

HOBBY Motorhome Owners Club

Chats from the Chair - Summer 2022



2022 Committee: L to R Nigel Molineux Treasurer, Peter Runagall Rally Coordinator, Christine Runagall Membership Secretary, Ruth Anderson General Secretary and Nick Anderson Chair.

Welcome to your latest Club newsletter

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A warm WELCOME to new members

- Danny & Carole - Cambridge
- Les & Lynne - Worcestershire
- David & Helen - Worcestershire
- Alan & Marie - East Sussex
- Paul & Fiona - West Yorkshire

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STOP PRESS
Xmas Rally
Nov 30 - 7 Dec
Grouse & Claret,
Rowsley
inc Xmas meal
Book on Members forum

AGM news

On the warm afternoon of July 9th, 20 members gathered in a charming hall in Bourton-on-the-Water to hold our 2022 AGM. The Club Chair, Nick Anderson, reported that the club seems to be in a good place, with increasing membership, sound finances, and a good rally programme. He asked for suggestions to improve what we do. Thanks were expressed to all of the committee members, and to those who actively support the club, especially by running rallies.

The General Secretary Ruth Anderson, reported that all of the certificates that we need to operate are in place, that we are actively looking for a replacement company to manage our web presence, as the current web manager is retiring, and that we have agreed to purchase software to put our membership recruitment and database management on line.

The Treasurer, Nigel Molineux, circulated his financial report, which has been approved by our auditor, Peter Snowden. This showed that we have a balance of £6,852.21.

The rally Co-ordinator, Peter Runagall gave a report on the rallies that have been held since the last AGM, and gave details of upcoming rallies. We need more rally suggestions!

We were pleased to hear that the Disciplinary Officers had nothing to report.

All of the above, and our Membership Secretary Christine Runagall were unanimously re-elected.

Our Social Media officer, Jacky Snowden, has decided to step down. She was thanked for her work, and will be replaced by Pam Grey.

A member had asked if it was possible to share contact details amongst members. It was noted that our new membership software enables members who opt in to share their details with one another (excluding addresses).

Our next AGM will be held on Friday June 9th 2023 in Hereford.





Above: Bourton on the Water.
Below: An evening out at Bourton



RALLY ROUND UP

We have two more rallies planned for this year, the first being a return to Carsington Water in Derbyshire from September 5th to the 12th. The site is close to the reservoir, and is very affordable, having minimal facilities.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to attend this rally at Carsington Water.

We then meet again at the Grouse and Claret in Rowsley in Derbyshire, for our Christmas get-together from November 30th until December 7th. The campsite is by the pub where we will have a Christmas meal, and is close to the Peak Shopping Centre, and other local outlets.

Looking ahead to next year we are planning to make our annual migration south for the winter, meeting up in Conil de la Frontera, Andalucia, in January or February. We have also made a booking to return to the Rowing Club in Hereford for June 8th to the 13th, and are looking at combining this with another meet in that area. Other plans being actively investigated include a trip to the South West, and the possibility of going to a rural food festival in southern France.

Further details of all the future rallies already planned are on our members forum. If you would like to join us for any of them, please just post a message on the forum saying so – we would love you to join us.

We wish to book more rallies for next year. **We need your suggestions.** It can be on a campsite with all the facilities or just on a basic field - as long as it has a fresh water tap and somewhere to discharge toilet waste.

*You should soon receive an email from membership@hobbyowners.org.uk asking you to **check and confirm the membership details we hold on you.** We want to make sure our membership database is up to date before we transfer to our new membership management software. We ask you not to ignore it! Please respond even if all your details are up to date (your details will be kept secure and only released to other members if you wish them to via a members directory).*

For all rallies visit
<https://hobbyowners.org.uk> -
members forum

MEMBERS' MOTORHOMING TOP TIPS

It's a fix!

One of the joys of being at our rallies is the help that members give to one another. You only have to lift your bonnet and a crowd of other eager Hobby owners soon forms, and someone usually has the answer to your problem. The photo here shows Margaret McKinnon pointing out their new device which stops rain water dripping through the bonnet onto the electrics.



Smart mover!

When travelling, van bonnets can frequently get scratches and dents via stones thrown up from passing motorists, these can spoil our lovely looking motorhomes. Member Dave John showed us his inexpensive bonnet cover which protects his body work and looks sleek too.

Jump to it!

Have you ever been caught out with a flat battery and there's nobody around with jump leads? Well Tony Flanders recommends carrying a portable Jump Starter powerbank which acts as a fast charging emergency battery booster bank. His is a Mars J06 and it also has an LED Flashlight and USB Port.



Do let us have your motorhoming top tips. Send to admin@hobbyowners.org.uk or post to our facebook page: IAH