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## EDITOR'S BIT

Well you may have noticed a change in format but this is to be expected when another person takes over as Editor. Yes, that's me!

Your New PPO or really a repeat performance is:

Graham Addison

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After a two year break and with NOBODY ELSE wanting the job I am back to cause as much mischief and mayhem as possible. The newsletter will revert to 2 forms, Trecker will be a news passing devise and E Trecker will return with other items but will only go to those members who receive their Newsletter by E mail. Some longer items sent in by you the membership will only appear in E Trecker so don't stint on them.

Now for the mischief. It's time for a change so I want a new name for the Trecker. Got any ideas. What about the younger family members coming up with something modern.

Following the theme for next year's Gala Rally based on 'Carry On' films, NO DOUBLE MEANINGS will be allowed but I might print them in a future issue.

Bye for now.

Graham

## **CHAIRMAN'S CHAT**

Hi fellow Treckers,

Here we are halfway through the year already. I hope it has been good for you all so far, with the best perhaps still to come.

Last month in July saw many of us at our Gala Rally and AGM at Nunnery farm. Ann and I felt it was a great success despite the bad weather, and well done to all the team that made it happen. Everyone got really into the theme of Circuses, with the games, costumes and van decorations.

This year we had entertainment on two nights and I am sure you all enjoyed it. I know I did, despite what people may think, I may not dance much, but I do enjoy listening to a good band and music, I felt both nights were very enjoyable and were enjoyed by all.

The most difficult part of the weekend for me, as well as being a very enjoyable task, was having to judge the decorated vans, in the theme of Circuses, many made the effort, but the weather was determined to ruin some of them, despite the best efforts of those doing the decorations. A lot of imagination and effort had gone into them. So, Ann and I found some extra prizes and awarded a runner up prize and a consolation prize.

Let us keep up the excellent efforts for next year's 'Carry On' Gala.

Please encourage your friends to join the Club so that they can come along and join in the fun, also try and get them to

come to the weekend rallies, they are all different and good fun.

Ann and I are away to join a Trecker Rally in France during September, and are looking forward to it very much.

Let us hope the weather improves for the rest of the year, we will look forward to meeting more of you from time to time.

*Ron Twining, Chairman. August 2017.*

### **RALLY ORGANISER'S REPORT**

*(The Gala Rally Report is not part of the Rally Organiser Main Report)*

#### **GALA RALLY REVIEW 2017**

Well the weather was not quite as good as last year, except for when we were setting up when we had lovely weather which changed on the first morning of the rally. Hopefully next year it will be good throughout.

Our rally duties started earlier than expected with the first ralliers arriving well before eleven. It does make our day a very long one as we have no break with everyone continually arriving all afternoon.

If you cannot avoid arriving early, please set up quickly and then help us to site everyone and give us a break otherwise we may have to be much stricter on times.

Thursday evening was circus games plus wine and nibbles. It was going to be a quiet meet and greet night as last year but

as we had the chance of free live music on Friday we decided to bring the games forward. Thank you to all our helpers.

Friday morning started with the usual Boules matches with thanks to Lyn and John Furley who have taken over the running of the Boules competition.

Thank you to Liz Stewart once again for her stretching classes and to Clark and Adrienne Jarvis for the juggling session, with the best juggling by John Furley and David Whittaker.

Friday evening, we enjoyed for free 'Sounds Familiar', the band of which our host the farmer Paul Johnson is a member of. They went down very well and will be playing for us next year.

Ralliers were also able to enjoy free beer courtesy of Ray Moore to help celebrate his upcoming big birthday. It certainly helped to get everyone up dancing.

Saturday was the normal busy day with the morning Boules competition, coffee morning and auction. Auction as is normal was run by John Clayton and he also sold off all the circus animals to be taken away on the Sunday instead of going to the knacker's yard. Well done John!

The Boules final was hotly contested despite the rain between John and Lyn Furley and Liz and Rod Stewart. Well done to Rod and Liz who were the eventual winners.

Saturday evening, we had the Lovettes paid for by a mystery sponsor and these also were enjoyed to the full, with plenty of people up dancing.

The fancy dress competition was won by Janet Wilson for the ladies with Liz Stewart second and Geoff Heyes for the men with John Furley second. The caravan competition was won by John & Jenny Maddern and Ken & Wendy Warburton second. A consolation prize going to Ian & Sandra Riley whose display was ruined by the rain.

The raffle was drawn on Sunday and raised over £500. Well done to all of you who bought the raffle tickets and those hard-working members who sold them, if you want to help again for the 2017/18 season and need raffle tickets then please let Tess know.

There was a lovely quilt made by Kerry Hose and auctioned after the raffle that made £35.

The games competition was won by Ken & Wendy Warburton, the round the caravans quiz by Les & Eveline Todd and the written quiz by Tom Hay & Angie Tinson. Well done to all of you.

Malcolm Burland won the Ken Webster trophy and the general photography was won by Don & Linda Clarke.

At the AGM, there were no resolutions and no nominations for equipment officer or PPO.

Graham Addison came forward after the meeting to be co-opted on as PPO. Thank you, Graham.

Presentations were given out to the Petanque team who took part at Blackthorns.

Also given plaques were the ralliers who did the most nights, which were Ray & Patricia Moore. The ralliers who attended the most rallies were David Poole, Stuart & Janice Dowson and Eric & Denise Webster.

Tia & Cerys (Ken & Nita's grandchildren) won the cake competition with their cupcakes and had made these for Saturday night as well.

Sunday evening went down a treat with Kerry and James music quiz and the Ray Moore 'Yes/No' interlude. Although who got more confused between Ray and his contestants is a moot point.

We also had a bit of poetry and singing by some brave souls.

Afterwards everyone helped strip the marquee and put everything ready for the trailer in the morning, which really is a big help.

Next year's theme is the 'Carry On' films and the photo competition theme is 'Fashion'.

We hope you all had a good time and if anyone out there wants to host the Friday evening please let us know and what you would like to do.

The marquee is already booked and the entertainment for Saturday night so help would be appreciated for any daytime events you would like to see and for the Friday evening. We hopefully have people willing to oversee Sunday evening.

*Tess & Steve Wagstaff*  
Gala Rally Officers

## Gala Rally 2017 Petanque Knockout Competition

2017 FRIDAY BOULE - Start time 9:00am		
Liz & Rod v Eric & Denise	13 11	
Malcolm & Maureen v Ray & Trish	13 7	
Geoff & Eileen v Will & JohnB	2 13	
Ron & Ann v Ken & Wendy	5 13	
Rita & Ernie v DavidP & TerryG	13 5	
Monty & DavidB v Colin & Avril	12 13	
Les & Evelyne v John & Jenny	13 4	
David & Noreen v BYE		
		Liz & Rod v Malcolm & Maureen
		13 4
		Liz & Rod v Ken & Wendy
		13 7
		Friday Winners: Liz & Rod
		Liz & Rod v Rita & Ernie
		13 7
		Rita & Ernie v David & Noreen
		13 10
		Rita & Ernie v Colin & Avril
		13 7
		Les & Evelyne v David & Noreen
		10 13
		Eric & Dick v Clark & Ady
		13 5
		Eric & Dick v Nita & Cerys
		Ken & Tia v Nita & Cerys
		12 13
		Saturday Winners: JohnF & Lyn
		Eric & Dick v JohnF & Lyn
		5 13
		JohnF & Lyn v Graham & Maureen
		13 8
		Cliff & Diane v JohnF & Lyn
		7 13
2017 SATURDAY BOULE - Start time 9:00am		
Eric & Dick v BYE		
Ron & Janet v Clark & Ady		
Ken & Tia v BYE		
Nita & Cerys v BYE		
Graham & Maureen v BYE		
Cliff & Diane v JohnF & Lyn	7 13	

Grand Final - Rod & Liz v JohnF & Lyn (13-12).

### **Overall Petanque Winners 2017: Rod & Liz**

The competition was well supported with 15 pairs competing in the Friday event and 8 pairs on Saturday.

Liz & Rod played Rita & Ernie in the Friday final, with Liz & Rod winning 13 – 7.

The Saturday final was won by John & Lyn 13-5 against Eric & Dick.

The Grand Final of Saturday Winners v Friday Winners was played after the Auction, just as the weather was turning from 'breezy but dry' to 'windy and wet'.

A number of brave spectators hung on to the bitter end to see Rod & Liz just beat John & Lyn by 13-12. We all then gratefully retired to the marquee for some well-deserved refreshments.

*John Furley*

### **RALLY ORGANIZER'S REPORT**

My post Gala report is normally quite short and this is no exception. I know I passed on my thanks to my assistants in my AGM report, but also to the members who volunteered their time and helped make it a very good Gala, whether they made juggling into an art form is probably open to debate, but they and others also gave their time and effort into making the games a success.

You will see included in this Trecker an outline of the Continental rallies and details the Winter rallies. The winter rallies are fun and by their very nature are cosy affairs what with the snow and Winter sun.

*Steve Wagstaff*

## **CONTINENTAL RALLY ORGANISER RESIGNATION**

Ken Dew has decided to hand on the baton to somebody else. He will resign as Continental Rally Organiser from the date the 2018 Continental Rally List is finalised.

Thanks Ken for all your hard work over the past few years.

## **WEBMASTER'S JOTTINGS**

### **Webmaster's Report**

Over the last few weeks there has been a few more members requesting access to the website which is great. It has transpired that some who previously requested access to the website did not receive an email I sent out containing the password and logon details. I aim to reply to any request in a couple of days so if you do not get a reply then please contact me to find out why. Again, if you applied in the past and did not get a reply then please contact me so we can sort it out.

There has been a number of changes to the content and format of the information on the website. The banner box across the bottom of each page is where most changes have occurred. Some information is now in "flipbook" format which hopefully you will all enjoy. These flipbooks have been set up to prevent downloading or sharing and the information contained in them is as an image so the text contained in them cannot be found by google or other search engines. These flipbooks (like the majority of the website) are not available to be viewed by non-members.

It would be nice to have some different images scrolling through on the home page. If you have any that you think may work then please let me have them. Please bear in mind these images are seen by non-members. Also, if there is anything you would like added to the web pages then please let me have your suggestions.

[webmaster@suntreckers.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@suntreckers.org.uk)

### **Winter Rallies 2017/18**

*The original version of this Trecker contained the winter rally details here with information and personal data which has been removed for publication on the web*

### **CONTINENTAL RALLIES**

#### **CONFIRMED SUNTRECKER CONTINENTAL RALLIES 2018**



So, oft we go again!

Since my 'Proposed Rally' memo earlier, I've had to make some changes. This is due, mainly, to the relatively poor response for the late summer 2017 Rallies. I guess our 'long haul' days are over. ('*Tempus fugit*'— and all that). So, I've substituted the proposed late Summer Rallies with 2 closer

to home. (The reduction from 3 to 2 being in reluctant recognition of the difficulty in getting Rally Officers)

So, by popular demand, we're going to kick-off the year off with a return to Le Clos Barrat.

Rumours of its demise have been greatly exaggerated.

Johann has not sold up. Instead he has now been joined by his wife, Yolanda. Together, they have worked extremely hard in making many improvements.

This site is southwest of Cahors (with a Sunday market not to be missed), in ten hectares of forest and pasture amongst the rich countryside of the Lot/Quercy area. This is a family run naturist site where we always receive a warm and friendly welcome. It offers spaciousness and tranquillity with 90 generous pitches (over 120 sq.m), all with 10A electricity. There are also ten mobile homes, chalets or apartments to rent. The site is on a gentle rolling slope and this is reflected in some of the pitches although most are mainly level, and access for larger units is not a problem.

The site has a 200 sq.m. swimming pool and a smaller pool for children. The restaurant offers very reasonably priced food which is of a good standard and takeaways are also available. There is a wide range of leisure activities available. Themed evenings are organised together with a weekly barbecue. The bar opens out onto a terrace where you can enjoy a drink in a convivial atmosphere. The medieval town of Cahors offers good sightseeing opportunities, as do the caves and museums which are not far away. The Lot valley to the north is a popular choice for canoe trips, walking and cycling.



I have arranged an 11 day / 10 nights Rally to arrive on Thursday May 31<sup>st</sup> 2018 and depart on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018. I do have a Rally Officer. Then, a 4-day break to do a little exploring (if you wish) and to cover the 260 miles (4 ½ hours) to the 2<sup>nd</sup> early Rally at **L'Oliverie**.

The owners contacted me following a meal that they had shared with their friends Francis and Yonne of Laulurie. We come recommended.

**La Ferme Naturiste L'Oliverie**, is a beautiful naturist site in a rural location, with spacious pitches and a heated pool. Located at the heart of Poitou-Charentes, the hospitable owners provide a friendly family and preserved environment.

It offers 25 camping sites (we may have to limit numbers here) and high quality accommodation: B & B, Roulotte and Guestrooms

Due to the Oliverie's location, you will be able to take in the sights of the area: the Futuroscope, the Puy du Fou, the Marais Poitevin, the Medieval city of Parthenay, Vasles and its 'Sheep Village' park.



I have arranged for an 11 day / 10 nights Rally with an arrival date of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and a departure of Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018. I do have a Rally Officer.

Then, another 4 day break before the 3<sup>rd</sup> early Rally, 194 miles (3½ hours) at **Pallietter** in Brittany.

Pallietter is a 3 -star naturist family campsite, with 92 large plots and comfortable rental accommodation. It is situated in the west of France in the magnificent region of Brittany, known for its beautiful coastline, lovely towns and rich history. It is only 4 kms from the town of Plancoët and 12 kms from the sea with 3 popular naturist beaches.



I am hoping that its close proximity to St. Malo may entice some Sontrekkers looking for an easier-to-reach Continental Rally.

I have arranged for an 11 day/10 nights Rally with an arrival date of Wed 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and a departure date of Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018. **I do need a Rally Officer here.**

So, to the late 2018 Continental Rallies.

During the 2017 Rally here, such was the warm welcome given us by its French members, that many Ralliers requested a return to **Les Clérés des Pins**.

For those not in the know, The **Club de Soleil de Torraine** is a lovely, so typical French club site. Situated close to Tours, it is a wonderfully situated for exploring the French Chateaux of the Loire Valley.



I have arranged for an 11 day / 10 nights Rally with an arrival day of Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 and a departure day of Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018. I probably have a Rally Officer.

And, finally, the second late 2018 late Rally is a return – by popular request, to the old Suntime favourite that is **Le Couderc**. What is there left to say about Le Couderc? Situated in the sunny Dordogne region of France, it has

everything a good Rally site could ask for. **I do have a Rally Officer.**



I have arranged for an 11 day/10night Rally with an arrival date of Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and a departure date of Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018.



**Have fun**

### 2018 SUNTRECKER CONFIRMED CONTINENTAL RALLIES

**First late Summer Rally**  
**Les Clérés des Pins**  
 An 11 day / 10 nights Rally  
 Arrival day Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2018  
 Departure day Wed 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018.  
<http://cstouraine.fr/>

**Second late Summer Rally**  
**Le Couderc**  
 An 11 day/ 10 nights Rally  
 Arrival day Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018  
 Departure day Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2018  
<https://lecouderc.com/en/>

**Third early Summer Rally**  
**Palletier**  
 An 11 day / 10 nights Rally  
 Arrival day Wed 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
 Departure day Sat 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
<http://www.palletier.fr/>

**Second Early Summer Rally**  
**L'Oliverie**  
 An 11day/10 nights Rally  
 Arrival day Thurs 14th June 2018  
 Departure day Sun 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
<http://www.naturisme-et-terroirs.com>

**First Early Summer Rally**  
**Le Clos Barrat**  
 An 11day/10 nights Rally  
 Arrival day Thurs 31st May 2018  
 Departure day Sun 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
<http://www.leclosbarrat.fr>

## GOODBYES

Ray and Dorothy Couzens

After many years caravanning and 31 years in Suntreckers we have reluctantly decided to give up caravanning and sold the van. Whilst we still enjoy using the van it was beginning to get a bit like hard work. (Ray is 83). Over the years we have made many friends in Suntreckers, some, sadly no longer with us and we shall miss meeting them and going to rallies. We did our stint as RO's notably Deputy RO's at the 1997 Gala and for many years the Autumn Rally at Max's Garden amongst others. For the time being we will remain members of Suntreckers so we can keep in touch. So, we wish the club every success in the future.

*Ray and Dorothy*

Jean and Jim Evans

Sadly, due to poor eyesight (and age) Jean and I have sold the caravan.

So, THANK YOU

SUNTRECKERS For 30 years  
of caravanning heaven.

For the great friendships we have made.

For the days spent in the sun in secluded fields in the British countryside.

For the beautiful game of Boules.

For the afternoon teas, strawberries and cream and Pimm's. For the evening chats and storytelling with nibbles in cosy awnings.

But thanks most of all to the Committee for the time and trouble spent and the Rally Officers for making every rally a new adventure.

Jean and I have been made to feel part of the family and we shall miss you all very much. Love and Best Wishes

*Jean and Jim Evans*

### **OBITUARIES**

Diane Lewis has contacted us to say her husband Vincent passed away early in August.

Bernard Clark the owner of the Lower Poulza Post site has died during August.

### **ANYTHING ELSE I CAN THINK OF**

Anybody interested in this enquiry below? Contact me for her details.

I hope you are well. I hope you don't mind me contacting you but I work for a TV production company called 7Wonder and we are currently making a new hour-long documentary for Channel4 about families and parents who embrace naturism.

I was hoping for a chat with some Suntreckers, at a time that would be convenient, to tell you more and hear your thoughts on the project, it would be great to know if you are available and willing to speak to me. Alternatively, I'd be happy to e mail you over some information and a flyer for the series for you to look at.

Liza Chamber 7Wonder

## **VACANCIES**

### **Continental Rally Organiser**

Please speak to The Rally Organiser if you are interested in this post. Failure to fill it will mean no Continental Rallies after 2018.

### **Equipment Officer**

If you are interested in this post please speak to the Chairman for details.

## **SUBMISSIONS FOR TRECKER AND E TRECKER**

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*Thank You*

*Editor*

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