

MURVI LOVERS NEWSLETTER

Hi to all members of the Murvi Lovers club.

Let me introduce myself, my name is Jess (owner of a Morello - it's the silver one over there!), and welcome to the very first edition of the Murvi Lovers Newsletter.

I was daft enough to open my mouth about a Newsletter in front of one of the committee members, result? I am now trying to be editor of the Murvi Lovers Newsletter, something I have absolutely no experience of doing, but I'm hoping with the collective help of the ML club that it will help to keep members in touch!!

My interests are meeting people, bird watching (in a very amateurish way, my partner Garf is better than me) and my family. I've just started looking into scrapbooking and hope, at some point, to learn how to play the piano.

This first newsletter is trying to collect ideas from members and to find out what people would like to see. So, I would welcome any suggestions as to what you as members would like to read about.

I'm feeling very enthusiastic (probably the wine - Ed) about this Newsletter and hope you all will be too. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Jess

Email me: jess@roadum.org.uk putting 'Murvi Newsletter Item' in the subject box.

A Missive from our Chairwoman

Hi Folks!

I am absolutely delighted to be writing this missive for our very first Murvi newsletter - our summer edition, although the weather may belie that fact - beautifully put together by our editor and newest committee member, Jess Corfield. She is obviously going to be an admirable addition to our already very efficient committee to whom I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks for all their hard work and support.

We now have 98 members, so there should be no problem filling our newsletters with fascinating articles. Jess has listed some topics to get you started, so fingers on the keys, please! We all love reading other peoples' stories and learning about their favourite secret places.....

Must go now.....have an article to write.....

Pam

Naming the Newsletter

First task, and most important is to decide on a name for the Newsletter.

A few suggestions so far have been:

The Punchbowl - [MHF Post](#)

Not the IH Newsletter – perhaps a little controversial

The Murvi Lovers Newsletter

Maybe you could send in your suggestions and we can take a vote, or pull one out of the hat?

Email me: jess@roadum.org.uk 'Murvi Newsletter' in the subject please.

Also, if people have any thoughts on the how many times a year the newsletter should be published. Maybe, just each quarter, or every couple of months. I'm sure there will be emails and discussions at our next meet at Cheshire. So, if you have any thoughts just drop them in an email to jess@roadum.org.uk.

Newsletter Ideas

Here are just a few ideas that with **your** help could be part of the Newsletter

Favourite camp sites – home and abroad.

Favourite walks – short and long, home and abroad.

Places to visit.

Member's travels and adventures.

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.

So please, please contribute anything you can through email to jess@roadum.org.uk

‘The view from my sofa - Peterborough’

As I look out from my Murvi sofa I see a gathering of Murvis all (well nearly) facing the Big Top (or in this case the gazebo) the main arena for our Saturday night rally faith supper at the Peterborough Show.



A long time ago now, but what a fantastic weekend it was meeting up with new found friends and fellow Murvi owners.



(I've just acquired a new collage maker!!!Jess)

Thanks to Leigh Darnton for providing the photos

A lovely evening was had by all, lots of delicious food and lashings of alcohol to wash it all down, there might even have been some ginger beer there too!! Luckily the weather was fine long in to the night. Glow sticks were issued to those prone to becoming disorientated and lost if they wandered away from the gazebo. It was just a shame that on Sunday morning a 'mysterious' virus hit some Murvi lovers, the main symptom being a headache!



Well actually, just one Murvi lover!!¹

At Peterborough we discovered that Bob is a kite flying enthusiast and was showing us the kites that he carries around with him, 8 of them!!



Unfortunately Bob was unable to give us a proper demonstration as kite flying is not allowed on show sites but maybe we can persuade him at a future members rally.

I for one was amazed at the massive following there is in kites.

¹ Sorry Nick!

More info about kites and the many shows can be found at <http://www.thekitesociety.org.uk/events.htm> or go talk to Bob at the next meeting.

Murvi Lovers Tips



My new collage maker at work again!!

If anyone has any other tips or modification, including for the base vehicle, that could you would like included in the next newsletter please send them in to me at jess@roadum.org.uk

Thanks to Nick Mawby for sending these in.

Reminders

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

username: mlc

password: rex

Favourite camp sites

Bob and Janet's Favourite Sites

Here is a list of some of the sites we have found and liked. We like quiet places!

These sites are Camping and Caravan Club (C&CC) Certificated Sites (CS) or Caravan Club (CC) Certified Locations (CL) – the C&CC numbers and CC page numbers should enable you to find them in the appropriate guides.

Wareham Dorset C&CC CS. 195/261

Mrs P Bessant 31 Furzebrook Road. £9 (May 2011)

This is the latest site we have found. (So recent that this was written there!) It is a pretty little CS tucked away behind a terraced cottage but opens out to a good sized Rally field. Minimum facilities (no toilets or showers or electricity). Five van area is small lawned and surrounded by trees. Slight slope may or may not need ramps. Site is situated in the middle of Stoborough Heath about 2 miles from Corfe Castle and the Swanage Steam Railway. There are lots of deer on the local heath and we saw one on the site.

From the site we have taken walks across the Heath, into Wareham (an hour), and to the local pub (real ale and food, about 20 minutes walk). The Blue Pool is again about 20 minutes walk.

Corfe Castle is a very pretty village with a dramatic ruined Castle (NT), several pubs and the Ginger Pop Shop (Enid Blyton/50s 60s memorabilia and Ginger beer). We like this area (the Isle of Purbeck) and go back to it again and again.

This site has a good sized rally area which we think would be good for a Murvi Lovers rally.

Dumfries C&CC CS 84/38 Mains of Auchenfranco

Mr M King and Ms J Purser £7 - £9 (August 2010)

A quiet CS tucked away in a beautiful area that tends to get missed in the dash to the Highlands.

This is a site dotted with bushes and trees and has some high hedges providing good shelter and privacy. No toilets or showers. A few hardstandings and hookups. There is a small cabin with local information, a book exchange, and a few DVDs to borrow. The friendly and helpful owners have homemade jams, chutneys and their free-range hen and duck eggs for sale.

A short walk takes you through a wood and to a small loch. This is a good area for birds and there are regular bird ringing and monitoring exercises. Local area is lovely and the Mull of Galloway as worth visiting just so you can stand in Scotland and see the Lake District, the Isle of Man and Northern Ireland.

Welshpool C&CC CS 126/133 Grantley Court

Mrs C Sanderson £5.50 (July 2010)

This is a lovely site tucked away behind an imposing house. No toilets or showers or electricity.

We found this one by chance, needing somewhere to stay after riding the Welshpool steam railway. When we rang up the lady she said she would put the sign out so we would not miss it and we turned into a large house with a gravel drive that the Murvi almost sank into! Mrs Sanderson opened the full height wrought iron gates at the side of her house and we drove through her garden past the swimming pool building to the beautifully kept lawned 1.5 acre site. This is surrounded by hedges and was immaculate. We only stayed one night as we were moving on but were amazed by this site.

And no you don't get use of the swimming pool.

Acle Norfolk CC CL Caravan Club Handbook Page 423 Upton Yacht Station

Mrs Anne Whelpton £5.00 (April 2011)

Minimum Facility (no toilets, showers, electricity or hardstandings)

This is all about location. The site is a small field which is accessed by driving through the boat yard alongside the moored boats. There always seems to be something happening in the yacht station with people and boats coming and going but at the same time it is a quiet peaceful location with those big skys. We saw Marsh Harriers and Reed Warblers and numerous traditional broads yachts.

Access is down narrow lanes but not difficult. Although we did not walk from here, there seem to be some good opportunities.

Thank you to Bob and Janet for sending these sites.

Rally info – upcoming rallies and events

2-4 Sept: Haxey Quays

9 -11 Sept - The 'End of Season' Show, Shepton Mallet

16 -18 Sept - Birdwatching

10-15 October – NEC Motorhome Show.

18 - 21 November – Pitton Cross, Rhossili, Gower

23 – 25 March, 2012 AGM – Proposed for Abingdon.

For more details go to: <http://murvilovers.yolasite.com/events.php>

Recipes

By popular request, this is the recipe for the Curried Nut Roast Marilyn provided for the AGM supper at Ledbury.

CURRIED NUT ROAST (Serves 4 people)

225g (½ lb) Hazelnuts, finely chopped (or Brazil Nuts or Walnuts)
225g (½ lb) fresh tomatoes, peeled and chopped
1 medium-sized green pepper, de-seeded and finely chopped
2 medium-sized onions, finely chopped
75g (3 oz) whole-wheat breadcrumbs
1 clove of garlic, finely chopped
1 tsp dried mixed herbs
1 tbsp mild curry powder
1 egg beaten
Olive oil
Salt and freshly-milled black pepper

Pre-heat the oven to 220 degrees C (425 degrees F) 1lb loaf tin, lined with baking parchment loaf tin liner.

Begin by gently frying the onion and chopped pepper in a little olive oil until they are softened, about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile mix the nuts and breadcrumbs together in a large bowl, adding the garlic, herbs and curry powder. Then stir in the onion, pepper and tomatoes, mix very thoroughly and season. Now add the beaten egg to bind the mixture together. Finally pack the mixture into the prepared tin and bake for 30 – 40 minutes until golden.

This can be served hot with spiced pilau rice, yoghurt and mango chutney or with a fresh tomato sauce. It is also very good served cold with salad leaves and mango chutney and mini poppadoms.

If anyone else has a recipe to share in the newsletter please send it in to me jess@roadum.org.uk

And Finally...

Congratulations to the Murvi team for winning the Caravan Club Design and Drive awards 2011 in the Van conversions over £40,000 category. You see, it proves we buy from the right place!!