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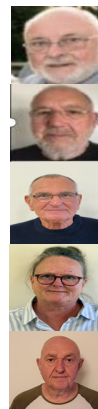
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Chairman's Chat - Spring 2026

I cannot believe that, as you read this, we are already in May. Despite all that is going on in the world and the continuous squeeze on our pockets, that doesn't seem to abate; our members still do their best to get out and enjoy their motor-homes. Already this year, we have been to Woodland Waters, where a bunch of budding artists decorated some clay plates and everyone enjoyed the delights of Woody's bar on more than one occasion. We then continued onto Whitemead, a great site that I am sure will be a regular on our program. Now, as I write this, I am at our event in Berkshire, alongside Old Father Thames with the sun shining and an ensemble of birds in full spring voice, including, would you believe, a Rose Ringed Parakeet, which are apparently quite common in this area!

If you haven't yet had the opportunity to join us at a club event, then we still have lots coming up, including Ambleside, Netley Marsh Steam Fair, Salisbury, Malvern and our AGM in Bridgstock, which is very kindly being hosted by Jane Steward, our Recruitment and Social Media Officer. Full details on all of these venues and others can be found in this edition of the newsletter and also on our Members Portal, where you can book events, review and change personal details, renew your membership, order club merchandise and download past club newsletters.

As you will see, we are now publishing a 12-month rolling program of club events, so hopefully you will be able to pop these into your calendar nice and early. As we move into the second half of this year and 2027, you will see that we are trying to mix things up a bit with some shorter events, including weekends only, as well as our traditional 7-day meets. Also, we have some events in the calendar, such as Ambleside, Salisbury and our AGM, where you can book right up until the day before the event starts. I hope that this will attract some of our members who have been unable to join us to date. We would love to meet you. Please don't forget that whilst we always like you to book early, as it does help us to manage things with the sites we visit, it does not mean you can't book to join any of our events within the guaranteed booking deadline dates. We will always try our best to accommodate you and remember you don't have to come for the full length of any of our events, so hopefully you will find a few days to pop along soon.

Finally, as we near our AGM in September, we are always on the lookout for willing volunteers to join our committee. We especially need a Vice-Chair as Bridget Hubbard has indicated her desire to step down this September, after doing a sterling job over the last few years, thank you Bridget. So if you want to find out more, please get in touch with any of the existing committee members.

Take care, everyone and I hope to catch up with you in person soon.

Regards

Andy (Chairman)

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Swift Motorhomes Owners Club (SMOC) - Members Only Group

Editorial

Welcome to Spring!

As the days get longer and the weather brightens, it's the perfect time to get back on the road and enjoy everything the new season has to offer. Whether you're planning a short break with the club in the countryside or a longer adventure, spring is full of fresh opportunities. Make the most of the adventures with the club's amazing outings planned for the year.

Season Travel Trips -

Check your motorhome after winter storage (battery, tyres and water systems to name but a few)

Pack for mixed weather - layers are key!

Book your trips through the club, spring is all about fresh starts - so fuel up, plan your route and see you soon!!!

Sue

Newsletter Editor



Canterbury C&CC Rally 8th - 15th October 2025

The Canterbury Camping & Caravanning Club site is a very modern campsite with excellent facilities and lots of green space and trees. As rally marshals we arrived at the site on 7th October and once we had set ourselves up we then noticed how quiet the site was, amazing really bearing in mind that we were not far from Canterbury town centre and the busy roads leading into it.

This was a small rally with 7 vans in total and we all took advantage of the superb positioning of this site to visit places of individual interest, swapping stories and info of our days out in the evenings when we returned to the site. Jim and I had some great days out at Howletts Zoo, Wingham Wildlife Park, Canterbury town centre for shopping, Leeds Castle and a day out at Sandwich. We used our small car for these trips but there are bus stops directly outside the site heading into Canterbury in one direction and Sandwich in the other. Other ralliers made trips to various places such as the historic tunnels at Ramsgate, the Spitfire museum at Hawkinge, Leeds Castle, Battle of Britain War Memorial at Capel Le Ferne, the coastal towns of Margate and Whitstable and of course Canterbury for the famous cathedral and the historic town

centre with its shops and restaurants.



We found plenty of good places in Canterbury to eat out and we also had a group pizza meal as the site has a pizza van which is open 3 days a week. Very reasonable prices and all freshly made and delicious.

This was the second time we have rallied at the Canterbury site and if it appears on the rally agenda again we will be very happy to have another short break at this site as it is central for so many places of interest in Kent.

Jim & Janet Brian



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

Gary and Elaine Purcell – 3680

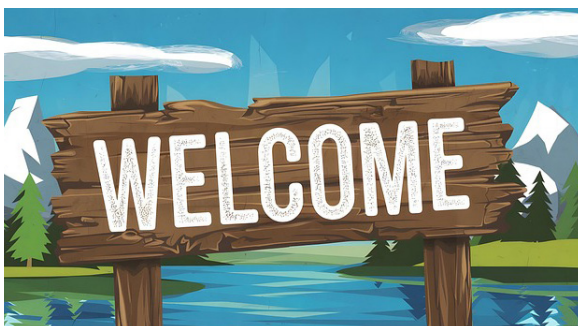
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Woodland Waters – Ancaster Report

11th-18th February 2026

Welcome to Woodland Water adventure here near Ancaster. We have in total 14 vans from various parts of the country travelling from far and wide to an adventure marshalled by Bridget and Robert.

Day 1

Travel and arrive post 1pm being met by the enthusiastic Robert darting around directing you to your pitch with a little overview as to where the amenities where, setting up and awaiting our meet and greet later. Meet and greet took place at 4.30 under hastily erected awning and adjacent tent due to the weather not being too kind. We are amply supplied with warm sausage rolls and pizza portions by the lovely host Bridget, welcoming first time eventers Richard and June. General chit chat and a hasty retreat to our vans as the weather didn't improve for the rest of the evening.

Day 2

A walk was planned but I'm afraid the weather was a bit over bearing so not many ventured out. Geoff looking rather forlorn walking off with his dog in tow. Penny for the dogs thoughts wishing he could stay in the warmth and comfort of the van.

Day 3

The weather picked up a bit so many ventured out for a few hours. Turning left out of site took you to Sleaford turning right took you to few more interesting places such as Belton house (closed till the beginning of April) but ample gardens kids play area packed due to half term. Belton garden center with it's adjoining aviary. Next door was Belton house and country golf club. We went onto Grantham birth place of Isaac Newton and Margret Thatcher. Street market was on today with various streets closed off to accommodate the various stalls. There are many pleasant coffee shops and eateries dotted about with small under cover shopping centers. Evening time was taken up with general chat and a visit to Woody's bar on site for pre-ordered fish and chips. Woody was very nicely furnished with log fire and separate area for dog owners to enjoy a drink or two, service was excellent tinged with a sense of humor food was good albeit a bit short on quantity.

Day 4

Do your own thing during the day, lovely fishing lakes to have a walk round or venture out again. Meet in Woody's bar for a social drink which was a lot busier due to weekend campers and half term for the kids. Plenty to do.

Day 5

Meet in the bar for pre-ordered Sunday carvery followed by a committee meeting at two thirty. Back later in the evening for the highlight of the weekend the 1% club quiz and clay making hosted by Robert and Bridget. Ten questions various points awarded for each answer eventually won by the 1st time eventers Richard and June. Now onto the plaque making part of the evening, each supplied with a roll of clay utensils for shaping your creations. Everyone gowned, rubber gloves and ideas, the menfolk looking like operating theatre assistants to idly watch as the women took over slowly sipping our beers feeling generally useless. All creations were good depicting memories, animals and even replicating some ones tattoo. Then we came to Pauline and Gwens creation well what can I say, supposed to depict the large carp found here in the lakes but looking more like a Dover sole gasping for air, out of proportion and gasping for air depicted by the large bubbles coming from its mouth. All finished and assembled at one end of the table, Robert precariously balanced on a chair trying to get an aerial shot. Good creations all round, don't think there was an eventual winner but congratulations to everyone who took part.

Day 6

A day for your own leisure we ventured to the garden center, very busy with a wide range of items to stock up on. One or two left today going home or onto further adventures. A casual stroll to the bar in the evening for one last get together.

Day 7

Another day of leisure we went back into Grantham for a bit of shopping and back to the bar in the evening.

Day 8

Time to pack up and venture home or onwards to other sites leaving by 11.00am. Next event is Whitmead forest park near Lydney in the forest of dean. Join us for an eventful week, here's to next time.

Best regards Martin and Shirley Woodhouse.

Whitemead Forest Park

11th - 18th March 2026

We drove down from Lancashire to arrive at Whitemead Park on Wednesday, a pleasant journey without the anticipated issues that the M6 usually throws at us. The site was easy to find and Andrew had already emailed us all, telling us



to drive straight in, this felt rather strange to us, like we were doing something wrong, it must be the conditioning of all the CAMC club sites we have been on. We soon spotted the strategically placed SMOC signs directing us to our pitching area.

Arriving at our area, we were warmly greeted by Andrew and Heather, given our information pack, and directed to our pitch.

We quickly set up and had a wander to get our bearings on what was a very big site. Top marks to the committee for picking a fantastic venue, with so much on site, a coffee shop, bar, restaurant, swimming pool, the list goes on, we certainly would not be twiddling our thumbs.



Our first evening saw us all gather around for a very informal meet and greet, with nibbles, we all introduced ourselves, and were given our rally plaque mementos, and a run down of the week's planned activities. Unfortunately we were only stopping 3 nights we would miss out on lots, We also found that dogs were not allowed in the bar, and as we have a soft pooch, who cries when left alone, that also stopped us from partaking in some of the activities, however the Coffee shop was dog friendly, and did a gorgeous Hot

Chocolate, so all was good.



'Here Comes The Rain Again', was a great song from Annie Lenox, and was the theme of the day for Thursday. Cream tea was enjoyed by all in the restaurant, except us and our dog with separation issues, we had a takeaway pizza and chips, and very nice it was too. But the rain and the wind were the story of today, an awful day with only small breaks to stretch our legs

Friday morning arrived full of promise for a sunny day ahead. After a lazy breakfast in the van, we wandered over to the Coffee shop for

our morning pick me up, planning the rest of the day over coffee. The rest of the group had a Curry and Comedy night planned, but we again had to pass to save the rest of the campsite suffering the howls of our abandoned dog. We decided instead to wander to a local dog friendly pub that had a Sweet Potato curry on the menu, but we arrived to find all the tables had already been booked. So as a consolation we just had a few samples of the Butty Bach ale.



Saturday morning and it was time for us to depart, but the rest of the group had a few more days and lots of activities to look forward to. On the long drive back we had time to reflect on our 2nd rally experience.

We can't commit to anything more than a short break due to family care issues, but this is one of the great things about an SMOC rally, the fact that you can attend for as long as you want, with no expectation to commit to the full rally. We enjoyed chatting to other owners, and came away with ideas for little improvements to our own van. It is fantastic to see how others have made their vans their own. The organisation was fantastic, with lots to do, or not if that is what you prefer, no pressure to join in. I would encourage everyone to try a rally, even if, like us, you can only do a few days. I hope to attend again in the future,

David Best (member 3407)







ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

This is to advise the membership of the Swift Motorhomes Owners Club that the 36th Annual General Meeting will be held at 4pm. on Saturday 12th September

Venue:

TBC, Brigstock, Kettering, NN14 3HH

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Secretary must receive nominations for election to the Management Committee no later than 1st August 2026. 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 1st August 2026 and must include the Name and Membership number of the Proposer and Seconder.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE AGENDA, TOGETHER WITH THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2025/2026 WILL BE CIRCULATED BY 8th AUGUST 2026

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.

Pauline Hayward - 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, Social Media & Recruitment Officer

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Nominee: Memb.No:.....

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Seconder: Memb.No:.....

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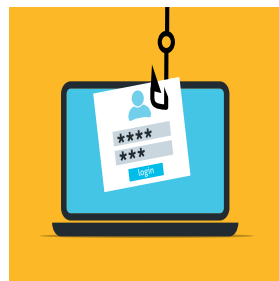




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RALLY PROGRAM 2026-27 (12 month rolling)

May	14 th - 18 th	Southern Motorhome & Campervan Show (Newbury, RG18 9QZ)
May / June	28 th - 11 th	Overseas Rally, South of France
June	18 th - 22 nd	Taster Event - Wolvey Caravan Park (Wolvey, LE10 3HF)
July	16 th - 20 th	Netley Marsh Steam Fair (Netley Marsh, SO40 7GY)
	24 th - 31 st	Ambleside RFC (Ambleside, LA22 0EN)
August	17 th - 21 st	Salisbury Rugby Football Club (Salisbury, SP1 3SA)
	20 th - 24 th	The Western Motorhome & Campervan Show (Malvern, WR13 6NW)
September	9 th - 16 th	AGM Rally (Brigstock NN14 3HH)
	17 th - 21 st	The Motorhome & Campervan Show Season Finale (Lincoln, LN2 2NA)
October	8 th - 15 th	Harford Bridge (Tavistock, PL19 9LS)
November	18 th - 25 th	Wyton Lakes Holiday Park (Huntingdon, PE28 2AA)
Dec / Jan	29 th - 2 nd	Riverside Caravan & Camping Park (South Molton, EX36 3HQ)
February	10 th - 17 th	Bath Waterside Marina, (Bath, BA1 3JT)
March	9 th - 16 th	Harrogate Caravan Park (Lydney, GL15 4LA)
April	12 th - 19 th	Stratford on Avon Racecourse (Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 9SE)



Fishing Versus Phishing?

What you ask, do these two have in common? Whilst they may sound alike they are in fact worlds apart. Anglers remark “Fishing” is widely regarded as a tranquil and leisurely activity, while cybercriminals employ “Phishing” tactics to carry out malicious online attacks. Unlike Fishing, Phishing instils fear, desperation, and invariably results in the theft of your money or worse still, your online Identity. Cybercriminals cover a wide spectrum of perpetrators including Hacktivists, Organised Crime, tech savvy teenagers with too much time on their hands, and even Nation States etc.

Cyber Security Experts can be very good at instilling fear into people and not always explain approaches that can help reduce their risk. This article will be different, it will explain the threat, how to identify it as a threat, and what to do when you encounter it. It will provide you some basic knowledge on what Phishing is and what to do about it.

Before I start, here are some of the statistics surrounding Phishing:

- ❑ IdentityTheft.Org reports 91% of all Cyberattacks start with a Phishing email.
- ❑ The Internet Crime Complaint Centre (One of many different complaint centres) received an 11-fold increase of Phishing complaints from 2018 to 2025.
- ❑ A Recent report by Ironscales reported that 91% organisations across the globe have reported an increase in Phishing attacks.

What is Phishing?

A Phishing attempt often starts in the form of an email, where the cybercriminal attempts to extort information and then money from the victim. The victim innocently responds to the email by:

- ❑ Unknowingly downloading malware. Malware is a type of application that

infects your computer or phone, and can send the attacker your information, bank details, including passwords etc. Some forms of malware can lock your device and insist you pay a Ransom to use it, this is called Ransomware. Phishing is a mechanism to deliver Ransomware.

- Innocently clicking on a hyperlink. A hyperlink is a link embedded in the email that takes the User to a website. The website asks for a username and password, and can sometimes masquerade as a legitimate organisation eg. Your bank etc. This provides the attacker with your personal login details.
- Replying to an email. This verifies to the cybercriminal you exist, and are likely to be a successful target for them.

How Do I Know When I'm Being Phishing?

Now you know how the cybercriminals can attack you; how can you stop them? There are some common ways to help identify these mails and other simple techniques to help keep you safe. There are no hard and fast rules, just follow these steps to help you make a more informed decision and trust your instincts. There are no guarantees but the more informed you are, the more aware you are, and the less likely you are of being a victim.

- Urgency. If the email tries to get your attention via urgency, this is a tactic to rush you into doing something you would not otherwise choose to do.
- Empathy. Where the content infers empathy or sympathy, this is a powerful way to break down barriers and build trust.
- Threat. If inaction results in a consequence eg. Legal action and enforcement if a tax bill is not paid.
- Engagement. If the email claims to be from a family member, a friend etc. and states they have lost their phone, so not to call. Call them anyway to verify the authenticity.
- The weakest link. Even when you do everything right, those in your contacts may not. Cybercriminals may use them to get to you.
- Check the Sender. This is one of the most valuable checks to perform. Hover over the Sender's email address to show their true details. What the name displays as (Their Display Name), is not always who they claim to be. If their Display Name is John Foster and their address is qwerty1234@yahoo.co.uk, the two do not align and this is more likely to be a phishing attack.
- No Reply. Under no circumstances should you engage with them ie. Do not reply to the email, simply ignore it. By replying, the cybercriminal has now confirmed you as a target.
- Embedded links. Unless you are absolutely confident of the authenticity ie. You have just requested a password reset and then receive one, never use hyperlinks. If you want to go to a website, go to their site directly from your Browser.

If you go to this site a lot, configure it as a favourite or default it to open each time the Browser is opened.

- Spelling and Grammar. Many attackers have English as their second language. Check emails carefully for spelling, grammar and be on the lookout for special characters pretending to be others eg. È impersonating an E.

I've Been Phished – What Now?

Now you have learnt how to spot a phishing email, let us look at what to do when you do encounter one. Firstly, well done the next steps are to report it. The more people that report phishing attacks, the less victims there will be. Authorities investigate and liaise with providers to block the attack at source. To report a phishing attack, you can forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk. SMS texts can be forwarded to 7726 for free.

If the worst happens and you have fallen victim to a successful attack ie. Handed over sensitive information or lost money, tell your friends and family. There is no shame and even Cyber Security Specialists fall victim to attacks. To report this as a crime call 0300 123 2040, or go to <https://reporting.actionfraud.police.uk/login>

What Else Can I Do To Stay Safe?

Finally, it's not all doom and gloom and there is some general advice for Good Cyber Hygiene, just like washing your hands before eating.

- Never reuse the same password across different sites. This sounds hard to achieve but is one of the most important actions you will ever do. If you do ever get hacked, this will limit the attack to only place. It prevents your Screwfix subscription being reused for Amazon. You can use a Password Vault Application like LastPass to generate and store all your passwords, meaning you do not have to remember them. Technologies like this can make your life simpler not harder. Alternatively consider using a phrase only you know and then add the website to it. These two different values provide you unique site specific access.
- Multi Factor Authentication (MFA). Whilst this may sound complicated, if you are ever given the option, use it. MFA works by asking you to verify it is you by something in addition to your password eg. Confirmation email, an SMS text etc. Your password is one of the factors, and the other prompt/request will be another factor. As both must be successful to login, this is called Multi Factor Authentication. Authentication just means providing assurance that you are, who you claim to be. MFA will also notify you if anyone else tries to login with your details ie. You will receive a prompt to confirm it's you logging in. When it isn't you, you can reject the request and keep you details safe.

Good luck and remember your Cyber Hygiene.

Mark

Data Sources

<https://identitytheft.org/attacks/phishing/statistics/>

[https://www.ic3.gov/Media/PDF/](https://www.ic3.gov/Media/PDF/AnnualReport/2022_IC3Report.pdf)

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New Year



Netley Marsh Steam & Craft Show – Netley Marsh

Meadow Mead Farm, SO40 7GY

16th – 20th July 2026

This steam and craft show has something for everyone, whether it's the sound and smell of the steam engines or the smell of the food outlets dotted across the site, you can be sure there is something there for you!

The event not only has what you would expect from a Steam Fair, but you will also find a range of commercial vehicles, classic cars, heavy horses, motorcycles, a Wall of Death and a funfair! Plus, there is entertainment on both Friday & Saturday nights.

When booking via the “Members Portal” please select all the nights you will be attending the show (event). The pitch fee is zero as you also need to complete a booking via the “Netley Marsh Steam & Craft Show” website and make your payment there. Please make sure you use the dedicated booking portal below.

<https://www.nmscs.org.uk/swift-owners-club>

The site has toilet facilities, fresh water and waste disposal points

Show Camping Fee: £18 per night - Thursday or Friday arrival

(There is a minimum 2-night stay)

Show wristbands @ £25 each

(Provides unlimited entry to the show)

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

Closing Date for bookings: 2nd July 2026

No arrivals before midday on Thursday 16th July

Ambleside RFC
Borrans Rd, Ambleside LA22 0EN
Wed 24th – Wed 31st July 2027

At the head of Lake Windermere, England's largest and most stunning natural lake, the town of Ambleside is a magnet for adventurers and sightseers alike. This lively town, nestled in the heart of the Lake District, invites you to explore breath-taking landscapes by land or water. Dive into its buzzing streets filled with outdoor gear shops, cosy bookshops, unique gift stores, bustling cafés, and tempting restaurants. You'll also find a pair of independent arthouse cinemas, each with its own character and restaurant—perfect for a relaxing evening out!

Ambleside isn't just a gateway—it's the launchpad for unforgettable hikes straight from town, including the scenic Loughrigg Fell and the dramatic Stock Ghyll Force. Nearby gems like Grasmere, Keswick, and Windermere are within easy reach, especially with the Langdale Rambler bus service whisking you away throughout the sunny summer months.

Looking for adventure on Lake Windemere? Head to Waterhead village and hop aboard a cruise to Bowness or Haverthwaite, courtesy of regular boats plying the sparkling waters. Or, if you're feeling bold, hire your own boat and chart your own course! Back on land, soak up local culture at The Armit Museum—part gallery, part library—or wander the tranquil grounds of Rydal Mount and Gardens, once home to William Wordsworth for over 40 years.

For the duration of our stay, Ambleside Rugby Club is your home base—just a half-mile stroll from town and equally close to Waterside. Bus stops are conveniently located just a ten-minute walk away, making it easy to explore even more. The Rugby club bar will be open on Wednesday, Friday evening and Saturday & Sunday, 12 midday until midnight. On one of these nights, there will be a hosted quiz and a band or singer.

Please note that we'll be camping on grass, and there is no EHU, toilets, or shower facilities—so come prepared! Fresh water and waste facilities will be available to make your stay as comfortable as possible.

Pitch Fee: £19 per unit per night

Event Fee: £1 per person (Guests £10 per unit) **Rally**
Marshals: Bridget & Robert Hubbard

Bookings close: 23rd July 2027

No arrivals before 2 pm on day one of the event
or before 10 am on subsequent days

Salisbury Rugby Club Event

Salisbury, SP1 3SA

17th - 22nd August 2026

Join us 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 center, or you can walk into the city via the river.

Welcoming travelers since 1227, Salisbury, sitting at the confluence of 3 rivers, the Avon, Nadder and Bourne is dominated by the serenity and splendor of the Cathedral, with Britain's largest Cathedral Close and Cloisters and a 123m spire. Housed in the Cathedral is the world's oldest clock and one of the best-preserved versions of the Magna Carta. The city retains much of its medieval center, 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 perhaps take a trip into Southampton.

Access to the Rugby club bar will be possible on several nights during our stay, where you can also enjoy an event discount rate for drinks.

Pitch Fees: £18.50 / unit per night (exc EHU)

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

Rally Marshals: Fred & Silvia Morris

Closing Date for bookings: Friday 16th Aug 2026

No arrivals before 12 pm on any day

Western Motorhome Show – Three Counties Showground Malvern, WR13 6NW 20th -24th August, 2026

A firm favourite in our Event calendar with four nights of live Country & Western themed entertainment available across 3 venues.

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

In addition to the nighttime 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, axe throwing, or target paintball? Alternatively, visit the advice center and dip into a variety of talks on camping or how about learning some bushcraft? Or if you fancy a trip out, why not visit Worcester or Malvern during your stay?

Booking is via the Warners site, but please make sure you quote Swift (SMOC) 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 event fee.

Historically, we have had a good pitch near the exhibition and music venues; however, this is dependent on our numbers, so please book early so we can once again get access to the better areas on the showground.

**Show Camping Fee: £92.40 (inc. fees) per unit
Event Fee: £1 per person (Guests £10 per unit)**

Event Marshal: Ann Jones Harford Bridge Holiday Park

Closing Date for bookings: 29th July 2026

No arrivals before 09.00 on any day

AGM Event 2026

Brigstock, NN14 3HH

9^h – 16th September 2026

The venue for our 2026 Event is certainly something a little different. We are very kindly being hosted by Jane Steward, our Recruitment and social media Officer, on part of her farmland in the village of Brigstock, Northants.

The village, about a 15-minute walk from our venue, has a well-stocked Co-OP, a Bistro and not one but two pubs. There is also a Country Park with a café.

You can easily catch the local bus from Brigstock and explore a little further afield.

Oundle is also worth a visit, with its stunning Georgian limestone architecture, bustling high street and eclectic mix of independent shops, cafes and pubs, plus a market each Thursday. Or Thrapston with its market every Tuesday. There is also a large shopping center at Rushden Lakes.

During our stay, we are looking at a live ukulele band to keep us entertained one evening and a chargeable bar, plus the option of a minibus to take those wishing to go to Stamford, which has been voted as a top place to live in the UK and is one of Britain's finest stone towns. It is frequently used as a film location, appearing in Middlemarch, Pride & Prejudice and the Da Vinci Code, to name but a few.

Further details and prices to follow.

So don't just think this is about coming to the club's AGM, this is just for an hour or so on the Saturday of our stay, there is so much more to do and enjoy!

Pitch Fee: Grass (No-EHU) - £10 per night

Grass (with EHU) - £13 per night

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

Event Marshal: Jane Steward

Closing Date for bookings: 9th September 2026

No arrivals before 12 noon on any day

The Motorhome and Caravan Show, Season Finale, Lincoln, LN2 2NA

17th -21st September 2026

Although the last of the Warners shows in our event calendar, this firm favorite is not to be missed, with its proximity to the historic city of Lincoln. Traditionally, with over 5,000 campers and a great lineup of entertainment (TBC) there is always plenty to see and do.

Away from the entertainment, there are more than 200 exhibitors selling everything we may or may not need, but we still buy! Whilst browsing, enjoy the daytime entertainment, try your hand at cooking or visit the advice center. Alternatively, you can simply relax, have a drink and watch the world go by.

A continuous shuttle bus runs to and from Lincoln on Saturday, although there is a small charge per person for this.

Booking is via the Warners site; please make sure you quote Swift (SMOC) when booking 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 Event fee.

As usual, 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: £92.40 (inc. fees) per unit

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

Event Marshal: Bridget & Robert Hubbard

Closing Date for bookings: 2nd September 2026

No arrivals before 09.00 on any day

Harford Bridge Holiday Park
Peter Tavy, Tavistock, Devon, PL19

8th – 15th October 2026

This five-star, award-winning family-run holiday park is situated just outside the historic market town of Tavistock, on the edge of the Dartmoor National Park. Whether you like to explore the highest tors on Dartmoor, bike along the West Devon cycle way, spend a day at the beach or indulge in a Devon cream tea, it's all within easy reach.

For a less energetic day out, nearby local visitor attractions include Buckfast Abbey, the Tavistock Heritage & Mining World Heritage Site and Lydford Gorge.

Nearby Tavistock, an ancient stannary town, is home to the Devon cream tea and is the only town in Devon to hold World Heritage Status. The town has a fine array of local independent shops, an award-winning farmers' market and a unique indoor pannier market. As well as cream teas, there are numerous other places to eat out, including gourmet restaurants, pub grub (there is a Wetherspoons!), and fine dining establishments. Buses from outside the park run to Tavistock and Oakhampton, a thriving market town on the northern edge of Dartmoor, known as the walking center of Devon.

During our stay, Tavistock hosts its annual Goose Fair (14th October). Dating back to the early 12th Century the fair attracts market traders from all over the UK, as well as sideshows and fairground rides.

Harford Bridge has a shop (open 7 days a week) selling local produce and everyday essentials, a games room, a tennis court and for dog owners an off-lead walking area in the site's tree and flower reserve. The park is a haven for wildlife, and its resident ducks roam free, so beware!

Pitch Fee Only: £23.50 per unit per night (includes EHU)

Pitch Fee + Gazebo: £29.50 per night

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

Event Marshals: Tim & Melanie Boarer

Closing Date for bookings: 31st August 2026

No arrivals before 12 noon on any day

Wyton Lakes Holiday Park

Banks End, Wyton, Cambridgeshire PE28 2AA

18th – 25th November 2026

Located within the heart of the Cambridgeshire countryside Wyton Lakes Holiday Park is a family-run adults-only park. Set in twelve and a half acres with three well-stocked fishing lakes and with frontage onto the river Great Ouse, Wyton Lakes is the ideal park for relaxing. Perfect if you enjoy fishing or just sitting watching the wildlife and boats go by.

The nearest pub is just a 5-minute walk and there is a large garden center just across the road and bus stops are less than 10 minutes away, with buses to Huntingdon, Peterborough, St Ives and Cambridge.

We will be holding our Christmas meal on Saturday 21st at the Three Jolly Butchers pub in Wyton. Further details, including booking and menu selection, will be available soon. So why not finish the 2026 season off with a visit to Wyton Lakes, remember you don't have to stay the full week.

Pitch Fee £31/unit per night inc. EHU/Hard standing

Event Fee £1 per person (Gusts £10 per unit)

Pally Marshels: Trevor and Sheila Howard

Closing Date for bookings Monday 5th October 2026

No arrivals before 12 midday or after 7pm on any day

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