


ASOCNEWS

The magazine of Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club

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seasons greetings
to all our
members



Pauline & Neil Rogers would like to thank all those members who have given their help and co-operation over the many years that we have been in the Club.

We would also like to wish everyone who knows us a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2023.

Season's greetings to you all from Linda and Brian Ellis 2360 and all our best wishes.

We would like to wish all our friends and ralliers a very Happy Christmas and Happy New Year. We hope to see many of you next year Happy Rallying. Rita and John Tubb.

Shirley and Chris would like to wish the many friends we have made over the years a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year. We hope to see you at a rally in 2023.
Chris and Shirley Sturgeon 2897.

We would like to wish ASOC members a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year and look forward to seeing you on a rally some time soon. Best wishes
Sandra & Bernie Wisely 16

Take part in a painting exhibition

AT THE NATIONAL RALLY & AGM 2023
IN THE SIR STUART GOODWIN HALL

We are looking for volunteers to exhibit their painting crafts.

It can be oil paintings or water colour paintings.

It can be painting by numbers, which is still a craft.

This is not a competition to see who is best, it is for like-minded people who paint for a hobby and are willing to show and exhibit what they can do.

If anyone is willing to sit and paint to an audience of members, we will accommodate them.

If anyone is willing to hold a painting workshop for two hours on the Saturday afternoon, we can accommodate them.

Please get in touch with Stuart, he can be contacted by email, phone, or snail mail. He will be happy to include any member.

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Chairmans chat

I hope you are all well and are looking forward to Christmas. Where has the year gone?. I write this on Tuesday 1st November our sailing back home to the Isle of Man was cancelled due to storm force winds effecting the Irish Sea tomorrow, we hopefully will sail on Friday. Luckily we can stay on Donkey Creek Campsite for another two nights it's one of the joys of living on an island.

Our trip this time has taken us down to Sidmouth to meet old friends from Folk dancing, then up to Burnham on Sea where I used to go on holiday as a child and is also one of our Rally locations for 2023. A quick visit to Cheddar Gorge, and then into Wales and the Brecon Beacons, which had lovely scenery even in the rain. We moved up to mid wales to Red Kite touring park as a central location to visit the sea side at Aberystwyth with its funicular railway, with spectacular views. We also visited the Red Kite feeding station at Rhayader during the feeding time of well over a 100 Red Kites which arrive from up to 40 miles away to feed at 3 pm each day.

Regarding Autogas, please be aware there are very few working Autogas Suppliers around Wales so it's advisable to fill up with LPG before you leave England. We filled up again at Telford on our way to the NEC for the Motorhome and Caravan Show. Make sure you keep up to date with the LPG Autogas finder in the Club's website members' area. To help John Morris, our editor, to keep the information current, please check the website and inform him of any additions or changes in order to help other members. ➡

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It was a busy six days at the NEC show thank you to all who stopped by the Auto-Sleepers stand and had a chat with myself and the team, giving us your views and ideas on the club. We had a lot of enquiries from perspective members, who have just purchased either a brand new or a second hand vehicle. To my surprise there was a lot of sales activity on new vehicles despite the higher prices and the current economic downturn. My thanks also go to Ozzie, Dennis, Martin and Carol for manning the Owners' Club space on the stand, and to Liz for also organising it.

Monday saw a trip down to the factory and a meeting with Geoff Scott Auto-Sleepers CEO we discussed many topics such as what is happening within the club and its future, the world shortage of microchips and how they are effecting base vehicle supply across UK, Europe and beyond. On a positive note there is a new vehicle in design to be launched in early 2023 so watch this space. Geoff gave me an update as to what is happening at the factory, progress on its expansion and new production facilities to meet the increasing demand for Motorhomes also whilst at the factory I met with Dave Clarke, Customer Services Manager, to introduce myself and discuss various Technical items on your behalf.

We held a Committee meeting in Morton in Marsh to discuss with many items such as next year's Rally programme, Club finances etc., a State of the Nation report (which I put together for initial Committee consultation which incorporated the feedback I received following the Apathy Rules item in the newsletter, and numerous calls for help over the last 6 months). My intention is to develop this report within the Committee over the coming months, I would be very happy to receive any members' thoughts and ideas, both positive, and negative on how the club should develop and shape itself for the future. It's your club and your chance to influence its future.

I am planning to present the report to the membership at the National Open Forum at Newark via a facilitated consultation.

In the evening, the Committee met with our President Charles and his wife Angela, it was the first time out for Charles since spending over 2 months in hospital with a severe case of Sepsis to the spine. I am very pleased to say he is well on the road to recovery and had many amusing stories of his time in hospital.

On behalf of the Committee, Carol and myself, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas with many good wishes for the holiday season and the coming year.

FOR SALE Protec motorhome cover (as new)

Made for Auto-Sleeper Broadway EK, but would fit similar sized motorhome
cost £470 but open to offers

David Dransfield 07801 667650 (Wakefield)

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP STILL ONLY **£20** FOR 2023



Membership of ASOC becomes due on first January 2023 except for those joining after September 2022 as their membership is valid until the end of December 2023.

Members who do not renew: Any renewals not received before 10 January 2023 will no longer have the ASOC News posted to them and will no longer have access to the member area, benefit from the various discount schemes or be able to take part in the rally programme.

Please take this opportunity to advise of any changes to your details during the year by emailing on memberships@asoc.uk. For those members who do not have email my address is below.

OUR PREFERRED METHOD OF PAYMENT IS BY BACS

For members new to BACS or who do not use internet or online banking, BACS payments are simple. You can either make BACS payments online through your internet banking system or go to your bank and ask over the counter to make a BACS payment.

The information the Teller will need is your bank account number and sort code (printed on your cheques) and the Bank name, account number and sort code of our Club Bank, together with a payment reference.

IMPORTANT: When submitting your BACS payment please use as the payment reference - your ASOC membership number first followed by your surname.

Any other inclusions in the reference box may delay you receiving your new membership card(s). This is how the Treasurer and Membership Secretary will identify your payment (eg. 1234 Smith).

Our bank account details are:
The Auto Sleeper Owners' Club
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Sort Code 01-01-78
Account Number 19654375



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Cheques should be posted to:
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We are unable
to accept
CASH
PAYMENTS



Back in Bexhill-on-Sea, Martin and Ozzie took time out to have afternoon high tea with homemade cakes at the Art Deco, De La Warr Pavilion. Martin wandered off to make phone calls, on his return told Ozzie that entertainment had been booked for the Friday night, Scott David, and Saturday night, Helen & Derek Felton.

While the lost boys were having tea, Marvin went off to have his joint sprayed with salt repellent at the Bide Awhile Massage Parlour run by Bill and Ben, cousins of Julian & Sandy. While Marvin was having his joints manipulated, he was introduced to Weed, and this made Marvin very happy. Bill and Ben agreed to spread the word about the 2023 National Rally.

Tinkerbelle had also gone off to commune with nature at the Pevensy Levels National Nature Reserve after the stress of the last few days. There Tinkerbelle met Norma the Nymph from Northants, a rambler, who was there for the same reason, as Norma had a nasty experience with the Sirens off Selsey Bill, West Sussex, whose symphony of sound drive men mad, causing them to crash their boats onto the rocks.

The captains and crew, now fully refreshed, set off from Bexhill beach, seen off by Bloodnok, Bluebottle and Eccles, who had just fallen in the water, for the last leg of their sea adventure to Portsmouth in the wonderful county of Hampshire.

On reaching Selsey Bill, the Sirens began singing, but for some reason their rhapsody of sound had no effect on Martin and Ozzie, so Sirens sent a message to Ishmael in Penzance that they had failed to stop the lads. On passing Southsea, Ozzie crashed into South Parade Pier, little damage was caused, so had a coffee and scone at Coffee@the Pier. Martin had continued and arrived back at the A-S boatyard soon followed by Ozzie. There they were informed by Dave, the dockhand, that Ishmael and Imperial Storm Troopers were heading to Portsmouth.

Martin, Ozzie, Tinkerbelle, and Marvin would like to take this opportunity to wish members a Happy Christmas before once more going back into hiding in their new secret bunker, as the old one under the Service Centre at Willersey is now used for storage.

Full details for the 2023 National Rally and AGM in next month's adventures of Martin & Ozzie.

TECH with Dennis

There will be no further opportunity before Christmas to wish everyone well for the holiday season, so please have a very Merry Christmas, stay safe and in touch with family and friends.

Please remember that all the back issues of NEWS are available on the website. My ambition is to have a searchable index for all these magazines, most of which contain interesting and important articles and contributions from fellow members. I wonder, has anyone any experience doing this sort of thing? It seems quite a daunting challenge to plough through almost 400 back issues to catalogue them, and make key contents searchable and linked in Acrobat or Apple Preview. Any suggestions would be more than welcome.

As a reminder to any member with Thetford appliances in their motorhomes, the Thetford warranty is for 3 years. How do I know? Well, the fridge failed in our 2020 Bourton. It is booked in to Derby Motorhomes later this month (Nov) and will be dealt with under warranty. I will keep you all posted. It is currently as dead as the proverbial Dodo!

A bit more recycling of important and interesting items from earlier editions of News. These should be news to newer members.

Motorhome battery care in storage

I was pondering about recent discussions about storing your motorhome with access to electric hook-up and how modern chargers will happily maintain your battery when connected to mains-hook-up permanently at home. This is not the case for all chargers and for the older style Zig chargers, they should not be left permanently charging your battery. I had a trawl through the 'Hints and Tips' section on the website and found these entries from 2011 which I think are worth reading...

***Batteries (2) - Charging:** Talking with the very helpful technical staff at Zig electronics they offer the following advice "Zig chargers are not designed for continuous use recommendation is to charge for a 24-hour period once a week". Harry Emblen Feb 2011*

***Batteries (3) - Charging:** Two suggestions for mains charging & not overcharging batteries when in storage are:- use a 'domestic' 24 timer set to a few hours a day, or a '7-day' timer set one day's charge per week (or part day). Timers must be in a safe place away from the elements. Baz Wellard Apr 2011*

***Batteries (4) -Charging:** With the expense of fuel many of us are 'linking-up' rallies and if the sites are greenfield (i.e. no mains) it is not possible to top-up the leisure battery. Several members have expressed concern that their leisure battery runs down even though they've had a journey between sites - when they would have expected the battery to be fully charged. ►*

This is true to a certain extent. However, if the fridge is switched on during the journey between rallies it can draw up to 8 amps! If you are desperate about your leisure battery's charge, and the fridge can stand the journey without defrosting, try switching the fridge off and utilise the extra current available for the leisure battery.
Baz Wellard Sep 2011

DD: For my part, because my Motorhome is stored under a car port and cannot ever get enough solar, I have always in the past had my van plugged in 24/7 unless I am on an off-grid rally. The Sargent charger always keeps the batteries on a "float" or maintenance charge. As the cost of electricity is rising (Nov 2022), I have put the EHU on a plug-in timer and turn off the power for four days out of seven. I will review this and perhaps fall back on one or two days power per week.

TECH TIP (From Sept 2020 News) This wonderful device to fill the water tank from a container. It's a "Flo plas shoe" from Screwfix, part number 82922 for the bargain price of £2.18. It fits my van as though it was made for it. Nuevo 2019 and I'm sure it will fit many others. Dave10620



Water filler - update (from Nov 2020 News)

I received this welcome email from Martin Peace with a very interesting observation – thanks Martin.

Hello Dennis, I read with interest the item in the last issue of the club magazine, pg 15, re the device for manually filling with water submitted by Dave10620.

What a great idea! I've been searching for something like that for ages. I purchased the part suggested from Screwfix and thought my problems were solved. Unfortunately, even though I too own a Nuevo (2018) the part needed a bit of a modification to fit my filler point. My van is fitted with a Fiamma filler cap. A friend of mine owns a Broadway and it fitted perfectly, but his filler cap is a different make.

Anyway, I removed the lip from the end of mine and it fitted fine. On filling with water I discovered water running out from a sealed body panel joint behind the rear nearside wheel arch. I suspect it was water going from the filler housing, through the breather holes (there's a hole in both outer and inner faces of the filler housing) and running along the inside of the van panel somewhere. I am not sure if this would be detrimental to the van.

To cut a long story short I have modified the part further by gluing, with a good epoxy resin glue, a disc cut from a piece of thin 2mm plastic and section of plastic pipe inside it to feed water directly down the water inlet. See photos.

It might be worth considering if anyone else has any concerns. Cheers.
Martin Peace 1030



Something to do over Christmas

Brian Ellis has produced crosswords and quizzes for you to do over Christmas time, when you are fed up with the television.



Cryptic Group Quiz

1. Quartet in a spin
2. Cinnamon maidens
3. The shaver is not heavy
4. Distorted vision
5. Dark Sunday
6. Primates from the North Pole
7. Mexican food would be bland without them
8. Frozen precipitation guard
9. The lads from Bondi
10. Not death in the Orient
11. In the beginning
12. They gather no moss
13. Wilhelm meets Sitting Bull & Crazy Horse
14. Manson West and Sutcliffe
15. No girls allowed
16. BA, BSC, MBA
17. Hiking siblings
18. Too many occupants in dwelling
19. Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter
20. German soldier with front runners
21. Worth residents
22. Are they rulers at a jumbled up Christmas
23. Lawmen
24. Gary Powers spy plane
25. Uncomplicated intellects
26. Real trouble
27. Merlin or Gandalf
28. Mr. Sinatra is off to make a film
29. A desert waterhole
30. George, Patrick, David, Andrew

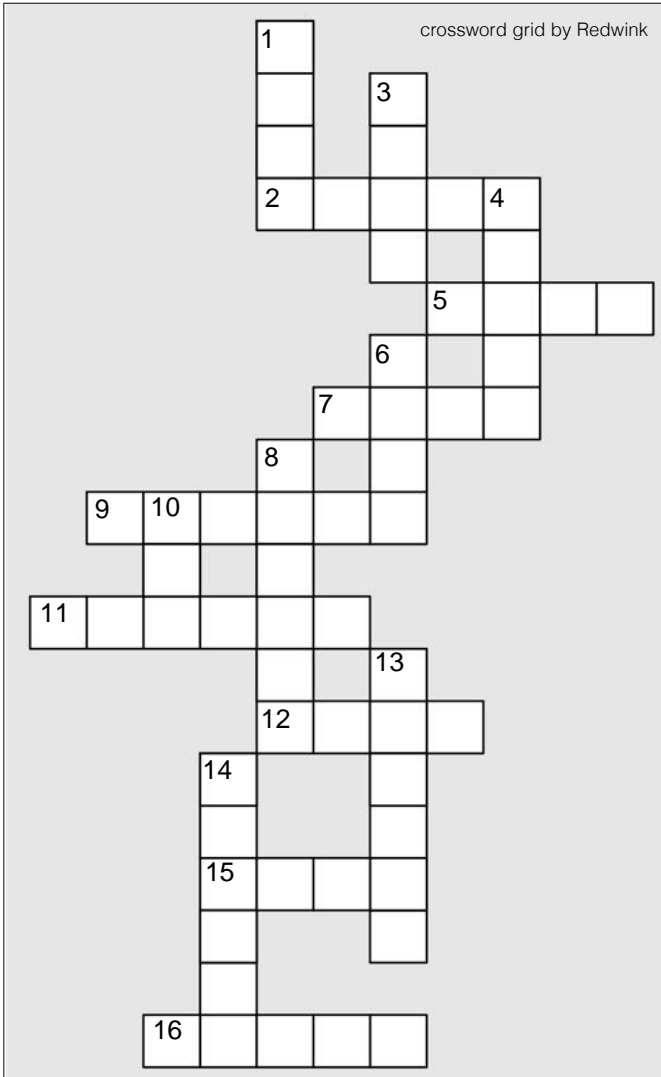
So You Think You Know Christmas Quiz

compiled by Brian Ellis

1. His song "Last Christmas" is still popular but for whom was Christmas 2016 the last Christmas.
2. How many "laa's" come after the "faa" in "Deck the halls with boughs of holly"?
3. In the song "Santa Claus is coming to town", how many times does he check his list to find out who's naughty or nice?
4. Frosty the snowman was a happy jolly soul, with a corn cob pipe and a . . . nose, and two eyes made out of coal. What was his nose made of?
5. Good King Wenceslas looked out, when the snow lay round about, on whose feast?
6. Other than blue, which other colours are mentioned in the Elvis song "Blue Christmas"?
7. The following are words from which Christmas songs?
 - a. She didn't see me creep down the stairs to have a peep?
 - b. Once bitten and twice shy, I keep my distance?
 - c. The choir of children sing their song, they practiced all year long?
8. How many birds are given in one full verse of "The Twelve Days Of Christmas"?
9. In the song, "Rudolph the red nosed reindeer". What would the other reindeers not let Rudolph do?
10. Which of Santa's reindeers name starts with a "B"?
11. How many ghosts are there in "A Christmas Carol", and who are they?
12. What was the name of the Christmas special movie featuring the voice and likeness of Tom Hanks?
13. Which of Santa's reindeer is named after another animal?
14. In the carol, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas", "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, toys in every store, but the prettiest sight to see, is the "what"?
15. "So this is Christmas, and what have you done, another year over, a new one just begun". Are the opening lines of what Christmas song and by whom?
16. The line, "Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, Jack frost nipping at your nose" is the first line from which song written by Torme and Wells in 1945?
17. Lapland, the traditional home of Father Christmas, spans which four countries?
18. According to the Bible, who were the first to pay homage to the baby Jesus?
19. Written and first recorded in 1949, which "singing cowboy" sang the original version of "Rudolf the red nosed reindeer"?
20. Who tracks Santa's location on Christmas Eve?

MISSING LINKS CROSSWORD

*compiled by
Brian Ellis*



ACROSS

- 2 Widow – Snake – Hopper
- 5 Case – Club – Keeper
- 7 Maid – Tooth – Shake
- 9 Cheddar – Cloth – Cake
- 11 Agent – Car – Real
- 12 Map – Show – Side
- 15 Dive – Bag – Running
- 16 Bean – Sheet – Cast

DOWN

- 1 Wedding – Master – Worm
- 3 Mate – Pen – Wright
- 4 Shell – Wave – Proof
- 6 Table – Keeper – Piece
- 8 Capital – Head – Bomb
- 10 Band – Box – Top
- 13 Black – Place – Research
- 14 Index – Nail – Bowl

All about Christmas Quiz

compiled by Brian Ellis 2022

1. If you were born on Christmas Day, What would be your star sign?
2. According to the carol , which is the only tree "That bears the Crown"?
3. Which nursery - rhyme character sat in a corner eating a Christmas pie?
4. Which Shakespeare play might you associate with January 6?
5. Which of Santa's reindeer is also the name of the Roman God of love?
6. According to the Bible, who were the first people to pay homage to the infant Jesus?
7. What unusual event took place between some British and German troops on Christmas day 1914 despite the war?
8. Who had a Christmas chart topper with "Mistletoe and Wine"?
9. In which ocean is Christmas Island?
10. What is the name of the business partner of Scrooge in "a Christmas Carol"?
11. Which six letter "A" word is the name given to the preparatory season for Christmas?
12. In the USA , what is nicknamed "Tinsel Town"?
13. Who co-wrote "Do they know it's Christmas" with Bob Geldof?
14. In 1932 , which King gave the first ever Christmas Day Broadcast?
15. Name the seasonal hit by John Lennon which contains the line, "another year over a new one just begun"?
16. On the eighth day of Christmas, what did my true love give to me?
17. Which seven letter "C" word is an alternative name for Reindeer?
18. Who duetted with David Bowie on the Christmas hit "Little Drummer Boy"?
19. By what name are the pantomime characters Anastasia and Drizella otherwise known?
20. Who played Santa in the 1994 film "Miracle on 34th Street"?
21. In a well known Christmas carol , which four words precede "no crib for a bed"?
22. Which drinks company brought about the change of colour of Santa's traditional green costume to one of red?
23. The Christmas tree in London's Trafalgar Square is an annual gift from which European City?
24. How many birds are given in one full verse of "The Twelve Days Of Christmas"?
25. The lines, "and through all his wondrous childhood, he would honor and obey, love and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms he lay", are from which well known Christmas Carol?
26. Probably the best known of modern "carols" was composed in Austria by Franz Gruber in the 19th century and makes reference to the tranquil latter part of a religious day. Name the Carol?
27. Name Santa's "NINE" reindeers mentioned in Christmas songs
28. Of all the stories relating to Christmas, none is better known than Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' published in 1843. What is the Christian name of the main Character?
29. The shortest day of the year is considered to be December?

The High Street Then And Now

1. Hot spicey constable, down to earth -----
2. In the hen house with a gap -----
3. Heavenly money -----
4. A way in -----
5. Sounds like they worked in a bank -----
6. Time to change your style -----
7. Small accomodation, made from dough -----
8. Immediately afterwards -----
9. These . . . were meant for walking -----
10. Royal barbie food -----
11. For cooking in a large kitchen -----
12. "Hang on" flowers -----
13. It was originally a dairies Association -----
14. She looks after you -----
15. Mother of Jesus -----
16. I will comply, over and out -----
17. Siblings, not found on rolling stones -----
18. Where you go for arms and legs -----
19. Wet pebbles -----
20. Fast track for new specs -----
21. Began as a 5 cents store in 1879 -----
22. In between two points -----
23. Metal fasteners -----
24. Shake those tail feathers -----
25. It's the underground in the USA -----

Club hub

We both enjoy reading our magazine and would not be able to do so if it was only available digitally. We always take the latest one with us on rallies. I doubt we would be able to read them online.

Also we are enjoying the new Traveller magazine and look forward to future copies. We will keep these as they could prove very useful when planning trips. Both magazines look very professional.

We've enjoyed several rallies this year - as always - we missed them a great deal during the pandemic. We very much appreciate all the hard work of the Marshals. Current family circumstances mean we can't do as many as we have in the past, as we are blessed with fulfilling grand-parental duties part of the week, but we hope to go on as many as we can.

Many thanks to everyone on the Committee, your work is much appreciated.

Linda and Maurice Wilson 8140

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES

Readers might be interested in our experiences of that EU bugbear - Animal Health Certificates.

We had planned our first post-Covid trips to Ireland and then continental Europe for this year. Our dog, Dotty, had had an EU UK Pet Passport pre-Brexit for several years. Post Brexit, we knew from the UK Government website that she would require an Animal Health Certificate (AHC) for each trip to continental Europe.

We researched extensively the various Government websites and motorhome magazine articles and came up with this plan of action: Go through the expense of getting the Animal Health Certificate for Dotty – 2 visits to a specialist vet (not all vets are qualified to fill out these forms) at a cost of £200.

Visit Ireland in June as planned and source a vet to supply an Irish EU Pet passport. This was surprisingly easy - we called at a supermarket in Co. Galway and there happened to be a veterinary practice next door. While Sue was shopping, I popped into the vet and asked if we could get an EU Pet Passport there and then. Yes - no problem! The vet copied information from the original UK EU Pet passport and the AHC and charged us 30€. Dotty now has an Irish EU Pet Passport.

If we had not already booked the Irish Ferry, (some years ago), postponed due to Covid regs and medical issues, we would have crossed Stranraer to Larne. No AHC required and then drive into the Irish Republic.

Driving to Europe in August via Eurotunnel. We presented the Irish EU Pet passport at the Pet check-in and received the helpful comment from the (French) official that the date of Dotty's rabies vaccination was before the date the Irish vet had scanned and recorded Dotty's microchip - not an issue for this official. We realised this might be a problem in the future as we could be asked to prove that Dotty's microchip insertion was prior to the rabies jab. We didn't want to take any chances on an over-

official border guard, and found a vet in the Netherlands and Dotty had a rabies jab (she still had 2 years left on her previous one). It was recorded on her Irish EU Pet passport at a cost of 47€. With hindsight, we would have asked the Irish vet to administer the rabies jab.

Then, as in days of yore, 3 days before returning to the UK we found a vet in France to administer a worming tablet (which we supplied). This was recorded on Dotty's Irish Pet passport and cost 38€. We went through pet control in Calais on our return with no problems!!

For much less than the cost of a one trip, AHC at £200, Dotty now has the documentation that can be used for all Euro trips ad infinitum. We will still have to go through the worming tablet routine each time we return to the UK and keep the rabies vaccinations up-to-date - administered in an EU country as UK vets are no longer able to update EU Pet Passports. BTW – at no point leaving or re-entering the UK to go to Ireland (Holyhead-Dublin-Holyhead) at the start of this master-plan were we asked for any pet documentation! ❖ *Frank & Sue Curry 9643*

Speed limits applicable to Auto-Sleepers Kemerton

Subsequent to Dennis's excellent, detailed an article in the latest newsletter, I have had to make some enquiries as to where I stand on speed limits and this is what I found.

Because the listed Mass in Running Order (MRO) for the above vehicle is in excess of the 3050Kg car speed limit category, we potentially run the risk of a speeding ticket on some roads. So I have done some research and come up with the following:

Mass quoted by Auto-Sleepers in running order, 3104kg plus 55kg for the auto gearbox giving a total of 3159kg.

<i>MRO including gearbox</i>	<i>3159 kg</i>
<i>Less 75 Kg for driver</i>	<i>3084 kg</i>
<i>Less fuel (90% 90 ltr) 57.6Kg</i>	<i>3026.4 kg total</i>

Fuel calculations: 90% of 90litres =72 litres. Fuel density assumed to be 0.8Kg/litre =57.6Kg.

This figure gives an unladen weight of 3026.4Kg which comes within the car speed limit category.

I have checked with DVLA and according to them Mass in Service is what we know as mass in running order.

The mass in service weight takes this vehicle out of the car speed limit category, in my understanding, erroneously.

As was pointed out in Dennis's article, in other countries the maximum design weight is what should count, not what appears to be an arbitrary figure apparently plucked from thin air.

PROVISIONAL EVENT LIST 2023

- 20 - 24 March 2023 Whitemead Forest Park, Parkend, Gloucestershire
21 - 23 April 2023 National Motorhome Show (last one) East of England Showground,
Peterborough.
27 April - 1 May 2023 National Rally & AGM, Newark Showground
9 - 14 May 2023 Kings Down Tail, Near Sidmouth, Devon
16 - 19 May 2023 Bewdley, Worcs
6 - 16 June 2023 Vesac, Dordogne, France
18 - 23 June 2023 Wigginton, York
23 - 28 June 2023 Harrogate
8 - 13 July 2023 Stafford Boat Club
13 - 18 July 2023 Leon's Field, St. Ives, Cambs
5 - 10 August 2023 Redcar Rugby Club
10 - 15 August 2023 Eskdale School, Whitby, N.Yorks
18 - 20 August 2023 Western Motorhome & Camping Show, Malvern
Showground, Worcestershire
8 - 10 September 2023 South West Motorhome & Campervan Show, Shepton Mallet
11 - 17 September 2023 Holiday Resort Unity, Brean
17 - 22 September 2023 Briarfields, Cheltenham
22 - 24 September 2023 Motorhome & Campervan Season Finale,
Lincoln Showground
4 - 9 October 2023 ACCEO AGM Tamworth
16 - 21 November 2023 Southport
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6 June – 16 June 2023 (10 nights)

Camping Les Deux Vallées, Vézac, Dordogne, France

Rally Marshals: Chris and Peter Brown, Liz Irvin

Rally Fee: £25.00 this is not refundable if offered a place

Enquiries and Applications: pcb7ty@btinternet.com 07771 827711

Site and Fees: The site fee at €20 per night is €200, this includes electricity and one dog (additional dogs are charged at circa €2 per night). Local taxes will have to be paid on arrival – this year totalling €1.10 per adult per night.

A 25% (€50) deposit has to be paid to the site and will need to be with us by 25th April. We will require the balance of the site fee by 30 May to pay to the site on arrival.

The site has large grass pitches, swimming pool, restaurant/bar and is a 15 min walk from Beynac with its Chateau and restaurants and 7 miles from the town of Sarlat.

Payment details: This has to be made by bank transfer, we will not have the facility to process cheques or accept cards.

Account details will be passed to members at the appropriate time.

Limit: 25 vans

RALLY INFORMATION - Points to remember

Marshals should let the Rally Coordinator know when rallies are fully booked.

Always carry your ASOC membership card when attending rallies.

Not able to attend a rally you have booked, please inform the marshal as others may want to attend.

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.

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- The High Street Then And Now:** 1. Currys PC World 2. Co-op 3. Starbucks 4. Gateway 5. Clarks 6. New Look 7. Pizza Hut 8. Next 9. Boots 10. Berger King 11. The Range 12. Waitrose 13. Asda 14. Mothercare 15. Virgin 16. Wilco 17. Moss Brothers 18. the body shop 19. waterstones 20. VISION EXPRESS 21. Woolworths 22. Gap 23. Staples 24. Peacocks 25. Subway
- MISSING LINKS CROSSWORD ANSWERS**
ACROSS: 2 grass 5 book 7 milk 9 cheese 11 estate 12 road 15 nose 16 broad
DOWN: 1 ring 3 play 4 shock 6 time 8 letter 10 hat 13 market 14 finger
- Cryptic Group Quiz**
1. Four Tops 2. Spice Girls 3. Razorlight 4. Blur 5. Black Sabbath 6. Artic Monkeys 7. Red Hot Chili Peppers 8. Snow patrol 9. Beach boys 10. West life 11. Genesis 12. Rolling Stones 13. Kaiser Chiefs 14. Killers 15. Boyzone 16. Three degrees 17. Walker Brothers 18. Crowded house 19. Four seasons 20. Gerry and the Pacemakers 21. Village people (Village of Worth Nr Crawley) 22. Kings of Leon (Noel) 23. The Police 24. U 2 25. Simple Minds 26. Bad Company 27. Wizard 28. Frankie goes to Hollywood 29. Oasis 30. All Saints
- Think You Know Christmas Quiz Answers:*
1. George Michael 2. Eight Fa, la la la, la la la 3. Twice 4. Button Nose 5. Feast of Stephen 6. Red, green and white. "decorations of red on a green Christmas tree" and "You'll be doing all right with your Christmas of white".
7. a. I saw mommy kissing Santa Claus b. Last Christmas c. Wonderful Christmas Time
8. 23. 7 Swans, 6 geese, 4 calling birds, 2 turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.
9. Join in any reindeer games 10. Blitzen
11. Four the Ghost of Jacob Marley, the ghost of Christmas past, the ghost of Christmas present and the Ghost of Christmas yet to come. 12. The Polar Express 13. Vixen a female fox
14. The holly that will be, on your own front door 15. Happy Christmas, War is over John Lennon
16. The Christmas Song 17. Northern Finland, Sweden and the Kola Peninsula of Russia
18. The shepherds 19. Gene Autry the singing cowboy, No.1 in the U.S. charts Christmas 1949.
20. NORAD – North American Aerospace Defence Command. The tradition started in 1955
- All about Christmas quiz answers:* 1. Capricorn 2. Holly 3. Little Jack Horner 4. Twelfth Night 5. Cupid 6. The Shepherds 7. A football match took place in No Man's Land 8. Cliff Richard 9. Indian Ocean 10. Jacob Marley 11. Advent 12. Hollywood 13. Midge Ure 14. George V in a radio broadcast of a speech that was written by Rudyard Kipling 15. Happy Christmas, War is over 16. Eight maids a milking 17. Caribou 18. Bing Crosby 19. The ugly Sisters 20. Richard Attenborough 21. Away in a manger 22. Santa was traditionally dressed in a green costume, this was changed to red after he was featured in a Coca Cola advert wearing a red costume.
23. Oslo 24. Answer 23, 1 partridge, 2 turtle doves, 3 French hens, 4 calling birds, 6 geese, 7 swans. They are progressively mentioned throughout the song but in full they total 23 25. Once in Royal David's City 26. 'Silent Night, Holy Night', 27. Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen , Comet and Cupid and Donna and Blitzen and RUDOLPH, 28. "Ebenezer" Scrooge, a miser, who sees on Christmas Eve the ghost of Jacob Marley, his late associate in business, 29. December 21st.

Dordogne Rally 6 - 16 June 2023

Les Deux Vallées campsite is nestled in the Dordogne Valley in Vézac just a few minutes drive from Sarlat. It's an exceptional location with panoramic views of the Beynac Castle and only a 15-minute walk to the river Dordogne. The site has a heated swimming pool, restaurant/bar and mini market.

<https://www.campingles2vallees.com/en/>

Dordogne is a department in southwest France, set between the Loire Valley and Pyrenees mountains, known for prehistoric cave paintings in the Vézère Valley, like those in Lascaux Cave, as well as the troglodyte dwellings at Roc Saint-Christophe. The town of Périgueux is home to the Cathédrale St-Front, with its five domes, and the Vesunna Museum, built around Roman ruins. The medieval town Sarlat-la-Canéda centers on the Rue de la République and the Cathédrale St-Sacerdos.



Several of the towns in the vicinity are among the most beautiful in France. Like Beynac with its impressive fort (500m from the campsite), La Roque Gageac (3 km), Castelnaud-la-Chapelle (4 km), Domme (7 km) or Sarlat (8 km), the splendid capital of Black Périgord and, of course, not forgetting the town of Vézac with its gardens of Marqueyssac classed as "France's most notable gardens". Taking a walk along the typical labyrinth of narrow Périgord streets, you can admire churches, chapels, wash houses, lofts and huts called bories.

The area is ideal for walking, cycling and canoeing (when you are dropped off upstream and paddle gently back to base) but there is no public transport.

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