

The Autocruisers

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Rowley Rally

FUEL COSTS

Useful information from David Hill

As our fuel costs rise, as a result of both taxation and greedy oil companies it becomes increasingly important to find the cheapest deal we can for petrol and diesel. Economists forecast that price rises in the next few months could take us to 88p per litre (that's a huge £4.00 per gallon!). A new web site is now available to help us get the best deal in our own areas.

Just click on to www.ispypetrol.com and enter your postcode and whether you want petrol or diesel it will provide you with the five cheapest deals in your area and keep you updated on a regular basis if you want. It is updated daily and nearly all of the 13,000 petrol stations in the country are covered. Most fuel is bought on credit card these days and 85% of garages make a credit sale every day.

The Sun newspaper has teamed up with isppetrol and the service is **Free**. You can of course go in via the paper's website -- www.thesun.co.uk and click on to the service that way. Don't go in via www.page3.co.uk - that offers a quite different service!

Even members without Internet access can these days use their public libraries' facility to get the information. For those with a pc just leave your e-mail address and you will receive automatic updates. At the time of writing (2nd August) I am paying a net 70.9p a litre for diesel at the local Safeway. By spending £40 in the store you receive a 5p a litre voucher to deduct from their price of 75.9.

I once worked for Safeway and they used to have a woman that went round every week to check prices of articles randomly selected by Head Office with the equivalent at Morrisons, Sainsbury, Asda and Tesco. Not one week of the five months I worked there were Safeway cheaper than the other three. Just a word to the wise, check the prices of the goods you are buying to make sure that the saving at the petrol pump is in fact a saving. (Ed).

Alcohol

Due to the increasing products liability litigation, American brewers have accepted the FDA's suggestion that the following warning labels be placed immediately on all beer containers:

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may leave you wondering what the hell happened to your bra. (Apparently this has happened to several people).

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may make you think you are whispering when you are not.

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may cause a disturbance in the time-space continuum, whereby small (and sometimes large) gaps of time may seem to literally disappear.

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may actually CAUSE pregnancy.

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may cause you to think you can actually sing.

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may cause you to tell the same boring story over and over again until your friends leave.

Rally News

Would all new members please note that we do not require a deposit to be sent with the booking form and would you please make all cheques payable to The Autocruisers.



Posten Mill
Peterchurch
November 15-18th



This rally is going to be hosted by Mike & Chris Bedwell. Send your booking form to 123 Primrose Hill, Kings Langley, Herts WD4 8HX (telephone 01923 263956) to receive full details of the rally.

More about this rally later in the newsletter from Mike and Chris.



Bainland Country Park,
Woodhall Spa
December 6-9th



There is a bus booked to take members into Lincoln on Saturday 8th December to the Christmas market. There will be no charge for this.

We will hold our normal raffle (please bring a wrapped raffle prize), and we also envisage holding a raffle for a Christmas hamper. This of course would not be possible unless you kindly donate something to fill said hamper. All donations will be gratefully received.

A Christmas meal will be served on Saturday night. Full details will be provided on arrival by way of the rally flyer.

Why do men want to marry virgins? - They can't stand criticism.

Rally News



Braemar Gathering
September 7th 2002

A rally has been booked for The Braemar Gathering in 2002. We shall be camping in Ballater which I have been informed by Andy is where a lot of the pipers will be staying. Andy says they pipe through the streets of Ballater on Saturday night after the Gathering.

Anyone interested in this rally please return your booking slip to Sheila Lennie with your payment of £20 per person for the tickets by 10th January 2002. Remember to make your cheques payable to The Autocruisers.

Aberdeenshire will be the back of beyond to a lot our members and it has been suggested that anyone still working wishing to attend the Gathering would perhaps take annual holiday. It would mean that they would also possibly be able to attend the A.G.M. which we will be holding the following weekend.



Wickstead Park Rally
1st-4th August 2002



Unfortunately the Rally Diary had been printed when we informed that the booking for this rally had not been accepted. Shades of last year come into the mind, cancel, cancel, cancel. I do most sincerely hope not! We are now looking for another venue to hold this rally. This rally was to be a Grandparent/Grandchildren rally and if I have to build a place in which to hold the event I will!! I have already bought three lovely raffle prizes for the kids to win so it will go ahead! Keep watching this space.

Spain & Portugal – February to March 2002

We intend to hold a rally in Spain and Portugal next year. The provisional itinerary suggests that we leave our shores on 20th February returning 20th March. If you are interested in attending this rally and would like some further information we will meet at The Caravan Club site at Moreton-in-Marsh the weekend of 9-11th November 2001. Please book direct with the site. Look forward to seeing you there.

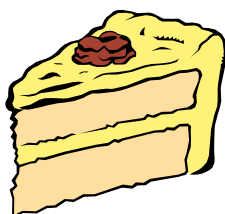
It has been suggested that as we have had a rally in France and are proposing to hold one in Spain and Portugal that we should perhaps attempt a rally somewhat off the beaten track. With this in mind China has been chosen! Now I realise the language will be a difficulty but we have a member who can speak Chinese and he has kindly sent me a few phrases for us to learn.

LEARN CHINESE IN 5 MINUTES – (READ THEM OUT LOUD)

1. That's not right.	Sum Ting Wong
2. Are you harbouring a fugitive?	Hu Yu Hai Ding?
3. See me ASAP.	Kum Hia Nao
4. Stupid Man	Dum Gai
5. Small Horse	Tai Ni Po Ni
6. Did you go to the beach?	Wai Yu So Tan?
7. I bumped into a coffee table.	Ai Band Mai Ni
8. I think you need a face lift.	Chin Tu Fat
9. It's very dark in here.	Wai So Dim?
10. I thought you were on a diet.	Wai Yu Mun Ching?
11. This is a tow away zone.	No Pah King
12. Our meeting is scheduled for next week.	Wai Yu Kum Nao?
13. Staying out of sight	Lei Ying Lo
14. He's cleaning his automobile	Wa Shing Ka
15. Your body odour is offensive	Yu Stin Ki Pu

Why is it so hard for women to find men that are sensitive, caring and good looking?
Because those men already have boyfriends.

What's the fastest way to a man's heart? - Through the chest with a sharp knife.



Dot's Yoghurt Cake

Ingredients

One small carton of natural yoghurt (use yoghurt carton for all your measuring)
2 cartons of sugar
3 cartons of self-raising flour
2 cartons of mixed fruit
1 carton of vegetable oil (we use olivio oil)
2 eggs

Construction

Put all ingredients into a bowl and mix well. Put the mixture into a loaf tin and cook for 1½ to 2 hours at 325°F/170°C/gas mark 3.

Note: instead of mixed fruit, you could use cherries, coconut, chocolate chips or ginger or leave out the mixed fruit altogether for a plain cake.

Water Pumps

Two replacement pumps within 14 months of purchasing our new Autocruise Wentworth. Is this a record? It would be helpful to hear from other members of similar problems.

We have had some 50 years of caravans and motor vans and would therefore consider ourselves experienced users of water pumps. Our 6 motor vans purchased over the past 28 years have all been from the same company with a similar name to Autocruise based in Worcestershire, and have given no pump problems.

The Wentworth is fitted with a small Whale sub-mersible pump which went faulty after 2 months use. The replacement went within 13 months, same fault. At least 3 service managers from different deals suggested that this type of pump is really only suitable for caravans and small motor vans which have a limited annual use.

Because we spend over 4 months each year travelling through France, Spain and Portugal, we have now fitted a robust non sub-mersible Italian made Fiamma pump. If we do have any problems at least we can obtain spares and carry out any adjustments. The supplied pump for the Wentworth can only be replaced by dropping down the water tank from the most awkward of positions.

John & Audrey Sutton

Joyce's Curry

Take 4lbs of chicken breasts, cut into smallish pieces, roll in flour and fast fry for 3-4 minutes.

Take 2 large onions, chop and fry until golden.

Take 2 stock cubes – chicken in this case – in a pint of water and put in a pan on top of the chick and onions.

Put in 2 cans of chopped tomato in garlic and a handful of sultanas, add a couple of green bananas – sliced – a can of coconut milk, a desert spoonful of gram masala, half a jar of Pataka medium curry paste plus two desert spoons of HOT curry paste and two desert spoonfuls of madras curry powder. Add a small can of crushed pineapple, one tablespoon of desiccated coconut, a dessertspoonful of honey, two level teaspoons of garlic paste plus a jar of peach chutney.

Cook very slowly in oven for about one hour.

There are many slower more complicated ones but this is the one you all had at Burnham on Sea in May.

What do you call a smart blonde? - A golden retriever
Why does the bride always wear white? - Because it is good for the dishwasher to match the stove and refrigerator.

FUEL COSTS
alternative information from John Eames



I know it won't be a comfortable ride home Doreen, but just think of the money we will be saving on diesel.



***A cry for help from Barrie &
Julie Stockton
and an answer from Len &
Joyce Foster***

In reply to Barrie & Julie Stockton's cry for help regarding the problem of the over-cab locker, we had the same problem. We sent a letter to the manufacturer and the retailer regarding this and a number of other problems without receiving any satisfactory answers, we decided to insulate the non-insulated roof ourselves. This we did by first measuring the area to be insulated very carefully and making a sketch of it.

We then purchased a sheet of 8 by 4 feet of 1 inch thick polystyrene and a sheet of 8 by 4 of 1/8 thick plywood. I know this sounds like big sheets but the area to be insulated is some 30sq ft including the triangular pieces up the sides, approx 22% of the total roof area. Having got the sheets home I laid them out on the garage floor and marked the shape required onto the polystyrene from my sketch with a felt tipped pen. I then divided my shaped polystyrene into four pieces, which were small enough to go through the front locker door hole. After this the four pieces were put into position, making any adjustment necessary. I then measured the two triangular side pieces and cut and put them in, these held up most of the other four pieces. The same procedure was adopted with the plywood. After fitting the plywood I made covering pieces for the

joints, one fore and aft and one side to side, these were cut to a suitable length to spring them into place. All this gives a rise in temperature of 10 degrees!
I feel it was a worthwhile exercise and hope it will help other low profile owners.

SHARING

A little old couple walked slowly into McDonalds one cold winter evening. They looked out of place amid the young families and young couples eating there that night. Some of the customers looked admiringly at them. You could tell what the admirers were thinking. "Look, there is a couple who have been through a lot together, probably for 60 years or more!"

The little old man walked right up to the cash register, placed his order with no hesitation and then paid for their meal. The couple took a table near the back wall and started taking food off the tray. There was one hamburger, one order of French fries and one drink.

The little old man unwrapped the plain hamburger and carefully cut it in half. He placed one half in front of his wife. Then he carefully counted out the French fries, divided them in two piles and neatly placed one pile in front of his wife. He took a sip of the drink, his wife took a sip and then set the cup down between them.

As the man began to eat his few bites of hamburger, the crowd began to get restless. Again you could tell what they were thinking. "That poor old couple, all they can afford is one meal for the two of them."

As the man began to eat his French fries one young man stood and came over to the old couples table. He politely offered to buy another meal for

the old couple to eat. The old man replied that they were just fine. They were used to sharing everything. Then the crowd noticed that the little old lady hadn't eaten a bite. She just sat there watching her husband eat and occasionally took turns sipping the drink.

Again the young man came over and begged them to let him buy them something to eat. This time the lady explained that no, they were used to sharing everything together.

As the little old man finished eating and was wiping his face neatly with a napkin the young man could stand it no longer.

Again he came over to their table and offered to buy some food. After being politely refused again he finally asked a question of the little old lady.

"Ma'am, why aren't you eating? You said that you share everything. What is it that you are waiting for?"

She answered.....

***Notices from around the World Part 2
From Peter Lockwood***

In a cemetery:

PERSONS ARE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING FLOWERS FROM ANY BUT THEIR OWN GRAVES

Sign in a Japanese public bath:

FOREIGN GUESTS ARE REQUESTED NOT PULL COCK IN TUB.

Tokyo hotel's rules and regulations:

GUESTS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SMOKE OR DO OTHER DISGUSTING BEHAVIOURS IN BED.

Hotel notice, Tokyo:

IT IS FORBIDDEN TO STEAL HOTEL TOWELS PLEASE IF YOU ARE NOT A PERSON TO DO SUCH A THING PLEASE NOT TO HAD NOTIS.

On the menu of a Swiss restaurant:

OUR WINES LEAVE YOU NOTHING TO HOPE FOR

In a Bangkok temple:

IT IS FORBIDDEN TO ENTER A WOMEN EVEN A FOREIGNER IF DRESSED AS A MAN.

In the lobby of a Moscow hotel across from a Russian Orthodox monastery:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE CEMETARY WHERE FAMOUS RUSSIAN AND SOVIET COMPOSERS, ARTISTS AND WRITERS ARE BURIED DAILY EXCEPT THURSDAY.

In a Tokyo bar:

SPECIAL COCKTAILS FOR THE LADIES WITH NUTS.

Hotel room notice, Chaing-Mai, Thailand:

PLEASE DO NOT BRING SOLICITORS INTO YOUR ROOM.

Hotel brochure, Italy:

THIS HOTEL IS RENOWED FOR TIS PEACE AND SOLITUDE. IN FACT, CROWDS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD FLOCK HERE TO ENJOY ITS SOITUDE.

Hotel lobby, Bucharest:

THE LIFT IS BEING FIXED FOR THE NEXT DAY. DURING THAT TIME WE REGRET YOU WILL BE UNBEARABLE.

Hotel, Yugoslavia:

THE FLATTENING OF UNDERWEAR WITH PLEASURE IF THE JOB OF THE CHAMBERMAID.

Hotel, Japan

YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHAMBERMAID

On the door of a Moscow hotel room:

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT TO THE USSR, YOU ARE WELCOME TO IT.

Pete the Piddling Pup

**A farmer's dog came into town, his Christian name was Pete
His pedigree was ten miles long, his looks were hard to beat
And as he trotted down the street, t'was beautiful to see
His work on every lamp post, his work on every tree
He watered every gateway too and never missed a post
For piddling was his masterpiece and piddling was his boast**

**The City dogs looked on amazed with deep and jealous rage
To see this simple country dog, the piddler of the age
They smelt him over one by one, they smelt him two by two
The noble Peter in high disdain stood still till they were through
They smelt him here, they smelt him there, their praise for him
was high
When one smelt him underneath, Pete piddled in his eye**

**The just to show these city dogs he didn't give a damn
He strolled into a grocers shop and piddled on the ham
He piddled on the onions, he piddled on the floor
And when the grocer kicked him out, he piddled on the door
Behind him all the city dogs debated what to do
They'd hold a piddling Carnival to show him who was who**

**They showed him all the piddling posts they knew about the town
And started out with many a wink to wear the stranger down
But Pete was with them every one with vigour and with vim
A thousand piddles were more or less, all the same to him
An on and on went noble Pete his hind legs kicking high
Whilst most were lifting legs in bluff and piddling mighty dry
Yes on and on went noble Pete and watered every sand hill
Till' defeated City dogs were piddled to a standstill**

**The Pete an exhibition gave on all the ways to piddle
Like double drip and gimlet twist and now and then a dribble
And all the time the country dog did neither growl nor grin
But piddled blithely out of town as he had piddled in**

**The City dogs said, “So long Pete, your piddling did defeat us”
But no one ever put them wise that Pete had diabetes.**

Holiday Rally - Chew Valley areport by Joan Godfrey

I believe this was the first ever Autocruise rally holiday which lasted a whole week.
(We did spend two weeks in France last year, and will hopefully spend a month in Spain and Portugal next year) Ed.

This holiday was organised yet again by Bernie was excellent from start to finish. The site was absolutely excellent, the weather was superb and the company first class. In total over the whole week there were 15 vans. Some stayed the odd night – some the weekend and the rest a full week. It worked very well and we had some fun albeit at Ted's expense. One night we were all assembled in two safari rooms supplied very kindly by Joyce and David Hill and Peter and Janet Lockwood. Ted decided at some point during the evening to leave us (to go to the loo – we think), and whilst he was gone we decided to play hide and seek from him. His arrival to an empty room seemed to coincide with the late arrival of a prospective new lady member. Their faces were a picture when they realised what had happened, but good old Ted took it all in good part as usual.

Friday night we had either fish and chips from the local chippie or curry and rice kindly supplied by Joyce and David.

Saturday night Bernie arranged an excellent evening meal in the local pub. All in all it was an excellent weeks rally – hopefully to be repeated.

Strange but true!

His name was Fleming and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, whilst trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck was a terrified boy screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved.

"I want to repay you," said the nobleman. "You saved my son's life."

"No, I can't accept payment for what I did," said the Scottish farmer, waving off the offer. At that moment the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel.

"Is that your son?" the nobleman asked.

"Yes," the farmer replied proudly.

"I'll make you deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of." And that he did!

Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time, he graduated from St Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming the discoverer of penicillin.

Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia.

What saved his life this time?

Penicillin!

The name of the nobleman?

Lord Randolph Churchill

His son's name?

Winston Churchill.

CANINE INTELLECT

Four union members were discussing how smart their dogs were.

The first was a member of the Vehicle Builders' Union who said his dog could do maths calculations. His dog was named Tee-Square and he told him to go to the blackboard and draw a square, a circle and a triangle, which the dog did with consummate ease.

The Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union member said he thought his dog was much better. His dog name Slide Rule was told to fetch a dozen biscuits and divide them into four piles, which Slide Rule did without problems.

The Liquor Trades' Union member admitted that both were quite good but he felt this dog could out-perform them. His dog was named Measure and was told to go and get a stubby of beer and put seven ounces into a ten ounce glass. The dog did this without a flaw.

They turned to the Waterside Workers' Union member and said "What can your mong do?"

The Waterside Worker called his dog, which was name Tea Break and said to him "Show these b***** what you can do mate.

Tea Break went over and ate the biscuits, drank the beer, piddled on the blackboard, screwed the other three dogs, claimed he injured his back and filed a Workers Compensation form then shot through on sick leave.

MARTHA'S COLOUR SCHEME

Noo Martha Broon (that's
Geordie's wife) and hor friend
Nancy Gray

Thout they'd dee some shopping
in the toon one day

They cud meevies see a picture
and hev a quiet cup of tea

And see the latest fashions as all
women like ti dee

They nivver tould the naybors cos
they didn't want a fuss

They just got dressed one
morning and went and caught the
bus

The did some winder gazing and
got their shopping dun

Then they went and saa the
pictures at the Queens that
afternuen

That saa athe picture throo and
left at half past fower

Then Nancy sed ti Martha 'lass my
shoppin isn't ower

Aah forgot ti buy a toilet roll, so on
the way we'll stop

We'll be in time to get one at
Boots the chemist shop

Noo Nancy was so hoose prood
her toilet was a dream

She had it decorated in a nice pink
colour scheme

They sowled hor two pink toilet
rolls at a special bargain price

She sed to Martha, 'ye buy some
they'll mek your place luek nice

Why Martha sed 'noo aah say if
your colour scheme is pink

Ti hev your toilet rools the syem is
sensible aa think

But toilet rools of salmon pink was
be need gud ti me

Wor colour scheme is black and
white – so newspapers will dee.

STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

Noo Tommy Broon of Backworth seems tu knaa a thing or two
He seems to knaa what things are for when other hev nee clue

One neet his mother Martha had the paper in her hand
She sed 'there's one thing here las that aa canna understand

One column here just says stop press and efter that there's nowt
They must hev stopped the press allreet afore they printed owt

There surely waas some other news they cud hev put in there
Mebees the fell's tekken bad and cuddent print nee mair

Young Tommy had just larned tu reed and was inclinded tu swank

He sed 'why mother, ivry paper leaves a column blank
It isn't cos the printers bad or that somebody deed
They aalways leave a colum blank for them that canna reed.

Feeling sorry for yourself?

Here is something to think about

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like the following:

There would be:

57 Asians

21 Europeans

14 from the western hemisphere, both north and south

8 Africans

52 would be female

48 would be male

70 would be non-white

30 would be white

70 would be non-Christian

30 would be Christian

89 would be heterosexual

11 would be homosexual

6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and all 6 would be from the United States

80 would live in substandard housing

70 would be unable to read

50 would suffer from malnutrition

1 would be near death, 1 would be near birth

1 (yes, only 1) would have a college education

1 would own a computer

When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaring apparent.

The following is also something to ponder...

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness...you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation...you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

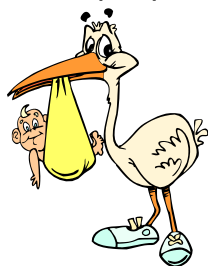
If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death...you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep...you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet and spare change in a dish someplace...you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If your parents are still alive and still married....you are very rare.

If you can read this message, you have just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you, and furthermore, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world than cannot read at all.



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Welcome to a new Autocruiser

It is with great pleasure that I announce the birth of Verity McKay born on 24th October to Andy and Margaret. Verity weighed in after a twenty six hour labour at 8lb 12oz. We have had a number of grandchildren born but Verity is the first baby born to an actual fully paid up Autocruiser. I would like to send our congratulations to both Margaret and Andy on behalf of the whole membership and welcome Verity into the club.

Junk Mail -Are You Sick Of It?

Are you like me – sick of junk mail falling through your door day by day. Do you want a foolproof, legal way of getting it stopped. If so, then read on.

Many times when you receive junk mail the company concerned includes a pre-paid envelope addressed to themselves. **Don't throw this envelope away! It is valuable.**

Seriously folks the envelope is useful. This does not include FREEPOST addressed envelopes. So you receive a letter on Monday asking you to become a VISA cardholder for Joe Bloggs & Company. They very kindly send you an envelope already pre-paid and addressed to themselves. The last thing you want is another VISA card and so you throw everything into the dustbin. **STOP!** Throw everything away except the pre-paid envelope. Now you decide to write to your great-aunt Maud, haven't got a stamp – don't worry – Joe Bloggs very kindly gave you an envelope. All you need now is a sticky label with great-aunt Maud's address, stick it over Joe Blogg's address and pop your letter into the envelope and deposit into post box. Now you, the clever Autocruiser has not paid a penny, stupid Joe Bloggs has! This is perfectly legal! It was announced on BBC Breakfast Television as a way of stopping this bloody junk mail that we receive every day. Use the method folks and we will stop it. Surely to God they will realise after a while that they are paying for something they are not getting and the junk mail will stop. Let's hope not too soon and we can all have free postage for a while.

Ron Winter

Many of you know Ron Winter. Unfortunately due to ill health he has been unable to rally with us in the past few months. I am really pleased to say that he is on the road to recovery and hopefully will be with us at a rally in the very near future. We are all thinking of you Ron. Actually we were thinking how quiet it is without you. So get better quickly and get on to the rally field.

New Membership Lists

Please check that all the information appertaining to yourself is correct on the current membership list. If there is a mistake please contact Sheila Lennie for correction.

At the AGM we had three changes to the Constitution.

- It was proposed that no member may serve as an Officer of the cub i.e. Chair, Hon Secretary or Hon. Treasurer until that member had served a minimum of one year on the general committee.
- It is proposed that the Officers of the club should be appointed for a three year term of office on a staggered basis to ensure continuity of the committee
- It is proposed that the office of President should be for a three year term. This will allow the club in due course, to consider and appoint any member to this position in recognition of services rendered.

If anyone would like a new copy of the Constitution please contact Sheila Lennie. These were not automatically sent to everyone as it was felt that not all the membership would really want a copy and this has saved on postage and administration costs.

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What have men and floor tiles got in common?

If you lay them properly the first time, you can walk all over them for life.

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What makes men chase women they have no intention of marrying?

The same urge that makes dogs chase cars they have no intention of driving.

New Members

199	-	Alan & June Hughes	Burgess Hill
200	-	Geoff & Edith Orchard	Saltdean
201	-	Harry & Rowena Hutchinson	Stafford
202	-	Roy & Kathy Lavell	Margate

203	-	George & Christine Moore	Abergavenny
204	-	John & Thelma Smith	Banbury

We are the Autocruisers

We are the Autocruisers
Happy campers we!
Our rallies they are lots of fun,
Something there for everyone!
We all like to share the
punchbowl
On a Friday night.
We eat and drink and share our
news
Then talk some more and down
the booze!
Because we love our Autocruise
We're happy campers all.

We are the Autocruisers
Happy campers we!
We've plenty money just until
Sheila comes round with the bill!
There's raffles, bingo and a quiz
The bonus ball as well!
But we don't mind, we've had our
fun
And go back home till the next
one.
Our rallies they are lots of fun
We're Autocruisers all.

(With apologies to the Ovaltinies)

Sylvia Barron
Leyland Rally
October 2001

This should be sung to the tune of
"We are the Ovaltinies"

The Christmas Fairy



The fairy on the holly tree is full of
festive cheer
The little blue and red soldier often
passes her a beer
She's been on the tree for quite some
time waiting for Santa to come
And gladly accepts from the snowman
a little tot of rum
She listens to the other toys about
their Christmas saga
Whilst all the while, with a little smile,
she's swigging back the lager
By very early Christmas Eve she's
feeling extra merry
And sings with the wooden rocking
horse between sips of her cooking
sherry
By ten o'clock her face is numb and
she's feeling a little frisky
But steadies up for one more slurp of
Johnny Walker's whisky
At the chimes of eleven she's feeling
really quite sick
But a brandy and babycham just does
the trick
By twelve midnight she is really too
sloshed to sin
The friendly red robin hands over a gin
When Santa arrives he finds her
mortal, far from feeling fine
So he empties his sack, puts her back
and drinks his glass of wine.

Sheila Lennie
Sitting at home
October 2001



I think I will apply for that job. Ed.

Whilst working for the Government I came across these dictionary definitions

Obituary - a belated advertisement for a line of goods that has been discontinued

Pas de deux – the father of twins

Pedestrian – there are two types, the quick and the dead

Pregnant – the past tense of virgin

Skiing – whoosh! Then walk a mile

Sic transit Gloria mundi – Gloria was sick on the train last Monday

Tooth fairy – Gay dentist

Vacuum cleaner – a broom with a stomach

Virus – Latin for your guess is as good as mine

Aperitif – dentures

Buddha – something you spread on bread

Bigamist – a heavy Italian fog

Circle – a round straight line with a hole in the middle

Coincide – what you do when it starts raining

Deduce – something you get when you squeeze de oranges

Dawn – a term for early morning used by people who don't have to get up

Dust – Mud with the juice squeezed out

Farm – an undeveloped rural site where uncooked meals eat grass

Femme Fatale – a dead French woman

Funeral – coming out party for a ghost

Grammar – the woman who married grampa

Gorgonzola – the corpse of a dead cheese

German – head man as in he is the german of the board

Harlot – a girl who has been tried in the field and found wanton

Harp – a nude piano

Horse sense – rare intelligence that keeps horses from betting on humans

Hors de combat – a French war horse

Hen – an egg's way of making another egg

Hole – the nothing you can break your leg in

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What would you call it when an Italian has one arm shorter than the other?

A speech impediment

Why do men find it difficult to make eye contact? **Breasts don't have eyes.**

What three two letter words mean small? **Is it in?**

What's the best form of birth control after 50? **Nudity.**

What's the difference between a girlfriend and a wife? **3 stone.**

What's the difference between a boyfriend and a husband? **45 minutes.**

What is the biggest problem for an atheist? **No one to talk to during orgasm.**

What has a whole bunch of little balls and screws old ladies? **A bingo machine.**

What is the Cuban national anthem? **Row, row, row your boat.**

Newsletter Editor

This is to be my last edition of the Newsletter. My baby has come of age and it is time to let go. After eighteen editions I am handing over to Joyce Hill.

When I look back to the first newsletter – all three pages of it printed in November 1997 and then the last edition with 32 pages I am very proud of how it has grown and what we as a club have achieved.

Nobody wanted the job on that field in September 1997 and so it was given to me. I didn't know what it entailed and if I had I probably would have declined. Having said that I have enjoyed every edition although some more than others caused a problem. The last edition saw me going to work at 7.30am before anyone else to use the photocopier. Now that is love for you. I should have been in bed fast asleep until at least 7.45.

On one occasion I actually broke a photocopier at Autocruise but it was old and they really did need a new one. At work I used all the toner and then had the cheek to ask for some more. Nice people there, they said they didn't have any but would phone me when it came in.

I would like to thank all the contributors over the years for the articles, hints, tips and jokes, (some of which were too rude to print). I would ask that all of you support Joyce Hill as you have supported me.

Someone told me that they looked forward to the newsletter dropping on their mat and fight for who will read it first. I now look forward to my edition arriving.

That's it folks until the next one.

It's all yours Joyce.