

HOBBY Motorhome Owners Club

Chats from the Chair- Winter 22/23

Welcome to your latest Club newsletter

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SEASONS GREETINGS

I am writing this on the 22nd December, at our first night's stop in Spain at the start of our long winter trip. The weather here is balmy, with blue skies. Wherever you are, I hope that Christmas and the New Year and your plans for the year ahead bring you some warmth and enjoyment - that's what motor homing is all about. I hope to see you on your travels in Britain or further afield over the next year!

from Nick Anderson Chair Hobby Motorhome Owners Club.

A warm WELCOME to new members

Since our last newsletter we have been pleased to welcome new members:

- Barry and Christine - Surrey
- Andrew and Amanda - Somerset
- Peter and Juliet - East Midlands
- Anthony and Teresa -Limerick
- Ken and Jean - West Yorkshire
- Sharon and Martyn - Staffordshire

MEET UPS

This year we are pleased to offer some different ways to meet up with other Club members, please read on.....

MEET UP IN PORTADOWN, NORTHERN IRELAND

One of our members, Nick Pearce, has invited Members over to his home territory - Northern Ireland. He says:

The venue I have in mind, and I got the ok for, is a pub on the outskirts of Portadown: J D Tiplers. It has space for probably 12-15 vans with fresh water and waste water disposal. Tony Flanders expressed an interest in June, and the ferries are much cheaper then. There's a lot of festivals up and down the country in July, so I would try to do the last couple of days in June and a couple of weeks in July. This being Ireland, everything is fluid, all I need is some members to tell me they are coming and I'll sort things out.

It will not be an official 'rally' as our Club insurance doesn't extend outside mainland Britain, but it certainly sounds an interesting way to explore Ireland! So sign up on the Members' Forum.



FARMER PHIL'S FESTIVAL

For a while now we have been looking for a music festival where those of us who like that sort of thing can get together, and we have had Farmer Phil's Festival recommended by a member Yvonne Pearce (no relation to Nick above!) 4 van parties from our Club have so far have booked tickets. It features a variety of music styles, and runs on 3 stages over three days, from 11th to 13th August, featuring about 50 acts all together. It is held on a farm just outside Shrewsbury. Tickets cost just over £100 per person, but for that you get entry to the festival, and camping for up to a week, from August 7th - 14th. Free showers and toilets are provided. They have been running for 21 years now, and people seem to say that it is an easy, low-key festival. This will not be a rally, as such, but it would be good to have other Hobby owners about to spend time with. Please check it out at <http://www.farmerphilsfestival.com>. If this tickles your fancy, book yourselves in and let us know on the Members' forum on our website.



For the full rally programme for 2023 so far ... see the last page.



The committee has moved into the C21st with the management of the Club's membership database. We now subscribe to membermojo. This won't necessarily mean changes for existing members, but joining arrangements for new members are much more streamlined. What can change for existing members is that you **now have the opportunity to access contact information for other members** (unless you have told us you wish to opt out of this). This is something that a number of members have asked for, including at our Annual General Meeting, so we are pleased to be able to provide this. Just follow the instructions below to access your and other members' info. This document has also been placed on our website: Sign in to the members' area, click on 'Members', then 'Documents' and view: Using-Membermojo-Dec22.pdf so you can refer to it at any time.

HOW TO USE MEMBERMOJO

Start from <https://membermojo.co.uk/iah/membership>

1. Enter your email address you use for Hobby in the "email box"
2. You will see a screen informing you Email Sent
3. Membermojo will send an email to your mail in-box where you click on the highlighted link
Click here to Sign In
4. You then see the Home page, at the top right hand side, click on your First Name and in the dropdown box click on Your Membership to see your Summary Details.
5. Further down that page in the Options section click on the View or Edit box by My Details
6. Check your details are correct or if you need to change anything, click on the Edit button
7. On the next screen, Update your Membership Details make your changes and click on the Save button
8. Click back to the Your Membership tab then in Options click on Members Directory to see a list of all members. If you click on any member you will see basic information from all Opted-in members
9. If you decide that you would like to have your details removed from view by other members you will need to go back to steps 5, 6 and 7 above and change your Opt-In status to No

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RALLIES AND MEET UPS 2023

Never tried a rally? The club runs several throughout the year, mostly around the UK, as well as an annual trip to Spain for the winter. Some of our rallies are held on campsites and others are simpler on fields with minimal facilities. For new members the first night is free upto a spend of £15.

JAN/FEB		Conil, Andalucia, Spain
MAY	3-10th	Sutton on Sea, Lincolnshire
JUNE	8-13th	Hereford
JUNE	9th AGM	Hereford
JUNE	13-18th	Aberystwyth
JUNE/JULY	28th-7th July <i>See article for more details</i>	Portadown Northern Ireland
AUG	7-14th or 11-13th <i>See article for more details</i>	Farmer Phil's Festival, Shrewsbury
SEPT	6th - 13th	Lyme View Marina nr. Macclesfield, Cheshire
AUTUMN/ WINTER	TBC	

