

# North, south, east and west with

## Our pitches on parks visited



Findochty Caravan Park, in the North.



Clays Touring and Leisure Park, in the South.



Cairnsmill Caravan Park, in the East.



Argyll Holiday Park, in the West.

**OVER** the last 18 weeks, we have had journeys to the Highlands, Wales, the east of Scotland also the west of Scotland. On all these trips, the Pastiche has behaved itself very well indeed, whether it had to negotiate some twisty Highland roads or soar along happily on quite a number of motorways.

Our first major outing over the New Year holiday found us in Angus, at Foresterseat Caravan Park, where we were operating in temperatures down as far as -4°C.

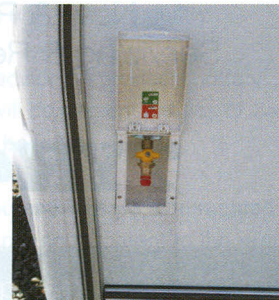
This is where we found a slight difficulty in heating the toilet area of the 'van. However, we consulted the dealer, Crossburn Caravans, who told us the correct way to handle the new Truma heating system, and we have had no trouble since.

Our second major outing was up to the Moray Coast and the Spey Valley to Grantown-on-Spey Caravan Park, and to Findochty Caravan Park right on the North Sea coast. Again, the 'van performed well, but we did find a little problem with the roof light in the toilet area. This has been put to rights by Crossburn and by Coachman themselves.

We then journeyed to the east coast of Scotland, to Cairnsmill Caravan Park at St Andrews. We had no real problems,



Wet locker which comes in handy and also houses the 13 amp socket for outside use.



Outside gas outlet for barbecue etc.



Awning heater vent.



The spectacular graphics on the Pastiche.

# the Coachman Pastiche 520/4



*The new front window allows for panoramic views*

and by that time we were really enjoying the experience that this 'van can give you.

On our model, the 520/4, the front end seats lend themselves well to stretching out fully during the day. At night, they make up easily into a double bed with Coachman's easy-to-operate pull-out bed section - or they can be used as two singles, which give you an excellent night's sleep.

There's no 'fire' to incorporate in the layout, and Coachman have made use of the extra space with an excellent kitchen area that offers ample storage, well positioned for ease of use. The side dinette provides the comfort of sitting properly while dining, and of course for a family of four it converts into two single bunk beds.

The toilet-cum-dressing room is where the Pastiche really scores, with ample floor space and an excellent corner shower. This area still provides all the wardrobe and cupboard facilities that a family of four would ever need.

The lighting in the Pastiche is excellent - with full use of LED lighting in the 'van it, is certainly the best lighting system I have encountered.

We were off down to North Wales for the Easter week. This trip was incident-free, and it was a pleasure just to relax and enjoy the ambience that the Pastiche provides.

Just before going to print, we travelled westwards to Argyll Holiday Park near Inveraray. Again, there were no problems to report and the 'van was well admired by other park users.

The photos depict some of the good points about the Pastiche, including a few that I have not mentioned.

We hope to cover more miles with the 'van over the next few weeks, and we will bring you our final verdict in our next issue.



*An excellent Thetford fridge.*



*Gas hob and cooker including an electric hotplate.*



*The new computerised heating system by Truma.*