

This newsletter is a new initiative from the TSC to keep Club Units up to date with our activities and provide an opportunity to submit items for discussion.

The TSC will be issuing an updated newsletter twice a year to National Councillors and Region, District Associations, National and Special Interest Section Secretaries.

Please encourage your members to suggest topics of a technical nature that we can consider, and send these by email to [ian.hewlett@campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk](mailto:ian.hewlett@campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk)

## **Current Agenda topics**

### **1. Data Sheets:**

Six 'How To' videos are in production. These will sit alongside certain Data Sheets. Some of these will also be used as standalone features to help members who are new to camping.

#### **• Data Sheets in preparation**

- Cycle racks: to cover external load carrying on motorhomes and caravans
- Motorhome lay-up: to include preparing and storage
- Inverters: what they are for, different types and some guidance on purchasing
- MiRO changes over the years: covering what is included and, perhaps more important, what is not included in the basic weight of a caravan or motorhome

### **2. Disposing of single use gas cylinders:**

A limited survey determined that Local Authority guidance is evenly split between those that treat empty single-use gas cylinders as aerosols for the purposes of recycling (so they may be disposed of in home recycling bins) and those that require the user to take the empty cylinders to the local recycling centre for disposal. The current official Club Site position is that all empty cylinders should be taken away from the site by their owners.

### **3. NCC proposal for standard gas testing of CO alarms during a habitation service:**

Some NCC-approved manufacturers have introduced a requirement to test CO alarms with a test gas and the Approved Workshop Scheme has adopted this into its procedures.

It is worth reminding members if the alarm does not pass these tests they should contact the Original Equipment Maker (OEM) for advice as many alarms have extensive (five to ten year) warranties, which is normally in line with the intended battery life.

Please let the Club and the caravan manufacturer know about any CO alarm failures after a test and the reason for the failure. If you send the alarm back to the alarm supplier make sure you include these results.

#### **4. Approved Workshop Scheme (AWS) pre-purchase inspections:**

The AWS has launched a new service called Pre-owned Pre-purchase Inspections or POPPI for short. The aim of POPPI is to provide potential buyers (private and retail) with a detailed report on the visual and/or operational condition of the caravan or motorhome they are looking to purchase before they commit to buy. For further information visit

[www.approvedworkshops.co.uk/preownedprepurchase](http://www.approvedworkshops.co.uk/preownedprepurchase)

#### **5. RAC Centre visit:**

The TSC made a very informative visit to the RAC Centre in Walsall in June 2018. It was eye-opening to witness the planning and preparation that RAC invests in providing a comprehensive and reliable service to members. There is constant development and innovation in recovery equipment and roadside repair solutions to provide the service offered. It is RAC's aim to fix 80 per cent of issues at the roadside, meaning less inconvenience and a quicker way to continue your journey. It was a surprise how many different operations and manufacturers RAC supports in addition to running the 24/7 call centres. We left feeling the support for members who take out Arrival is of the highest quality and worth the fee for peace of mind .

[www.campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk/insurance/breakdown-and-recovery/](http://www.campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk/insurance/breakdown-and-recovery/)

### **Other current topics**

#### **1. 6kg Calor Lite update:**

There seems little new information despite regularly asking for an update from Calor. The latest information can be found at [www.calor.co.uk](http://www.calor.co.uk) and searching for 'lite'.