

# TRECKER 77 2017

Possible new names???????

Sunny Times

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## **EDITORS BIT**

Well what a summer. Scorched in June, soaked in September. Well we were on our extended trip through the Welsh and English Borders.

We enjoyed the 5 rallies we attended including the GALA Rally where we caught up with friends from around the country we only meet here.

Sandra and I decided to change our caravan and as appears to be the norm at present we brought the biggest caravan we have ever owned even though there is only the two of us. Are we barmy or just fashionable? We like it though with its two fixed beds, one of which I actually fit in. No mean feat at 6 foot 2 inches tall.

I asked for suggestions for a new name for the Trecker and only received two as shown on the front page. Do you like one of them????????????????

Some members have been saying they do like the long Trip Reports other members send in and get published in Trecker, so I have decided to move these to E Trecker which as its name implies only goes out to members registered to receive e mails from Suntreckers. This will save on printing costs. So, if you wish to send in a long article please do so.

When sending in articles DO NOT PUT PARTS OF IT IN BOXES as this gives many problems when trying to copy and paste into Trecker. I cannot work how to do it. Articles should be sent as attachments as these can be copied straight into Trecker without me re-typing them.

There are 3 letters and rally reports in this issue and at least one other has been kept for another day.

**Graham Addison (PPO) C10029**

## **CHAIRMANS CHAT**

We drove down through France in September to join in with Continental rally number 77 at La Toquette, arriving just a day after our 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, (*did not realise how time had passed*).

The 10 days there were great, with good weather, good company and marvellous food and drink, Ann and I really enjoyed it. Well done Mike and Lynne.

By the way, we do need some new people to fill vacancies on the committee, such as an Equipment and supplies officer, please think about it and perhaps give it a try.

It was good to meet some of you at the Caravan & Motorhome Show, on the ACCEO stand the couple of days we were on duty. So, are we going to see some new vans during next year?

Safe travels all of you and enjoy your trekking and hopefully good weather, and take care on the Winter rallies.

**Ron Twining (Chairman)**

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## **VACANCY**

We have a Committee vacancy for an Equipment Officer. Please contact me for details.

## COMMITTEE NOTES

Well the October meeting went well if not a bit stormy, see later note for explanation, where we spoke about many items. The possibility of putting the Year Book on the Web Site took up a lot of time with no real decision made. Another item was the Membership Numbers which are down to 280 leading to a close review of the 2019 membership fees.

FORMING at which point the committee forms.

STORMING at which point the committee has raised voices and disagreements.

NORMING at which point discussions calm down.

PERFORMING at which point the committee starts to work together.

## RALLY ORGANISER NOTES

Dear Treckers, I hope you are all keeping well and have avoided the worst that hurricanes Irma, Ophelia and storm Brian could throw at you.

I know you are waiting for the Spring but don't forget there are still Winter rallies to go to which provide entertainment and relaxation in equal parts.

Speaking of the Spring I have nearly completed the final touches to the 2018 rallying season. I started the process the day the successful Gala rally finished, all I am waiting for are a few farm sites and clubs to agree the dates I have given them. Talking about agreed dates I agreed two dates with the farm site at Mamble then very recently I received a telephone call from the owner informing me that they had placed static caravans on the site and that they had sold those caravans, so we can no longer go there, a real shame.

I have sent out a rally list to you all in the fervent hope that you will volunteer to be rally officers for 2018. In any case when you receive the list would you ***please complete the form and send it back to me in the stamped addressed envelope even if you can't be a rally officer for 2018.***

The next time I shall be in touch with you via the Trecker will be sometime in March and I hope to be able to say thanks for the tremendous response in volunteering and that I have had to turn some of you away, but in any case, make sure you all enjoy what is being offered in way of the rallies for 2018.

Don't forget if you have any ideas, sites new and old you may want to visit then please let me know either by telephone, email, writing a letter or leaving comments on the website forum page or on the Facebook group page.

That's all folks so, its cheerio from me for a little while.

**Steve Wagstaff** (National Rally Organiser)

## **RALLY LIST UPDATE**

***Mistakes in the 2018 Rally List. We have Rally Officers for September Telford Rally not the April Rally. Date for Bassetts Farm should be 25 May not 24 August. Operator error, Sorry.***

***Note that rally numbers may change.***

## LETTERS and Rally Reports

### **And so, Summer becomes Winter**

One minute I was running the first rally of the season at Hyde Farm, I blinked, and suddenly I was attending the first Winter rally. Where did the Summer go this year? It all started so well with sunny days and warm temperatures, and then the clouds started to build and the temperatures drop. Have Summer and Spring swapped places with each other?

I managed to attend around 10 rallies this year, enjoyed them all and thank all the rally officers (and ralliers) for making them all special, but some stand out for various reasons.

Terry and Lesley always go out of their way to make sure that ralliers have a good time whatever the weather, going above and beyond the call of duty; full, relaxed, programmes and erection of the pleasure domes - what would we do without them to shelter from the almost constant winds at Pinvin.

Adey and Clark Jarvis ran their first rally at the Old Colliery, Mamble. For most of the weekend the weather was pretty blowy and showery. The rain can dampen the ground, but it can't dampen the spirit, and the rally will be well remembered for the fun, games, and laughter, as well as the storm on Monday with torrential rain and high winds battering the awning and starting to pull the awning rail away from the wall of my caravan, so the awning was taken down pretty swiftly and heaved into the back of the car.

One of the Greenhill Park rallies was run by Malcolm and Sue Shelley. They attended a club site for their first rally, and for their second rally they took the plunge, and ran a field rally. What a great job they made of it, and the home-made dessert supplied by them after the Saturday night barbie was yummy yum yum.

The next rally that stands out was the rally I ran at Whitehouse farm, (no, not because I ran it). It must be the biggest field we use, with just 5 vans pitched in one corner! The sun shone by day, but being September, the heater came out in the awning for get-togethers in the evening, to keep the fun and laughter going.

This field has got to be a contender for a Gala in July, although not a lot of good in the early Spring except for growing rice and getting trench foot.

### **And suddenly the Summer season was gone**

The first of the Winter rallies was run by first time rally officers Eileen and Geoff Heyes at a new 1<sup>st</sup> time venue. Rally officers and venue were hailed a big success. Despite only being a few minutes away from the M40, Jct 6, the field was quiet and rural with views, and trees for shelter from the breeze, the grass was short, the bunnies and squirrels ran around after scraps, whilst the red kites flew overhead, gliding and whistling to each other. One decided to do a gull impression, and swooped on Terry taking part of his sandwich. The nights, with no light pollution, were a mass of stars.

Eileen and Geoff arranged a very welcome fish and chip supper on Friday. Saturday saw a swim, Sunday saw a pub lunch, as well as the usual morning coffees and afternoon teas. I would like to thank all the rally officers for their time and efforts, and the ralliers, for making this

year's rallying such a bounty of good times, fun and laughter, and I'm looking forward to a real fun filled Christmas at the December Greenhill Park rally.

#### **Ian S12118**



#### **KINGFISHER FARM Aug 2017**

Eleven units attended this rally in generally fine weather. Coffee mornings were held every day often extending until lunchtime. One was particularly extended when the quiz results were reviewed for which there were no official answers available. This resulted in many alternative answers being promoted with a lively debate as to which should be deemed correct. Eventually we shared the prize. One chocolate each.

We had a Mad Hatters birthday party for Gill's birthday. Everybody joined in wearing a variety of hats and birthday suits.

Those who had not visited the site before went on a conducted tour of the workshop and engineering facility seeing a restored monster car and a 1913 Austin Lorry. Terry demonstrated how he fits his 1913 Lorry into a huge pantechnicon to take it to shows

The next rally at Kingfisher Farm will at the New Year with a Summer Holiday Theme. Come along in your itsy bitsy bikini or summer dress for the men and the ladies can wear similar if they like. Dates are 28 December to 2 January

**Gill and Les. The Kingfisher Farm Rally Officer Team.**

#### **BASSETTS FARM Aug 2017**

Hi all especially those members who attended this rally. Some things are pre-ordered, it was so with the weather for the whole rally. It is some time since I can remember dawn to dusk warm sunny conditions when the need for clothes was at the back of our minds.

On the Saturday of the rally it was my birthday (Bob 79 years young), I mentioned this to Barry and Mervyn & by the time of the coffee morning our rally officers Graham and Sandra had organised a

card signed by all the Treckers present and a cake with candles! It's amazing, what rally officers bring to rallies just in case.

A boules competition was organised, Rosemary and I were knocked out in the first round, nothing new there! A 3 mile brisk walk was headed by Graham, mainly along tarmac taking in a local church which unfortunately was locked. But we felt better for the exercise.

Now the caravan has been put to bed so to speak for the Winter, we look forward to 2018.

**Bob and Rosemary Barwick C11769**

### **INF Petanque – De Peelrand, Netherlands**

Lyn and I took the motorhome from Harwich to Hook of Holland to play in the INF Petanque Competition in September at De Peelrand Naturist Club. There were several Suntreckers there and other British Naturism members who had previously qualified in the National Competition at Blackthorns earlier in the year.

A total of 56 mixed pairs from all over Europe played over the weekend in a variety of locations; on the pistes and round the pathways throughout the site. We were well looked after with all meals provided in a large marquee and evening entertainment all included.

The Petanque was pretty serious for many of the teams; the French especially seemed to be keen to establish their superiority since they invented the game, but the overall winners were German, with a Dutch couple runners up.

Positions for the BN teams were as below:

- 23 Carole & Karl (Springwood) – also Suntreckers
- 25 Marion & Phil (Suntreckers)
- 30 Elaine & Steve (Springwood)
- 38 Annie & Ian (Blackthorns)
- 39 Pam & Alan
- 43 Glyn & Barrie (Springwood)
- 49 Susan & Garry (Springwood)
- 51 Lyn & John (Suntreckers)
- 53 Rae & Ken (Suntreckers)

The National Competition for qualifying will probably be at Broadlands in 2018, with the INF event in Austria. Any BN members are eligible to play in the qualifying games.

**John Furley (Membership Secretary) C12694**

VENUE	DATE FROM	DATE TO	RALLY OFFICER
Highland Farm	29 March 2018	03 April 2018	
Broadlands	29 March 2018	04 April 2018	
Liverpool Sun & Air	29 March 2018	04 April 2018	
Maxs Garden	06 April 2018	11 April 2018	
Telford	06 April 2018	11 April 2018	
Whitehouse Farm	06 April 2018	11 April 2018	
Cam Bridge Barn	13 April 2018	18 April 2018	
Meadowfleck Farm	13 April 2018	18 April 2018	
St Annes	13 April 2018	18 April 2018	
Hyde Farm	20 April 2018	25 April 2018	
SWOC	20 April 2018	25 April 2018	
Willows Fruit Farm	20 April 2018	25 April 2018	
Apollo	27 April 2018	02 May 2018	
Diogenes	27 April 2018	02 May 2018	
Kingfisher Farm	27 April 2018	02 May 2018	Gill & Les / Hill
Sungrove	04 May 2018	09 May 2018	R and S Sivill
Western Sunfolk	04 May 2018	09 May 2018	
COC	11 May 2018	16 May 2018	Gwen Harding
East Midlands	11 May 2018	16 May 2018	Fred & Marion Newman
Marsh Farm	11 May 2018	16 May 2018	
Dolcoed	11 May 2018	18 May 2018	
Heather House Farm	18 May 2018	23 May 2018	
YSS	18 May 2018	23 May 2018	
Tything Barn	18 May 2018	25 May 2018	
Bassetts Farm	25 May 2018	30 May 2018	
Highland Farm	25 May 2018	30 May 2018	
Le Clos Barratt	31 May 2018	10 June 2018	
Abdess Roding	01 June 2018	06 June 2018	
Hyde Farm	01 June 2018	06 June 2018	
Tando	01 June 2018	06 June 2018	
Heather House Farm	08 June 2018	13 June 2018	
St Annes	08 June 2018	13 June 2018	
West of Eden	08 June 2018	13 June 2018	
Manor Farm	14 June 2018	21 June 2018	
La Ferme Naturiste L'Oliverie	14 June 2018	24 June 2018	
Cam Bridge Barn	15 June 2018	20 June 2018	
Nunnery Farm	15 June 2018	20 June 2018	
SWOC	22 June 2018	27 June 2018	
Turnpost	22 June 2018	27 June 2018	
Pallieter	27 June 2018	07 July 2018	
Valley	29 June 2018	06 July 2018	
Newperran	01 July 2018	08 July 2018	
Apollo	06 July 2018	11 July 2018	
Broadlands	06 July 2018	13 July 2018	
Hyde Farm	13 July 2018	18 July 2018	
Blackthorns	13 July 2018	19 July 2018	
Nunnery Farm	19 July 2018	23 July 2018	
Candy Farm	27 July 2018	01 August 2018	
Greenhill Park	27 July 2018	01 August 2018	
Abdess Roding	03 August 2018	08 August 2018	
East Midlands	03 August 2018	08 August 2018	
COC	10 August 2018	15 August 2018	Gwen Harding
Highland Farm	10 August 2018	15 August 2018	
SWOC	10 August 2018	15 August 2018	
Apollo	17 August 2018	22 August 2018	
Nunnery Farm	17 August 2018	22 August 2018	
YSS	17 August 2018	22 August 2018	
Bassetts Farm	24 August 2018	29 August 2018	
Kingfisher Farm	24 August 2018	29 August 2018	Gill & Les / Hill
Greenhill Park	31 August 2018	05 September 2018	
Sungrove	31 August 2018	05 September 2018	R and S Sivill
Les Claeres Des Pins	02 September 2018	12 September 2018	
Marsh Farm	07 September 2018	12 September 2018	
Meadowfleck Farm	07 September 2018	12 September 2018	
Willows Fruit Farm	07 September 2018	12 September 2018	
Dolcoed	07 September 2018	14 September 2018	
Le Corderc	13 September 2018	23 September 2018	
Heather House Farm	14 September 2018	19 September 2018	
Hyde Farm	14 September 2018	19 September 2018	
Tything Barn	14 September 2018	21 September 2018	
Telford	21 September 2018	26 September 2018	Mike Clarke & Wendy Pettit
Western Sunfolk	21 September 2018	26 September 2018	
Whitehouse Farm	21 September 2018	26 September 2018	
Highland Farm	28 September 2018	03 October 2018	
Maxs Garden	29 September 2018	03 October 2018	
Benar Beach	Not known		
Lower Poulza Post	Not known		
Lower Poulza Post	Not known		
Millbank	Not known		
Millbank	Not known		
White Rose	Not known		
White Rose	Not known		
Bank Holidays	Gala Rally	Continental Rallies	

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