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EDITORS COMMENTS

Hi everyone this is just the normal short Trecker to let you know what happened at the Gala rally, how the AGM went and who are now your committee members.

Whilst on the subject of committee members I and the current committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Kathryn and Terry Gascoyne for all their hard work not only in their roles but also for supporting the committee in its decisions.

I would also like to say welcome to our two new committee members, Iris Montgomery and Alan Ingram, may your contributions be great and your mishaps small ones.

If any of you have any opinions or ideas how best, we can improve the club then this is the format as well as the web forum to let me and the committee know.

Be assured that none of the committee set out to do a bad job but we can sometimes lose sight of the members' feelings and their wishes, so please as I have just said let us know.

Please let me have for the future Treckers any articles and photographs of your rallies and experiences through 2016 with Suntreckers.

Steve Wagstaff

(hopefully a very temporary Trecker editor)

THE COMMITTEE

The full committee also introducing two new committee members:

Chairman: Ron Twining: Please see below.

Equipment Officer: Position Vacant.

Company Secretary: Ann Twining. Please see below.

Treasurer: Iris Montgomery: Full contact details will be in the 2017 yearbook.

Membership Secretary: John Furley. Full contact details are in the yearbook.

Rally Organizer & Vice Chairman: Stephen Wagstaff. Full contact details are in the yearbook.

Webmaster: Alan Ingram: Full contact details will be in the 2017 yearbook.

Publicity Officer: Position Vacant.

General Member: Theresa Wagstaff. Full contact details are in the yearbook.

General Member: Lyn Furley. Full contact details are in the yearbook.

COMMITTEE MEMBER CHANGES

OUTGOING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Treasurer: Kathryn Gascoyne.

Equipment Officer: Terry Gascoyne.

INCOMING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Webmaster: Alan Ingram.

Treasurer: Iris Montgomery.

MEET OUR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Hello from the New Webmaster.

Yes, that's right, Suntreckers have got themselves a new webmaster! I am Alan Ingram and have been in Suntreckers with my wife, Jackie, for over 25 years. We have had many years of enjoyment being members and have always wanted to give something back. However, we never wanted to be on the committee nor commit to being rally officers. So what changed? We are now retired and while we still have lots of things to consume our time we do have some available to help and could support and assist the hard working few on the committee, without whom the club would not exist. When committee posts are not filled it obviously puts added pressure on those who are willing. Immediately following this year's AGM, I began thinking more about this and concluded that it was time to step up and offer an extra pair of hands.

With a background in IT and Data management, why not volunteer for the Webmaster role? I am sure there will be a lot of learning ahead but I am willing to try and do my best. I am not promising major changes anytime soon but who knows what may happen over the dark winter months!

Should you wish to contact me on any matter then please feel free to do so:

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NEW TREASURER

Iris Montgomery

I have been a member of Suntreckers for sixteen years, Cornish by birth and became a member of the armed forces after leaving college. Married, had my two children then went back to work for the Civil Aviation at Elmdon Airport. Later went to work at Birmingham University until I retired. I have two grandchildren and am quite heavily involved with the Womens Institute in the West Midlands.

My hobbies are Patchwork and reading, and the reading fits in with caravanning perfectly.

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RALLY ORGANIZERS REPORT

This is a very short report post Gala / AGM and is in essence to pass on Tess and my sincere thanks not only to the committee but also to the members who volunteered their time and helped make it a very good Gala.

It has also been decided that we would have a Rally Officer of the year award for those rally officers who have done the most nights, or as someone put it a ROOTY award

You will see included in this Trecker an outline of the continental rallies and an insert detailing the winter rallies, the winter rallies are fun and by their very nature are cosy affairs what with the snow and winter sun.

If I carry on writing, I shall start moaning and I want to end this season and the start of next season as a happy chappie.

(Your very own miserable git Steve Wagstaff)

GALA RALLY REVIEW 2016

What a scorcher of a rally!!

The sun came out to welcome Steve & Tess back, after their enforced absence last year, this year it was the turn of John & Lynn to miss out on the start of the rally, due to their motorhome breaking down, although they did manage to arrive in the car and 'bunk down' with friends. It left the committee shorthanded but, as usual with Treckers, we used our initiative and managed to get 'volunteers' to run the boules tournament.

Thanks again M & M (Burland), a sterling job!

As usual Terry, plus his helpers (You know who you are – Thanks again), managed to get everyone sited and since the urns were on in the Marquee, all had plenty of opportunity to mingle and check out the decoration in 'Port Nunnery'.

We decided that Thursday evening should just be a 'meet & greet' night since Treckers come from all over the country and love to meet up with friends and have a natter (The noise in the Marquee, proved this!).

Heads and tails or in our case 'Pirates and Officers' was also played during the evening.

Friday morning saw the first of the boules matches, with not only medals to play for but also the 'plates' (no expense spared – not). There were stretching sessions throughout the week organised by Liz which were very popular, and a craft afternoon with the girls and Nita.

Coffee morning followed and Captain Steve, back at the helm again, was able to outline the activities for the day. An 'around the van' quiz was arranged and pictures duly distributed.

Those 'pirates' brave, and able bodied to do so, volunteered to 'walk the plank'.

I think for many this was the 'highlight' of the weekend, all I can say is 'It's a good job the sun was shining'. The weaponry available to ensure that the Pirates did not complete the walk of shame made sure that they got soaked anyway.

A lot of fun was had by everyone, just goes to show that it doesn't matter what age you are sunshine and water makes for a good laugh!!

This by the way was just one of the games we had set up for the weekend. In the evening we also had: -

Save the pirate – using children swim rings

Cannon balls through the porthole.

Target practice (well we had to do something with the empty beer cans) using water cannons.

Kill the pirate (placing a dart through his Black Heart!)

Sinking the ships (skittles)

The winner of the games was Andy McLoughlin

It did help that the wine (free) flowed and nibbles were available Saturday morning saw the 2nd leg of the boules. The final being played in the afternoon.

Coffee morning followed, and then the annual auction with John Clayton, who has acted as auctioneer for many years, with help from his team, Alan, Terry and Michaela

There were numerous lots and raised £49.20 pounds for the club funds.

Clark and Adrienne had a guess the name of the knitted 'Tilly Trecker' and also a knock the blow up pirate down.

Several ralliers got together for a communal evening meal in the marquee prior to us all getting ready to welcome 'The ancient Mariners' for the first time at a Suntreckers Gala.

The fancy dress competition was held at 9pm and was judged by a member of the band.

The winning lady was a mere youngster – Cerys -Granddaughter of Nita & Ken.

The winning man was Clark – for the second year running, the biggest parrot you ever saw with a pirate sitting on his shoulder.

This year there were several entries for the best decorated van and Will won with his caravan, decorated as a pirate galleon.

We danced all night ending at goodness knows what time, when we wearily trudged of to bed.

Coffee morning on Sunday got off to a slow start as ralliers meandered across to the marquee, in fact we were 30 minutes late starting which worried the committee as we knew we had a lot to get through before the start of the AGM at 1PM.

Ann Twining announced that she felt that the cake that tasted the best was baked by Maureen Burland who was presented with a bottle of wine.

The winner of the Treasure Hunt was Kerry Hose who won Suntrecker regalia to a value of approx. £21.

The Ken Webster trophy for the photo competition was won by Terry Jackman with a great picture of a very fluffy baby bird.

The 'round the van quiz' and the pirates quiz winners were both given a bottle of wine.

2016 Gala Rally Petanque Results:

A good competition at the Gala rally with 14 couples playing on Friday and 13 on Saturday. Many thanks to Malcolm who stepped in at the last minute to run the competition when John's Mercedes-based motorhome decided to quit only part way to the Gala Rally.

There was a Plate competition on both days for the first round runners-up, which gave everyone a chance to play another game. Results were as follows:

Friday

Main Competition

Winners: Don & Linda
Runners Up: Terry & David

Plate

Winners: Stuart & Janice

Saturday

Main Competition

Winners: Rae & Katherine
Runners Up: Malcolm & Maureen

Plate

Winners: Dick & Eddie

Grand Final (Fri v Sat Winners) Rae & Katherine.

The AGM took place, with disappointingly no candidates for the vacant positions. All went well and no motions were brought forward by the committee or the membership. Although there was a lively discussion at the end of the AGM and many matters discussed everyone left as friends.

We all then made a beeline for the winning cake and very tasty it was too.

The numbers for the Sunday evening entertainment were much reduced as those members still working or with other commitments left soon after the AGM. But they really did miss out on a splendid evening as Mr Ray (It's my game) Moore

returned, following his success at last year's Gala, to host the evening, with his beautiful assistants Trisha, Tess & Kathryn. This time it was to guess the contents of a number of 'bean bags', apart from a 'minor' mix up producing much hilarity, this went well. One of Ray's beautiful assistants got her hands mixed up and gave one table the same bags twice I am not saying who it was in order to protect their identity, but just to say her husband (it's my game Ray) is starting divorce proceedings.

We kept everyone happy by giving them a lollipop to stop them from complaining too much.

I think, as in previous years, a good time was had by all those that attended, what shall we do next year to 'top it'?

Next year's theme 'The circus'

The Suntrecker Committee.

GRAND RAFFLE WINNER 2016	
Dash Cam	John and Ann Edwards
Corelle Tableware	Mr Flack
Portable BBQ stand and BBQs	John and Lyn Furley
Nibble Bowels	Ann Jones
Snuggie Blanket	Les Todd
Bag	David Poole
L'Aimant Perfume	Monty Toplis
Binoculars	Les Todd
Binoculars	Ken and Jean Riley
Dip dishes	John Maddern
Cards and Envelopes	Sue and Graham Croft
Body Shop Toiletries	Jim and Jean Evans
Cutlery	Gordon and Ann Neve
Candles	Julie Farthing

Calculator	Rita Frost
Wine	Alan Thwaites
Baylis & Harding Toiletries	Len Jones
Baylis & Harding Gift Set	John Maddern
Martini	Alan Thwaites
Coffee Cups	Colin Gorham
Books	Rae Argent
Lantern	Sue and Graham Croft
Kettle	John Barnett
Baylis & Harding Toiletries	John Clayton
Baylis & Harding for Men	Eric Hill
Wine Glasses	Maureen Fox-Dowden
Bucket BBQ	Tess Wagstaff
Baylis & Harding Toiletries	Cerys Robinson
Candles	Terry Gascoyne
Gift Set	Ken Vogl
Hose	Mike & Lynn Ward
Handkerchiefs	Barry Jennings
Scissors	Gordon & Ann Neve
Phone	Ken and Jean Riley
Clock	Eric Hill
Towel	Christine Colman
iPad Cover	Jill McLaughlin
Bag	John Clayton
Clock	Eric Hill
Photo Frames	John and Sue Cole
Wine	Christine Colman
Tea Set	Terry Jackman
Ornament	Gordon & Ann Neve
Mug and Toiletries	Evaline Todd
Book of Gardens	Ivor Jones
Chocolate Money	Bill and Irene Campbell

A big thank you to all the ticket sellers and to those who donated prizes. It is very much appreciated. This year we had an excellent response, selling £659 worth of tickets which is only £10 short of the highest total since we started organising the raffle 9 years ago.

This was our last year of organising the raffle but please support the club by buying tickets when you are on a rally. Sellers already have tickets ready for next year's gala rally.

Di and David Howard.

Just a note to say that Tess and myself will carry on with the raffle for 2017 so keep selling.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation to the members of the Suntrecker National Petanque Team: Rae Argent & Ken Vogl - John & Lyn Furley Marion Halsey - Phil Boarder - Malcolm & Maureen Burland - Colin & Avril Gorham.

Congratulations to Rae and Ken for winning our Reg Wellings Memorial Shield for being top placed Suntrecker team this year. Marion & Phil with the Dave Argent Memorial Shield for being the top placed Suntrecker at the INF-FNI-EUNAT Tournament held in September 2015.

Members at the meeting who have completed 30 years' consecutive membership with Suntreckers:

Alan & Ann Beck

Members at the meeting who have completed 15 years' consecutive membership with Suntreckers:

Graham & Maureen Fox-Dowden and Steve & Tess Wagstaff

Members at the meeting who have completed 10 years' consecutive membership with Suntreckers:

Terry & Kathryn Gascoyne and Ray & Trish Moore

The members who attended most rallies and most nights in 2015 was Kathryn and Terry Gascoyne

The Chairmans' Award was presented to Ken & Pam Wilson for all their work in the administration of the gala rally over many years.

2017 CONTINENTAL RALLIES

First Early Summer Rally

RelaxNat

An 11day/10 nights Rally

Arrival day Thursday 25th May 2017

Departure day Sunday 4th June 2017

<http://www.campingrelaxnat.com/en/>

Second Early Summer Rally

Le Colombier

An 11day/10 nights Rally

Arrival day Thursday 8th June 2017

Departure day Sunday 18th June 2017

<http://www.lecolombier-naturisme.com/en/naturist-campsite.html>

Third early Summer Rally

Camping Le Bois des Forges

Cléré-Les-Pins

Tours

An 11 day / 10 nights Rally

Arrival day Sunday 18th June 2017

Departure day Thursday 29th June 2017

<http://cstouraine.perso.sfr.fr/>

2017 CONTINENTAL RALLIES...CONT

First late Summer Rally

Domaine des Lauzons

Provence

An 11 day / 10 nights Rally

Arrival day Tuesday 22nd August 2017

Departure day Monday 4th September 2017

<http://www.camping-lauzons.com/en/>

A fuller description with map and photographs will be in the next edition of the Trecker but in the meantime if you require any further information regarding these rallies please contact Ken Dew who will be more than happy to help you.
(His details are in the yearbook).

Second late Summer Rally

Le Sérignam Plage Nature

Mediterranean

An 11 day/ 10 nights Rally

Arrival day Monday 11th September 2017

Departure day Thursday 21st September 2017

<http://www.leserignannature.com/en/>

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