

# Be in command with Swift

## COTTINGHAM CRONICLES (1)

Earlier in the year a member asked about Swift Command and expressed concern that as he couldn't operate a computer he wouldn't be able to operate the habitation systems in his new motorhome, if he bought one so equipped. Recently I attended a seminar on this so I'm up-to-speed now. Let it be made crystal clear that you don't need to be a computer whizz to operate it and it is there for you to take advantage of – or not – as you see fit. It is an additional control system and doesn't affect manual operation of (say) the awning light. Everything can still be controlled manually via a switch on the control panel or by using the temperature control on the fridge in the same way you always have.

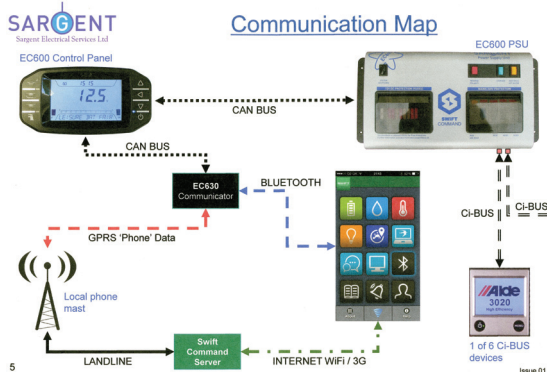


Swift Command allows remote control of habitation systems via a Smartphone or tablet.

However Swift (in conjunction with Sargent Electrical) has added an extra tier of control. In the same way as you would use a remote control to change the television channel you can now use a Smartphone or Tablet to control the habitation systems in your 'van without having to leave your seat. Don't write this

off as a worthless gimmick, it will be extremely useful to those members with severe mobility problems. In addition everyone will be able to benefit by being able to adjust the heating or turn on an awning light before arriving back at the 'van. Perfect for when walking back to after a pub meal on a chilly autumn night. Also it will enable remote monitoring of systems and a clever 'find my 'van' navigational feature.

Don't be put off by techie's who love to use jargon. Swift's website and in particular their Swift Talk forum and Swift TV explains everything in easy-to-understand language and with plenty of 'visuals'. No computer? No worries, your local Swift dealership should be only too happy to show you how everything works 'manually'. Most members have a mobile phone and if you can send a text, you are already using an App. A move to a Smartphone shouldn't be a problem. Recently I saw in a mobile phone shop an advert for part-exchanging a standard mobile phone for a Smartphone for under a Pound a month extra and - crucially - a refund of all monies paid and your old phone returned if you didn't get on with the newbie. So what are you waiting for?



How various items involved in Swift Command 'talk to each other'. This is sometimes referred to as the 'system architecture' © Sargent Electrical Services Ltd.

## COTTINGHAM CRONICLES (2)

# Massive support for British rally drivers



Swift Group has been sponsoring motorsport for decades and now it has just unveiled its 2017 rally car. I remember watching chairman Peter Smith competing back in 1970's and his son Guy is a professional racing driver. Their new rally car is a Ford Fiesta but not as you know them. This is an R5 built by world-renowned M-Sport and is seriously quick. I'm pretty sure that the M-Sport R5 is one of the most successful rally cars of the current decade. Swift Group will once again be sponsoring Matt Edwards and his co-driver Will Rogers and *Motor Caravanner* magazine wishes them good luck when they drive in the extremely-competitive 2017 BRC championship series.