



Newsletter Spring 2022

GREETINGS TO ALL OUR LUNAR OWNERS CLUB MEMBERS

Hello Lunar Owners!

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year now that the Covid situation has subsided.

We can now look forward to our season of rallies and get out and about to meet up with all our Lunar friends again.

You will find some further information further on in the newsletter



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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Hello everyone

A warm welcome to old and new members and a belated Happy New Year to anyone I have not spoken to as yet.

One of the main goals for the committee in 2022 is to ensure that the club not only survives but thrives. To achieve this, we need active participation by all members, and I am pleased to report that we have got off to a cracking start already. We have put together a series of rallies through the year which have been well received with the second one being fully booked and the first very nearly (only 2 places left at the time of writing)! This is a marvellous start to the year, and I hope it is both a sign of renewed confidence in our Club and an individual desire to embrace the future of rallying in 2022.

I would like to see and get to know as many of you as possible on our rallies this year. If anyone has knowledge of suitable sites for future rallies, please let the rally secretary know. Any assistance in running rallies will be warmly welcomed and appreciated. Don't be shy, old hands were all newbies once! Call our Club Line 0161 820 2466 or contact Caroline Applegate, Rally Secretary rallysec@lunarownersclub.net.



John Kilby - Chair - 0161 820 2466

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Welcome to the hopefully COVID free NEW YEAR!

I thought now would be a good time to give our members a brief update on this year's membership status. The renewal period closed on the 31st December although renewals continued to come in throughout January. This year we had a higher than usual number of members not renewing, with some expressing their regret that they were having to give up caravanning due to illness or age. However, despite a request for them to indicate the reasons for not renewing the majority did not give a reply. The drop in membership numbers is not altogether surprising given that it is not unusual to lose several members at this time of year and especially with the unfortunate demise of both Lunar Caravans and their successors Lunar Automotive. On the plus side we are still getting new members join many after taking advantage of the good deals being offered by dealerships on ex stock and used Lunar caravans.

We have also had a small number of members return to the club after resigning due to changing their caravans to a different marque because of problems they were experiencing with their caravans and the lack of a suitable new Lunar replacement. They have been able to take advantage of the changes to the membership criteria that were passed at the 2021 AGM in September. Although it is still desirable that members should own a Lunar caravan or Motorhome and to do so is still a requirement for any new members joining. I will remind you all that any person who was a member of the club on or after 1st January 2020 can remain a member, or in fact re-join the club, even if they no longer own a Lunar caravan/motorhome.

Further good news regarding the remaining membership is that they are made up of our most regular rally participants. The vast majority of those who chose not to renew had never attended a rally.

2020 was a bit of a wash out due to COVID with only one rally being held. Nevertheless, it was good to see that the club was returning to near normal in 2021 with most of the proposed rallies taking place.

Now that we have settled into 2022 it's time to think about booking rallies again. Caroline (Rally Secretary) has worked very hard putting together a provisional rally programme for this year that should cater for all tastes including a rally in France. Bookings for these rallies are already coming in so don't delay in making your booking or you might miss out on an enjoyable outing where you can meet up with old friends and without doubt meet and make new friends.

Now that the Government has removed all statutory COVID restrictions (from 1st April), let's enjoy the rallies this year! But be mindful of others, maintaining some social distancing where desirable and taking applicable precautions which should not disrupt the enjoyment of meeting up again. Should circumstances & regulations change, your rally hosts will keep you fully informed.

The club is in a strong position with an excellent membership and a committee that has the clubs very best interests at heart. So, all in all things are looking very good for the future.

John Hammond ~ Membership Secretary ~ 0161 820 2466

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RALLY NEWS

As many sites decided this year not to open their booking diaries until January I have been contacting them to confirm our telephone or email bookings. We've had to make a couple of changes, but our rallies are already proving very popular.

There's only 2 spaces left on our first rally at Carsington Fields. Our second at Sytche Farm is fully booked. Also, we do have a few places left for our May Day rally at East Kirby Hideaway, Spilsbury, Lincolnshire as well as Newberry Valley CP in Coombe Martin, Devon – both very attractive sites and areas!

We're all confirmed now with rallies up to the end of June and we'll keep you up to-date as the year goes on. We're still looking for **marshals** for our **Lime Tree CP** rally on **June 16-20** – call me if you would like to be the hosts for this lovely site!

As always, you can get the latest information on rallies online at www.lunarownersclub.net

Caroline Applegate ~ Rally Secretary ~ 0161 820 2466

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EVER THOUGHT OF HOSTING A RALLY?

Come and join us! We're looking for two people who would join us to help host (marshal) a rally in **Llandrindod Wells from 24th – 30 August**. If you like to have a good time and want fellow ralliers to do the same, then this job's for you! It's not as hard as you may think. There are a few 'must dos', but mostly it's all about making everyone feel welcome and relaxed! We will be planning some events and activities, as yet to be decided, but there will be eating and drinking involved and maybe a few games. Unlike the picture opposite, it's not at all scary, but fun! So, if you've not helped to host a rally before and want to have a go, do contact us. We'd love to hear from you to discuss. No previous experience necessary!



Just leave a message for Cathy & Phil Butterworth on the Club Line 0161 820 2466, or email Cathy at secretary@lunarownersclub.net

OTHER RALLY NEWS – FORTHCOMING RALLIES

CARSINGTON FIELDS, ASHBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE DE6 3JS – MARCH 17TH – 22ND

This popular site near Carsington Water which is a reservoir of considerable natural interest and has a large visitor centre only ½ a mile from the site. The site is close to all of the Derbyshire Peak District National Park.

But (at the time of writing this Newsletter) we've only got **two places** left! So hurry!

Booking is by the Club website www.lunarownersclub.net, or if you are not on the internet call the Club telephone line 0161 820 2466. Your hosts are Ann & Mike Gyles.

SYTCHE CARAVAN PARK MUCH WENLOCK SHROPSHIRE APRIL 14TH – 19TH

Sytche Caravan Park is situated 10 minutes' walk from the historic town of Much Wenlock, known as the birthplace of the modern Olympic movement.

Unfortunately, this rally is now **fully booked!**

EAST KIRKBY HIDEAWAY RALLY, SPILBURY - APRIL 28TH – MAY 3RD 2022

We are getting bookings in now for our Springtime rally and have a few places still available. All pitches are grassed and have 10amp EHU.

During the rally we plan to visit the Aviation Centre to watch the roll out of the Lancaster Bomber "Just Jane" and a de Havilland Mosquito on the Saturday. Advance group booking is available for the Saturday.

The Lincolnshire area also boasts the International Bomber Command Centre – well worth visiting. Two National Trust locations at Tattershall Castle and Gunby Hall Estate are within easy reach. For a more rural trip out then Anderby Creek is great for walking along the beaches.

Lincoln Cathedral is a spectacular place to visit as is the town of Lincoln. Louth is a pleasing market town with a variety of local shops and eateries.

An evening meal is planned for one evening and the days are yours to enjoy the varied attractions within the Lincolnshire Wolds.

Margaret and I look forwards to receiving your bookings and meeting up with you!

Hosts: Peter & Margaret Kerins

RALLY REPORT

NEW YEAR RALLY – CHELTENHAM 28TH DECEMBER – 2 JANUARY 2022

As the date of the rally approached Terry and I hadn't made a final decision about attending due to so much uncertainty with Covid, central decisions from our political leaders as well as our lethargy due to over indulgence during the festive season. However, we really felt the need to venture out somewhere and of course our caravan figured highly in these deliberations. Another bonus was that the rally was local for us, being at Cheltenham, so it was not such a difficult decision to stir ourselves to pack and head off.



Briarfields is an excellent site which the club has used in the past, being easy to find (current road works permitting), nicely laid out in pleasant grounds and located on a bus route to Cheltenham and Gloucester. Supermarkets are nearby including a newly opened Aldi.

The day of arrival was dry, mild and sunny, which is always bonus. So once pitched the kettle was quickly switched on to welcome the Marshals, Mike and Ann, who had had a much longer journey. A little later our daughter and son in law turned up for tea and cake.

In the evening Mike and Ann, Terry and I walked across to the nearby Harvester for a meal, another welcome introduction before a busy day when everyone arrives.

The Marshals had hoped to arrange a joint meal for all of us sometime during our stay, but Covid put paid to that due to the Harvester having to restrict numbers because of loss of staff. However, we enjoyed a jolly New Year's Eve at a nearby village hall, which we have used in past years. An American supper was held along with quizzes and games to enliven the evening before the witching hour when bubbles (not the soapy kind) were

enjoyed celebrating the end of 2021 and welcome 2022. I am sure we all hope this year will see a major reduction if not the end of Covid. Once back at the site, drivers were then able to enjoy a favourite tippie of something alcoholic, with more socialising for those who were not turning in to their beds.

Throughout our stay the weather stayed mild and, on the morning, (not too early) of New Year's Day the Marshals Mike/Ann/John and Lesley prepared bacon butties and hot drinks for everyone, which was most enjoyable. A leisurely time then followed before starting our packing up ready for returning home the next day. We hope this first rally of the season augers well for this year's rally programme, when we can all gather and renew friendships in our friendly and easy-going club.

Karen and Terry Hughes

2022 RALLY SCHEDULE – (MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Here's an early draft of the 2022 Rally Schedule – there have been 2 amendments already:

- The original Easter location has been changed to Sytche Farm, Much Wenlock – but it's already FULL!
- Due to unforeseen circumstances, the site we were to stay at for the Christmas Rally does not have any loos or showers available. We thought this might be a bit tricky for some of us, so we have found another site nearby, with loos and showers! Also, the dates have been adjusted slightly to enable us to have a good Saturday night out, we hope! The rally will now be from Friday 2nd December to Wednesday 7th December.

You can book online at www.lunarownersclub.net call the Club Line 0161 820 2466 or send in a Rally Booking Slip found in your Handbook

Dates	Where	Postcode
March 17 - 22	Carsington Fields , Ashbourne – TWO SPACES LEFT	DE6 3JS
April 14 – 19	Sytche Farm), Much Wenlock - FULL	SY10 8DY
April 28 – May 3	East Kirby Hideaway , Spilsbury	PE23 4BY
May 18 – 25	Newberry Valley CP , Coombe Martin	EX34 0AT
June 1 – 6	Dale Hey Farm , Ribchester, Lancashire	PR3 3XL
June 11 – 25	Camping village La Guyonniere 85150 Saint-Julien-des-Landes, France	85150 France
June 16 – 21	Lime Tree CP , Atherstone	CV9 3PD
30 June - July 5	Harrogate CP , Harrogate	HG2 8NZ
July 28 – Aug 2	Lairhillock Touring Park , Rugby	CV23 9TP
August 25 – 30	Disserth CP , Llandrindrod Wells	LD1 6NL
September 8 – 18	Hampton Bay Park , Herne Bay	CT6 8BL
September 22 – 27 tbc	Yew Tree Farm CP , Bewdley (AGM Rally)	DY14 9TH
October 13 -18	Mill Pond C & CC , Ledbury (C&CC site **4)	HR1 4JA
November 17 – 24	Bucklegrove CP , Rodney Stoke (nr Cheddar), (Somerset Carnivals)	BS27 3UZ
December 2-7	Cotswold Hills Country Park (Xmas rally)	OX7 5TC

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