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RALLY PROGRAM 2024

February

7th – 14th

- Woodland Waters (Ancaster, NG32 3RT)

March

5th – 12th

- Newlands Holiday Park (Charmouth, DT6 6RB)

April

17th – 24th

- Woodhill Park (East Runton, NR27 9PX)

May

9th – 16th

16th – 20th

- Bath Marina (Bath, BA1 3JT)
- The Southern Motorhome & Campervan Show (Newbury, RG18 9QZ)

June

7th – 10th

10th – 21st

- Camping du Pont de Bourgogne, Chalon sur Saône, Burgundy, France
- Camping le Coin Tranquille, Les Abrets en Dauphiné, Rhone Alps, France

July

11th – 15th

19th – 26th

- Vintage for Victory Festival (Whitchurch, Cardiff)
- 35th Anniversary Rally - Salisbury Rugby Club (Salisbury, SP1 3SA)

August

8th – 15th

15th – 19th

- Bakewell Showground, (Bakewell, DE45 1AH)
- Malvern Country & Western Show (Malvern, WR13 6NW)

September

5th – 9th

11th – 18th

19th – 23rd

- Halfpenny Green Vineyards (Bobbington DY7 5EP)
- AGM Rally - West Midlands Showground (Shrewsbury, SY1 2PF)
- Lincoln Motorhome Show (Lincoln, LN2 2NA)

October

8th – 15th

- Southport Victoria Park (Southport, PR8 1RX)

November

20th – 27th

- Christmas Rally - Tudor Caravan Park (Slimbridge, GL2 7BP)

December/January

29th – 2nd

- New Year Rally – Milestone Caravan Park (Cromwell, NG23 6JE)

EDITORIAL

By the time you are reading this we will already be into April, having completed two rallies already! In this newsletter you can read all about those recent adventures in Ancaster and Charmouth, as well as our Christmas rally in Cromwell back in November last year.

Coming up over the next few months we have a terrific range of rallies in the program, including Bath and The Newbury Show, followed by France in June, and then, Vintage for Victory, Salisbury, Bakewell, The Malvern Show, Half Penny Green Vineyard and Shrewsbury. All of these with the exception of Bath and France are open for booking and don't forget that for the majority of our rallies you don't have to come for the whole period. Further details can be found in this newsletter and to book just simply scan the QR code and click on the link. So don't delay and book today.

Unfortunately one of the venues listed in our program the Gloucestershire Vintage & Country Extravaganza has had to be dropped for this year due to a change in their booking procedures, however rest assured we are looking at an exciting Steam Fair event for next year, as well as some other surprises.

Sadly we have been struggling over the last year or two to get sufficient numbers of ralliers to the Warners Shows, which offer a great weekend of entertainment at a very reasonable price. Unfortunately unless we get 11 units booked with the club for each of these shows we cannot be pitched together. So to ensure this doesn't happen and we continue to have these shows in our rally program, please make sure you book ASAP.

As I turn my attention to looking at next years program, I would love your feedback on what you as members want from a rally venue and also where you have been that you would love to return to. So if you have any ideas please get in touch. Also if you fancy a go at marshaling a rally then don't hold back, as it is really good fun, with everyone putting their own spin on things and therefore ensuring each rally experience is a different one. So if you are interested please contact me, we are happy to support new marshals and won't drop you into the deep end, honest!

Finally, we are always looking for more members to get involved in the committee as new ideas are always important to keep us relevant and continue to attract new members, so if you want to join us please come forward or why not fill in a nomination form which can be found in this newsletter. If you want to find out more, then just have an informal chat with one of our current committee members.



Andy Hartell (Newsletter Editor / Rally Secretary)

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Swift Motorhomes Owners Club Branded Teddy Bears



As per the recent communication via the “Members Portal” we now have just 6 club branded Teddy Bears remaining, 19 are already enjoying their travels with their new owners.

So of you want a bear at the amazing introductory price of £9.99 inc. p&p then just scan the QR code below and place your order ASAP.

We will be getting some more however the price will be going up to £10.99. If when you place your order you find we have run out, then just email Andy (smoc.rallysecretary@gmail.com)



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

Jane Taylor- 3568
Philip & Ann Strickland - 3569
Alan & Catriona Barnes - 3570
Gwen & Steven Rodgers - 3571
Lisa & Neil Remmer - 3572
Roy Palmer & Ann Pickering-Palmer - 3573
Trevor Brown & Joanna Knowlden - 3574
Peter Clayton & Deborah Kennedy - 3575

Top reasons why growing old is so rewarding:

- In a hostage situation, you're likely to be released first.
- No need to suck your belly in anymore.
- You never get speeding tickets.
- Your secrets are safe with friends because they can't remember them either.
- You know all the words to the lift music.
- Your joints are more accurate at predicting the weather than a meteorologist.
- Things you buy now won't need to be replaced.
- Your eyes won't get much worse.
- There's nothing left to learn the hard way.
- You can eat supper as early as you like and no one says a thing.
- You can live without sex (but maybe not without your glasses).
- All of your friends are on drugs and it's perfectly legal.
- No one expects you to run – anywhere.
- People don't call after 8pm for fear of waking you, leaving you to watch TV in peace
- You don't have to refer to your knees, feet, hips, eyes etc as 'left' or 'right' anymore – 'good' or 'bad' suffices.
- Your train of thought often leaves the station before you do.
- Your childhood punishments become your adult goals, Going to bed early
Not leaving the house, Not going to a party.
- Birthday's are good for you.
- You spend less time worrying about the opinions of others.
- You have permission to say almost anything.
- Your supply of brain cells is finally down to a manageable size.

Creating Orders and Payments - Members Portal

Order Creation

When creating a membership subscription renewal order via the “Members Portal” please check to make sure that an order has not already been created. Please note that the system will automatically create an Order on the Anniversary Date of your membership renewal, so you should not need to create an order after this date.

All orders will generate a confirmation email that provides details of your order, it is advisable to check that it is correct. Please Do Not make any payments until you receive this email as it,

- a) confirms that your order has been placed,
- b) that it is correct (i.e. as you intended).

The email also contains the “Order Number” which you will need for the BACS payment reference as this helps us to reconcile you payment correctly.

At any time you can view your Open Orders in your personal dashboard in the “Members Portal” Open orders i.e. those not yet paid for will be in red.

Payments:

When making a payment against an Order (rally or membership) please ONLY use the Unique 7-digit Order Number (numbers only) as the reference on any BACS payment, this can be found in the confirmation email subject line under “Order Confirmation ID # or just below the salutation on line 2 of the order confirmation email.. Alternatively, you can locate it in your list of orders on your “Members Portal” dashboard.

Once you have made your BACS payment and our Treasurer has reconciled it against your order, you will receive another email “Order Update Payment Received” This email confirms payment and also contains some tickets. Please note that you do not need these tickets they are again automatically generated by the system.

When renewing your membership subscription, please remember to renew your existing Membership Subscription only and please not create a New Subscription.

If you have any questions regarding the “Members Portal” or need help logging in, please contact us via smocmailbox2019@btinternet.com

Christmas Rally Report: 22nd - 29th November

After what must have been many hours of hard work and head-scratching by Andy and Heather, for which we are most grateful, we have arrived at our alternative Christmas Rally site, namely Milestone Caravan Park, Cromwell, just outside Newark and what a beautiful site it is. A great welcome from the site staff on arrival followed by a lovely warm welcome from Heather and Andy who had kindly stood in for Robert and Bridget, as Bridget was recovering from her long-awaited knee replacement.



At 16.30 it was over to Heather and Andy's for a meet and greet and totally awesome cake! Heather ran through any changes to the rally program and welcomed our new ralliers, Helen and Glynn, we also welcomed Teresa and Geoff who will be arriving tomorrow.

The Milestone Brewery and Tap which is just a short walk from the site entrance is proving a very popular evening venue, they brew their own beer and have a fully stocked bar. Each evening, at the entrance to the bar a different mobile catering van rolls up selling the most delicious food, we have had everything from burgers to Asian food.

Thursday and Dave and I went to Newark on the bus, hoping for Christmas markets but they don't start until Sunday, so we will try again. The evening venue was again well attended with most of us at the Brewery and Tap for quiz night.

On Friday we put up the Christmas decs for our evening of Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. Not wishing to advertise but "Tesco's Finest" proved the best when Dave did his taste test from 4 different supermarkets beforehand.





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I hope everyone had a lovely evening. Just so you know we brought 9 boxes of mince pies and 9 litres of mulled wine, plus ½ a bottle of my finest Brady! (from my little stash at home). Later in the evening most of us met up at the Brewery and Tap, beef burgers were the menu for tonight, best I've ever tasted.

On Saturday, the lights round our awning really had to come down, although not windy something squeaked all night!! That evening at 18.00 we were all picked up by a coach at the site entrance and taken to Nottinghamshire Golf & Country Club for our Christmas meal, good food and good company, what more could you ask for.



Sunday morning at 10.30 at Heather and Andy's for the raffle, with the lovely accompaniment of croissants and extra hot drinks. Thanks to everyone for the donation of raffle prizes, with £116 raised for club funds. There were 3 prizes for the best Christmas decorated motorhome of a selection box each and 2 prizes for the best-dressed dogs. Heather thanked everyone for attending and Fred thanked Heather and Andy for their hospitality.



On Sunday evening we walked again to the Brewery and Tap, but they were on winter opening and closed at 8pm, so we missed that, story of my life! Quite a bit of rain fell during the night, but on the plus side, it drowned out the noise of the traffic, best night's sleep, just love the sound of rain on the roof.

On Monday afternoon Heather and Andy treated us all to wine and cheese round at their van, it was cold, but the rain held off and a good time was had by all who attended. We also celebrated Ian's big birthday. Heather even produced a cake, thanks to Ann and Nick.



Tuesday came and once again we all got together at the Brewery and Tap for a jolly good chat. Food was available outside again with an Asian theme, delicious.

It was then time to say our goodbyes after another fabulous rally.

Val Dobbin - 3104





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**MOTORHOMES
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

**This is to advise the membership of the Swift Motorhomes Owners Club that the 34th Annual General Meeting will be held at
10.30 a.m. on Saturday 14th September**

Venue: West Midlands Show Ground, Shrewsbury SY1 2P

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Secretary must receive nominations for election to the Management Committee no later than 3rd August 2024. Whilst nominations can be emailed to the Secretary, they must be followed up with a form and signatures at the AGM. All nominations must be signed by the Proposer, Seconder and Nominee. (See Overleaf for Nomination Form)

MOTIONS FOR INCLUSION IN THE AGENDA

Motions for inclusion in the Agenda must be received in writing by the Secretary no later than 3rd August 2024 and must include the Name and Membership number of the Proposer and Seconder.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE AGENDA, TOGETHER WITH THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024 WILL BE CIRCULATED BY 10th AUGUST 2024

Only full and family members shall have the right to attend, speak, vote and stand for office at the AGM. Associate Members shall have no voting rights.

Marilyn Miland - Acting Hon. Secretary



**The following Committee posts need to be filled at the next AGM
and nominees duly elected.**

Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Chairman, Rally Secretary,
Membership Secretary, Newsletter Editor/Webmaster, Regalia
Organiser, N.E.C. Events Organiser

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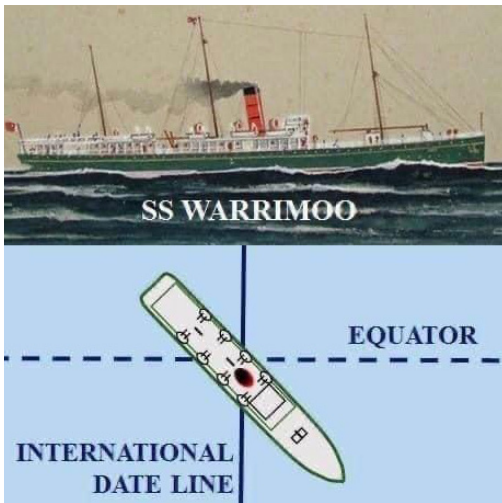
**Marilyn Miland, Swift Motorhomes Owners Club,
Peelers, Bayford, Wincanton, Somerset, BA9 9NR**

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Great Sea Story

The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was quietly knifing its way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working out a star fix and brought Captain John D.S. Phillips, the result.

Their position was LAT 0° 31' N and LONG 179° 30' W. The date was 31 December 1899. "Know what this means?" First Mate Payton broke in, "We're only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line".



Captain Phillips was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime. He called his navigators to the bridge to check & double check the ship's position. He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark. Then he adjusted the engine speed.

The calm weather & clear night worked in his favour. At midnight the SS Warrimoo lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line!

The consequences of this bizarre position were many:

- The forward part (bow) of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere & in the middle of summer.
- The rear (stern) was in the Northern Hemisphere & in the middle of winter.
- The date in the aft part of the ship was 31 December 1899.
- In the bow (forward) part it was 1 January 1900.
- This ship was therefore not only in:
- Two different days,
- Two different months,
- Two different years,
- Two different seasons
- But in two different centuries - all at the same time!

An Ode to the Motorhomer

In the heart of the wanderer, a fire does burn, For the open road, for the next twist and turn. Not just any traveller, oh no, not he, But one with a home, on wheels, wild and free.

Oh, motorhome enthusiast, with passion so grand, You traverse the landscapes, both sea and sand. With every horizon, a new tale to tell, In your roving abode, where dreams do dwell.

The mountains you've climbed, the valleys you've seen, In your trusty motorhome, both stout and serene. From sunrise to sunset, and all through the night, Your home carries you, with pure delight.

The world is your backyard, every nook and cranny, From bustling cities, to valleys so uncanny. You've tasted the rain, felt the sun's embrace, All from the comfort of your mobile base.

The camaraderie of camp grounds, the stories shared, With fellow enthusiasts, adventures compared. The freedom of the highway, the joy of the roam, All the while knowing, you're never far from home.

Inside, every corner holds a memory or two, Of places discovered, and friends old and new. The hum of the engine, the road's gentle sway, Guides you to tomorrow, and treasures today.

To the motorhome enthusiast, with spirit so vast, May your journeys be many, and your troubles be past. For in your heart beats a rhythm so true, Of love for the open road, and the life you pursue.

So here's to the dreamers, the nomads, the free, Who find home wherever they wish it to be. For in every journey, in every mile spun, Lies the magic of adventure, and the promise of fun.



Woodland Waters Rally: 7th - 14th February

Day 1: Traveling from Norfolk to Ancaster on the A47, which must qualify as a Tractor freeway, the weather is not looking promising but we are forever hopeful. On arrival at Woodland Waters, a woman was indicating and shouting at us from out of a window in reception saying you will be met by a Marshall and its number plate recognition for site entry. After following the road with numerous signs saying: S.M.O.C, one being upside down, we came across Robert waving his arms and directing us to our allocated pitch.



After settling in, getting hooked up and a welcome cup of tea, we ventured out to see the lakes that surrounded the site, Woody's bar and restaurant and find our fellow campers. We then had a visit from our friendly Rally Marshall telling us that because of the inclement weather the get together was bought to daylight hours at 1600hrs. After an hour of catch-ups and a briefing

from the rally Marshall we were pretty damn cold, so we therefore retreated to the comfort of the Motorhome and it's heating, then it started raining and blowing.

Day 2: Although it was raining, we decided to explore Grantham, taking the local bus, suitably attired, rain macs, hats, scarfs, gloves and umbrellas, we set off on the double decker, travelling down lanes most of us wouldn't have been happy taking our cars at seemingly breakneck speed. Arriving safely in Grantham we decided that Morrisons looked the driest option, however you can only spend limited time wandering around a supermarket time to brave the weather again.





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It was still pouring and very windy so we decided after half an hour of window shopping that the cafe in Morrisons needed checking out, after a warming coffee we then decided to catch an earlier bus back. Bliss a centrally heated motorhome and a book for the evening.

Day 3: Still raining and windy but being brave we thought we had better check out Sleaford. A phone call to reception told us we needed to walk down to the village to catch the Sleaford bus. Fifteen minutes later 2 bedraggled persons arrive at the bus stop, only to find out we could have caught it at the campsite!

Another very entertaining ride on

the bus through some extremely

narrow roads and pretty

villages we arrived at the

railway station in Sleaford.

We ask the driver where the

shops are, she replied you

can get off here and turn left

and they start there or the next

stop is the marketplace and you

turn right and they are just there. A

slow stroll down the high street to the

marketplace turn round and a walk back to the

station just as the bus pulls in, my idea of shopping 1 hour and 10 minutes. Back to

site, showered and changed for our evening

meal in Woody's a chance for another catch-

up with many friends and acquaintances,

followed by a fantastic fish and chip supper

which was enjoyed by all. Still raining and

very windy.

Day 4: Saturday don't hold your breath but

it's stopped raining although the forecast isn't

promising, today a trip back to Grantham, to

see what we had missed previously. Catching

the bus by the camp site entrance we met

the Warden's wife, she filled us in on all the

gossip and where to visit in Grantham, where

she worked.



We spent a while wandering around a number of streets with the girls eventually stumbling into Next to spend a few more pounds.

In the evening Robert had arranged a slide show in the warmth of Woody's, sitting round a roaring log burner. We spent a very pleasant couple of hours with Robert and Bridget giving us commentary of the time spent in Iceland, this was followed by a quiz.



Day 5: Sunday, nothing planned for today as Robert had arranged a catch-up and Sunday roast at Woody's. However beforehand we had the usual 10am rally raffle as some fellow ralliers had to go to work on Monday, some great prizes and Bridget's snacks. Ann raised £90 from the raffle for club funds, well done everyone who supported this. The Sunday meal was a real treat with most of us having the 3 meat carvery, I can never get my beef at home to be as tender as that. A superb meal and



all suitably full to bursting point, but the apple and blackberry crumble proved too good to resist. Suitably sated we decided a stroll in the afternoon sunshine around the fishing lakes was in order. Plenty of fishermen

out and about who were all happy to stop for a chat and give us the benefit of their experience, we visited the tackle shop for a look around and the very knowledgeable lady in there spent quite some time with us explaining all the equipment and what fish it was used on.

Day 6: We felt we must have missed something on our very brief visit to Sleaford, so we decided to return there catching the bus by the campsite this time. We soon discover that our previous visit had covered pretty much all that the town had to offer, except we discovered two more shops down a side street by an old windmill, Beales a fairly large department store and the Yorkshire Trading Shop, very similar to Wilco and a real treat.

Day 7: On Tuesday the girls discovered that there is an out-of-town shopping complex just outside Grantham on the A1. We catch the bus into Grantham driven ably by Dave, you will see by now we are regulars and are permitted to address him as thus. Arriving at Grantham, Dave directs us to the correct bus for the shopping extravaganza of Downtown. A ten-minute ride and we are dropped by the front door, wow what a place selling everything which delighted the girls, Barrie and I headed for the cafe first and then their garden centre, we could have spent the day in there but were mindful that there were only 2 buses back to camp in the afternoon. That evening we all meet up in the bar at Woody’s for a final drink, a debrief and to say farewell, unfortunately it had started raining again so we were trapped in the right place.

Day 8: A smattering of rain as we pack up and head off home, braving those tractors on our return journey to Norfolk. A very pleasant week not spoilt by the wind and rain and a very good and organised campsite where we would be happy to return to.



Bob Shaw - 3155

I before E - Albeit!

Except when your foreign neighbour Keith receives eight counterfeit beige sleighs from feisty caffeinated weightlifters.

WEIRD

Newlands Caravan & Camping Park. 5th to 12th March 2024

Most of us had rather a wet drive down to Charmouth on Tuesday but as we drew nearer to the site, less water was coming from above and more and more blue sky was in view! After leaving our tow car in the site car park, we filled up with water at the entrance to the camping field and then made our way to our designated pitch provided by our mentor Rally Marshals for the week, Andy and Heather and first-time Marshals Keith and Heather, who had met us on our arrival. Among the welcome pack was a picture quiz for us to provide answers by the Coffee Morning Raffle on Sunday. It was guess whose baby picture this is. For the next few days, everybody was under scrutiny, their eyes, noses, ears and hairline especially.



The pitches were all hardstanding but unusually arranged in tiers. Each tier having a road running along the front and a steep bank to the rear of the pitch. All of us tried hard not to drive over any grass while manoeuvring onto the pitch without falling down the bank onto the pitches below. We all managed to pitch safely even in the dark. Mind you there was always help at hand from the marshalling team and other ralliers. If you can pitch on this site you can pitch anywhere!



In the early evening, we met up in front of the Marshalling team's vans for a welcome get-together where we were met with open arms and introduced to first-time ralliers. Our first-time marshal Heather ran through the plans for the week ahead and gave out information about buses etc. We all were able to have a good catch-up with fellow ralliers as well as meeting new ones. We followed this by meeting up later in the site

bar/restaurant, which became a frequent occurrence over the coming evenings.

Over the next few days, we had a mix of sunshine, showers, wind and occasional slightly higher temperatures than expected. This enabled ralliers to take advantage of



the lovely area of coast and countryside that surrounds the site either on foot or further afield by bus or car. The bus stop was very conveniently located adjacent to the site entrance giving direct access to Axminster in the West and Weymouth in the east with various places in between. Nick and I made the most of our time revisiting old favourites of Weymouth, Lyme Regis, Dorchester, Seaton and Bridport to name but a few, timing visits with market day and using

the bus on some. A large group had the same idea on Saturday, with us all queuing for the bus to Bridport (Market Day) requiring us to use both sides of the road to queue. We nearly filled the bus!!

As previously mentioned, most of the evenings were spent in the site bar or the conservatory when the bar was full. We joined in with other campers for the pub quiz on Thursday and for some, the Bingo following on after our fish and chip supper, on Friday.



On Wednesday we were joined by several other ralliers who had arrived earlier in the day, for a cheese and wine evening hosted by Keith and Heather. We were provided with wine and cheese together with other savouries such as rarebit bites and onion bhaji. Although a little chilly, the weather remained dry. We were introduced to other first-time ralliers and during a discussion with a couple, I discovered that I was talking to the brother of a school friend from my time at school in Newark on Trent, back in the very early 70s, before I had to move to Berkshire. What a small world!!

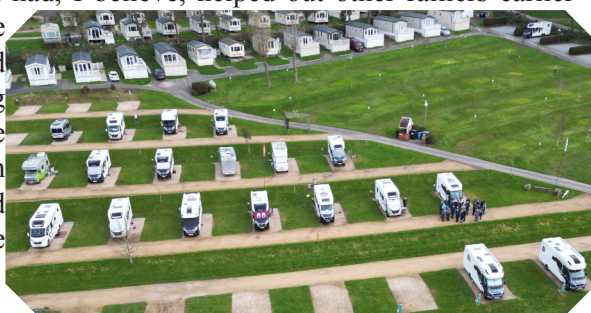


On Saturday night we headed for the bar again but it was rather busy so instead we gathered in the conservatory where Keith and Heather provided an entertaining quiz. We were provided with a sheet of clues with the title 'What's on the menu' and in pairs, we had to identify the food being described. It helped that they were split into groups such as Soup, Seafood etc. As it turned out the Quiz Masters did not have the answers. This led to a very entertaining time as we all agreed on what the answers should be. Only one or two were a bit controversial.



Sunday morning found us in the conservatory for the Rally Raffle. Very well supported and a great collection of prizes. I think most of us won at least one prize even if that was after some of us had started asking for a win to be drawn again. Following the raffle, it was time for the baby picture quiz. Some had been obvious and correctly identified by the majority but others weren't, including some red herrings! We got 6 out of the 21!! Nick and I followed this with a walk down the road to the caravan and camping accessory shop which had, I believe, helped out other ralliers earlier

in the week. Fortunately, we were only getting some exercise and having a browse. Before too long we were joining everyone in the bar again for their Sunday Lunch Carvery. Needless to say, we had a very quiet time for the rest of the day.



On our last day, we met at Keith and Heather's for tea and biscuits in the late afternoon which was then followed by a get-together in the bar for our final evening. As just over half of us would be driving in the morning, it was not a late night, but a lovely round-up to what had been a very good rally with indications from some of the new ralliers that they would be joining us again. Tuesday morning saw us all saying goodbye as we made preparations to leave on our journeys home or to another location.

Many thanks to the Rally Marshals Andy, Heather, Keith & Heather.

Ann Halford - 3116

Bath Waterside & Marina and Caravan Park

Bath BA1 3JT

9th – 16th May 2024

A wellness retreat for the Romans and elegant Georgian architecture around every corner – Bath is the city that has it all. But look beyond its UNESCO World Heritage status and discover a destination bursting with cultural and gastronomic delights, from live music and comedy to captivating tours and experiences.

From a paddle down the River Avon, to touring the Bridgerton filming locations made famous by Netflix's smash hit series – you won't be short of finding adventure. From shopping and exploring the Roman baths, to taking a dip in the mineral-rich waters of the rooftop pool at Thermae Bath Spa, this is one place not to be missed.

Shopping in Bath is simply irresistible, offering a memorable experience with a fabulous selection of small independent shops and stylish boutiques alongside familiar big name stores. The city centre is compact and easily walkable with grand Georgian streets and picturesque passageways to explore

Beside the River Avon, Bath Waterside & Marina and Caravan Park is just two miles from the city centre—ideal for you to stroll along the riverside, cycle or take the park-and-ride bus into beautiful Bath itself. Nestled amid grassy banks and shady trees, the caravan park is located on one of the most treasured stretches of the River Avon. Each of the 88 pitches offer hard standing, free wifi, 16 amp electric and a television connection point. You may choose to cycle or stroll along the towpath taking time out to discover one of the many river and canal side pubs nearby whilst taking in the abundance of wildlife on offer.

Pitch Fees: £30.50 / unit per night (inc hardstanding pitch & EHU)

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

Rally Marshals: Ann & Nick Halford

Closing Date for bookings: Thursday 18th April 2024

No arrivals before 12pm on any day



Southern Motorhome Show

Newbury RG18 9QZ

16th – 20th May 2024

Celebrating the Swinging Sixties, this Warners show is held over 4 days at the Newbury showground just off the M4 motorway. With both local and national dealers displaying a wide range of both new and used vehicles plus many stalls with a vast array of stalls you may need to keep your money safely secured.

The entertainment line-up includes Cupids Inspiration, Straight Circles, The Fourmost & The Cruisers plus Jimmy Jermain and The Knight Shadows and headlining on Saturday, The Trems, Union Gap and The Spencer James – Story of the Searchers. Please note that a separate fee is charged for the Saturday night headliners.

A continuous shuttle bus service will operate to Newbury on Saturday between 9 am - 5:00 pm and tickets can be bought at the show from the information office. (£5 pp) Plus there is a coach trip to Oxford on Friday (departing at 10 am) for £15 per person, bookable via the Out & About Website.

When booking via the Warners site, please make sure you quote Swift MHOC on the drop-down menu for club camping as this ensures that you will be with the club group. Also please remember to book the event on the “Members Portal” and pay your rally fee.

For these events we need to have a minimum of 11 units to ensure we are together as a club so please ensure you book well ahead of the closure date below.

Show Camping Fee: 4-night stay (Thursday arrival) £80 per unit

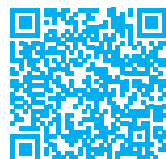
3-night stay (Friday arrival) £75 per unit.

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

Rally Marshal: Ann Jones

Closing Date for bookings: 1st May 2024

No arrivals before 09.00 on any day



Vintage for Victory Festival
Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 7XA
11th - 15th July 2024

Inspired by the romance and glamour of vintage fashion and nostalgia this event is held across 3 days (camping for 4) at the Library Gardens in Whitchurch Village a leafy suburb of Cardiff. The weekend features live bands across 2 stages celebrating everything from the 40's 50's and 60's.

Confirmed live performances by JD King's Elvis, The Bluejays, The Satin Dollz, The Swing Commanders, The Revolutionaires, The London Belles, St Louis Express, The Jive Aces, The Firebirds, Rockin Em, My Favourite Things, The Boulevards.

Please note that the camping area is at the nearby Cardiff Harlequins Rugby Football Club with a free shuttle bus to and from the festival venue throughout the day.

We have negotiated a fantastic price for this packed weekend with "free" camping (A massive £50 discount) included if weekend festival tickets are purchased for each attendee named on the booking.

Please book directly via the festival site, ensuring that you quote the following code to gain your free camping discount. **SWIFTV4V**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/vintage-for-victory-vintage-festival-wales-2024-tickets-752274331777>

Please also complete a rally booking order via the "Members Portal" and make sure you pay the £1 per person rally fee.

Show Camping Fee: 4-night stay (Thursday arrival) £120 per unit

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

Rally Marshal: TBA

Closing Date for bookings: 4th July 2024

No arrivals before 12 midday



35th Anniversary Rally - Salisbury Rugby Club

Salisbury, SP1 3SA

19th -26th July 2024

Join us to celebrate the clubs 35th year, in the wonderful medieval Cathedral city of Salisbury. We will be staying at Salisbury Rugby ground which is just a short 15 minute bus ride away from the city centre or you can walk into the city via the river.

Welcoming travellers since 1227, Salisbury sitting at the confluence of 3 rivers, the Avon, Nadder and Bourne is dominated by the serenity and splendour of the Cathedral, with Britain's largest Cathedral Close and Cloisters and a 123m spire. Housed in the Cathedral is the worlds oldest clock and one of the best preserved versions of the Magna Carta .The city retains much of its medieval centre, with a delightful market square and traditional shopping streets.

With a decent selection of restaurants and some very traditional and characterful pubs, including the New Inn, The Ox Row Inn, The Bishops Mill and the Wig & Quill.

Why not take a bus to Stonehenge, just 12km north of the city and served by a regular bus service. Or further afield there is Longleat, Paultons Park, Boscombe Down Aviation Museum and Beaulieu and its National Motor Museum or why not take a trip into Southampton.

We hope to have a very full social program, given its our anniversary event, including a Hog Roast so make sure you book early.

Pitch Fees: £16.50 / unit per night (exc EHU)

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

Rally Marshals: Fred & Silvia Morris

Closing Date for bookings: Friday 7th June 2024

No arrivals before 12pm on any day



Bakewell Showground
Bakewell, DE45 1AH
8th -15th August 2024

Bakewell Showground is a 30 acre site situated in the picturesque Wye Valley just outside Bakewell Town Centre. The site has very good road links (being just off of the A6) and is very close to Bakewell town centre just a 5 minute walk away.

Bakewell is an attractive old market town set in an enviable location on the banks of the Wye, with the river meandering gently through the centre and surrounded by stunning countryside views. Famous for its puddings, annual events and the historic Monday market.

Visitors flock to shop in the independent shops, explore the town's nooks and crannies, admire the fine stone Derbyshire buildings, relax by the clear, sparkling waters of the River Wye or enjoy a light snack, lunch or dinner at a host of café's, restaurants, pubs and tea rooms. You could even take a brewery tour and sample world-beating craft beers at Thornbridge Brewery.

If your feeling active, head for the Monsal trail for some traffic free walking, amid some of the prettiest scenery in the Peak District.

Buses from Bakewell run throughout the region with routes to Chatsworth, Buxton, Castleton, Monsal Head, Tideswell, Eyam, Haddon Hall & Matlock Bath.

Please note that there are no toilets or showers, although there is fresh water and an Elsan point

Pitch Fee: £18.50 / unit per night (inc EHU)

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

Rally Marshals: Trevor & Sheila Howard

Closing Date for bookings: Thursday 27th June 2024

No arrivals before 12 noon on any day



Western Motorhome Show – Three Counties Showground

Malvern, WR13 6NW

15th -19th August, 2024

This is a favourite in the rally calendar with four nights of live Country & Western themed entertainment across 3 venues.

With both new and used Motorhomes to view and hundreds of stalls selling everything from awnings to western clothing there is plenty to while away your time and money!

In addition to the night time entertainment there is music throughout each day in the food areas plus authentic displays by the Lonestar Old West re-enactment group can be enjoyed in the exhibition area. Why not try your hand at a bit of archery or axe throwing. Alternatively visit the advice centre and dip into a variety of talks on camping. Or if you fancy a trip out why not visit Worcester or Malvern during you stay.

Booking is via the Warners site, but please make sure you quote Swift MHOC on the drop down menu for club camping as this will ensure you are with the SMOC group. Also please remember to book the event on the “Members Portal” and pay your rally fee.

Historically we have had a good pitch near to the exhibition and music venues, however last year as our numbers were down we were somewhat further away, so let's ensure we book early and try to secure our original space!

Show Camping Fee: For a 4 night stay (Thursday arrival) £80 per unit.

3 night stay (Friday arrival) £75 per unit.

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

Rally Marshals: Fred & Silvia Morris

Closing Date for bookings: 31st July 2024

No arrivals before 09.00 on any day



Halfpenny Green Vineyards
Bobbington, DY7 5EP
5th -9th September, 2024

The vision of farmer Martin Vickers 30 years ago, today this 30 acre site now rivals the best across Europe. Producing award winning wines, crafted by his son Clive, this family business now also has an the acclaimed shop, restaurant & tea rooms.

The site also hosts 16 independent craft businesses, covering such things a pottery, jewellery, woodcraft, glass cutting and many others. (please note these businesses are generally open during the week) Surprisingly the site also hosts a Zoo! (separate charge applies)

The vineyard has waste disposal facilities (not available 09.00 - 17.00) and fresh water. There is no EHU

Please note that the site is quite remote so if you want to explore further you will need a car, nearest bus stop 0.6 miles from the Vineyard.

The price for our 4 night (minimum) stay includes,

- * A Guided Tour
- * Presentation on the wine and the wine making process
- * A wine tasting to include four of their award-winning wines.
- * Followed by a Cream Tea (Scone with Jam & Cream). Tea & Coffee to finish

Pitch Fee:

Single Person Booking - £11.50 / unit per night (exc EHU)

Couple Booking - £15.75 / unit per night (exc EHU)

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

Rally Marshals: TBA

Closing Date for bookings: Thursday 25th July 2024

No arrivals before 12 noon on any day



AGM Rally, West Midlands Showground
Shrewsbury, SY1 2PF
11th -18th September, 2024

Our AGM Rally this year is being held at the Shropshire Showground, which is less than 15 minutes walk from Shrewsbury town centre,

The town, is almost an island, encircled by a meandering loop of the River Severn. Within its loop are distinctive churches, the red sandstone Shrewsbury Castle, beautiful timber-framed houses and a sweeping riverside parkland known as the Quarry or Quarry Park, with its landscaped sunken garden, The Dingle.

Shrewsbury is home to 660 listed buildings and most famous for being the birthplace of Charles Darwin. His statue sits outside Shrewsbury Library, the building that was once his school. The Abbey has been welcoming pilgrims since the eleventh century and it sits just outside the loop of the Severn. When you're finished exploring, Shrewsbury's sleek bars, cosy pubs and highly regarded restaurants are waiting to revive you with excellent food and drink.

Further afield why not visit Attingham Park, with its vast grounds incorporating a deer park. In this central region of Shropshire, you'll also find the impressive ruins of the fourth largest city in Roman Britain, at Wroxeter or Uriconium as it would have been known.

The site set on the banks of the Severn has on-site wash, toilet and shower facilities

Pitch Fee: £24 / unit per night (inc H/S & EHU)

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

Rally Marshals: TBA

Closing Date for bookings: Wednesday 31st July 2024

No arrivals before 12 noon on any day



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