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Chairpersons Chat

Well, incredibly, this is my last Chairperson's chat. I cannot believe that 3 years have passed since I took up the post. During this period, which has been pretty turbulent both at home and abroad, the one constant has been the club and our enjoyment of it. Like all of you, we love to get out and about in our motor-home and over the last three years we have been as far north as the Antrim coast, as far west as Sleah Head, as far East as Isère and as far South as the Pyrenees!

We have just returned from the lovely Emerald Isle, where great times were had by all, so please look out for a description of our adventures in the next newsletter.

The club continues to evolve with many new members who were probably only in their forties when Andy & I joined. These individuals tend to be much more comfortable with doing things on-line and we now use the "Members Portal" exclusively to book rallies, maintain membership records/renewals and sell merchandise, which certainly makes things a lot easier to track and manage things. That said, my thanks go to all our members who have embraced the switch to online transactions and especially to Bob Mason and Robert Hubbard, who, as Treasurer and Membership Secretary, have got behind things admirably.

By the way, don't forget we have some wonderful new bears available to purchase. Details on how to order are in this newsletter. Also, soon we will have some SMOC-branded umbrellas, which Jane Steward has worked with the Swift Group to source; further details on how to order and prices will follow soon.

So now to the thanks.

Firstly, thank you to all the committee for their commitment and time, all of which are given freely, and everyone else who has supported me and, in turn, the club during the last 3 years. This includes many of our members who although not currently committee members, are always willing to offer their help, either as rally marshals, running raffles, fetching newspapers, shopping, picking up fish and chips, baking and many other things too numerous to mention which have contributed to the good times we have all had.

Finally, a massive thank you to all our members because without you, we wouldn't have a club and I hope very much to catch up with many of you at one of our future rallies. We have some great ones coming up, including our AGM in September; all the details are in this newsletter.

So, as I sign off, I wish all of you a great future with the club.

Take care

Heather (Chairperson)

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

Brian & Joanne Alderson – 3629
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Paul & Dee Deighton – 3636
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Rhonda & Shaun Slade – 3638
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Helen & Neil Houghton - 3643
Chris & Karen Healey-Payne – 3644
Ian Crossland & Gwen Quayle – 3645
Derek & Susan Faulkner – 3646
Richard Chisholm & June Scott – 3647

My little story is going to be very short this time as we have not had an opportunity to go anywhere (apart from one weekend to Henley On Thames) Work is getting in the way of us going out in the MH at the moment and it is very sad that we have not been out and about with the Swift group this year so far. We are hopefully going to get out in the next few month. We are planning to be at the Aberystwyth Rally as we will be working and camping at the same time. It is only 5 miles away for us from our home!!! Hopefully will be meeting some of our new members on this rally. Our Chair has written her last chairpersons chat, I would like to thank the chair on her commitment to the club over the last three years from us all. With her dedication to the club and the time that she has given is truly phenomenal.

We will miss you as chair and look forward to receiving the new chair to the chats within the newsletter.

Nomination forms are at the back of the newsletter for those that are up for the challenge. I joined last year and I can say that so far I am enjoying the editor role for the magazine. For someone that is not very computer savvy I hope I am doing OK. No complaints so far so that must be a good sign. As a nurse by background I can operate a ventilator but give me the remote for the EE TV and you have no hope, I have even surprised myself on how I have managed to do this role.

So if I can do this so can you, there is plenty of support if you take up a role and the committee are really friendly.

The picture below is us as 'billy no mates' on an airfield last year!!

Please send in any of your SOLO TRIPS REPORTS, if I have space I might put your story in the newsletter!!

Sue - (newsletter Editor)





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Foxtail Holiday Park

Chirk

12th – 19th February 2025

We set out for Chirk on the 11th taking a night stop at Chapel Lane CAMC site on the way north. A convenient site not too far off the M42 South and as it turned out, next to a transport museum. Unfortunately, it was still their closed season, but I am sure we will be visiting again when it is open!

We set off the following morning for Chirk where, on arrival at Foxtails, we were warmly welcomed by the site staff in reception and were provided with our pitch number and further site information. Driving round to our pitch we could see that the site was relatively small but with good size pitches and well-spaced out. Our rally marshals Heather and Andy quickly came across to welcome us and invited us to the welcome gathering later in the afternoon.



Late last year we acquired a rear storage box to go on the bike rack. This has made a great difference to setting up, as we no longer have to clear the van floor of 'stuff' before we can make it a home. In no time at all we were sat having our lunch, though unfortunately, too early in the year to sit outside.

The site is conveniently located to a small retail area, Dobbies, with a café and a small Waitrose located within it, across the road from a pub/restaurant and a bus stop just by the entrance. Well placed for continuing on from the welcome meeting in the pub later. Heather brought one of her fun quizzes with her, which seemed to produce more questions than answers but finally being won by Ray and Carol. I think we overstayed our welcome a little bit as we were gently reminded that last orders had been called sometime before.



Most of us stayed local to the site on Thursday, opting to walk along



the canal from across the road adjacent to the pub, crossing the aqueduct in Chirk and having coffee in the nearby community café. From here one or two chose to walk further long the canal, while the rest of us went into the center of Chirk, then back to the site either by road or back along the canal. Weather was kind to us by remaining dry. The site clubhouse opened in the evening for us where we spent a very pleasant evening and well looked after by the site staff.

Over the following days, ralliers either taking advantage of the adjacent bus stop or using their cars, bikes or the motorhomes visited several different places. Most of us visited Llangollen or Oswestry, easily reachable by bus or plenty of places to park. We went to Bala but as like the already named places, the steam trains weren't running. Criccieth, Portmadoc and Betws-Y Coed were also

visited. One rallier participated in a local Park run too.



Friday evening saw the group split between the pub for a meal or the clubhouse for a drink. The beer was better in the clubhouse according to those who know. The diners in the pub, found service was a bit of a problem, which did not bode well for Sunday lunch. Everyone did get a meal eventually, but it may not have been what they ordered.

The weather let us down a bit on Saturday, our trip to Bala and the lake was shrouded in low cloud and light rain so we spent our time wandering around an old chapel, housing antiques

and a coffee shop. We will have to look forward to revisiting, preferably when the train is running. The evening began well with the visit by the local fish and chip van, all fish being cooked on order. We later joined some members of the group in the clubhouse in the evening.

We were kindly offered the shelter of the clubhouse for the rally raffle and coffee morning on Sunday. I think that all motorhomes had at least one win and, in the process, made f £55 for club funds. Most of us met up later to test the service in the pub again. They faired a bit better with the timings and we did get what we ordered for main course. Desserts didn't do so well as follow up service was sadly lacking. A few of us returned to clubhouse in the evening.

Monday morning dawned with the promise of Bacon Baps provided by Ann Jones to raise money for a Prostate Cancer charity in memory of Anthony Steward. Nick and I shot off to the bakery in Chirk, to collect the pre-ordered baps. Arriving at the bakery just before the 8.30am opening, baps were collected and delivered back to site not much later. Nick had noticed that there was a vehicle missing when he went out for his morning paper which by our return from the bakery had begun to cause some concern amongst the early risers of the group. Following a phone call by Andy we were to learn that one of the group was at that point on their way by blue light to the hospital at Rhyl, after an early morning drive to the local A&E. At which point their partner arrived back on site. Their distress was obvious, but members instantly provided care and support. Vol-



unteers stepped forward to take them to the hospital where their partner was being transferred too as they were ready. Meanwhile we were being provided with our cooked bacon baps for breakfast. Before the group went their separate ways for the day, we learned that our hospitalised member was being well looked after and on their way to recovery, which was great news. Members of the group put plans in place to support the partner on their return from visiting time.



Nick and I went back to a place we had driven through on our way to Bala, Corwen. This turned out to be one of the stops on the steam railway from Llangollen. As no trains were running it was rather quiet but had some interesting buildings and we found another antiques and collectors warehouse to browse round, a coffee shop and an interesting candle making shop which included a variety of hobby products too.

We were looking forward to our afternoon tea on Tuesday at the adjacent garden center. We took ourselves off towards Wrexham once we knew arrangements had been made for visiting time transport to the hoal. We spent a couple of hours exploring the outskirts of Wrexham where Nick's GGG grandfather was born and brought up. We found Wern where he was baptised but the chapel we saw was made of corrugated iron so later than the 1820s. There was the remains of an extensive lead mine and an old mill. We made sure that we were back for our afternoon tea, which we all enjoyed and most of us took a food box with sufficient for a tea on a later day. We provided transport for the evening visit to the hospital.

Prior to our departure the following morning we learned that our fellow rallier was well enough to leave the hospital later that day and would return to the site via hospital taxi service. It was nice that we could leave to visit our son, knowing that they were so much better. Since our return home we are pleased to say that they returned home later in the week and are well on their way to a full recovery.



It really was great to see how everybody responded to the hospitalisation of one of the group and pulled together, making life as easy as possible for their partner. The site also assisted in providing pitch for longer than originally booked. This backed up the level of welcome, that as a rally, we had received from arrival.

Ann & Nick Halford

Member No. 3116



Rally Reflections

Pinecones Caravan & Camping Park

12th - 19th March



The campsite boasts ensuite facilities with piped music, Heated Picnic Huts, Sky Sports Cinema and Bens Bar. The latter being very cosy, able to accommodate us all, but sadly, last call was 8.30 pm. However, we did have many of our own, enjoyable and well-attended meetings in the fresh Norfolk air. With plenty of delicious food, fabulous cakes and wine. Also, a fish and chip delivery.



There are many walks which are also suitable for cycling. A couple of our gents did venture out in this mode. Well done, Andy for managing to accomplish some miles towards your charity fundraising. The rest of us, by shank's pony hot hot-footing it to nearby Dersingham village along a path well frequented with Muntjac who were oblivious to us mere humans.



Obviously, we were on an errand, either to the bus stops or the Royal Feathers Hotel said to be frequented by the Sandringhamites when in residence. Purchased in 1882 by the Sandringham estate for King Edward V11, Prince of Wales, hence the name of the pub. He apparently lived there. The Feathers now boasts a GIN selection of some 340 varieties. So, one assumes 12 days of the year are 'DRY GIN'. This was the rally's Sunday Lunch venue, very plush surroundings and a huge meal happily, or should we say regally, partaken where the Lords of the realm eat and drink.

Further up the road and through the pine woods, you come to the heart of the estate. Sadly, the house was closed, but the shop and café were open and had excellent fare and provisions available. Certainly, we

will return .

Nearby was Hunstanton, a charming Victorian seaside town full of beautiful buildings.

Further along the coast is Tichwell RSPB. Well worth a visit with several lagoons, some freshwater and some salt marsh to attract the different kinds of birds. These lagoons are constantly being filled then drained according to the needs of the next expected influx of birds and ducks galore. Exciting to see how the birds and ducks scatter and form fascinating 'murmurs' in the air when a Marsh Harrier appears. Very helpful volunteers at hand to educate you in the rudiments of our feathered friends. So much so, we almost didn't make the sand dunes and glorious coast line of sandy beaches.



Eventually onward to Wells. A wonderful Quayside fishing village. Ancient Staithe Street has a shoe shop with its original frontage right at the back of the shop, an Excellent Tourist Information center and an exhibition of amazing arts and the Good Old Days in Wells-next-the-Sea

From Pinecones going west towards Kings Lynn is Wolferton. The beautiful and immaculately preserved village where Queen Victoria's Station is at the termination of her own private railway line. It is extremely Grand, imposing and very large. The road around the village is like a figure of eight, one-way system, so that copious amounts of horse and carriages could travel uneventfully to and from Royal Sandringham. The House next to the old church is where Prince Philip used to stay, presumably for a quiet time away from the other Royals. It also backs onto the royal Stables and paddocks. Visiting here is a MUST

King's Lynn medieval town on the River Great Ouse. Founded before the 11th century in the Domesday Book, boasting a leaning tower, a unique Victorian Park, a long and interesting port history full of royal patronage

Wherever we went, someone from the rally was there or traveling on the same bus. A very social rally culminating in an excellent farewell afternoon tea and raffle in which Sue & Bob had their ticket numbers pulled from the 'hat' some 5 times,





along with other multiple winners. Graciously, Sue & Bob declined most of their winnings. What a happy albeit chilly rally. Thanks to everyone present and praise to our organisers, Andy and Heather.

Heather Luke - 3372





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RALLY REPORT THORNBROOK BARN

9TH - 16TH APRIL

We had for us, a lovely short drive to this rally only 59 miles, it was a rare change. We had all the information we needed for this rally sent to us before

hand so had no problem finding our pitch.

The barrier was ANPR so we just drove straight in.

It's a beautiful well kept site with small but excellent facilities.

We were welcomed by Bridget and Robert, the marshals for this rally.

At 5.30 we all gathered at the Marshals van for 'meet and greet' where Bridget came round with warm, buttered Hot Cross Buns, delicious.

The following day Thursday, we headed into Kirkby Lonsdale, it's been years since Dave and I had been there, it's a lovely little town and not much had changed. There's a few nice cafes, a lovely pub on the corner

opposite the market which is in the centre of town on one of the car parks.

At 4.30 we all gathered at the Marshals van to celebrate Elsie's Birthday, we then decided to wish everyone a happy birthday for this month and indeed to whole year. Bridget was collecting in the monies for tomorrow nights fish and chips. Then looking at her phone she apologised to everyone a mistake had been made and the menu on the chippies web site was 2 years out of date, so, after laughter all round, quick sums done by Bridget, more money

was required.

On Friday Dave and I went for drive to Dent, this brought back memories of my childhood, we drove over single track roads, with very few passing places, and at least 4 gates.

I can remember Mum Dad and I following my aunt, uncle and cousin along this road, I must have been



about 9, both families had a Ford Anglia but ours was the older model, on most of the hills my uncle had to change gear half way up, when Dad reckoned he could have got up the hill without, they had 4 gears in their car we had 3, I can remember Dad remarking there was nothing wrong with 3 gears and these new ideas weren't always better, I wonder what he would have thought now. Dent is a lovely village with cobbled streets, it has a couple of pubs and a cafe, the museum there is well worth a visit, it's full of old household objects. It also tells of the local history and the part the gentry of Dent played in the slave trade. There is a small camp site in the centre of Dent, it's so quiet, there is no main road anywhere near.

Later on that evening Fish and chips were delivered to site by Robert and Bridget they were delicious, best we've had in a while.

Saturday brought another lovely day, we have had some great weather this week. Our daughter and grandson came over and they with Dave walked the Ingleton Falls trail. It's a brilliant walk but too far for me so I stayed on site.

Sunday 10.30 Coffee morning and raffle, the raffle made £95 for club funds and we spent a lovely hour or so chatting with our fellow ralliers, that's what it all about. Then we were off for Sunday lunch at the local Masons Arms.



Great atmosphere then back to the van for a rest.

Monday was bacon butties for breakfast, in aid of Cancer research, thank you to our cooks Bridget and Robert. Settle was today's outing, another lovely little town. We bumped into Jane, Barry, Sue and Bob who were off to look at the station, after what must have been a hasty decision

they went on the famous Settle to Carlisle train journey. They weren't the only ones to make this journey as 4 others did the same thing earlier in the week.

Tuesday, another nice day not as warm but no rain. Dave and I had a drive to Skipton, the town has the usual high street shops but quite a few

independents, and so many cafe to choose from. On the way back there must have been a bad accident on the A65 as the road was closed so we had to make a long detour down very tiny roads we had to share with large trucks and Motorhomes coming the other way. At 5 pm it was off to the marshals van for a farewell get together as sadly we must go home tomorrow.

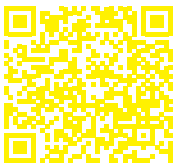
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NEW DEDICATED CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE

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.



Swift Motorhomes Owners Club

New Teddy on the Block

As per a recent communication via the “Members Portal” we now have another addition to our Bear family, it is James Bear, although of course, you are free to call him whatever you wish!

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RALLY REFLECTIONS – BRIDGE VILLA, WALLINGFORD

7th - 14th MAY 2025

Well, when you go out in May, you're never sure what the weather is going to be like, so it was great when, generally throughout our stay, it was quite sunny.



Bridge Villa in Wallingford, Oxfordshire, is a new site to SMOC, so we were not quite sure what we would experience, although Andy did say he had stayed in the town when he was working. The site was very close to the River Thames, which was great for walking the dogs and three pubs, with even more just a bit further away in the town. I think we tried a few during the week!

Nick and Ann, our rally marshals, did a brilliant job looking after us all, most notably when we all marked the 80th Anniversary of VE day with a great get-together, which included an afternoon tea provided by all participants, a 1940's sound and visual newsreel presentation, which was put together by Robert Hubbard and a VE day cake. We all toasted the memories of the fallen and the Allied victory against Hitler's regime.



One day a few of us, John, Sally, Andy, me and the dogs went for a walk by the river, we started by heading towards Oxford and then cut back into Wallingford via the ruined castle, which was established in the 11th century as a motte and bailey design within an Anglo Saxon burgh. The castle grew to be one of the most powerful royal castles of the 12th and 13th centuries, although very little remains today.

Whilst we didn't walk too far, it was nice to catch up with Sally and John and to round off the walk with a light refreshment in the Boat House pub. We did enquire about boat hire along the river for the day, but after discovering the price, we didn't appreciate that we were buying the whole boat!

Whilst Wallingford is not a particularly large town, it does have a lot of history and a pleasant mix of shops, which kept those on the rally entertained, before



SOUTHERN MOTORHOME AND CAMPERVAN SHOW AT NEWBURY

15TH - 19TH MAY 2025

Introduction

The Southern Motorhome and Campervan Show at Newbury marked our inaugural rallying event, providing us with insight into the extensive variety of motorhomes and caravans available, ranging from large American RVs to the more modest Swift Basecamp 2 caravans, catering to diverse preferences. The Swift Motorhome Owners Club (SMOC) was strategically located near the food and entertainment marquee, as well as numerous exhibiting retailers, ensuring convenience while maintaining a comfortable distance to minimize noise from the multitude of attendees. We were cordially welcomed by Anne (SMOC Rally Marshall) and her two labradors, and we were immediately identified as first-time participants with a magnetic sign indicating our status, which later proved to be an excellent custom as it encouraged other members to introduce themselves.

The Excitement of First-Time Rally Attendees

In addition to ourselves it marked the first rally experience for some other new members. We were delighted to also meet John and Helen, as well as Donald and Annette - better known to the meet as TBC, as Annette garnered this nickname because Donald forgot to submit her name on the attending application! It was also great to meet Ron and Christine, and Paul and Hilary's guests who added to the extensive gathering.

Activities and Highlights

The rally was packed various activities such as Archery and Axe throwing also offered cooking demonstrations that focused on easy recipes whilst motor homing. On the Friday evening SMOC had a meet and greet event outside Anne's motor home, supported by Jane and Barrie where there were sausage rolls, pork pies (scrumptious) and the infamous lemon drizzle cake where many took the opportunity to go round the buoy a few times (myself included !). Saturday there were buses organised to nearby Oxford and Newbury allowing show goers a better opportunity of seeing more of the local area, although for a little additional charge.

The entertainment was brilliantly themed around the vibrant and groovy 1960s which brought back memories of our parents listening to the likes of the Beatles, Cilla Black and Cliff Richards and the Shadows amongst others that we barely recognised but give us opportunity to throw a shape or two on the dance floor!

Minute in the Spotlight

A massive Brazo Zulu (BZ) to Jane S who organised a raffle for charity, this raised £90 and where some great prizes were provided to the winners; but more impressively being the focal point for brining in new members to the club covering the stand throughout the show and having her 5 minutes of fame appearing on Caravan Radio!

Community and Camaraderie

One of the most cherished aspects of the rally for me was the sense of community and camaraderie among the SMOC members. It was great to have some banter with other military veterans who have the same interests, although you must have to respect the Senior Service (Royal Navy) and beware of the grey men in kilts (a nod to the black watch, story to be told later!) Although it appeared that Long-standing friendships were strengthened, and new ones were forged.

For ourselves, the show was a truly memorable introduction to the joys of being part of motor home community and provided insight into the benefits of being members of SMOC. As we were warmly welcomed and will hope to become integral members of the club's vibrant community.

Conclusion

The blend of engaging activities, delightful company, and the warm spirit of the SMOC community truly made it an event to remember. We leave with not only fond memories but also a deeper appreciation for the camaraderie and support that defines this unique gathering. Here's to many more rallies and the continuing joy of sharing adventures with fellow motor homing enthusiasts! Stuart and

Andrea's Delightful Experience with the Swift Motorhome Owners Club

THE WANDERER

A metal shell, a rolling home,
It carries me where I'm to roam.
Through winding roads and open skies,
A wanderer with adventure's eyes.
The engine hums a steady tune,
Beneath the sun, beneath the moon.
No fixed address, no daily grind,
Just freedom for my weary mind.
I chase the sunset, feel the breeze,
And find my peace among the trees.
A simple life, a mobile quest,
My motorhome, forever blessed.

SOLO TRIP - REFLECTION ON OUR TRIP TO HENLEY ON THAMES (LONDON WEST END SHOW)

12TH JUNE – 15TH JUNE 2025



Well, we had no choice in this trip out as our daughter has purchased tickets for a west end show in London! To make it more difficult it was also the Trouping of the colours weekend. With the price of accommodation been higher and the availability was not looking good. So, as we had been before

with the Swift MH CLUB to Henley we needed to check if the train ran from here into London! Success so we then checked availability for the CAMHC site, Henley Four Oaks as we are members. This was booked and off we went on our travels. We took two days extra due to the distance which is very rare that Keith can have two extra days off. We traveled on the Thursday morning and as we were passing



through, we stopped at the pub Farmers Dog. In case you are unaware of the significance of this pub it is Jeremy Clarkson's food from the locals onto the plate ethos. We were too late to savor the food as it had closed at 3, so we bought some meat from the butchers in the tent shop. It was not too busy but very warm, we parked our MH in the adjacent field which was much easier than the car park by the pub. There sausage rolls are something else, and not too expensive. Onwards we traveled and arrived at the site, nice wardens and we had a pitch that suited our size MH.



The following day we ventured into Henley which was a 20-minute flat walk and had plenty of shade to avoid the heat. We walked down to the railway station which is on the other side of Henley but again within walking distance. We did our enquiries and purchased tickets for us two which also covered all the underground transport within London. Lunch was had in a Wetherspoons which is always a good place to eat, the local eateries were rather full. We had our steaks from Clackson's farm for supper and all I can say that they were fantastic (no dearer that from our local butchers

at home). The day had arrived to catch the train into London and been a Saturday we were expecting it to be busy, no station office was open, so we were glad we got our tickets on Friday. We changed trains in Twyford and headed into London, plenty of seats on the train and we got into Paddington

Station with no issues. Off we got and then got onto the tour busses for the tour of London. We got our tickets in a gift shop as these seemed to be the cheapest option rather than buy them from the bus companies! What a day to go to London with the heat and the trooping of the colour. We did have a good view of the flyover as we were on the top deck of an open top bus. It was lovely to watch and quite a site to see so close.



When we got off the bus we headed to Harrods, well what do you say, I was not that impressed. We then set off on foot to Buckingham palace and walked down the road in the Mall as it was still closed off to traffic. We wandered into China town and had a sort of brunch before heading to the show. We could not move in China Town as it was full of people and difficult to move around. The food we had although this was China Town, we felt it was not authentic in the one we visited as it was the same as our local take away. Disappointed with the food there, next time I need to do some homework on the best one to go to.



The show was out of this world, and we have now decided that we would do this again, the 'run' to Piccadilly circus underground was difficult as the crowds coming out of the shows was unbelievable, next time it will be a matinee, this will give us more time and less rushing. We got on the tube, and this took us directly to Paddington Station entrance, off one and straight onto the train to Twyford, it was a very tight run as if we missed one then this would be the last connection from Twyford to Henley. But we did it. As the weather was warm, we walked back to the MH from the station which was lite most of the way we got back to the MH just after midnight. We had a lovely time, and we will go back.



The Sunday was time to go home, the time was far too short a break but we will get out for a week as some point.

Keith and Sue 3237



CHARGRILLED CHICKEN KEBABS

Sitting beneath a starry sky, slowly rotating skewered chicken and chunky veg over a campfire is an essential part of any camping trip.



Serves: 4

What you'll need:

- 4 diced chicken breasts
- 2 bell peppers
- 2 diced red onions
- Bottle of barbecue sauce
- Pack of skewers

How to make this easy camping meal:

Roll up your sleeves and mix the chicken, peppers, onions and barbecue sauce in a mixing bowl. Thread the chicken, peppers and onions onto the skewers. Carefully place over the barbecue or griddle and occasionally rotate until the chicken is cooked and the vegetables are chargrilled.

Serve with a nice fresh salad and sauce dips of choice.

Enjoy!!



We are always looking for more members to get involved in the committee. 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 the 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.

Lincoln Motorhome Show

Lincoln Showground, Lincoln, LN2 2NA

Thursday 18th – Monday 22nd September 2025

Our final Warners show of 2025 is one not to be missed. The venue is situated near the historic City of Lincoln. With 5,000-plus campers and a great lineup of entertainment, which this year includes

ever-popular Union Gap, Abba Fever, Mark Bale (Northern Soul DJ), The Amazing Blues Brothers and Saturday's headliners Showaddywaddy, Badness and Joe Pasquale. Please note that a separate fee is charged 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 seem to buy!) Whilst browsing, you can enjoy the daytime entertainment, or you may even be buzzed by a Spitfire or Lancaster bomber if you're lucky!

A continuous shuttle bus service will operate to Lincoln on Saturday between 9.00 am - 5:00 pm and tickets can be bought at the show from the information office. They are £5 per adult.

When booking via the Out and About site, please make sure you quote Swift OC (SMOC) 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.

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.

Club Camping Fee:

4-night stay (Thursday arrival) £87.15 per unit (includes booking fee)

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

Rally Marshals: Barry & Jane Kelly

Closing Date for bookings: 3rd September 2025

No arrivals before 09.00 on any day

Canterbury C&CC Rally
Bekesbourne Lane, Canterbury CT3 4AB
8th – 15th October 2025

This Camping & Caravaning Club campsite lies just one mile south of the beautiful and historic city of Canterbury and is easily accessible on foot or by bike (there is cycle parking and Park and Pedal available in Canterbury), or you could take one of the frequent buses from the stop right outside.

Canterbury is a city packed with history, heritage and culture. It has a stunning cathedral and the ruins of St Augustine's Abbey and St Martin's church and castle. It also has an eclectic mix of specialist shops, independent retailers, bars and restaurants that will hold your attention for many hours.

Slightly further afield there are many places to visit, such as Howletts Zoo, and Dover & Deal Castle, plus the lovely seaside towns of Deal, Sandwich, Rye, Herne Bay and Broadstairs.

Please note the safe access directions on the sites website.

Pitch Fee: Grass with EHU - £28.50

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

Rally Marshals: Jim & Janet Brian

Closing Date for bookings: Wednesday 25th August 2025

No arrivals before noon on any day



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

**This is to advise the membership of the Swift Motorhomes Owners Club that the 35th Annual General Meeting will be held at
10.30 a.m. on Saturday 13th September**

Venue:

Stourport Community Centre, Lickhill Road, Stouport-on-Severn

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Secretary must receive nominations for election to the Management Committee no later than 2nd August 2025. 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 4th August 2025 and must include the Name and Membership number of the Proposer and Seconder.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE AGENDA, TOGETHER WITH THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2024/2025 WILL BE CIRCULATED BY 9th AUGUST 2025

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

Post:

Nominee: Memb.No:.....

Signature:

Proposer: Memb.No:.....

Signature:

Seconder: Memb.No:.....

Signature:

Please send completed forms to :

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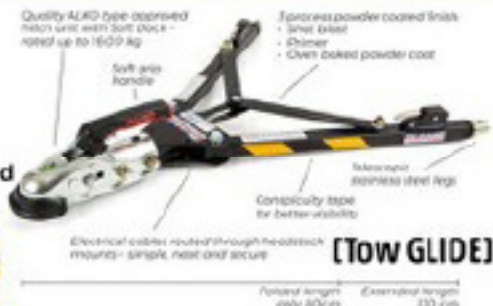
***NEW** for October 2019 TowAFrame in partnership with Tow bar Solutions Wales and Wessex Nissan are pleased to announce our exciting new offer. We can now supply a Brand New Nissan Micra - supplied ReadyToTow with TowAFrame.com system installed & Nissan Wessex Finance options available. View the new Demonstration RTT Nissan Micra in the Atrium area Site E.

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