasted at every AGM to find ways of distributing a piece of paper, its becoming a nonsense.

Bill further commented regarding the magazine and reducing costs, he does not see what the problem is, there are solutions by way of reducing the amount of material you need and having a smaller magazine. Bill added that, in his opinion we are wasting time yet again on a subject that has already been hammered into the ground.

Bill Todd (892) the membership fee is very cheap for the class of magazine that we are now receiving and we could increase the subscription to reflect the class of this magazine.

Peter Brown comments as a result first point on Rally Marshalls not putting too many constraints on them, however he does agree with John Morris that they will do whatever they see fit. As a second point Peter suggests if there is any significant change in the publication of the magazine there should be a full review of the booking system to bring us into the digital age for the next ten years with use of website and smart phone.

Neil Rogers (313) Rally Co-ordination is getting more enquiries from people who no longer have cheque books and are asking to pay by Bank transfer. This method of payment is currently a decision taken by the individual Marshall, but the request for this method of payment will become more frequent in the future.

Martin Ross (8332) suggested that there is a concern that the Marshalls do not want their personal bank details published in the magazine with reference to BACS payments.

The Chairman suggested that the booking could be confirmed by the Marshall and payment requested at that point.

Peter Brown (5128) confirmed that is exactly what he does as a Rally Marshall.

Heather Tidbury (38) advised that you can still apply to the bank for a cheque book for use when appropriate when personal bank details are not disclosed and felt strongly that the acceptance of cheques be continued.

Ron Goldby (7925) Although it may cause more work for the Treasurer he suggests that it may be possible for the members attending a rally to pay into a club account to be passed on to the relevant Marshall.

The Chairman commented that this has previously been discussed and declined due to the extra work for the Treasurer.

John Osland-Jones (948) commented that based on the National Rally trial it proved that some members attending could not carry out the basic instructions of name and membership number in the reference on BACS, causing a substantial amount of additional work for the Treasurer in identifying the member concerned and feels strongly that it is the job of the Rally Marshal who has access to the other booking details.

Neil Rogers (313) strongly agrees with the previous comments to a point that we would not have a Treasurer if this extra work in unravelling the returns was added to the current workload of the Treasurer.

John Morris (2388) suggested having a Paypal account, totally separate from the main accounts which could accept credit cards, etc.

Keith and Lorraine Iles (3881) gave a big thank you to both the Chairman Steve and his wife Carol for conducting this meeting, saying that they had done an excellent job and applause was received from all.

The Chairman thanks everyone for participating in the AGM and the Open Forum. We will take your comments forward with the new Committee this year. There being no further comments.

We hope this year to see a few more rallies come to fruition, especially as we have more motor homes and caravans using the main club sites which are fully booked. Club rallies will become more important to allow members to get out and about and meet up with each other.

The Chairman wished everyone well for the coming year and hopes to meet with many members at forthcoming rallies.

The Chairman formally closed the meeting at 12.15pm

CLUB SHOP 2022

MENS & LADIES FLEECE £24.00

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



023 HOODIE
red, navy, black
royal blue,
M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL
£26.00



024 BODYWARMER
navy or black
M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL
£26.50



POLO SHIRT £16.50

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



SWEAT SHIRT £20.00
006 with little man
motif
red, light or dark
blue
S, M, L, XL



012 BUDDY BEAR
£12.50
with ASOC tee shirt



009 WOOL SKI HAT £9.00

010 BASEBALL CAP £10.00
ski hat black with ASOC
badge
baseball cap with ASOC
badge cream or blue



TEE SHIRT £11.50

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

017 TWO ASOC PENS £2.60

PITCH RESERVATION BOARD

019 without vehicle
registration £5.50

020 with vehicle
registration £8.50



014 LANYARD £3.90



013 LITTLE MAN STICKER £4.00
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purple, silver, red, blue,
green and black



021 VAN NAME STICKER

plus 60p per letter
postage 70p

015 ASOC GRILLE

BADGE £15.10
with fixings
(fits all vans)



The shop has a range of club items. They are available from the Regalia Officer by post or at the many rallies he attends.

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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

ACCEO (Association of Caravan and Camping Exemption Organisations) are looking for people to fill vacancies on their committee, the roles that need to be filled are Membership, Minutes taking and National Parks & Extended rallies, but would welcome anyone who would like to gain experience of belonging to the committee before committing to a particular post.

If you are interested in learning more about what would be involved please contact either Chairman@acceo.org or Secretary@acceo.org

DO YOU HAVE A STOCK OF FIRST AND SECOND STAMPS?

If you have stamps that say '1st' or '2nd' class on them by 31 January 2023 you'll no longer be able to simply stick 'em on a letter and use them. because Royal Mail is moving to a new barcode system, You will, however, be able to exchange current stamps for barcoded ones for free under Royal Mail's new 'Swap Out' scheme, which opens on 31 March 2022 and will run until 31 March 2023.

To do this, you will need to fill a 'Swap Out' form from the Royal Mail website.

CLUB TECHNICAL OFFICER

We are still looking for a member to step into Dennis's shoes when he finishes his term on the committee. If you are interested and can help in this role, let Steve or Dennis know. Dennis will break you in gently and give you all the help you need. technical@asoc.uk.com or chairman@asoc.uk.com



If you are having a habitation service at the Service Centre in Willersey
A very nice cafe called The Meeting Place is in the village In Church Street opposite the pond

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CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for volunteers on Saturday afternoon at the National Rally to assist with the teas and coffees in the Sir Stewart Goodwin Pavilion.

If you can, please contact Pauline or Neil ncr@mypostoffice.co.uk

NATIONAL TOMBOLA

Liz Irvin and Chris Brown are again holding the successful bottle and can tombola at the National Rally in the Sir Stuart Goodwin Pavilion.

All proceeds go to the Club Charity.

They would be very grateful if club members could start collecting bottles and cans to donate to the Tombola.

The more we have, the greater the contribution to the charity.

EVENTS

Neil C. Rogers, Rally Coordinator 01325 954508
ncr@mypostoffice.co.uk

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 A.S.A.P. as there may be other members wanting to attend.

ATTENDING A RALLY IN 2022

As the Club no longer has any gas or electric water boilers at rallies, tea and coffee will no longer be provided by the marshals.

Arrangements for the get togethers at each rally will be made by the relevant Rally Marshal.

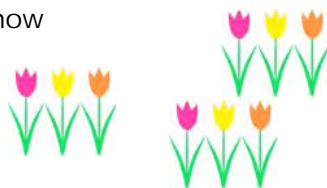
Will rally marshals please take this into consideration when fixing their rally fee.

Neil Rogers, Rally Co-Ordinator

21-24 April National Motorhome & Campervan Show

East of England Showground, Peterborough

We do not have any club pitches at this show



28 April - 2 May NATIONAL RALLY & AGM

Newark Showground

Rally application form included with this issue of News, or fillable PDF in the member area of the website to download. payment is available by bank transfer or cheque.

27 – 31 May 2022 (4 nights)

Chatsworth House Golden Gate, DE45 1PP

Rally Marshalls: Janet and Peter Murphy Assistant Marshalls: Any offers?

Mobile: 07746 293022 Telephone with answering machine: 0161 456 6714.

Site Fee: £10 per night Rally Fee: £5 per unit or £2.50 for singles

Total for 4 nights: £45 or £42.50 for singles.

Rally slips and cheques made payable to:

P Murphy, 9 Pennine Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport, Cheshire, SK7 5BG.

Enclose SAE or email address for confirmation and directions.

Application forms must be received by 29th April 2022

Green Field site, grass pitches, no electricity, bins or toilets. Only water and Elsan disposal. Tow off tractors are available on weekdays, should the weather be atrocious. Dogs are allowed on site but must be kept on a lead at all times because of unfenced sheep and lots of deer of several varieties.

Covid Rules may apply if required.

No arrivals before 12 noon on the Friday please. →

This Rally site is perfect for sight seeing, historic houses, nature lovers and walkers, with woods, hills and flat paved roads. The Rally site is a mile from Chatsworth House at the North end of the Estate in a wooded glade with the entrance at the Golden Gates on the A619 near Baslow. It is half a mile from the CMC site. The road from the site to all areas of the Estate, is always open, and the Marshalls will have a key for the Golden Gate, which has cattle grids. No discounts are available for the Estate attractions. There are several quality restaurants and a snack bar in Baslow, a 500yd walk away. Plus a half hour bus service to all the local towns, Stately Homes, Chatsworth Farm Shop and markets. There is site security 24/7 on 01246565300 and emergency services are on normal 999. There is a Health Centre in Baslow, DE45 1SP.

For those who wish to take part, and weather permitting, the organisers will be providing some games and competitions suitable for all. Any suggestions for activities to make the rally more enjoyable will be welcome, particularly if the weather is inclement.

19 - 24 June (5 Nights)

Wigginton Grasshoppers FC Rally

York Wigginton Playing Fields, Mill Lane, Wigginton, York. YO32 2PY.

Rally Marshalls: Alan & Glenis Hurst 07982 416878

assisted by Les & Pat Udale 07762 164776

Site Fee: £10 per night. Rally Fee: Couples £4 Singles £2

Booking Slips & cheques payable to:

Alan Hurst, 6 Chadwick St, Little Lever, Bolton. BL31ND.

Please send SAE or email for confirmation.

This is a Greenfield site with water and chemical disposal point, toilets, showers & changing rooms, with Squash Club evening bar.

The bus stop is at the entrance to the site with regular buses to York and Haxby Village with local shops, supermarkets, takeaways and pubs.

Directions: From the A64, exit onto the A1237 York North to Clifton moor roundabout. Take the B1363 signposted Helmsley and Wigginton. At the first traffic lights turn right into Wigginton. The site is 150 yards on the left signposted Sports Club & Playing Fields.



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.

2 - 7 July (5 Nights)

Stafford Boat Club, Maple Wood, Wildwood, Stafford, ST17 4SG.

Rally Marshals: Angela and Bob Warwick, Linda and Brian Ellis.

Emergency Telephone: 07530 366237

Site fee: £15.00 per night inclusive of electric.

Rally fee: £4.00 per couple. £3.00 singles.

Please send your rally slip and cheques to:

Mr. R. G. Warwick, 14 Furneaux Gardens, Fareham, Hants., PO16 7HD, Including a S.A.E. or (clearly written email address). This is a level grass site within a working boat club on the Staffs & Worcester Canal with direct access to the towpath. There is a steep descent to the camping field. We have use of the club house during bar opening hours from 8.00 pm in the evening. One toilet and shower are available below the club house, but own sanitation is advisable. Laundry facilities are also available, Dogs welcome on lead at all times.

Bus stop to Stafford 8-10 min walk away, local shops and pub 10-15 min. walk away. Canal fishing is available with proper rod licence. Places nearby National Memorial Arboretum, Trentham Estate and Gardens, Shugborough Hall Stately Home. (National Trust former home of Earl Lichfield).

Rally starts 12 noon Saturday 2 July and finishes 12 noon Thursday 7 July

Max 27 Vans.

7 - 12 July 2022 (5 nights)

Leon's Field, St Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE27 5ER.

Rally Marshalls: Barbara & Al Buckett Mobile No: 07818 006733.

Green field site – No electricity – No toilets.

(Charging facilities available for mobility scooters only).

Site fee: £7.00 per night. Rally fee: £2.00 per unit or £1.50 singles.

Total for 5 nights £37.00 per unit or £36.50 singles.

Rally slips and cheques payable to:

Mr A Buckett 16 St Margarets Drive Walmer Deal Kent CT14 7UJ.

Enclose SAE or email address for confirmation and directions.

Do not enter St Ives town centre. Follow directions.

The site is by the Great Ouse river 200 yards from the picturesque town centre.

There is a market on Friday and Monday and there are plenty of pubs, restaurants, cafes and a variety of shops. Buses run every 10 minutes to Huntingdon and Cambridge.

A trip on the St Ives guided bus to Cambridge is quite an experience and bus passes are accepted. Beautiful riverside walks nearby.

Dogs on leads are welcome.

PLEASE DO NOT arrive before 12pm on Thursday. Rally closes 11am Tuesday.

Rally limited to 40 vans

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 29 MAY 2022

18 – 24 July 2022 (6 Nights)

Beehive Field, Trowbridge Road Bradford-on-Avon, BA15 1UA

Rally Marshalls: Barbara and Al. Buckett

Mobile: 07818 006733. Telephone: 01304 369149

Assisted by Jackie & John Moss and Mo & Mike Valentine

Green field site – No Electricity – No Toilets

Site Fee: £7.00 per night. Rally Fee £3.00 per unit or £2.00 singles

Total for 6 nights £45.00 per unit or £44.00 singles. Level site with easy access.

Rally slips and cheques payable to:

Mr A Buckett. 16 St Margarets Drive, Walmer, Deal, Kent CT14 7UJ.

Enclose SAE or email address for confirmation and directions.

The site is adjacent to the Kennet and Avon Canal towpath ideal for cycling and walking. Hire boats are available at the Marina.

Bus stops outside the site to Trowbridge and Bath. Sainsbury supermarket is about 20 minutes walk away.

An area with many National Trust Sites. Ideal for visiting Cheddar Gorge, Wooky Hole, Bristol and Bath.

PLEASE DO NOT arrive before 12 pm on Monday. Rally closes 11am Tuesday.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 29 MAY 2022.

Do not approach through Bradford-on-Avon.

11 - 16 August 2022 (5 nights)

Eskdale School, Whitby, North Yorks.

Rally Marshalls: Liz Irvin, Peter, and Chris Brown.

Emergency Telephone 07711 271568 (Marshal's mobile)

email lizirvin@outlook.com

Site fees: £10.20 per night. Rally Fees: £2.00 couples, £1.50 singles.

Total with rally slip £53.00 couples, £52.50 singles.

We have the use of toilets and showers.

Arrivals after 12 noon on Thursday. We will be using the playground, car park and tennis courts. I am trying to negotiate emergency battery charging. The school balcony will be available this year. Places will be limited.


Booking slips and (cheques payable to Mrs E Irvin,) please send to

Mrs E. Irvin, 43 School Lane, Kirk Ella, HULL, East Yorkshire. HU10 7NP.

Telephone 01482 658345 or mobile 07711 271568.

Please enclose SAE, or clear email address on slip for confirmation.

In June and early July, please use email or mobile contacts, for confirmation.

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 lay-by, 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. Postcode YO22 4HS.

THREE SITES SCOTTISH TOUR

31st August – 9th September (9 nights)

Rally Marshals: Moira & Allan Blackstock Telephone 01772 749178.

Telephone during rally: Moira – 07891 704186. Allan – 07969 312703.

Site Fees: £230 Rally Fees: £20.

Rally Slips with fees to:

Mrs M Blackstock, 39 Sumpter Croft, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 9UJ.

All sites are hardstanding with electric hook-up.

31 August – 3 September

The Wheel Caravan Park, Rough Castle Farm, Falkirk, FK1 4RX

Within walking distance of the Falkirk Wheel (for the fairly fit). If you would like to take a trip on the wheel and along the canal please indicate on your application. If enough are interested we will try to make a block booking.

There is a bus service from The Wheel into Falkirk with a stop at the Kelpies.

Falkirk is about 30 miles each way to Edinburgh and Glasgow.

3 – 6 September

Five Roads Caravan Park, Alyth, Blairgowrie, PH11 8NB

Easy access to Dundee, Perth, Forfar, Scone Palace and Glamis.

The Blackbird Inn is right next door serving food and drinks.

The Blairgowrie Highland Games will be held on Sunday 4th September.

6 – 9 September

Ballater Caravan Park, Anderson Road, Ballater AB35 5QW.

The caravan park is adjacent to the River Dee.

Ballater, situated in the heart of Royal Deeside is a favourite of walkers and cyclists.

The town is near Balmoral Castle and the railway station is worth a visit.

No longer used by trains but a section is set out as Queen Victoria used it and boasts a popular café.

Directions to The Wheel will be sent along with your confirmation and the others will be given out during the rally.

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PRESENTS AT THE NATIONAL

Fiona Harrison



NATIONAL RALLY TOMBOLA

all proceeds to the club's nominated charity

After continuing success, We are again running the bottle and can tombola at the National Rally in the Sir Stuart Goodwin Pavilion.

We would be very grateful if club members could start collecting bottles and cans to donate to the Tombola. The more we have, the longer the tombola goes on, and the more chances you have of winning.

Liz Irvin

