



Newsletter

December 2019



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Hello campers, Hi De Hi!

I used to go to both the Earls Court and NEC caravan shows every year back in the 80's and 90's, and it would take a whole day to visit every manufacturer's stand and browse all the new accessories. A few weeks ago I visited the NEC show, now known as the "Motorhome & Caravan Show", and you can certainly see why. I could only count around 9 actual caravan manufacturers exhibiting, in contrast to around 50 motorhome manufacturers and converters.

If you are a pessimist this might seem as if the days of the caravan are numbered, but as an optimist I would rather think that caravanners are fast becoming a rather select and discerning group.

Well the Christmas season is upon us once again, which of course means that it is also membership renewal time. Don't forget that any membership not renewed by 31st December will expire and may be subject to a re-joining fee. To make sure that doesn't happen to you, renew your membership now before you forget! A renewal form is attached with this newsletter for your convenience.

Finally, this will sadly be my final newsletter. Paula and I have bought a new caravan which, unfortunately on this occasion, could not be a Lunar, therefore we will also have to leave the club. We have met some smashing people and made some good friends along the way, and we will miss you.

Oh by the way; let me leave you with these pearls of wisdom:

- If you're too open minded, your brains will fall out.
- Age is a high price for maturity.
- Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you a mechanic.
- Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
- If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you have never tried before.
- It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.
- For every action, there is an equal and opposite government programme.
- If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the holiday.
- Bills travel through the post at twice the speed of cheques.
- A balanced diet is a bar of chocolate in each hand.
- Middle age is when broadness of mind and narrowness of the waist change places.
- Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.
- Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognise a mistake when you make it again.
- By the time you can make ends meet, they have moved the ends.
- Someone who thinks logically provides a nice contrast to the real world.
- Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be amused.

News from Lunar.

The following was taken from the Lunar Caravan Owners Technical Group on Facebook:

In August 2019, Lunar Automotive was formed to continue the manufacture of Lunar products to ensure that a brand that has been in existence for 50 years remains in the touring caravan market. The new owners are fully committed to ensuring our brand and products remain a strong choice for the caravanning public.

We are also very aware of the discomfort that many existing Lunar owners may be experiencing, specifically regarding any warranty provision.

Following extensive discussions and review of terms and conditions, Lunar Automotive Ltd have made the decision that, as a gesture of goodwill, they will endeavour to support claims for caravans sold by the previous company, Lunar Caravans Ltd. Please note this cover commences as from the original date of purchase and extends to models manufactured within the 2017, 2018 and 2019 seasons only. The caravans must be registered with a full-service history to enjoy this warranty. Full Terms and Conditions will follow shortly.

For a claim to be submitted, your caravan will need to be assessed by your supplying dealer who will have to be a continuing Lunar Automotive dealer. Please speak to your dealer to check their current status.

We are aiming to restart production of caravans and parts as soon as possible but there will be a short term impact on deliveries following orders being submitted, meaning parts may not be readily available to dispatch straight away.

Further updates will be provided to the dealer network as soon as possible.

The new owners of Lunar Automotive would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience during this period, we do recognise that this has been a distressing time for all involved, but we can all now move forwards to a bright and successful future together.

Rally Secretary Ramblings.

As you can see from the table below the 2020 rally programme is now in place and, as we speak, the new handbook is with the printers. We still have no offers to find venues and run either the overseas rally in June, or the new year rally, so although these will appear provisionally in the handbook they will be subject to a venue and marshal being found.

The same, unfortunately, has to be said about those rallies that currently do not have marshals. Why not team up with another couple and run it jointly, it can actually be good fun. Please contact any committee member as soon as possible if you would be prepared to run any of the following rallies.

2020 Confirmed Rally Details

Dates.	Location / Event.	Site	Marshal Req'd
Mar 12 th – 17 th .	Midlands	Dodwell Park, Stratford upon Avon	No
Apr 9 th - 16 th Easter B/H.	Derbyshire	Ashbourne Heights Holiday Park, Ashbourne.	No
Apr 16 th – 21 st .	Lincolnshire	East Kirkby Hideaway Caravan Site	No
Apr 30 th – 10 th May Day B/H.	Dorset	South Lytchett Manor 10 day Holiday Rally	Yes
June 6 th – 20 th .	European Rally	Continental 14 day Holiday Rally. Venue Required.	Yes
June 18 th – 25 th .	Lake District	Ullswater holiday park, Watermillock, Ullswater	Yes
July 7 th – 17 th .	Shropshire	Newnes Touring Caravan Park, Ellesmere	Yes
July 30 th – Aug 6 th .	Gloucestershire.	Mayfield Park, Cirencester	No
Aug 27 th – Sep 1 st B/H.	Hertfordshire	Shuttleworth Collection, Old Warden Aerodrome, Nr Biggleswade. No EHU	Yes
Sep 10 th – 15 th .	Oxfordshire	Greenhill Farm – Bletchingdon - Oxford	No
Sep 24 th – 29 th AGM.	A.G.M	The Lawns – Wisbech - Lincolnshire	No
Oct 22 nd – 27 th .	Halloween	Dale Hey Park - Ribchester	No
Dec 3 rd – 8 th .	Xmas Dinner	Bath Marina - Bath	No
Dec 30 th – Jan 3 rd 2021.	New Year.	Venue Required	Yes

Anything to Report.

I had a phone call in early October from Moira Randall and Mike Paige, with the sad news that they have given up caravanning. Mike has been having mobility issues over the last year and so they have decided that it is time to call it a day.

Mike and Moira asked me to say how much that they have enjoyed being part of the club, attending the rallies and the friendships that they have made. They have also asked me to say how much they will miss us all

I am sure that I can say on behalf of everyone in the club, and especially those who have met Mike and Moira, that we will equally miss their company on rallies and send them our very best wishes for the future.



Jean Head.

I was very sad to receive an email from John Head of Tiverton in Devon, just after I sent out the last newsletter, to say that his wife Jean had passed away in June, and that he had sold his Lunar caravan and bought a motor caravan.

On behalf of everyone in the club I send our heartfelt condolences to John and our very best wishes for the future.

Kev.

Forthcoming Attractions: December.

5th – 10th Dec - Xmas Dinner - Barnstones Caravan Park – Banbury.

The Christmas Dinner Rally 2019 is at Barnstones Caravan Park, Great Boughton, near Banbury OX17 1QU. We will open the Rally on Thursday 5th December 2019 there are still plenty of pitches and we look forward to welcoming you. This is a wonderful site and plans are in place for the Christmas Dinner on Saturday 7th December 2019. The surrounding area is truly lovely and there is Banbury, Oxford and Milton Keynes a bit further on for your Christmas retail shopping.



Unfortunately Mike Pratt is having to undergo further cancer treatment so will be unable to marshal this rally as planned. But all is not lost as **Mike & Anne Gyles**, have stepped up from being the assistant marshals, and they will be pleased to take your booking as soon as you like. Please send your bookings in either via the web site, a rally slip or contact Mike and Anne on: 01509569459 / 07808830127 or email mikegyles.gyles@gmail.com

28th Dec – 2nd Jan 2020 – Briarfields Touring Park – Cheltenham.

Briarfields Motel and Touring Caravan Park is open all year round and has well-equipped heated washrooms centrally located in the middle of the touring park. The facilities include: Free WiFi, Private Washbasins, Hand Dryers, 5 showers for the ladies, plus Hairdryers, 5 showers for the gents, plus Shaver points, Toilets and a Disabled washroom. The rally programme and venue for socials etc. will be given out in the newsletter, and on the web site nearer the time.

Roger & Caroline Applegate will be your hosts, so please send your bookings in via the web site, contact Roger & Caroline on 01275 540830 / 07793 025675 or email countylettings@hotmail.com.

Rally Reports. If members take photos at rallies, Teresa Hares would love to have copies of them for the club promotional material. If you would be prepared to share your photos please send them to: teresa.hares@sky.com

10th – 15th Oct – Barford Top Campsite – Saddington.

Unfortunately I haven't received a rally report for Barford Top, but if the photos are anything to go by, a good time was had by all!





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As the latest members of the Lunar Club, we have been given the daunting task of writing this rally report.

We arrived at Bucklegrave Holiday Park in Cheddar, a little later than we had anticipated, parked up and were greeted by the Marshalls, Roger & Caroline and Cathy and Phil. They were very hospitable and made us feel very welcome. In the evening we met up with the rest of the group in the lodge on site, where we got acquainted and had a few drinks and something to eat.

Trips and excursions had been arranged for us, if we chose to participate, but due to us having our dog with us we were a bit restricted. On Friday we visited Wilkins cider farm, where we were shown their very rustic style of cider making. We were also able to buy locally made/grown produce. We also visited the small village of Wedmore, which has a lovely eclectic collection of shops including the Cottage Gallery and the Honeysuckle Cafe.

Over the next few days we went off under our own steam exploring the area. Glastonbury with its Abbey ruins, and typical mythical shops and cafes. Burnham on sea, where we were able to take our dog on the beautiful beach and a wander around the shops and cafes, plus a return visit to Wedmore to peruse the shops, and Cheddar gorge, with its cheese making shop, Tucker's fish and chip shop and various gift shops.

We also took a walk up the Blackrock walk which was very pretty with all the autumnal colours around us. There are so many places and things to see and do, we ran out of time.

The rally was very enjoyable and we feel this is only the beginning of a lot more adventures with this group. A thank you to the lovely couple who were managing Bucklegrave, who were very obliging and helpful.

Thank you to the Marshalls too we had a fantastic time.

Tony & Sue.

For Sale.

Leisurewise Ontario Air 280 Porch Awning. 3 upright inflatable poles, 4 inflatable cross poles.

280cm wide x 235-250cm tall x 240cm depth. Polyester curtains & front panels roll up.

Manual air pump & rear poles included.

£250.00. Buyer to collect from Luton area.

Contact John on 01582614599 or email:

f.j.gatward@ntlworld.com



Well that just about wraps it up for another year, and also for me as your newsletter editor.

So on behalf of Paula, myself and all of the committee, I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

Kevin.



Lunar Owners Club

2020 Membership Renewal Notice

Renewal due 1st November 2019

It's that time of year again..... Except for those of you who joined us after 1st September this year in which case your subscription already covers the 2020 year. I hope you will continue your membership of the Club.

The subscription rate compares favourably with the £20 per annum which many other owners clubs are charging...and it's not a lot to pay for first rate companionship and enjoyment....Renewal rates remain unchanged and are:

- a) For those taking newsletters and other communications by email the basic Annual Subscription is £12. This is the clubs preferred option.
- b) For those who wish to use standard postal services rather than email the subscription is £15.
- c) The subscription for "Friends of the LOC" is £3.50.

Please Note: We are no longer offering payment of ACCEO personal subscriptions. You will need to settle these directly. You can make payment:

1. By Bank transfer directly to the Clubs subscription account at Lloyds Bank. Please quote your Member Number & Surname against the Transfer details. ***This is the preferred method if you are able to use it.***
 For UK Members: Sort Code: 30-95-45 Acct No: 19620468
 For European Members: BIC: LOYDGB21433 IBAN: GB15LOYD30954519620468
2. By PayPal, using the website Renewal form in the member's area.
3. By completing the form below and sending it with a cheque (made payable to "Lunar Owners Club") to the Club Treasurer at the address below.

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Lunar Owners Club – Renewal Request

Here at the Lunar Owners Club we take your privacy seriously and will only use your personal information to administer your membership of the club and to provide the products and services that you have requested from us.

However, from time to time we would like to contact you with details of club events, activities, club merchandise offers and general news from the club and Lunar Caravans Ltd. We will not pass your details on to any other company or organisation for any purpose.

Name:	<input type="text"/>	Membership No:	<input type="text"/>
Spouse/Partner Name:	<input type="text"/>		
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Mobile:	<input type="text"/>		
Caravan Model:	<input type="text"/>	Year:	<input type="text"/>

By applying to renew your membership of the Lunar Owners Club and signing this form you are agreeing to us collecting your personal information for the purpose of maintaining your membership of the Club.

Signed	Dated
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**Please complete this form and post along with your cheque to:
 Mr Mike Gyles, 11 Silverbirch Way, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 2DH.**