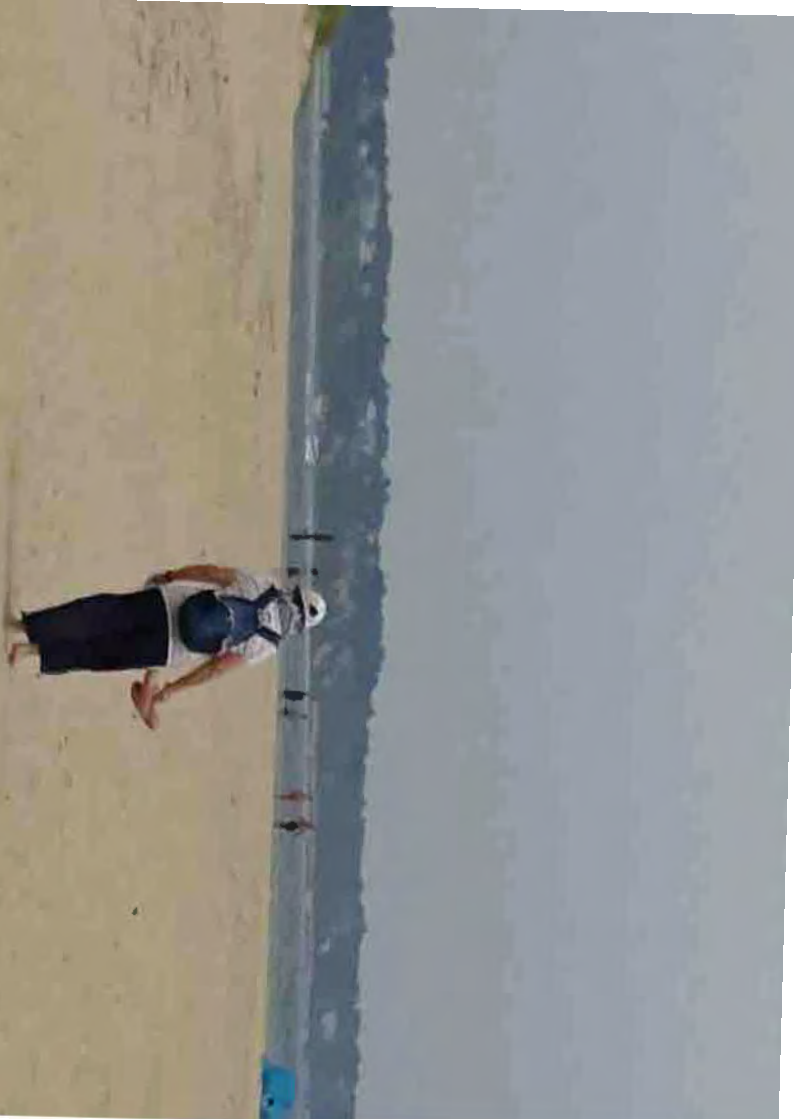


NEWS

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Studland Bay, National Trust, Dorset

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/studland-bay>

An ASOC member making the stroll towards the famous nudist area of the beach. How do I know? They were wearing an ASOC baseball cap, and perhaps that is all they will be wearing to keep the sun off.

Parking is free for National Trust members and £7 per day for non members.

Motorhome and campervan parking is available with toilets, cafe and shop. Many activities are also available to hire.

Let's spend a few days in Dorset

We thought we would have a few days away, so booked into C&MC Haycraft. We have been many times before. When booking, if it shows fully booked online and you are OK with a non-awning pitch, you will need to phone the site as the few pitches can only accept a certain size van.

A short walk from the site is the Harmons Cross railway station, which will take you one way to Corfe and the other way to Swanage. Tickets can be bought at the campsite reception.

From the site you can walk to Corfe over the fields just over two miles away. Corfe has the castle, pubs, cafes and a museum and worth a visit.

Depending on the weather, another favourite walk, depending how we feel, is walk to Corfe and up on the hillside which you can see from the campsite. Once on the top the views are spectacular over Poole and Brownsea Island and on to Swanage. You can then catch the train back to Haycraft or by bus which will stop at the quarry by a lane which takes you down back to the campsite. Another favourite is up through the fields to Worth Maltravers and on to Dancing Ledge, and then follow the coastal path to Durston Park which has a nice cafe, and then to Swanage.

A visit to Studland Bay is a must, you can walk the huge stretch of beach to the chain ferry which will take you to Sandbanks.

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EDITOR'S VIEW

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Welcome to August News.

As editor I am required to produce a monthly magazine/newsletter. I rely on members sending articles which are of interest to others. Although we try to produce as many pages as possible, But due to lack of items to fill the magazine, I have decided to standardise the number of pages to 20 pages each month.

Having no response about the magazine moving to digital copy only in 2023, I have assumed the membership is happy with the change, and will implement this next year.

Regalia Notice

Hello all you members who are wanting to buy Regalia but cannot due to you not carrying cash around.

You can now pay by card when I see you at the many rallies I attend or at the National Rally.

Stuart Wood, Regalia Officer

SAD NEWS

Roger Spensley 4293

Roger passed away in hospital as a result of Leukaemia no longer being dormant.

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What a summer we are having, as I sit here writing this to you on a very warm evening with a beautiful sunset at the St Ives Rally.

St Ives is a very quaint town situated on the banks of the river Ouse with easy bus access to Cambridge and Ely. It brings great memories back for Carol who used to live here and we had a boat moored down river.

If you've never been to visit, I would suggest trying the Rally next year where Al, Barbara and the team will make you very welcome. After the recent sad passing of Mike Valentine, it was great to see Mo back out in the motorhome enjoying the rally.

If you like being near water, on our way down to the Committee Meeting here at St Ives, we stopped off at the Stafford Boat Club Rally and we were made very welcome by Bob and Angela assisted by Brian and Linda. The fun and enjoyment of Angela's Chairs is an event to be experienced. The boat club is situated on the Stafford and Worcestershire canal in the picturesque Penk valley and has excellent facilities, a good bar and secure grounds. We look forward to future rallies there.

The Committee Meeting was very positive, but we are in desperate need of a new committee member to take on the role of Rally Co ordination when Neil steps down in September, after 25 years on the committee. We also need more Rally Marshals and Assistants for next year's program, without Marshals, you, the members would not have the opportunity to visit some great places at very reduced rates against commercial club sites. I would recommend giving rallying a try, the very friendly organisers ie the Marshals and their Assistants who know the area together with meeting many very friendly members.

If you are new to motor homing not only will you be made very welcome by all, you will find if you have a problem or need to know anything about your vehicle, some one will have had a similar experience or know how to fix it.

Covid changed the way society financially moved from cash to contactless payments at the National members were expecting to use contactless payments, in response our Regalia Officer, Stuart will be trialing the "Sum-Up" contactless payment system used by many small businesses and tradesmen which accepts credit card payments, and also remote payments for regalia.

Until next time. Steve



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Why not give it a try

DO YOUR MEMBERSHIP DETAILS NEED UPDATING?

Can you please inform the Membership Secretary of any changes to address, telephone, email and vehicle details.

Note: We do not pass any member details to any other person or third parties

NEW LPG FILLING STATION

Marquis Exeter is pleased to announce they have installed the provision of LPG refill at their newest site. and it is an attendant service only,

Clyst Rd, Exeter EX2 7JL

NEC Ticket Discount

Emma, Marketing Manager, Auto-Sleepers Group

Those wishing to book tickets for October's NEC Motorhome & Caravan Show.

Price: £11.50 – saves 50p off standard advance/ £3.50 off the on the day price

Auto-Sleepers Code: AS1

Auto-Sleepers URL: <https://motorhomecaravanshow.seetickets.com/tour/the-motorhome-and-caravan-show?OfferCode=AS1>

Terms and conditions: £11.50 before 23:59hrs 17/10/2022. After this time tickets are £15.00. A £1.25 transaction fee applies to all bookings. Tickets are non-refundable.

Car parking is included in the ticket price. No dogs (except assistance dogs).

Children 15 years and under go free when accompanied by a paying Adult/Senior but still require a ticket to attend (max 4 children per adult). Tickets are limited and are not available to purchase on the door.



ASOC NATIONAL RALLY & AGM
THURSDAY 27 APRIL –
MONDAY 1 MAY 2023

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES - hopefully

Arriving at Douglas Harbour, they were greeted by Steve, our Chairman, and Carol, our Treasurer, who had a treat for them, the Isle of Man Food Festival. Tinkerbelle wanted to visit relations at the Fairy Bridge, to catch up on fairy news. Marvin wanted to get salt repellent spray, as the salt air was playing havoc with his joints. So, it was only Martin and Ozzie who sampled the delights of Manx Queenies, a legend on Manx. These are Queen Scallops which are fished around the Isle of Man. The lost boys tried the Queenies with cucumber and wild fennel and then with garlic and bacon. All too soon it was time for them to get back to the harbour and resume their adventure.

Tinkerbelle and Marvin were in an agitated state when the lads returned. Tinkerbelle had been informed by the Manx fairies, that Pavo, a Pixie in Penzance, had overheard Ishmael sending a sub-space message to Mongo for Ming that the fugitives had been sighted.

After saying a fond farewell to Steve and Carol, who said they would spread the news about the 2023 National Rally, they set out into the Irish Sea heading for Scotland.

The voyage up the Irish Sea has its hazards, namely the ferries going to and from Ireland. The night sky was clear, they could see Sirius, the dog star, Gemini, the twins, Castor and Pollux, and the constellation of Libra. The two amphibious motorhomers had a number of near misses with the ferries, which Martin and Ozzie think will be reported and that a maritime enquiry will at some stage be convened.

Due to the news about the message sent to Mongo, the two captains had a council of war. It was agreed that the best plan of action would be to curtail their trip by heading for Glasgow, then to Edinburgh, before heading down the east coast.

Going up the Firth of Clyde they came across the Vital Spark, a Clyde Puffer and its Captain Para Handy, who gave them directions to a slipway on the Clyde to get on to land. MacPhail the engineer, on the vital Spark, boarded the Kemerton Oceanic to look at its engine. On his return to the Puffer, he had a row with Para Handy about getting a new engine for the Vital Spark.

More next month from the intrepid adventurers

Jackery Solar Generator: Does any member have one? Or thinking of buying one? Let the editor know your thoughts. editor@asoc.uk.com

Stafford Boat Club Rally July 2022

My heartfelt thanks go out to Bob and Angela Warwick for running this rally, on our behalf since 2016 and I am so glad it continues to be a success.

A superb rally in a superb location.

My name is Lesley Prince and my husband, Vic, and I, were on the canals for 22 years, first in our narrowboat Strumble and then in our narrowboat Andante. We were members of Stafford Boat Club and moored there from 1996 and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.

In 2009, we bought our VW Trooper to reach places we couldn't reach by boat, such as Scotland and the Lake District. We joined the Autosleeper Club at that time and started to attend some rallies. However, our narrowboat always took priority over the campervan, although Vic always said that Stafford Boat Club was a great location for an Autosleeper Rally and that he would really like to run one. Time passed and a rally never materialised - until 2016.

By that time, sadly, Vic had been diagnosed with motor neurone disease and we had to sell our narrowboat in 2014 because he could no longer manage, and in 2016 he could no longer get into the campervan, although he desperately wanted to run a rally.

That year, we got together with Bob and Angela, who very kindly offered to help us. They took on board the running of Stafford Boat Club Rally - the first one being in 2016. Vic and I stayed in a travelodge in Stafford and drove to the boat club every day by car to join in and meet people.

Bob and Angela even made us Marshall Badges which we were very proud to wear, and the rally was a huge success. I am so grateful to Bob and Angela that Vic saw the first rally take place and, although he was in an electric wheelchair, it didn't stop him being sociable with everyone.

Now, in 2022, Stafford Boat Club Rally continues. As I said, a superb rally in a superb location.

Thank you again Bob and Angela. Without your wonderful help the rally would not have happened. Vic is no longer with us, but he would be so proud.

Lesley Prince 6599

Yorkshire Eventually Paul & Jan Nash

When we first got together in 1975 our first holiday was a tent in the Yorkshire Dales, well almost, we stayed at Winksley which was a smidgeon outside! (not that this was of any significance to us at the time!) We hadn't been back since then so it seemed like a good thing to do this year and maybe tie it in with a trip to the National Rally. Plan was to do the National and then head north where we'd meet up with friends to tour the Dales, what could possibly go wrong?

Now, the National was a bit of a departure from our normal drive for peace and tranquillity, but with some reservations we decided to give it a go. First evening our misgivings were realised when we were unable to get a table with any of our known ralliers and we felt slightly side-lined. Friday worked out better and we linked up with folk we hadn't previously met but who seemed to be in the same boat, got on really well and had a lovely evening. Saturday saw us fall into comfort zone of chatting to all and



sundry and then a few of us got ourselves organised to make up a table for the evening meal, another lovely evening. We had been advised that the site was unsuitable for cycling from but we found that once over the A46 it was lovely with miles of quiet paths and roads through some very pleasant countryside with picturesque villages and pubs along the way. By Sunday we were beginning to feel really sorry that it was soon to be over we made a point of getting around to say our sad goodbyes.

Unfortunately memories wasn't the only thing we took away from the National, yep, you've guessed it, Covid! We met up, symptom free with our friends in Knaresborough, very nice to sit with cup of tea and unknowingly pass it on. Didn't feel quite right the next day so tested, negative, phew, that was a bit worrying, must have colds or something. Got worse by Thursday, tested positive, went back south to our home in High Wycombe. After a week of taking it easy we headed back north to try again, passing our now Covid infected friends who were struggling south! We stopped off at the lovely site, Lyndon Top overlooking Rutland Water en route, beautiful!



We stayed at Naburn Lock, a bit south of York, highly recommended, for 3 nights. Nice site with good walks and a riverboat service into York on weekends, great! Our trip to York saw us trying to recreate a photo taken 47 years ago,

So, still not done our nostalgia trip to the Dales, maybe another year!

CLUB EVENTS

Neil C. Rogers, Rally Coordinator

01325 954508

ncr@mypostoffice.co.uk

RALLY INFORMATION - Points to remember

Marshals should let the Rally Coordinator know when rallies are fully booked.

Always carry your ASOC membership card when attending rallies.

Not able to attend a rally you have booked, please inform the marshal as others may want to attend.

Inform the marshal if you plan to bring a car, tent or trailer to a rally.

All rallies start at 12 noon unless otherwise stated in the rally information.

6 - 10 August (5 nights) Redcar Rugby Club, Green Lane, Redcar, TS10 3RW

Rally Marshals: Martin Ross, Lesley Prince & Liz Irvin.

Emergency telephone 07901 771040.

Site Fee: £10 p.n. no electric.

Rally Fee: £2.50 couples £2.00 singles.

Please send your rally slip and cheques to:

Martin Ross: Elvina Wold Road, Barrow-upon-Humber, North Lincolnshire, DN19 7BT.

Email: mross@uwclub.net Including a SAE or clearly written email address for confirmation.

This is a level grass site, 5 mins walk to the beach with good cycle routes. Buses run regularly directly from the bottom of Green Lane to Marske, Saltburn, Staithes, Runswick Bay and many other places on the way to Whitby. Buses also run directly into Redcar or its a 20 to 30 minute stroll along a promenade right next to the beach, where there are numerous shops, with a Morrisons supermarket, pubs, cafes and fish and chip shops, including Pacittos - famous for its lemon top ice creams.

The clubhouse bar is open 5 pm - 11 pm where meals are available certain nights.

Directions: From A19 N or S take A174 signposted Redcar & continue to 6th roundabout. Turn left onto A1085. Continue through Marske and along coast road to Redcar. Look for sign for Redcar Rugby Club & turn left onto Green Lane. At the roundabout take 2nd exit. Entrance to site on right in 200 yds.

There are showers and toilets. Dogs welcome on leads at all times.

Rally starts 12 noon Sat 6 August and finishes 12 noon Thurs 11 August.

Whitby Rally follows on starting Thurs 11 August and is only 40 - 50 minutes drive away across the scenic North York Moors via A171.

Be assured there is plenty of room.

Follow on to Whitby ►

Running a rally: If you would like to run a rally, contact the Rally Coordinator for "Guide for Rally Marshals". When a date and venue is chosen you will receive the "Rules for Rally Marshals" and asked to sign a marshal's declaration which should be returned to the rally coordinator. Assistance and advice is available from the rally coordinator or a committee member.

If you would like to assist a rally marshal to see what is involved in running a rally, or interested in the details of possible rally sites we have, contact the Rally Coordinator.

Important: All potential rally dates and venues must be checked with the rally coordinator, who will check that the club will be able to comply with regulatory and insurance requirements.

11 - 16 August 2022 (5 nights)

Eskdale School, Whitby, North Yorks.

Rally Marshals: Liz Irvin, Peter, and Chris Brown.

Emergency Telephone 07711 271568 (Marshal's mobile)

email lizirvin@outlook.com

Site fees: £10.20 per night. Rally Fees: £2.00 couples, £1.50 singles.

Total with rally slip £53.00 couples, £52.50 singles.

We have the use of toilets and showers.

Arrivals after 12 noon on Thursday. We will be using the playground, car park and tennis courts. I am trying to negotiate emergency battery charging. The school balcony will be available this year. Places will be limited.

Booking slips and (cheques payable to Mrs E Irvin,) please send to

Mrs E. Irvin, 43 School Lane, Kirk Ella, HULL, East Yorkshire. HU10 7NP.

Telephone 01482 658345 or mobile 07711 271568.

Please enclose SAE, or clear email address on slip for confirmation.

In June and early July, please use email or mobile contacts, for confirmation.

The Whitby Regatta is still planned for this year. The school is off the Scarborough Road. Buses stop at the school gates to Whitby. Come and explore Whitby's fascinating and historic streets and waterfront. For walkers, the Cleveland Way coastal path is nearby. The Sainsbury's superstore is nearby on Stainsacre Lane.

Directions: From Scarborough on A171, on entering Whitby, after the 30mph sign, turn left into Eskdale Road after the lay-by, and the school entrance is on the left.

From Guisborough or Pickering on A171, enter Whitby and continue to the Scarborough road, cross the new Esk Bridge and up the hill to the top, Stainsacre Lane. Entrance is off Eskdale Road before Sainsbury's store and petrol station.

Postcode YO22 4HS.

FULLY BOOKED

18 -22 August Western Motorhome Show Malvern

Rally Marshals: Gary and Pat Wanklin

Emergency telephone: 07885 812512

If you require a booking form go to www.outandaboutlive.co.uk booking forms or book online

Please mark the form ASOC and note special club rates arrive Thursday £73 Friday £70.all bookings for Saturday night entertainment must be made and paid to Warner's when returning your application form to them .

Applications closes on Wednesday August 3rd if you wish to rally with the club then you must return your Application form to Warner's by this date .

Then you MUST complete a rally slip (this also applies to internet bookings) return it with the rally fee of £2.50 couples £1.75 singles.

Cheques payable to Gary Wanklin 18 Beverley Way Malvern Worcs WR141LA

Telephone 01886832364

Please collect the club rally information pack from the ASOC marshals before parking where directed

Rally ends 12 noon on Sunday but you may remain on site until 12 noon Monday.

22nd - 26th August 2022 (4 Nights) St Cross Symondians Cricket Club
Winchester SO23 9RT.

Rally Marshals: Rita & John Tubb and Jean & John Gutsell.

Emergency Telephone:07754 761423 (Marshals Mobile).

Site Fees: £48.00. Rally Fee £5.00.

Please send your rally slip and a cheque for £53.00 payable to Rita Tubb together with your email address or an SAE for confirmation and directions.

To Rita Tubb, 70 Charnwood Crescent, Chandlers Ford, Hampshire SO53 5QL.

Telephone: 023 8026 7294 Mobile 07754 761423.

This is a Greenfield Site with a C.D.P and Water point.

The site is less than a mile from Winchester centre. There is a bus stop outside the site which will take you there, alternatively it is a nice walk along the river.

Buses are available from Winchester Bus Station to Southampton, Romsey, Alesford, Alton, and various other destinations.

Places of interest: at Alesford there is the Watercress Line (Steam train), Various National Trust places in the area, The Royal Green Jackets Museum, Whitchurch Silk Mill, Jane Austen's House, Winchester College tours, Intech Science Centre, Planetarium, Marwell Zoo, Winchester Cathedral or visit Southampton Docks to see the Ships in Port, or Visit the Isle of Wight. Please do not arrive before 12 Noon.

Limit 30 Vans

THREE SITES SCOTTISH TOUR

FULLY BOOKED

31st August – 9th September (9 nights)

Rally Marshals: Moira & Allan Blackstock Telephone 01772 749178.

Telephone during rally: Moira – 07891 704186. Allan – 07969 312703.

Site Fees: £230 Rally Fees: £20.

Rally Slips with fees to:

Mrs M Blackstock, 39 Sumpter Croft, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 9UJ.

All sites are hardstanding with electric hook-up.

31 August – 3 September

The Wheel Caravan Park, Rough Castle Farm, Falkirk, FK1 4RX

Within walking distance of the Falkirk Wheel (for the fairly fit). If you would like to take a trip on the wheel and along the canal please indicate on your application. If enough are interested we will try to make a block booking.

There is a bus service from The Wheel into Falkirk with a stop at the Kelpies.

Falkirk is about 30 miles each way to Edinburgh and Glasgow.

3 – 6 September Five Roads Caravan Park, Alyth, Blairgowrie, PH11 8NB

Easy access to Dundee, Perth, Forfar, Scone Palace and Glamis.

The Blackbird Inn is right next door serving food and drinks.

The Blairgowrie Highland Games will be held on Sunday 4th September.

6 – 9 September Ballater Caravan Park, Anderson Road, Ballater AB35 5QW.

The caravan park is adjacent to the River Dee.

Ballater, situated in the heart of Royal Deeside is a favourite of walkers and cyclists.

The town is near Balmoral Castle and the railway station is worth a visit. No longer used by trains but a section is set out as Queen Victoria used it and boasts a popular café.

Directions to The Wheel will be sent along with your confirmation and the others will be given out during the rally.

8-11 September South West Motorhome Show, Shepton Mallet, Somerset. BA4 6QN

Rally Marshals: Martin Ross, Assisted by Angela & Robert Wareham .

Emergency telephone 07901 771040

Please use Warners booking form from other magazines .Please mark the form ASOC and note the special club site fees:

Rally from Thursday 8th to Sunday 11th September,

Arrive Thursday £73 Arrive Friday £55.

All bookings for Saturdays entertainment must be made & paid with Warners when returning the application forms to Warners by 25 August.

If you wish to rally with the club then return the application form to Warners by 24 August. You must also complete a club rally slip (this also applies to internet bookings). Return it with the rally fee of £3.00 couples, and £1.50 for singles,

Rally slips and cheques payable to:

Martin Ross, "Elvina" Wold Road, Barrow-upon-Humber, DN19 7BT.

Telephone 01469 530893. Mobile 07901771040. Email mross@uwclub.net

Please collect the club rally information pack from the ASOC marshal before parking where directed.

The rally finishes at 12 noon Sunday but you may remain on site until 12 noon Monday. There are no electric hookups on site.

18 -23 September 2022 (5 Nights)

Briarfields Touring Caravan Park Cheltenham GL51 0SS.

Rally Marshals: Rita & John Tubb.

Site fees: £22 a night. Rally fee: £5.00.

Please send your rally slip and a Cheque for £115.00 payable to Rita Tubb together with a clear email address or an SAE for confirmation and directions to:

Rita Tubb 70 Charnwood Crescent, Chandlers Ford, Hampshire SO53 5QL.

Telephone: 023 8026 7294 Mobile 07754 761423.

This is an adults only site with full facilities, hardstanding pitches with electric hook up. It is ideally situated for experiencing Regency Cheltenham renowned for its exclusive shopping; from charming boutiques to shopping centres with many leading retailers.

Historic Gloucester has a wonderful Cathedral where Harry Potter was filmed, dockside, award winning Waterways Museum and its Quays outlet shopping centre. The site is well positioned as a base to explore the beautiful quaint Cotswold villages of Bourton on the Water, Stow on the Wold, Broadway & Winchcombe. There is an excellent bus service which runs frequently (every 15

minutes during the daytime and every 20 minutes throughout the evenings) from outside the park entrance to both Cheltenham and Gloucester. There is also a daily service to Oxford which allows you approximately 5 hours to explore the city before returning you to Cheltenham. 20 pitches only. Please do not arrive before 1-00pm.

23 - 25 September

THE MOTORHOME & CAMPERVAN SHOW SEASON FINALE

Lincolnshire Showground, Lincoln, LN2 2NA

Marshals; Yvonne & Stuart Wood. Emergency telephone 07799591550.

Please use a booking form from Motorhome Magazine or online at Warners. Mark form ASOC and note the special club fees.

Arrive Thursday £73.00, Friday £55.00.

Booking for Saturday night entertainment must be made and paid to Warners when returning the application form to them.

Applications closing date 10th September If you want to rally with the club you must return the form before this date.

You must also send a rally slip to the marshal. Rally fees £2.00 couples, £1.50 Singles.

Cheques payable to: S. Wood. 26 Burton Acres Way, Highburton, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, HD80RF. Telephone 01484 604133.

Please collect club rally information pack from ASOC marshal before parking where directed.

Wednesday 28th September (1200 hrs) to Monday 3rd October (5 nights)

Statfold Barn Railway, Tamworth

Rally marshals: Peter and Chris Brown telephone 07771 827711.

This rally is part of the annual ACCEO (Association of Caravan and Camping Organisations) National Rally.

Toilets are available, but no electric hook-ups. There is no rally fee.

A large hall is available in which social activities and/or entertainment is planned for each evening.

There will be professional entertainment on Saturday evening from 'Mix'd Tape'.

The ACCEO AGM is on Saturday afternoon and can be attended as an observer by any interested rallier.

Statfold Barn Railway is on the outskirts of Tamworth with easy access from the M42.

There is a museum on site that houses one of the most impressive collections of narrow gauge locomotives in the UK and will be open at selected times during the rally, see www.statfold.com.

Within a couple of miles walk south there are two pubs, a country park, nature reserve and marina.

There is a narrow gauge railway on site but that is not expected to be running during the rally.

The cost of the rally for Friday and Saturday nights is £40, with no extra charge for the entertainment. ►

Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday are optional nights at £13 each. Please indicate on the application form which nights you want to stay. For this year you will be asked to pay on arrival at the rally. Alternatively, you will be able to pay by BACS, no sooner than 1 week prior to the rally – if you wish to do this, ask for the account details when you apply. As caravans attend this rally we are asked to advise if you wish a permanent tent awning to be erected and also the length of your vehicle, please include this information on your rally slip. As we maybe away from mid-August right up to the rally, applications by email only to pcb7ty@btinternet.com . If you have any queries, telephone 07771 827711 or email.

The 2022 ACCEO AGM rally will be held at the amazing venue of Statfold Barn Railway on the outskirts of Tamworth. With easy access from the M42. We have arranged for the museum to be open at selected times throughout whilst the rally is running.

The museum holds one of the most impressive collections of Narrow Gauge locomotives in the UK.



Food van will be available on Friday evening ... more information will be posted on our website and FaceBook page nearer the rally.

Entertainment on Saturday night by the amazing Mix'd Tape



£40 for the weekend and £13 for each additional nights (Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday)



rally booking slip

Statfold Barn Railway
Ashby Road, Tamworth,
Staffordshire B79 0BU



Wigginton Rally 19 to 24 June 2022

Thank you for attending this rally all went well. This is a great location and facilities. with sunshine every day, and help from Assistant Marshalls Pat & Les Udale Friends Eunice & Brian Lockett. Members joined in with the bowling and bingo. The club bar was popular too. This was a pleasure to run with the help from the football club and rally members

Alan & Glenis Hurst Rally Marshalls 6707

What a super rally. Thank you Glenis and Alan (and your older brother, Paul) and Les and Pat, for making us all feel very welcome at Wigginton. A really great location.

The showers and toilets were kept immaculate by the cleaner, Debs, who arrived on site around 6 am every morning to make sure everything was spick and span for us.

We had the use of a lovely room and massive kitchen. Bowls were played, pie and peas were served, and we had games of bingo. Thank you Pat for sharing your winnings with me after a frog in my throat delayed my shout of "house"!!

A good time was had by all.

We had wall to wall sunshine every day. Fabulous. In fact, it was too hot at times, and we all had doors, windows and the skylights of our vans wide open. Chairs and tables were outside, including, on some vans to provide shade, the winding out awnings.

Suddenly a gust of wind from nowhere, almost like a tornado, which lasted less than a minute, struck, causing all sorts of things to fly into the air. I was sat in my trooper with the lift up door to the boot open. I had blankets, a pillow and a hardback book on the parcel shelf at the back of the van and they all flew out the open door and were carried quite a distance by the wind. I ran after them and saw chairs, tables and a multitude of other things take flight.

The wind stopped as quickly as it started and things were back to normal.

I saw the couple parked behind me, Mick and Carol, walk over to the massive tree behind them, staring up at it. Wondering what the problem was, I walked over to see them. It was then they pointed to the tea towel hanging from the tree completely out of reach. Carol had said "its not just a tea towel, its a John Lewis tea towel!!!" And she was amazed how it had reached the tree. It had been hanging on a peg in the van. When the wind struck, it came off the peg and was sucked through the skylight and really did take flight into the tree! Astonishing!

But on a less humorous note, sadly one van did sustain some damage. John and Anna had their winding out awning up but had gone out to have a belated Fathers Day meal. The awning was half ripped from the van, so it just shows how strong the gust was, but there were plenty of helpers to deal with it in John and Anna's absence. A true Autosleeper Family supporting each other. Makes me proud to be part of such a wonderful group of people.

On John and Anna's return, to help them cope with the shock, I didn't give them my last rolo, but did give them a fudge bar each!

Thank you Hilary, for showing me your Teddy Bear blanket. Keep it safe or it may find a new home with me at a future rally!

I had 2 lovely days in York and had great company. Thank you Pat and Gary, Chris and Shirley, and Bob and Joyce, for asking me to the Sports Club Bar.

All in all, a very successful and enjoyable rally. Thank you Alan and Glenis, and my van started without any problems this year. Thank goodness! And my dog Tilly and Alan's dog Titch got on swimmingly as they didn't meet this year!

Lesley Prince 6599

We would like to thank Alan, Glenys, Les, Pat and the staff at the Wigginton Grasshopper F/C for a well attended enjoyable rally. We were made very welcome. The club facilities were excellent. A regular bus service to York was only a few minutes walk away. One of the highlights of the rally was an invitation from the bowling club to join them in a game of bowls. Several members took up the offer and those who had never played were given tuition - a good afternoon's entertainment. We also enjoyed a pie and peas evening, followed by bingo (sadly we didn't win!) Thank you again for another successful rally.

Jackie and John Moss (5639) Chris and Jeff Garrison (7648)

We went to the Wigginton rally this year for the first time and soon realised what we had been missing in not going before.

The flat grass cut field was very good.

The showers and toilets were very good.

We had the pavilion indoors for a meeting, and eating for the pie and pea supper one evening.

The squash club bar was open for us on an evening.

We could play bowls on the green and cups of tea were supplied.

The bus stop into York was at the end of the drive with a frequent bus service.

All in all it was a good, well run rally, and we will be going next year.

Yvonne & Stuart 2620



Wiggington Rally. This turned out to be a cracker of a rally, Marshalled by Alan and Glenis Hurst, ably assisted by Les and Pat Udale, at the Grasshoppers Football club less than a mile outside the village of Wiggington. The facilities are superb, with a brand new building containing toilets and showers, including disabled facilities and a room and kitchen which we were also able to use. There were 30+ vans, most of which arrived on Sunday The bus, leaving opposite the site and taking people into York was well used by members and bus passes thankfully were accepted. Sunday evening ralliers met up in the room for a get together over tea and coffee served by Paul and Heather, Alan and Glenis's son and daughter-in-law who helped with the running of the football club. It was lovely to see so many familiar and new faces, the two couples who were new ralliers were welcomed and Alan went through the activities that had been organisers for the coming few days for anyone who wanted to participate. Two food hampers made up by the football club were given to 2 lucky winners of a draw, a welcome surprise for them. The weather from Monday onwards was booked to order, warm, sunny and not a drop of rain, we were so fortunate – the Gods were certainly smiling on us, people were sitting outside chatting and relaxing, others jetting off somewhere to explore the area. There are a few National Trust properties in the vicinity and some took they vans off site to visit various places of interest. Tuesday brought an invitation from the Bowling club to “have a go” at flat green bowling, the bowling club members gave tuition and supplied bowls for us to see what we thought of this popular activity, what a wonderful opportunity to think about taking up a new hobby. They even provided us with tea and biscuits. The bowlers enjoyed it and the spectators were highly entertained too. Wednesday late afternoon was Pie & Peas in the function room, tea and coffee again provided and later Pat and Les hosted Bingo for cash prizes giving some people the chance to play it for the very first time. All too soon Thursdays closing ceremony came round which was held outside, luckily in the dry as the rain clouds seemed to be forming, maybe they suspected we were heading for home tomorrow as these were the first we had seen since Sunday. A couple of prize draws were done and many “Thank you’s” were given to the Marshals, Assistant Marshals and others who had helped with this rally. One rallier said that it was the first time he had been here but he wished he hadn't missed it in previous years and would definitely be here again in the future. It really does have everything going for it and the friendliness of ASOC members made it special. Eunice Lockett 6486





Chris and Liz, two committee members ready for the next meeting

