



## Hamper Progress no. 12 Oasis Leisure Centre, Swindon



On 22 April Alex (right) handed the hamper over to Harry and Kathleen Ridley at the Oasis Centre.

Harry writes:

The Oasis Centre was designed by Peter Sargent of Gillinson, Barnett and Partners in 1974. It boasted "the biggest leisure dome in Europe" when it opened in 1976. The £170,000



centrepiece of the three-storey site was imported from the States to amaze the people of Wiltshire. It included a diving pool and leisure pool with wave machine under its distinctive Perspex-glazed aluminium dome, with a separate building housing facilities for indoor pursuits.

The Oasis Centre is currently closed and its future is uncertain.

Harry adds:

We bought our Traveller OEW 211J in 2013 and we spent two years completing a full restore, new wood and the interior has been revamped. Since then we have enjoyed many miles driving, including a number of MOT events, meeting up with North Wilts MMOC members and we hope for many more.

