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**FOR ALL AMERICAN & EUROPEAN RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**

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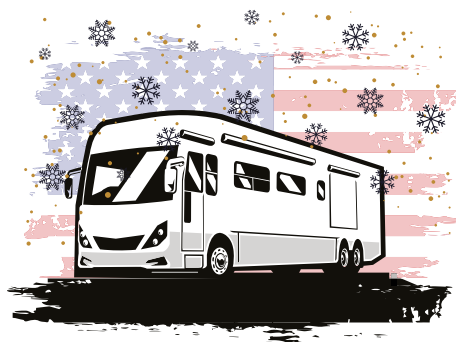
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# CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2025

Hi all,

Well, this is our last magazine for this year, I hope you all have had a great time away with the club this year. It's looking good for next year as we put the rally list together, some old and some new venues for us to meet up at. We have some clashes again, but we have tried to make these as little as possible, I have changed the date of our AGM so hopefully it now doesn't clash with anything else.

I know some of us have bought new to us RV's this year and I hope you are getting used to your new vehicle, I know Kathy and I are still trying to find the right light switches instead of the disco when we want the lights on.

As this is now the club's quiet period I'm sure Christine our magazine editor would love to here from you guys with any modifications, tips or stories of your journey's away it doesn't need to be in your RV, I know some of you have fitted Chinese diesel heaters or had them fitted, maybe write and let other members know the benefits. Any stories would be appreciated and I'm sure the members would love to hear about them.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone that's rejoined the club it's been a very long-drawn-out process and tiring work for our Secretary, Treasurer and membership officer, my only comment on this is membership is due on the 1st of September please try and pay on time.

It looks like our first camping meet up will be in April at Mychett in Surrey this is a new venue for me so I am looking forward to this one I know some of you have been here before, I've been told it's a nice level field, with an onsite café and a pub just up the road or a bus ride into town.

I think the WhatsApp group for each meeting has worked well this year so we will continue with this at each rally, just remember to let your marshal know your mobile number when you arrive.

We have had a steady influx of new members throughout the year, and I hope you are all enjoying the club as much as we all do, remember if you see a small group having a chat and a laugh grab your chair and join in.

Just a mention on attending rallies your committee and your marshals have worked hard organizing these adventures and the marshal works hard in parking you all up, he will try and park you where you want to go, but it's usually on a first come first served basis, you are generally asked where you would like to park but he can't always accommodate, so please don't take it out on your marshal if he has saved spaces it will be for a reason, mobility of the person or the size of the vehicle, just remember we are one big group so don't feel pushed out if your parked at one end or slightly isolated.

We will continue with our coffee mornings at each rally weather permitting and I think the donation box is working better than a raffle, we will save the raffle for the AGM so remember to have some change on you when you attend coffee mornings please it's your club and all proceeds go into the club funds.

There is no update on the two trademarks we are still fighting for, I have spoken with our Solicitor, and he has informed me that we are just waiting for a hearing or a decision on the outcome I will let everyone know as soon as I do, fingers crossed guys.

Well guys, it just leaves me to say the committee and I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and hopefully a very happy and prosperous new year.

Bye for now

Mark  
Hoorah the club



MERRY  
*Christmas*  
& HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy RVing in 2026 from  
your Committee



# LINCOLN RALLEY - September 18th -22nd September

Mark and I marshalled the Lincoln Motorhome Show held over the weekend of the 18th to 22nd of September.

As usual it rained most of the way there and most of Thursday and Friday Saturday was a little bit better but weather is never that good at Lincoln.

We originally had 26 RVs booked in total, but we ended up with 29, some old members parked in our area and re-joined the club Peter and Jane Ingle, lovely to see them back in the Club, they've been members for many years

We had a cycle ride on Saturday, which was a better day, most people ventured into Lincoln Town Centre on the Warner's Shuttle Bus.

Entertainment was good as usual, and in my mind it's one of the key things at Warner's Shows which makes them so popular.

We had a coffee morning on Sunday where everyone attended and had a chat. The A1 was closed Sunday so nearly everyone stayed till Monday which was a much better day.

All in all a good final event. Colin Cochrane Rally Marshall



# Thank you...

Well we did it after 20+ years of being together. We chose the 2025 AGM venue because Stratford is a lovely place to be with wonderful friends.

So without further ado here's how it started and finished.....

In May our camper broke down with a broken gearbox. Had to go into the garage for a replacement gear-box.

It's now August and it's still there. We got our tent out and off we came to join our crazy lot for the AGM.

Mark thought we were bringing a small pup tent but found another bigger pitch when we explained it was a 8 man tent with gazbo plus. Thank you Mark it worked well.

So, August 9th came and we got toggled up and separated, Justine got her dress on with the able assistance of Linda. Meanwhile John transported me to Warwick St Johns House to await the arrival of my Bride to be.

All went as planned. We were then transported back to the campsite in the Rolls Royce where the AGM was still ongoing which gave us time to prep the nibbles and drinks for everyone.

I won't say how much bubbly was consumed but not much left after 8 bottles plus beers etc. Thank you all for turning up. The evening meal and entertainment was a hoot, not planned by us to hijack you but many, many thanks for your hospitality and congratulations. Even the entertainer got in on the occasion and got us two up to dance.

A wonderful occasion for us with great friends. 2025 will be remembered for years. Oh, on the 10th it was Justine's birthday too! But that was ok by me because she had it with her husband.

Sorry, we have had one or two health bits so that's why this was delayed for the Sept/Oct edition.

Mr & Mrs David Devonshire



## Q Do we need an emergency beacon for Spain?

Having just returned from a few weeks in Spain, there was quite a bit of conversation between motorhome owners about new regulations coming in Spain and France, regarding red warning triangles and beacons. Doing a bit of research on Google, things seem to add up so I'm wondering if you could clarify the regulations.

Do we still need two triangles? Do they have to have LED lights? Do we need beacons? Do the beacons need to have GPS transmitters?

I do hope you can help resolve this and put the news out so vehicle drivers don't end up on the wrong side of the law.

Thank you once again for a brilliant magazine.  
David Dransfield

**CLIVE MOTT** There are many of us, including ourselves, who visit Spain regularly, so this is certainly a topic we need to be aware of. There are several facets associated with this and some have already taken place.

From 1 July 2023, in Spain the use of warning triangles on motorways is not required in the event of immobilisation of the vehicle due to an incident or breakdown. The DGT (Spanish Traffic Authority) is phasing out the triangles because placing them on a busy highway isn't ideal from a safety point of view.

In Spain, the standard for breakdown warning devices is transitioning from traditional red warning triangles to the connected V-16 flashing warning light, with the triangles becoming obsolete from 1 January, 2026. These battery-powered flashing red lights have an internal GPS and conform to a standard known as V-16. They are normally equipped with a magnetic base so they can be attached to the roof of a car without the driver actually getting out, Kojak style!

Until 31 December 2025, you can still use either traditional red warning triangles or the new V-16 flashing lights, but the DGT recommends purchasing the 'connected' version of the V-16 now, as they will be the only type permitted by law in the future.

The V-16 signal is an emergency signalling device that will alert other drivers to an incident on the road. The V-16 is connected to the DGT, allowing the broken-down

## Christmas Word Search

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vehicle to be geolocated and an alert to be sent to other drivers.

When the button is pressed, the V-16 activates and emits a high-intensity flashing light. The device connects to the DGT platform and transmits its location in real time, once every 100 seconds.

Drivers in the area will receive an alert on their connected devices informing them of the incident.

Since the connectivity of the V-16 lights only applies in Spanish territory, their effectiveness abroad will be solely visual.

Additionally, most drivers, and even police officers in other European countries, are not familiar with the V-16 light signal, as it is a recent creation in Spain and may not yet be recognised.

However, not even Kojak's arm is long enough to place a V-16 on top of a motorhome and the magnetic mounting will not work on an aluminium or GRP body.

It seems that alternative ways of attaching your V-16 are needed. The standard specifies that there are V-16 lights on the market with a magnetised base that facilitate their attachment to non-horizontal metal surfaces of vehicles whose height does not allow them to be placed on the roof, thus ensuring maximum visibility.

There are also beacons that can be attached to non-metallic surfaces by means of suction cups or similar fittings.

Most V-16 devices can be charged up via a USB connector from the host vehicle, so they are always ready for use.

**ED** We asked the DGT for further clarification as there is differing information on the internet about how these new rules apply to motorhomes.

It said, "Spain is the first country to make this illuminated and connected device mandatory starting 1 January 2026.

"The Vienna Convention establishes that countries may require, in order to permit 'international circulation' within their territory, that the vehicle be equipped with a signalling device consisting of 'a plate in the form of an equilateral triangle' or 'any other

device of equal effectiveness prescribed by the legislation of the country in which the vehicle is registered'. Vehicles registered in other countries that circulate in Spain as 'international traffic' will be complying with the regulations if they use triangles.

"Vehicles registered in Spain for 'international circulation' through another country that is a signatory to any of the current conventions will comply with the regulations by using the new illuminated V-16 hazard warning device, without the need to be equipped with warning triangles."

So, UK-registered motorhomes will be legal if they carry a warning triangle, while Spanish-registered motorhomes will need to use the new V-16 warning device from 1 January 2026. Clive later added that he had bought a standard non-connected flashing beacon, as it's a lot safer than hiking back down the autoroute with a triangle.



## PURCHASING YOUR V16 BEACON...

You can purchase these V16 beacons from many suppliers, Aliexpress for £6.50, EBay for £10.99, Amazon for £14.50, some outfit called Motardinn for £34.50, so be careful where and who you buy from as there is a large difference in prices.

Doing a small internet search it seems this rule will come into effect on 1 st January 2026 for Spanish vehicles only, with no date set for the rest of Europe to follow, but we all know how tricky some forces can interpret new laws, so I have bought mine just in case and it will sit next to my Hi-Viz jacket and the French Breathalyser kit we needed to buy and have never used.

Garrie

## HENLEY-ON-THAMES - September 2025

This is a new rally venue for our club, and was recommended by some of our club members. It is a really nice area and does need to be added on to the club's rally list for future years. What a special place this is was a little worried about it being in September with regards to the weather but we had a glorious week with many warm sunny afternoons.

A lovely flat rally field with a good water source plus low dump facilities; the gateways is a little tricky, but once into the rally field plenty of room to move around to park up.

Henley-on-Thames is a fantastic place and the rally field is within walking distant to the town which has many things to see and do, all for only £16.00 per night (2025).

There is a pub on site which serves food which is a simple walk through the park homes to the main reception area. There are no showers or toilet facilities for the rally field. We did take our bikes as there is a bike ride along the Thames but did not have time to check this out.

Good connections by road and bus to Reading, Bracknell and London it really does have a lot to offer, or you can do what we did just kick off your shoes and doze in the quietness of the rally field.

Being a new venue for us and Swiss Farm had not dealt with us before there did seem to be a lot of rules that we had to follow, the biggest one is that if it is wet it will be cancelled with very little notice as they do not want the rally field damaged with heavy vehicles, however now they realise what a lovely club of campers we are they have invited us back for 2026.

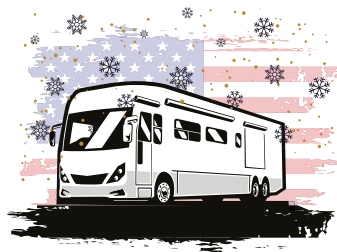
The weather could not have been better warm sunshine through-out the day allowing us to soak up the afternoon heat. The Town centre is a bustling hive of activity with many things to see and do many restaurants and pubs; Our members Jim & Anne who only live an hour away from Henley drive over for dinner to Villa Marina, which we thought was a good recommendation so our little band of campers booked for lunch it was so good we booked again the following day for the evening meal. We did not have time to organize a river cruise but if we have a good uptake next year this will be on the agenda for 2026.

Garrie & Christine; Rally Marshalls.



# MEMBERSHIP OFFICERS UPDATE - Dianne

# WELCOME



**Welcome to our latest members :**  
**Steve and Pauline Roberts from Sidcup Kent**

The season has now come to a close as we now navigate our way towards the Christmas and New Year festivities for many it is indeed a busy time. If you are travelling over the festive period we wish you safe passage.

I would like express our best wishes to all our members and their families for a healthy happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to seeing you at one of our rallies in 2026. If you have any photographs over the festive period why not post on our facebook page, it's a way of keeping in touch over the holiday and closed season period.

2025 gave us mostly good weather successful rallies and we hope 2026 will be as good as 2025.

Please check our rally marshals page for upcoming events for 2026 and we look forward to seeing you next year.

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A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who decided to remain members and for your continued support and renewal payments ,also to those who decided to join our club this year. Heartfelt good wishes to you all for Christmas and New Year stay safe and healthy

Dianne Sass Membership Officer



Great checklist from [powerblanket.co.uk](http://powerblanket.co.uk) on how to get your ARV winter ready.



## WINTERIZING YOUR RV

# CHECKLIST

### Step 1: Draining Your RV

- ☐ Remove and bypass any inline water filters.
- ☐ Drain fresh water, black and gray holding tanks.
- ☐ Flush black and gray holding tanks with built-in flushing system or use a cleaning wand. Lubricate termination valves with WD 40.
- ☐ Drain water heater by removing the drain plug and opening the pressure relief valve. **NEVER drain water heater when it's hot or pressurized.**
- ☐ Open all hot and cold faucets (don't forget outside shower and toilet valve!)
- ☐ Open low point drain lines
- ☐ Close all faucets and recap all drains.

### supplies

- ☐ water heater by-pass kit
- ☐ holding tank cleaning wand
- ☐ water pump converter kit
- ☐ RV antifreeze (2-3 gallons)
- ☐ wrench to remove drain plugs

### Step 2: Winterizing with Antifreeze

- ☐ Bypass the water heater.
- ☐ Install a water pump converter kit or disconnect the inlet side of the water pump.
- ☐ Connect tubing from the water pump inlet into a 1-gallon container of antifreeze.
- ☐ Turn on the water pump and allow system to pressurize. Starting with the closest faucet, gradually open hot and then cold valves until antifreeze trickles out. Replace the antifreeze jug as required.  
Repeat this step on all faucets from the closest to the farthest away.
- ☐ Flush the toilet until antifreeze appears in the bowl.
- ☐ Turn off the water pump and open a faucet to depressurize.
- ☐ Pour a cupful of antifreeze down each drain and a couple of cups in the toilet bowl and flush into the holding tank.

### Step 3: Preparing for Storage

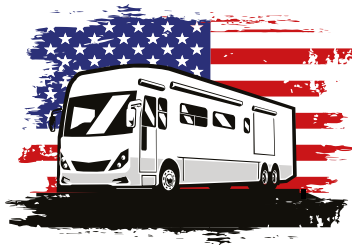
- ☐ Make sure any electric heating elements are turned off.
- ☐ Double check that all faucets are closed.




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# RALLY/SHOW LIST 2026



**PLEASE NOTE:** When booking for Warner's Rallies/Shows please ensure you select '**ARV (Original)**'  (from Club Camping)

MONTH	DATE	SHOW/RALLY
Jan	16th – 18th	<b>Warners - January Motorhome and Campervan Sale</b> Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2LG <b>Day tickets only – NO CAMPING</b>  Register for <b>FREE</b> tickets at <a href="https://www.outandaboutlive.co.uk/shows">https://www.outandaboutlive.co.uk/shows</a>
March	20th – 22nd	<b>Warners – The Yorkshire Motorhome and Campervan Sale</b> Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate, HG2 8NZ <b>Day tickets only – NO CAMPING</b>  Register for tickets at <a href="https://www.outandaboutlive.co.uk/shows">https://www.outandaboutlive.co.uk/shows</a>
April	17th – 19th	<b>Warners – The National Motorhome, Campervan &amp; Camping Exhibition</b> NAEC Stoneleigh, Kenilworth, CV8 2LZ <b>Day tickets only – NO CAMPING</b>  Register for tickets at <a href="https://www.outandaboutlive.co.uk/shows">https://www.outandaboutlive.co.uk/shows</a>
<b>The Jan/Feb 2026 magazine will include the booking details.</b>		
April	15th – 19th	<b>Basingstoke Canal Centre</b> <b>Mytchett Place Road, Mytchett, Camberley, Surrey, GU16 6DD</b> No electric available. <a href="#">CS5890-Basingstoke-Canal-Map.pdf</a> Contact Colin Cochrane on 07836 345453
May	14th – 18th	<b>Warners - Southern Motorhome &amp; Campervan Show</b> Newbury Showground, Chieveley, Berkshire, RG18 9QZ
May	Tues 19th	<b>Croatia</b> Sailing from Dover – France. Leaving date 19th May – open return.



MONTH	DATE	SHOW/RALLY
Sept	4th - 11th TBC	<b>Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire</b>
Sept	18th – 21st	<b>Warners - The Motorhome &amp; Campervan Show Season Finale</b> Lincolnshire Showground, Lincoln, LN2 2NA
Sept/Oct	27th Sep – 4th Oct	<b>AGM Rally (7 nights)</b> Stratford-on-Avon Racecourse, Warwickshire CV37 9SE

As these dates are very early for 2026 some may change, so please check with the rally Marshall allocated to that rally, also camping prices will be in Jan/Feb magazine 2026.



*If at any time you cannot contact a Rally Organiser, please ring Colin Cochrane on **07836 345453** and he will forward your booking or query to the Organiser concerned.*

**Remember:** The Show Organisers issue a list of members names who have booked to your Marshall, and then allocate that amount of space only to our Club. If your name is not on the list, it means you have not booked with the Organisers, and the rally Marshall will not be able to park you up in the Club Area, unless there is additional space available.

## Have you been somewhere a rally could take place?

These are the things you could find out and let us know so we can look into organising new rallies.

## Guidelines for suggesting a rally:

Location:

## Contact details

Accessibility to site, any length restrictions?

Size of rally (number of units)

Site price per pitch for rally

Surface - grass (firm), hardstanding?

Electric pitches, how many amps is the electric?

Any restrictions?

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Dog friendly (how many)?

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Nearby attractions?

- Attraction in walking distance

## Facilities?

Water, Electric, Waste dump,

Rubbish disposal, Wi-Fi

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## Accessibility?

- would you need transport

- local bus routes

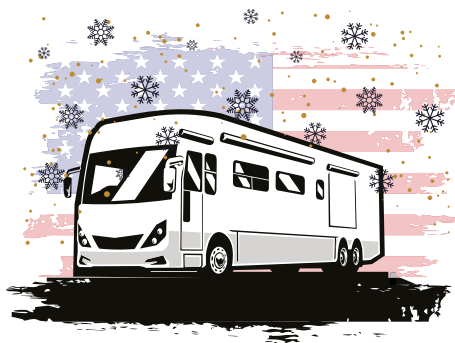
- Nearest busy stop (near campsite)?

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Food?

Chippy - take away

***If you find a new location for a rally,  
you are welcome to marshal the event  
- or we can find a marshal instead. Con-  
tact any committee member to discuss.***



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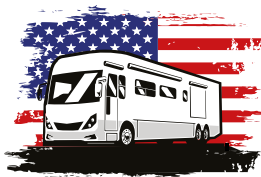
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## 2026 TRIP TO CROATIA

Hi Campers... We are being ambitious this coming year 2026 with a trip to Croatia. Some of our members have used this site many times and have given us some great information in organizing this club trip, our thanks to Chris and Roger. Our plan is to set off straight after the Warner's Show at Newbury; arriving at Dover on Tuesday 19th May 2026 for a 06.00 morning ferry to Dunkirk (sorry it is a little early) it has to be an early start to get us hopefully to our first fuel stop at Luxembourg for cheaper fuel, this will be a wild camping night. The trip from Dunkirk to Pula looks like 962 miles making it 14 hour total journey. We are looking to do this in two long days of driving most of this will be motorway and some road tolls will need to be added to your trip.

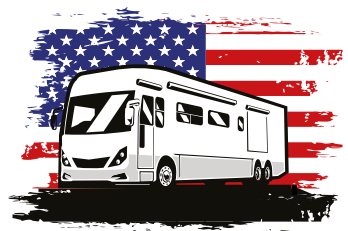
Now as always you can leave the UK when you want and join up with the club in Croatia, you can also take your time in going to Croatia and meet up with us later, we will just need to know your arrival time to make sure there is a pitch available for you.

Costing so far using DFDS ferries is estimated for a large motor home on an economy tariff to be £385.00 to £400.00 return with a returning date in June. If you use flexi rates the price will increase but this will allow you to return to the UK when you like if there is room on board. The last time we used DFDS I was able to obtain an OAP discount for everyone, also please remember the closer you get to the sailing date the costs start to go up.

The camping site Bi-Village is a little bit more difficult to calculate as they seem to have many tariffs but looking like early part of May £35.00 per night later part of May £40.00 and June £50.00 per night, however once I have a number of members to work with I should be able to obtain some discount. If you are not sure about this trip there is plenty of information on the internet about Croatia; but please contact me if you need anything Garrie 07771-623411, WhatsApp or email [woodywood1@btinternet.com](mailto:woodywood1@btinternet.com)

If you are interested in joining our merry band of campers please let me know as soon as possible.





**PAST RALLIES**









## UK Leisure Vehicle Services

**Mike and Erin set up Watts Broken? at the start of 2023.**

**It is a service that offers EVERYTHING!**

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