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COMPETITIONS

With thanks to ALL THE RALLY OFFICERS who have given these out over the years.

KNOW YOUR CAR

E.g. This car is a gold coin

Daimler Sovereign

1. This Car is an artist
2. This car comes before the main event
3. This car fought in the civil war
4. This car is a chocolate bar
5. This car has its night before it is married
6. This car has two resumes
7. This car held the World Water Speed Record
8. This car is well liked
9. This car is a brisk tempo
10. This car sounds like a Carry On Film
11. This car has 18 holes
12. This car is a group of signs
13. This car is a Japanese Feudal Warrior
14. This car is a bridge in Venice
15. This car is played on horse back
16. This car is a Mediterranean Island
17. This car is a WW2 Aeroplane
18. This car is an agreement
19. This car is a small barrel maker
20. This car is a land Nomad

FLOWERS AND HERBS

1. This flower is one in the eye
2. Got Up
3. Please remember me
4. Fashionable feline
5. Cunning animals hand warmer
6. Bovine error
7. Wed precious metal
8. Spring month
9. Sad ringer
10. Vehicle State
11. Duration
12. Bill sounds like a nice fellow
13. Industrious Queen
14. Receptacle for dairy product
15. Used in thickening sauces
16. Mrs Bucket's first name
17. Enclosure in criminal court for prisoner
18. A nice pad on a lake
19. A vicious Welsh emblem
20. A wise old herb

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

1. Bert Moon
2. Gabi peps
3. Naomi char
4. Clare tin
5. Damon nil
6. Ralph neon
7. Mona trough
8. Connie cart
9. Marion tube
10. Conrad coi
11. Richard shop
12. Spike clegon

RALLY REPORTS

Cléré les Pins

Ralliers arrived (fresh?) from Le Colombier in glorious sunshine at this delightful, so typically French club site. Andy and Alison, a couple of local ex- pat club members, had done a superb job in liaising with the Club and general preparation for our arrival. They met the 17 Suntime units on arrival and we were all quickly settled in.

Our visit coincided with the Club's 50th anniversary and, what with the enthusiasm of both the Club members and Monty Topliss as Rally Officer, life was somewhat 'non-stop'.

At this year's well organised boules competition, we were all teamed up with French partners and we all won wine as prizes (what else?) and souvenir table mats. Monty and Trina too kept us all active with a variety of well prepared and appreciated challenges.

Andy and Alison plus one form a trio and we were all invited to one of their gigs in a nearby village. The entire village turned out and took over the main street with their dancing etc. Truly, an evening to remember!

Above all else, the Rally will be remembered for the glorious weather throughout.

It's no wonder that members have requested a return next year.

Ken Dew

Rally 33: Le Colombier: Thur 8 June –Sun 18 June

This was our first rally as rally officers, and there were 16 units, so we weren't sure how it would go! We arrived a couple of days early to make ready and put the direction arrows up. Suntime units were allocated some pitches, in the area of the site known as Les Biches, to the top of the site. Although there were a couple of French caravans already there, a quiet French couple and two young men undertaking some sort of project, with the chalet of a couple employed on site. I wonder what they thought of the strange English people who surrounded them.

For the start of the rally the weather was hot and sunny with a blustery wind, this continued for the whole of the rally with only one cloudy day. This made the swimming pool very popular with us. There were a few unexpected early arrivals, but most people arrived as expected on Thursday 8th June, the pitches near the sanitaire were the most popular and fitting everyone in where they wanted to be, was difficult, but most people seemed happy, with their pitch in the end.

We greeted the rallyers with the offer of a cold drink and a copy of our proposed program, it seemed to be a good start.

We were fortunate in having a bar and restaurant on site and had tried to fit the available meals into our programme. Though the snack menu also proved popular.

The first happy hour was set for 7:30 that evening . Everyone arrived on the dot and the first of several enjoyable evenings ensued.

The first coffee morning was the next day, 9th June at 10.30, with chocolate or ginger biscuits. The draft programme was announced and was met with an unexpected round of applause.

Another happy hour at 7.30 that evening seemed to be equally popular although most people were a bit more relaxed about the starting time.

Those that went enjoyed the moule/frites or steak frites at the restaurant, that evening, though the lack of wine included in the cost of the meal was a slight disappointment, even though there were seconds of mussels.

There was boules at 3.00 every day and some Suntreckers joined in with that. But there was no enthusiasm for our own boules competition, so that was cancelled.

A few of us tried to play Molkky, a Dutch game where you throw sticks at 11:00 on Sunday but it was really much too hot, and when Monty won, we were pleased to give up.

The chicken and chips plus wine at 11 euro: from 6:00 - 8:00 was a great success, as was the music afterwards in the bar.

Monday 12th June we had an American Supper, with a great variety of food being supplied by everyone to share. Ice creams were provided to finish.

Tuesday 13th June another coffee morning: at 10:30, the programme was revised to reflect that there was a suggestion that we should all try to get together at the restaurant on Tuesday evening and the site agreed to provide a local menu with a choice of meat or fish. The majority of the group came and enjoyed the experience immensely.

Wednesday was Quiz night, this was when people suddenly became very competitive, smart phones were banned. The sausage sizzle was popular, everyone had a good time though the singing had to stop at 11.00!

The site provided another meal in the restaurant on Thursday, some people went, but we had a quiet night in the caravan, to recoup.

Friday 16th June at 8.00 was the cheese and wine party, followed by some really good balloon animal modelling, unfortunately the balloons kept popping, leading to a lot of laughter.

Saturday was the last coffee morning and the end of the chocolate biscuits. After getting ready to leave the next day many people had a last meal in the restaurant.

On Sunday we waved people off and set off to the next rally. We enjoyed the experience as did our two dogs Bib and Tucker who made lots of new friends.

Malcolm and Hazel Brushett

The Ramblings of a Suntrecker Rally Officer

It all started with a very cold night on a French Air just outside Calais in early May, we had decided to tour eastern France to a popular beauty spot called Annecy on the Swiss border on our way down to the rally at Relax Nat in Spain. One overnight stop and we should be there, and we were, cold and wet! But it was quite a pretty place even in the rain. Another overnight stop saw us at the Ardeche gorges for the weekend with some lovely warm and sunny scenery.



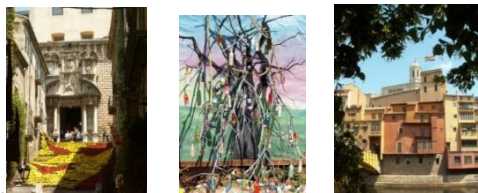
Ardeche gorges

But sunny Spain was calling us and so we headed south for the border and Gerona. We had planned to visit Gerona after the rally at Relax Nat, but were by now desperate for some warmth and checked into a lovely little campsite just

outside the city. The next day with the sun on our backs and now stripped down to shorts and T shirts we ventured off on our visit to the old town area.

By some stroke of luck we had managed to visit during the flower festival, and the whole of the old town was adorned with colourful displays of flowers and art works lining the streets and buildings. Inevitably it was teeming with visitors, tourists, coach parties and school trips, but what an experience and by now extremely hot.

After a long and tiring day it was back to the campsite for a welcome G & T



and a beer in Colourful Gerona

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A good night's rest, coffee and bacon and egg breakfast and we were on our way to Relax Nat, just twenty minutes away, we would be there for lunch, but about a week early! After checking in and lunch it was all about where are we going to site everyone, and what are we going to do? After a quick tour of the site, one row with plenty of vacant pitches was identified, the site management stuck out some "pitches reserved" signs and Trecker Avenue was created.



With plenty of time for some R & R before the rally, a gentle walk down to nearby Castel beach next day seemed a nice idea, with a round trip of about two hours through the countryside along the cycle track, coffee on the beach and a dip in the pool when we got back, ideal.

After a couple of days planning, what are going to do? Where are we going to do it? Will they want to do it!? Suddenly whilst lazing by the pool we got the call, "can we come early" of course you can, and within hours three of the pitches had been taken and a mini rally was formed! Welcome drinks, an evening get together, a game of cards, and even a coffee morning ensued over the next few days whilst awaiting the official rally.

Ten units had booked rally pitches, together with a couple who had booked into one of the site cabins nearby. Gradually the pitches began to fill during day one of the rally, and an evening meet and greet was held to inform everyone of the Tapas that was being held at the poolside bar the next evening. Everything one euro, help yourself to an array of colourful and delicious dishes adorning the bar, count up the sticks and pay at the end of the evening, a pleasant start to our rally.

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The obligatory coffee morning was held at 98 Trecker Avenue with fliers handed out for places to visit around the area, Pals, Begur, Calella, Llafranc, Palamos and Palafrugell are all within easy distance, as are many of the beaches. By now we had plans for a communal meal, cheese and wine evening, possibly a BBQ, and a meal at the poolside restaurant, any other suggestions? Well what about a walk?



Gardens at Cap Roig Calella coast from Cap Roig gardens

So walk we did, through the countryside past vineyards and into the nearby woods, a party of 10 ambled along the trail for a circular route of about an hour, and back for tea and coffee from the urn that our remaining rally members had kindly prepared for us.

As a communal meal is always popular, with day and time agreed it was held along the “central reservation” of Trecker Avenue, and went on well into the evening to be followed by an impromptu game of Play your Cards Right with the cast of Allo Allo and Only Fools and Horses rivalling each other as contestants to win a prize of..... Absolutely nothing!! A complete riot, Rodney and Cassandra, Rene, and Yvette and who is Hair Flick anyway!

Relax Nat is a popular site for our Dutch friends, and never an opportunity is missed to challenge them at boules, and so without more ado our Dutch neighbours at either end of Trecker Avenue, who quickly became friends were invited to a “friendly” game of boules.

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Two pairs of Suntreckers partnered against two pairs of Dutch visitors, how friendly can you get? But with shouts of “come on team GB” rivalry quickly entered into the game, resulting in one game each and a play off the following afternoon to decide the winners. Fortunately team GB managed to pull it off, much to the dismay of our Dutch friends.

How about another walk? Well how about a ride and walk? A couple of volunteers with cars kindly agreed to transport walkers down to nearby Castel beach, a walk around the old castle ruins, a coffee on the beach, and walk back of about one hour to the campsite.



Naturist beach near Castel

The cheese and wine evening was held along the central reservation of Trecker Avenue under the shade of the tree lined avenue to provide refreshments. Another enjoyable, warm and pleasant evening, many thanks to those who helped to keep the wine cool.

What about a Quiz? And where can we have it? Well there is a vacant pitch by a water point halfway up the avenue, let's have it there. So it's the “village pump” quiz to be held at 100 Trecker Avenue drinks provided! No arguing, tables numbered, contestants numbered, quick quiz, prize awarded, drink the wine!

How time flies when you're enjoying yourselves, we've crammed so much in, Sunday markets, days out to beaches, towns, villages, castles, beauty spots and it's nearly the end of the rally. There's just one more evening to get a meal at the restaurant in. So with tables set for all 22 Suntreckers at the poolside bar restaurant, our last evening was spent dining out under cover of the canopies to protect us from a light rain shower that was trying to dampen our spirits.

The following morning it was time to move on, many of our fellow Suntreckers have decided to stay on for a few more days, but we had planned to tour on the way back to France for the next rally at Le Colombier, and were now heading for Rocamadour. So with a final goodbye to some, and “see you at the next rally” to others we checked out of Relax Nat and hope to be back there again soon.



Picturesque Pals market



Street performers at Palafrugell

Ray and Tricia Moore – Rally Officers.

RALLY UPDATES

At the time of issue the following rallies need Rally Officers

29 March to 4 April Rally Liverpool Sun and Air

20 to 25 April Rally Willows Farm

18 to 23 May YSS

25 May to 1 June Rally White Rose

29 June to 6 July Rally Valley

27 July to 1 Aug Rally Candy Farm

17 to 22 August Rally Nunnery Farm

21 to 26 September Rally Western Sunfolk

28 September to 3 October Rally Highland farm

COMPETITION ANSWERS

NO CHEATING MIND

Know Your Cars

1. Citroen Picasso
2. Honda Prelude
3. Vauxhall Cavalier
4. Ford Galaxy
5. Triumph Stag
6. Citroen 2 CV
7. Blue Bird
8. Ford Poplar

9. Austin Allegro
10. Renault Cleo
11. VW Golf
12. Ford Zodiac
13. Mitsubishi Shogun
14. Renault Rialto
15. VW Polo
16. Fiat Ibiza
17. Triumph Spitfire
18. Honda Accord
19. Mini Cooper
20. Land Rover

Flowers and Herbs

1. Iris
2. Rose
3. Forget Me Not
4. Dandelion
5. Foxglove
6. Cowslip
7. Marigold
8. May Flower
9. Blue Bell
10. Carnation (car nation)
11. Thyme
12. Sweet William
13. Bizzy lizzy
14. Buttercup
15. Cornflower
16. Hyacinth
17. Dock
18. Lily
19. Snap Dragon
20. Sage

Musical Instruments

1. Trombone
2. Bagpipes
3. Harmonica
4. Clarinet
5. Mandolin
6. Alpine Horn
7. Mouth Organ
8. Concertina

9. Tamborine
10. Accordion
11. Harpsicord
12. Clogenspikle

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