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*The ASOC team on the Auto-Sleepers stand at the February NEC Motorhome Show*

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# Editor's view

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## Welcome to April News

We are going quarterly with the magazine from this issue. Rising costs in delivering the magazine in hard copy format has meant we have needed to take this decision.

The number of members now taking the digital PDF version only is growing, let us know if you wish to take up this way of receiving the magazine.

In this issue we have items for the AGM, and if you are attending, you will need to bring this issue with you.

We occasionally send members emails with Club updates, but, although many have subscribed to the member area of the website to receive them, some have not, this means you will not receive any club information.

You need to subscribe to the member area, this will put you on the list to receive Club updates, you can unsubscribe at any time.

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**YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO BOOK  
YOUR PLACE AT THE EVENT OF THE YEAR  
NATIONAL AND AGM  
27TH APRIL TO 1ST MAY 2023**

The event of the year is fast approaching, if you have not yet booked your place, you have until Friday 7th April to post your application or 12th April to send the application by email.

Martin, Ozzie and the team are looking forward to seeing you at the National.

**BOOKING FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE MEMBER  
AREA OF THE WEBSITE**

If you would like us to send one to your email address  
use the contact ASOC form on the website

## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

I sit here on a very cold March day with snow alerts for this evening on the island, writing this April edition of my Chat.

A lot has happened since the February News, both within the club and personally. The club accounts have been examined, agreed, and sent to Companies House for filing. My thanks go to John Tidbury for kindly examining them on behalf of the club.

The majority of members who are on email should have received my email explaining why the March Newsletter was not published (a copy of which is included in the magazine for the 30 members due to either they do not have an email address or the email bounced due to the club holding an incorrect email address).

The end of year accounts show a 30% reduction in membership income compared to 2021, and a 42.6% reduction on 2019 which was our last full year of club activity prior to Covid lockdowns. As we ramp up expenditure to normal activities with 23 Rallies programmed this year with increasing inflationary aspects affecting most of our activities, the Committee at the February meeting on Zoom discussed increasing the membership fee proposals for 2024, and looked at how we can manage the budgets in the interim. We also looked at how other similar clubs operate such as Autotrail, Swift etc. Many clubs run on a Quarterly magazine subsidised by Advertising or manufacturer with an annual rally booklet published at the beginning of the year, with rally updates via their websites, which they tell me works very well.

It should be noted that Auto-Sleepers Ltd very kindly contribute to the Club's National Rally and AGM each year to the value of £3,000, for which we are very grateful.

I'm sure once again this will be a talking point at the AGM as it certainly was with a recent Zoom meeting with the Rally Marshals.

This year will see a change of faces on the Committee after the AGM, with Ozzie standing down after 15 years of dedicated service to the club as Company Secretary and playing a major part in the National Rally Organisation Committee, I would like to thank him for all his hard work for the club, and his help and guidance to me in keeping the club running over the past couple of years. Martin Ross will also be standing down as Chairman of the National Organizing Committee at the AGM but staying on the Committee. We will, hopefully, have a new National Organizing Team for the 2024 event. If you think you would like to consider joining the team, please let Chris Brown (Vice Chair) or myself know.

Which brings me onto a personal issue at the beginning of February I was diagnosed with Renal Cancer. I'm currently awaiting on short list for admission into hospital in the UK for robotic surgery. On a positive note at my meeting with the surgeon last week my prognosis is good (due to the wonders of Technology) but it does mean disappointingly I will not be joining you all at the National Rally or the AGM as I have been advised not to risk exposing myself to COVID during this period (we both caught it at the event last year). Which reminds me, if you are attending the National / AGM, please be mindful there are many vulnerable people, if you think you have COVID please test, do not attend, and stay safe.

Grateful thanks go to my Vice Chair, Chris Brown, who will be standing in for me at the AGM, Open Forum and various other events during the weekend, for which I am most grateful. Please be kind and mindful of the pressure she will be under. The Treasurer, Carol, my wife, will also not be attending the events during the National weekend.

Chris & Peter Brown are also acting as National Rally marshals in place of Jan and Vic who have given many years of dedicated service to ensuring the successful management of the rally fields of the National. Hopefully many of you will be gearing up for the start of the rally season with some exciting new venues to explore. Until we next meet take care *Steve, Chairman*

### Chairman's Update February 2023

Over the past couple of years the club has successfully navigated the many challenges put before it, with the Covid stoppages to rallies and meetings and, more recently, the high levels of inflation raising operating costs, such as postage and insurance, web costs, printing etc.

We have held our membership costs at £20 every year since 2008, largely supported by a controlled reduction in the clubs funds. Unfortunately we have come to the time where a perfect storm has hit us. Since the pandemic we have seen a decline in membership renewals as many of our senior members hang up their keys, along with many new members looking towards the internet which host many forums and model specific Facebook groups for instant answers. Our club also has a very positive internet website presence which many members use.

As we are all aware inflation in the UK is high, with energy and staff costs from our UK supply chains already filtering through, postal strikes effecting our delivery and I suspect an increase in postal charges before the year is out, all of which are effecting our budgets. Unlike some clubs we do not seek commercial advertising which substantially supports the production costs of the magazines.

With the good housekeeping the committee has been actively doing, we are at a point where our outgoings substantially exceed the income from membership subscriptions. The Committee / Directors and myself are committed to ensuring that the club thrives and prospers going forward well into the future to succeed in this we need to embrace change and manage the many challenges and opportunities ahead. We all need to work together to this end.

In the interim, the committee have discussed at great length how we can make further savings this year. To this end we have moved the committee meetings onto the Zoom Platform, and have made the decision to move the Magazine from a monthly issue to a Quarterly Printed Magazine published April, July, October and January, whilst using the Website in the interim period to keep the membership up-to-date with current issues, rally updates etc. The website is kept up to date on a daily basis.

I appreciate from previous conversations and correspondence that some members may not be happy with the situation, however, faced with the current economic climate of rising costs, reducing membership numbers and being unable to increase membership subscriptions until 2024 and even then there is only an acceptable limit to membership fee increase which will be approved at the AGM.

Moving the magazine to quarterly will minimise a membership subscription rise in 2024. This year we have a growing number of Rallies around the country for your benefit and its great to see a number of members taking on the opportunity to try organising a rally and introduce members to their special places. *Steve, Chairman*

**AUTO SLEEPER OWNERS' CLUB**  
**AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY - FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

To be held on Saturday 29 April 2023 at 10.30am.

At the Cedric Ford Pavilion,

Newark, and Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society Showground Newark.

The Chairman's welcome to the Twentieth 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 2022.
4. Minutes of the Open Forum 2022.
5. Committee Reports 2022-2023.
6. Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2022.
7. Annual Subscriptions.
8. Committee elections. There are six vacancies on the Committee and the following nominations have been received.  
Jean Downie 10117  
Steve Ryan 10272  
John Morris 2388  
Dennis Downie 10117  
Carol Grain 11197
9. Any other competent business.

## NOTICE

Members are informed that they have a right to appoint a proxy  
Proxy appointment forms should be received by the Secretary on or before 10.30am  
Thursday 27 April 2023

John Osland-Jones, Secretary  
Flat 7, Oak Tree Court, 15 Pembroke Way  
Hall Green, Birmingham B28 9EX

Proxy forms are available in the member area of the website

Auto Sleeper Owners Club

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

2021	Income	2022	
		£	£
£		£	£
17,357.00	Membership subscriptions	13,380.00	
33.00	Donations received	0.00	
444.60	Regalia	1,175.33	
589.36	Rallies	482.59	
0.00	Raffle - Annual Rally	1,454.24	
2.16	Interest on Deposit A/Cs	45.10	
240.00	Annual Rally (excl raffle)	15,454.50	
	Sundries	0.00	
<u>18,666.12</u>	Total Income		<u>31,991.76</u>
	<u>Expenditure</u>		
815.80	Postage & Telephone	825.74	
582.64	Printing & Stationery	472.14	
12,107.39	Newsletter	12,984.52	
920.29	Club Administration	3,849.85	
683.68	Rally plaques & leaflets	931.72	
1,270.72	Insurance	1,284.46	
337.68	Regalia	1,336.41	
98.97	Sundries = (Digital/Web for 2022)	835.40	
0.00	Tax paid	0.00	
1,000.95	Equipment	265.48	
0.00	Annual Rally (incl charity donation)	18,573.87	
<u>17,818.12</u>	Total Expenditure		<u>41,359.59</u>
848.00	Surplus for Year		-9,367.83
<u>31,544.26</u>	Surplus brought forward		32,392.26
<u>32,392.26</u>	Accumulated Surplus		<u>23,024.43</u>
	Represented by:		
10,983.70	Cash at bank-current NW	A/C 54359	1,572.19
20,077.93	Cash at bank-deposit NW	A/C 54367	20,121.61
0.01	BACS Payments	A/C 54375	0.00
<u>1,330.62</u>	Stock at Cost or Value	<u>1,330.63</u>	
<u>32,392.26</u>			<u>23,024.43</u>

Hon Treasurer

*e Ryan*

14.01.23

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. Tielburg*

19-1-23.

## Auto-Sleeper Owners Club

Thirty-Third Annual General Meeting Held on 30th April 2022 at 10.30 am

<b>Committee:</b>	Steve Ryan	Chairman
	John Osland-Jones	Secretary
	Carol Ryan	Treasurer
	Jean Downie	Membership Secretary
	Dennis Downie	Technical Group Chairman
	Neil Rogers	Rally Co-ordinator
	Stuart Wood	Regalia Officer
	Martin Ross	National Rally Sub Committee Chairman
	Liz Irvin	Charities and Exhibitions Organiser
	John Morris	JM Publications
	Chris Brown	Minutes Secretary (co-opted)

### 1. Apologies

Campbell Alex & Chris 7506

Fisher Peter & Philippa 0336

Peppard Mike & Val 8862

Maddock Chris & Jan 10610

Stewart Francis & Elizabeth 10354

Trevelyan Charles & Angela 007

Morgan Liz & Bryn

Conway Paul & Janet 8629

Holland Mike & Jaqui 1569

Pilkinton Gary

McRoberts David & Penny 11399

Strange Jeanette 6618

Valentine Mike & Mo 2776

### 2. The Appointment of Tellers

Ozzie proposed John & Jean Gutsell (4170) and John & Rita Tubb (4910), John Geeson (2187) seconded and they were appointed as Tellers.

### 3. Minutes of the AGM 2021 (Held via Zoom)

The Minutes were circulated in April News. Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Peter Brown (5128), and seconded by Heather Tidbury (0038) There was one abstention John Geeson (2187) The Minutes were accepted and subsequently signed as approved.

### 4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

### 5. Minutes of the Open Forum 2021 (held via Zoom)

The Minutes were circulated in the April News. The Minutes were proposed for acceptance by Jean Sellers (8655), seconded Barbara Bucket (5829). There was one abstention John Geeson (2187). The Minutes were accepted.

### 6. Committee Reports

These were circulated in the April News. There were no comments on or additions to the committee reports. Acceptance of the reports was proposed by Al Bucket (5829), seconded by John Geeson (2187).

## 7. Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2021

These were circulated in the April News. There were no additions to the Accounts currently standing at £32,392.26. The Treasurer thanked John Tidbury for examining the accounts. Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Sid Cass (10653), seconded by Janice Wood (4201). The Accounts were accepted. The Chairman thanked John Geeson for his contribution to producing the Accounts. John Tidbury has agreed to continue as Accounts Examiner.

## 8. Annual Subscriptions

The annual subscription will stay at £20. Acceptance was proposed by Mel Irwin (7909), seconded by Les Udale (6849). The proposal was accepted.

## 9. Committee Elections

There are 7 vacancies on the Committee and the following nominations have been received:

Liz Irvin 4636	John Osland-Jones 0948
Martin Ross 8332	Stuart Wood 2620
Chris Brown 5128	

The nominees were elected en bloc. There are still 2 vacancies on the Committee.

## 10 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Date of the Next Annual General Meeting 29th April 2023 at 10.30am.

The Stinchcombe Bell was rung to formally end the meeting at 10.54am.

Following the meeting Dennis Downie, who is stepping down from the committee, was presented with a token of our appreciation. With thanks from the Chairman on behalf of the membership.

Neil Rogers, 1997, is also stepping down from his position as Rally Co-ordinator at the end of this year. Neil was thanked for all his hard work over the last 25 years. Pauline was also thanked for her contribution. Neil accepted his presentation on behalf of them both.

Shirley Sturgeon was presented with first prize for the Photo Competition.

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## 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 discontinue using 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 your 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 hand over 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 take 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 be 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 online? 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 sent' 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 online in the member area. Liz Spensley (4293) pointed that 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 online when he's received his copy in the post.

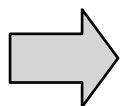
Helen Mould (10616) first timers and enjoying it. We haven't tried to book a rally yet because of covid but it seems we won't get on rallies because we are away a lot. Unless it could be improved we may not be seen at any rallies. Neil suggested they try phoning the marshal nearer the date of the rally, 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 marshals 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 gets him to do an article for the magazine. Peter Brown (5128) said unofficially, they're all happy bunnies although they can't get chassis.

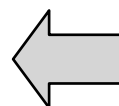
Steve thanked all the marshals for all their hard work and pointed out he's still learning about rallies.

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## PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



**WIN £30**



submit up to four photographs

photo size 6 x 4 or 7 x 5 inches

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*by post to:* John Osland-Jones

Flat 7, Oak Tree Court, 15 Pembroke Way, Hall Green, Birmingham B28 9EX

*by email:* [news@asoc.uk.com](mailto:news@asoc.uk.com)

jpeg image should be no larger than three megabyte

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please bring these reports with you when you attend the AGM

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### CHAIRMAN REPORT Steve Ryan

#### *ASOC State of the Nation - 2023*

After a review of the club, I produced a 5-page report entitled ASOC State of the Nation, which I presented at the committee meeting in October 2022. I was hoping to present this to you all together with the current developments of the committee at this year's Open Forum, but unfortunately my personal circumstances have dictated otherwise.

I will outline some of the headline issues raised and are currently being addressed by the committee.

#### *Headlines*

- Leadership concerned over the future of the club, where "Apathy Rules" is judged OK! by the membership.
- Has the club lost its sight of its Unique Selling Point?
- Reducing Committee numbers and is fast approaching a point of NO Return
- Club communications "At Risk" should we lose the editor.
- Inflation hits, costs spiralling, decreasing membership numbers and cost management for 2023.

Apart from my not making the grade as a headline writer, the object and content of the report was to focus the committee, discuss possible solutions, to make some key and possibly hard/unpalatable decisions for the club going forward into 2023.

Each year we have a 25% plus turnover of membership at renewal times and there is a start of a trend of decreasing membership numbers year on year, we needed to understand why, what do we need to change, what are we doing right and how can we improve to keep and increase our membership, what are the expectations of new members in this digital age?.

Chris's "Apathy Rules" article garnered a total response of 4 replies out of 800 plus members, within those 4 replies there were some good ideas which the committee are working through, my thanks to those who took the time to put finger to keyboard. It is refreshing to the writers of the articles that someone reads their hard work and time taken in producing the content each month.

What is the club's unique selling point? We believe it is the direct contact with the factory and its staff, following the pandemic, the factory has seen many changes in staff and the committee are endeavouring to build new relationships with colleagues.

It's also the club's rallying programme, where roughly a third of the club members rallied in 2022. At the end of last season Neil retired from the committee after 25 years and Martin took on the additional role of Rally Co Ordinator, and is working behind the scenes with reviewing, updating the documents, processes, and

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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procedures with the help of several rally marshals. It is also great to see we have 23 rallies across the country for you to join and explore throughout the 2023 season. My thanks go to all those marshals who have taken time out to seek venues and prepare rallies for your enjoyment. We have been making some changes to the rally plaques going forward for those who collect such items.

With respect to the dwindling committee numbers, and with Ozzie retiring after 15 years' service to the club, we are hopefully welcoming on the committee at the AGM, two new members, Alec Avery and Carol Grain, together with a returning member Dennis Downie.

We also looked at Risks to Club Operation, having identified the key one as communications to membership i.e. the newsletter and the web site, email and electronic filing system all are well managed by our editor John Morris using proprietary software in some cases. Should he suddenly be no longer available to the club, how would the committee manage, what are the short- and long-term contingency plans? This is something we are currently working through.

Regalia is working well, managed by Stuart. Last July we introduced a SUM UP trial payment system for card payments in person and remote credit card payments which seems to be working well.

Financially, as I alluded to in my recent email to members at the end of February, this year has seen rising costs from our suppliers due to energy and inflation within the UK, along with a decline in membership numbers effecting our income as can be seen on the End of Year Accounts. At the February committee meeting we had to revise our annual budgets implementing cuts to committee activities and the magazine to meet the current funding, bearing in mind we can only raise our membership income from 2024. It should be noted that most of our membership income for 2023 appears on the 2022 accounts sheet as membership renewals start in the November of the previous year.

On a last note, I hope those attending the National AGM enjoy themselves, I look forward to hearing positive and constructive feedback, bearing in mind the clubs' current position from those attending the open forum in my absence and look forward to meeting you all at the 2024 National and AGM

### TREASURER REPORT Carol Ryan

**YEAR COVERING 2021 - 22** : As you can see from the annual accounts we have to seriously think about cutting back on our outgoings this year (2023) as the cost of running the club has returned to pre COVID levels the admin costs having risen by £2,900 from 2021. It should be noted that in previous years the Sundries digital web was previously included within Club Administration. Our membership income

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has continued to decrease year on year and has seen a £4,000 reduction on the 2022 accounts. It can also be seen that the National Rally made a loss of £1,665, together with rallies making a slight loss of £449.

It is a requirement for the Club to keep one year's operating costs in hand. We are currently in a position that we have insufficient funds to meet this requirement and we cannot increase the subscriptions until 2024 to meet the requirements. Therefore the Committee have taken the decision to reduce expenditure in the interim. In order to achieve this the Committee have agreed to reduce costs by reducing our face to face committee meetings and holding them on zoom and implement cost reduction measures ie rally placques, membership cards and, most importantly, moving the Newsletter to a quarterly publication.

The Committee will endeavour to continue to seek ways to minimise the cost of running the club whilst keeping the quality of service to our members, but in light of rising costs from inflation effecting many of our outgoings, it is a necessity that the membership fee will have to be increased. The fee has remained at £20 since 2008, however, we no longer have the surplus funds available. To enable the Club to survive I am recommending an increase in membership costs to a minimum of £25 based on a quarterly magazine.

### SECRETARY REPORT Ozzie Jones

It was back to some sort of normality in 2022. the Committee held the usual four meetings. February was by Zoom, April at Newark, July at St.Ives and October at Moreton in Marsh.

In October, I attended the ACCEO (*Association of caravan and Camping Exempted Organisations*) as the Club's representative.

Like my report in 2022, the paperwork/envelopes for the 2023 National Rally are all in place.

This will be my last Secretary Report as I will be standing down from the Committee at the AGM. I wish to thank all the members of the Club for their support over the years.

### MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT 2022 Jean Downie

At long last the effects of Covid seem to be waning and we have all been able to get out and about in our motorhomes. Although some still seems to be about. Please be vigilant.

The renewals went smoothly this year. There has been a pretty even split between BACS payments and cheques. We would prefer renewals to shift away from

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cheques, which take more processing and attract a fee from the bank.

There are still a number of 2022 members who have not yet renewed (272). This number is down on last year's figure of 300 non renewals. This leaves us with an active membership list of 730, down on last year by 34. This is a "moving feast" and memberships will continue to roll in during the year and more will renew as they realise they have not been getting their magazines.

There will be a change to the membership cards for 2024. I will be using business type cards (pre-printed) with validation on the back giving name, membership number, year since date and valid for 2024. This will make the renewal procedure for me somewhat easier (and slightly cheaper).

I would like to welcome all our new members and hope they are able to take part in some of our events this year. Please say hello if you see me.

Thank you all for your kind comments and good wishes.

### CHARITIES & EXHIBITIONS OFFICER Liz Irvin

The charity for 2022 was TOFS Oesophageal Atresia (OA) and Tracheo-Oesophageal Fistula (TOF). Club members raised £1,454.24.

The Charity chosen for 2023 is Beaumont House Hospice Care. They provide In-Patient Care, Day Therapy, Hospice at Home, Caring for Carers and Bereavement Support.

Auto-Sleepers had a stand at the NEC Caravan, Camping and Motorhome shows in October 2022 and at the February 2023 show. ASOC was invited to join them, as they appreciate our involvement. Membership information was given, and questions from the public were answered. Some members attending introduced themselves. This year we enrolled members by BACS and cash.

At the February show, Auto-Sleepers had a prototype van on display which attracted a lot of attention. It is a panel van based on the Mercedes Sprinter with the new hydronic heating system.

While at the show, on behalf of the Chairman, I took the opportunity to visit exhibitors with links to Auto-Sleepers, or van accessories to ask for support for raffle prizes for our charity. Some of these were kind enough to donate raffle prizes.

### NATIONAL CHAIRMAN REPORT Martin Ross

We had some sad news earlier, that Jan and Vic who have been corner stay of the National Rally, will not be able to do it anymore

I would like to thank them very much for their years of service. Thank you to Peter

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& Chris to come forward to take on the main rally marshal's role.

The Entertainers are booked and we have some art work to advertise them, I hope you all enjoy them.

I'm retiring from being National Chairman. Thank you for all the help I've had it's been a real experience.

### **PUBLICATIONS REPORT John Morris**

The website has a member area, but not all ASOC members have opted in to access it. The reason we need this to happen ensures the login details can be changed if required.

We also have an LPG station and PitchSTOP website, and thank you to members who keep them updated.

We now have many members taking the magazine by PDF only with a download link to their email. If you would like this option, let us know.

Thank you to the many members who take the time to send in contributions, please keep them coming.

### **REGALIA OFFICER REPORT Stuart Wood**

I am in the process of trying to find a new supplier for the garments I have for sale because the prices are going up. The cost of posting garments has just gone up and is due to go up again.

I can supply goods from my van at the many rallies I attend throughout the year, but I cannot carry all my stock so if any member would like to get in touch with me and order something for a rally I will be attending, I can fulfil the order at the rally.

I now take card payments at rallies for any one who has neither cash nor cheque book with them.

### **RALLY COORDINATOR REPORT Martin Ross**

We have 22 Rallies. Some of the declaration letters have been sent but we are still fine tuning some of the wording & forms.

John Morris has designed, made and delivered some plaques.

We need a method to advertise rallies and also have an application date on them, or to be added after, this is work in progress.

# THE HUB

## Train in Spain for Climate Change

A newspaper article has alerted me to a free train travel scheme running in Spain until December 2023. It covers short and medium distance routes so you could, for example, have an extended stay on a convenient motorhome site and enjoy some interesting jaunts (almost) for free. The paper gives us a couple of ideas: from Madrid to El Escorial (fabulous views of Phillip II's palace and 16th C monastery) then on to Avila (immense city walls); or west to Segovia for the Roman aqueduct and fairy-tale castle.

The "almost" catch is that you need to apply via the national train company Renfe's app for a pass costing between 10 and 20 euros. That's refundable if you take 16 trips, but you could still make substantial savings. Download the app from Google or Apple (not Windows), register for an account – note that you will need your passport number as a visitor - and start purchasing tickets where the discount will be applied. Renfe are doing this to address climate change and the cost of living crisis, and you could make savings on fuel while saving the planet. Disfrutar (Enjoy!) *Rob Corcoran 9539*

## Headlight masks for Europe

Purchase a set of headlamp protectors. I have a pair upon which positioning rectangles are marked for the plastic, black masking pieces supplied with them. Approx £70 for a set. Ours came from Motorhome Essentials.

Also-we have a set of protective grilles from Zunsport which look well on the MH. Cost approx £200. This following a pheasant strike which took out: plastic grille, intercooler and engine radiator. Insurance covered it but my excess was £500. Once bitten twice shy. *Ken Exton.*

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Hi, with regard to the headlamp masks, I have found over the years that headlamp protectors normally have the corners marked on them for the masks. This has several advantages, protection, and ordinary insulating tape can be used because of the air gap between headlamp and protector. Yes they are expensive but at about a tenner for the stick ons the break even point is only about 5 or 6 trips abroad assuming single use. *Pete Fisher 336*

### RECEIVE EMAILS FROM THE CLUB

From time to time we would like to send club information by email. In order to receive them, please go to the member area of website and optin, any member who has already done this, will not need to do this again.

You can unsubscribe at any time

**FOR SALE**

'Fiamma' style tripod base with 3 tubes, 28", 23.5", 14" - £40

Van Comfort Internal Thermal Silver Screen for Ducato/Boxer - £20

Fiamma Awning Tie Down S - £12

Mains electric hookups, 3 x 20mtrs, 1 x 10mtrs, assorted mains adaptors - £40

3 steps, 1 x double, 2 x single - £10 each

John Calf 7965, tel.01274 305742 / 07443 933554,

email.jmcalf@gmail.com.

Bradford, West Yorkshire.



**NATIONAL RALLY AND AGM**



**PLEASE BRING ANY BOTTLES TO DONATE TO THE TOMBOLA**

# TECH TALK with Dennis

## **CALOR DISCONTINUES SUPPLY OF SMALL BUTANE AND PROPANE CYLINDERS.**

This is potentially bad news for owners of many smaller Auto-Sleepers. I have been looking into the alternatives.

### **Solution 1**

Flogas have 3.9 Kg propane and 4.5 Kg Butane cylinders available as direct replacements for the Calor small cylinders. <https://www.flogas.co.uk>

Checking on the Flogas website, the costs appear to be:

<b>FloGas costs including VAT</b>	<b>3.9Kg Propane</b>	<b>4.5Kg Butane</b>
New cylinder	£38.50	£38.50
Gas	£19.25	£20.75
Market volatility surcharge	£5.64	£5.64
Total initial cost per cylinder	£63.39	£64.89
Refill cost per cylinder	£24.89	£26.39
<b>Cost to replace two cylinders</b>	<b>£126.78</b>	<b>£129.78</b>

FloGas say the same regulators as used on Calor cylinders will fit these cylinders.

Homebase seem to be a stockist for Flogas. They have over 160 locations in UK. However, I cannot say how many branches will stock these small cylinders. It might be a good idea to perhaps let John Morris know which branches of Homebase stock these small cylinders so he can extend the LPG section of the website with this information.

### **Solution 2**

I have spoken with Charles (Charlie) Lister, who owns Autogas2000 who are one of our supporters in offering a discount on their products and services. <https://autogasshop.co.uk>

Charlie says that the alternative to changing to Flogas is by using the GasLow 2.7 Kg (5.92Litres) refillable cylinders.

The singular advantage of the refillable system is the cost of the gas refills. Currently (as of 9th Feb) Autogas price is 76p per litre making a refill cost about £4.50, compared with £24.89 for a Flo-gas refill. I have seen this price much higher, however.

Charlie can offer a full fitting of a single or dual cylinder installation. His budget price for a single cylinder installation is £295.00 + £120 for fitting and for a dual cylinder system £595 + £120 for fitting. These prices will attract the discounts offered on ASOC Deals for Members on the website [www.asoc.uk.com](http://www.asoc.uk.com) .

Your investment for a dual system of £715, can be offset somewhat against the necessary cost of converting to Flogas of £126.78 so you can calculate your break-even point based on an initial outlay of £588.22. If you refill twice each year, the payback period where you would breakeven would be about 6 years.

The same calculations and gas consumption for a single system with four refills per year would be an initial investment of £295 + £120 for fitting = £415 less £63.39 Flogas cost offset for one cylinder making an initial outlay of £351.61. Assuming two refills per year would give a break-even period of about 4.3 years. Alternatively, the stand-alone Gaslow refillable cylinder that you carry to the pump to refill cost £194.90 each. Set against the Flogas price for your first cylinder of £63.39 means your initial outlay when offset against the Flogas cylinder would be 131.51 + £4.50 for the gas. There would be no fitting costs for this option and the standard discount from Autogas2000 would apply. You can see this and the other systems on their website.

<https://autogasshop.co.uk/product/gaslow-direct-fill-2-7kg-refillable-cylinder-01-4003-67-d/>

I get the feeling that this is the best viable option. It means your new cylinder(s) can move with you to your next van without fuss if you change van.

### **Alternatively... Solution 3 – Latest.**

Autogas 2000 have said “We can offer members of your group a direct fill 2.7kg Gaslow bottle with a 10% discount, RRP £194.90, member price £175.42.”

Please contact Stephen Clark

Autogas 2000 Leisure Ltd, Carlton Miniott, Thirsk, North Yorkshire, YO7 4NJ

TEL: 01845 523213

<mailto:sclark@autogas.co.uk>

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

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

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

### **Fire Extinguishers**

How often do we inspect our fire extinguishers? Do you know the expiry date of your fire extinguisher?

This is an extract from an article written by Paul Holden of Gloss Fire Action [www.glossfireaction.co.uk](http://www.glossfireaction.co.uk) who has kindly offered a 10% discount to club members (see below).

*“With the Fire Safety Stick you do not have to worry about what type of fire it as it can used on ALL major types of fire. Being non-pressurised it needs no servicing or maintenance and lasts over 50 seconds once activated – or 100 seconds depending on model. With its 15 year shelf life it won’t expire and is saving you money on servicing costs. The gas emitted from the Fire Safety Stick is nitrogen based so won’t damage surfaces and won’t harm you if breathed in. Having no trigger to hold down it can be placed in a confined space once activated and will carry on working, meaning you don’t have to put yourself at risk in toxic smoke and fumes which may come from the fire. Each Fire Safety Stick is small and lightweight and comes with its own mounting bracket so can be mounted in a*

convenient space. Having one by the kitchen and one by the sleeping area in larger vans is a sensible precaution.

Please watch the videos and read the case studies at [www.glossfireaction.co.uk](http://www.glossfireaction.co.uk). A discount code for ASOC members is ASOC18X/3/23 and can be inserted where it says 'voucher code' on Our website."

It is a lot smaller and lighter than a standard fire extinguisher and reputedly leaves almost no powdery residue all over everything when it has done its job. It needs no servicing or maintenance. The link to the YouTube video is here...

If you choose to use one of these instead of a standard extinguisher, you may need to check with your insurer and let them know you have substituted the factory specified extinguisher.

A final word of caution – advice that I have received from Fire Officers over the years has been to “get out and don’t attempt to fight the fire yourself” After all, if your house / car / motorhome is on fire, you risk your life by not keeping clear of it. Your insurance cover is much better protection for you than an extinguisher. So, unlike standard extinguishers, it seems that you can start this device and throw it into the fire and immediately retreat to safety, leaving it to do its job.

Despite the advice to just get out, personally, I have fire extinguishers in my home workshop where the risk of fire can be quite high (welding for example). Considering the clean-up from a powder extinguisher on all my machines and tools, I am considering one of these for sudden flare-ups that might occur.

### Monocoque awning mountings

Mathew Lanfear (11651) joined ASOC recently – Welcome Mathew. He made the following request...

*“I am looking for some “wind-out awning” bracket wedges to fit onto the monocoque body. I wondered if you may know who / where could help??”*

I suggested Cheltenham Laminating, who made the body shells, but I wanted to ask Owners what sort of fittings have been used by members who have fitted awnings. Perhaps you could contact me [technical@asoc.uk.com](mailto:technical@asoc.uk.com) and I will pass on your advice. He supplied this photo from a van (I guess not his)

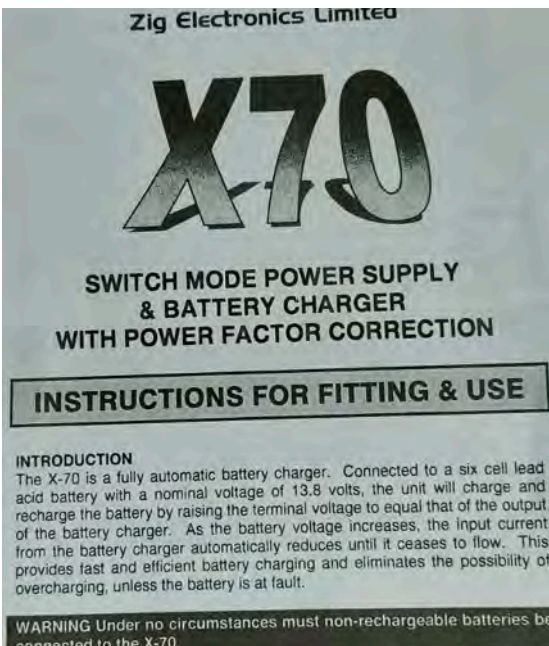
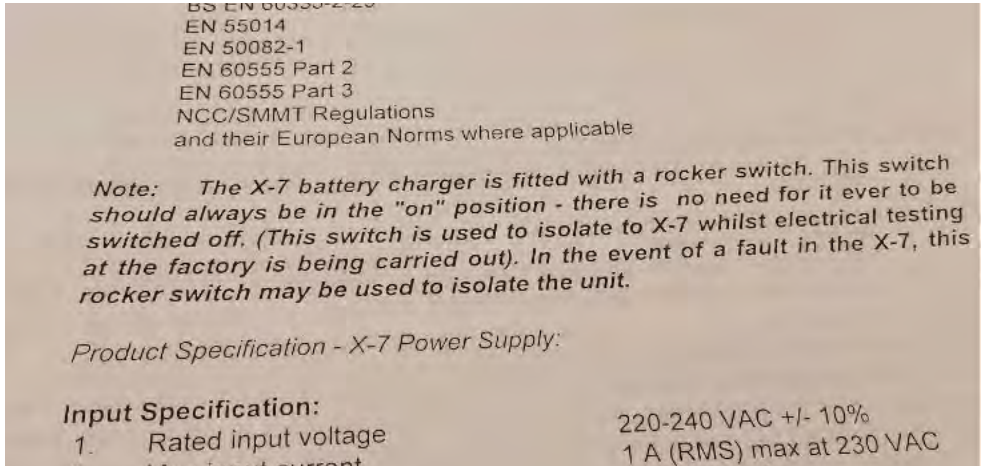


## ZIG X7 leisure battery chargers

There has been some confusion over the advisability of leaving your stored motorhome on EHU if you have a ZIG X7 charger (these were used prior to the change-over to Sargent systems some years ago).

Tony Hartley contacted me with the following extracts from the documents that came with his 1998 Legend that suggest it is fine to leave the batteries charging for extended periods while in storage. The following pictures explain.

Thank you Tony.



## National Rally and AGM

Let me finally, for this month, give a shout out for the National Rally this year. Much work has gone in to organising our annual big event and past years have been very enjoyable and rewarding. Do come along and have a say in the club and how it operates. I will be there with Jean, your Membership Secretary and we will be very happy to see you.

## **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.

21 - 23 April 2023

The Final Peterborough Motorhome & Campervan Show

Peterborough PE2 6HE

*Marshals:* Yvonne and Stuart Wood. *Assistant Marshals:* Ronnie & Angela Smith.

*Emergency telephone:* 07799 591550

Arrive Thursday £80.00 minus ASOC discount.

Booking for Saturday night entertainment must be made and paid to Warners on their booking form.

**You must book through Warners, and only send the rally fee to the Rally Marshal**

Use the booking form from MMM, or online with Warners,

Mark the form ASOC CLUB and note the special club fees.

You must also send a rally slip to Stuart Wood with your rally fee,

Couples £3.00, Singles £2.00.

Applications closing date is 10th April, if you want to rally with the club you must return the form before this date.

*SAE or a legible email address for confirmation.*

*Cheques payable to:*

S. Wood, 26 Burton Acres Way, Highburton, Huddersfield, HD8 0RF.

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

27 April - 1 May 2023

National Rally & AGM, Newark Showground

Pitch fee includes electric and access to all the pavilions and the entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings. Book online from the member area of the website.

9 - 14 May 2023 (5 nights)

Kings Down Tail Caravan Park

Salcombe Regis on A3052 Near Sidmouth / Seaton

A new venue on a full facility site. Hard standing and electric

Site fees £23 per night + £2.50 rally fee

Rally slips and cheques to:

Brian Ellis 52 Golf Links Road, Burnham on Sea, Somerset, TA8 2PP

Phone 01278 784524.

Postal bookings and cheques only.

Café / shop on site, bus stop outside the site to Sidmouth and to Seaton Weymouth and Exeter. Donkey sanctuary nearby, worth a visit.

No arrivals before 12.00 p.m.

Limit 25 pitches

**16 - 19 May 2023 (3 nights)**

**Hopley's Family Camping**

**Cleobury Road, Bewdley DY12 2Q**

*Rally Marshals:* Arthur and Cheryl Allen

Site fees: £70 + Rally fee: £5.00.

*Enquires and Applications:* Please send form and cheque to:

Arthur Allen c/o Clows Top Post Office, Clows Top, Kidderminster, DY14 9HL

or email your form to arthur.allen2427@btinternet.com and payment to PayPal using the same email address, please use reference Hopley with your surname.

The site is Hopley's Cleobury Rd, Bewdley DY12 2Q with on site Farm Shop, café, showers and fishing pool. The pitches have electric hook-up and it is on the outskirts of the

Georgian riverside town of Bewdley, just off the A456 on the Bewdley bypass

There is a bus stop at the site entrance to Bewdley where you can change to Ludlow, which has 11th century castle and Kidderminster, the other direction is Tenbury Wells and the City

of Worcester. Local attractions, Bewdley Town Centre with cafes, restaurants and bars, walks along the river Severn and Severn Valley Railway – train to Bridgnorth and

Kidderminster, West Midland Safari Park and Wyre Forest Centre with café and walks.

Wharton Park Golf Course is within walking distance from the site.

**limited to 30 pitches.**

**5 – 10 June 2023 (5 nights on the Rugby Club grounds)**

**Newton Abbot Rugby Club Rydon Industrial Estate,**

**off Newton Road, Kingsteignton, Newton Abbot, TQ12 3SJ**

Own Facilities required. Non electric, grass pitch. Water and elsan only.

This is a limited facility rally, but in an excellent location ideal to explore this area of Devon.

*Rally booking:* 5 nights £55.00 + £2.50 rally fee.

*Rally slips and cheques:* £57.50.00 payable to Brian Ellis and send to

52 Golf Links Road, Burnham On Sea, Somerset, TA8 2PP

Phone 01278 784524. Postal bookings and cheques only.

email ell.ba82@yahoo.co.uk for enquiries only

Club bar on site. Retail park opposite. Buss route to Teignmouth and Exeter from main road or short walk or bus ride to town of Newton Abbot. Busses and trains from Newton Abbot to

Teignmouth, Paignton, Dartmouth, Exeter.

No arrivals before 12.00 pm

**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

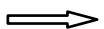
*Enquiries and Applications:* pcb7ty@btinternet.com 07771 827711

*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**

**18 - 23 June (5 Nights)**

**Wigginton Grasshoppers FC Rally**

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

*Rally Marshalls:* Alan & Glenis Hurst. 07982 416878

Les & Pat Udale. 07762 164776 Les & Carolyn Lamley. 07923 054306

*Site Fee:* £12 per night. *Rally Fee:* Couples £4-50 Singles £2-50

Please send SAE or email for confirmation.

Booking Slips & cheques payable to

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

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.

**23 - 28 June 2023 (5 nights) THIS RALLY IS FULLY BOOKED**

**Harrogate Rally at the Showground Caravan Park**

**Harrogate HG2 8NZ**

*Marshals:* Yvonne and Stuart Wood.

Emergency telephone: 07799 591550.

*Site fee:* £135 for 5 nights. *Rally fee:* couples £3.00, singles £2.00.

Application form and cheques payable to:

S. Wood, 26 Burton Acres Way, Highburton, Huddersfield, HD8 0RF

Telephone: 01484 604133, SAE or legible Email for confirmation.

Pitches are hard standing with electric. Heated toilets, showers and laundry room, washing up. Free WiFi.

Farm shop and café next door, with discount. Sainsburys five minute walk, bus five minute walk, pub 5 minute walk. Buses to Harrogate, Knaresborough, Wetherby, and Leeds. You can bus, cycle or walk into Harrogate.

Harrogate has the famous Bettys tea rooms and the Valley gardens, and, of course, Weatherspoons in the old pump Room.

Directions: On A661 Wetherby to Harrogate Road, turn at Sainsburys. HG2 8NZ

**Please do not arrive before 13.30.**

**8 July -13 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:* £4.50 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 decent to the camping field. We have use of the club house during bar opening hours from 8.00 pm in the evening. 1 Toilet and shower are available below club house but own sanitation is advisable. laundry facilities are available, Dogs welcome on lead at all times.

Bus stop to Stafford 10-15 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 8 July and finishes 12 noon Thursday 13 July.

Max 27 Vans

**13 - 18 July 2023 (5 nights)**

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

*Rally Marshals:* 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.

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.

Do not enter St Ives town centre. Follow directions.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 1st JUNE 2023

**5 - 10 August 2023 (5 nights)**

**Redcar Rugby Club, Green Lane, Redcar, TS10 3RW**

*Rally Marshals:* Martin Ross, Lesley Prince

Emergency telephone 07901 771040.

*Site Fee:* £10.00 p.n. no electric. *Rally Fee:* £5.00 couples £3.00 singles.

Booking slips by post or online. Applications accepted from 1st May. Cheques payable to M Ross This year, payment can be made by BACS or Paypal Please request BACS details on your booking slip, and Paypal to my email, I will forward you the details. Your booking will be confirmed when I receive your payment.

Please send to: Martin Ross:

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

Email: [mross@uwclub.net](mailto:mross@uwclub.net) Including a SAE or 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 5th August and finishes 12 noon Thurs 10 August. Whitby Rally follows on starting Thurs 10 August and is only 40 - 50 minutes drive away across the scenic North York Moors via A171.

Be assured there is plenty of room.

**10 - 15 August 2023 (5 nights)**

**Eskdale School, Whitby, North Yorks.**

*Rally Marshals:* Liz Irvin, Peter, and Chris Brown

*Emergency Telephone:* 07711 271568 (Marshal's mobile)

email [lizirvin@outlook.com](mailto:lizirvin@outlook.com)

*Site Fees:* £11.00 per night. *Rally Fees:* £5.00 couples, £4.00 singles.

Total with rally slip £60.00 couples, £59.00 singles.

The number of pitches will be limited.

We have the use of toilets, showers, and( hopefully as last year), the use of an electric point for emergency battery charging.

Arrivals after 12 noon on Thursday. We will be using the playground, carpark and tennis courts. The school balcony will be available this year.

Booking slips by post or online. Applications accepted from 1st May.

Cheques payable to Mrs E Irvin. This year, payment can be made by BACS. Please request

BACS details on your booking slip, and I will forward you the details. Your booking will be confirmed when I receive your payment. Send to

Mrs E. Irvin, 43 School Lane, Kirk Ella, HULL, East Yorkshire.HU10 7NP.  
lizirvin@outlook.com Mobile 07711 271568.

Please enclose SAE, or clear email address on rally slip for confirmation in June and early July, please use email or mobile contacts for confirmation.

The Whitby Regatta is a 3-day event starting on Saturday. Subject to weather conditions, the Red Arrows are booked for Saturday afternoon, with the Lancaster Bomber display both Saturday and Sunday afternoons. On Monday evening there is a firework display.

The school is off the Scarborough Road. Buses stop at the school gates to Whitby, with buses to Scarborough round the corner. The Sainsbury's superstore is nearby on Stainsacre Lane.

*Directions:* From Scarborough on A171, on entering Whitby, after the 30mph sign, turn left into Eskdale Road after the layby, and the school entrance is on the left. From Guisborough or Pickering on A171, enter Whitby and continue to the Scarborough Road, cross the new Esk Bridge and up the hill to the top, Stainsacre Lane. Entrance is off Eskdale Road before Sainsbury's store and petrol station. **Postcode YO22 4HS.**

**16 - 22 August 2023 (6 nights)**

**Two-site Scottish Rally.** Middleton in Teesdale & Ecclefechan

**First site is: Middleton in Teesdale.**

**Second site: Hoddom Castle Campsite Lockerbie,**

Marshals: Moira & Allan Blackstock

Emergency No. 07895704186 Or 01772749178

*Site Fee:* With EH £190, plus electricity at Hoddom is charged by purchasing a pre-paid card at reception on arrival, this can be added to if and when required.

*Without EH:* £170 *Rally Fee:* £6 couple, £33 single.

Application and cheques payable to

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

SAE or legible email address for confirmation.

This would be an ideal follow-on from Whitby.

**16th – 19th Leekworth Caravan Park, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0TL**

(This is different to the previously advertised location of Kirkcudbright due to a change of management who no longer take block bookings).

Middleton in Teesdale is a pleasant village with a few shops and cafés situated by the River Tees in a good walking and cycling country, near to Barnard Castle and many tourist attractions such as High Force, Bowes Museum, stately homes and gardens. Due to a narrow access, there is a strict rule of NO ARRIVALS BEFORE 2.30pm.

**19th – 22nd Hoddom Castle Campsite, Lockerbie DG11 1AS**

Hoddom is situated near Ecclefechan in Southwest Scotland, southwest of the River Annan. A bar and restaurant are accommodated in the Coach House on site. Local attractions include – The Devil's Porridge Museum, Caerlaverock Nature Reserve and castle, The Old Blacksmith's Shop, Gretna Green and many more.

**17 - 20 August 2023**

**The Western Motorhome Show Malvern**

*Rally Marshals: Gary & Pat Wanklin Assisted by John and Jean Gutsell*

*Emergency telephone: 07885 812512*

If you require a booking form go to [www.outandaboutlive.co.uk](http://www.outandaboutlive.co.uk) booking forms or book on line. Please mark the form ASOC and note the special club site fees.

Arrive Thursday £78 Arrive Friday £75.

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

Application's close on Wednesday August 2nd by 2pm If you wish to rally with the club then you must return the application form to Warner's by this date.

Then you **MUST** complete a club rally slip (this also applies to internet bookings)

Return it with the rally fee of £3 couples £2 singles, cheques payable to

Gary Wanklin 18 Beverley Way Malvern Worcs WR141LA Telephone 01886 832364

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

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

**21 - 25 August 2023 (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: £52.00. Rally Fee: £4.00*

Please send your rally slip and a cheque for £56.00 payable to

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

Telephone: 023 8026 7294 Mobile 07754 761423 together with your email address or an SAE for confirmation and directions.

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 right outside the site which will take you to Winchester on the other side of the road, alternatively it is a nice walk along the river to Winchester.

Buses to Southampton near side of the road. Buses are available from Winchester Bus Station to 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)**

31 August - 5 September 2023 (5 nights)

Hampton Ferry Evesham

Rally Marshal: Liz Irvin

Emergency Telephone 07711 271568 (Marshal's mobile) email  
lizirvin@outlook.com

Site Fees: £9.60 per night. Rally Fees: £5.00 couples, £4.00 singles.

Total with rally slip £53.00 couples, £52.00 singles.

This is a greenfield site. Water points, waste, and toilet empty points. No electricity. The site is situated in the bend of the river Avon. There are three Caravan rally meadows and Raphael's Licensed restaurant. The restaurant opens from 9am till late in the evening in the summer months. On Sunday there is a Carvery for which booking is advised. Fishing available on site. There is a possibility of a boat cruise from the site.

Across the river is a privately owned holiday caravan site. It is only a short walk into Evesham and there are many riverside walks nearby.

Arrivals after 12 noon on Thursday. We will be using the meadow next to the restaurant.

Booking slips by post or online. Applications accepted from 1st May.

Cheques payable to Mrs E Irvin. This year, payment can be made by BACS. Please request BACS details on your booking slip, and I will forward you the details. Your booking will be confirmed when I receive your payment. Send to Mrs E. Irvin, 43 School Lane, Kirk Ella, HULL, East Yorkshire.HU10 7NP.  
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Hampton Ferry is at the end of Boat Lane, Evesham Worcester.WR11 4BP.



THURSDAY 27 APRIL - MONDAY 1 MAY 2023  
NEWARK SHOWGROUND

**BOOKING FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE MEMBER  
AREA OF THE WEBSITE**

If you would like us to send one to your email address  
use the contact ASOC form on the website

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