

JERSEY CAMPING & CARAVANNING CLUB

# NEWSLETTER.

*February 2012.*

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## DIARY DATES.

**February 15th.** Ten Pin Bowling. Jersey Bowl, St Peter. 7pm.

**March 10th** Annual Dinner Dance. Ambassadeur Hotel. 7.30 for 8pm

**April 18th Annual General Meeting.** Trinity Parish Hall 8pm.

**April 26th** Shakedown Rally. Camping Haliotis. Pontorson.

**Main Rally Wednesday June 6th - 12th.** Puy de Fou. Reply Slip. Balance of payment due by April 1st.



Once again, John Williams played to a full house, including some very welcome new Members, when on Wednesday January 18th, he showed film and slides of last years two Rallies, the first of Les Capucines at Tredrez for the Shakedown Rally in April, and then of Camping La Belle Etoile at Melun, near Paris, our main Rally, in June.

As a bonus, to fill in time while waiting for the Tea Urn to boil (someone, who shall be nameless, having forgotten to switch it on!) he also showed some footage of the Rally to Sarlat in the Dordogne in 2006, with glimpses of two much loved, and greatly missed members, Horace and Marguerite Machon.

Happy memories of happy days that have simply flown away, but have been fortunately recorded by the camera of John Williams.

We owe him a debt of gratitude.

As usual when filming, John takes the opportunity to poke gentle fun at his fellow members, and it is always with a sense of personal relief that one has not done anything sufficiently silly or amusing to have caught his eye and been recorded for posterity having done so.

But isn't it fun when other people do!

**A**s a result of the modest charge that was made for the Theme Evening. We have been able to send a cheque for £260 to Autism Jersey. The amount we were able to give, was added to by donations from a few generous members, including some who were not able to be present on the evening.

I have to admit to being more than a little disappointed that more was not forthcoming from our relatively affluent Members who enjoyed a fun evening, a first class meal and unlimited wine, all for £5.

I think we could, and should, do better!

Sheila Ecobichon, will still be delighted to receive donations to this really worthwhile local Charity.

Another welcome contribution from Nanette Farrell.

I have been in many places, but I've never been in **Cahoots** . Apparently, you can't go there alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in **Incognito**. I hear that no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been **Insane**. They don't have an Airport: You have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

I would like to go to **Conclusions**, but you have to jump, and I'm not too keen on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in **Doubt**. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit it too often.

I've been in **Flexible** but only when it was necessary to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in **Capable**, and I go there more often as I get older.

One of my favourite places to be is in **Suspense!** It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimulation I can get.

**A**s yet another year rolls by, we approach once more our Annual General Meeting, to be held this year on Wednesday 18th April at Trinity Parish Hall., starting at 8pm.

Although there are rumours, I have heard nothing definite about whether any of the existing Committee members wish to bow out, but if you would like an opportunity to become an officer of the Club, or a Committee member, please put your name forward, with a proposer and seconder, in good time for the meeting.

Being on the Committee, helping to organise the Club meetings, in my opinion, adds an extra layer of interest and enjoyment to membership of our club.

If more members are proposed than there are positions to be filled, then of course, an election will be held. All positions on the Committee are open for election, but If you are proposing someone else, please make sure that they are agreeable first!

On a personal note, If anyone fancies taking on the Editorship of this Newsletter, now is your chance! Although I still thoroughly enjoy the job, after 11 years, and four Presidents, I feel that someone else ought to have the chance to enjoy themselves as well.

I am sure that my style of writing, and sense of humour is perhaps becoming outdated, (although I am not responsible for ALL the jokes) I would not be too unhappy to make room for someone else, if not this year, then certainly at the end of Dave Ellis's term of Office in 2014. by which time I shall be well into my decrepitude!

After the AGM, Wine & Cheese will be served, and it is hoped to find an interesting speaker to entertain us for the remainder of the evening.

Even if you do not wish to serve on the Committee but have any ideas for possible future meetings, please let a Committee Member know.

#### Funny things children say.

**A** Mother was preparing pancakes for her sons Kevin 5 and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus was sitting here, he would say: "Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait." Kevin turned to his younger brother and said; "Ryan, you be Jesus".

**B**elated congratulations to John & Sonia Godel who on 10th January celebrated their Golden Wedding.





The designated cycle track from Pontorson to Mont St Michel.  
Cycling at its best.

**W**e are returning to Camping Haliotis at Pontorson for this years Shakedown Rally. Those of you who have been before will remember it for its very generously sized pitches, friendly Reception and Bar, its proximity to some excellent reasonably priced Restaurants, a large Supermarket, and a lovely, level cycle track leading right out to Mont St Michel. In my opinion a near perfect site. As usual, this is not an "organised" Rally, just a happy getting together, to walk, cycle, chat, barbecue, eat out, (with possibly a glass or two of wine.) and, perhaps most importantly of all, a chance to sort out any problems in our units without being too far away from home. Pontorson is well under an hour away from St Malo. The Rally starts on Thursday April 26th. Most people leaving on the following Monday or Tuesday.

**A**nnual Subscriptions are now due. They seem to come around at the most expensive time of year, what with Christmas, Rally payments, Annual Dinner etc. I don't know why we don't fix a better date when we are not so hard up! A Reply Slip is included with this Newsletter. Members who have not paid their Sub before the AGM in April will be ineligible to vote in any election.. The Subscription is £32 per couple and £16 for single membership.

*A "Blonde" joke from John Williams. For a man who married a blonde he is risking his neck - again!  
( A sudden thought has occurred to me. Perhaps Val isn't really blonde.)*

A blonde walked in to a store to buy curtains.  
She went up to the Salesman and said: "I want those pink curtains to fit my computer screen".  
The Salesman said: "Madam, computers don't need curtains".  
The blonde replied: "Hellooo..... I have Windows".

If you don't get this joke, please ask a computer owning friend to explain.  
Blame John Williams,- not me.

**M**aking enquiries about a long overdue Habitation Service on our Campervan, I was put off by the quite extortionate cost of getting to the UK and back, and asked Auto-Trail whether it would be possible to get the work done in France. I was advised that although there are no Authorised Service Agents for the marque in France, there is a company that can carry out such work from a Mobile Workshop.

They are called **Euro Caravan Engineer**, and can be contacted on the web at:

[www.EuroCaravanServices.com](http://www.EuroCaravanServices.com).

They start off in Spain in the winter and make their way up through France in April.

I have no experience of them, but they appear to be highly qualified ,and were recommended to me by Auto-Trail, so presumably are OK.

The owner of the above company told me of another company that might be able to carry out the work. This one ticked a few more boxes for me as it is based near Carteret, easily in reach of our Shakedown Rally destination of Pontorson.

Called **Normandy Caravan Services**, it is run by a man who has 25 years experience working on Caravans and Campervans. His charges are less than half those I was quoted for the same work to be carried out in the UK, and as a useful bonus, he has a small Campsite at his address, as well as a Gite.

I am going to give him a go, and will report back in a future issue.

His name is: Mark Marshall, La Bucaille,50250, Montgardon, Normandy. Tel: 02 33 07 46 38

[www.ncs-fr.com](http://www.ncs-fr.com)

### The Milk of Human Daftness.

*Even though the delivering of milk may be on the wane, there are still many Milkmen doing their rounds and finding notes left by their customers. Here is a sample of some of the notes left for Milkmen over the years.*

- Please leave an extra pint of paralysed milk.
- Please cancel one pint after the day after today.
- No milk thank you. We are away for the weekend - which is why I am hiding this note under the doormat, so that nobody finds it.
- Milkman. Please close the gate behind you because the birds keep pecking the tops off the milk.
- No milk. Please do not leave milk at No 4 as he is dead until further notice.
- Leave one extra pint. If this note blows away, please knock.
- Please leave no milk today. When I say today, I mean tomorrow, for I wrote this note yesterday.
- Please knock, my TV has broken down and I missed last night's Coronation Street. If you saw it will you tell me what happened.
- Sorry not to have paid your bill before, but my wife had a baby and I have been carrying it around in my pocket for weeks.
- From now on please leave two pints every other day and one pint on the days in between. - except Wednesdays and Saturdays when I don't want any milk.
- Milkman. Could I have a loaf - but no bread - today.
- Milk is needed for the baby. Father is unable to supply it.
- Money on table, wife in bed, please help yourself

**H**opefully now on the mend after a serious operation in the UK, I am sure that all who know him will wish to send David le Marquand very best wishes for a full and speedy recovery. We look forward to seeing David and Betty in their new Caravan in April - and - **"The Knees"**!

**T**he Annual Dinner and Dance will be held on Saturday 10th March at the Ambassadeur Hotel, St Clement, 7.30 for 8 pm. Tickets are on sale now at £25.00 per person (to include Service, but not drinks) from our Treasurer, Sheila Ecobichon.

Our President, in an apparent moment of madness, recently invited the **whole** of the Guernsey Camping & Caravanning Club.

As numbers are limited at the hotel, I suggest that we reply pretty sharply to ensure that we get in. (Only kidding, Guernsey. We look forward to welcoming you - just not too many.)

Please return the Reply Slip enclosed with this Newsletter by February 20th.

As usual we are seeking Raffle Prizes from Members, (something you yourself would like to win) and these should be dropped off with Glenda Killip (Tel: 864200) or a Committee Member, before the date of the Dinner.

It is possible to stay overnight at the Hotel for an extra charge of £25 per person, with a supplement of £5 for a sea view.

(Bit of a waste of money if your eyes are all bleary from over indulgence the night before.)

**T**hose of us who knew him, will have been saddened to hear of the death of Frank Polly, husband of Guernsey Camping & Caravanning Club President, Rita.

It was known a year or so ago that he was seriously ill, but as always, one lived in hope that his condition might have been curable. Sadly this proved not to be the case, and he died on December 28th.

He was a very quiet, gentle man, but very interesting to talk to, with a host of fascinating stories of his time in the Navy.

We send our condolences to Rita, her Family, and members of the GCCC.

Contributions to this Newsletter are always welcome although inclusion cannot be guaranteed. Please send to: Andrew Averty. Beechvale Farm. La Grande Route de St Jean. St John. JE3 4FL.  
Tel: 863938. Mobile: 077977 12934.  
E-mail: [andrew.avery@jerseymail.co.uk](mailto:andrew.avery@jerseymail.co.uk)

## Reply Slip.

### The Annual Dinner Dance of The Jersey Camping & Caravanning Club

at the Ambassadeur Hotel, St Clement. 7.30 for 8pm, on Saturday 10th March.

Tickets are £25.00 per person. Service included.

I / We will be attending. Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please send to The Hon Treasurer. Mrs Sheila Ecobichon,  
13, Le Pre du Roi, La Rue de Jambart, St Clement, JE2 6LB.  
By February 20th please.

If possible "double up" in cars as parking is at a premium at the Hotel.  
If you wish to stay overnight, please contact the Hotel directly.

Raffle Prizes are sought from generous Members. If you would like to donate one, please hand it to  
Glenda Killip or a Committee Member, preferably before the date of the Dinner.

### The Rally.

The balance of payments for the Rally to Puy de Fou in June are due by April 1st.  
As we all have different requirements, Robin Perchard has decided to send out individual bills  
closer to April, so no need to panic just yet!

If you have yet to send in your deposit, please do so now.  
Applications received after April 1st cannot be guaranteed to have tickets for the Night Show &  
meal at Puy de Fou.

If you plan to attend the Bowling evening, but have yet to let Collette Willmett know, please do so  
now on: 854875  
So far 30 Members have said they are coming, it should be a fun evening.

### **FOR SALE.**

AutoSleeper 2 + 2 . 2001 VW Clubman SL. 2.5 Diesel tdi.  
46,000 miles (New cam belt fitted 2011) Usual facilities, gas electric, cooker, sink, shower, fridge, heater.  
In excellent condition. No pets or children.

Asking £20,000.

Based in Shirley, Southampton.

Contact Sally. 079 89 36 54 90

**Reply Slip for the Annual Subscriptions of £32 per couple or £16 single. Now due.**

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

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

Please send cheques to:  
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