

MURVI LOVERS NEWSLETTER

Hi Murvi Lovers welcome to the second edition of our club newsletter.

We were all very sad to learn the news that Pam our lovely chairwoman is not only stepping down as Chairwoman but is selling her Murvi as well! Here's hoping we will see Pam and Paul at many, many of our meets as honorary members.

We've had some lovely responses from a few members about the last newsletter, thanks to those people, and some suggestions for the newsletter name. However having only received two contributions for this newsletter I've had to resort to plundering the Murvi Lovers website. Just a reminder that your newsletter lives or dies by your contributions, so please contribute, I've listed some ideas on page 6.

In this newsletter we have a report on the winter Gower meeting, a Murvi Lovers event at Powderham Castle nr Exeter, a fantastic report of a walk in North Yorkshire around Crummackdale and tip on how to beat a dripping rooflight, plus a couple of extras

Jess - Editor

Do you have a newsletter suggestion? Please email me: jess@roadum.org.uk with 'Murvi Newsletter Item' in the subject box.

'The view from the sofa – Gower Rally' – Roger Pepper

Murvi Lovers Gower Rally

17 – 21 November 2011

21 vans and 39 people attended the Club's first November rally at Pitton Farm Campsite on the Gower Peninsula in South Wales. We were blessed with unseasonably mild and mainly sunny conditions for most of the time although it was windy and misty for those who made it on Sunday to the Beacon on Rhossili Down.

The wonderful weather enabled many of us to explore by foot the beautiful local coast around Worms Head and along to Port Eynan. The crashing Atlantic surf was particularly impressive. Others tested their Murvis on the narrow lanes in the area to discover pretty villages and excellent hostelrys for long lunches.



Winter Sun

The Friday and Saturday evenings were spent at the Countryman Hotel, the owners kindly transporting us there with their minibus. On Friday we enjoyed most people's best 10 photos of the year which amply demonstrated the diversity of exciting travelling enjoyed by Murvi owners. On Saturday we all sat down to a delicious three course dinner when sadly Pam informed us that she will have to stand down as Chairman at the next AGM as she and Paul are selling their van.



Chilly at the Top!

The campsite has no meeting room, but those of us who were still camping on the Sunday evening commandeered the washing up and laundrette area for a final drinks party.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the format of the weekend and many said they were looking forward to next year's event which I plan to organise at another coastal location on 15 – 19 November 2012.

Photos taken by some of us can be seen at

<https://picasaweb.google.com/105389251209503035620/MurviLoversInTheGowerNovember2011?authkey=Gv1sRgCMP93IuRlv6oQA#>.

Murvis in the Forest - Adrian Sumption

The New Forest weekend Murvi meet was blessed with some of the best February weather imaginable – spring like temperatures and blue skies and not a drop of rain. That and the company of so many friendly Murvilovers made it an exceptional weekend with 14 vans camped amongst the trees at the delightful Setthorns campsite.

Murvilovers are a sociable lot, and to make sure we were able to take full advantage of the opportunity to indulge in the most satisfying sort of social networking we took a gazebo so that we could all sit together and chew the fat (and drink the wine) each evening. Unfortunately a 3 metre square gazebo is hard pushed to accommodate 28 boisterous Murvilovers, so a few had to put up with the cold and dark outside while the rest of sat in heated luxury inside.

Once again it was a great opportunity to pick up some bright ideas from fellow Murvi owners, notably Alan and Marilyn's



Murvis in the Glade

bookshelves and pole storage as well as Bob and Maggie's multiple extra storage ideas. I'm already drawing up the plans so I just hope the ideas aren't patented!



Out for a walk

People were of course free to do their own thing over the weekend, but groups of us enjoyed some fine walks together to Brockenhurst and to Burley. A few of us also couldn't resist the lure of the wonderful Saturday market in Lymington, and then on Saturday evening we all enjoyed a lovely meal together at the Hare and Hounds in Sway.

Karin and I had spent hours slaving over a hot computer to ensure that the weekend went off smoothly, especially the meal. Luck and the gods were with us and everything seemed to work with no small thanks to all the friends who joined us.



Hare and Hounds in Sway

Thanks to all of you for a wonderful weekend. – Adrian & Karin

Members Favourite Walks – contributed by Geoff Wilkinson

A Round of Crummackdale, Yorkshire

Crummackdale, one of the lesser known and frequented of the Yorkshire Dales, nestles in the heart of the Limestone district amongst Yorkshire's famous Three Peaks. Its many delights include acres of limestone pavements and the legendary Norber Erratic Boulders.

The walk begins in the village of Austwick, the "capital" of Crummackdale. The village boasts a picturesque green, a magnificent pub (The Game Cock Inn) and a delightful little campsite (Woodend Farm). Leaving Austwick we head across the fields down an ancient green lane towards Oxenber Hill. Oxenber is a gentle climb but presents some magnificent views back to Austwick.



Austwick Village from Oxenber Hill



Oxenber – Limestone Pavement

The summit of Oxenber offers a wide expanse of pristine limestone pavement and a maze of tracks. In late spring its flanks are a mass of bluebells. Nestling below the hill is the hamlet of Feizor where it's easy to believe you've stepped straight back into the 18th century. Perhaps it's a bit soon, but a coffee stop at Elaine's Tearoom is hard to resist.

The descent of Oxenber offers distant views of Pen-y-ghent, Yorkshire's "third" peak. Crossing more fields, more stiles and more streams, we head for the picturesque hamlet of Wharfe. Walking the unmade byways of the village it now seems we've regressed by another century.



Pen-y-ghent from Oxenber



Dry Waterfall – Studrigg Scar

Leaving Wharfe we climb again, gently, below White Stone Wood, heading for the conspicuous dry waterfall on the edge of Studrigg Scar. Although it looks impassable, a path navigates the scree run on the left and leads us via a ladder style to the plateau of Moughton.

On a clear day the panoramic views from Moughton summit are unsurpassed. Looking south towards Pendle Hill in the far distance to the nearer tops of all of Yorkshire's Three Peaks you will be delighted to pause up here for lunch. It can be quite breezy so you here's where your windproofs come in handy. Ancient grouse butts offer some convenient shelter.



Pen-y-ghent from Moughton



Inglebrough from Thieves Moss

Descending gradually we aim for the top of the cliffs known as Moughton Scars and skirt round the edge of the intriguingly named Thieves Moss and its vast expanse of limestone pavement. A short climb brings us to Sulber Gate where we can pause again for a coffee stop to take in the splendid 'sea-bed' of Thieves Moss and look back over to Moughton Top.

The short level turf top from Sulber Gate to Norber provides the opportunity to stride out. All downhill then, but no less interesting for that, through the geologically famous Norber Erratics. These great blocks of millstone grit were ripped from the cliffs higher up the valley during the ice age and deposited on top of the limestone when the glaciers melted 15,000 years ago.



Norber Erratic



Game Cock Inn, Austwick

It's then a pleasant downward stroll to Austwick Townhead back into the sleepy village and maybe a pint in the Game Cock?

If anyone's interested in doing this walk, Geoff & Carol would be delighted to accompany them. Please contact Geoff geoffwilko@googlemail.com to make arrangements.

For local campsite see: <http://www.woodendcampsite.co.uk/>

If you have a favourite walk please send details into me jess@roadum.org.uk with 'Murvi Newsletter Item' in the subject box.

Future Event

7-8 July – Historic Vehicle Gathering – Powderham Castle nr Exeter

The club has been offered a unique opportunity for its members to spend a weekend at this beautiful location. Camping is normally only available to exhibitors, but MurviLover David Wickers has arranged for our club to rally on site.

The Historic Vehicle Gathering 2012 is organised by the Crash Box & Classic Car Club of Devon - the 39th one and arguable the biggest and best in the Westcountry. It is held in the grounds of **Powderham Castle** (Kenton nr Exeter EX6 8JQ) which is the ancestral home of the Earl & Countess of Devon.

The show embodies vintage & classic cars and motorcycles, steam traction and fairground engines, classic car clubs, trade stalls and auto-jumble, catering stalls for most tastes, beer and food marquee and also visits to the castle will be available.

Campers will be able to arrive during the day on Friday, there will be fresh water, toilet cassette emptying facility, the field is fairly level, grass of course, there is a farm shop and cafe a few hundred yards stroll away, 2 nice pubs in Cockwood, just down the road and the resorts of Dawlish and Teignmouth a few miles away.

Saturday night tends to be a bit special on the event field as people tend to foregather by the refreshment marquee as the showman's steam engines come to visit there and this creates a truly unique atmosphere.

Maybe Friday night we could have a MurviLovers joint supper. What do you think?

Price £35 will cover both unrestricted access to the rally and the camping fee for three nights (Friday to Sunday nights; arrive from 9am Friday, leave by midday Monday).

To reserve your pitch email Nick Mawby at murvilover@gmail.com; you will then be sent a booking form later in the Spring with full payment by 1st June.

Murvi Lovers Tips

Stop that dripping roof-light. From Bob Northwood.

Here is an idea (not mine - I'm not that bright!). I found I had water dripping from the kitchen roof-light in heavy rain, but couldn't quite see where they were coming in. Anyway, a full cure was found at <http://www.ourwanderer.org/wan30.htm> (full details with pictures). Four stainless nuts/bolts are all that are required, and the job is much easier than it at first appears.

Hope this is of interest to other MLC-ers, ours is quite an old Morello.

Wastebin for the Morello

John Chandler provided this tip on the age old, where to put the bin in a Morello...

We have tried several incarnations for a waste bin on the Morello, this is the latest, and it would seem to be made for this position on the end of the kitchen units.

From IKEA @£7.99, RATIONELL compost bin-link, <http://www.ikea.com/gb/catalog/products/30154802>



Reminders

A reminder of the login details for the members area of the website.

username: mlc
password: rex

Also, Nick is always looking for Murvi Lovers' mug shots for his wall of members. Check here, <http://murvilovers.yolasite.com/members.php>

Newsletter Contributions Always Required

A newsletter is not a club newsletter without contributions from the club members, so please read the list below and think about how you could contribute to this fine publication. You even get your name in blue text, what more could you ask for?

I'm looking for contributions of about 200 words with pictures too please, if you have them.

Favourite camp sites – home and abroad.

Places to visit – Where have you been that we should all know about.

Member's travels and adventures – Fighting pirates or those roads in Bulgaria.

Pastimes/hobbies – short piece + photos written by members about their hobbies and/or pastimes e.g. Walking, kite flying, bird watching etc.

Member's tips – space saving or an 'addition' that you are proud of.

Rally news – photos and 'tell' all from rallies.

Rally info – upcoming rallies.

New members – introducing new members.

Places and towns with good motorhome parking facilities.

Photographs of nature or your favourite sunset over your 'van.

So please, please contribute anything you can through email to jess@roadum.org.uk with 'Murvi Newsletter Item' in the subject box.

Naming the Newsletter

I've not had much feedback on which title to plump for, so for the moment the newsletter name will be 'The Murvi Lovers Newsletter'.

The suggestions so far have been:

Murvi Muse

Murvi Museletter

The Punchbowl - [MHF Post](#)

Not the IH Newsletter – perhaps a little controversial

The Murvi Lovers Newsletter

Rally and Events info – upcoming rallies and events

15-17 June 2012 - The Mid-Summer Great Escape - Kelmarsh Hall
http://www.outandaboutlive.co.uk/Shows/The-Midsummer-Motorhome-and-Caravan-Show/_sh26

7-8 July 2012 – Historic Vehicle Gathering – Powderham Castle nr Exeter – See details above.

20-22 July - First Scottish Meet - Butterstone Loch

7-9 Sept - Shepton Mallet Show & tour of Wells

28-30 Sept - Suffolk Trip based on Orford

15-19 November 2012 - End of Year Meet - Somewhere on the Coast

NB: Members attending all events are asked to donate £1 towards marquee maintenance; please give to the rally marshall.

For more details go to: <http://murvilovers.yolasite.com/events.php> or contact Nick Mawby 01538 387506