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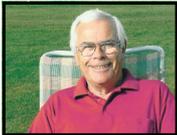


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Dusseldorf Show

In the April Newsletter I made a note to see what interest there was if any, for members to go to the Dusseldorf Show. Since then we have had a little more interest, although most people are making their own ferry and travel arrangements. The dates that the bulk of us will be there will be Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th and Friday 5th September. I will be contacting those who have shown an interest nearer the time to confirm a meeting point for anyone wishing to travel into the show at the same time. Could all those people please reconfirm to me either by e-mail on jim@sunset.plus.com or telephone, as soon as possible.

Editor's Column

Hi everyone!

Well, as you will see, I have been voted in as Newsletter Editor for the second year and my thanks go to everyone who has supported me with their articles in the past year. Hopefully you will all continue with your support in the coming year!

Welcome to all of our new members, some of whom I have met at the rallies held so far this year. I'm hoping to tempt you too to write a piece for the Newsletter! Any contributions, together with photographs if at all possible should be sent to me at 11 Avon Crescent, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire CV37 7EU. Alternatively, to my e-mail address, Dawn@sunset.plus.com so please get in touch!

Regards

Dawn

*The deadline for the
October Newsletter is 15th
September 2003*

Dates For Your Diary

28 July—4 August 2003

Ed and Vera Watson's Rally

Ambleside, Lake District

20—27 August 2003

Jan Charity's Upton-upon-Severn Water Festival Rally

Caravan Salon Dusseldorf (Show Dates 30.08.03—7.09.03)

Jim Walton's Dusseldorf Show Trip

2004

18-21 June 2004

AGM at Little Merebrook Farm, Hanley Swan NEW!

Jim Walton

Fourth Annual General Meeting Held At Little Merebrook Farm Hanley Swan 21st June 2003

Tony Charity



Seventeen vans made the location this year. The weather was outstanding and everyone seemed pleased with the location. So much so that the next AGM is already booked for 18th to 21st June 2004 at Little Merebrook Farm. The meeting was held in the Village Hall which provided toilet and kitchen facilities.



Committee Posts now held:

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Thanks to Peter Cooke, Marion Lunn and Rex Wade for their contributions in the posts over the last year.

Tony Charity, Jan Charity and Denis Kearns gave notice that they would step down next year, giving time for members to reflect on the posts which will require filling. Anyone can obtain a Post Profile outlining what is required of the applicant or a copy of the Minutes of the AGM from Tony Charity.

Slight changes were voted on to clarify the paragraphs 3.4 and 8.8 in the Rules and Constitution. This confirmed that Friends of Hobbyists (Associate Members) would be welcome at rallies, if slots were available, as full members would have priority. This being that some locations are restricted in numbers due to size of field. Also that an Associate Member may be Co-opted onto the non Executive Committee in the event that a full member is not available to hold the Post. While all this sounds very heavy and we are in the IAH to have fun, it needed clarifying to prevent any difficulties in the future.

Ed Watson volunteered to look into the prospect of purchasing a tent for the IAH.

Geoff Oman offered his services to research the technicalities of getting a flag for the IAH. Some ground had been covered by Tony Charity but the design provided problems and higher costs. Therefore there was still a lot of work to be done.



Finally! Janet and I would like to thank everyone for all their kind thoughts and words in supporting us through the recent loss of our son, Lee Charity. Have a safe journey and keep smiling.

Ullesthorpe Rally, near Lutterworth

1 – 5 May 2003

Pauline and Norman Selby

A few words of thanks to all who supported the IAH rally we arranged at Ullesthorpe Garden Centre for this Bank Holiday weekend.

Thirteen motorhomes finally arrived with apologies from Peter and Jean Cooke, we sympathise with their technical problems and sincerely hope that they are now sorted and look forward to renewing their acquaintance at future rallies. We were also very disappointed that we were unable to welcome our newest member, Mr Frank Parker and his motorhome, and hope that we will be welcoming him at one of our other rallies in the future.

We sincerely hope that despite the changeable weather, all our friends derived as much pleasure and enjoyment from this, our first rally, as we did in arranging it.



The yet to be officially appointed entertainment officer, (Mr John Rooney) did a splendid job as comedian, M.C., and magicians assistant to Rae Hinchliffe.

We were pleased to welcome our wildlife officer, Mr Roger Morgan with his famous duck!

We also give thanks to our PRESS OFFICER who has obtained powered transport to enable him to cover a larger area of the rally field, thus saving his poor legs.



Thanks also to the construction team of volunteers in assembling the clubhouse/restaurant in record time for our evening meal and festivities.



We also give thanks to our illustrious Chairman/paper boy for all his services.

Our Sunday service was most interesting and different when the men raised the engine bonnets to the heavens and chanted mysterious words like "WOT B..... TURBO")!

In conclusion, we once again thank you all for the exceptional support you gave us.



The Lutterworth Adventure

Denis Kearns

As has been said by others, this was our first meeting of the 2003 season and it was a beaut. Pauline and Norman excelled not only in the food department but also in the subsequent organisation. I did, upon tasting the food, declare my undying love for Pauline, coupled with an offer of marriage. I must say however that I somewhat revised my ideas when I found that Norman was responsible for a lot of the food.

Now, in his rounds of the local area, young Norman did us proud showing us where the jet engine was designed by Frank Whittle and the monument to his efforts.

What Norman didn't know however was the fact that many other everyday devices were started in this area at a laboratory known by the Government as the 'WE CAN DO IT, WHAT IS IT LABORATORY' but by its employees as the 'WE DID IT, WHAT WAS IT LABORATORY'.

It was in this famous establishment that the all-weather sundial was created especially for use in dark or foggy areas. Unfortunately a torch was always needed to take a reading. The accuracy of this precision instrument was guaranteed to be within plus or minus 12 hours. A number of these all-weather sundials are still in use on locations such as The Dogger Bank where it reads the time for any shipwrecked mariners who happen to land up there. One has recently been sent to Mars in a satellite in order to show the Martians what a clever lot we are.

Another local invention was the first burglar alarm ever. Unfortunately, the prototype was stolen and its secrets lost forever.

Along the same lines and at roughly the same time, the keyless lock was perfected. The only set of

drawings was put into the safe and unfortunately has never been accessible since.

Lutterworth is also famous for its many well-known authors. One such book, written in the 1700's is the Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Ethiopian Railways during the 12th and 13th centuries. A masterpiece of historical investigation. The Nobel Prize winner Ghengis Khan who actually travelled on the railway on his journey from Peking to Aberdeen provided research material for the book.

Lutterworth also has its dark side. It has recently gained notoriety as the place of heinous crime where a handsome young ex-News Editor was helped up to a large seat in order to be photographed and then... THE ROTTEN DEVILS LEFT ME... Fortunately they were overcome with remorse and came back to rescue me. The photograph shows my terrible discomfiture.



So, as you can see, Lutterworth is famous for many things apart from Norman's shop.

Thanks again to you both.

Beverley Rally – Willow Lodge

22 – 26 May 2003

Vera and Brian McLean

Members attending: -

Pauline and Norman Selby

Hazel and Roger Morgan

Vera and Eddy Watson

Dawn and Jim Walton

Jacky and Rae Hinchliffe

Eileen and Ray Connolley

Christine and John Rooney

Vera and Brian McLean



Everyone seemed to have a good time, the weather was mixed but it didn't deter our members from taking the short walk into Beverley. On Saturday we had a ramble, the first half of which we baked in beautiful sunshine so we decided to eat our picnic at the start of Beverley Westwood. Then the rains came, fortunately we were near a pub so instead of getting wet outside we got wet inside! We were totally convinced every time we got to the bottom of our glasses the landlord switched a sprinkler system on outside the pub windows. Considered ourselves lucky with the BBQ and the evening passed very well as we were able to cook outside and eat inside the two gazebos and one awning joined together.

I took quite a bit of stick with my musical quiz which was won by Vera and Eddy Watson.

Midway through the rally we had an unexpected fire display which was provided by the Bartoline Company on the Swinemoor Industrial Estate. Fortunately there was no loss of life.



We raised £15 by running a raffle for the club funds, the main prize being won by Eileen and Ray.

Quite a few members were surprised at the size of Beverley and what a good venue it was, being serviced by buses and trains. Two members visited The Deep in Hull, plus everyone visited Beverley market on the Saturday.



Proposed Tour of the interesting places in Europe

Denis Kearns

I have put together the first thoughts for a continental rally to be held some time this year. No arrangements have yet been made but I feel that this rally could be popular with most of the Club Members. The proposed itinerary is as follows: -

Day 1 Leave home and meet at the luxury site adjacent to Slough Gas Works. Members who wish to, can of course arrive up to 4 days earlier. Days will be at leisure to wander round the gas works. This is especially recommended to the ladies in the party. As an alternative, the ladies could observe the linked traffic light system pioneered in Slough.

"I am told that Frauline Fifi and her disappearing snake is a sight not to be missed"

An evening outing would be arranged whereby the gentlemen would board a coach bound for the interesting London suburb of Soho, stopping off at Madame Lulu's for light refreshment. A coach can be arranged to bring those back who are interested in pursuing the trip further. Those who stay can be picked up upon our return to the UK.

Day 2 Cross by ferry from Dover to Calais and on to Paris where the gentlemen will be taken to the left bank and tickets included to the Follies Bergere. For the ladies, an educational visit will be laid on to the French equivalent of Sainsbury's where foods which are fun to cook can be bought.

Day 3 Drive across France and Belgium towards Amsterdam whereto gents can visit the nude sunbathing beaches, followed by an interesting visit to a local brewery.

For the ladies, a trip to Amsterdam Power Station has been arranged. This should prove very interesting to those ladies who have a first class honours degree in either Electrical Engineering or Needlecraft. P.M. we continue our road into Germany where we stay overnight at one of Germany's unique nude CL sites. Curfew is at 4am.

Day 4 On to Hamburg, specifically the Reeperbahn where the gents can sample some of the more exotic specialities of the area. I am told that Frauline Fifi and her disappearing snake is a sight not to be missed. The Hamburg nude female accordion band will provide other entertainment. The girls play romantic melodies whilst wandering naked amongst the guests and are often seen to have tears in their eyes.

For the ladies, an amusing lecture has been arranged whereby Herr Obengruppenfuhrer Schmidt (late of the SS) has prepared a talk on 'the production difficulties of the Russian T34 tank during the last days of the war' plus a slide show entitled 'The Mark 7B hand grenade in all its glory'. This should be of particular interest and culminates what is believed to be a most educational tour.

Day 5 Drive to port for the return journey to the UK.

It is respectfully requested that the ladies do the homeward driving as the tour may have affected the staying power of some of the gentlemen.

Price: In the region of £1,350 with an initial deposit of £1,349 with your acceptance.

Your comments please on the back of a Ten Pound note to me before the end of July.

Whitchurch Rally, 6th – 8th June 2003

Rally Marshalls - Roger and Hazel Morgan,
Mary Hines and Steve Phillips



We organised our first rally at Park House on 6th - 8th June this year.

We welcomed 13 vans on to an adjacent

field giving all a good view of the countryside and distant Welsh hills (plus a few cows grazing nearby).

Once everyone had refreshed themselves and caught up with all their news and gossip, we retired to the 'Bus barn' with glasses and chairs as the evening chill descended.

On Saturday morning the sun was shining with a cooling breeze and a farm walk was taken by those that wished to see the sheep, lambs, cows and calves.

Meanwhile, Roger had been busy preparing the pig and getting the barbecue fired up for the hog roast - with a few helpful suggestions from interested onlookers. As the breeze picked up we all wondered whether Roger would have any fuzz left on his chest by supper time!!!

By evening, everyone was in festive mood sitting around the fire watching a colourful sunset over the hills.

Of the pig - well it wasn't exactly in a poke, but had it been it might have given more sustenance - suffice to say the Quartermaster has been told he will have a more menial role next year - like polishing the cooks boots! Fortunately Hobbyists are forgiving folk and Jim saved the day as he had thoughtfully brought back some pork scratchings from the pub, just in case!!!



pect of sighting a winged Hobby was not as enticing as the nearby



On Sunday, as on Saturday, a few Hobbyists went off to explore the surrounding country lanes and canal on bike or foot. No one ventured as far as Whixall Moss - the pros-



Waggoners Pub! We sat out and watched another sunset although there was some dissention about the cold, so we transferred to the 'Bus barn'.

Five motorhomes stayed for Monday night, when we all went to the local Wetherspoons in Whitchurch.

Thanks to everyone for making our first attempt so enjoyable.

Recipes For The Barbecue

Hazel Morgan

Hazel and I were talking about barbecues a few weeks ago at one of the rallies and she told me of two of her favourite desserts which are easily cooked on the barbecue. Of course, as my other hat is News Editor, I asked if she would write them down for me to use in the Newsletter and she very kindly did - so here they are - enjoy! Thanks Hazel.

BRANDIED PEACHES

1 Peach per person
 1 dessertspoon sugar per peach
 1 tablespoon Brandy per peach

Cut the peach in half and remove the stone.
 Place $\frac{1}{2}$ peach into a foil bowl.
 Put sugar into the hollow of the peach where the stone would have been.
 Cover the sugar with the Brandy.
 Put the other $\frac{1}{2}$ peach on top.
 Seal the foil parcel.

CHOCOLATE BANANAS

1 Banana per person
 1 Chocolate Flake per person

Leave the banana in its skin.
 Cut through the skin and banana but not all the way through, leaving the skin intact at the bottom.
 Open banana enough to make an envelope for the flake.
 Insert the flake and close the banana around it.
 Cover in silver foil and cook on the barbeque for

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Technical Jottings

Bryan Halladay

Perhaps it was due to me not enclosing my address and telephone number that only one very new member rang me after my first article appeared in April's edition of the Newsletter.

The reference to the side marker lamps should have read "very **THIN** connectors" and not very thick, no doubt that was due to my poor writing.

Since said article, it has not been necessary to carry out any mods, but nevertheless the 24,000 mile service was coming up, so instead of waiting and going over said distance, I did it at 23,000, the materials cost me under £75. I replaced the engine oil filter, fuel filter and air filter, all very easy and it started and ran perfectly, even with the fuel filter initially devoid of diesel, very reassuring. Other observations include that the rear brake linings will last until 30,000 miles, the pads at the front look as if they will last forever! There was only one slight set back in doing this work yourself and that was trying to get the front wheels off, the electrolytic reaction between dissimilar metals had created an incredibly firm bond, and I had to retort to the use of a "thor" type leather and copper hammer, I eventually won, and to reduce the chance of this happening again, I thoroughly cleaned both surfaces, using a copper bristled wire brush and then applied a smidgen of grease.

It was noted with interest that near side front tyre has worn more than the o.s. front tyre which concerns me a little as to the cause, but 30,000 miles will see a new one being purchased to hopefully match the hither to unused spare (steel wheel) which means swapping. I have made enquiries with ATS who have these Michelin in stock, but check this, they retail at £154.24 + VAT. So it's worth checking tyre pressures and tracking etc.

Two items of interest and for reference, we purchased a Nissan Micra - 1000cc and a small Brian James trailer for our trip to Spain, and apart from

traffic lights and other starts from zero mph we did not know we had a car and trailer in tow, the Hobby towed incredibly well and with undue additional fuel consumption, having the car with us really did add tremendously to our holiday.

Recently, on a trip to Redditch I passed a garden centre which appeared to have a Hobby parked there, on my return, it was still parked there, so being very nosy I turned in, and it turned out that David Southerton and Sue Baker have started trading as Go-European Ltd and deal in most European campers, quite handy for the likes of me as David apparently visits Germany twice a month and is prepared to purchase real converters specialist parts and bring them back to Hillier, Henley Road, Studley B80 7DR (adjacent to the island at Mappleborough Green, phone no: 01527 850585.

In closing, has anybody yet visited the Hobby factory? The idea appeals to us, but nothing was mentioned in the last Newsletter.

Parts List

Descriptions and part no's and telephone no's of suppliers of parts used on our 650 FSE pre face lift Hobby.

Oil	Shell Helix IOW40 synthetic
Rear Lights	Hella - with fog light ZVA007502117 Hella - with reversing light ZVA007502127 both at £37.50 each and Hella's phone no (for stockists) 01295 272233 (Banbury).
Oil filter	Crosland 2074 or OC248

Air Filter KC38

Fuel Filter CA5611

The metallic blue and silver paints are available from Garage and Engineering Supplies and are on 0121 766 7878 and the blue is Volvo MOERKBLA-MET: 200-2 BASISLACK 7195

MERCS BRILLIANT-SILVER MET: DB744 BASISLACK 48795 and is available in small and large aerosols depend-

ing on your scratch size! And they are both excellent colour matches, but don't forget the lacquer. Please note that these parts are of good quality but are not original equipment.

Bryan adds that he is not a professional motor caravan mechanic but that he is willing to help anyone if he possibly can, perhaps by telephone on 01926 499629.

Another note from Bryan and Liz

Hobby 600 FSE

Bryan and Liz Palmer

1 Re: Issue 10 - No 2 Speedo

For those new members who joined after Issue 10;

"2—Speedo—Am I the only one? Whilst driving with Liz following in the car this little voice told me I was over the speed limit. Subsequent checking showed that an uneven discrepancy at all speeds in the region of 5mph—in other words I was registering on the speedo about 72.5kph when the vehicle was travelling at 80kph by the car behind. Has anybody else come across this or can even tell me why it is happening? I am only guessing but it appears to me that the speedo drive is machined for 14" wheels whilst the van has 15" wheels. This may be one for Rex Wade."

- OK I stand corrected. I changed the speedo for one reading MPH. Now reading correctly with "her indoors" in convoy. I can only assume that when the original, KPH, was "masked" for MPH at the dealer, the needle somehow got moved! Nuff said!!

2 Leaving Perth during Foot & Mouth crisis, went thru "tyre bath" made of railway sleepers, heard a thump, checked at exit to site, nothing wrong, carried on. Whilst messing about under rear end of Hobby later, thought "steadies" didn't appear to be quite right. On closer check found brackets to chassis bent ($\frac{1}{4}$ " / 6mm steel). Put problem into brain and left it to soak for a while. Have now made "steadies" from aluminium - much lighter, higher up, less likely to get thumped. Anyone interested can have my rough drawings. Will show photos as and when camera gets loaded!

3 By the way, mains rewired with Reverse Polarity switch - larger distribution RCD Box and 13 amp UK sockets.

4 Fan installed in fridge vent on its own cct but that's another story!

Hope this is of interest.

May/June - Scottish trip - sorry we won't be at any Southern meetings.

Bye for now.

Happy Hobbyists

Hazel and Roger Morgan

We're glad that we are Hobbyists, now the season's here
Thinking of the fun we'll have, all way through the year.
We meet such lovely people, when we start to roam
Wanting to do the same sort of thing, talking motorhome.
We look at all the new bits, who's done this and that
Some have all the gadgets, we've only changed the mat.

We're glad that we are Hobbyists, we're in the Hobby Club
We can join in all the laughter, and the drinks down at the pub.
We have smashing get togethers, barbi's and such like
Some people enjoy walking, others have a bike.
Us we've bought a scooter, and put it on a rack
So we can nip off to the village, and see what's down that track.

We're glad that we are Hobbyists, they're such a merry crowd
They tell us jokes, and funny stories, the laughter's always loud.
We don't want anything special, just some sunshine on our site
Maybe just a little breeze to help us fly our kite.
Ours is just a simple thing, we hoped it would bring us luck
I don't care if people scoff at me, cause mine is just a duck.
We love our super Hobby, we take it to the sea
We park it on the promenade and have fish and chips for tea.

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