

# The National AGM Rally. May 2024.



Food,  
Glorious  
Food.

Our **"Bring and Share"** was the usual success. Thanks to all who supplied the feast.



**BG Printers.** It's a very sad time, because at the end of this month, after printing this issue of the Roma Review, my friend Caroline Wilson, has decided to close her printing company. BG Printers have printed the 'Roma Club Review' ( as it was ) and the Roma Review, since the club was formed, ( apart from a small gap with a new edotor) I would like to thank Caroline for all her assistance, for the quality print, and help during my time as editor. I wish her and her colleague Liz all the best.

*Allan H.*

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# Romacooking.

## Lemon and Paprika Chicken Pasta Salad

Summer is upon us, or so they say, so what could be nicer than to eat al fresco in those balmy warm evenings. Here is a recipe that takes a bit of preparation but is perfectly suited to eat outside with a nice glass of rustic Sicilian white wine. Almost as good as being in Palermo!

### Ingredients:

250grms dry pasta (whichever shape you prefer, but fusilli holds the sauce best)  
400grms chicken breast  
thinly sliced  
1 unwaxed lemon  
3 heaped teaspoons ground paprika  
200grms cherry tomatoes cut in halves  
½ cucumber sliced  
Tablespoon of olive oil  
Salt and pepper to taste



### Method:

Boil pasta until cooked 'al dente', strain and place in serving bowl to cool.  
In a pan heat the olive oil and gently fry the chicken breast, Add the zest of the lemon and the paprika.  
Allow to cool. In the serving bowl combine the pasta and chicken and stir to coat the pasta in juice. Season to taste. Add the tomatoes and cucumber and gently stir until all mixed together. Sprinkle a little chopped parsley and you are done! Serve with a chilled Italian white wine. Or you could use the unused lemon to concoct a refreshing Gin and Tonic.

### Enjoy!

Thanks, as usual, to Sheldon for this contribution. Anyone else have a recipe for us ?

## 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.

valbwallace1@gmail.com



Sorry, I got the email address wrong in the last Review. Ed.

Right. Showing removable third seat in position. >>>>

### 2005 ROMAHOME Duo Outlook on Citroen Berlingo base 2.0L Diesel manual engine. 65,200 miles

Passed MOT Feb 2024 Full service history  
Sleeps two (2 singles or 1 double). Passenger seating for four.

Pullman type with table. Toilet. Washbasin.

Fridge.

Gas hob with two burners and grill. Good storage overhead and in under seat

lockers. Double glazed windows, fly screens & blinds. Large Heiki roof light. Spot lights. Silver screens. Diesel heater.

Beloved by us for 16 years...reason for sale...ill health.

Offers around £15,000. Email: [richard.bettylaw@talktalk.net](mailto:richard.bettylaw@talktalk.net)  
Or text 07703984075



## Your FREE Sales and wants....

### FOR SALE ROMAHOME R25 Year2011.

Mileage 64000 Price £24000 ono. Full years MOT until April 2025.  
v. g. condition. text for photos

Contact Gerry & Sandra. Newcastle upon Tyne

Tel 0191 2362852. mobile 0748 4816871

### Does anyone have a replacement window for my C15 Romahome ?

or can anyone be able to assist me with my search to find one.

Perhaps someone may know the details of the manufacturer of the window?

My name is Derek Wiseman and can be contacted, or a message left, on the below email or phone **07768 166 011.**

Arrangements can be made by me, to collect or get delivered the window from where ever.

I have included a photo of the vehicle and window (before it was broken).

[maganddek321@gmail.com](mailto:maganddek321@gmail.com)



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## From Your Editor.....

### We were sorry to have missed the gathering at

Winsford. I gather that members enjoyed the event, and the weather, which according to the photographs, was good, apart from the Friday..

It was unfortunate that my good lady wife, Brenda, was in hospital. So, no craft event this time, for which she apologises, and thanks for the Get Well cards she received from her friends in the club..

I'm sure she would rather have been with you at Winsford.

Your committee suggested that members should bring their own craft work to the next event in Comberton, Cambridge, as a sort of, 'Bring and Share' time.

My thanks to our contributors. Thanks to our treasurer for the rally report, Freddy O'Hare for so many photographs, and to the members of the committee and friends, for the organisation of the event.

Well done to club members at the National AGM rally who raised **£350.00** for the RNLI.

This came from the raffle, Songs of Praise, Bingo etc.

This is the biggest sum collected at the current Romahome rallies. Well done.

For those who love cooking, Sheldon rushed a recipe for publication, as we didn't get any from our hundreds of club members. Barry Brazier sent an epistle about his overseas trip, but apparently, nobody else went anywhere. Either that, or they like to keep secrets.

**This is your magazine. Please, please, help me fill it for you.**

*Allan.*

**See you at the National Autumn Rally.**

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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 SEPT. for the AUTUMN REVIEW. Editor, Roma Review, 23, Fairmile, AYLESBURY, Bucks.HP21 7JS. Tel. 01296 428580 editor@romaclub.org.uk**



## Minutes of the 37<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Romaclub Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Elm Cottage Touring Park, Winsford, Cheshire. Time: 11:02am**

Streamed live via the 'Romaclub' Youtube Channel for members who were not in attendance.

### 1. Welcome to new members and apologies for absences

Apologies received from:

Allan & Brenda Horne, Helen Davison, Ginny & Carl Duly, Jaqui Perris & Barbara McGregor,

Gail Cooper-Heald & John Heald, Gerry & Sandra Brewis, Eric & Ann Beard, Maureen Barton

### 2. Approve and sign minutes of previous AGM (the Minutes and all reports are published in the Spring Review AGM Supplement and therefore deemed circulated)

a) Proposed by Sheldon Mahn Seconded by Jacqui Norton (online)

### 3. Matters arising from the Minutes: None.

### 4. Chairman's Report

a) Proposed by Isabel Dunkley Seconded by Keith Neat

### 5. Secretary's Report

a) Proposed by Keith Neat Seconded by Jenny O'Hare

### 6. Treasurers Report and approval of Club Accounts for the Previous Year

a) Proposed by Peter Graystone Seconded by Keith Neat

### 7. Membership Secretary Report

a) Proposed by Sheldon Mahn Seconded by Frank Price

### 8. Election of Officers of the Club for the ensuing three years: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, have all agreed to roll-over another year.

Rally Officer: no one put themselves forward but it was confirmed that this role is not necessary as Committee share the roles of organising the rallies/events  
Membership Secretary: Susan Sherriff – agreed unanimously.

### 9. Motions Received from Members of the Committee (must have been received by the Secretary no later than 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024) None

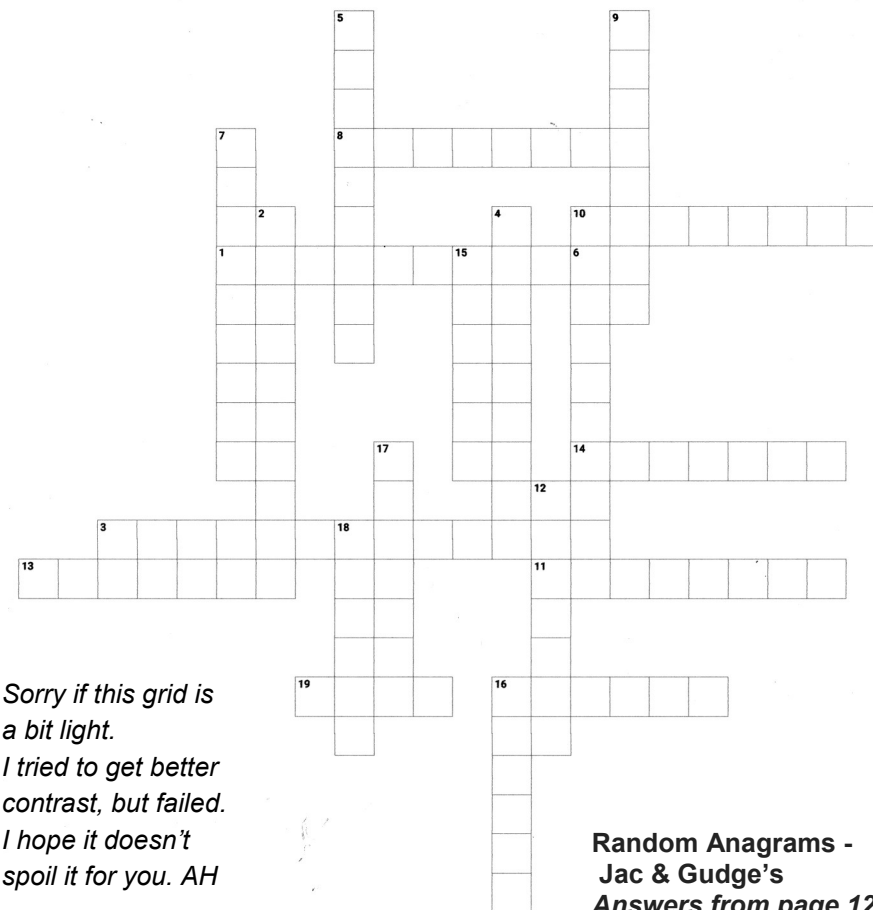
### 10. Matters Arising – metal badges: approx. £7.50/£8.50 a-piece. Committee do not feel this is viable so Chair asked the members for their thoughts. Agreed Committee to buy metal badges, and subsidise cost; members to pay £5 p/badge

Frank suggested embroidered badges/baseball caps. Chair suggested we could offer something for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Emma Griffin suggested we have a stock of stationery/merchandise. Members agreed. Committee to look into options.

Keith Neat said thank you to all the Committee for their work.

### 11. A.O.B. – Members offered advice and support for each other.

### 12. Annual General Meeting - Closed: 11:37am



*Sorry if this grid is a bit light.  
I tried to get better contrast, but failed.  
I hope it doesn't spoil it for you. AH*

#### Across

1. Detailed examination check of the living area
3. Small (but not CL) campsite near Sudbury
8. Which decade did the Romaclub launch
10. Tyre brand
11. Destination in the Cotswolds
13. First name of current Chair
14. Which county is Dan's Meadow campsite in
16. Name of membership magazine
19. How many magazines a year

#### Down

2. Manor Farm campsite is in which village near Cromer
4. What is another word for the R30
5. Name of hotel in Birmingham where first official Romaclub meeting was held
6. New Romahome builders
7. Isle of Wight Ferry
9. County for 2024 AGM
12. R20 Special edition
15. How many pounds is the current membership fee
17. Romahome fuel
18. National Trust campsite - Waterclose what?
16. Rhosson Ganol campsite is opposite which island

**Random Anagrams -  
Jac & Gudge's  
Answers from page 12.**

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

### In Summary

Yes, you can do it yourself. Better with two people. It's 85% really easy, 10% hard and 5% really dreadful. The 5% takes up most of the time...

Final thought - does it really matter? I was told by a dealer when taking about the roof seal some years ago that even if the seal has come off the front corners not much road dirt/rain etc will get under the roof, and as there's a partition behind the hinge space it won't affect the interior of the van. **So if all else fails....**



## *Membership Matters.*

**The problem with AGM's**, is that most people find it difficult to make time to attend.

Those members that made it to our National AGM weekend at Winsford found it quite interesting.

Jac, our secretary, couldn't make it to Winsford, so she set up the AGM event on Facebook, so members unable to attend could follow proceedings.

Jac tells us that she was quite disappointed to find that only one member accepted her invitation to link into the AGM.

With the upcoming **National Autumn Rally at:-**

**HIGHFIELD TOURING PARK, COMBERTON, CAMBRIDGE, CB23 7DG,**

we get the chance to meet all your friends in the club. No need for a facebook link. **See you there. The booking form is enclosed in this Review.**

## *Romaquiz time.*

**Random Anagrams - Enjoy!** From Jac & Gudge.

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

*Answers on page 13.*

# View from the Chair.

**We have just returned from the AGM in Cheshire.**

Good to see some familiar faces and to welcome some new ones.

I hope that everyone attending had a good time and that there was something to entertain you whilst you were there. It's nice to think that we got some things right and sadly some things not so right so apologies for that.

The summer has not started well weather wise but I hope this is not stopping you getting out and about. If you are planning a trip then why not let other members know, they may join you, and Romahoming is a social thing to do!

Thankfully we now have a volunteer to take over the role of Membership Secretary, welcome Susan!

As with all of us when we joined the committee she will be doing a lot of *'learning on the job'* so be patient with her, she will soon know the ropes and all of your little foibles!

Planning has started for the Late Summer Rally near Cambridge but nothing is yet finalised as to the events over the weekend, so if you have an idea of something you might want included then drop us a line or give us a quick call and we will see what we can do.

*Sheldon, Tony and Sherlock.*

## *Membership Matters.*

**A warm welcome to**

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👤 Eric and Miriam Umpleby from Cheshire.

👤 Bear Tyler from Ceredigion.

👤 👤

## **A BRIEF SOJURN ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT. by Barry Brazier.**

After last year's tour of Mull and Ardnamurchan in western Scotland (see earlier Review for details) where we experienced ferry delays and cancellations, it was decreed that ferry travel would never again feature in our travel plans. Which is why in May we headed down south to catch a ferry to IoW. Never say 'never'.

We were wary, justifiably as it turned out, of driving directly to the terminal in case of motorway holdups. We therefore booked two nights at a CL just outside Lymington so that we would be assured of not missing the boat. This was just as well as our regular three-hour journey to that area took six hours due to the Dartford bridge being closed for an 'incident', and the alternative, longer, north-about M25 being subject to over an hour delay.

But we finally got there to find a first-class CL, convenient for Lymington town as well as the ferry terminal. It was equipped with shower, toilets and washing machine facilities, as well as a barbecue area and also seating around a firepit. The owner was very helpful and pleasant and pointed out a nearby track for us to cycle into town away from the busy roads.

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The ferry crossing was actually very efficient, just leaving us with the drive across the Island from Yarmouth to Whitefield Forest campsite near Ryde. This is a large campsite set within a forested area, with grass, hardstanding and fully serviced pitches. However, at the time of our visit all the grass pitches had been taken out of use due to the excessive rainfall the area had experienced making them unusable. Some even had puddles and ponds on them so we were relieved that we had booked hardstanding.

We made full use of the Island's bus service, running every fifteen minutes from the end of the site entrance lane. A short ride into Ryde, calling at a Tesco superstore en-route for those needing to replenish supplies, and then on to Ryde town which had all the usual amenities, and connections to other buses to Newport or East Cowes.

During our stay we visited Osborne House (twice), Mottistone Manor Garden, Brading Roman Villa, Cowes, Fort Victoria Country Park, Sandown, Shanklin and Ventnor. We did use the van for some of these visits but for others we were pensioners on buses ☺.

I will mention one matrimonial disagreement which occurred at Osborne House.

## **Techtopics.**

**Seen your query about your HyLo roof seal in the Spring Romaclub review.**

**I've had the same common problem and managed to replace the seal. As the canvas is OK on ours the roof didn't have to come off. Bill Styles (HyLo owner for 12 years, previously C15 for 10!)**

### **How I replaced our sealing strip**

I bought a 12 metre length of replacement seal from **Seals + Direct Ltd. Unit 6 Milton Business Centre . Wick drive New Milton BH25 6RH .**  
**Phone 01245 617722. email sales@sealsplusdirect.co.uk**

### **Doing the job**

I did this with a friend who has done a lot of work on his own motor caravan. Better to have 2 people on this as it's helpful to have one person adjusting the roof angle while the other feeds on the new seal.

Basically you raise the roof some of the way, start at the middle of the door end, pulling the old seal off while clipping on the new one. Work forwards. That part is very easy. The problem comes when fitting the seal round the front of the roof where there is very little clearance. It's possible that different R20s / HyLo have a different tolerance with the gap at the roof front so it might be easier or more difficult with different vehicles. I was going to leave the old strip in place and just remove it as we worked along but in the end we just took it right off to clear the way along the front. No going back then. It was necessary to adjust the height of the roof, (it needed to be nearly closed while working on the front) hence two people best.

After a lot of fiddling, using both my special old spoon tool and also finger tips the strip was finally fitted onto the lip along the roof front, then it was a very quick job to attach along the side and round to butt up against the start of the strip above the middle of the back door. Trim the spare seal off with a junior hacksaw. Job finished. It took 3 hours in total. So the roof back and sides could be done in half an hour but the front was a fiddle. We got there in the end though.

Do it on a dry and reasonably warm day.

For the past two years the seal has remained in place as it should, so worth doing. Very pleased that it's happened!

**Freddy's roof seal problem.  
See the last Review.**





Down to business. The Romaclub AGM.



Member Janet Talbot receives her FREE road tax prize from Sophie and Anne Graystone..



Sophie, entertaining the 'troops'.



The troops, dancing the night away.



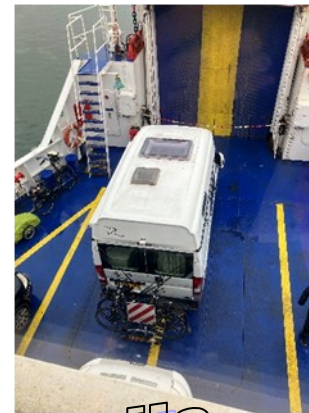
We were touring the rooms when Maureen spotted a chandelier which she absolutely raved over. She called me over saying that this was the item she would most like to be able to take home. I thought it absolutely and unspeakably horrendous! It appeared to be porcelain 'flowers' in much profusion and no symmetry, dangling offensively from an otherwise beautifully decorated ceiling. She thought it wonderful.



We eventually agreed to differ and I will leave you, gentle reader, to form your own opinion.

The return ferry trip was equally efficient, the only worry being that we were loaded so that we formed the 'cork in the bottle' at the front of the main deck. We would have been *extremely* unpopular had the van not started or the keys been mislaid when it came to

disembarkation time. However, all was fine and we led the procession down the ramp and away.



We left Lynton and drove to family members nearby where we camped for the following three nights on their front driveway, screened by high hedges and 'hooked up' to electricity in their garage. One final word of warning. Readers will probably be familiar with the little hinged flap on the van's electrical intake socket. On the R30, this is located close to the driver's door. Beware of your left elbow when exiting the vehicle. I managed to snap this cover but amazingly the local motor spares shop stocked an exact replacement, so all was well that ended well 😊.

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."

OKAY FINE! I'LL GO CAMPING..



Thanks for this, Kath.



# The National AGM Rally. May 2024

Peter and I arrived on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> to help Sheldon set up. We enjoyed very heavy rain most of the afternoon and evening and weren't looking forward to the weekend if it kept up.

Friday morning came and brought the sun which stayed all weekend with temperatures reaching the 20's. We were kept busy all Friday welcoming approx. 35 vans with 50 or so human occupants – I didn't count the number of dogs. After everyone set up their vans on the large pitches they were invited into the barn for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit. Tamara kept everyone well provided.



**Tristan and prize winner ?  
Who ? Why ?**

At least one person went to the classic car day at Oulton Park race track.

In the evening we had the pot luck supper when everyone brought food to share. Our entertainment was the wonderful Sophie who sang lots of foot-tapping songs and had people up on the dance floor, including me. In the interval we had the draw for the road tax prize which was won by someone who was actually in attendance so we were able to present it to her in person.

Sunday was again sunny and we had the Songs of Praise ably led by Kath and Isobel and the collection was for the RNLI. Following this we had our AGM which was also on YouTube for anyone who couldn't attend. Unfortunately, we only had one person log on to this. If you can't make it to the actual AGM and Rally do join us on YouTube next year so you can see who we all are and what we do.

Sunday afternoon was free to socialise and then in the evening we had Sheldon's wonderful quiz.

As well as asking the quiz questions he gave us snippets of background information including the dummy funnel on the Titanic and all about Fanny Craddock's 'marriages'.

On Monday morning it was time to pack up and leave – quite leisurely for some as we didn't have to vacate the site until 12 noon. It was a great weekend and it was lovely to see old friends and make new ones.

**Here's to the next rally in Comberton, Cambridgeshire 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September.**

*Anne Graystone*

**The booking form is with this Review.**

*Thanks to Freddie O'Hare for the dozens of photos, and to other members who were good enough to help. AH*

The facilities on site were a fair walk from the camping field but it kept us all fit.

On Friday evening several people took advantage of the pizzas made on site which they ate at the outside tables in the sun. Afterwards it was into the barn for a fascinating talk by Tristan from New Brighton RNLI, our chosen charity. Kath was kept very busy selling the raffle tickets. Everyone brought in prizes to go into the baskets and we eventually made up four baskets for the prizes.

Saturday morning came with lots of sunshine. This was a 'do your own thing' day. Some people went into Chester by taxi or campervan and some did walks round the area into Great Budworth Country Park. Some just stayed and enjoyed the peace and quiet and sunshine on site.



**Bring and Share. How many pork pies were donated?**



**Raffle prizes. Thanks to Kath for making them up. Thanks to members for donations.**