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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.

EDITOR'S VIEW

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

Welcome to July News

We have noticed that some members have not included an email address in their details. Over the coming weeks we would like to include your email in any Club alerts we may send from time-to-time to inform you of any snippets you may find of interest.

If you do not have an email address, perhaps a family member may be prepared to receive any information on your behalf. We know some members have unsubscribed from emails in the past, but we would like to send them just one more to establish if this is the case. This would be a one off and you can unsubscribe at any time if you wish. Members who take the PDF version only should not unsubscribe, if they do they will not receive the magazine anymore, and will need to go to the member area to download it. Please note, we do not give any member email details to any other organisations or other persons.

As mentioned last month we have vacancies on the Committee, if you would like more information on what is involved, please let us know.

If you have any upcoming events in your area you think our members might want to visit, email the details to the editor and we can include it in the Club Hub.

Some members have been asking why they cannot choose their own login details to the member area. Our server dictates we need to pass a certain percentage password for the server to accept it. By the Club allocating the login details we can be sure it meets this criteria. It also means we can shut down the member area for whatever reason and give details of any new login details if required.

We have been also asked if members can receive the pdf version of the magazine as well as the printed version. Unfortunately this is not available, and you will need to choose between the printed version or the PDF. The PDF version is always available in the member area if you wish to access it.

I have been told by some, that they never read the magazine or are not really interested in it, and just put it in the bin. Perhaps, this is because some dealers offer free one year membership on new motorhomes purchased. so if it's free, why not take advantage. If this is the case, why not tell us, and we can stop sending it to you. But, guess if you don't read it, you will not be reading this!

As you know we did trial bi-monthly, but a few members thought they were not getting value for money for the £20 yearly membership, so we are back to monthly, however, the number of pages may reduce if we find it difficult to fill them.

I would like to see the magazine go digital completely by January 2023, so await your comments!

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT



I hope you are all enjoying our summer weather and have managed to get out and about in your vans.

I would just like to again thank all those who contributed items to the various stalls at the National, the proceeds of which has been donated to TOFS.

Since the AGM, due to family circumstances, our prospective Technical Committee member, Gary Pilkington has decided not to take up the position. We are, therefore, still looking for a Technical Officer. Dennis Downie has kindly agreed to temporarily continue as Technical Advisor reporting through me to the committee, which thankfully gives me continuity with the factory and other technical activities currently ongoing on the Club's behalf. Many thanks Dennis for your continued support.

As many of you at the National Rally became aware, we suffered a total mains power failure in the van for the duration of the National and beyond, hence the power lead through the drivers window for the period. It was the Friday following the National before SMC could fit us in to try and resolve the problem they thought they had found the problem and resolved it but 18 hours later it failed again. We look forward to seeing our friends again at SMC on our next trip across to hopefully resolve the power problem.

An issue following our power failure was a near miss we had relating to a fire risk caused by our adaptor lead. A blue plug to 13amp socket which we have had in our locker for many years.

In our case this adaptor lead powered various items in the van. .

We were staying on a CL site just outside Lincoln after the National whilst waiting to see SMC and Lincoln tow bars, due to a failure of the towing bracket on the car, which I will mention later in this article.

By chance in the evening I picked up the adaptor lead by the 13amp socket to move it off the drivers seat, to find it very hot to touch. I tried to part the 13 amp plug and socket after disconnecting power via the blue plug and socket to find that the live pin of the plug was stuck but the plastic plug malleable.

Although visually the old lead looked OK externally, internally it was the complete opposite and a failure waiting to happen. A lesson learned for me to test / check all those occasional adaptor leads at least once a year.

How often do you check your adaptor leads?



The second incident on the way to the National, I noticed via the rear view camera that the front of the car was distorted when we stopped for a break at Hartshead Moor services whilst towing the car. One side of the A frame connecting pin was moving internal to the car body we drove both vehicles individually from the M62 services to Newark as I was concerned about the towing stability until it was checked out by professionals. It turned out later we were very lucky not to have lost the car on the M62 in a potential accident. I will talk about the tow bar in more detail in a later issue of the magazine once I have received the failure report from LNB Towbars.

Hopefully we will meet some of you at the various rallies during the year, incident free.

Until then take care and stay safe

Steve, Chairman



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Dear AS Monitor user,

We want to make you aware of an increase in the number of leisure vehicle thefts in recent months, especially from areas which you may believe offer a 'secure' storage provision, and advise you of the steps you can take to protect your property.

- You should always keep a charged leisure battery connected to your vehicle as this is used to power the communication & tracking unit. This is especially important if you have an active tracking subscription.
- Ensure you have enabled leisure battery and alarm system alerts via the AS Monitor website so that you receive the relevant notifications.
- If you receive a battery low warning, by email, SMS or the AS Monitor monitoring station, be aware that this could be the first sign that a theft is being attempted, as thieves often try to disconnect the leisure battery first before entering the vehicle.
- If you have an alarm system fitted, make sure you do arm it every time you leave your vehicle, even when it is in storage or not being used.
- If you receive an alarm trigger alert, again by email, SMS or the AS Monitor monitoring station, never dismiss this as a false alarm as thieves often trigger an alarm and then wait to see if action is taken, and then return later to steal the vehicle.
- Consider the use of aftermarket locks, like wheel and hitch locks, that can slow down a thief and often deter them from an attempted theft (many Insurers, and the Police recommend products approved by Sold Secure, or Secured by Design).
- Even when using an accredited approved storage facility, never ignore the points above, as thieves are becoming more daring week on week. Using a secure facility alone does not fully guarantee that your leisure vehicle is secure.

You can set and configure alerts and find further information by logging into your AS Monitor account (www.asmonitor.co.uk) and referring to the vehicle / vehicle alert sections.

Finally, here are our recommendations for the system settings and leisure battery connection when placing your vehicle in storage. ►

We recommend that the leisure battery is fully charged using the built-in charger in the vehicle before placing it in storage. To charge the battery, connect the vehicle to the 230V mains supply, turn the charger on at the PSU (green push button) and leave it to charge for 24 hours.

If your motorhome is parked outside and has a solar panel fitted, it is recommended to keep the leisure battery connected, to have the power supply unit (PSU) turned on, and to turn off the control panel over the door. The solar panel should provide enough energy to keep the leisure and vehicle batteries charged, and the tracking / communication unit will monitor the batteries and let you know if they need charging (if you have enabled email and SMS alerts or have a tracking to determine if it needs charging).

If the motorhome is parked undercover in a building or carport or has a storage cover fitted that blocks the solar panel or the vehicle doesn't have a solar panel installed, then it is recommended to turn the PSU off and leave the leisure battery fitted and connected. The leisure battery is required to power the tracking unit over an extended period. The tracking / communication unit will monitor the leisure battery and let you know if it needs charging (if you have enabled email and SMS alerts or have a tracking subscription).

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Setting Method for SINOTIMER SVP-916 surge protector

At our National Rally in April many comments were made about the surge protector published in News recently and several people told me they had built them for their motorhomes. Some enquired about how to set them up as the instructions were not terribly clear. Here is my “take” on the settings required and how to set them up. I have left the column containing the values mostly blank so you can use it as a record sheet for your changed settings to print and keep with your motorhome documentation.

Parameter setting

Press SET for 3 seconds. The display will change and show the first parameter in the list (P1). Subsequent presses of the SET button will step on to the next parameter in the list.

Once you have the required parameter to adjust in the display, use the up ▲ and down ▼ buttons to adjust the new value up or down. Press the SET button repeatedly until you get to P13 in the display then press SET again to store the new values and return the unit to monitoring your mains supply. If you spend longer than 10 seconds between presses, the unit will return to monitoring mode without changing any settings and you will have to start over again.

Factory Defaults.

Most of the factory defaults will be ok for use out of the box, but one or two will need changing. The over-current protection value (P07) will be set to the maximum capacity of the device (63A or 40A depending on the variant supplied). The normal bollard supplies in UK will be 16A and for these, the parameter P07 will need setting to 15A or 16A. For some private and European sites, this value will be lower, so you should be familiar with how to adjust this to set it appropriately to match or be just below the site limit.

The time to recover after detecting a fault which may have been transient, may be adjusted down but be aware that the Air Conditioning unit (if you have one) may be damaged if it is cooling when a power cut happens, if it is powered on again immediately. Consult your air con manufacturer for details.

To reset the unit to its factory default values at any time, press and hold the up/down buttons together for 3 seconds and the unit will reset itself, ready for you to adjust, based upon your normal usage experience. Use the sheet below to record all your settings for future reference and store it in the motorhome with your other documentation.

The methodology described here is, in many respects, the same for the other SINOTIMER modules except where features are not available, the parameters will not exist in the list (eg setting overcurrent protection values in units that are voltage only protection. ►

TECH TIPS

Step	Content	Upper LED Display	Lower LED Display (Your stored parameter)	Description
1	Over-Voltage protection value	P01		Range 221V to 300V or OFF (Default 280V)
2	Over-Voltage recovery value	P02		Range 220V to 299V (Default 250V)
3	Over-Voltage Protection action time	P03		Range 0.1 to 10 seconds (Default 0.1 Seconds)
4	Under-Voltage protection value	P04		Range 219V to 150V or OFF (Default 160V)
5	Under-Voltage recovery Time	P05		Range 151V to 220V (Default 180V)
6	Under-Voltage protection action time	P06		Range 0.1 to 10 seconds (Default 0.1Seconds) Beware:- setting this time longer than 0.3S disables the protection
7	Over-Current Protection value	P07		Range 1A to max rating of the module (63 Or 40A) (default is max rating of the module)
8	Over-Current Protection action time	P08		Range 0.1 to 512 seconds (Default 5.0 seconds) Set as low as possible without nuisance tripping eg Microwave oven or A/C unit starting.
9	Fault recovery delay time	P09		Range 2 to 512 seconds (Default 60 seconds) Default needed for vans with habitation air con units which may be damaged if operating when a power outage occurs
10	Power-on Delay time	P10		Range 2 to 255 seconds (default 2 seconds)
11	Reset Mode Selection	P11		Range AU or HA (Default AU - automatic reset) HA operation requires manual reset by pressing the SET button
12	Fault Inquiry code	P12	IUL (Normally because you unplugged it)	Range IUL (undervoltage), IUH (overvoltage), IIH (overcurrent) Press ▲ to query last 5 faults
13	Ending	P13	END	Press SET to save the new settings and return the module to protection mode or wait for the unit to time out (10s) to discard changes and return to protection

Apple Air Tag

Our Chairman, Steve, recently had an incident whereby his leisure battery went flat while in secure storage.

The A-S Monitor Tracker, powered by the leisure battery, fell back onto its back-up batteries, which also went flat. It turns out that notifications had been turned off so he got no text or email to warn him that his leisure battery had discharged. Not having the tracker operating has insurance implication and is potentially very serious. I may have mentioned this before, but if a loss or damage to your insured property is the result of neglect,

poor or incorrect maintenance or your own negligence, the loss adjuster will get involved and any claim may be disallowed.

Steve had the excellent idea of hiding an Apple Air Tag in the motorhome. This tiny device is powered by a button cell that lasts over a year and with the App on your iPhone it will connect to Apples' "FIND MY" network, and keep track of where your Apple Air Tag (motorhome) is. A great back-up method for iPhone owners for as little as £20 per Air Tag. You can find them on Amazon, Argos, Apple store, John Lewis and Currys. I will report more on this with a follow-up.

Grab handles Colin Barnett

One less desirable feature of my recently acquired Broadway is the lack of any cab access grab handles. Some hopefully, temporary mobility issues mean my wife has difficulty negotiating the high first step, and my search for a solution led to the type of support handle that slots into the door catch. They are widely available on Amazon for £12-15, and seem to help. To ensure that it's always to hand, my trusty 3D printer produced a pair of locating brackets stuck to the seat plinth.



WANTED

Central locking remote/key fob for Peugeot Boxer, circa 2005.

If you have an old key fob lingering in the bottom of your 'parts' drawer, please could I have it. I am reliably informed that, if it is in working order, it can be re-programmed to suit my van, an Auto-Sleeper Symbol.

John Calf, 7965

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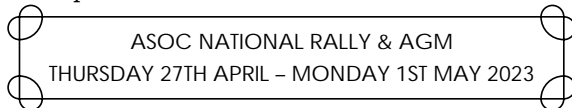


The lost boys arrive at Penzance

The two crafts passed the coasts of Dorset and Devon without any disasters, but as they entered Penzance Harbour, they met the 9.15 am Scillonian Ferry departing for the Isles of Scilly, collision was only averted by clever manoeuvring each side of the Scillonian. Never has the Scillonian horn sounded for so long.

Driving up the slipway the Harbour Master, Ishmael, greeted the two captains, who, they did not know, was the secret agent CX200 in the pay of Emperor Ming.

After being reprimanded in the strongest possible terms about their seamanship the lost boys were free to go into Penzance. The crews meanwhile went to Warrens bakery for traditional Cornish Pasties and to spread the word about the 2023 National Rally and flytip the town with posters.



Martin and Ozzie took this opportunity to go to the Admiral Benbow pub, which has been serving pirates and smugglers since 1695, for a pint or two of St Austell Proper Job draught beer. There they met Captain Pugwash of the Black Pig, his advice about sailing was to look out for Cut-Throat Jake on the Flying Dustman who would steal anything. Roger, the cabin boy suggested they give up sailing altogether.

Later on, listening to the 11am shipping forecast for Plymouth, Storm Frisky was heading towards Lands End bringing with it a force 9 gale and visibility poor, with very rough seas. It was agreed that they would need to travel overland to St. Ives.

In convoy the two vehicles headed towards St Ives, but then took a small diversion to the Flicka Donkey Sanctuary to say hello to Muffin the Mule and his friends. On arriving at St Ives, they parked up on the Island car park, to plan the next stage of their journey.

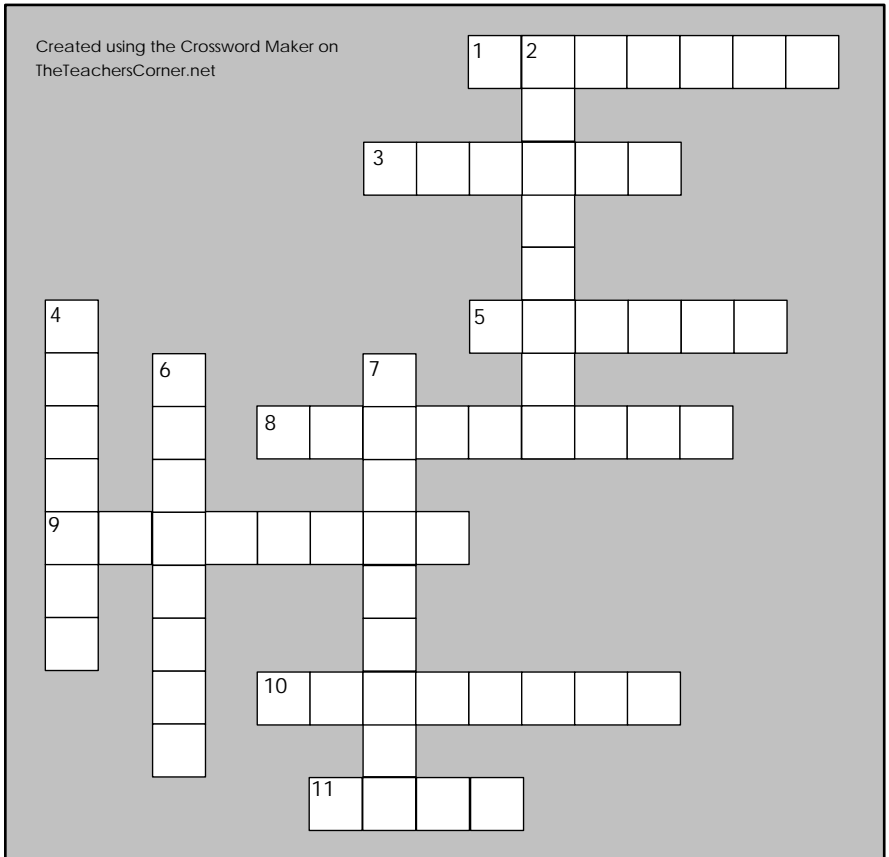
After a cursory glance at the charts, it was agreed the next port of call would be Douglas on the Isle of Man. As Storm Frisky had passed over the lost boys decided to go to the Beachcomber Café overlooking the harbour and, sitting in old Windsor back chairs, they tucked into a Cornish cream tea.

The next morning the tide was in, the surf was breaking gently onto the shore, as the two vessels slipped out of St. Ives harbour heading for Douglas on the Isle of Man. To wave them off was Rag, Tag and Bobtail.

Follow more of the intrepid travellers adventures next month, hopefully!

Auto-Sleepers models old and new

compiled by Moira Blackstock 4067



Across

1. Mr Davis (actor)
3. Traditional story
5. Sounds like a percussion instrument
8. eg Managing Director
9. Good luck charm
10. Impartial river crossing
11. Ancient Peruvian empire

Down

2. Violet quartz
6. Vote WWI British Forces entertainment company
7. Large medal

My Auto-Sleeper continues to be the ideal vehicle for pursuing my interest in the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. This near Albert, France.

[photo © Christopher Macgowan]



A Great location for the Club Rally

Chatsworth House

We have just returned from an enjoyable long weekend at Chatsworth House. What a great location for a rally, open spaces, wildlife, including hares, sheep, ducks, deer and even badgers

Peter and Jan put together a great programme appealing to all comers, raffles, bingo, quizzes and nursery rhymes. Despite the threat of rain each evening we had a social get together even if it meant wearing warm clothes.

Most of us enjoyed a visit to the Chatsworth Farm Shop which had a food fayre over the weekend, some looked around the house, others just wandered freely around the huge estate

Overall a brilliant rally and the weather held for us, with rain only arriving at night.

Glyn Tomkins 10432

Many thanks to the people attending this rally. Especially our volunteer marshals, Glynn and Sue Tomkins. Despite the weather being cold and the marquee blowing away we had a good time. The Pimms night and the bingo were well received. The deer, the hare and a badger showed up for photographs, and the setting was superb. Next year? Possibly.

Janet and Peter Murphy 6527





CLUB SHOP

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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The Auto-Sleeper Owners Club

Notes on the Open Forum Held on 30th April 2022

1. John Osland-Jones (948). As it was Ozzie and Martin's first year running the National were there any suggestions for improvements. Ricky Smith (1533) suggested the Club sponsor a coach to run to Newark in future. This will be considered for next year.

2. Dennis Downie asked why we pick a holiday weekend for the National. It creates difficulties to get professionals to attend. Rita Tubb (4910) said it has always been so and it suits the majority of the members who attend. Les Udale (6849) pointed out everybody else is on the road over a bank holiday, most of us are retired and could travel any time. Peter Brown (5128) commented that the booking of the venue has to be done in advance, so next year is probably already booked. Ozzie confirmed that and stated Article 16 of The Articles of Association state 'An AGM will be held before the end of May in each calendar year.' Newark is booked for 2023 and provisionally for 2024. Changing the timing would be horrendous, he felt it would also be confusing.

3. Brian Ellis (2368) stated he fully understood the decision to no longer use the gas urns. Would it not have been better to consult the membership before taking the decision on the electric urns? Steve said the committee had discussed it and it was felt getting the urns to the various marshals is a problem. Is it a total ban on the urns and providing teas and coffees? Steve said it is provisional at the moment but we're not looking to reintroduce electrical urns any time soon. Rita Tubb (4910) we run many rallies and have proved that having the urns provides a social environment, using it as a welcome. Steve said the committee had looked at other options, including whether or not the Marshals could provide their own urns and reclaim the cost. Ricky Smith (1533) didn't think rally marshals care about having communal gas urns but asked if Marshals were covered by insurance when using their own, if something happens. Steve will look into that. Peter Brown (5128) said that in addition to Public Liability Insurance, the Club hold Employee Liability. Rally Marshals are considered employees and covered by this insurance. So, yes they would be covered. John Geeson (2187) it is my understanding you are going to stop tea & biscuits. Steve said there was no intention of stopping refreshments, it's the boilers that are the issue. There was general discussion for and against but it was confirmed that refreshments can be provided by the marshals, but communal boilers will not be reinstated. Neil Rogers gave a short history of how the Club urns came about. Lesley Prince (6599) suggested other refreshments could be offered like juice or wine. She also went on to say it's 2019 when we were last here and there weren't many vans and this year it's an amazing 106, included in that are a lot of new Ralliers and she welcomed them.

The boilers at the National are hired from the Showground and are PAT tested.

Roy Mould (10616) asked at what point a group of friends sharing a coffee became official. Dennis pointed out that kettles that you own are 'personal

goods', whereas the urns belonged to the Club and there was therefore a potential liability. Brian Ellis (2368) asked specifically if there was any objection to him taking two PAT tested personal urns to the Stafford Rally. There was no objection from the committee.

4. To save revisiting the subject Les Udale (6849) proposed the question of providing refreshments was left to the rally marshals. This was agreed.

5. Janice Wood (4201) It was suggested the magazine go bi monthly can you clarify if it is to stay bi monthly, SR confirmed that the monthly magazine has been reinstated from June 2022 as advised in the current newsletter. Applause for approval.

6. Ricky Smith (1533) further to AGM rally, we finish Monday lunchtime could it be stretched to Tuesday to save travelling over a Bank Holiday. The showground closes down on the Bank Holiday and there would be only 1 person so the facilities would be locked. However, Ozzie will ask the question of the Newark staff.

7. Roy Mould (10616) There was some reference in a recent magazine about what was happening about Dennis's role. Steve said Gary Pilkinton has put his name forward and is on the point of retiring. Until the handover Dennis will continue to provide a support role to provide continuity.

8. Julia Malcolm (8937) Geoff Scott wasn't on the technical panel yesterday, Steve confirmed he sent his apologies due to family commitments. Alan Curry is retiring. Will whoever takes over from Alan come to the rally? DD confirmed he has not been in contact as often as usual because of Covid but will clarify the situation.

9. Neil pointed out that when new members join the Membership Secretary sends out a pack amongst which is a sheet on how to apply for rallies. Still, he's had a lot of calls asking how to apply. Please refer to the info pack. Peter Brown (5128) pointed out that if you've not been to any other rallies a lot are a lot smaller than this venue and are very popular so if you want to go get in early.

Steve said from the Treasury side of things, a new marshal return form has been issued to take out raffle takings and hopefully this simplifies the returns. Outside of the meeting could some of the marshals who've used them give me feedback.

10. Tony Lako (11350) with ref to rally information we had a gentleman come to ask how to join. Could an application form the News? Steve pointed out it was not economic to repeat the same forms over and over again. On that point News content was getting thinner and thinner which is why we tried bi-monthly. We need input, please send articles to John. All new vans should have an application form in, and when you are out and about committee members hold application forms. The form is also available on line. Jean asked if anyone completed the application form on line could they print it out and send it as a PDF as there is a technical issue at present. Jean also advised she had lots of membership applications form on her table, please collect some before leaving the meeting.

Arthur Allen (11386) when will it be possible to apply for these rallies on line? There was some discussion centred around the postal delivery being erratic, but it was

suggested as this is out of our control, that members print out the rally slip and to be informed by friends of a rally they are interested in when they're out and about and consequently don't see the News. Alternatively, you could take News on line. Rally application forms are available here. Julia Malcolm (8967) its pot luck with your application, could the marshals hold on to the applications a few days then open them? Di Leader (2759) pointed out there is a little box at the top 'date send' can the marshals not use this? Rita Tubb (4910) said it was still felt the fairest method was on a 'first come first served' basis. As far as booking on line was concerned it was felt it would be a nightmare tying in the payment. John Morris made the point that all the magazines are all on line in the member area. Liz Spensley (4293) pointed that numbers are restricted on a lot of venues and that's why they fill up. Roy Mould (10616) I fully realise you had a long discussion last year. On line versus post seems to be an on going issue but on the other hand according to the publication report a lot of people are having the magazine on line rather than by post. Presumably those people have a computer therefore have access on line and they would have a 3 day advantage.

John confirmed the magazine only goes on line when he's received his copy in the post.

Helen Mould (10616) first timers and enjoying it. We haven't tried to book a rally yet because of Covid but it seems we won't get on rallies because we are away a lot. Unless it could be improved we may not be seen at any rallies. Neil suggested they try phoning the marshal nearer the date of the rally, there may be cancellations. Bill Owens (10824) we're newbies and we cannot attend unless we can pay electronically as our bank doesn't issue cheques. Steve confirmed that as cheques were getting more rare it was something that would have to be looked at in the future. Jean Sellers (8655) pointed out the sure way to get on a rally is to organise one. There would always be help. Rita Tubb (4910) pointed out that marshal have a waiting list and will contact those people when there are cancellations.

11. Ricky Smith (1533) Anyone on the committee able to tell us how AS are doing, how the new vans are coming along? Steve commented that with Covid we've been somewhat pushed out and personnel have change around, so we are a bit behind on who's where. Steve commented that with covid we've been somewhat pushed out and personnel have changed around, so we are a bit behind on who's where. Steve is still in touch with Geoff Scott who is happy to continue to support us. It was suggested by Ricky Steve trys to get him to do an article for the magazine. Peter Brown (5128) said unofficially, they're all happy bunnies although they can't get chassis.

Steve thanked all the marshals for all their hard work and pointed out he's still learning about rallies.

All creatures great or small quiz

Brian Ellis 2360

Each cryptic clue gives a word and in that word is the name of a creature.



1. The largest bone in the human body.
(Word 5 letters creature 3 letters)
2. Monarchs head wear.
(Word 5 letters creature 4 letters)
3. Bringer of letter, presenter of cheque or "notes" of credit (written on paper money).
(Word 6 letters creature 4 letters)
4. Ambassador's residence or office.
(Word 7 letters creature 3 letters)
5. Where beers are made.
(Word 7 letters creature 3 letters)
6. Arthurian legend says he held court here.
(Word 5 letters creature 3 letters)
7. Formerly young woman making first society appearance.
(Word 10 letters creature 3 letters)
8. Easily cheated or duped.
(Word 8 letters creature 4 letters)
9. A once popular hard round, felt hat.
(Word 6 letters creature 3 letters)
10. Come near or nearer, make overtures to.
(Word 8 letters creature 5 letters)
11. Gold or silver before coining. two creatures contained in this one word, either is acceptable.
(Word 7 letters creature 4 letters)
12. Tropical disease caused by a nematode parasite, enlarging legs and thickening skin.
(Word 13 letters creature 8 letters)
13. Warm, moist and sticky.
(Word 6 letters creature 4 letters)
14. A quantity of loaves baked at one time.
(Word 5 letters creature 3 letters)
15. Measure of weight of precious stones.
(Word 5 letters creature 3 letters)

CLUB 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 as soon as possible as there may be other members wanting to attend.



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. ►

FULLY BOOKED

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

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

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.

Do not approach through Bradford-on-Avon.

6 - 10 August (5 nights) Redcar Rugby Club, Green Lane, Redcar, TS10 3RW

Rally Marshalls: Martin Ross, Lesley Prince & Liz Irvin.

Emergency telephone 07901 771040.

Site Fee: £10 p.n. no electric.

Rally Fee: £2.50 couples £2.00 singles.

Please send your rally slip and cheques to:

Martin Ross: Elvina Wold Road, Barrow-upon-Humber, North Lincolnshire, DN19 7BT.

Email: mross@uwclub.net Including a SAE or clearly written email address for confirmation.

This is a level grass site, 5 mins walk to the beach with good cycle routes. Buses run regularly directly from the bottom of Green Lane to Marske, Saltburn, Staithes, Runswick Bay and many other places on the way to Whitby. Buses also run directly into Redcar or its a 20 to 30 minute stroll along a promenade right next to the beach, where there are numerous shops, with a Morrisons supermarket, pubs, cafes and fish and chip shops, including Pacittos - famous for its lemon top ice creams.

The clubhouse bar is open 5 pm - 11 pm where meals are available certain nights.
Directions: From A19 N or S take A174 signposted Redcar & continue to 6th roundabout. Turn left onto A1085. Continue through Marske and along coast road to Redcar. Look for sign for Redcar Rugby Club & turn left onto Green Lane. At the roundabout take 2nd exit. Entrance to site on right in 200 yds.
There are showers and toilets. Dogs welcome on leads at all times.
Rally starts 12 noon Sat 6 August and finishes 12 noon Thurs 11 August.
Whitby Rally follows on starting Thurs 11 August and is only 40 - 50 minutes drive away across the scenic North York Moors via A171.
Please be aware that Martin will be away until 14th July and will reply to your rally applications as soon as possible, be assured there is plenty of room.
Follow on to Whitby.

11 - 16 August 2022 (5 nights)

FULLY BOOKED

Eskdale School, Whitby, North Yorks.

Rally Marshals: 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.



If you are unable to attend a booked rally then please inform the marshal as soon as possible as there may be other members wanting to attend.

18 -22 August Western Motorhome Show Malvern

Rally Marshals: Gary and Pat Wanklin

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 special club rates arrive Thursday £73 Friday £70.all bookings for Saturday night entertainment must be made and paid to Warner's when returning your application form to them .

Applications closes on Wednesday August 3rd if you wish to rally with the club then you must return your Application form to Warner's by this date .

Then you MUST complete a 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 WR141LA

Telephone 01886832364

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

The rally will end at 12 noon on Sunday but you may remain on site until 12 noon Monday.

22nd - 26th August 2022 (4 Nights) St Cross Symondians Cricket Club

Winchester SO23 9RT.

Rally Marshals: Rita & John Tubb and Jean & John Gutsell.

Emergency Telephone:07754 761423 (Marshals Mobile).

Site Fees: £48.00. Rally Fee £5.00.

Please send your rally slip and a cheque for £53.00 payable to Rita Tubb together with your email 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.

This is a Greenfield Site with a C.D.P and Water point.

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 ►

If you are unable to attend a booked rally then please inform the marshal as soon as possible as there may be other members wanting to attend.

THREE SITES SCOTTISH TOUR

31st August – 9th September (9 nights)

FULLY BOOKED

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.

8-11 September South West Motorhome Show, Shepton Mallet, Somerset. BA4 6QN

Rally Marshals: Martin Ross, Assisted by Angela & Robert Wareham .

Emergency telephone 07901 771040

Please use Warners booking form from other magazines .Please mark the form ASOC and note the special club site fees:

Rally from Thursday 8th to Sunday 11th September,

Arrive Thursday £58 Arrive Friday £55.

All bookings for Saturdays entertainment must be made & paid with Warners when returning the application forms to Warners by 25 August.

If you wish to rally with the club then return the application form to Warners by 24 August. 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 12 noon Sunday but you may remain on site until 12 noon Monday. There are no electric hookups on site.

18 -23 September 2022 (5 Nights)

Briarfields Touring Caravan Park Cheltenham GL51 0SS.

Rally Marshals: Rita & John Tubb.

Site fees: £22 a night. Rally fee: £5.00.

Please send your rally slip and a Cheque for £115.00 payable to Rita Tubb together with a clear email 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.

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 15 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.

20 pitches only. Please do not arrive before 1-00pm.

23 - 25 September

THE MOTORHOME & CAMPERVAN SHOW SEASON FINALE.

Marshals; Yvonne & Stuart Wood. Emergency telephone 07799591550.

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 £2.00 couples, £1.50 Singles.

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

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

Wednesday 28th September (1200 hrs) to Monday 3rd October (5 nights)

Statfold Barn Railway, Tamworth

Rally marshals: Peter and Chris Brown telephone 07771 827711.

This rally is part of the annual ACCEO (Association of Caravan and Camping Organisations) National Rally.

Toilets are available, but no electric hook-ups. There is no rally fee.

A large hall is available in which social activities and/or entertainment is planned for each evening.

There will be professional entertainment on Saturday evening from 'Mix'd Tape'.

The ACCEO AGM is on Saturday afternoon and can be attended as an observer by any interested rallier.

Statfold Barn Railway is on the outskirts of Tamworth with easy access from the M42.

There is a museum on site that houses one of the most impressive collections of narrow gauge locomotives in the UK and will be open at selected times during the rally, see www.statfold.com.

Within a couple of miles walk south there are two pubs, a country park, nature reserve and marina.

There is a narrow gauge railway on site but that is not expected to be running during the rally.

The cost of the rally for Friday and Saturday nights is £40, with 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.

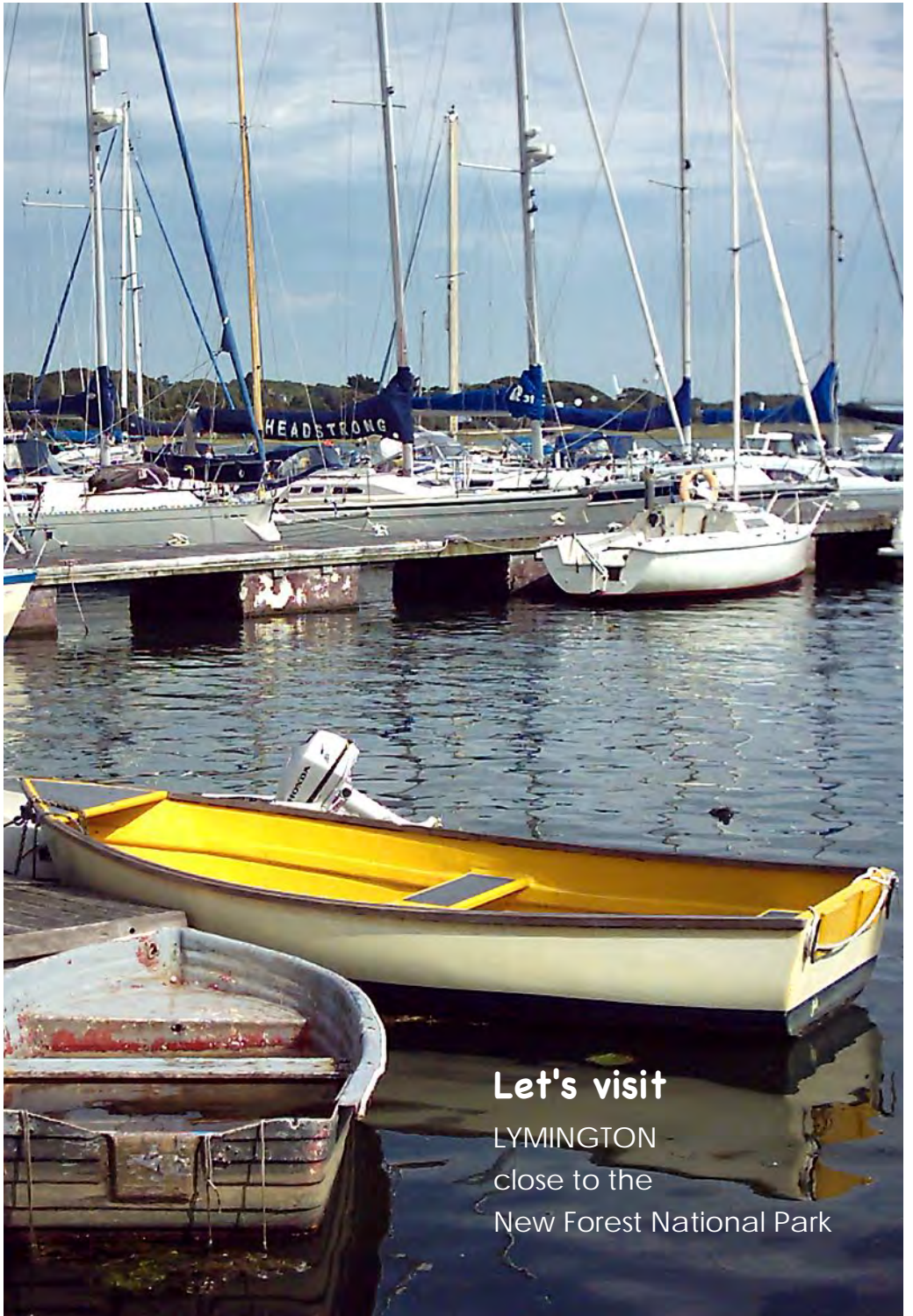
As we may be away from mid-August right up to the rally, applications by email only to pcb7ty@btinternet.com. If you have any queries, telephone 07771 827711 or email.

All creatures great or small quiz answers

1. Femur EMU 2. Crown CROW
3. Bearer (Look at paper or now plastic notes) BEAR 4. Embassy ASS 5. Brewery EWE
6. Camelot CAMEL 7. Debutant ANT 8. Gullible GULL 9. Bowler OWL
10. Approach ROACH (fish) 11. Bullion BULL or LION 12. Elephantiasis ELEPHANT
13. Clammy CLAM 14. Batch BAT 15. Carat RAT

Auto-sleepers models old and new crossword answers

Across: 1. Warwick 3. Legend 5. Symbol 8. Executive 9. Talisman 10. Falford 11. Inca
Down: 2. Amethyst 4. Stanton 6. Pollensa 7. Medallion



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