

BOOKING FORM

Romaclub National and AGM Rally.
Friday 17th May—Monday 20th May 2024

ELM COTTAGE TOURING PARK.

Chester Lane, Nr. Winsford, Cheshire. CW7 2QJ.

Please complete the following information.

Membership Number:.....

Full Name (s):

Address:

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Telephone number:.....

Email:.....

Cost. EHU Pitch. £35 per pitch per night.

EHU number of nights@ £35.00 £.....

Cost. Non EHU Pitch. £25.00 per pitch per night.

Non EHU number of nights. @ £25.00 £.....

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Mrs. Anne Graystone, Romaclub treasurer,
31 Clifton Street, May Bank,
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Pay direct - BACS payment to 30.97.21 a/c 00393737

DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER ON THE BACs FORM.

**But please email this form to :-treasurer.romaclub@gmail.com
If no email, then post it to The treasurer, Romaclub. Address above.**

It helps with our planning if you could give us some idea of your estimated time of arrival. Day.....Estimated time.....

I do not wish to be positioned near to dogs.

Closing date for Application Monday 17th April 2024,



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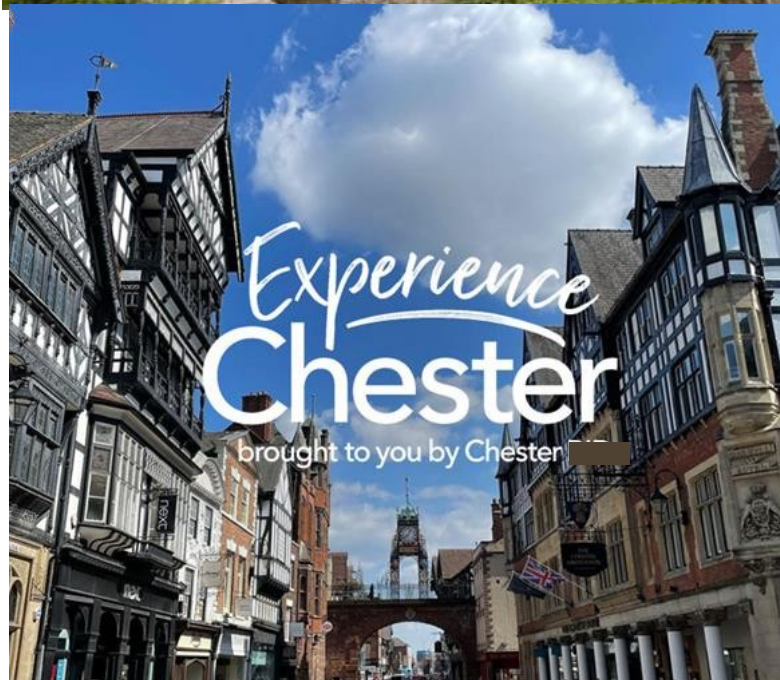
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Winsford.



A date for your diary.
17th—20th
May 2024.

Our Spring
National AGM
Rally at Elm
Cottage
Touring Park.
Winsford,
Cheshire.

Booking form is
on the back page
and in the guide
sent with this
Review.

What's New ?
What News ?

Membership Matters. *Yes, it does!*



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**YOU GET ENTERED INTO THE GRAND ANNUAL DRAW
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OTHER THINGS YOU COULD SPEND YOUR £20 ON ARE:

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'LEGEND -THE BEST OF BOB MARLEY' ON VINYL

ALMOST A WHOLE DOMINOES PIZZA

Your FREE Sales and wants....

Reluctant sale of my 'mobile beach hut' Duo. Genuine 19,400 miles. Just serviced, full year's MOT an outstanding example for year. 3rd seat at back option, TV disc player on folding integrated stand. Main dealer service history, 2 loving owners from new. For quick sale £15,750.00 Worthing West Sussex.

jadehealy@gmail.com



Overleaf is your booking form for the Spring National / AGM Rally.

It is also on the Guide booklet.

Please photocopy it and send it off as soon as you can, please ?

The site are asking for numbers quite urgently.

Thanks.

Membership Matters.

I became Membership Secretary 3 years ago and I am surprised how things have changed in such a short time.

Only a few members at that stage were on Direct Debit and a few paying their subscriptions by Bankers Transfer. Now the majority of subscriptions are paid this way, meaning fewer trips to the post office with the cheque book.

Thank you to all the members for doing this.

Don't worry if you are not computer literate, I am not brilliant, cheques are still acceptable.

If you have paid your subscription and not received your membership card for 2024 please let me know, the date, how you paid and your membership number. Sometimes things don't always go smoothly as one would like.

If you have not paid your subs this will be the last review you will receive.

In May at the AGM I will be handing over my position. Would you like to be the new Member Secretary. As I said at the beginning the job is much easier and takes up less time now and there is always help from other members of the committee.

Come give it a try.

Tamara

membership.romaclub@gmail.com

A warm welcome to



William and Mariane Styles Linda Gallon

Felicity Power



From Your Editor.....

You may well ask why you have been short changed with this latest Roma Review.

You haven't been short changed because you have a 16 page guide to our latest National / AGM rally. We hope to see as many of you as possible. If the last few events are anything to go by, it should be most enjoyable.

One thing you will notice about this edition, are the pages from very old Roma Club Reviews. The reason ? Because I was very short of content from you – the club members.

What comes over to me from these old magazines is the amount of feedback from members. Their trips, their reports on the many, many rallies held around the country.

The trip to Timbuktu might be exceptional, but quite a few folks headed around Europe.

Our club poet, Shirley Baker, has had to leave the club due to health problems, so I hope YOU will fill in with your poems.

Can you put finger to keyboard and share your travel adventures, tips, recipes, etc. etc. Pictures help fill pages and interest fellow members, so click away.

Thanks,

Allan.



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COPY DEADLINE

We very much welcome your contributions. Get them to me as soon as possible, but the very final collation date is the 10th JUNE. for the SUMMER REVIEW. Editor, Roma Review, 23, Fairmile, AYLESBURY, Bucks.HP21 7JS. Tel. 01296 428580 editor@romaclub.org.uk

Health Issues.

Some years ago, the club suggested that members put an envelope in the glove compartment of their Romahomes with a copy of their medication prescription, a quick summary of any health problems they might have, and details of a contact.

We hope that we never need to check these details, but better safe than sorry.

Membership Matters.

Official Notification.

The 38th Annual General Meeting

of the

Romaclub

will be held at 11.00 am, Sunday 19th May 2024.

at

Elm Cottage Touring Park, Winsford, Cheshire.

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As Farmer Brown approached his neighbour's

barn, he saw Farmer Jones serenading a tractor with songs and compliments. "What are you doing?" Farmer Brown demanded. Farmer Jones replied, "My wife and I have been having marital difficulties, and the marital counsellor said I needed to do something sexy to a tractor."

POETRY CORNER

ROMA CLUB REVIEW March 1993.

Stuart waxes lyrical

So impressed was new Roma Club member Stuart Walters, when he experienced his first Roma Club, AGM & Rally, that he broke into verse:

*A hundred and forty miles we travelled the road
To Highfield Farm, and there to behold
A rally of Roma's parked under the hedge
All greeted so warmly by Dianne & Reg*

*Have you ever thought how lucky we are
To have our home on the back of our car
And here to have so many friends to rally around
You might get stuck in the mud
But they'll not leave you on the ground*

*Some have holiday'd or toured on their way
While others worked all week and arrived on the day
Some even flew here from a summer clime
And had the devil's own job to get here on time*

*For an event of this nature all thanks are due
To the Roma Club Committee and all that they do.
For all help, hospitality and food that went down like a dream
Our special thanks go to the 'Island Plastics Team'*

Romaquiz time.

Answers to page 12.

1. Deborah
2. Roman Keating
3. Taekwondo
4. Botox Injection
5. Bahrain Grand Prix

Coming home through France we caught up with the European winter but managed to remain snug. The double glazing helped, of course, and we isolated ourselves from the cab by fit-ting two back cushions into the opening between. Then a flame spreader on a low gas, as recommended by Mary Tisdall, or a piece of firebrick, as suggested by John Hunt, soon raised the temperature.

Waking to - 2°C (- 5°C in the cab), we were comfortably warm by the time the kettle had boiled

From

Alan **Beales**, Tunbridge Wells.

*Were our club members more adventurous in the 1980s ?
You wonder if Island Plastics / Romahome should have stuck with dismantables on the Honda Acty*

*We love ours, but Timbuktu ? Chester followed by Cornwall will do us at the moment.
Sorry about the print quality. Ed.*

Romaquiz time.

Random Anagrams -

1. Girls Name - Bad Hero
2. Irish Singer/TV Presenter - A Neon King Rat
3. Martial Art - Woken Toad
4. Cosmetic Surgery - Notice Toxin Job
5. Sporting Event - Bin Ran Graphic Radix

Enjoy! Answers on page 13

From *Jac & Gudge*

smile

When my wife had to rush to the hospital unexpectedly, she asked me to bring her a few items from home. One item on the list was "comfortable underwear." Worried I'd make the wrong choice, I asked, "How will I know which ones to pick?"

"Hold them up and imagine them on me," she said. ***"If you smile, put them back."***

Chair Chat

April 2024

View from the Chair

Spring is on its way!

The riverside walk here in Norwich, which I know very well being Sherlock's preferred morning route, is resplendent with a host of golden daffodils.

How can you not feel enthusiastic for the coming year after seeing such a splendid sight.

There is much to look forward to.

The May AGM/National rally is just around the corner so remember to book your pitch. It is going to be a fun filled weekend.

We took part in a splendid meet in February just outside Grantham in Lincolnshire.

Although not an officially sponsored club meet, of the seven vans present, six of them were club members.

Many thanks to Susan for organising it.

Great walks with the dogs, the weather was not entirely dreadful and we had one glorious Spring like day.

Pleasant socialising in the evening where we all got to know a little bit more about each other. It shows what can be done, even in the bleak mid winter.

So come on Members! Organise a meet near you and see how many of your friends come to join you. You will be surprised at what a friendly bunch we all are!

Sheldon

Dear Members.. 

Advice needed..

Dear Members,

Can anyone assist?

The rubber closing strip that seals the roof to the body of my HyLo is receding inboard at both front corners of the unit.

On enquiry to remove the roof and replace the canvas as well as fitting new sealing strip is in the region of £1,000!



Has anyone had a similar issue? What was the remedy?

Has anyone attempted to cut away the rubber strip where it recedes at the corners and replace with new strip?

I would welcome comment via the Review or direct by email.

Freddy O'Hare.



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From Times Past, Roma Club Review May '86

TIMBUKTU NEXT STOP



• Alan and Rosemary Beales two days away from Timbuktu.

Inspired by an article by Hamish Brown in the Camping Club magazine, we decided to try escaping the English winter by taking our new Romahome to Morocco - a wise choice as it turned out. Leaving home in mid-December, we spent three weeks in Portugal on the way down, 8 weeks exploring Morocco and two weeks returning through Spain and France. In Morocco the sun shone every day and it rained just three times - "a cold country with hot sun" said our guide book, warm days and cool nights, a perfect winter climate.

This is no place for a detailed account of our travels. We sampled the hundreds of miles of sandy beaches along the Atlantic coast, basked in a desert oasis, climbed through the snow-capped mountains of the interior and enjoyed the exotic atmosphere of the ancient imperial cities together with the sophisticated Western style of living in the 'new towns' alongside.

40 m.p.g.

Throughout the little Honda behaved impeccably, buzzing us along at a steady 60 mph on Morocco's magnificent roads, climbing steadily up to nearly 8000 feet in the High Atlas mountains and, over 3 months and 6000 miles, requiring only to be fed with petrol, plus an oil change half

way. With a load which included a double toilet tent, a small awning and two Bickerton bicycles, we averaged over 40 mpg -and we lived in it comfortably for 90 days and nights!

SAND

Only two events disturbed our calm. One was when a faulty diode stopped our second battery charging - a fault easily cured, but with mains hook-ups universally available and longer stays planned for our next trip, we intend to get ourselves wired up

The other was when blowing sand blocked the hinge of one window and, when pushed open, the Perspex cracked along the top. This could have been disastrous but a DIY expert at Agadir camp site mended it with Araldite.

What's New ?

What News ?

**A date for
your diary.**



17th—20th May, 2024.

Following the success of our National Rallies, we have planned to hold the 2024 National AGM Summer Rally at

**ELM COTTAGE TOURING PARK, Chester Lane,
Near Winsford Cheshire, CW7 2QJ**

The booking form will be in the AGM Guide with this Roma Review.

The site wish us to advise numbers of Romahomes attending is good time, so

we would ask you to return the forms as soon as possible

(within days of the postman delivering the Review.)

Chester has a lot to offer. The city walls provide a great walking experience, and the city is a vibrant place to spend a day.

Why not make a holiday of it, and visit North Wales for a few days too.



Romacooking.

Japanese Ramen Soup

Japan is famous for many things, cherry blossom, geisha girls and fast trains. It is also the home of the micro camper. Many of the innovations in small camper vans originated in Japan. Could this be where Romahome got some of their inspiration. Oh! And did I mention heated toilet seats.

To celebrate things Japanese why not try this simple take on Ramen noodle soup,

Ingredients:

2 cloves garlic (finely chopped)

1 thumb size piece ginger root (finely chopped)

200 gms chestnut mushrooms (finely sliced)

2 bunches pak choi (cut into quarters)

250 gms medium egg noodles

1 chicken stock cube (or miso stock cube if you have one)

Method:

In a large pan sweat the garlic and ginger in a little oil. Add 500mls water and bring to the boil. Add stock cube and stir till fully dissolved. Add pak choi and noodles and simmer for 6 minutes till cooked. Serve noodles and soup into bowls and decorate with topping of your choice. This can include soft boiled eggs, grilled chicken, crabsticks, sliced cooked belly

pork, sliced radish, prawns and of course nori seaweed. All topped off with chopped spring onion greens. Be inventive and enjoy!

Sheldon.

There must be others out there who can cook. AH.



What's New ?
What News ?

GIVING US ALL A BAD NAME !



Thanks to Kath for finding this.

Good news from Calor Gas. They will continue with 3.9kg and 4.5kg butane cylinders. Supply will increase following modernisation of their facilities. The cylinders will be exchanged on a like for like basis as more come into circulation.



*Thanks for that, Kath.
A change of mind from Calor Gas ! Perhaps the fact that the Flogas company were busy supplying replacement gas bottles made Calor think again. AH.*

What's New ?
What News ?

AND EVEN WORSE !!



Our thanks to the Eastern Daily Press for allowing us to quote this item.

Villagers say a ban on motorhomes at a popular beauty spot being imposed because of unhygienic behaviour does not go far enough... as it doesn't cover caravans.

Norfolk County Council is planning to bring in restrictions at Beach Road, Salthouse, because some vehicle owners spending the night there have been emptying their chemical toilets on the verge.

But the wording of its proposed traffic regulation order means it would only cover 'motor caravans' - such as motor homes and camper vans. Villagers living nearby - who have been raising concerns about the so-called 'Salthouse stink' toilet dumping - have called for the measure to be extended to

also cover caravans, which also have chemical toilets and have also been staying on the 450-metre-long road.

Carey Clark, from Salthouse Parish Council, said: "The parish council would not wish to see caravans on Beach Road either. However, this hasn't been such an issue as camper vans or motor homes.

Under the terms of the ban, which is currently under consultation, camper vans and motor homes would be stopped from parking on the road, between 6.30pm to 8.30am any day of the week.

READ MORE: Stop camper van waste being dumped in public toilets, councillors demand