

THE TRECKER



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Editor's Corner

Welcome to the first *Trecker* of the year, a bit "short and sweet" this time as we had no winter rally programme to report on. It's always good to get the new Yearbook and start planning our summer travels, but we do have some concern at the low take up on a number of rallies so far.

Whereas the first Telford rally of the season in April was fully booked very soon after the new programme went live, Eddie and Pat Silk have informed me that their rallies at Western Sunfolk (22), Greenhill Park (27) and Apollo Sun Club (34) have very few bookings so far. It's the same story for the continentals, where neither Relax-Nat nor Mas de la Balma have had many bookings so far.

Members need to understand that the rally officers have to inform the sites of how their bookings are progressing and such low numbers at this stage don't paint a very good picture of Suntreckers. More bookings are needed and *not only at the last minute* or we'll be in danger of more cancellations and potentially the loss of even more sites. So, you know what to do – get booking!

Geoff Heyes
Editor

Chairman's Chat

There is something rather nice about the first *Trecker* of the year. It's a sign that winter is behind us and with the new Yearbook we can plan our rallies for the season ahead. Our National Rally Organiser has put together a great programme for us to enjoy, getting out meeting old friends and making new. So, we need to go to as many rallies as we can to enjoy the summer. This year sees the return of the Invitation Rallies – more on that from Terry and Lesley further in this issue. Please do support them both by attending and inviting your friends to come along. I wish you all a great summer and hope the sun rain balance is how we Suntreckers prefer it.

Alan Ingram
Chairman

2025 Yearbook Corrections

- The mobile number for Richard and Stella Sivill is wrong – should be 07359 299963. This concerns Rallies 12 and 51 (Sungrove) and 32 (Kingfisher Farm).
- The directions to the Dolcoed site in Wales are missing from this year's Yearbook.

DOLCOED, Maesycrugiau, Carmarthenshire. Postcode: SA39 9DH

52°02'03.7"N 4°12'18.8"W or 52.034372, -4.205226

Site: A small quiet site, with newly built showers/toilets etc. The site enjoys a hard standing caravan/camping field, a small lake and 2 other dog walking fields. For now, until hedges grow, the 2 dog walking fields will have to be clothed due to overlooking properties.

District: The local pub is a 7 min walk and has lovely home-cooked food 7 days per week, they welcome all of Dolcoed's visitors and dogs. There is also a tiny local village shop for newspapers/basics etc. The nearest main supermarket is 7.5 miles away in Lampeter or big shop Carmarthen 12 miles away. The closest beaches are Aberaeron and New Quay both approx 25 mins drive.

Directions: A485 to LAMPETER/CARMARTHEN (Depending on direction of travel). Stay on the A485, go into Llanllwni, when you see an old petrol station canopy on the side of the road with 'CELTIC CLASSIC CARS' on. Opposite this there is a very small sign 'MAESYCRUGIAU'. Turn opposite the canopy, go past 4 bungalows on the right-hand side and as the road bears left. Keep going straight on to a big wooden gate with 'DOLCOED PRIVATE PROPERTY MEMBERS ONLY', lift gate to open and come down lane to site.

Upcoming Rallies

Rallies 18, 43 and 57 – Woodside Field

As you will see in the Yearbook, these are invitation rallies. We have made special arrangements so we can invite non-members to come along and try us out and hopefully boost our membership (see Alan's post on Facebook).

We will be working hard to make these rallies successful so please think about joining us. This is your chance to bring friends who might be interested so please spread the word whenever you can. Non-members will have to book via the special invitation rally page on the website

<https://suntreckers.org.uk/invitationrally/>

Please let us know if you have any ideas on promoting these rallies so we can make them successful recruiting events.

Thank you

Terry and Lesley Jackman



Woodside Field is a lovely site

Rally 39 – Candy Farm – Gala Rally and AGM

Full details on the greatest rally of the year can be found on page 48 of the Yearbook, but here is a short summary to whet your appetite:

This year's theme will be *Sport* and the chosen charity will be Motor Neurone Disease. Once again this will be a 5-night rally, with arrivals from 12 noon on Wednesday 16 July and departures on Monday 20 July. There is a single charge for any length of stay of £60 if booked before 21 May and £70 if booked after that date, including all activities and rally fee. There are a limited number of EHUs so you will have to book early if you'd like to have one.

The AGM will be held on Sunday 19 July commencing at 1:30pm prompt. There will be the usual photographic, cake and pétanque competitions as well as best-dressed unit and fancy dress. The committee is also planning Mõlkky skittles, an English garden party with crazy golf and Jenga and an afternoon tea with scones, jam and cream.

A fish and chip van will visit at 5:30pm on the Friday and a hog roast is being planned for Saturday. There will be plenty of evening entertainment, music on Thursday, comedy on Friday and the return of Steve Draper to keep us dancing until late on Saturday.

Rally 41 – South West Outdoor Club

SWOC is a gorgeous site, set in a little naturist paradise. Suntreckers are always warmly welcomed and Ed and Margaret look forward to welcoming you for a week of relaxation, fun and friendship. There will be the usual Coffee Morning(s), and Boules, but also a chance to play croquet, morning stretch, an afternoon tea and evenings in the pavilion for a Quiz Night, nibbles, live music and sing-a-long. If you ever want to step outside the site, we can walk to nearby Hilfield Friary, or share a visit to see the Cerne Abbas Giant, and perhaps also the Mintern Gardens where there is a cafe. The sun will be shining too!

Rally 58 – Telford Naturist Club

Telford is a very special naturist site where there is a heartwarming welcome for us from all the members. They are planning to provide an evening meal for us. Ed and Margaret have a fun Quiz for you, using a projector and a screen. Margaret hopes to lead an Aquarobics session in the pool, and there can be games of Croquet and all the usual get-togethers. This rally books up fast! Enjoy!

Ed and Margaret Pruen

Invitation Rallies 2025

As above, the 3 rallies at Woodside field, Rallies 18, 43 & 57 are invitation rallies. We need to advertise and promote them as much as possible. Everyone can help using the flyers attached to this email (or enclosed). The one with the QR code may be best for notice boards, while the landscape one is preferable for email or posting on Facebook.

Gala raffle tickets

Old tickets can no longer be used so if any sellers still have any of these please let me know and I'll send you some new ones. We also need more sellers to come forward – the more tickets we sell, the more it helps to boost club funds. Just let me know and I'll get some to you.

The three main prizes this year will be a 21-piece collapsible kitchen camping equipment, a Red Letters Day gift box and £80 cash. Thanks to anyone coming forward to help and to those who already do. My email address is jackman.lesley60@gmail.com.

Terry and Lesley Jackman

A fond farewell

Time to say goodbye to the following long-term members who have not renewed this year:

Members(s)	Years
George & Anne Rickels	39
Dennis Mann	37
John Manton	37
John & Diane Wilkes	37
Graham Harding	36
Ann Jones	35
Graham & Sue Crofts	34
John & Janice Chadwick	26
Tony & Ellie Drakard	25
Barry & Pat Alston	24
Bill Benson	21
Fred & Marion Newman	20
Richard & Sally Cheshire	19
David & June Ellis	19
Peter & Valerie Perkins	16
Andrew Good	13
Malcolm & Hazel Brushett	12
Alan Higman & Barbara Ibbett	8
Barry & Audrey Webster	7
Tony & Jan Webster	7

And a warm welcome

to the following members who have joined us recently:

Names	County	Date Joined
Steve & Mandy B	W Yorkshire	18-Dec-24
Guy & Violet B	Somerset	11-Feb-25
Sean G	London	17-Feb-25
Tony & Juliet L	Hampshire	10-Mar-25
Trevor B & Jenny F	Cheshire	12-Mar-25
Barry B	Hampshire	17-Mar-25
Steve & Carole V	Kent	19-Mar-25

And finally...

Members' contributions for *The Trecker* are always welcome, as are photographs, which should be sent as separate files and not embedded in a document. Please remember that you need permission from everyone in your photograph.

Please send all contributions to thetrecker@suntreckers.org.uk

Thank you to John for sending this newsletter by email, as well as to John and Lyn for printing and sending out the paper version. Also, thanks to Steve for putting it on the website.