



Newsletter Autumn 2021



GREETINGS TO ALL OUR LUNAR OWNERS CLUB MEMBERS

Hallo Lunar Owners

It's that time again of Autumn leaves and shorter daylight hours but rallying soldiers on with a further 2 rallies to come, the Christmas Dinner Rally and the New Year Rally, so don't let the cooler temperatures and shorter days put you off from venturing out into our stunning countryside and meeting up with your Lunar friends. Soon it will be spring again and the new year's rally programme will start as you will see later in the Newsletter. It is worth mentioning again that new "hosts/ marshals" are always required to help in running the rallies, so please put your name forward to our Rally Secretary, Caroline at rallysec@lunarownersclub.net to give a hand when needed.

We hope to publish a final newsletter just before Christmas to keep everyone up to date with Lunar Owners Club news, so if you have any contributions or thoughts you would like to make, please send them to me a.s.a.p. to be included.

In the meantime, Happy Caravanning and have a safe tow.

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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Hello, first let me introduce myself: my name is John Kilby. I was elected as Chairman of the Lunar Owners Club at the AGM in September. My wife Lesley and I have been active caravanners for over 15 years and members of the Lunar Owners Club for 3 years. We really enjoy the regular experience of meeting fellow members at rallies.

I am honoured to have been asked to lead our club forward in what could be the most challenging period in its history as we grapple with the changes imposed on us following the demise of Lunar Caravans. Your committee anticipate we will need to make many further changes to the membership criteria to ensure the long-term health of the club. We hope every member will feel they are able to express their personal views to us, so they can be taken onboard and where possible acted upon.

Our Rally Secretary, Caroline, has put together an impressive list of rallies for 2022 and I look forward to meeting as many fellow members at these rallies as possible.

Welcome also to our new Committee Member, Jenny Nicholls, who has joined the Committee as Public Relations Officer.

John Kilby ~ Chairman ~ 0161 820 2466

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

I start by reminding you all that the membership renewal window is now open and closes on the 31st December, so don't delay, get your subs paid sooner rather than later!

This year we are doing something slightly different. New membership cards will be issued in the first week of January along with the new password for accessing the Members only part of the website from 1st January 2022. Until the new password is issued the current password will remain active. Lunar Handbook inserts will also be sent out in a return to the printed version of the inserts for your Lunar Owners Club Handbook ring binder.

For those of you who have joined during the COVID period when we have only used an online version this means that when you attend your first rally you will be given a Lunar Handbook ring binder to keep the inserts in. Members who joined during the COVID period and have already attended a rally will get their ring binder on their next rally. This can be arranged by notifying the rally marshal when you make your booking.

The inserts will be a slimmed down version of the previous ones similar to the online version. The reason being with the demise of Lunar Caravans/Automotive most dealerships are no longer Lunar agents and are therefore not requiring having their names and advertisements included in our handbook, but rest assured all the information regarding club contacts, Who's Who and rally info will still be included, and the online version will still be available on the website for those wishing to use it. Lorem Ipsum

Despite the current situation regarding the non-availability of new Lunar Caravans, the membership is still looking healthy with several new members joining after buying used Lunars. It is however expected that as in previous years membership normally falls with a number not renewing their membership. This is normally made up by new members joining during the year. Fortunately, those not renewing seem to be largely members who have joined but have never rallied so rally attendance hopefully will remain healthy. This coupled with the membership criteria changes passed at this year's AGM (*if you were a member at 1 January 2020 and have replaced your Lunar with another make you can still remain members and join us on rallies*) should ensure the clubs future is secure.

Finally, renewal time is an ideal opportunity to update your membership details so if you have changed your address, telephone number, email address or even your caravan please let me know by email to membership@lunarownersclub.net

It would also be very helpful for those of you who may have decided not to renew your membership to let me know the reason so that we can continue to improve the club and make it a friendly place and hopefully improve member's experience.

John Hammond ~ Membership Secretary ~ 0161 820 2466

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RALLY REPORTS

SUTTON HOO RALLY - AUGUST 12TH TO 17TH



I have wanted to visit the legendary Sutton Hoo for many years and having watched the film "the Dig" we already knew that we were going to see a variety of lumps and bumps in the grass so we weren't disappointed in the visit. The cream tea was a real bonus. Like this trip the rest of the rally was thoroughly enjoyable!

The weather mostly stayed fine and warm allowing us to enjoy activities on site as well as a variety of excursions. At the arrival get-together members welcomed new ralliers Paul and Sonja and were given details of the rally plans....with copious amounts of cake of course!

During the rally we enjoyed two group meals at the local pub as well as a social evening with a quiz and American supper in the barn on site. To keep everyone active we also had a game of Noki or "silly skittles " and a few people visited the local Suffolk Punch Horse Centre although this wasn't considered a high spot in the week!

We also used the barn again for a farewell wine and nibbles session. Well, after the marshals worked so hard cleaning it ,it would have been a shame not to take advantage of the space.

Our second new ralliers Bob and Julie were delayed by illness but apparently enjoyed the time they spent with us as they have booked to come on the Hallowe`en rally. It was really good to see first time ralliers out with us and even better to see how welcome they were made to feel. New members Paul & Sonja joined us for their first rally, saying they'd felt very welcome and they'd definitely do it again!

Looking back this was a very successful rally and our thanks go to the Marshals and co- marshals. Thank you Cathy ,Phil, Jenny and Keith for all your hard work !!

Caroline & Roger Applegate

"HALLOWEEN" RALLY, COOMBE NURSERY, SALISBURY - OCTOBER 28TH TO NOVEMBER 4TH

We all arrived in blustery conditions though it was thankfully dry at the time of pitching. Thirteen vans were booked into the rally and the majority of those attending decided not to erect their awnings due to very windy conditions. A lucky decision as it turned out. The site being on high ground was very open to the elements. However, it is next to Salisbury Racecourse with lovely views of the surrounding countryside.

This was the second time we had been to this site for Halloween, the last visit being in 2018. A real bonus at this site is a room available for our use. After everyone had set up, we then gathered for our usual tea and cakes and to greet our fellow ralliers, who included new members Sandra and Bob Davis. It is great to think we are now returning to some semblance of normality with our friendly and relaxed rallies.

Whilst the first three nights were very windy and wet, the days were dry enabling everyone to go out and about. As Terry and I knew Salisbury quite well we explored more of the surrounding villages, which we found very picturesque. Others ventured into the city to visit the Cathedral or drive a little further afield.

For the Halloween evening it was fun to see the imaginative costumes and to guess who were hiding behind some of the masks. The Marshals had worked hard to prepare a buffet meal which we all enjoyed. Prizes were awarded for the best costumes with Roger as a brilliant "Phantom of the Opera" and Julie a very ghostly apparition.



The following day was spent relaxing and decorating the vans in readiness for judging. Many of these were very elaborate and creative, who will ever forget Vic and Linda's giant spider and webs adorning their van and awning. Bob and Julie had a very animated display both outside and inside their caravan, much to everyone's amusement. After everyone had taken part in awarding points these were combined, with the result that first prize was awarded to Mike Gyles for his depiction of an eerie graveyard scene in his front window, together with a manipulated ghost puppet. Well done Mike and Ann! *(More photos on the Club's Facebook page)*

On another day a walk was arranged with a tour guide around the areas of Salisbury loved by Constable. Lorna our guide was very knowledgeable, as well as having a great sense of humour. We certainly learnt more about the background to his paintings and the affection he had not only for the city but the friendships he had made over the years.



All too soon the rally was coming to a close and our last evening was spent in the hall enjoying drinks and nibbles and saying farewells before departure the following morning.

Our thanks go to the Marshals, Caroline and Roger, Cathy and Phil for a very successful rally.

Karen and Terry Hughes

OTHER RALLY NEWS – FORTHCOMING RALLIES

XMAS RALLY – SOMERSWOOD CP NOVEMBER 24TH TO 29TH

Is now full ! Sorry! We hope to get a report in to the Christmas Newsletter.

“NEW YEAR” BRIARFIELDS CP, CHELTENHAM DECEMBER 29TH TO JANUARY 2ND

We are delighted to say we are able to arrange a New Year’s Meeting to celebrate the arrival of 2022! The meeting will be at **Briarfields Touring Park, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham from Wednesday 29th December 2021, leaving on Sunday 2nd January 2022**, a four night stay. This site, which we have used for New Years in the past, is an excellent site. It is part of the Tranquil Parks Group and is adult only. Hardstanding with EHU.

The site fee for the four nights is £90. Arrival time is 1.00pm onwards. The hall has been booked for New Year’s Eve and we hope to arrange one or two get-togethers in addition. Your meeting Hosts are Ann and Mike Gyles supported by John & Lesley Kilby. If you’ve not enjoyed a New Year in your caravan before, give it a try!

Booking is by the Club website www.lunarownersclub.net, (or [click here](#)) or if you are not on the internet call the Club telephone line 0161 820 2466.

2022 RALLY SCHEDULE – EARLY DRAFT

We’ve got an early draft of the 2022 Rally Schedule – as a subscriber you’ll also get a more detailed listing either attached to this Newsletter or sent separately. You’ll soon be able to book online or send in a Rally Booking Slip found in your Handbook

December 29 – January 2	Briarfields, Cheltenham
March 17 - 22	Carsington Fields , Ashbourne
April 14 – 19	Cranberry Moss (C&CC site) , Oswestry
April 28– May 3	East Kirby Hideaway , Spilsbury
May 18 - 25	Newberry Valley CP , Coombe Martin
June 1 -6	Fell View Park CP , Kirby Lonsdale
June 11 - 25	Camping village La Guyonniere 85150 Saint-Julien-des-Landes, France
June 16 - 21	Lime Tree CP , Atherstone
30 June -July 5	Harrogate CP , Harrogate
July 28 – Aug 2	Lairhillock Touring Park , Rugby
August 25 – 30	Disserth CP , Llandrindrod Wells
September 8 - 18	Hampton Bay Park , Herne Bay
September 22 – 27 tbc	Yew Tree Farm CP , Bewdley (AGM Rally)
October 13 -18	Mill Pond C & CC , Ledbury (C&CC site **4)
November 17 – 22	Bucklegrove CP , Rodney Stoke (nr Cheddar), (<i>Somerset Carnivals</i>)
December 3-7	Wysdom Touring Park Burford, (<i>Xmas rally</i>)

** Rallies shaded in grey don’t have marshals yet. Want to volunteer? Call Caroline on the Club Line 0161 820 2466