



# Jersey Camping & Caravanning Club.

# NEWSLETTER.



## December 2013.

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### Diary Dates.

**Tuesday 14th January.** Film Show of the 2013 Rally. (Note change of day.)

**Wednesday 19th February.** Bowling Evening with a meal. Jersey Bowl.

**Saturday 15th March** Annual Dinner Dance. Hotel Ambassadeur

**Tuesday 8th April.** AGM. Trinity Parish Hall. 8pm.

**April 24th - 28th.** Shakedown Rally. Breville sur Mer, Normandy.

**June 2nd - 8th.** Main Rally. Camping les Peupliers, Riviere sur Tarn. Details inside.

### A Christmas Message from our President, Dave Ellis.

**W**ell, it has certainly been a good "Jersey Summer", just like when I was young, or is that my memory playing tricks again?

I hope that, like us, you have enjoyed some camping, plenty of BBQ's, and lots of outdoor life generally, it makes the winter so much more bearable if you have memories of sun, sea and sand to warm you through January & February.

We are enjoying our Grandchildren. Olivia (3) and Nicholas (2 1/2). Their zest for life, and vitality, is both infectious and tiring, but they certainly keep us young.

This season requires a joke, of course, and this one illustrates a stage that we have yet to get to with Olivia & Nicholas.

I figured that at age seven it was inevitable for my son to begin having doubts about Santa Claus. Sure enough, one day he said: "Dad, I know something about Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, and the Tooth Fairy".

Taking a deep breath, I asked him: "What is that?"

He replied: "They are all nocturnal".

Betty joins me in wishing all members of JCCC and GCCC, and their families, and campers everywhere, a very Happy Christmas and Peace and Joy throughout the New Year, with lots of happy, sunny days of carefree camping.

Just to prove you haven't heard the worst cracker joke yet, here it is:

"What does Santa suffer from when he gets stuck in a chimney?"

**Claustrophobia!"**

WOW ! What a cracker of a meeting!

The Photographic Competition held on Wednesday 15th of October saw a really good turn out of Members who enjoyed themselves, chatting over a glass of wine or two and eating some delicious Cheeses brought back specially from France, for us by Ruth Perree.



There was a good selection of photos for us to look at, judge and enjoy, and the evening went with a swing.

The winners in the various classes were:

**Miscellaneous:** Joint Winners:  
Janet Ferbrache & Andrew Averty.

**Humorous:** Tracy Cotillard.

**Scenic:** Paul Warren.

**Campsite:** Andrew Averty

**Caption:** Dave Jacobs.

Robin Perchard revealed plans for the 2014 Rally which will be held from June 2nd to the 8th in the Tarn area.

A little further than we usually go, but it promises to be an exciting Rally.  
The full program is printed in this Newsletter.

Also revealed by Joint Rally Organiser Collette Willmet, were details of the Campsite chosen for the 2014 Shakedown Rally due to take place from April 24th - 28th. at Camping La Route Blanche, Breville sur Mer, Normandy.

We will be able to look across to Jersey and wave to our friends!  
Full details in this Newsletter.

The Christmas Lunch on a wonderfully sunny Sunday 8th of December, saw what must have been almost a record number of members (83) enjoying a first class lunch at the new venue for us of St Brelades Bay Hotel.

The meal was excellent I don't think that I heard one complaint, and everyone seemed to be in a happy mood. We were certainly noisy! It was good to welcome new members Stephen & Paul Marie-Willows. It is always a bit daunting meeting a new group of people for the first time. I hope that they weren't too put off. We really aren't a bad lot when you get to know us!

It was also great to see, if only fleetingly from another party next door, Barbara Baggs a lovely lady and a stalwart of the Club (with her late husband, Dougie) going back many moons.

I am pleased to hear that her daughter, Alex is thinking of joining us, especially as she is a Campervan owner. There are far too many "Tuggers" in this Club!

President Dave Ellis in a short speech welcomed everyone, before telling a couple more of his execrable jokes.

Now I know where he gets them from. Not the Beano as I thought, but from Christmas Crackers. I have included a few more with this Newsletter, just to prove the point!

A thoroughly enjoyable occasion.

I am sure that we shall be re-booking the Hotel in future years.



"Salute!"  
Alvaro Bernardini  
getting into the Christmas spirit.



Our "Chief Joker",  
Dave Jacobs in a very fetching  
matching hat & shirt.

**O**ur meeting in January, one of my favourite ones of the year, is when John Williams shows his film or slide show of the previous years Rally.

This year it will be different, because John was not at the Rally!

Resourceful as ever, he has collected films and photos from those of us who were there, and waving his "Magic Wand", and with his considerable computer expertise, has put together a show for us. It will only be twenty minutes long, so there will be plenty of time afterwards for a really good chat over a cup of coffee or tea.

Please note the change of day to **TUESDAY** January 14th. 8pm. Trinity Parish Hall.

**I** have always thought it unfortunate that all our Club expenses seem to mount up at the end of the year at, or just after, that most expensive of times, - Christmas.

I have never been able to convince anyone else to think the same and do something about it!

There we are, that's life!

Our Annual Subscriptions of £32 per couple and £16 for single members are due on January 1st.

However, I must say that with the discounted Condor Frequent Traveller Card, and the cheese and wine that we get over the year, our subscriptions are remarkably good value.

So let's pay up quickly, look good, & make our hardworking Treasurer, Sheila Ecobichon's life a lot easier by paying as soon as possible! A Payment Slip is included with this Newsletter.

Any Subs not paid by the AGM make you ineligible to vote in any Club election.

*Yet another little gem from John Williams which I am sure will resonate with some of our older Members.*

**A** little old man (Couldn't have been me then !) shuffled into an Ice Cream Parlour and pulled himself slowly and painfully up onto the tall stool.

After catching his breath, he ordered a Banana Split

The Waitress asked: "Crushed nuts?"

"No" he replied: "Arthritis".



**R**obin Perchard emailed me with some interesting details of a UK based Company called "**Sanef Tolling**" that provides the Telepage Tags for the Toll roads of France.

This little gismo sits in front of your rear view mirror where it can be read by the automatic reader at Peage Stations, avoiding queuing, and the necessity and difficulty, of fiddling around with credit cards or cash.

The cost is automatically retrieved from your account by Direct Debit.

For full details visit their web site: [www.sanefolling.co.uk](http://www.sanefolling.co.uk)

I wonder whether David le Marquand will bother to apply? His wife Betty uses a pair of BBQ tongs to reach out to put their credit card into the ticket machine!

The Theme Evening on Wednesday 13th of November turned out to be a great deal of fun, when almost 60 members, many in Fancy Dress on the more than usually difficult theme of the letter "P," gathered together at Trinity Parish Hall. There were more "P for Painters" than you could shake a stick at, but the outstanding winner of the Mens Fancy Dress was Dave Jacobs as a superb Hercule Poirot with a wonderfully, but painful looking, mincing walk. A good effort ! Another wonderful effort was made by Betty Ellis who took the Ladies Fancy Dress prize, masquerading as a parcel !



Also of note was Janet Ferbrache as a very convincing "Peppa Pig" from the childrens book of that name.



David Jacobs as "Hercule Poirot".

The room had been decorated with balloons, and colourful place mats, and the food prepared by the Committee.

A simple meal of French bread, Pate and chutneys , followed by Pavlova & Cheesecake for Pudding seemed to go down very well.

There wasn't much left at the end of the evening anyway.

Alan Mollet provided us with some rousing music, on a seemingly very out of tune piano , unless of course Alan was trained at the Les Dawson School of Music. (only joking! ) He played all our old favourites from times gone by.

Most people seemed to enjoy the evening very much, I certainly did. One even went so far as to say it was our best Theme Night ever!

We did run slightly short of bread and wine, despite having bought in more than usual.

We under estimated the gluttony of our Members, but will try to do better next time!

It was decided on the evening, that any profit would be donated to the Philippine Disaster Fund, and I am glad to be able to report that we have sent off £200 to that exceedingly worthwhile and desperate cause.

I am always very conscious of how fortunate I am to be able to enjoy my hobby of camping, and I am sure that with our expensive vehicles, Caravans or Campervans, that none of us begrudges the few pounds that we are able to donate each year to worthwhile causes. I would be very disappointed if we did.



Janet Ferbrache as "P for Peppa Pig" and, right, Betty Ellis as "P for "Parcel"



# 2014 Rally at Camping Les Peupliers, Rivière sur Tarn

2nd to 8th June 2014

## Provisional Programme and travel information

Rally site "Les Peupliers" at Rivière sur Tarn alongside the River Tarn near Millau.

The distance is about the same as Navarranx about 540 miles.

Dates.- As travelling on the French roads is so much easier and more relaxing on a Sunday (without the lorries) we have changed the start of the rally to Tuesday morning. To give you more chance to travel over the weekend. In any case you will need to be on the site on the Monday for the Rally to start on Tuesday 3rd June. The Rally will finish with an evening meal on Saturday 7th. So you will be able to leave anytime from the Sunday morning as there is so much to do in the area you might well stay longer.

The campsite is right alongside the river and we will be allocated pitches together at one end of the site near a new toilet block. Most of the sites have their own water taps and many have drains as well.

There is a Bar and Restaurant area and a good menu for take away meals. There is also an area we can use covered by a double canopy, (which can be heated), which will hold at least 40 people at tables.

There are four boules pitches which we can use.

There is also a communal area along the river for drinks and BBQs etc.

The suggested programme would be:-

**Tuesday** - Rally Breakfast followed by the Boules draw and matches right through to the final.

**Wednesday** - A quiet day for you to explore the area, if you wish, with the evening meal cooked by a traiteur, possibly paella, and eaten together under the canopy area.

**Thursday** - Coach trip

9.30 Depart

11.00 Take boat trip down the river Tarn for an hour.

12.00 Leave for St. Enemie for lunch at 13.00 in the Auberge de Moulin overlooking the river.

View the medieval town, after lunch, and leave at about 15.30 driving towards the Gorges of the Jonte river. Stopping to visit the pink caves "The Grotte de Dargilan" which would take about an hour.

Continue down the gorges and returning to the campsite about 18.00-18.30

**Friday Morning** - Market in Millau followed by a visit to the Millau Bridge Interpretation Centre sharing our cars.

**Friday Evening** - Communal BBQ.

**Saturday** - A quiet day with final meal at Ferme Auberge de Quiers. This rural Restaurant overlooks the Tarn valley and the surrounding area and has wonderful views.

## General Information

The Tarn Gorge area has so much to see that it is well worth spending at least a week or ten days exploring it. Enclosed, in the campsite brochure, is a pack of leaflets showing places of interest to see in the area.

The Campsite is a Kawan site and is family run. Patricia has been very helpful and she knows Delphine and Miguel from Domaine du Logis. She has been to the UK Caravan shows to promote Kawan and the campsite with Luc and Yvonne from La Belle Etoile at Melun.

There are special leaflets available at the campsite suggesting various walks and drives in the area. One of which we will be using for the coach trip.

The views around the campsite are stunning. Well worth travelling the distance to get there.

## Travelling to Les Peupliers

Looking at the Via Michelin travel planner site two routes seem the best.

The first one is nearly all on motorways including toll roads which could cost up to 70.00 euros for a car and a caravan. The distance is 540 miles.

The route goes from St. Mâlo to Rennes then Le Mans and down to Tours. Then east before swinging south to Clermont Ferrand and leaving the motorway at exit 44.1 for La Rivière sur Tarn.

It is recommended to split this in two. Stopping after Tours at a Kawan site — La Grande Tortue at Conde sur Beveron (227 miles) or going on to stop at a four star municipal site at Bourges (280 miles).

This would leave 320 miles from Conde sur Beveron or 253 from Bourges for the next day.

There is an alternative route, avoiding tolls, which is St. Maio, Rennes, Angers, Poitiers, Limoges then bypassing Brive La Gaillarde and heading on smaller roads to Figeac, Rodez then joining the motorway at junction 42 and leaving at exit 44.1 for La Rivière sur Tarn.

This route is shorter at 500 miles but is expected to take at least 5 hours longer than the motorway. The section after Brive goes through the Massif Central and could be quite slow and undulating.

How you go would depend on how many days you have available to travel. When Anne and Robin Perchard travelled back this year they drove from La Rivière to Tours leaving at 8.45 arriving at about 5.00. (360 miles). This was on a Sunday with no lorries on the roads and although the weather was not good it was a relatively easy drive.

**T**his looks like being an interesting and exciting Rally, perhaps if we can agree on the one or two overnight stops on the way down, we could meet up, and they could be part of the fun.  
If you wish to attend the 2014 Rally, a Reply Slip will be provided in the New Year.

*The Tarn & Lot areas of France are spectacularly beautiful without being spoilt by too many Tourists!*

*To fill a space, a few Cracker Jokes from the "Dave Ellis Compendium of Awful Jokes" on sale now at Pound World, price 50p.*

Q: When do spare parts from Japanese cars start falling out of the sky?

A: When it's raining Datsun cogs.

Q: What did the traffic light say to the Zebra Crossing?

A: Don't look now. I'm changing.

Q: What did the pencil say to the paper?

A: I dot my I's on you.

The Shakedown Rally is planned to take place from Thursday 24th April to Monday 28th April  
at

### **Camping La Route Blanche, Breville sur Mar, Normandy.**



A stone's throw away from Granville, so only a couple of hours drive away from St Malo.

Normally, this Rally is simply a getting together of Members of our Club with the aim of sorting out any problems that may have occurred since the previous year, and is not organised in any way.

On this occasion, however, the local Mayor is organising a "Vin d'Honneur" for us, which should be fun.

I am sure that Joint Rally Organiser Collette Willmett will be giving us fuller details in the New Year.

Collette may be contacted on: 854875.



*On behalf of Ruth & myself I would like to send to all Members of the JCCC & to our friends in the GCCC, very best wishes for a wonderful Christmas & New Year with Good Health and Happiness, and lots of Good Camping in the coming year.*

*I am genuinely saddened to think that this will probably be my last Christmas message to you as your Newsletter Editor.*

*I have said that I wish to retire at the AGM in April .*

*I have enjoyed myself immensely over the past 12 years or so, putting together each edition.*

*It is time for someone else to have that pleasure.*

*Whoever takes over will have his or her own style, and I hope will get as much enjoyment and fulfilment out of the task as I have.*

*If you would like to be the next Newsletter Editor please give your name to Dave Ellis .*

*Andrew.*



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**Reply Slip for the Bowling Evening. Wednesday 19th February 2014.**  
**At the Jersey Bowl, St Peter. 7pm.**  
**Hot "Finger Buffet." See Menu below.**

Finger Buffet only £8.75 per person.  
Finger Buffet and one game of bowling £12.75 per person  
(Please tick the items required)

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed a cheque made out to The JCCC: £ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return by 10th February, to:

The Hon Treasurer. Mrs Sheila Ecobichon, 13, Le Pre du Roi, La Rue de Jambart, St Clement.  
JE2 6LB.

## Finger Buffet Menu

(All prices are inclusive of Goods & Services tax)

**Honey Coated Chicken Drumsticks**  
Chicken drumsticks roasted with sticky honey.

**Thai Spring Rolls**  
Home-made Thai spring rolls served with a dipping sauce.

**Chicken Satay Skewers**  
Chicken fillet skewered and served with a spicy satay sauce.

**Baby Back Ribs**  
Steamed baby back ribs coated in chefs BBQ sauce.

**Sliced Maple Cured Ham & Continental Meat Selection**  
A selection of fresh cold meats served on a platter.

**Savoury Selection**  
Freshly prepared savories served with dips and chutney.

**Rustic Breads**  
Warm rustic breads served in a wicker basket.

**Salad Bar**  
Salads including Greek, Garden and Caesar.

### **Jersey Camping & Caravanning Club Annual Subscription Payment Slip.**

Annual Subscription £32 per couple. £16 per single Member. Due on January 1st 2014.

Enclosed a cheque made out to JCCC £ \_\_\_\_\_

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