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## From the Editor's Chair

To those of you who only take the printed version of *The Trecker* and don't subscribe to E-Trecker via email, this is my first opportunity to speak to you. After some gentle "persuasion" earlier this year I agreed to take over the PPO role in place of Graham, and



have now attended my first committee meeting. Luckily we only have four meetings a year but I've already seen first-hand how all the committee members have the club at heart and do a lot of work in the background to keep our club ticking over. I won't begin to bore you with the details, but we're having to get our teeth into the new General Data Protection Regulations, which come into effect in May.

I'm still a relative newcomer to Suntreckers, having joined together with my wife Eileen at an invitation rally at *Little Oaks* in 2014. Sadly *Little Oaks* closed a while ago but I'm pleased to report that we will be putting on at least one invitation rally this year - more on this later in this issue.

I spoke to a few naturist caravaners recently and asked them why they hadn't joined our club. Various reasons were given, including "we prefer to do our own thing," but I did get the impression that being able to try us out first would encourage a few people to consider joining us.

So let's hope that reintroducing invitation rallies helps to combat our continuing declining membership, which is surely the main challenge we face at the moment. Another matter causing concern is the future of our continental rallies - again more on this later.

By the time you read this our winter rallies will be over until October and spring should be in the air, always a time for optimism. Once again our rally organisers have come up with a lot for us to enjoy and I'm looking forward to what's ahead this year both in UK and in France.

Geoff Heyes  
PPO

## Chairman's Chat

I hope you all survived the winter ok, and are either getting out and about to the early spring rallies or at least planning some for later in the year.

Here on the Island we didn't have a lot of snow, but for the first time in many years we experienced very hard frozen snow and ice. This stopped us in our tracks, making walking hazardous and even causing problems for the 4 x 4s. At one point the harbour froze over and most of the ferries had to stop.

Ann and I did make it through the early hours of a Sunday morning to get to the committee meeting in Northampton on the 4<sup>th</sup> March, as did all the committee members, with no one having any real problems. Ann and I must praise them for their dedication and effort. Well done all the committee.

It's some time since we last held an invitation rally but I have arranged one this year to see if we can attract some new members. This will allow potential new members to try us out before they join. It will be rally number 49, at Newperran in Cornwall, running from 1<sup>st</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> July. The cost is £20 per unit per night and we will all be in our own dedicated area. We will be able to use the facilities in the holiday park as well, but clothes will have to worn in that area.

So if you know of any potential Suntreckers, please encourage them to come along even if it is only for just a couple of days.

Not a lot else to say at this time, but looking forward to see what ideas you come up with for the gala Rally and the theme of "Carry On."

Safe trekking to all of you where ever your journey takes you, and may the sun shine for you always.

All the very best,

Ron Twining  
Chairman.

## Rally Organiser's Report

Well here we go for another fun filled rallying year both here in the UK and in Europe. Let's hope for lots of sun, sea, sand and sangria but if not all those then there are plenty of club sites and beautiful field sites that will grab your attention.

I'm not going to detail the cancelled rallies because this is a constant irritation to you, me and the site owners. However one cancellation has caused some sadness, namely the loss of a popular rally at Whitehouse Farm, Radway. Mrs Cook the owner is currently in a nursing home and I have been advised that rally number 9 shouldn't go ahead and has

been cancelled. We are still hoping the later rally number 83 will take place with Mrs Cook at the reins again. I wish her a speedy recovery.

Sadly Max of Max's Garden died last year. The site has new owners now and a new name - Mark & Karen's Retreat. They're keen to make a go of it so please support them and if you go to the rallies there please let me know what you think.

We are now holding an invitation rally at Newperran (rally No 49). The site costs have been substantially reduced for the rally - now £20 per unit per night so you can ignore the cost in the yearbook. Our chairman will be running the invitation side of things with the rally officers Graham & Shirley running the rest of the event, so please give them your support and if you have friends who are or maybe thinking of joining Suntreckers then urge them to come along and give us a try. The reduction in cost is because the Get Naked Week has been cancelled and we will have the use of our usual rally field where you can strip off. You will have to be clothed to enjoy the rest of the facilities. Please go to this rally if you can so that any invitation ralliers can get a good feel of what a Suntrecker rally is like.

Mamble will no longer be in the yearbook as the site owner has put static vans in the field we use and some of these have been sold.

So now I come to one of my favourite topics - the Gala Rally which will again be held at Nunnery Farm in Rothwell. The theme for 2018 as you probably know by now is 'Carry on Films'. The Ken Webster photographic theme will be 'Fashion' which should give all you budding and experienced photographers out there a substantial subject to get your teeth into.

No excuses for failing to decorate your caravans, tents and motorhomes with the rally theme. There will be a prize for the best dressed unit so can we all make an effort to improve on what has been a disappointing few years in that area?

Entertainment this year will be supplied by *Sounds Familiar* which happens to be fronted by Paul the site owner. They played on the Friday night of last year's Gala and by all accounts were very good. So please book up for the gala and enjoy what will be a fantastic night - all supplied at no extra cost to you.

So now you know everything you just need to get out there and enjoy what your committee have provided for you.

Steve Wagstaff  
National Rally Organiser.

## Winter Rally update

This year's winter programme started with a new venue at Watlington in Oxfordshire. Found by Eileen and Geoff it proved very popular with our dog Meg, as it was adjacent to the Ridgeway long distance path. As well as the usual activities at the site we were able to enjoy Sunday lunch at a pub in the village and a naturist swim as guests of Oxnat.



New site at Watlington

The other two pre-Christmas rallies have been firm favourites for some time with numbers just about holding their own. The firework display at Stoney Stanton was spectacular as always and Terry and Lesley's pre-Christmas rally at Greenhill Park included the usual round of presents, cards, lots of food and of course a good time for all.

Numbers at the New Year rallies were down a bit this year, mainly because of the flu outbreak and a collection of other viruses doing the rounds. Thanks to Eric for organising Kingfisher, where we welcomed two new members and enjoyed a lively New Year's Eve with Terry, the owner. Sadly both Liverpool rallies had to be cancelled owing to lack of interest although Peter and Liz were still able to welcome a Suntrecker couple as New Year guests. Thanks to them and Liverpool Sun and Air for that.

Windmill Farm at Baston Fen was hosted as always by Brian and Barbara. A good excuse to put back those few pounds lost since Christmas with the fish and chips on Saturday evening and excellent carvery for Sunday lunch. A car load of us went to the Sleaford swim where we were given our usual warm welcome in a warm pool and even excelled ourselves with raffle prizes. We got away from Baston a day or so before the 'Beast from the East' struck so severely that Baston was mentioned on the national news with lorries and cars getting stuck all over the place.

Unfortunately a couple of units didn't get to Smeaton Lakes thanks mainly to the mini beast from the east. A lovely flat site where we were sited on the tarmac 'car park' adjacent to the rally field due to the weather. We knew we would be ok to get out of there without a tow! Driving to the naturist swim at South Forest was 'interesting' through the snow showers but our 7 made up a third of the people attending. Sunday saw a pub carvery lunch before setting off home. Another favourite site for Meg and Twiggy with a dog walk through some woods and plenty of ball chasing areas.



Smeaton Lakes rally field - where we'd hoped to be!



Tarmac carpark from our window.

Now for summer rallies and warmer weather. Happy Trecking in 2018.

Malcolm and Maureen

## Continental rallies

We attended our first continental rally in France in September 2016 and have since been to three more. We've also booked the first couple of 2018 and are really looking forward to them. For those of you who've never experienced one they're a lot like the UK rallies only more so and with the added bonus of - usually - better weather. OK there have been exceptions! Also the "holiday" nature and duration of these rallies really helps to build camaraderie.

One thing we soon noticed it that although a few of the regular continental ralliers also attend UK rallies (as we do) a lot don't. So it should be a real concern to all of us that now we no longer have a continental rally organiser, the future is very uncertain. Normally by this time of the year we would have details of the continental rallies planned for 2019 but because we no longer have anyone in this post we have absolutely nothing in the pipeline beyond September 2018.

If you only attend UK rallies and have no inclination to venture further afield you may not be too concerned about this. However as a significant number of our members only go to continental rallies it's not hard to imagine them not renewing their membership if there are no overseas rallies for them to go to. That would have a significant effect on our subscription revenue and put severe pressure on our finances.

*So a volunteer for a continental rally organiser is urgently needed - it would be great if one of the regular continental ralliers could take on this rôle, or at least organise something for next year.*

Editor

## **New French speed limits announced**



If you're going to either of the French rallies in September or are planning a trip to France this summer you'll need to be aware that some speed limit reductions will be introduced from 1 July. This will mainly affect two-lane roads without a central reservation, where the limit will be reduced from the current 90 km/hr (56 mph) to 80 km/hr (50 mph). You can read more about it here: <https://www.aph.com/community/holidays/french-speed-limit-cut-later-year-find-avoid-risk-fines-650/>

## **Invitation Rally at Newperran**

Invitation rallies are back! As mentioned elsewhere in this issue Rally No 49 at Newperran in Cornwall will be a chance for potential members to "try before they buy". For those of you who haven't been before Newperran is a large commercial site with extensive facilities. Only the rally field will be naturist, so this event will offer a gentle introduction for anyone experiencing naturism for the first time. So spread the word!

## **Officers due for election at the 2018 AGM**

The following posts are due for election this year:

- Company Secretary
- Membership Secretary
- Rally Organiser
- Equipment Officer
- General Member 2

It's always good to get "new blood" and new ideas. Nominations must be received by 29 May - full details and nomination form can be found on page 5 of the Year Book.

## New on the website

Webmaster Alan has been busy recently introducing new features to the members area of the website. If you haven't used it yet your committee would strongly recommend you to do so. It's very easy - you just need to click 'register' under Login Status on any of the main pages and follow the simple instructions.

Partly in response to a request from those of you lucky enough to spend the winter in the sunshine, a condensed version of the Year Book is now on the web. To access it just click 'Rallies 2018' under the 'Rallies and Regalia' heading at the bottom of one of the main pages. It's in the form of a 'flip-book' and cannot be downloaded or printed as a complete document, although it is possible to print individual pages. It can only be viewed by members, after logging in with a user ID and password and the personal data on rally officers is restricted to first names and telephone numbers only.

This is partly because some members had told us that they would refuse to be rally officers if full details were made available online and partly to help us comply with new data protection law.

In addition Alan has added directions to rally sites under a link on the Rallies 2018 page, as well as adding the 2018 continental rally information and putting copies of *Trecker* newsletters back on the website under Members Pages.

## Goodbyes

### **Alan and Denise Thwaites**

As you know, we have sold our motorhome and it is with a degree of regret that, as we are very unlikely to make any more trips to enjoy the rain beating down on a ploughed field, we have decided to relinquish our membership of Suntreckers. We will continue to be members of BN and will attend a number of BN hotel-based events. Also, by staying in the chalet accommodation we hope to continue our support of the Newperran naturist event.

Please pass on our best wishes to all your members and we wish Suntreckers all the best for the future. We will miss the camaraderie of the suntreckers company, but all good things have to come to an end.

We would be happy for any of the Suntreckers to contact us by email:

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Yours sincerely,  
Alan & Denise

**Cherie Coombes**

**Mike Court**

**Bernice Maskill**

## Supermarkets near rally sites

Much as many of our rally officers keep us well supplied with nibbles and sweet treats we all need to think about provisions from time to time. Here's an excellent idea from Ken Warburton - a list of supermarkets near the sites and clubs visited by Suntreckers, plus a couple more.

Wherever possible the postcodes and distances listed refer to main branches of the supermarket chain and not the smaller convenience or "Express" stores.

This information is being made available to all rally officers so they should be able to give you full details when you arrive at rally sites and if you can't wait for that it's also included as an Appendix to the electronic version of this issue of *The Trecker*

## 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 - a consent form for this can be downloaded from the website.

Please send all contributions to [ppo@suntrekers.org.uk](mailto:ppo@suntrekers.org.uk) in time for publication in early July.

Thank you to John for sending this newsletter by email, to Malcolm and Maureen for printing and distributing the paper copy and to Alan for putting it on the website.

## Appendix List of supermarkets near rally sites

Wherever possible the postcodes and distances listed refer to main branches of the supermarket chain and not the smaller convenience or "Express" stores.

Abness	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
CM5 0PA	CM20 3FA	CM20 1AN	CM18 7PJ	CM1 4UX	CM5 9AL
Miles to:	10	10	10.3	11.8	6.1

Apollo	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
BN6 9EZ	BN41 1XF	BN1 8AS	RH15 9NN	BN2 1RE	RH15 9QT
Miles to:	11.5	9	5.3	11.1	4.6

Bassetts	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
CM3 4BY	CM8 1XU	CM2 6RE	CM2 9DG	CM9 6GG	CM3 4QW
Miles to:	8.2	7.4	7.6	5.4	3.4

Benar	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
LL43 2AR	LL49 9NY	LL53 5HY	LL49 9NY	SY23 3TL	LL49 9NU
Miles to	16.8	29.3	16.8	47.6	16.6

Blackth'n	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
MK44 1NE	MK410PW	LU5 4JD	MK40 2PN	MK42 9JP	MK41 0SE
Miles to:	9.2	32.9	8.4	9.3	10.6

Broadlands	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
NR14 8NG	NR4 6DH	NR4 6DP	NR3 2DP	NR1 1WU	NR4 6DZ
Miles to:	4.4	4.4	7.4	9.5	4.1

Cam Bridge	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
BS39 5AA	BA4 5SB	BS14 0ST	BA3 2DL	BS13 0BE	BS39 7SW
Miles to;	12.4	8.4	4.2	9.5	2.8

Candy Fm	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
DN9 3DZ	DN1 2DG	DN7 5DX	DN2 5DX	DN3 3AG	DN3 2JE
Miles to:	10.9	11	10.1	8	11.9

E Mid. SF	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
LN1 2JT	DN21 1AF	LN6 7BH	LN6 7TP	DN21 1XY	DN21 2HA
Miles to:	8.9	11.6	10.9	9.9	9.8

Greenhill	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
B95 6DN	CV37 0BJ	CV37 0HZ	B97 4HL	CV37 9DA	CV37 0UA
Miles to:	3.8	3.9	11.7	4.4	3.9

Heather H	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
NR12 0AX	NR30 1JT	NR30 1SF	NR28 9AS	NR6 7HS	NR12 9AE
Miles to:	13.7	14.6	11.4	16.6	3.5

Highland F	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
NG23 6JB	NG24 1HD	NG22 9PL	LN6 7TP	NG24 1EW	NG22 9PL
Miles to:	11.7	7.6	21	11.6	7.6

Hyde Fm	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
WR10 2DX	WR5 3HW	WR10 1QU	WR5 1HG	WR11 1DX	WR5 3SW
Miles to:	8.6	2.3	7.9	10.1	8.6

Kingfisher	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
PE22 8BN	PE21 8XZ	PE21 8EQ	PE25 3PQ	PE25 3NZ	LN9 5DR
Miles to:	11.1	11.3	19.2	18.6	14

Liverpool	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
L35 3ST	L26 0TX	L36 7TX	L36 3YB	WA8 6UA	L25 7SF
Miles to:	4.3	3.2	5.5	4.9	6.1

Lower P.P.	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
EX23 0BX	PL14 3XA	PL31 2AR	PL15 9DA	EX23 8UA	PL15 9HG
Miles to:	29	23.4	14.9	9.7	14.6

Manor Fm	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
TQ6 0RU	TQ4 7BD	TQ4 7EP	TQ6 0JL	TQ7 1TP	TQ4 5DL
Miles to:	Q=19 S=12	Q=19 S=12	4.7	11	S=13 Q=19

(Q = quickest – via A381 and A385. S= shortest via A379)

Marsh Fm	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
IP17 1HW	IP3 9BG	IP1 5PD	IP3 9QJ	IP11 2XD	IP5 3RU
Miles to:	22.1	22.3	21.2	24.5	15.4

Mark & Karens Retreat	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
RH20 4AJ	BN16 3FH	BN12 6PN	BN11 1DU	BN11 1JU	BN13 3PB
Miles to:	10.3	9.8	7.7	7.4	7.2

Meadowflk	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
DE4 4DD	DE6 1AY	NG16 4ED	DE5 3DL	DE56 1YA	DE75 7EX
Miles to:	7.1	17	12.7	13.3	3.3

Naturist F	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
BR5 4ET	BR8 7BU	BR8 7UN	DA14 5HJ	BR5 1DH	DA14 5BN
Miles to:	4.4	4	2.4	2.4	2.3

Nunnery F	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
NN14 6AW	NN16 9XW	NN16 9HU	LE16 8AN	NN16 8AN	NN15 6XB
Miles to:	4.5	4.5	6.7	4.7	6.8

S.W Outdoor	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
DT2 7BA	DT4 7BG	BA20 2HB	BA21 5DW	BA20 2AU	DT1 2RY
Miles to:	21.9	13.9	12.3	12.8	15.5

St.Annes	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
BH21 6SD	BH10 4HZ	BH8 9UP	BH22 9BB	BH31 6UQ	BH22 9TH
Miles to:	8.9	11.4	4	2.9	4.4

Sungrove	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
DN37 0RQ	DN34 5DN	DN32 9DL	DN20 8EQ	DN37 7SQ	LN8 3AW
Miles to:	4.6	5.7	21.6	4.5	14.5

Tando	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
NE15 9TP	NE5 5HD	NE15 8SD	NE15 6RR	NE5 2RA	NE3 2FP
Miles to:	3.1	3.2	4	2.5	4.6

(Note: Postcode based on the Wallbottle Campus postcode)

Telford	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
TF2 9PB	TF2 9NH	TF2 7RX	TF1 6RD	TF3 5ES	TF3 4AG
Miles to:	2.4	2.1	7	4.7	3.4

Turnpost	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
LE12 6ST	LE11 1JA	NG2 7JA	NG9 6DX	LE11 5RX	LE13 1SQ
Miles to:	5	6.7	9.1	6.3	9.8

Tything B	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
SA68 0TN	SA72 4AA	SA72 6DA	SA72 6TR	SA61 2EX	SA72 6DS
Miles to:	3.5	4.2	4.1	8.5	4

Valley	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
HG1 4GH	HG1 3HT	HG1 5DE	HG5 0SP	HG2 7LD	LS8 4BU
Miles to:	1	0.8	3.4	1.6	12.6

Western SF	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
NP25 4PJ	NP7 5HF	NP44 1UL	NP25 3LX	NP44 1QP	NP16 5PB
Miles to:	12.4		4.7	13.4	8.1

West of E	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
PL26 8RL	PL25 4HW	PL25 4PR	PL25 4TR	PL31 2ST	PL25 3HR
Miles to:	3.2	3.7	3.6	6.4	3.3

White Rose	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
YO60 7QZ	YO32 9JS	YO32 9LF	YO24 2PE	YO31 7UR	YO43 3BG
Miles to:	5.1	5	9.2	7.2	18.5

Whitehouse	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
CV35 0BT	OX16 2GU	CV31 1YD	CV22 7DT	OX16 5AQ	CV37 0UA
Miles to:	6.4		18.4	7.4	11.8

Willows Fm	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
PE24 5QH	LN11 0JT	PE25 1RZ	PE25 3PQ	PE25 3NZ	PE25 3PQ
Miles to:	22.2	7.6	8.5	8.2	8.5

Yorks sun	Aldi	Asda	Lidl	Morrison	Tesco
HU7 5YX	HU7 0AF	HU7 3DA	HU5 2PP	HU9 3JA	HU6 7XP
Miles to:	3.4	2.6	5.2	5.2	4.1

Many thanks to Ken Warburton for supplying this information.