

## BOOKING FORM

### Roma Club Autumn National Rally.

Friday 9th, 10th and 11th September 2022

Lickhill Manor Park, Stourport on Severn,

Worcester DY13 8RL.

Please complete the following information.

There are 28 EHUs, so, unfortunately, not everyone will be able to have one. If it is a priority that you need an EHU please state it on the bottom of this form.

Membership Number:.....

Full Name (s): .....

Address: .....

Telephone number:.....

Email:.....

Please tick box if you request an EHU

Pitch with EHU. £22 p/night . No. of nights .....@ £22.00.£.....

No EHU £19/night. No. of nights .....@ £19.00 £.....

Total Remittance: £.....

We would prefer BACs payment. 30.97.21 a/c 00393737

But please post this form to the address overleaf, or email it to :-  
treasurer.romaclub@gmail.com

Cheques are payable to: Romaclub and send to our treasurer, address overleaf Together with this form, please.

### Special needs :-

If an EHU is essential, (e.g. medical reason for example) Please tick.

Other requirement :- Please state. ( e.g. Not near dogs, near a friend, near toilets)

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**Final Date for booking—August 1st.**

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# REVIEW

MOTORCARAVANNING AT ITS BEST IN ROMAHOME UNITS.



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Lickhill  
Manor Park.  
Stourport on  
Severn.  
Worcester  
DY13 8RL.  
details and  
booking form  
inside and on  
the website..





### What is Stourport known for?

Stourport is recognised as being of national importance. It is a uniquely well-preserved example of an 18th and early 19th century canal town. Stourport came into being around the canal basins at the Severn terminus of the Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal, which was completed in 1768.

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The population of Stourport rose from about 12 in the 1760s to 1300 in 1795. In 1771 [John Wesley](#) had called Stourport a "well built village" but by 1788 he noted that "where twenty years ago there was but one house; now there are two or three streets, and as trade increases it will probably grow into a considerable town". In 1790 he found the town "twice as large as two years ago".

### Worth a visit ?

You may not wish to use the free time to visit this town. The choice is yours, of course.

We would like to think that you will be using the booking form on the back cover, to join your fellow Romahomers ( and friends, we hope ) just to have an enjoyable weekend. This time, with no business meetings, you have plenty of free time, just to relax, and enjoy good company. Don't forget your chairs and tables for the marquee events.

Can we ask you to please bring some biscuits or cakes, and something for the raffle.

*Thanks*



### Overleaf is your booking form for the Autumn National Romahome Rally.

Please complete the form , totalling up the cost, and post it and your cheque made out to Romaclub, to our treasurer,

**Anne Graystone,  
31 Clifton Street,  
Newcastle,  
Staffordshire,  
ST5 0JL.**

However, we would prefer it if you could pay by BACs to our bank account details on the form.

Save postage, why not email the form to Anne on :-  
[treasurer.romaclub@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.romaclub@gmail.com)

Please use your membership number as a reference.

*Thanks.*

We look forward to meeting and greeting you there.  
Final date for booking. 1st August.

## Autumn National Rally Provisional Programme.

**Friday. Welcome.** You will be greeted and shown to your pitch by our willing helpers. New members will be given a yellow ribbon, so we know to make you really welcome..  
Tea and coffee will be available in the marquee, served by Jackie and Brenda. Biscuits should be available, depending on how many members have brought them for us. **Please bring your own cups.**

**Saturday. 10 a.m. Our coffee social 'get together'.** Catering arrangements might prove difficult, so can we ask you to bring your own tea or coffee.

**Please chat to each other and make new members welcome.**

**11 a.m. Table top sale** in the marquee. Bring along your items for sale. You might no longer need a piece of equipment, but someone will welcome it. Crafts and odds and ends can be sold too.

**7.p.m. Home Grown Entertainment.** Can you sing ? Do you play an instrument. A ukulele ? Do you do poetry ? Our Chairman, Sheldon, is hoping to arrange Karaoke. **Please bring your own snacks and drinks. You can share them too.**

**Sunday. 10 a.m. Songs of Praise.** As in previous years. This is for all faiths, or none., this is ecumenical. Come along and have a good sing ? The rest of the day is free for you to visit Stourport-on-Severn to enjoy the canal basin etc., or just relax in the sun.

**6 p.m. A Pot Luck Supper.** Please bring along an item of food to put on the top table. This sharing of delights proved a great success at Ripon, so let's see if we can offer an even better selection of delights.

**This food will be followed by Peter's Quiz.** Not Mastermind, but it should prove enjoyable.

**The raffle will also be drawn.**

**As previously, can you bring something for this raffle please?**

**Monday.** It's time to break camp and head home.  
Thanks for coming, and have a safe journey home.

## From Your Editor.....

**'Yer 'Tis.** The latest masterpiece. A bonus edition too !

My lady wife, and I are off to Devon for our holiday, so I thought I would try to learn the language.

Thanks for your contributions this time. Lots of feedback from the National AGM rally, so much so, that your committee decided to hold another National Rally, but the, of course, you could not miss the promotion in this Review.

Some Romahomes for sale this time, sadly so, in the case of our long serving President's R25.

Freddy keeps his tips coming in. Kath gives an idea for a visit, **BUT** we don't seem to be getting rally ideas.

In the March 1998 Roma Club Review (as it was the ) there were twelve rallies advertised.

Let's try to get back to those days.

*Allan.*



**Yellow Ribbons:** People who have not attended an annual rally/AGM before are given yellow ribbons, so if you see a yellow ribbon *please* can you make a point of welcoming our newcomers. Thanks.

### Items you need to bring with you for the rally weekend

- Membership card.
- Roma badges - to be worn please.
- Mugs, plates and cutlery.
- Any contribution you have that can be used for raffle prizes.

Don't forget, our contact line for the Autumn National Rally is the same as usual :- **07863 414017.**  
we will call you back.



## Inside your Review

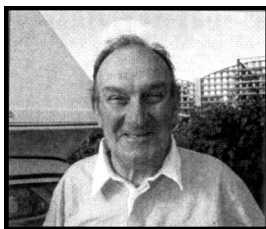
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### COPY DEADLINE

**We very much welcome your contributions.**  
**Very final collation date is**  
**15th SEPTEMBER**  
**for the**  
**AUTUMN REVIEW.**  
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# 'El Presidente'



Hello everybody,

Val and I were so sorry we could not make it to the AGM this year. Unfortunately, my Parkinson's is catching up with me, and I am finding the Romahome and travelling too much now.

Perhaps we could get a B & B and visit in the daytime for the next one.

I hope you had a good time at the AGM, I hear it went very well. Well done Sheldon and Co., for sorting it all out.

As you can see in the adverts, I am having to sell my R25.

I really wish we didn't have to, we have had so many great holidays touring in our van. We will really miss it.

Good luck to you all,

*Bill.*

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## **HELP ! Maureen needs a Romahome after an accident.**

I am giving some bad news, I was off to a few days in Northumberland on Tuesday and I had an accident and I am afraid my lovely little van will not be on the road again, I am devastated as I have had it for more than 10 years and has been responsible for getting me around and meeting many lovely people. I am therefore in the market for another camper van - they are so expensive at the moment and as you know the insurance doesn't give the value we put on them back - despite 10 years of insurance premiums.

It has to be a HyLo because I have also moved and where I am living now they do not allow campervans etc. on site, I got special permission to take my little HyLo on site as it wasn't too big.

I really would like to stay with the Romaclub, but if I cannot replace for a HyLo I will have to look elsewhere for a camper.

Hope to get something soon and come along to Lickhill to see everyone.

*Maureen & Swift*

## **Your FREE Sales and wants....**

### **For Sale.**

**Citroen Berlingo 2001 (51reg)  
Romahome (duo) 1.9**

**129,100 miles.      3 owners  
4 belted seats.      End kitchen  
Manual.              2 berth  
Full service history and recent MOT  
£11,000 o.n.o.      Pauline. Tel. 01823 421163**



### **For Sale.**

**Romahome R25 2010.  
Good condition. Full Service History.  
Low mileage.      £30,000 or near offer.**

**Tel. 01983 291388      Bill and Val. ( I.O.W.)**

**The Romaclub allows members to advertise items for sale, free of charge, but the club cannot accept any responsibility regarding the various 'Sale of Good Acts'**



Dear Members..



## Thanks and Competition Results.

Many thanks to the Club Committee and Members for supporting the club, Raffle and Charity Collections.

First - a first "I won my 1st raffle" the RF Licence Fee, Second - First in the craft competition, thanks to all those who voted for my Stained Glass Robin and lastly, thanks for those who supported the Fund raising efforts of several individual Charities.

Here is the "Thank you" letter from the Mary Ann Evans Hospice in Nuneaton where we live, £100.00 raised by Janet for her 'Rag Rugs' she sold.

All Local Charities are really struggling with fund raising and it is good to know we can all do our bit to help where possible.

A HUGE thank you to the Committee and volunteers for making the AGM Special, lovely to see such a wide turnout again this year, a sense of freedom after Covid.

Sorry some familiar faces were unable to make it due to it.

Fiddler's Wreck Ceilidh Band was the icing on the Cake despite my ability to join the dancing due to vertigo.

Allan, please can we have the Romaclub Website Address in with the "Club Contacts page?" I keep getting some weird and wonderful pages come up on my browser!!

Thanks again to all, kind regards,

*Janet & Frank Price*

*A late arrival for the magazine, but I managed to squeeze it in.*

*Sorry, but no room for the nice thank you letter from the Hospice, AH*

## Membership Matters.

A warm welcome to

Christopher Halley Ian and Jan Gilbraith Maureen Groppe  
Tony and Maria Clayburn Susan Dobson Sylvia Bush  
Ian Davey Mary Wainwright Clifford Ison  
Gwilym/Gillian Williams Ann Pattemore Nigel and Marie Reed

**Can members please inform the Membership Secretary of change of address. We don't want the Review to go astray**

## Chair Chat

### VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

Summer is upon us and I hope you have all managed to get your vans serviced, MOT'd and ready for the road! Time to get out there and enjoy all that this great country of ours has to offer.

It was good to see everyone at the National AGM Rally in Ripon. I think our excursion north was a success. The weather was sometimes a bit hit and miss, but apart from a few bursts of rain showers the sun gods seemed to look kindly on us. A highpoint for me was seeing everyone dancing away to the splendid band on Saturday night. I thought I was reasonably fit but these revellers put me to shame with their spirit and energy! Many thanks to all who helped with the organising.

It was mentioned at the AGM that there are not many rallies for members to look forward to, and that my friends is where we turn it over to you. Put your thinking caps on! If you have a site near where you live that looks like a suitable venue then the club committee would be happy to help you organise something.

Or perhaps you would just like to advertise a meet up. Either way it is one of the main reasons for the club to exist, to meet other Romahomers. Let's get together this summer!

The next **National Rally** will be at **Lickhill Manor** campsite in **Stourport on Severn**, the weekend of **9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> September**.

Booking details are in this review.

At the time of writing this we have not yet finalised how we are going to entertain and feed you. If you have any ideas then let us know.

I am sure though, that it will be another great weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

*Sheldon Mahn* Chairman.

Do you own a Romahome based on the Citroen C15 ?

Are your headlamps needing replacement ? If so, what are you doing about it ?

Our Chairman tells me he is having a few problems sourcing replacements.

Any names of firms offering reasonable cost replacements would be

### Adventures of Millie Pt.III

The last diary of Millie for the Review reflected on her Christmas 2020 travels and plans for 2021. So, we thought it was time to share a more recent adventure.

With the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday providing us with some free time, we drove to St. David's, Pembrokeshire, Wales. 251 miles from home with a couple of stops along the way – not a motorway in sight or a caravan! From Wellingborough, via Northampton, the Cotswolds, then the A40 via Cheltenham, Gloucester, Forest of Dean, Monmouth, Abergavenny through the Brecon Beacons, towards Haverfordwest and onto St. David's.

The campsite was amazing although we would argue the address is St. Justinians! Perfect views from our pitch across Ramsey Sound, to Ramsey Island and a beautiful Pembrokeshire coastal path.....don't you just love it, when you can walk for 2.5 hours along a stunning winding path with amazing views. The views were the equivalent to coastal areas in the Mediterranean. The sea was a striking azure deep blue.

We decided to walk back to the campsite via the fields and it only took us 20 minutes! As we walked down the hill, we could see the top of Emma's van. We had previously arranged to meet up as she was going to be on route to a festival, about an hour or so from our campsite. We met up at Millie that evening for dinner (home made bread rolls, with field mushrooms and halloumi prepared on our hub cap grill), followed by cheese, biscuits and red wine. It was a lovely evening and of course we had to take a selfie with our Roma Club trays!

Don't forget to send in pictures to the Review of your destinations holding your Club tray! As we waved Emma off the following morning we took the coastal hopper - £3 p/person p/day which is run by the National Trust and after an hour jumped off for another coastal walk. That afternoon we went Dolphin/Puffin/Gannet watching with Voyages of Discovery. 12 miles out to sea and what an incredible view of wildlife. We highly recommend the trip. <https://www.ramseyisland.co.uk/>

## POETRY CORNER

### A Brownie's Day out 1945

I want to recall that lovely day  
For though I was only eight  
Brown Owl came marching down  
our road  
'Come on or you'll be late!'

We went by train to Hockley  
Woods

Us brownies all in awe,  
Holding our picnics very tight  
We'd never travelled before!

We sat by a clearing in the woods  
Eating our humble fare  
Pasties to eat and water to drink  
We could hardly believe we were  
there!

Sunlight dappled onto the clearing  
War but a distant memory,  
Some played rounders, others  
cheering -  
Peacetime pervaded for all to see.

Deep in my mind  
That memory will stay  
Now and forever  
A wonderful day.

*Shirley Baker*

*Shirley rang us to say that her daughter had had an accident in the Romahome C15, and it is a write off. The brakes failed, and the C15 collided with a tree.*

*Fortunately, apart from severe bruising, the daughter is well. You can understand how upset Shirley and Paul are. Like all of us, they loved their Romahome. AH.*

### Musings, or things to think about.

### SHELDON AND TONY'S PLAYLIST

ALBUMS TO MAKE THE JOURNEY A  
HAPPY SINGALONG DRIVE

1. SEARCHING FOR THE YOUNG SOUL REBELS / DEXY'S MIDNIGHT RUNNERS
2. TRANSFORMER / LOU REED
3. ODESSEY AND ORACLE / THE ZOMBIES
4. EXODUS / BOB MARLEY AND THE WAILERS
5. LISTEN WITHOUT PREJUDICE / GEORGE MICHAEL

*Dear Members..*



## **Sandwich Lakes. Recommended.**

I had every intention of organising a rally this year at Sandwich Lakes but serious health issues overcame me.

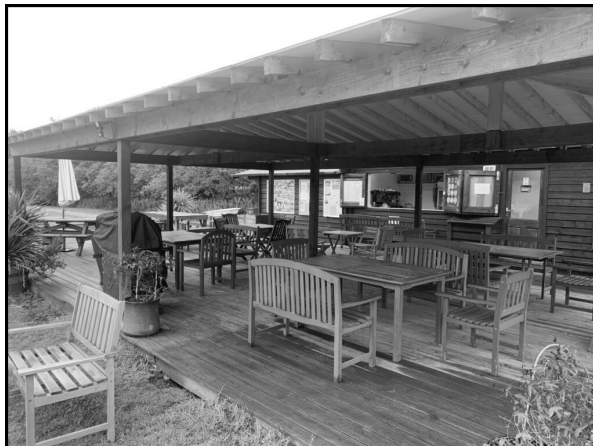
However, I still recommend to you the Sandwich Lakes. You don't have to be a fisherman as it is a Pitch Up venue.

Some Romahome friends met us there and thoroughly enjoyed it. There are very good facilities and a café on site. The bus stops at the end of the drive go to Canterbury and the north Kent coast in one direction and Sandwich, Dover etc the other way.

Take the River Runner from Sandwich Quay to see the seals at the mouth of the River Stour.

There are so many eateries in town you'll be spoilt for choice.

Do contact me on **07790299394** if you pitch up and I'll gladly pop along and say 'hello'.



*Kath*

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Nr Canterbury  
Kent  
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07936 409912**

**Email :  
enquiries  
@sandwichlakes.  
co.uk**

During our stay, it was amazing how many people who had large vans asked to have a look in Millie and asked lots of questions, and commented on the difficulties of manoeuvring larger vehicles. It appeared our fellow campers had fallen in love with Millie. One family took a photo for their daughter as she too was a Millie!

We stayed 4 nights at Rhosson Ganol Campsite, <https://pembrokeshire-camping.co.uk/> with EHU and drinking water. The toilets, shower and washing-up facilities were across the lane at the main farm, but it wasn't an issue as the view was out of this world!

Next stops for Millie are the Music Barn Festival and Cambridge Folk Festival. If you ever see an R20 Jubilee and the Northamptonshire flag the chances are it's us on another adventure.

*Jac & Gudge*





Dear Members..



## Our National Rally—By Our Rally Officer.

### On behalf of the committee I

would like to thank you all for supporting the National Rally at Ripon. I know some of you drove considerable distances to attend, so hope you had as much fun as we did. The highlights for Dave and I were firstly the coach trip round the Yorkshire Dales. I don't think our driver left any part of the Dales off his itinerary as he twisted his new coach round the narrow country lanes. Grassington, where they were filming "All Creatures Great and Small", was our coffee stop then on to Hawes for lunch. Accompanied by his wife our driver regaled us with some humorous stories about the places we passed. The boss was delighted with the drivers comment that the dogs were so well behaved and had regaled him with the story of how he tried the new wheelchair hoist out on a beautiful dog with a poorly leg.

The three piece Ceilidh band the Fiddlers Wreck were excellent. First up for dancing was Peter Graystone, followed by Dave and I we made an attempt to encourage the rest of the dancers up. Eventually we had enough for a couple of sets and from that moment on couldn't stop laughing along with our audience. Dave soon realised that none of us could keep the pace up for three hours so suggested to the caller that we had a rest between each dance, which worked. The lady fiddler sang a few songs she had a beautiful voice, Tamara Goulding who has worked with country music groups commented that she thought their standard was very high.

Next, the Sunday afternoon three rivers walk, these are the Skell, Laver and Ure. We had a good turnout with Allan Raymond and Peter Graystone opting to do the full walk of seven miles plus. Our party of a dozen or so plus our dogs waved them goodbye at the bridge where the river Laver meets the River Skell. We continued to the Spa Gardens where there was much relief on seeing a cafe with plenty of outdoor seating. Coffee, tea and cakes were ordered and fully recuperated we set off to walk to the cathedral. Eventually arriving back at the campsite for a rest before the buffet.

Sunday evenings finale started with a splendid buffet and ended with Sheldon's big fat quiz. The barn was left open every evening for members to just enjoy socialising. It was a warm hub with the raffle table overflowing, excellent photographs on the wall and some really good craftwork displayed by members. We collected £216 for our charity this year which was The **Ukraine Emergency Relief Fund**. Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets.

Although this AGM/ rally was slightly different from previous ones, we hope everyone enjoyed it. Dave and I certainly did !!!

*Sue Johnson*

## Romacooking.

Are you like our esteemed Chairman, Sheldon, and use your Romahome to demonstrate your prowess at the cooker?

Or, like your Vice Chairman, would you rather enjoy quick, simple (and cheap) meals, so you can enjoy your Romahoming to the full.

In your last Roma Review, I suggested the bacon and egg fry up kit from Sainsbury's. Unfortunately, for both you and me (and my lady wife) these cookery kits seem to be unavailable since the pandemic.

So let's try something different. We have tried **Parsleybox** quick meals (as advertised on TV.) Maybe not the greatest meal available, but they taste Ok, and are quick.

The meals do not require the fridge or freezer (unlike other quick meals advertised.)

We find the casseroles are handy in the van. If you have a posh Romahome, just microwave the pack (having pierced the film) for 2 minutes 30 seconds.

However, if like us, you have a cheaper model Romahome, simply empty the packet into a saucepan and cook the contents over a low heat for about five or so minutes, stirring continuously.

Then simply dish up - job done.

Maybe, not Sheldon's Gourmet meal, but it fills a hole, and it gets you back enjoying the holiday.

*Allan.*



## Round and about.....



### Some of the models in the pipeline at Romahome .

No, not really, but two interesting ideas.

Both show an interesting answer to the increase in fuel prices. However, the one below, whilst looking comfortable, might have a range problem.

**Bottom left**—what happens if you don't clean your Romahome.

Apparently been parked in Farnham for ages. says Kath.



## The 35th Annual General Meeting at Lockside Caravan Park, Ripon, North Yorkshire

Minutes Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

### The meeting opened at 11:02am by Allan Horne Vice- Chair.

1. Welcome to new members and apologies for absences

Apologies received from: *Maureen Barton, Alan Bew, Michael Martin, Mike Johnson, Daisy Goucher, Kath Gifford & Keith Neat, Ginny & Carl Duly, Aly & Derek Buckle, Maureen & Barry Brazier, Bill & Val Stears, Barbara McGregor & Jacquie Perris, Doris Allen.* Members remembered David Allen who sadly passed away 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

2. Approve and sign minutes of previous AGM (the minutes and all reports are published in this Review AGM Supplement, and therefore deemed circulated) – Proposed by Frank Price Seconded by Alan Ilott

3. Matters arising from the minutes - *None*

4. Chair's Report – Proposed by Eric Beard Seconded by Brenda Horne

5. Secretary's Report – Proposed by Jackie Morton Seconded by Christine Clark

6. Treasurer's Report, and approval of Club's accounts for the previous year – Proposed by Peter Graystone Seconded by Gerry Broadley

7. Membership Secretary's Report – Proposed by Janet Archer Seconded by Freddy O'Hare

8. Election of Officers of the Club for the ensuing three years.

Despatch Officer Kath Gifford Proposed by Jackie Morton Seconded by Brenda Horne

Labels Officer Emma Griffin Proposed by Jac Norton (via Zoom) Seconded by David Archer.

9. Motions received from members or the committee (must have been received by the Secretary no later than 1st May 2022) – *None*

**Annual General Meeting - closed at 11:08am.**

*With all the reports being circulated in the National AGM guide book, this AGM proved to be the fastest one we have ever held.*

*However, with the loss of advisors from Romahome and Ant's retirement, your committee felt that the forum now does not fulfil it's original purpose.*

*One idea is to have a time for discussion added to the AGM.*

*Feedback from members on this idea would be very helpful. AH.*

## **Forum Feedback:**

What makes a good rally? – The fact a member is organising it is good! Members were encouraged to organise rallies and/or meets. Committee can support.

North Star on Isle of Wight are helpful for technical queries ( mixed reaction from members!) Marquis Leisure are able to get a lot of parts and fit.

Members could also meet at other national events such as Christmas markets and other festivals etc.

For the Review: Members to write in if they have had any work done by helpful garages; could form a useful guide for members.

If you live on the coast, boat yards maybe able to assist with any fibreglass queries.



**<<< The hall  
before our rally  
officer and  
helpers turned it  
into a thing of  
beauty ready for  
club members to  
enjoy the AGM,  
the forum, the  
dancing and the  
food.**

*Note the Union Jacks  
are upside down ! AH*

## **Fire !**

Heaven forbid that you will ever be subject to a fire in your Romahome, but when you grab the fire extinguisher, can you be sure that it will work ?

A letter in the ' *Camping and Caravanning Club* ' magazine, draws our attention to the fact that the powder filled extinguishers need a little gentle maintenance to ensure that they will work if ever called upon in an emergency.

Powder settles, and compacts.

Take a few moments to take the extinguisher, turn it upside down, and give it a good shake. Then another, and another.

Then put it back, and relax for another few months.

Don't have a fire extinguisher in your Romahome ? It could well be worth the investment. Oh, you have a fire blanket ? Don't just rely on that. Your Romahome has electrical wiring and gas fitting etc., so have ' belt and braces '.

It's also good idea to have an appliance in the cab too. Your never know when someone else needs help. Be a good boy scout - BE PREPARED.

*Allan Horne.* Editor. Roma Review.

## **More National AGM Rally news. - Donation.**

In the centre page picture spread, you will see the vast array of item on the raffle table.

The amount of £228 was sent to the British Red Cross for Ukraine. This was made up of £177 from the raffle, £39 from the sale of brooches and £12 which was a refund a member who ,didn't go on the coach trip, but asked for the money to go to the charity.

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## From Times Past *From the internet.*

### The Summer of '69... with a Caraboot

Remarkably, some of the best comments here come in from Australia. This one about a Bulanti was great, or how about the tale of Jack Kaines' Ecurie de Dez? Now, Doctor Rudy Rencoret of Sydney is next. He dropped me a line or two about a holiday he and his wife Sylvia undertook decades ago. He wrote: "In the Summer of 1969 we went around England and Scotland for about six weeks in my Caraboot.



I rented it from a Mister Theobald in Preston, Lancs, who I might have found when I was looking for a caravan to pick up in Lancashire. This after I passed (successfully) my specialist medical degree in London. It was a marvellous holiday, starting in Windermere, on the Lake District, up to the Highlands of Scotland, down to the East side of England, then the Midlands, South of England, the West Country down to Land's End and up again on the West side this time, including Wales and finishing in Liverpool. We spend the boat a full day sailing on Coniston Water on the Lake District. The only inconvenience with the boat was that it was quite heavy, and so were the oars."

"It was only in Dorset when I was attempting a rather steep road beyond Portland that the little 850cc Mini engine decided that it was a bit too much and stalled. When I was going up that hill I started in 4th gear, then I had to engage 3rd, 2nd and finally, 1st gear, as the steep part of the road was too long. The poor old 850 cc engine stalled, and I could not go any further. I asked my wife to leave the car and with great difficulty I reversed it in that very narrow road. I could see a steep fall into the Channel on my reverse mirror and the little brakes were hot and unable to hold it. Had I reversed the other way I would have finished in the English Channel, Caraboot and all. But in the end we made it and continued with our trip. I may add that the engine temp never went above normal that afternoon.

The Caraboot behaved splendidly, low on petrol and created a little sensation wherever we went. When we stopped for shopping in a small village and came back to the car we usually found it surrounded by people who wanted to know all about it. A number of people thought we were a bit mad, and so we were.

But it was just wonderful

Dear Members..



What a wonderful weekend !

Stotfold, Beds.

What a wonderful weekend !

So much fun. We did a variety of activities.

An interesting coach trip around the Yorkshire Dales and moors. It's pipped my interest, I'm hoping to tour Yorkshire in my little Romahome next year.

The walk together was good fun. It was amazing how well behaved the dogs were on the coach and the walk, socialising well together.  
The band were fun . Such a laugh.

Even the '*bring a bowl*' evening 'was well organised.

Many thanks to the committee and especially to Sheldon for organising the quiz. I was disappointed that there was no '*Songs of Praise*' but we had home made entertainment on Sunday afternoon.

It was good to see old friends. Best wishes to those unable to come, and it was to meet new members.

A very enjoyable weekend., Thanks,

*Isobel Dunkley.* Member 3862.

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Safely back home from our 1st outing of 2022. A great weekend was had at the Romaclub AGM at Ripon. It was our 1st time attending the club meet. What a welcoming and helpful club to be in. If anybody on here was there, thank you for being so welcoming to Bill, me and our dogs. Until next time...

*Sue Braithwaite*

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We were there and agree with you, everyone so friendly and helpful.

We had a great time and many thanks to the organisers who worked so hard. Lovely part of the country too

*Jennifer O'hare*

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Had a fabulous weekend away at Ripon, just a bit sad I had to cut it short due to a hospital appointment, but Chuggy travelled well, arriving just in time for the Forum on Friday evening. First time using levelling blocks but was helped by a lovely member. Saturday went for a walk along the river then had a brilliant curry for tea followed by the fantastic performance from the band and the brave dancers. Met up with some friends and made some new ones over the weekend, can't wait to have another rally.

*Sue Sheriff*

**Dear Members..**



**We met friends from far and wide.**

Hi, would like to say how lovely it was to meet up at Ripon for the AGM.

We met friends from far and wide, north and south.

For me it was lovely doing my meet and greet, serving tea coffee and biscuits to all our friends, and new members.

On Saturday before the fun and games I helped Sue put flowers on the tables, and another member had made lovely blue and yellow hearts as the money we raised was going to help Ukraine.

Although we had no control over the weather it was quite reasonable only rained in the evening.

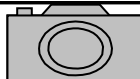
There was a nice coach trip on Saturday, visiting Hawes and also Grassington, in the evening we had a ceilidh band which seemed to go down well.

There were guided walks on Sunday for those wishing to take part, or a rest day for others.

Hoping you all enjoyed your weekend as much as we did.

*Jackie and Kenneth Morton xx*

### **Photo competition.**



We had very interesting topics for the photo competition this year.

Not the normal themes most of us think about when taking our photographs. Was this why there were so few entries this year ?

I know more people use phones and iPods to take photos now-a-days and don't even print them- was this another reason?

We had under ten members submitting photos.

Thank you to those members for their support

### **Craft competition**

Although we had a small number of exhibitors the standard was very high.

I am sure there are many members that do crafts or art so lets have a bumper entry next year. Thanks to all who submitted their creations this year.

*Tamara Goulding..*

### **Photo Competition Results.**

**(a) Sight.** ?????

**(b). Sound.** Eric Brain. - Sound from yesteryear

**(c). Taste.** Brenda Horne. "*That didn't taste as good as expected.*"

**(d). Touch.** Ann Beard. - "*I Like it !*"

**(e). Smell.** Allan Horne. "*Something fishy around here.*"

## **Techtopics-**

### **Side Indicator Lights Replacement**

T'was on a frosty morning, and there it was, lying on the ground  
It was the lens to my side light that I assumed had become unsound

I picked it up and wiped it down before refixing to the Van renowned  
But sometime later the lens again was gone this time nowhere to be found

O dear o dear where could you be, I hunted high and low, in and out and all around  
Alas alack it was not until I moved my van that I found you but in pieces on the ground

I have driven over you; I am so sorry lens - but now I'll have to replace you, so I'm  
Google bound

At nine and ninety-nine I have a bright and shiny new lens so once again my van is  
sound.

.I had wrongly assumed that the lens could be unsnapped from the body of the lamp unit



to gain access for bulb replacement. I now know that the lens is sealed to the lamp body with adhesive which after 18 years had failed.

Should you need to replace a side light bulb it will be necessary to remove the whole lamp body from the vehicle. Push it horizontally [to fore or aft] to compress the lamp bodies plastic "A" shaped clip sufficiently so that the catch at the other end is clear of the slot and can be lifted out from the vehicle. Access to the bulb is by splitting the lamp body; twist to undo the bayonet catch; Take care that the socket end doesn't disappear back inside the vehicle duct! The bulb is a capless wedge 501A 5W Indicator bulb

lacquered amber. *Freddy O'Hare* (again)



## Techtopics-

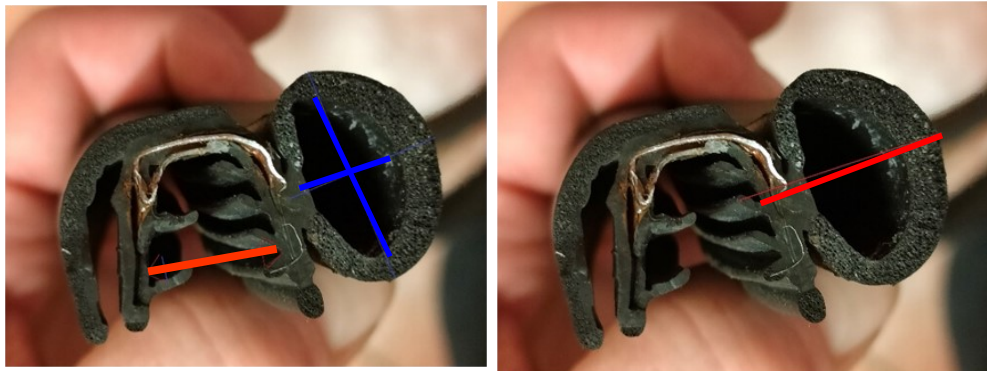
### R20 Backdoor!

We had been having problems shutting the back door on Millie our R20....and one sunny afternoon in March, called out a man in yellow (well his van was yellow – he was dressed in black!) as it would not lock. After some fiddling and adjusting the diagnosis was that the back door seal was too thick and the short-term solution was to remove the seal.

Long-term of course was it needed replacing. I messaged the Committee in case anyone had any advice; we had no idea of size needed. Kath came to the rescue (thanks Kath!) and advised us to try North Star Conversions who took over Romahome on the Isle of Wight or Seals+Direct. Our luck was in with both. A very friendly lady called Yolande at North Star initially said they wouldn't be able to help, but as luck would have it, they had a R25 on the ramp. Later on, Yolande kindly measured the back door seal and sent details by text. It was a great starting point.

It was then a phone call to **Seals+Direct**. Dan answered the phone and immediately sent over some images. Unfortunately, being complete novices, they didn't mean much.

A number of emails, a couple of telephone calls and a very patient and caring Dan sent photos with red lines and blue crosses to establish sizes (we now know what a bulb and an ear/flap are!) We were then sent a number of samples to try. Within two days sideseal ETS2108 had been received in the post and is now fitted on the backdoor ready for our 2022 roaming.



We can't thank Dan enough for his knowledge and more importantly his patience!


*Jac & Gudge.*

### Photo Competition.

Results  
are on  
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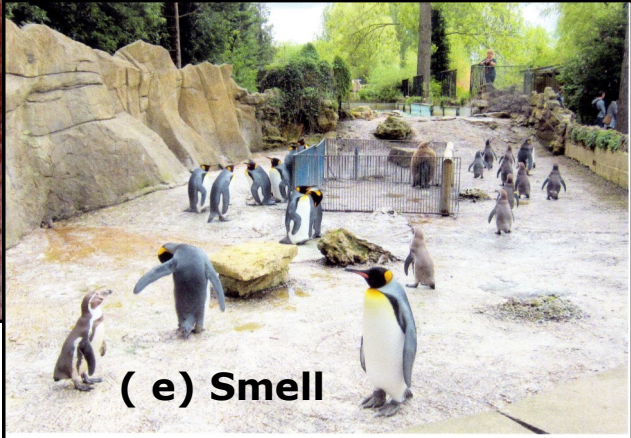
(b) Sound.



(d) Touch.



(c) Taste.



(a). Sight. Did you win ?  
Sorry, we missed it.  
Let us know please.

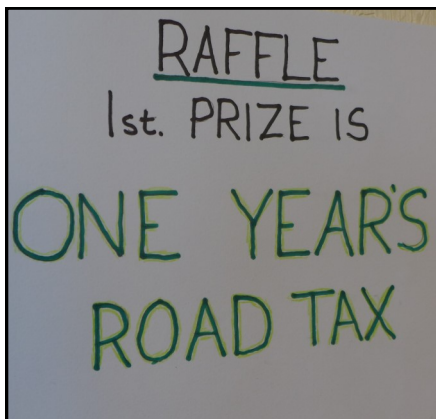
( e) Smell



## Your National AGM rally pictures.



Your Vice Chairman  
ready to start the AGM.



The major raffle prize. Frank Price was the lucky winner of the year's vehicle tax. His is due in July so he will let us know the amount when he gets his reminder.

Romahomes of all shapes and sizes, and age.



## Water (cont.)

Cleaning the Grey water tank is conducted in a similar way with the exception that plenty of hot [not boiling] soapy water is used to flush down the sink outlet into a closed tank and letting that splash around the tank for a few days before draining via the outlet tap. If you notice that the sink is draining more slowly than usual, ensure that it gets some TLC soon. To cure I have heard the use of 50ml of neat automatic dishwasher fluid poured down the sink plug hole followed by a flush of hot water to clear. If this does not do the trick you will have to resort to purchasing the more powerful blockage clearing product available from your local Camp & Caravan outlet.

## Romatips.

### "Yu Don'wana Do Thaa!!"

I think we all know to keep the wax away from the plastic front pumper, the straking bars along the sides as well as the window rubbers and glass. From Bitter experience I've learned the hard way that applying wax polish to the rear shinny plastic rear bumpers has a degrading effect as evidenced by the photo where the shiny black has deteriorated to a dull grey.

Better by Far Would be to restrict your loving care with nothing but a frequent washing down with soapy suds.

### Addendum:



In



order to restore the bumper to its former shinny black I have to resort to treating the bumper with "Back to Black" products which unfortunately all too soon fades back again requiring further attention.

### Addendum/Correction

Silly old duffer, as the wife would say "got it wrong again!", consulting Google, wax is not the ogre but sunshine's ultraviolet oxidisation drying out the oils in the plastic. So, what is the answer! You can waste a few hours or in my case half the night watching YouTube come up with various remedies at its most bizarre "Peanut butter" right up to highly specialist and expensive treatments by Gtechniq and even then, it's not claimed as a permanent cure.

Dear reader lessons learnt.

Because the words you read are correct and may even be in the right order does not mean that what they convey is accurate or true! Freddy.

Apart from hiding your van in a very dark garage there is apparently no permanent solution to growing old and grey!!!

*Freddy O'Hare.*



# Romatips.

## Water.

Advice from Freddy O'Hare.

Everyone has their own idea as to how to avoid tummy upsets at camp. Some will drink the water from the van tank whilst others will retain a separate bottle of water for drinking. I am of the former persuasion but do take precautions to ensure that water delivered from the faucet is pristine clean.

My water tank cleaning routine conducted prior to the first camp of the season and repeated as necessary if the freshwater tank has not been refreshed or allowed to lie for several weeks.

### Drain the tank

As the faucet tends to spit and splash, use a bottomless milk bottle as a mask whilst emptying the tank. Even with the tank empty there is always a residue of water remaining and a topless milk bottle can be used as a

baler discharging the water to a bowl or through the adjacent open window. Finally sponge all tank internal surfaces and roof with a mild solution of Bicarbonate or white vinegar.

On recharging the tank pop in a couple of Milton tablets, letting it stand for a while before flushing through to the grey water tank\*.

Continuing my theme on the recycled uses of milk bottles I carry two six-pint milk bottles [seven litres] in my external locker.

For travel only half fill the tank and on arrival at camp top up the water

with a further two bottles.

This is sufficient to meet

water demands for a couple of days.

I have fashioned a funnel from a French milk bottle and attached to a "Whale" water hose adapter it can be jammed into the van water port for an easy on-site refill.

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**Our entertainers,  
Fiddlers Wreck Ceilidh Band.**



**Club members busy  
being entertained.**



**On the walk.  
Tea having been taken,  
ready to go...**



The National AGM Rally. A selection of your photographs. *Many thanks for sending them to us. AH.*

