



## September 2020

### In this month's edition:

- Peterborough Show and Malvern Shows reviews.
- Lincolnshire Motorhome Show preview.
- 2021 Tours Update.

### Plus our regular features:

- Another great recipe from Dave.
- Keep in touch.



Lake Bled—where we should be about now!

### From the editor

Welcome to a slightly slimmed down September edition. We would love to be bringing you some tour reports but there is not much to report on at the moment!

The recent rise in Coronavirus cases has killed off our final two tours of the year to France and Italy. We have erred on the side of caution throughout 2020 and where we have felt that it is not safe and practical to travel, we have cancelled.

These are not easy

decisions to make as we have to balance people's desire to get away with a big dose of common sense. So in the end for 2020, it is Coronavirus 12, Crossings Motorhome Tours 0.

On a more positive note, Warner's are doing a great job in getting their outdoor shows up and running and we went to a couple in August, with another one due at the end of this month. See page 2 for more details.

We have another 'cut out and keep' recipe from Dave and this month's motorhoming tips are all about van storage.

As always, we like to spare a thought each month for our front-line workers who have been having it much worse than the majority of people.

Take care.

*Bob (and Wendy).*

*Dave & Sue, Colin & Sue, Gary & Eleanor, Ian & Linda.*

## Show diary for 2020

We are all hoping for a few signs of normality as this whole virus thing is now starting to get a bit boring. In the world of motorhomes, the UK campsites are enjoying some buoyant bookings after a slow start, motorhomes are selling like face masks and the outdoor shows are back on again.

Now at this time of year we would normally be up in Scandinavia and then heading off to Italy, but instead the prospect of a potentially wet weekend in Peterborough started to look very appealing.

As it turned out we had the kind of weather in Peterborough that Italians could only dream about. If

anything it was too hot as on Friday afternoon there was practically no-one in the showground as they had all gone back to their vans to try out their new air-conditioning units.

A couple of weeks later was the Malvern Show. Dave and Sue normally do this one but we got the chance to go this year and what a charming place it is nestling in the hills.

Both shows were a bit different with massive gaps between the stands and no entertainment. Having said that, they were free to enter, had cheap camping and there were enough stall holders to make for an interesting day.

Many thanks to all of our regulars who came

to see us across both shows and welcome to everyone who we forced to sign up to the newsletter at the shows.

The next show is at the Lincolnshire Showground on 25th to 27th September.

This is our local show (we only live 5 miles away) and not one we have ever been to. We have drafted in the grandkids to help set the stand up.

Warner's are planning some outdoor entertainment so it should be a great way to end the year. We would love to see you there. More details at: <https://www.outandaboutlive.co.uk/shows/show/the-motorhome-campervan-show-season-finale>

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# 2021

## 2021 Tour Schedule

Our 2021 Tour Schedule is now fully available with all details now on the website. We have also produced the brochure for next year and this is currently available (in digital format only at the moment) on the website too.



Sagrada Familia in Barcelona—be nice when it's finished.

“...looking ahead to better times, we have nine tours on offer next year”.

Some tours have filled up straight away with those who have been unable to get away in 2020 simply transferring across. However, we do still have spaces and we do operate a reserve list, so if you want to come in 2021, please get in touch.

We would remind everyone that you are fully protected financially so you can book with confidence. In the event that we have to cancel tours again next year due to Coronavirus (or anything else for that matter), you will receive a full refund.

We would also like to

blow our own trumpet a bit here as everyone received their refunds within two weeks of cancellation as required by law. You may have noticed articles in the press where some companies are refusing to pay refunds or holding the money back for several months.

So looking ahead to better times, we have nine tours on offer next year:

- Four-Country Starter Tour
- The Baltic States
- Idyllic France
- Provence & The Ardeche

- The Swiss & Austrian Alps
- The Pyrenees: Biarritz to Barcelona
- Summer in Sweden
- Croatia & Slovenia
- Tuscany

If you would like to have an informal chat about them (or any other aspect of touring), then please feel free to give us a ring—we are not that busy at the moment!

## Coq au Van: the amusingly titled recipe section

### Chicken Jamabalya

#### Cooking method:

#### Ingredients:

450g of diced Chicken breast.  
75g of sliced Chorizo Sausage,  
1 Large Onion finely chopped.  
1 chopped green pepper.  
1 x 250g pack of pre cooked uncle bens Mexican rice.  
1 tin of chopped Tomato's.  
1 x 35g sachet of Sharps Chicken Jambalaya mix  
600m cold water.

1. Fry the chicken and chorizo in large frying pan (or BBQ Paella pan)
2. For 3-4 minutes until golden brown., on a medium heat.
3. Add the onion and cook for a further 5 minutes.
4. Add the rice and green pepper and cook for a further 1 minute.
5. Mix the sachet mix

with water, stir into the pan with chopped tomatoes and bring to the boil.

6. Season with black pepper.

7. Reduce the heat, and simmer for a further 10 minutes until heated through.

Serve and enjoy.



## Keep in touch

We are very happy to hear from newsletter readers throughout the year. If you have ideas for features, questions, motorhoming tips or questions about any of our tours, please feel free to get in touch at any time.

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## Motorhoming Tips

It's getting to that time of year when you might start to think about putting the van away. Chances are you never got it out in the first place. So this month's tips are all about motorhome storage.

Some of us are lucky enough to be able to keep our vans outside on our drives (only just in some cases) and others use storage facilities. Here's what we've picked up over the years.



1. Try and get undercover storage if you can. It's more expensive but generally safer and leaves your van less exposed to the elements.
2. If parking outdoors try to avoid parking on grass. Wet grass can cause problems to the underside of your van when left for long periods.
3. Also, try and avoid parking anywhere near trees. At worst you might get a full or part tree land on your van and at best you will get a load of bird poo.
4. If you covering your van make sure you get a properly fitted, breathable cover. Otherwise you can get damp and providers e.g. technicians, valet companies etc. This means you can get them to work on your van on the storage site rather than having to go and get it.
5. Use a CaSSOA registered site. This is an accreditation scheme with bronze, silver and gold awards depending on the level of security provided.
6. Many storage sites have tie-ins with other service
7. Check out-of-hours access. You might need to collect or deposit your van early in the morning or late at night.
8. If storing the van outside, fit solar panels that will supply a trickle charge to your leisure and engine batteries. That way you will always have charge even after the winter.
9. Inform you insurance company where the van is stored if it is not at your home address.

