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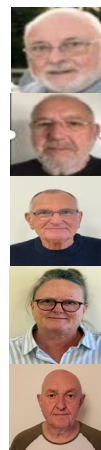
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Chairpersons Chat

Hi everyone, as you may know I recently took over the reins from my wife Heather, who has done a tremendous job as Chair of the club over the last 3 years and before that as Vice Chair. I can only hope that I can fulfill the role half as much as she did.

Whilst there is much still going on in an increasingly uncertain world, there is not much we as individuals can do but get on with our lives and enjoy what we have now. This includes enjoying our Motorhomes and the adventures we have whilst traveling. I write this chat from a very sunny Lake Garda as we weave our way home with friends, after an enjoyable road trip to Croatia, taking in many countries in between and on our return journey home. Also, as I'm sure we all do cherish our loved ones, as none of us knows what's around the corner.

Sadly, as some of you who were at the AGM will have heard, the club was hit with a sophisticated email scam, which resulted in us losing nearly £1,000. Unfortunately, our bank was unwilling to refund us, even after an appeal. So Bob Mason, our previous Treasurer, is kindly pursuing an appeal through the banking Ombudsman, the outcome of which we hope to learn soon. Whilst the club has put in extra checks and balances to try and try and avoid such an attack again, it serves as a sober reminder to us all to be extra vigilant when it comes to both our and the club's personal data. A recent survey suggested that over 612,000 businesses and 61,000 charities were targeted across the UK in recent years.

As you will see in this newsletter, we have a great program of rallies for 2026, which Heather will now take over as she is our new Rally Secretary. We have a brilliant overseas rally to the South of France (see the Ad in this edition) with places already being filled, so don't forget to book. Plus, we have another New Year rally following the popularity of the last two, so again, make sure you book early to secure your place. We are also returning to some old favorites as well as a few new places, along with the usual mix of Steam Fairs and Warners shows.

As recently communicated via email, we have had a few changes on the Club Committee with Bob Mason stepping down after several years as Treasurer and my wife, Heather, moving from Chairperson to Rally Secretary, a role I previously held. I would like to personally thank Bob & Heather for all their great work over recent years supporting the club and its members. Filling Bob's shoes is Ann Halford who now takes on the role as the Club's Treasurer, after being a co-opted

member for the last few years, I'm sure Ann will fill those shoes admirably.

Bob didn't quite get away from us as we co-opted him back onto the committee, where he joins Ray Collinson and 3 new Co-opted members, namely Gwen Smith, Martin Hayward and Geoff Scott. A full list of all the committee members can be found at the front of this and every newsletter.

Heather & I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during the remainder of this year and throughout 2026, so please make sure you book up for a rally or two or three.

Take care all

Andy

EDITORIAL

As the seasons change, so too does the call of the open road. For many of us, our motorhome is more than just a vehicle—it's a home on wheels, a ticket to freedom, and a companion on countless adventures. Whether you're chasing sunshine, discovering hidden countryside gems, or simply enjoying a weekend escape, the joy lies in the journey as much as the destination.

In this issue, we celebrate the motorhome lifestyle in all its variety. From inspiring stories from fellow travellers who've taken the time to write there adventures. We've packed these pages with ideas to fuel your wanderlust. You'll also find future rallies the club have organised. Without your support to attend these rallies these would not be happening.

What unites us is not just a love of travel, but the sense of community that comes with it. Wherever we park up, we share smiles, stories, and support. That's what makes the Swift motorhome club world so special.

So, top up the tank, plot your next stop, and let the adventure unfold. The rallies are waiting.

Sue, Newsletter editor.

Personal Reflection of Doolin (Part of Ireland Rally)

It was the 8th of June, and as part of the rally activity program, a full, hearty breakfast was on the agenda at the Gus O'Conner pub in Doolin. The pub is located in the heart of Doolin, a stone's throw from the campsite. The breakfast was top-notch, the service was fast and the staff were friendly. With our bellies full, it was time to explore the surrounding area to discover the breathtaking landscape that Doolin is renowned for.

Andy H, Alistair and I set off on our bikes and headed towards Doonagore Castle. The castle sits on a hill overlooking Doolin point, and to get there, we had to negotiate a narrow road with a steep incline. It's not for the faint of heart, as good fitness was needed, something Alistair and I seriously lacked. With lots of huffs and puffs, we managed to get to the entrance of the castle. We looked at each other and declared that physically we were not going to make it further up the hill, but Andy did and took some amazing photos. Unfortunately, Doonagore Castle is privately owned, so we couldn't look inside or walk around the grounds.

We then made our way cross-country, passing the most spectacular views of the coastal landscapes. At the end of the road was Clare's Jam Shop; the wonderful aroma that came out of the kitchen wafted our way, and just like that, we were in the shop. They pride themselves on using traditional handmade methods to produce a variety of jams and condiments. We couldn't resist bagging a selection of jams to take home with us.

We then continued the bike ride heading towards the Cliffs of Moher, a natural attraction famed for its views. The road looked reasonably level, but in the distance was another steep incline; at this point Alistair decided to take an unofficial break. We had no choice but to leave him at the roadside to continue the journey. Once at the top of the horrendous hill, the Cliffs of Moher visitor centre could be seen. I managed to get to the car park and decided that I would take an unofficial break and waited for Andy to return, as he continued on to the visitors centre.

Once we had regrouped, we returned back to the campsite the same way we came. It was a wonderful opportunity to absorb the stunning views that you simply cannot capture on camera.

Gwen Smith

Personal Reflection of Southern Ireland SMOC Rally

26 - 11th May/June 2025

Site 1 - Wicklow:

Traveled from Dublin campsite (stayed at prior to SMOC Rally), we checked into reception of site, where we were made to feel very welcome and the instructions given were very clear. Thereafter we reported to Marshals Heather and Andy Hartell and was given a choice of a pitch to park up. It was great to see fellow SMOC members existing/ new and have a catch up.

We found the camp site quite large, great to walk around, animals, various activities etc.

Nearby pub, Martin and I took part in the Brewery Tour with small number of fellow members, the tour guide was down to earth and seemed very knowledgeable regarding the beers, he also gave us a brief insight into Irish life.

Organised outings were very enjoyable/interesting, consensus amongst SMOC members was very positive. Lunches/evening meals were superb.

Site 2 – Cork:

Long journey from Wicklow – Cork, stop-off at supermarket on the way to site for supplies for the next 4 days. Travelled with Gwen and Alistair, we arrived at site just in time, brief welcome from Heather (marshal), she directed us to our pitches (we were last to arrive to campsite) parked up, got changed and straight on the bus to the pub in the Blarney village at Muskerry Arms for first meet up evening meal. Lovely pub but very busy, meal was great.

Fabulous views of Blarney Castle in the distance from our pitch on the campsite.

Trips included Cork, Cobl, Middleton and Blarney Castle (kiss the Blarney Stone), all interesting places to visit.

Site 3 – Ring of Kerry:

All four of us travelled together again (Gwen, Alistair, Martin and I), we thought that we would take the scenic route without realising there was a trip the following day.



Arrived at site, welcomed by Heather and Andy Hartell (Marshals), directed to the facilities and pitch. These were all very good, nearby hotel, beach, short walk to shops etc.

In addition to the 'Ring of Kerry' tour, trips to the Dingle Peninsula, Slea Head Drive, and Inch Beach



were organised. The scenery was fantastic and fascinating, with the coach driver providing insightful local history. Walked around Dingle Peninsula, went to a local pub for refreshment, Gwen, Alistair, Martin and I was having a chat with the locals, we found them very knowledgeable/inter-

esting regarding local history, this included newspaper cuttings regarding 'Titanic' last survivor etc. displayed in establishment. We came across 2 Irish gentleman who we thought lived in the local area (how naive were we) lol, as they seem to know local history, it turned out they were on a daycation, flew into Ireland from Manchester Airport.



Rest day:

Gwen, Alistair Robert, Martin and I went on a bike ride to nearby beach and local area, lovely bike ride where we seen Heather and Andy Hartell walking Storm and Lola (dogs). Afterwards, of course, we stopped off at the local pub supporting the local community, it would be rude not, met up with fellow ralliers Bridget, Heather and Andy Hartell. Being mindful not to drink too much as 5 of us had to get back on our bicycles to ride back to the campsite.

Last evening meal we said our final goodbyes to fellow ralliers as Martin and I wasn't able to carry on the rally to the next campsite, time to go home due to work commitments 😞.

Pauline & Martin Hayward





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Rally Experience – Bagwell Farm

16th - 23rd July 2025

It's been a while since we last went to Weymouth and Chesil beach, so it was lovely to be there with good weather and the dogs. It was easy to get about with local



buses just outside the campsite, well maybe a 10-minute walk away! Weymouth in the summer months is a lively place with music being played in the streets and lots of little shops to wander around, like most places there were a lot of charity shops to visit! The sea front is long, I know be-

cause we walked it in the blazing heat with the dogs, the dogs had their cool coats on. I'm not sure they were amused when I put them under the beach shower to wet their cool coats again. I took them in the sea when we eventually found the small dog beach which was packed, I always find it perplexing when dog owners then feel they can let their dogs off the lead to run everywhere and not under control. As I paddled with the dogs on their leads in the sea, it's interesting to note all the different activities going on the beach, kids playing ball, people arguing, ice-creams being eaten and seagulls trying to get peoples fish and chips. After working up an appetite we found a pub by the river, very pleasant, with a drink in hand and good company, it was lovely to while away an hour or so.

George III made Weymouth a popular seaside destination and many years later it was heavily involved with the D Day landings, with both American and Allied troops departing from here, over half a million in fact. The town has a lovely traditional harbour with lots of fishing boats and a large memorial to commemorate those who died in the war on the promenade.



We had not been to this site before, it is quite large especially as we were on the rally field and not in the main caravan park. It was very easy to walk down to the nature path that overlooks Chesil beach and observe the lovely wildflowers and bird life. We wandered down

to the manor, which is now a hotel and had a pleasant pot of tea, Andy had a pint. He then persuaded me to walk the long way back to the campsite, which I shall ensure I won't do again, especially as it seemed to be all uphill!



Ann and Nick, our Marshals looked after us very well. With a meet and greet or two and a great breakfast at the on site pub. I will not mention any names, but one person when reading the menu said they would have the dog's breakfast, which was a bowl of gravy bones. Another nameless member, having overheard this comment, decided to order a dog's breakfast for the said person. The pub staff, who were in on the act along with another person on their table along with the rest of us waited in anticipation, as instead of receiving their full breakfast of bacon, eggs, mushrooms, toast etc, they were presented with a dog bowl of gravy bones, much to their surprise and everyone else's amusement. Unfortunately this person's wife was also presented with a bowl of bones, much to her

disgust. I will add that their proper breakfast did then arrive. At least the dogs all enjoyed the gravy bones once we were back at our motorhomes.

Throughout the week, given the good weather we didn't venture far and we all meet up in the evenings, to enjoy on one evening a great barbecue, thanks you Nick & Ann and on another evening, we gathered for Cheese and Wine, again hosted by our Marshals.

We really enjoyed our stay at the site and our wander around Weymouth a place we first visited together in 1983, camping not more than a mile or two from our rally field.

We will certainly return to this site and hope that all of you will come and enjoy a rally with us in the future.

Andy and Heather Hartell



Netley Marsh Steam Rally 24th - 28th July 2025



Thanks to Fred and Silvia for being great hosts to us all, and the free raffle that they arranged, where everyone got a prize.

We had 6 vans in our group in the camping field, plus David and Gillian who were camped with their magnificent little steam engine in the display area. A fair size show with something for everyone, Tractors, Cars, Motorbikes, crafts, Falconry, military vehicles, fair ground and live music, and of course

lots of Steam Engines of all descriptions and more.

The weather was very kind to us with occasional few drops of rain, not enough to spoil things. On Friday evening Jane cycled to the village fish and chip shop to collect fish and chips for everyone. We had a few little gatherings and I think everyone had a good time.

M Boarer





A very warm Swift Motorhomes Owners Club welcome to our new members

Denise & Tony Peggs - 3648

John & Catherine Hughes - 3649

Peter & Kenna Rutland - 3650

Alan & Karen Pearson - 3651

Barry & Jean Lakin - 3652

Pamela & Barrie Tottman - 3653

Stephen & Christine – 3654

Peter Needham – 3655

Eddie Hutton & Teresa Barron – 3656

Paul Burnham & Richard Hooper – 3657

Michael Shakesby & Jean Coyne – 3658

Nigel & Diane Hele – 3659

David & Lisa Ambler – 3660

Wendy & David Holmes - 3662

Neil & Beverley Palmer – 3663

Michael & Sandra Brown – 3664

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RALLY PROGRAM 2026

Feb	11 th - 18 th	Woodland Waters Holiday Park (Ancaster, NG32 3RT)
Mar	11 th - 18 th	Plassey Holiday Park (Wrexham, LL13 0SP)
Apr	15 th - 22 nd	Hurley Riverside Park (Hurley, SL6 5NE)
May	6 th - 13 th 14 th - 18 th	Homestead Lake Park (Weeley, CO16 9JN) Southern Motorhome & Campervan Show (Newbury, RG18 9QZ)
May/ June June	28 th May - 11 th June 18 th - 22 nd	Overseas Rally, South of France (Provisional Dates) Wolvey Caravan Park (Wolvey, LE10 3HF)
July	16 th - 20 th 24 th - 31 st	Netley Marsh Steam Fair (Netley Marsh, SO40 7GY) Ambleside RFC (Ambleside, LA22 0EN)
Aug	13 th - 17 th 17 th - 24 th	The Western Motorhome & Campervan Show (Malvern, WR13 6NW) Salisbury Rugby Football Club (Salisbury, SP1 3SA)
Sept	9 th - 16 th 17 th - 21 st	AGM Rally (Brigstock NN14 3HH) The Motorhome & Campervan Show Season Finale (Lincoln, LN2 2NA)
Oct	8 th - 15 th	Harford Bridge (Tavistock, PL19 9LS)
Nov	18 th - 25 th	Wyton Lakes Holiday Park (Huntingdon, PE28 2AA)
Dec/ Jan	30 th Dec - 4 th Jan	Grange Caravan Park (Melton Mowbray, LE14 3QU)

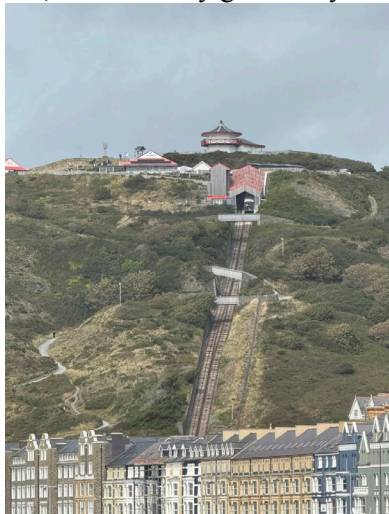
As you are probably aware, our rallies and their success are very reliant on our Marshals, so here is our annual call for Marshals. If you would like to support our rally program as a Marshal, can you please let Heather (new Rally Secretary) know by the end of October. Indicating which rally or rallies you would be willing to Marshal.

Aberystwyth Rally Report -

7th – 14th August 2025

Thursday 7th

We arrived on site around 12:30pm after leaving home around 6:30am and driving 238 miles, sometimes through some challenging conditions due to heavy rain, to be warmly greeted by Heather & Andy.



After setting up we ventured into Aberystwyth to get our bearings. At 4:30pm we all met up for a meet and great and find out a few things about the site plus the local area, later we met up again but it got a little chilly to say the least (blankets and coats were deployed), not helped by the wind, sadly that put a stop to things.

Friday 8th

Again a windy day, we decided to venture into town for a spot of breakfast in Weatherspoon (the first of many visits) followed by a wander round, looking in some very quirky shops. Later on we visited the funicular cliff railway and the camera obscura both very interesting.

On return to site, we had a nice social evening that included a fish & chip get together organised by Ann & Nick then we joined Ann & Nick for a little walk to the pub to put in the order for Sunday lunch.



Saturday 9th

A nice early start for us (but not as early as some Saturday mornings of late) because I am a keen Parkrunner so Marilyn and I ventured off to the closest Parkrun we have ever camped by, literally 5 minutes outside the gate in the adjoining park. Apart from me taking part, they were short of volunteers, so Marilyn took up a marshalling role. A great

early morning, I came in at 30:06 minutes, my best time for quite a few weeks. After the run we had breakfast in Weatherspoon's, then back for a quick shower

before venturing out again to check out some places that had been recommended to us the previous day in a certain drinking establishment (there is a pattern forming here).



Looking around we found the first establishment that had been recommended, a deli that had a tapas bar out the back, very nice it was too.

In the evening, we ventured out again to the second establishment recommended to us, a bar called “The Bank Vault” which had live Jazz music playing, something different and a nice end to the day.

Sunday 10th

A nice lazy morning then around lunchtime, we all ventured over to the Starling Cloud PH, for Sunday lunch, and very nice it was too.

In the evening, it was a social get together.

Monday 11th



Time for another wander around town, we had to cut it short on Saturday due to the strong winds so this time we visited the harbour area and the lifeboat before walking all the way along the prom to a nice hotel that was again recommended to us called the Glen Gower (it has also recently been mentioned in Countryfile magazine) where we had lunch. After wondering back to site, it was time for Afternoon tea organised by Heather & Andy (very nice it was),

which drifted into a social evening (it was much much warmer).



Tuesday 12th

It was a very warm day (and the wind had finally dropped) and we decided to take the narrow gauge Vale of Rheidol railway to Devil's Bridge. I was a very pleasant ride which lasted an hour with some spectacular views, we then visited the bridge and the Devil's Punchbowl beneath the bridge, followed by a walk



back to the train, stopping off at a nice hotel for refreshments on the way.

The evening was spent chilling in the very warm evening heat.

Wednesday 13th

Just a day for chilling and one last wander down the prom. In the evening as there were only 5 of us left on site, we gathered round Nick & Ann's for a social.



Thursday 14th

And finally, the time to head home, just in time as the weather broke. We had a few stops on route, we loved the drive back through the Brecon Beacons, stunning scenery and winding roads.

Thank you, Andy, Heather, Nick & Ann for a great rally, looking forward to the next one, but sadly not this year.



Garry & Marilyn

Malvern Country and Western Show, Malvern 14th - 18th August 2025

A lovely rally was had by all at the Warners Western Motorhome show.

We were welcomed on site by Sheila and Trevor, arranging 15 vans in our group. We had a meet and greet together on Thursday afternoon, and a coffee morning on Sunday morning.

The weather was absolutely lovely throughout the whole weekend, brilliant sunshine and a nice cooling breeze at night.

Trevor and Sheila supplied all the prizes for the mystery raffle that was free of charge, every body got a prize that was wrapped up, and we couldn't open them until everybody had theirs. Thank you to Trev and Sheila for everything and being wonderful hosts for the weekend, as I believe everybody enjoyed themselves, and new friendships were made.

M Boarer



Riddings Wood Holiday Park Newcomers/Taster Rally

In June we held our second newcomers and taster rally for members who had not rallied with us before and non members who wanted to try our club before they joined. This was held at Riddings Wood Holiday Park which is set within 11 acres of woodland in the picturesque Derbyshire countryside.

The park is in an ideal spot with bus stops immediately outside the gate allowing you to explore the beautiful Peak District with most of us making use of the opportunity, also just a short walk down into the local towns of Riddings or Ironstone. Everyone made the short walk to Moulder's Arms, in Riddings Known locally as the "Thack" due to it's thatched roof and it is the only pub with a thatched roof in Derbyshire and

to the community run pub opposite.

The bus service ran regularly every 20 minutes from the site and a pleasant 20 minute walk downhill took you into Ironstone where there were plenty of shops and a very nice garden centre with cafe on site. It was advisable to catch the bus back to the site as it was a very long steep climb back up to the site I know because I walked it after forgetting to recharge my bike battery which died at the bottom of the hill, I managed to cycle unassisted halfway and that was

it! Some of the ralliers were more adventurous and took the bus further afield to Alfreton, Ripley and Derby. There was plenty of dog walking to be had in the woods adjoining the site and a large field onsite.

We had several get togethers in the evenings as well as the welcome meeting and buffet and coffee morning on the Sunday.

A Fish & Chip supper delivered to site was also enjoyed. The local pizza and kebab shops also delivered if required.

All of the "tasters" joined up so a big welcome to them. Some have subsequently rallied with us.

Looking forward to next year's Newcomers/ taster rally June 18th to 22nd at Wolvey Caravan Park (LE10 3HF)



Swift Live Event 13th & 14th September

This was Swift Group first live event showcasing all of the newest models of Motorhome, campervan's and the holiday lodges. It was a free event for people who had booked tickets with 1400 being issued each day. As well as a preview of the new models there was the opportunity to have a factory tour, talk to Swift staff, technicians and dealers. The two big clubs were there Caravan & Motorhome Club and Camping & Caravan Club. They also had invited all of the Swift Owners Club's which included SMOC, Sprite Sterling Swift Caravan Owners Club, SOC, Bessacarr, Basecamp and Trekker who are not yet an official club but a fb group. Unfortunately it clashed with our own AGM and so I attended to represent SMOC on my own. The Swift Owners Club were out in force as per usual and the Sprite Sterling Swift Caravan Owners Club attended on the Saturday but not the Sunday as did the Bessacarr people, Base camp and Trekker did not attend.

After a terrible drive up due to an accident on the A1. I finally arrived after a 6 hour instead of 2.5 hour drive at the little campsite where I was staying on Friday evening just up the road from the Swift Factory.

Early on Saturday morning I went down to the Swift factory and set up our little stand inside the hub. We were next to the lot and opposite the Swift Owners Club. We had some new advertising material, especially for this event with a new banner and some leaflets with a QR code on promoting the club.

Saturday was quite busy and I handed out lots of the new leaflets and signed up some new members. Sunday was quieter as the weather was not very nice but I still managed to sign up new members so well worth coming to the event.

Jane Steward



Christmas Rally – York House Caravan Park
Hawsker YO22 4LW,
19th - 26th November 2025

Set in the beautiful North Yorkshire moors countryside, although still only a short drive from the coast, York House Caravan Park is the venue for our 2025 Christmas rally.

The site is situated less than half a mile from the old railway line, which makes easy walking or cycling to Whitby, Robin Hoods Bay, Ravenscar and Scarborough. With it only being a 5-minute drive into Whitby, it gives you a great opportunity to go and explore this beautiful town and take part in the fun activities the town has to offer. A bus stop is also only a short 10-minute walk away, with connections into both Whitby & Scarborough.

Our Christmas meal this year will be a 3-course lunch at Bagdale Hall, Whitby. The price of the meal is £40 per person but the committee has agreed to contribute £10 person, bringing the cost down to £30 each. Further details regarding menu choices will be available via email shortly. Please note that you will need to make your own way into Whitby by bus or car.

Booking is via the site directly, as they would not allow us to book centrally as a group. However we will be pitched together. To reserve a place, if not done so already, please contact the site via the following address.

<https://yorkhousecaravanpark.co.uk>

Please note that the site has a prepaid meter for electricity

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Pitch Fees: (inc H/S)

2 People: £25 per night (electricity optional)

2 people + 1 dog: £28 per night (electricity optional)

2 people + 2 dogs: £31 per night (electricity optional)

Rally Fee: £1 per person (Guests £10 per unit)

Rally Marshals: Heather & Andy Hartell

No arrivals before 1pm on any day



Woodland Waters Holiday Park

Ancaster NG32 3RT

11th – 18th February 2026

<https://woodlandwaters.co.uk>

We start of our 2026 rally program by returning to the popular Woodland Waters. Set in a beautiful wooded valley covering 72 acres and overlooking a 14-acre specimen lake, as well as many others, the site is equipped with an amenity block, laundry and disabled facilities. Pitches include both hard standing and numerous grass pitches with excellent all-year-round drainage.

Overlooking the Specimen Lake and surrounding woodland, Woody's Bar and Lake View Restaurant provides the perfect setting to enjoy stunning views of the park whilst enjoying excellent homemade, locally sourced food and an excellent range of ales, beers and wines. In the colder months, the log-burning stove provides the perfect setting to enjoy a hot chocolate and take in the views of the changing seasons. The bar caters for all ages and tastes and is equipped with a pool table, dart board, French boules and 2 large flat screen TVs which regularly show sporting events throughout the year and it is also dog friendly.

History buffs will certainly want to make their hasty way to this part of Lincolnshire. It's a treasure trove of old England... Grantham (15 minutes' drive) is a top choice for first forays into the past – it's the town where Isaac Newton attended school and is home to the spectacular 14th-century Grantham House as well as a local history museum that gives an overview of everything from the Normandy landings to the Iron Lady. If appetites for stately homes have been whetted by Grantham, satisfaction can be found within easy reach: the 17th-century Belton House and its gardens, parkland and adventure playground are 10 minutes from base, and Newton's homestead of Woolsthorpe Manor (although much more modest) is within 20 minutes – just watch out for falling fruit...

Step back into the present day and take to the open air for refreshing saunters around Easton Walled Garden – referred to by US president Franklin D Roosevelt as 'a dream of Nirvana... almost too good to be true' – and the scenic market town of Sleaford, both 15 minutes from home base.

A little further afield are the cities of Lincoln, a great place for shopping and even more history, and Nottingham with its arboretum, caves and Robin Hood experience.

There are bus stops outside the site with routes to both Sleaford and Grantham.

Please note that we only have 7 Hardstanding pitches allocated to us with the rest being on grass, however we are assured that the site is on excellent draining sandy ground. All pitches have EHU.

Pitch Fees:

Hardstanding (only 7 pitches available): £25 per unit per night (includes EHU)

Grass Pitches: £24 per unit per night (includes EHU)

Rally Fee: £1 per person (Guests £10 per unit)

Rally Marshals: Bridget & Robert Hubbard

Closing Date for bookings: Monday 29th December 2026

No arrivals before 1 pm on any day



Swift Motorhomes Owners' Club Rally to Provence

Camping Les Prés Hauts, Sites et Paysages

Sisteron

28 May, 4 nights

28 May - Welcome dinner and drink

29 May

Forcalquier, lunch and wine tasting

Enjoy a scenic escape from Sisteron starting with a visit to the charming town of Forcalquier, where you'll stroll the historic streets, visit the cathedral and old town and continue to the top of the hill to the citadel and former home to Count Forcalquier. The walk is a steady incline over 600m, steep in places, but well worth the climb to experience the magnificent views. If you don't fancy the walk, there are plenty of coffee shops where you can sit and watch the world go by.

Afterwards, you will continue the short journey to a restaurant on the outskirts of Forcalquier for a 2-course set lunch.

The day concludes with a visit to the Domaine des Bergeries and a wine tasting experience. You will discover the estate with a tour of the vineyard, followed by a sample of 5 wines accompanied by a charcuterie. The perfect way to unwind before returning to Sisteron

30 May – Free day to visit Sisteron

Sisteron, known as the Gateway to Provence, is a picturesque medieval town dominated by its impressive Citadel, offering breathtaking views.

31 May

Gorges du Verdon and Sainte Croix Lake

Travel by coach from Sisteron to Moustiers-Sainte-Marie where you will meet your guide for the day. Your tour guide will conduct a short one-hour tour, followed by some free time for drinks and snacks at a café.

Afterwards, you will continue your journey around the Verdon Gorge with your guide, where later you will board a 5-seater electric boat and view the towering cliffs, turquoise waters and stunning vistas from the water.

On your return to Sisteron, there will be a comfort stop at Digne les bains.



Camping Tomasses,

Belgentier

01 June, 4 nights

01 June - Organised evening meal at the campsite

02 June

Excursion to Toulon with cable car to Mont Faron

Enjoy a full-day excursion from Camping Les Tomasses to Toulon, where you first take the cable car up Mont Faron for breathtaking panoramas. At the summit, you have free time to take in the view or visit the Allied Landings Memorial Museum before your descent by cable car.

We continue into the centre of Toulon where you will have a 2-course lunch followed by free time in the afternoon to explore Toulon's vibrant harbour, the quaint old town or indulge in some shopping.

Please note that the cable car is subject to change depending on the weather

03 June

Breakfast delivered to the campsite for the members on the rally

4 June

Free day

Camping du Domaine Côte d'Azur

Cogolin

5 June, 6 nights

Located in the 'Countryside' area

5 June

Evening meal at the campsite restaurant

6 June

St Tropez with a private boat trip in the afternoon, including time for a swim.

Start your day with a coach journey to the seaside Mediterranean town of St Tropez full of timeless French charm. Wander through the old town (La Ponche) with its cobbled streets, colourful houses and lively cafes, browse through the chic boutiques or relax at one of the famous beaches. Following lunch (free time), you will meet at the harbour where you will board a private boat for a 2-hour boat trip along the coastline with time for a swim before you return to the harbour.

Following your boat cruise, you will join the coach for your return to the campsite.

7 June

Free day



8 June

Organised lunch in the village next door of La Favière

Enjoy a 2-course lunch and a glass of wine at a local restaurant.

9 June

Free day

On your free day why not take a boat cruise to the 2 islands, Porquerolles and Port Cros, or simply stay at the campsite and relax.

10 June

Farewell meal at the campsite

11 June

The rally ends

Prices:

£869 - £899 per person based on 2 adults sharing a pitch in a motorhome

Price Includes

- 4 x evening meals
- 2 x lunches
- 1x breakfast
- 4 x full-day coach excursions
- 14 nights campsite fees and local tax
- Return ferry crossing with P&O Ferries for a motorhome (*a reduction of circa £260 per Motorhome will be given if alternative ferry arrangements are preferred*)

P&O Ferries

Dover – Calais: Any day sailing, departing from 1 May

Calais – Dover: Any day sailing, before 10 July

Complementary places:

- Any free pitches will be provided as a 'tour fund' and passed on to the Rally Marshal

Additional notes:

- To book, we require a completed booking form and a deposit of 20% (£355)
- Individual quotes can be provided for travel with alternative operators (e.g Le Shuttle, Irish Ferries)
- Dogs are paid locally on site and not permitted on the excursions or in restaurants.
- Standard terms and conditions apply as featured on our website.

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