



**Summer
2019**



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**INTRO - MORE THOUGHTS FROM THE
LAPTOP!**

Its early July as I sit and start to write this intro for the Summer Newsletter.

We've recently returned from th club's National Rally which was held on the Chatsworth Estate in Derbyshire. It was the club's second "open" rally where we welcome "ACCEO" personal members to join us. On this occasion we welcomed three ACCEO personal members. It's always interesting to talk to others who normally go out as members of other clubs. It makes you realise that, no matter how large the club is they are all facing similar challenges to the AAOCC with landowners and enticing members to come forward to marshal events.



The National is the club's main money raising rally in support of our charity. This year's charity is the Children's Heart Surgery Fund which supports the Congenital Heart Disease Unit at Leeds.



Thanks to all the efforts and generosity of the those attending (and a couple of members who donated even though they weren't on the rally - **thank you!!**) we managed to raise over £200.

New Year Rally 2019:

You should all be aware of the on-line survey that was carried out during June where your opinion was sought over the running of the New Year rally for this year. The results of the survey are in - thanks to all of you who took the time to respond.

We have had a total of 18 responses.

- 38.9% (7) indicated that they were planning on attending with a further 22.2% (4) indicated "possibly". The other 7 (of the 18) indicated that they will not be attending.
- Out of the possible 11 vans who are interested in attending (assuming the "maybe" turns into an attendance) no one is prepared to marshal the rally. The General Secretary has received two offers of "assistants" but they do not want to run the rally.
- Most members (9) are prepared to pay between £59 and £75 a further 6 members stated that they would be prepared to pay between £75 and £100.

The situation will be discussed at the next Committee meeting and the outcome of those discussions will be advised to you.

Mick and Chris Whitehouse have come forward and will act as Rally Marshals with the overall responsibility for conduct of the rally. For the purposes of this rally it is felt that there should be a wider involvement of all attendees !!

The marshal shall:

- be the primary contact for the site owner, and
- take the bookings for the rally, and
- be the contact point for members offering their assistance, and
- approach members to seek help as and when necessary.

We are all conscious of the work that can be involved in running a New Year Rally. The irony is that since the new Scout Hut has been in use the workload has increased for the Marshalling team, rather than decreased!

Part of this is down to the ambition of the team to put on a "good show" and part is due to the fact that, because the facilities are there then they must be used, mustn't they?

- The availability of hot trays at the serving hatch has encouraged the serving of individual meals,
- The availability of crockery / glasses and cutlery has encouraged the more formal setting of places for dinner, and
- The subsequent chore of washing up all of the crockery / glasses and cutlery and storage when dried.



This year we aim to change the approach to running a New Year rally to make it easier, The ideas considered so far to achieve this are:

- The workload associated with the New Year's Eve meal and New Year's Day breakfast will be reduced.
 - The New Year's Eve meal will take the form of an American Supper - members attending the rally will be advised of their "contribution" before they arrive at the rally.
 - Members will be required to provide their own crockery / glasses and cutlery for their use during the meal and for washing it up afterwards.
 - The New Year's Day breakfast will be simplified to a choice of either a Bacon or Sausage bread roll - there will no longer be options such as beans / eggs / tomatoes / toast, etc.
- Members will be actively encouraged to assist during the rally - e.g. assist by:
 - Siting of vans at the start of the rally,
 - Setting out of tables / chairs in the hall,
 - Running events - e.g. Games / quizzes.
 - Running the disco on New Year's Eve.
 - Serving breakfast rolls on New Year's Day,
 - Cleaning the hall at the end of the rally.

By following this changed approach we hope that it will make the event less daunting and more enjoyable for all.

We still anticipate that those attending shall have a great time amongst friends so get your booking in!!

Rally Programme 2020:

The program for 2020 is being "created" as I write - if you've put forward a suggestion for a rally please be prepared to run it - after all the club's reputation with site owners will become unacceptable if we are seen to be cancelling on a regular basis.

And remember - there is no need to "go overboard" with regard to providing food or organising activities when running a rally - many members just appreciate the fact that someone has made the time and effort to set the field up and collect the monies.

The club offers an incentive to any of its members who step forward- you'll get a "free" rally and £5 off next year's membership fees!!



RALLY REPORTS

Beeford Rally - May 2019

Rally report awaited.

National Rally, Chatsworth - May 2019

Arrived Friday to be met by Peter who opened the Golden Gates and showed me to my pitch.

Lesley made me a most welcome cup of tea and we used the time to catch up on old times.

Others arrived during the afternoon - 11 units in all. 6 AAOCC and 5 from ACCEO members, two of which have joined our club.

During the afternoon the green awnings were put up in which the evening was spent in the usual manner of banter and libation.



Saturday:

Lesley offered a morning drink with Peter Lynn and Alan, catching up. Later I went to Bakewell where there was a farmers market, a walk around the town followed by an ice cream eaten by the river watching the ducks and swans. On the way back to my car Bakewell tarts beckoned me where I purchased 2 for £5.

The evening was spent in the canvas in the usual manner with the addition of "sticky bingo" various selections of 13 cards were chosen by the players, a full pack of cards was then shuffled and drawn one at a time, as each was called the players took matching cards out of their hands until one card remained when they would have to stand being joined by others only having one card left until a winning card was drawn where that player would win the pot less half which was retained to be added to the charity pot.

Sunday

Went to Chatsworth House and had an ice cream and walked in the garden.

The evening started in the canvas with the results of the crossword quiz - winner was Robin. From the list of people not submitting the quiz my name was picked, hence I ended up was awarded the rally report!!

The raffle was held with raffle tickets being drawn out of the bag.



Mick announced that Cliff and Sheila Taylor had reached their 40th wedding anniversary handing them a card signed by all.



Flag was then held and the rally marshals were thanked for running the rally. Cliff then ran his game of "Left Right and Centre" raising more monies for the club's charity, the Children's Heart Surgery Fund. Around £200 was raised during the weekend. This will be added to during the year at other rallies and the final amount will be revealed at the AGM.

Monday started wet, which is always a pain as the canvas's had to be taken down wet and would need drying later.

Thanks to Pete, Lesley, Mick and Christine for a great rally.

John Nicholls

Wold Cottage, Wold Newton - July 2019:

Rally report awaited.

Royal Oak, Car Colston - July 2019:

Rally report awaited.



Grove Farm, Kinoulton - August 2019:

FRIDAY AUGUST 9TH.

Arrived just after 3 o'clock following a trouble free trip from home. As we arrived we were warmly greeted by Mick and Iris (Hipwell), our Rally Marshals for the weekend. The site was spacious and well maintained so there was plenty of room for us to get setup.

Weather was forecast to be wet and windy but fortunately we were sorted and over to the Marshal's van having our welcoming cuppa before any bad weather appeared. After a quick "catch-up" we settled our dues and returned to our van for our tea, beautifully prepared by Lesley.



The weather remained changeable throughout the evening. We gathered in the Marshal's van for a natter – Mick had wisely decided not to put up the Club's awning in view of the expected gales.

SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST.

The morning brought with it wind and rain squalls. The wind proved too much for Mick's air awning so Lesley and I helped him to take it down and stow it in the back of his car.



Checking the weather forecast Lesley and I decided to set off for Melton Mowbray before the rains returned.

It was our first visit to Melton Mowbray, although we had driven through it many times over the years. We enjoyed the trip, bumping into Mick and Chris Whitehouse during our visit. Needless to say I had to pop into the Pork Pie shop whilst there.

We returned to site in the early afternoon stopping off at The Old Wharf in Hickling for tea and cake.



Friday evening and we all set off to enjoy an evening meal at the nearby pub, The Plough, which was very good.

SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST.



Awoke to a less windy day which was quite bright to start with. Played a game of "Kubb" (like skittles) on the field. Despite numerous attempts I failed to win anything (nothing new there!). The games were won by Lesley (1), Mick H (1) and Mick W (2).

We had tea and coffee with our Marshal's before sorting out the caravan and heading home. Our thanks to Mick and Iris for a most enjoyable weekend.

Peter & Lesley Cook



FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS – AUG, SEPT & OCT:

AGM - Whatoff Lodge Farm - 23rd - 26th August:



The club's Annual General Meeting takes place at Whatoff Farm, near Quorn in Leicestershire this year.

The meeting gives you, the club's members, the opportunity to select your committee for the coming year and to have your input into the way the club moves forward. Reports will be presented by your committee on the actions that have been taken on your behalf to manage your club during 2018 - 19.

The site is situated close to the preserved Great Central Railway.

Hillcrest Camping, Ulceby - 6th -8th September:



The site is set in open countryside and there is a wide variety of wildlife including foxes, badgers, bats and deer. Bird life is prevalent with buzzards, herons, owls, woodpeckers etc.

Grimsby and Brigg are about 20 minutes away. Barton On Humber is a small town just this side of The Humber Bridge.



Ripon Racecourse - 27th -29th September:



We return again to this very popular site and once again we will be visiting during a race event.

ACCEO AGM, Ukrainian Youth Centre - 2nd - 7th October:



ACCEO National Rally 2019

Ukrainian Youth Centre
 Weston on Trent, Derbyshire. DE72 2BU
 2nd - 7th October 2019
 Hosted by The Bridge Club 2014



Full Social Programme	Regular Local Bus Service to Derby
Wednesday Meet & Greet	The bus stop is just a 5 minute walk to Weston on Trent from the gates of the Ukrainian Youth Centre. Buses to and from Derby City centre approximately every 2 hours
Thursday Social Evening	
Friday Social evening with background music	
Saturday ACCEO AGM Live Entertainment	
Sunday Social Evening	

The Rally Marshals can be contacted on 07834 868183. This phone will be switched on at 9:00 on Wednesday 2nd October and will remain live for the duration of the rally.

Cost for the National £20.00 for the weekend with any additional nights,
 (Wed, Thurs & Sun) at £7.50 per night.
 Admission to the hall at the weekend is by ticket only. This is for administrative purposes only, there is no charge for entertainment this year.

<p>Friday Night</p>  <p>A social evening with background music. Time to unwind and catch up with old friends and new.</p>	<p>Saturday Night</p>  <p>Jason's vast repertoire includes songs by Michael Buble, Lionel Richie, Luther Vandross, Michael Jackson, Elvis Presley, Tom Jones, Elton John, Ronan Keating, West Life, Boyzone, Nell Diamond, Stevie Wonder, Rod Stewart, Will Young, Simon and Garfunkel, Gary Barlow, and Roberta Flack, the list is endless, not forgetting the fabulous hits from Les Miserables, Blood Brothers, Jekyll and Hyde, The Phantom of the Opera & The Lion King</p>
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Newstead Abbey, Ravenshead - 18th -20th October:



Newstead Abbey is situated in the village of Ravenshead, off the A60 Mansfield - Nottingham road.

Newstead Abbey is a beautiful historic house set in a glorious landscape of gardens and parkland within the heart of Nottinghamshire. Founded as a monastic house in the late 12th century, Newstead was home to the poet Lord Byron between 1808 - 1814. Inside the Abbey there is much to explore including Victorian room settings, and the poets private apartments.



JUST FOR FUN!!

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Find the words!!

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- blinds
- cover
- elsan
- fridge
- handbrake
- hookup
- jockey
- locker
- motor
- mover
- propane
- pump
- rooflight
- shower
- steadies
- toilet
- vent
- water
- wheel
- winder



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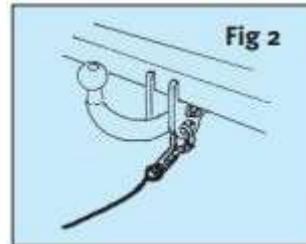
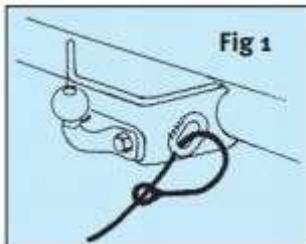
This section is written as a guide only - I'm no expert and I am willing to be corrected if any of the statements are wrong or misleading but all endeavours have been made to confirm the accuracy of the information. While I accept that most members will already know this information it sometimes pays to be reminded as it is all too simple to overlook some of these issues.

Breakaway cables



There are two main ways to correctly attach the breakaway cable.

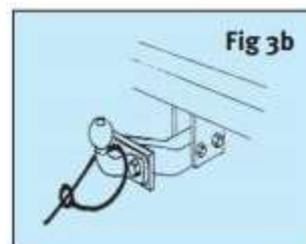
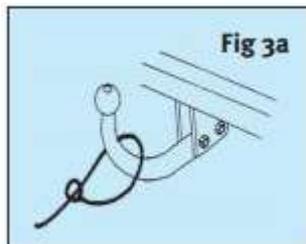
Where a designated attachment point is provided on the towbar.



a) Pass the cable through the attachment point and clip it back on itself

b) Attach the clip directly to the designated point - permitted by the trailer manufacturer.

Where no designated attachment point has been provided on the towbar.



a) Fixed ball – loop the cable around the neck of the towball, use a single loop only.

b) Detachable ball – we recommend you seek advice from the towbar manufacturer.

Other means of attachment

In some instances it may be possible to attach the cable assembly to either:

- a permanent part of the towbar structure (as long as this meets the approval of the towbar manufacturer).
- an accessory sold for the specific purpose of breakaway cable attachment.

However, you have attached your breakaway cable always make sure the cable runs as straight as possible and goes through a cable guide underneath the trailer coupling.

Things to double check:

Once you have attached the breakaway cable always ensure that:

- the cable cannot snag when in use on the trailer coupling head, jockey wheel or any accessory.
- there is sufficient slack in the cable to allow the towing vehicle and trailer to articulate fully without the cable ever becoming taut and applying the brakes.
- it is not so slack that it can drag on the ground – if left loose the cable may scrape along the ground and be weakened.



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AND FINALLY:

Here's wishing you all a happy and safe Autumn - enjoy your caravan, wherever you choose to use it but remember you'll always be welcome on an AAOCC rally and you'll be supporting your club at the same time.

One plea from me - it's always good to receive news of what we've been doing on the rally field and being able to share this with club members and the wider world is a joy. But I do need your support - if you want to pick up a pen (or more likely switch on the computer / tablet / smart phone) and drop me a line please feel free to do so - you don't have to be "selected" by a Rally Marshal to write a report!

Don't be afraid to communicate - after all, it is your club!!!

Thank you for your continued support.

Peter Cook

Publicity Officer



POSTSCRIPT:

If anyone has any items that they are wanting to sell, or are looking for help on any club related issue please contact the Newsletter and we'll do our very best to help.