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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

I feel privileged to be writing as chairman and hope I can contribute to the Laika Club in the same way so many members have done in the past and our present committee do at the moment. Thanks to Elaine for moving the club forward last year despite having so much else on her plate during 2014.

Nowadays early January is my annual pilgrimage for the habitation and engine checks - a 200 mile round trip to Peak Leisure, who I always find very accommodating. The morning allowed me the opportunity to savour the delights of many miles of motorway road-works during rush hour on the first working day after Christmas. Such fun!

I always find Ashbourne a pleasant town to wander around for an hour or two but I had 6 hours to kill. I can tell you, the numerous house clearances deposited in the market square under the questionable banner of an 'Antiques fair', the alluring aroma of the Charity Shops and the exorbitant priced coffee flavoured froth in cups too heavy to lift and, too thick to drink without dribbling, soon began to wear a bit thin.

I'd been told waiting for a bus was like waiting for the second coming so I tackled the 2 mile uphill slog back to the dealership on foot, graciously turned down support from 2 Sherpa's on the way and returned to an endless supply of butane and propane but no oxygen. A comfortable sofa, a good book, a coffee and a fag sufficed and within 30 minutes my legs regained their ability to drag me round the well stocked accessory shop. I ignored the dulcet tones of wifely advice emanating from the bedroom window on my departure that morning, 'And don't come back with anymore rubbish we don't need!' and managed to find a number of essential items we couldn't possibly do without on our travels.

Accounts were settled and as dusk approached I began the crawl home in the rush-hour traffic at the end of the working day. Motorway warning signs regularly reminded us that 38 drivers had run out of fuel in November. I was unconcerned as I had followed John Welhams advice and increased the capacity of the fuel tank from 60 – 90 litres. Thanks John. (see article on page 10 of March 2014 for full details)

To compensate for the additional 'essential motorhome accessories,' I did manage to earn some 'Brownie points' back over the next few days by ordering the 2015 ACSI book and the latest Aires of France, book a couple of cross channel tunnel crossings and set up an account with the Dartford Tunnel Board – an easy and straight forward procedure, even for a Computer Luddite like me.

So as this newsletter is circulated, Chris and I will hopefully be meandering back up the Spanish Mediterranean coast and no doubt bumping into other Laika Club members as we have done in the past.

Hope to see many of you at Rallies throughout the year – and please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any club issues I may be able to help you with.

Mark

Welcome to New Members

Linda and Philip Bell,
Pat and Clive Williams,
Sue and Nigel Goodness,

Christmas and AGM Rally Report for 2014

We had a really good time at a super Caravan Club Franchise site at Teversal. The facilities at this site are second to none. This was the first time we have had our Christmas and AGM rally midweek and although the Jury is still out as to whether it was a good idea we certainly got a terrific bargain on the price which included our four nights site fee, coach to Chatsworth and entry into the house to see the magnificent Christmas display of lights.



Most members arrived Monday. In the evening a 'meet and greet' was held in the Scout hut, 200m from the site.



Tuesday morning we had our annual bring and buy sale of motor home paraphernalia. You get rid of all your clutter only to buy someone else's! Our AGM was held in the afternoon back at the Scout hut and in true Laika style was dealt with swiftly and efficiently. Afterwards we held the raffle, thanks to all members who generously donated prizes, money raised going to club funds.

In the evening we walked to the pub, just in front of the Scout hut for our Christmas meal. One of the best we have had with good service. This was followed by a Chinese raffle organised by Elaine Welham, with wacky prizes and much laughter. We had the results of the quiz, must try harder next time and then we all tottered back to camp.



Wednesday was our day out to Chatsworth, most members went. First stop was the farm shop for an hour where a tight rein on your purse was essential with all the tempting foods and unusual gifts. Time for lunch, walk round some of the grounds of Chatsworth and then into the house to see the decorations etc.

Thursday saw some of us out walking, with a good pub lunch at Hardwick Inn while others caught the bus into Chesterfield.



Friday was departure day. Many thanks to Gill and John Stevens for running this rally very successfully and for bringing their car and running members around.

Kath Elliott



Laika launches compact A-class

Laika has launched its new Ecovip 600 which, at a shade **under six metres** is a truly compact A-class. The new model is based on the **Fiat Ducato** and sleeps four. In the rear there's a height adjustable, electronically controlled bed, with hanging cabinets on three sides. There are reading lights and a maxi wardrobe under the bed with easy access from above and the front.

The wood finished bathroom comes with numerous storage compartments, mirrors and metal mixer tap. The kitchen has shelves, three large drawers and a worktop with a silk effect laminate that is scratch resistant and, apparently, fingerprint proof.

Lighting is all LED with a dimmer function, various switches, blue nightlights and ambient lighting.

The garage provides a large storage area with an anti-slip coating. The Ecovip features extensive insulation thanks to the use of high density Styrofoam, the use of Alde heating or Truma Combi 6, and a technical double floor with glass fibre underside.

The new A-class can be ordered in three styles:

Rovere Trentino which is classic sporty

Olmo Toscano which is light and modern with a two tone colour scheme

Or

Noce Melinga which is elegant and modern

Options include a motorised bike rack and TV in the rear bed area

Prices start at £63,600

Laika proposed visit to see new Factory in 2016

Our new Chairman is in discussions with Laika to make a Factory Visit and visit the Chianti Region in September 2016 and as this develops we will keep you informed

Hayling Island March 2015

Why not blow away those cobwebs at our March Rally? You only have to the end of February to book. See details elsewhere in this Newsletter

Peterborough April 2015

We are planning activities at this four day event including transport to the National Motorhome Show . Last year we met several Members at the Show and many purchased accessories as this is the best event for grabbing a bargain.

It would be a good start to the Season of Motorhoming and renewing friendships

Why not support your Club and enjoy the best Show of the Year?

Provence September 2015

We are planning a return to Provence and details will be announced initially on the Website and we are planning THREE site visits organised by Ian Dewey, Eric Gould and Richard Moss so keep a lookout if you are interested.

Rallies 2015 Programme

See elsewhere in this Newsletter for contacts and details

Ideas for 2016

We are presently formulating our programme and invite contributions from all Members and Associates

KATH ROBINSON

It is with sadness that we announce the death of a much loved member, Kath Robinson. Kath and Alec have been members of the club for many years. One of the attributes of our club is that we meet many interesting people from all walks of life resulting in stimulating and friendly chats. Kath was no exception to this and made everyone very welcome for a chat and a drink, (Peter usually got a beer). She was good fun and accepted our teasing after forgetting to pay rally fees. Several years ago we ran two rallies back to back with a couple of day's free in-between. During this time Kath and Alec popped down, as you do, to Buckingham Palace to see their daughter receive her MBE. In all her excitement Kath forgot to pay and for sometime afterwards we continued to remind her she was 'Royalty'.

Kath and Peter Elliott

Kath and Alec always travelled with their 2 adored poodles, Rosie and Poppy, both at home and on the continent. After losing Rosie 12 months ago, at the ripe old age of 17, Kath jokingly said, they could have a pup but that Alec would be 94 if it lived to the same age as Rosie and she didn't fancy having to look after them both.

Kath always had a totally positive outlook on life despite the reoccurrence of the cancers and she will be greatly missed by all.

Trish and Graham Tonks

Kath was her own woman, independent with a placid temperament. She was a good companion and a lovely lady. She was Alec's rock. God Bless.

Carol and Alan Wilson

We send our sincere condolences to Alec and his family.
The club has donated to Cancer Research UK in her memory.

PUREFLO WATER FILTERS

When we changed our motor home last year the first accessory we fitted was a drinking water filter and tap. The company that we had used in the past had ceased stocking the type we required but recommended that we try PUREFLO. Their website did not show what I required, but did list a ceramic filter in their replacement filter section. A ceramic filter has a small and complex pore structure, making it an ideal filter medium for bacteriological and cyst removal with 99.99% filtration. Just what is needed if you wish to take drinking water straight from your on-board fresh water tank. A quick call to PUREFLO and a kit was made up using a ceramic filter instead of a carbon filter. I also ordered an extra ceramic filter ready to change this year. These kits are designed for use with copper pipe but a visit to a plumber's merchant was all that was needed to get the correct tee-piece and push fittings to link into our water system. The total cost with the spare filter and fittings was less than £70.00. We fitted ours in the bathroom - great for when cleaning teeth - and it was an easy fit there taking only about one hour to install. It has now been in use for over 12 months with no problems what-so-ever and great tasting water!

Charles Chodkowski

www.pureflo.co.uk Tel. No. 0800 160 1060

PS Only suitable for a pressurized system

This is not how it was supposed to be!

A mere 70 years old, I exercised regularly, led Laika walks, was not overweight, ate fairly sensibly, only occasionally drank too much, had no symptoms but the surgeon was unequivocal "you have cancer".

I have been taking part in the NHS bowel cancer screening programme every two years since 2008. All results were clear until October 2014 when a possible abnormality was noted and a second test was requested. This confirmed a potential problem and by return an appointment was made for a pre-colonoscopy meeting. A date was arranged for the colonoscopy (delayed by our attendance at the AGM) and this confirmed I had bowel cancer. A colonoscopy is not as bad as it sounds except for having to drink 4 litres of a flushing solution tasting of sea water and vanilla in 4 hours to clear the system. 6 pints of Timothy Taylor would have done the trick just as well.

The site of the cancer was in a favourable position in that the affected part could be removed and the plumbing re-attached to restore everything in working order. The operation was on 30th December was very successful (but no New Year celebrations!). However my post operative recovery in hospital had its problems. I was fed intravenously (nil by mouth) for a week. I had tubes connected to nearly all parts but gradually things improved and I was discharged after 9 nights in hospital.

At this point Nurse Elliott took over my care, responding to my every need! Meals weren't a problem as my appetite disappeared – I lost 20 pounds in weight. I caught a chest infection which required further medication but I began to make an effort to exercise again and my health gradually improved.

Returning to outpatients a week after discharge I was given the all clear with the cancer. I will be monitored regularly from now on..

The screening programme may well have saved my life down the line. Given that in cancer treatment early diagnosis is vital, the fact that in our region take up is less than 60% is serious and I urge everyone to take up the opportunity to ensure their well being.

In the run up to the General Election we hear and see much adverse comment about the NHS, but in my case from the screening to the operation, from the care in hospital to the backup from our GP the NHS responded, when it needed to, in a way to be applauded. (I have a good mind to write to the Telegraph on this matter!)

I am on the way to a full recovery, my weight is increasing, I have resumed my daily walk round the block, I drove the van for the first time and have had my first pint with Richard and Ruth.

Finally a big thank you for all the cards and messages of support from Laika members. We hope to see you on the forthcoming rallies, so get those G&T's ready.

Peter Elliott

One of the cards included this poem by our Chairman Mark Snowden.

A pub on the route
Is always a treat,
A nice place to rest
The 'old plates of meat'.

No matter the weather
It's always a date,
A countryside ramble
With Peter the Great.

The Rallies will miss you
Leading the walks,
Observing the wildlife,
The rabbits and hawks.

Then back for a shower,
A brew and a meal,
Some might be asking
What's the appeal?

The joy is the friendship
The stories and tales,
Of foreign adventures
And wheels full of nails.

The crashes and smashes
The scrapes and the dents,
The times we set off
Without closing the vents.

Get back on the circuit
And get yourself well,
Kath'll look after you
So don't give her hell!

RALLY PROGRAMME 2015

MARCH 20 th to 24 th (4 nights)	Fishery Creek Touring Park Hayling Island	Rally Stewards Dee and Eric Gould	See further on for Details. CAN STILL BOOK
APRIL 16 th to 20 th (4 nights)	Northey Lodge Caravan site	Rally Stewards Ruth and Richard Moss	See further on Deposit required
MAY 7 th to 17 th (10 nights)	Cornish Trio Rally	Rally Stewards Elaine and John Welham	See further on for details
JUNE 22 nd to 26 th (4 nights)	Jubilee Park Woodall Spa	Rally Stewards Chris and Mark Snowden	See further on for details
JULY 13 th to 17 th (4 nights)	Cardiff Caravan Park	Rally Stewards Wendy and David Futter	See further on for details need more support
21 st to 25 th (4 nights)	Iron Bridge Gorge Rally Severn Gorge Park Bridgenorth Road Tweedale Telford TF7 4JB	Lesley and Ian Dewey	Book early - limited Places See further on for details
AUGUST	No rally organised for this month as we find it difficult to fill as our regular ralliers are leaving for abroad.		
SEPTEMBER	Provence Three centre rally in the planning	Rally Stewards Ian Dewey Eric Gould Richard Moss	See further on for details so far.
DECEMBER Christmas/AGM 3 rd to 7 th (4 nights)	Somers Wood Caravan Park Meriden Coventry CV7 7PL	Rally Stewards Chris and Mark Snowden	See further on for details

Full Details of our Rallies for 2015

March

Fishery Creek Touring Park

100 Fishery Lane

Hayling Island

Hampshire

PO11 9NR

This site has a nice tidal creek location, bus stop close by and some local shops. It has an old but clean toilet block with a modern separate shower block. The fees are £15.50/night with electric. To date we have 5 members who have expressed an interest. It is the first rally of the year and usually we have on average 15 units so if you are mulling over whether to come act now to secure a place. We need a booking fee of £15.50 by the end of December. **YOU CAN STILL BOOK FOR THIS RALLY.**

April

Northey Lodge Caravan Park

North Bank

Whittlesea Road

Peterborough

PE6 7YZ

This site is adjacent to the River Nene, 2 miles east of Peterborough, 20 mins away from the Peterborough Show. We have a rally field so we can be together, it is a secure site with some hard standings. We have electric, water, emptying point, showers, toilets in a portacabin which is clean and heated. Washing machines, dog walk. Superb country walks and cycle track to city and 50 miles of safe cycling.

Places of interest - Peterborough shopping malls, Cathedral, Museum, Theatre, Flag Fen Bronze Age Centre (near site). Last but not least 'Dog in a Doublet' pub, 2.3 miles from site which has a quality restaurant www.doginad.co.uk.

Price is £16/night inc electric. There are a limited number of places available and these will be allocated first come etc.

If you wish to book send £20 deposit and state the following to Richard Moss,

- 1 Do you want transport to the show on Friday 17th April?
- 2 Are you interested in a meal at above restaurant?
- 3 Any other requirements.

Logic of organising at this venue

It is a while since we had a rally at a show. It is not everyone's choice to be on an insecure site in an open field, without electric but with loud entertainment, risk of getting stuck in mud which is on offer by the Show organisers. Therefore we have come up with something a little different which we hope you will patronise and enjoy.

May

Cornish Trio Rally

This three centre rally has been planned in a most beautiful part of Britain.

Three quite contrasting areas of Cornwall will be visited, each with their own appeal.

Site fees have been set at approx £14 per night inc electrics, 2 adults and dogs.

We need to know if you are interested in coming to this rally asap. The three sites all need to know approximate numbers to expect, so that adjacent pitches can be reserved.

Looe (7th to the 10th May)

Our first campsite is:

[Tencreek Holiday Park](#).

The campsite is on the outskirts of the town with very good access to the Coastal Path. It is an easy walk down into the town but a bit of a climb back up the hill!

There is an excellent bus service running just a few hundred yards from the site entrance if you do not fancy the puff up hill.

The bus service runs east to Looe and west to Polperro and then on to Polruan (where you can catch the ferry to Fowey).

The campsite has very modern washrooms and there is a good indoor swimming pool.

North of Redruth. (10th to the 13th May)

The middle campsite is:

[Wheal Rose Caravan and Camping Park](#)

The campsite is close to one of the Mineral Tramways, which has now become a cycleway/footpath. The coastal path can be reached from this Tramway and Porthtowan beach is a couple of miles away

A short distance from the campsite there are buses to Redruth, Camborne, and St Ives; and in the other direction, Truro.

Truro is a bustling Cathedral City known for its cobbled streets and Georgian Architecture. From its quay there is a boat link to [Falmouth](#) along the Rivers Truro and Fal, which runs four times a day.

Wadebridge (13th to the 17th May)

The final campsite is:

[Little Bodieve Holiday Park](#)

The campsite is a short distance from the Camel Trail. Padstow is but 5 miles along the trail and in the other direction the Trail goes to Bodmin.

The local bus service also goes to Padstow and another service goes to the old fishing village of Port Issac (of Fishermans Friends fame).

If anybody should wish to extend their visit this campsite has agreed to charge only the rally rate!

Full details of how to get to the three sites will be sent to those who have registered their interest in coming nearer the time. In all cases follow the instructions, not your sat nav. Earlier this year a motor home got stuck for two days in a small village!

Contact details:

Elaine and John Welham

June

Jubilee Park
Stixwold Road
Woodhall Spa
Lincolnshire
LN10 6QU

Woodhall Spa is in the heart of Lincolnshire, surrounded by woodland with numerous walks and cycle tracks close by, as well as a national golf centre. Horncastle is a 20 minute ride away with many shops and antique centres. Lincoln, Louth, Boston and Skegness are all less than an hour away by bus.

Jubilee park is set in traditional English gardens with a bandstand, pergolas and pathways adorned with English roses. The caravan site is 5 minutes walk from Woodhall Spa village centre and adjacent to the heated outdoor swimming (2 free swims per unit per day with every booking). Other facilities include a putting green, tennis courts, croquet lawn, bowls green, cricket field, picnic area and cafe.

Provisional programme

Monday 22 June	Arrival day - meet and greet early evening.
Tuesday	Local heritage trail, pub lunch, afternoon walk.
Wednesday	Free day to relax and/or explore the local area.
Thursday	Morning - cycle ride/walk with light pub lunch. Free afternoon, evening meal.
Friday	Depart

Cost £13/night with electric

Please send £20 deposit before 1st April 2015,

July

Cardiff Caravan Park
At Pontcanna Fields
Via Sophia Close
Cardiff
CF11 9XR

**10 places booked for this site, only 6 taken so far,
please try and come.**

Few sites can match the unique location of this venue which is situated in around 300 acres of beautiful parkland in the heart of Cardiff City centre. Perfect base to enjoy the many attractions and events in and around the city. The city centre is a short walk away and the waterfront attractions of Cardiff Bay are within easy reach by road or water bus. There is an on site cafe .

Attractions - Bute park, Cardiff Castle, Millenium Stadium, National Museum Wales, Cardiff International White Water, Dr Who Experience and last but not least one of the UK's top shopping centres.

We have manage to secure 10 pitches (extremely busy and popular site). The price is £30/night and it is for 4 nights. Interest has already been shown for this rally but there are still places. It would be advisable to register your interest now.

Directions

From M4 (J32) follow signs for Cardiff City Centre. On reaching centre keep Cardiff Castle on the right and stay in the right hand lane, to the left you will see the Angel Hotel and the Millenium Stadium. Go over the bridge first right at traffic lights into Cathedral Road, at the next set of lights turn right into Sophia Close and Sophia Gardens. Turn left at the Welsh Sports centre pass the Swalec Stadium and the site is a little further up on the left hand side. **For Sat Nav use Glamorgan cricket ground postcode CF11 9XR**

July

Severn Gorge Park Campsite

Bridgnorth Road

Tweedale

Telford

TF7 4JB

A visit to the renowned "World Heritage Site of Ironbridge Gorge", Shropshire. Staying at Severn Gorge Park Campsite which is adult only and dog friendly. Excellent public transport links from the campsite to all ten museum sites. The Blists Hill Victorian Town allows entry to dogs but the other museums do not. Also easy access to the market town of Bridgnorth and Much Wenlock, the birthplace of the modern Olympics. There are excellent walks in the area and one would be hard pressed to cover all the sites in one weekend.

Annual passport tickets allow unlimited daytime admission to all 10 Ironbridge Gorge Museums, during normal opening hours, so you can return as often as you like for one year. If after 12 months you have still not visited particular sites, you can return at any time in the future to make one free visit to the sites that you've missed.

Campsite: - Fully serviced pitch Approx £19/night

As this is a small campsite with 10 pitches, we have provisionally booked all 10 places. This is a repeat visit as our visit here in July last year was over subscribed. Advisable to register your interest now.

September

Provence

Provisional dates - Rally starts 3/9/15 at St Martin for 4 nights,
Aries from 7/9/15 for 4 nights
6 nights to go as you please
Grimaud from 17/9/15 for 4 nights

This is still in the planning but if you want to register your interest contact the rally stewards.

Ian Dewey for St Martin

Eric Gould for Aries

Richard Moss for Grimaud

Further info on this rally will be posted on the web as soon as it is sorted. It will also be published in the June newsletter.

Christmas Rally and AGM

Thursday 3rd to Monday 7th December 2015

Somers Wood Caravan Park

Somers Road

Meriden

Warwickshire

CV7 7PL

01676 522978



We visited this site for our Christmas Rally and AGM in 2013. Last Christmas we visited Teversal which was excellent in every way, good site, good Christmas meal etc but we

only had 20 units attend. Was this because it was further north? No excuses this year as we are back in the midlands, central for everyone.

The cost for the site is £17/night. We have been given a £2 discount as we are collecting site fees which relieves pressure on their staff. The price includes electricity and one dog only, extra dogs are charged at £1.50 each/night. Extra humans are £4/night (but they might have a shower!).

We have been provisionally allocated 30 pitches and we have priority over these. The bike show at the NEC has changed dates and now coincides with our rally dates therefore the site owner has asked for DEFINITE NUMBERS BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER so she can re-allocate any of our spare pitches to those wishing to stay when visiting the NEC. HOWEVER, to secure our places in the restaurant in the nearby golf club we are required to send the deposits by THE END OF JUNE.

To summarise we have to know **DEFINITE NUMBERS BY THE END OF JUNE** because of the restaurant. So, we need a deposit of £10/head. The cost is approximately £23/head with a promise of no Michael Buble Tribute Act (I told them he was rubbish!) No deposit is required for the site but we will need to know the number of nights attending to let the site know before the end of September.

You have all probably lost the will to live with this missive but have pity on those trying to organise the rally. I know some members do not like to think about Christmas until the 1st December but we have to act early to get booked in somewhere which can accommodate all our requirements. These places are difficult to source hence the return visit.

We always have a very good time on our rallies so do try and come to this one. Send your deposits, cheque payable to **The Laika Club of Great Britain**. please send to me, **Kath Elliott**, Please send as soon as possible.

Later, in October you will be emailed the menu and a form to fill in and return with the balance of payment for the meal and also the fees for the site.

Rally Stewards

Chris and Mark Snowden

Any queries up to the end of March phone me Kath Elliott,
If anyone wants a round of golf, contact Mark and he will arrange it.

Now onto 2016

March: Apps Court Farm, Walton upon Thames, stewards Denise and Jim Ledgerwood.

April: Kings Lynn Caravan and Camping Park, North Runcton. Been to this site before but it has been upgraded and now has a rally field and a hut to hire. Bus from near site to Kings Lynn/Norfolk. 2016 prices £12/night inc electric.

May: Proposed site is the CCC site Dunstall Hill, just north of Craster on the Northumberland coast. The site is not far from the beaches and there are good coastal walks to Dunstanburgh Castle and Craster. There is a regular bus service which stops outside the site running from Newcastle to the south to Berwick in the north and the approach to Holy Island en route.

As it is a long way north for many members a follow on rally could be arrange to make the trip worth while and allowing further exploration of the area. Before this is taken any further we would like an indication of interest. **Please can you email Alma by mid June.** Rally Stewards Alma and Keith Pitcher, **June**

FRANCE 2016

The Puy du Fou Experience Wednesday 15th June to Sunday 19th June

Don't miss the chance of a lifetime to visit the "Grand Parc du Puy du Fou", in the Vendée. Come, enjoy the sights, sounds and displays in the deep forest by the lake and chateau. 2000 years of French History glide past your eyes in a kaleidoscope of special shows, themed villages, woodland and lakeside walks.

A large Aire 500m from the Grand Parc entrance, awaits your motorhome for the duration of your visit (cost €5 a night, electric €2 for 12 hours).

The main shows last from 35 to 45 minutes and include:-

- A Roman Amphitheatre, complete with Gladiators, racing chariots and tigers
- A Viking Invasion
- The remarkable exploits of Richlieu's Musketeers
- A display of superb horsemanship by the students and staff of the resident riding academy, in a medieval adventure to discover "The Mystery of the Lance"
- See the incredible "Dance of the Phantom Birds" ranging from Little Owls to the largest Raptors going through their displays, in some cases, close enough to brush your head as they glide past. The climax sees over 100 hawks in free flight - a magical experience
- Nothing you have seen will have prepared you for "Les Orgues de Feu" (The Organs of Fire), a wonderful love story which takes place around the lake as darkness descends. Unforgettable!
- "The Knights of the Round Table" and the "Mysterious Past of the Chateau" are just two of the other exhibitions for you to see.

One aspect of Puy du Fou is supreme. Come with us to "La Cinéscénie", a magnificent late evening performance featuring the largest stage in the world (23 hectares) including a castle, lake, field, working windmill and road in your scenery. Add horses, cattle, pigs, geese and 1100 actors taking part depicting the last 1000 years of French history.

A translation headset is available for all main shows including "La Cinéscénie".

Continued over

For 3 days in the Grand Parc and the incredible performance of "La Cinéscénie" the cost will be approximately £60 each depending on the £/€ exchange rate at the time of booking.

Interested? Book the dates and let us know as soon as you can confirm.

Money must be paid by **early October** at the latest as we must book before the end of October to be sure of our seats at the Cinéscénie.

CAMPING LA BRETÊCHE (1km north of Les Epesses)

Saturday 11th to Wednesday 15th June

3km from Puy du Fou you will find this medium sized, level campsite with full motorhome facilities and a large outdoor heated swimming pool. Bread is delivered daily. The reception staff all speak English. Using ACSI, this year will cost €16 a night including 10 amp electric. For a more restful time join us at this quiet site prior to Puy du Fou. No deposit needed, just confirm the dates you will be there so we can book neighbouring pitches for us all.

For either or both of these rallies, please contact Ann Lister or Brian Shaw on . Leave a message if we are not able to answer and we will ring you back.

If anyone is interested in running a rally or who has ideas for suitable venues please get in touch with Richard Moss, rally co-ordinator.



Puy du Fou

Membership Renewal

If you haven't already done so please send your subs together with the renewal form on the back page.

Please, please let the rally stewards know as soon as possible if you have to cancel and make sure when you book that they have got correct email addresses and mobile phone numbers in case they have to contact you.

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