

NO JOKE!

It looks like a piece of conjuror's equipment. Perhaps when unfolded, a swan will fly out.

Or, when full of water, then folded, the water will disappear without trace. But no, the disappointing truth is that none of those magical things happens. The down-to-earth realism is that this folding bucket is a fine, practical product.

With the bucket empty, let go the handle and the strong, flexible fabric simply folds itself with a twisting motion. Fill it half way or to the brim, and the bucket stands firm. The canvas is invisibly attached to

the rigid plastic base and rim, and looks as if it will have a long life. The capacity is 3 gallons (13.6 litres), and the diameter is 247mm (9.7in). Made by the Kent Chamois Company, the G618 Fold Flat Bucket costs about £6.30 complete with a zipped storage bag.



When filled, the Folding Bucket is supported perfectly by its contents.

CONTACT

Buy from stockists, which are mainly car accessory shops, or direct from **Kent Chamois Company Limited** (tel: 01792 837070). Locate stockists by telephoning the same number or from the web site www.carcare.co.uk.

CARAVAN DOOR SECURITY

This lock is supplementary to the locking handle already fitted to the accommodation door of many motorcaravans. The Brightlock is made to fit over the widely used black, vertical handle that has a keylock at the top. The Brightlock requires no screws or other permanent fitment to the door: it is secured in place solely by its Camlock barrel bolt.

To apply the Brightlock on leaving the 'van, you lock the door in the usual way, then fit the Brightlock shell over the black handle. As you next insert the lock bolt into the shell, the bolt passes behind the black handle. Turn the key in the lock and remove the key. The shell is thus locked in place and the original lock is



The shell of a Brightlock fits over caravan door handles of one type only.



Kent G618 Fold Flat Bucket

The shell is secured by a circular bolt. The key is captive in the bolt to act as a handle during insertion. When turned to the locked position, the key can be removed.

inaccessible.

To have the Brightlock deployed while you are inside, such as sleeping, you fit and lock the Brightlock with the door open. You then step inside and lock the door from inside. It is once again double locked, but you can still open the door from inside as usual.

My first impression of the Brightlock was the neatness of its finish and the excellence of the engineering of both the shell and the (familiar to many) camlock assembly. The tough aluminium alloy of the shell has a strong powder-coating finish. The radial-pin lock in the bolt has nearly half a million 'differs' (combinations) and is supplied with three keys.

Such high quality does not come at the lowest price, and Brightlock costs £75.50 including postage.

CONTACT

Order from **Brightlock** by telephoning 01983 867411 or through the web site www.brightlock.com. Look out for Brightlock at the National Motorhome Show at Peterborough in April.

BOOKSTALL

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BOOK TITLE	READER PRICE	SUBSCRIBER PRICE
AA Close-Up Britain Road Atlas 2007 A3	£17.99	£16.99
AA Close-Up Britain Road Atlas 2007 A4	£17.99	£16.99
Radio Listener's Guide	£5.95	£5.95
Television Viewer's Guide	£5.95	£5.95

RADIO AND TV WISDOM

Both published annually, the *Radio Listener's Guide* and the *Television Viewer's Guide* contain a mass of reference material about UK regions, programme companies, transmitters, frequencies, and coverage maps. These can be invaluable when you are moving about our islands on tour. In addition, every year sees new articles on developments of the moment and reviews of current equipment. They are ideal handbooks for keeping up with the trends and the fine detail of broadcasting.

This year's *Television Viewer's Guide* looks at the changeover from analogue to digital and the subject of high-definition TV. The Buyers' Guide discusses whether you should buy a receiver with a built-in digital tuner; and considers the relative merits of plasma and LCD screens, not forgetting the good old CRT technology. You can also read up on wide-screen sets and a myriad other factors to think about when buying a TV. Set-top boxes and set-top aerials are reviewed in detail. There's technical advice on connections and cabling between components of an installation.

The *Radio Listener's Guide* reviews an extensive range of receivers of widely differing

types, both portable and fixed. Whole sections are devoted to DAB radio, local broadcasting, radio in Ireland and elsewhere overseas, and listening to radio by satellite, Freeview, and the Internet.

Prices are unchanged from last year. *Radio Listener's Guide 2007* costs £5.95, as does

Television Viewer's Guide 2007. The 2008 edition of each can be ordered in advance at the same price. Order two copies and you receive a third free – club together! Order a copy of either guide for three successive issues for a combined price of £11.90. These prices all include postage. Order with a cheque (or postal order) from Radio Listener's Guide, FREEPOST SWB40688, Plymouth PL8 1ZZ.

BRITAIN IN FINE DETAIL

It is difficult to know where to start describing such a major new atlas as *AA Close-Up Britain Road Atlas*, except perhaps to say that it looks, at first sight, like receiving a strong recommendation.

To begin around the 'edges', much of the peripheral information is the same as contained in *AA Big Road Atlas Britain 2007* (see Marketplace, Dec '06, page 178), namely the near-universal obsession with speed cameras (8 pages in the A4 format) and the useful maps (6 pages) showing those stretches of road where congestion is most serious, and when. The two-page spread of map symbols is a foretaste of the amazing detail that is to follow. It is helpful that a high proportion of these symbols are the same as in other AA atlases.

Turning to the 608 (A4) map pages, I was immediately impressed by the obvious! Halving the scale from 3in (comparing with the *Big Road Atlas* again) to 1.5in gives four times the area of paper for representing the same ground. And what a wealth of information is

