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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)

CHAIRPERSONS CHAT

What a great club we have, with many wonderful new members joining over recent months and swelling our ranks of already-established members. These recruitment activities are largely down to the hard work of Jane Steward, with the support of Anthony, with Jane always promoting the club on social media and organising the recruitment stand at the Southern Motorhome Show this year. Thanks also go out to all those members who supported Jane manning the Newbury stand which was a great success signing up 17 new members. Jane also came up with the idea of the Newcomers Rally, allowing both prospective members to try us before signing up to join and existing members who have never rallied to give one a try. The Newcomers rally was held in late June and more information on what went on can be read in this edition of the newsletter.

I can't believe that we are already more than halfway through our rally year, although we still have some great ones to come, further details can be found in this newsletter. As I have said before none of our rallies would be the success they are without the sterling work of our marshals and special thanks go out to Bridget & Robert Hubbard, Ann & Nick Halford and our marshal newbies Heather & Keith Luke who did a marvellous job at Charmouth with a fun quiz and great nibbles and of course Ray and Carol who hosted the France trip, which again proved to very enjoyable, as evidenced by the many posts on the club's new Facebook page, don't forget to sign up. Marshals in the second half of our year include Trevor & Sheila Howard and some other marshal newbies, Pauline & Martin Hayward and Gwen & Alistair Smith who will be co-marshalling the Halfpenny Green Winery and AGM rallies respectively.

Unfortunately we failed to make the necessary numbers (11) to have our own club area at the Southern Motorhome Show, Newbury. However, undeterred seven motorhomes met up at Chievely Services, went into the showground together and managed to all get pitched next to each other, albeit in General Camping. Whilst we weren't in our own area our designated Marshal, Ann Jones didn't let this stop her from royally looking after our little group.

Such culinary delights as mustard & honey sausages, lasagne, strawberry meringues and for breakfast on Sunday, bacon rolls were produced by Ann, wow how we managed to actually walk around the showground is beyond me. O' and incidentally all of this was done whilst Ann was introducing her new Labrador puppy, "Poppy" to motorhome life.

Please remember to look at the rallies coming up which are in this newsletter, we would love to see you there and perhaps enjoy a drink or two. We will continue to enjoy celebrating the club's 35th Anniversary at our forthcoming AGM rally in September.

As always if you would like to help on a rally or have suggestions for venues please do get in touch, remember it is your club so ideas are always welcome.

Finally a special thanks to my husband, Andy for his hard work supporting the club, a lot of his work goes unnoticed but I see what he does to make things happen for us all.

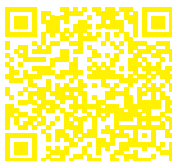
Hope to see you soon

Heather

NEW DEDICATED CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE

If you haven't already, don't forget to join up to our clubs new Facebook Group. So far over 85 of our members have signed up but that still leaves a lot that are still to take the plunge.

To join simply scan the QR code below, answer the 3 qualifying membership questions and accept the group rules.



EDITORIAL

Apparently it's Midsummer, although looking out of the window as I write this it's cold and raining. I can never recall ever wearing a warm top in July, so its either the weather or I'm getting old!

Whilst we are more than half-way through our rally program we still have lots more to enjoy and you never now we might even have some sun. In late August we have the ever popular Western Motorhome Show in Malvern, so don't forget to book today to secure your place. In September we are off to a Vineyard, Shrewsbury for our AGM and then Lincoln and in October we visit Southport, followed by our Christmas rally in Slimbridge. Finally we have a first (certainly in recent times) we are holding a New Year rally at Milestone Caravan Park, although unfortunately this is now full. To read more about our upcoming rallies and book please refer to the information either in this newsletter or via our dedicated "Members Portal" or why not make sure you follow the updates posted on our new Facebook Group. When you book please remember to only quote the unique order number (7 digit number) generated by the system and not your personal bank reference number (a mix of numbers & letters). Unfortunately the email confirmation you receive requesting payment is confusing as it asks for the bank reference number, however we are currently unable to alter this.

As well as the Newsletter, my attention is now also focused on next years rally program which I hope will be as varied as this ones and you all will want to go on as many as you can. If you have any ideas for venues I am always happy to hear from you. As usual next year we will be going abroad again and I am delighted to announce that the venue for 2025 is the Emerald Isle (Republic of Ireland), you can find further information in this edition of the newsletter.

Without you our members the club would not be what it is, a friendly, social rallying group and for that to happen we not only need venues (the easy part) but also members to marshal the rallies as this is critical to the events success. This year we introduced a shadowing program where new marshals could co-host a rally, to help understand what its all about and take away some of the mystery and so far it has been a great success. We do hope those newbies can help us next year as well. Finally we need our members to come along, experience new areas of the UK and further afield and have fun on our rallies, so please join us if you don't already.

Finally don't forget to sign up to the new Facebook group if you haven't already and hopefully see you soon.

All the very best, Andy

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

Darren & Karen Wrigley - 3576
Stephen King & Fionna Mortimer - 3577
Ray & Joe Watkins - 3578
Derek & Sandra Prout - 3579
Sandra & Robin Lipscombe - 3580
Tim & Melanie Boarer - 3581
Terry Brown & Joanne Searle - 3582
Peter Miller - 3583
Debra & Gary Burgess - 3584
Heather & Dave Ackrill - 3585
Richard & Gill Haggerty - 3586
Glyn & Rachel Webster - 3587
Kevin & Theresa Mayne - 3588
Clive & Louise Gilbert - 3589
Philip & Susan Bradbury - 3590
Mark Henshall & Karen Bryan- 3591
Gary & Susan Faulkner - 3592
Graham Highfield & Anita Rive - 3594
Paul & Lisa Chown - 3595
Andrew & Wendy Watts - 3596
Lynne & Laurence Carson - 3597
Paul & Katrina McCaffrey - 3598
Philip Lackie & Suzanne Calvert - 3599
Shirley & Martin Woodhouse - 3600
Andrew & Linda Perry - 3601
Greg & Elsie Samson - 3602
Lesley & Ian Hassall - 3603
Ross & Anne Clarkson - 3604

Funny Quotes:

- Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow internet to see who they really are.
- You know you have reached middle age when you are cautioned to slow down by your doctor, instead of the police.
- I'm in a place in my life where errands count as going out.

Overseas Rally 2025 - Republic of Ireland

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Woodhill Caravan Park Rally: 17th-24th April

We were very pleased to be visiting this site again. It has a seafront location in East Runton, between the resorts of Cromer and Sheringham. There's lots to see and do in the area, plus a regular bus service from the site entrance



The Welcome Meeting was at 5 o'clock and we were given a warm welcome by Robert and Bridget. It was made even warmer by the hot sausage rolls they provided (along with lots of cakes). Alas, the weather was not so welcoming; it was cold and windy. Northerly gales blasted the motorhomes throughout the night and even managed to break Robert's pop-up gazebo.



Thursday was nice and sunny, but cool (even for April). We visited Sheringham, with its delightful High Street. There is a wide range of shops – including the famous Norfolk Pies Shop and Cafe, which was frequented by numerous ralliers.

On returning to the site we were informed that tomorrow's Seal Viewing trip, to Blakeney Point, was cancelled. The weather forecast was for strong winds so the trip had been re-arranged for Sunday afternoon.

That evening we visited the Fishing Boat pub, about a quarter of a mile from the site, and had a couple of pints of very nice and very cheap Abbot Ale. Friday arrived and we were glad we were not going on the Seal Trip.



Friday arrived and we were glad we were not going on the Seal Trip. The weather forecast had been correct! It was very cold and wet with gale force winds blowing in from the North Sea. The high spot of the day was when Robert brought Fish & Chips at 5.30 p.m. for most of the ralliers, but the planned outside get together was prevented by the weather.

Saturday was a much better day, the wind had dropped and the sun was out. We caught the bus into Cromer and had a walk around the town centre and then along the seafront, admiring the beautiful Victorian pier. We had a nice lunch in the 'Rocket House Cafe'. This is a seafront restaurant above the old lifeboat museum with excellent views of the pier and coastline.

That evening, some ralliers went to a show at the Pier theatre where they were entertained by an excellent Beatles tribute group. Most of the remaining ralliers could be found in the Fishing Boat, where we had a very enjoyable Saturday evening.

On Sunday we had the usual Coffee Morning and Raffle, but the afternoon Seal Trip had been cancelled again due to more strong winds. We opted for lunch in the motorhome followed by a bracing walk along part of the Coastal Path which stretches from Cromer to Sheringham and passes through the campsite.



Monday was a nice day and much warmer. We went to Norwich. We could have used our bus pas to travel for free from the campsite, but opted instead to go by train from Sheringham. A return ticket for the hour long journey was just £11.30.



We visited the Castle and the Cathedral. The castle was very disappointing. £7.40 admission (old codger rate) and most of it is closed to the public. The castle courtyard has been turned into a boring museum of stuffed animals from around the world plus an art exhibition. The main part of the castle, a 5 storey Norman keep, looked very impressive from the outside but was inaccessible to the public. It has been uninhabitable for 900 years and is undergoing restoration with no target date for completion.

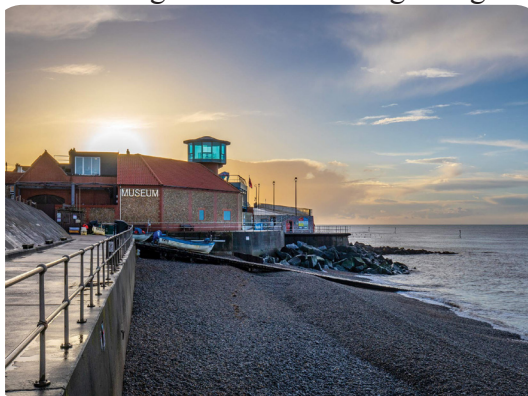
The Cathedral was very different to the Castle. It is free to enter (though donations are gratefully received). It's a beautiful building, in pristine condition, with stunning architecture and is well worth a visit.

Norwich city centre looked good, with lots of independent shops and a large outdoor market but we didn't have time to explore. We had to be back to the campsite by 6.00 p.m. because tonight was Burger Night. Robert and Bridget had been to the local butchers to buy burgers for everyone - cooked to perfection by Robert and Andy. We had a good social evening and the burger's were delicious.



Tuesday was the last day of the rally so we returned to lovely Sheringham. The bus stop is outside the North Norfolk Heritage Railway terminal. The railway runs a mixture of steam and diesel locomotives. We didn't go on a train but watched the arrival and departure of a steam engine, then went into the station cafe for Coffee and Cake.

This was followed by a walk along the promenade and a visit to Sheringham Museum. This little gem of a place is situated on the promenade. It traces the history of Sheringham from being a land inhabited by prehistoric animals to becoming an isolated fishing village. Then, with the arrival of the railway it became a popular seaside resort.



The museum holds all the town's former lifeboats, dating from 1838 to 2007 with tales of heroic rescues. There's also a room which is a viewing platform for the offshore wind farm along with a description of how they are constructed.

Before leaving Sheringham, we did what many other ralliers had done – we visited the Norfolk Pies Shop and bought some pies to take home. That evening a large number of us gathered in the 'Fishing Boat' for a farewell drink.

In spite of the changeable weather, we really enjoyed this rally and wouldn't hesitate to return to East Runton. It's a lovely part of the country with plenty to see. Lots of places are easy to visit using the excellent transport links. Hopefully, we can return when the weather is warmer, then we can finally manage to experience the seal trip.

Many thanks to Robert and Bridget for doing a brilliant job of hosting the rally under difficult conditions.

Ray Collinson - 2576



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.

Pauline Hayward - Acting Hon. Secretary



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

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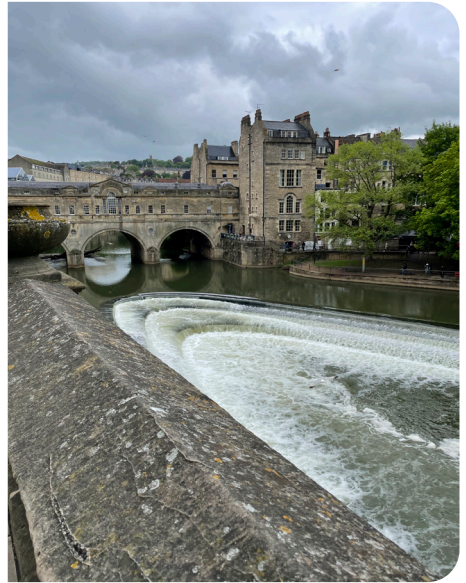
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Bath Marina Rally : 9th - 16th May

The morning of the 9th May had Julia and me heading towards Bath for what would be our 3rd rally with the SMOC group, this would also be the first rally we would be there for the full rally. Bath Marina and Caravan Park was our destination. Traffic was its usual stop start as we headed along the M1, numerous roadworks attributed to the addition of further refuge bays. The M42 had its challenges in part to HS2. Our expectations of an easier final stage were dashed when the overhead gantry started flashing with delays between junction 14 and 15, the initial 15 minutes increased to 1 hour as each sign was passed, a spot of lunch was decided upon at Michealwood services. Suitably refreshed we headed out to whatever awaited us. Our lunch stop had proved worthwhile with no more delays and only the remnants of the



earlier accident remained. We always say it doesn't matter how long it takes to get to our destination when we are in the Motorhome.

We arrived at the entrance, to be met by several signs proclaiming SMOC this way, further guidance was provided by Nick who materialised from the hedge on our left. Upon entering the main campsite Ann was on hand to direct us to our pitch and provide the usual information for water etc. Suitably replenished we headed to our pitch to set up and enjoy the warm sunny weather that our hosts had kindly arranged for us all.

That evening we headed over to SMOC headquarters suitably equipped with a chair and the obligatory refreshments. Ann welcomed us all whilst Nick busied himself passing out some very nice cakes. Ann then took us through what Bath and the surrounding area had to offer including those 2 main essentials of any successful rally, local food shops and hostelryes.



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The evening was spent suitably relaxing in the warm evening sunshine, some members headed back to Nick and Ann's for a few drinks and a further catch up.



Friday, day 2 started with lovely weather and the forecast indicated it would get better as the day progressed.

Suitably nourished by a bacon sandwich fresh from the Cadac and a mug of tea, our challenge was to cycle to Devizes along the cycle network route 4. Having negotiated our way through Bath following

the diversion due to building work we made it back to the canal and set off at a leisurely pace.

Sightseeing, along the way included the many varied narrowboats, wide beams, river craft and the occasional paddle boarders. It is fair to say that varied array of boats verged from the pristine to those that looked on the verge of keeling over, indeed some had met a very wet and undignified ending. We were also struck by the level of decoration, we had the nice paint jobs adorned with various plants, there were those that resembled 1960 local scrap metal merchant, a small number were the hub of local cottage industries offering their wares as you passed by. Manikins in various states of dress/undress could also be seen along with a varied line up of plastic animals.



Some 23 miles later we reached our destination of Devizes and decided the top of the flight of locks at Caens Hill. This flight consists of 29 locks with a rise of 237 feet over 2 miles. We decided this would be a pleasant lunch stop, as we could watch the canal volunteers assist the boats up and down the flight of locks.

Having had lunch, we set off back on our return journey at pace aided by the downhill nature of the return, a helpful tailwind, lighter traffic on the route and not forgetting the battery.



We arrived back at Bradford on Avon and enjoyed an ice cream sat by the wharf watching the narrowboats pass through the lock aided by local volunteers. Being a Friday afternoon it was evident this help was greatly appreciated as let's say some of the crews looked less capable than others, stag and hen do's a plenty.

At this point it was time to move on, Bath being a mere 10 miles away. Disaster struck as I mounted my bike only to discover a puncture. A roadside or should that be a canal side repair was required, tools in hand repair number 1 was completed and off we set. Some 5 miles later that sinking feeling was experienced again and a further running repair was necessary.

Friday night was Fish and Chip night, Ann and Nick having offered to collate and collect the orders from the lock fish and chip shop. First time Ralliers, Sue and Siobhan joined the gathering and experience their first Rally social evening. The rest of the evening was



spent enjoying the evening sun with the obligatory drink and catching up.



Saturday, another day of good weather greeted us all, with members heading out, cycling, walking or just relaxing around the site.

Our choice was a walk into Bath along the canal around 2 miles would see you into the town, if walking wasn't your choice a good alternative was to use the park, and ride located a few minutes from the site. Some members were fortunate to get a free trip due to a technical error on one of the buses.



We spent the day exploring Bath, a very lively location aided in part to the numerous students from the University. Given the weather its only seemed right to check out a couple of local hosteleries. The return journey along the canal allowed us to check out the Locksbrook inn, as this watering hole had been mentioned by other Ralliers..

That evening again saw a meet up at Ann and Nicks motorhome were drinks and nibbles were on offer. Members shared their activities from the day, as well as catching up with friends.

Sunday, with chairs, tables and appropriate refreshments we headed to Ann and Nick's for the customary Raffle. Suitable prizes had been donated by all those present consisting in the main of alcohol, sweets etc, Heather had donated a mystery prize which at this point remained hidden under a union Jack flag. The Raffle commenced at pace with Heather in charge of proceedings. Part way through Andy revealed the mystery prize which was a pineapple, this created a lot of amusement and comments, for those of us who had missed a previous rally were pineapples had featured prominently!



I shall leave the pineapple there, only to add that Julia took the pineapple as one of her prizes.

Heather concluded the draw and announced that the princely sum of £90 had been raised for club funds.

Monday, saw a slight change in the weather with rain forecast for the afternoon, we decided to cycle to Bristol along the old Avon to Bristol railway line. That evening we again met up for a catch up.

Tuesday evening saw the remaining ralliers meeting up at Ann and Nick's for a Pasta and Pizza evening, with an opportunity to wish Bob Shaw a happy 80th Birthday. Many thanks to Bob & Sue for providing some boxes of wine for the celebration.



Wednesday was an opportunity to have a final bike ride to Midsomer Norton utilising one of the many bike routes around Bath. The ride included passing through 2 tunnels known as Combe Downs, one of which is just over a mile long and is the longest cycling tunnel in Britain.

That evening those of us left met at Ann and Nicks for a farewell get together and of course a drink or two. Enquiries were made as to the whereabouts of the Pineapple Julia had won at the raffle, assurances were given it was still intact and would be paired with a nice Gammon Steak. At this point Stephen and Esther also admitted to been victims of the pineapple shenanigans. I am sure that the Pineapple will be back at future rallies.

Thanks to Ann and Nick for Marshalling the event and hosting the evening socials

Gary & Julia Eastwood - 3501

French Holiday Rally 7th - 10th June

Camping du Pont de Bourgogne, Bergundy

Hello everyone, we are Garry & Marilyn from Portsmouth and this is our write up on the fantastic holiday rally to the Rhone Alps. We are completely new to Motorhoming but not to Caravanning, so some things were familiar to us, where other things weren't, but what a fantastic experience, here's to the next one. This is our story...

We boarded the ferry from Portsmouth to Caen on 4th June, unaware that this was the ferry that had the D Day veterans onboard on their way to the 80th commemorations of the 6th June 1944 landings.

Security was tight at the port and also onboard, with French police with guns patrolling the ship throughout the voyage, but there was a happy



atmosphere with pipe bands and singing of songs from the era. As we left Portsmouth, we had a fly past by an A400 transport plane, an escort from a Royal Navy ship and harbour tugs spraying water jets high into the air.

As we neared Caen, a remembrance service was held to commemorate the fallen and a wreath was tossed into the sea by a couple of the veterans, such a humbling experience.

After disembarking, we started the trip to our first overnight, a Camping Car Park in the village of Longny au Perchy. This was the first of our new experiences as we had never used one before (we also decided to not to take the toll roads as we wanted to embrace the real France across D roads and this was also a new experience for us both). For night two and three, we pitched up in the village of Chablis (famous for its wine) in another Camping Car Park, such a pretty location and a stone's throw from the village centre.

Friday 7th June

We departed Chablis and again drove cross county down to Camping du Pont de Bourgogne in Chalon sur Saone, the first rally site. We arrived around noon, to be greeted warmly by Ray & Carol (nice to finally put a face to a name) who showed us the pitches available. Next as we set up, another new experience, using our roll out awning for the first time (ignoring the useless instructions provided), every day a school day.



Friday evening, everyone met up in the restaurant for our first welcome meal of local pate, Beef Bourguignon, a desert and a few glasses of wine, chatting late into the evening.

Saturday 8th June

We awoke to an overcast but warm day for our first excursion; a walking tour around the historic city of

Chalon sur Saone. The mini bus from the site took us in relays to the tourist office, where we met our guide. Soon after, it started to rain and a few of us hadn't brought coats. We sheltered under trees whilst our guide gave us a long-drawn-out history lesson on the city. We learned that photography was invented in the city by Nicephore Niepce in the 19th Century.

We then went on a walking tour of the historic part of the city, including the 1,000 years old Cathedral Cloisters.

We finished the excursion with a meal in a restaurant (which was very nice), then Marilyn & I walked with Ann & Nick to the local Carrefour supermarket for supplies, with a pleasant walk back along the side of the river.



Sunday 9th June

Awoke to clear skies, so I decided to go for a 5km run around the city. Later in the afternoon, Marilyn & I went for a walk into the city, exploring places I had run through earlier in the day.

In the evening, quite a few assembled in the restaurant area for wine tasting and accompanying nibbles. We decided instead to have a pizza and a beer, but I hear that quite a few expensive bottles of wine were purchased that evening. A good night all round.

Tomorrow we leave for Le Coin Tranquille.....

....to be continued

Garry & Marilyn Batten - 3540



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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: Andy & Heather Hartell / Pauline & Martin Hayward

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: Andy & Heather Hartell / Gwen & Alistair Smith

Closing Date for bookings: Wednesday 31st July 2024

No arrivals before 12 noon on any day



The Motorhome & Campervan Season Finale

Lincolnshire Showground

Lincoln, LN2 2NA

19th -23rd September, 2024

Although the last of the Warners shows in our rally year, this firm favourite is not to be missed, with its close proximity to the historic city of Lincoln. Traditionally with over 5,000 campers and a great line of entertainment, which this year includes the Beatles Experience, Rolling Stoned, Naturally Aretha, Simply Red Experience and on Saturday night Boney M feat, Maizie Williams and Mud II, (please note that there is an additional charge for the Saturday night headliners)

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

A continuous shuttle bus runs to and from Lincoln on the Saturday, although there is a small £5 charge per person for this.

Also at the show is the “Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning” organised by The Motorcaravanners club in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Plus an E-bike Test Track and if you are feeling brave, Archery & Axe Throwing or Target Paintball.

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.

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: Robert & Bridget Hubbard

Closing Date for club bookings: 28th August 2024

No arrivals before 09.00 on any day



Southport Victoria Park
Southport, PR8 1RX
8th - 15th October 2024

A fun loving seaside town, Southport has an abundance of independent restaurants and bars as well as historic Victorian architecture, including an iron pier , the oldest in England and the 2nd longest.

When it comes to beaches, you're will be spoiled for choice, with 22 miles of coastline from Formby Beach, Ainsdale Beach, Crosby Beach (where you can visit the famous Antony Gormley 'Another Place'), and Southport Beach itself. Along all of which you can enjoy some of the most stunning views, by foot or by bike.

Nearby there's Birkdale Village, The Botanic Gardens, and Churchtown, where you can enjoy the serenity and landscape. Across Southport, there are several spots for shopping, eating, and drinking and we have our own hub for culture vultures at The Atkinson..Also don't forget to visit Southport market, originally opened in 1881 and rebuilt in 1931 after a fire, where today they offer a rather eclectic eating experience.

During our stay at Victoria Park, which is located just a short walk from Southport town centre and close to the coast, there is the Southport Comedy Festival, so if you fancy a laugh please scan the red QR code below to find out more.

The grass pitch price includes EHU but there are no dedicated showers or toilets. We will however have access to fresh water and waste facilities.

Pitch Fee: £23.50 / unit per night (inc EHU)

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

Rally Marshals: Trevor & Sheila Howard

Closing Date for bookings: Tuesday 3rd September 2024

No arrivals before 12 noon on any day



Christmas Rally - Tudor Caravan Park

Slimbridge, GL2 7BP

20th - 27th November 2024

With a great location right next to the Sharpness canal and only a 10 minute walk to the world famous Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust Centre at Slimbridge, this venue for our Christmas rally was a popular choice back in 2018, when we last paid it a visit

The Tudor Arms pub and restaurant is located right at the entrance to the site, so not far to go to enjoy the festivities and across the road, alongside the canal is the Black Shed cafe, a great venue for a coffee or a cooked breakfast.

The location is ideal for walking or cycling along the canal towpath, which is part of the Severn Way National Walking Trail and National Cycling Trail No. 41. If you want to get further afield a car is recommended, although there is a bus stop outside the pub which takes you into the market town of Dursley and connects with bus's to Gloucester and the surrounding area.

Also don't forget to visit the village of Slimbridge, with its pretty church of St John the Evangelist, famous for Jackie Lantelli's ghost soldiers, with one still on display in the church.

Further details regarding the Christmas meal will be confirmed soon.

Pitch Fees: (inc H/S & EHU)

7 nights rate: £24.50 / unit per night

4 -6 nights rate: £26.20

3 nights or less: £29.00

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

Rally Marshals: Robert & Bridget Hubbard

Closing Date for bookings: Monday 7th October 2024

No arrivals before 1pm on any day



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