#### The Cromer Meet. 31st May-5th June 2023.

There were a grand total of 3 stalls so we walked around the town, down the front, then had a meal and went to the Amazona Zoo which was very enjoyable. The Puma and Jaguar were very impressive.

On the Saturday, we went into Wroxham for an organised boat trip around the broads which we had never done. It was very good and we must go back for more.

Had the almost obligatory fish and chips. Tip: for two people. - order the large fish and large chips.! It is a lot cheaper than buying two meals.



Sunday morning, it was a case of putting everything away, saying our goodbyes and heading home. We found out that the cold wind persisted in Kent and were told that it was cold here as well (North Kent coast) which made us feel better. Hope to meet more of you another time.

## Dave & Yvonne

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### National AGM Rally 2023.



The Romaclub rallies are not just enjoying meeting friends.

It's educational too.

Above, Brenda's craft workshop.



#### The Cromer Meet. 31st May-5th June 2023.

We have been in the club for many years but have done very few rallies and meets, being sidetracked with other things and hobbies. When we saw the Cromer meet advertised we thought we would go as we had nothing on. We arrived on the Wednesday it was nice to see some other vans and Roma club members already there and received a nice welcome. Although being in the club for many years it is like being a newcomer and soon met with other members including some of the committee. Unfortunately the cold northerly wind did not allow us a get-together though we met most of them.

It was a nice site with Cromer and East Runton within walking distance where there are plenty of shops, restaurants etc. It had nice new and clean toilet blocks and being a massive farm, plenty of walks to keep you fit. The site has a Thai food trailer which we sampled (would be rude not to) and I we saw some people waiting . absolutely freezing and the woman in front of us had sandals on and her feet were blue! Back at the van it was nice to use the diesel heater which hasn't been used much.



Luckily we had hats and gloves in the van and were told by a few people that they wished they had brought theirs, bearing in mind this was 'flaming June'! At night we have three layer sleeping bags and have never had two layers on top until now. Lovely and toastie warm.

We saw that there was a market in Cromer and walked in to find it. We did but if you blinked, you would miss it!

#### Round and about.....

#### East Runton / Cromer Meet May / June 2023

A few of us got together for a 'meet' at the end of May beginning of June. Sheldon and Tony had previously stayed on the Manor Farm, East Runton campsite – which was a great choice.

Although dry (unlike the recent AGM!) the wind was strong from the north, but that did not stop a few of us pitching up. The campsite has great views of the sea, and has great walks to East Runton village and further afield to Cromer along the beach if you choose.

The Fishing Boat pub in East Runton has a lovely garden but it was so windy we spent Thursday evening inside the pub. The pub currently only does Sunday lunches, but we were allowed to purchase a huge fish 'n' chip take away from Will's Plaice and eat it in the pub whilst sipping a drink or two. It was lovely to meet Dave & Yvonne from Kent who have a R20 and been members for a few years. I believe it was their first Roma Club 'meet.'

Lyn and Susan were also on the site and Tamara arrived on the Friday.

Tamara joined Sheldon, Tony, Gudge, Sherlock and myself for a lovely Thai dinner - obtained from a van on the campsite.

We chatted away in Sheldon and Tony's awning – zipped up away from the wind!

I recommend any member to consider suggesting a 'meet.'

Everyone does what they want to do, when they want, but also an opportunity for great company too!

Photos include a dodgy selfie (my arms were not long enough!) and time for a drink after a delicious Thai dinner.

Thank you to Sheldon for suggesting these few days.

In your envelope, there should be a few colourful flyers advertising your club. Keep them in your Romahome, and should you find some Romahome owners that are not aware of your club, please give them a flyer. We are advised that one is no longer allowed to leave then under the windscreen wipers of unattended vehicles...

You can only do that with Yellow parking tickets ! AH

#### From Your Editor.....

**It would appear** that the National AGM rally was yet another success.

Thanks have been sent to the committee for their hard work, also to the club members for their friendliness and participation. Members enjoyed viewing the Coronation on the big screen. Well worth the efforts.

Pity about the weather. The rain had members sheltering in their Romahomes, rather than using that nice room for such activities as board games etc. The weather perhaps could be blamed for the low number of people and dogs in the dog show. Not to worry. Next time, we will try to advertise the activities better.

As the rally was such a success, we have been asked to do it again. How about Suffolk ?

Your committee have booked Dan's Meadow, Woodbridge for September..

Details inside. The sun will shine (as it did on our last visit there) and fun, fun, fun will be the motto,

As the Review was so crowded with items, I have had to add extra pages. But more importantly, I had had to give you a separate / loose BOOKING FORM. Don't lose it –fill it in NOW ! Allow

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### Agenda 36<sup>th</sup> AGM Roma Club Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Stratford-Upon-Avon Racecourse Time: 11:02am

## Streamed live via the 'Romaclub' Youtube Channel for members who were not in attendance.

1. Welcome to new members and apologies for absences

Apologies received from: Allan and Brenda Horne, Derrek and Aly Buckle, Barry and Tess Pittaway, Margaret Eldridge, Allan Ilot and Carol Butler, Jackie and Kenneth Morton, Carl and Ginny Duly, Judith Kerr and Nigel Reed, Jill Sansom, Brian Box, Malcolm Newell, Christine Whalley, Pauline Hyam and Lyn Farrington.

Remembrance: Honorary Member–Howard Cole January 2023.

- 2. Approve and sign minutes of previous AGM (the Minutes and all reports are published in the Spring Review AGM Supplement and therefore deemed circulated)
  - a. Proposed by Freddy O'Hare Seconded by Chris Halley
- 3. Matters arising from the Minutes None
- 4. Chairman's Report
  - a. Proposed by Maureen Barton Seconded by Keith Neat
- 5. Secretary's Report
  - a. Proposed by Keith Neat Seconded by Maureen Barton
- 6. Treasurers Report and approval of Club Accounts for the Previous Year
  - a. Proposed by Peter Graystone Seconded by Sheldon Mahn
- 7. Membership Secretary Report
  - a. Proposed by Maureen Barton Seconded by Keith Neat
- 8. Election of Officers of the Club for the ensuing three years: Rally Officer: Jo Lloyd
  - a. Proposed by Allan Raymond Seconded by Keith Neat
- Motions Received from Members of the Committee (must have been received by the Secretary no later than 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023)–None
- 10. A.O.B: Tamara suggested a 'second tier' group of members who are prepared to help/organise a rota for activities such as pitch location/tea, coffees etc. Members agreed to this idea. Dennis asked if people with small motorhomes can become members. Reply was you can only be a member if you have a Romahome, however, if you have previously been a member and for some reason no longer have a van, then you can continue to be a member but with no voting rights.

Elspeth–asked if the Roma Club metal badges can be reproduced. Committee will look at costings.

11. Annual General Meeting - Closed at: 11:15am

### Dear Members..

News from Shirley Baker, our club poet.

Just to say how thrilled I was to find the Review and notes delivered to us. We have had the most stressful of years combined by both of us constrained by ill health. Our lovely campervan destroyed by brakes when coming down a hill. The front smashed in.

So glad to say that our daughter, Sally, who was driving just came off with severe bruising across her body where the seat belt had held her in.

So it could have been so much worse.

We want to find out more about Adam Coombes at North Star Conversions.

Tablets are helping me recover from the ordeal.

Wonderful to hear from you.

#### Paul and Shírley

Leigh on Sea. Essex.

We certainly miss Shirley who contributed so many items for our Poetry Corner.

We wish her and Paul and daughter a speedy recovery and good health.

Adam Coombes of North Star Conversion has forwarding an item for the Review. It's on page 9. Tel. 01983 530124 info@northstarconversions.co.uk

## Your FREE Sales and wants....

<u>Citroen C15 Romahome HyLo 1996 Two Berth Campervan £6,500</u> 1.8 diesel, 85,000 miles with MOT until September 2023

Good condition, clean and very tidy inside and out and with a full-service history from Citroen Main Dealers. Lovingly cared for by me over the last ten years.

Naturally because of natural ageing 'Jethro' has his quirks, the radio and one of the bedside lights doesn't work, and the rear door seal needs replacing, but those explain the low price of  $\pounds$ 6,500.

Home is in High Wycombe. I expect the first viewer will buy. Call

Not a club member, but someone might be looking to buy a C15. AH.

To date, I have travelled too few miles on these tyres to form an opinion on the ride characteristics, other, than at acute turns at say walking pace I have occasionally experienced push back at the steering wheel.

#### Further nuggets of Google knowledge.

- It is <u>not</u> good practice to mix Radial and non-Radial tyres on a vehicle and can be destabilising if fitted on the same axle.
- Ideally new tyres should be fitted in matching pairs, on the same axle and to the rear wheels, <u>not</u> the front steering / driving wheels for greater stability.
- Remember to ask for the date of manufacture, I think tyres of up five years old can still be sold as freshly made. [VERYFICATION]

Data about Rubber compounds for this article were drawn from "Walker Rubber and various other websites.

#### https://www.walker-rubber.co.uk/knowledge-hub/the-ageing-of-rubber-366

## Explanation of the Tyre Spec. wall markings

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Many thanks to our regular contributor, Freddy O'Hare for this safety item. It takes up three pages, but I think it is worth it. AH

> A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around. Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence.

# Chair Chai

**I hope you are all getting out and about** and meeting all your Romahome friends at the meets that are advertised on the members section of the website and on the members only Facebook group if you are a user. If you are planning a meet then let us know and we will advertise it for you.

It seems my hopes for a boring temperate summer have not been fulfilled and here in Norfolk we have gone from a very chilly 8 degrees to a sweltering 29 degrees in less than a week! Very difficult to know what to pack in the van!

A huge welcome to Jo our new rally officer. She doesn't seem at all daunted by the task and has brought with her lashings of enthusiasm and bright new ideas which have stirred us oldies up. Looking forward to putting some of her innovations into action. Watch this space!

Talking of committee members, remember that your current committee was elected for a three year term which will come to an end at the AGM 2024. If you feel you would like to join the team and make a difference to how the club is run then get in touch.

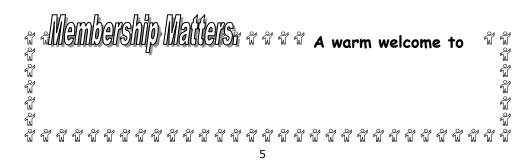
We would all be happy to be 'followed' to show you what it entails, if you are interested.

Looking forward to seeing you at a rally or meet during the summer, assuming I can figure out what clothes to pack in the van!

## Sheldon.

#### P.S.

I hope I can look forward to seeing you at our AUTUMN RALLY in Suffolk. The booking form is with the Review. **Please book before the 31st July.** 



## Romacooking. One pot jambalaya

#### Have you ever fancied taking your Romahome across Route 66?

Now you can enjoy the taste of the southern states with this easy one pot recipe for New Orleans Jambalaya.

Requires one large pot, one burner, prep/cooking time 30 minutes

Ingredients:

1 medium sized brown onion (peeled and chopped)

1 bell pepper or salad pepper (decored and sliced)

1 stick celery (chopped)

2 chicken breasts 300gms (thinly sliced)

1 smoked polish sausage 150gms (sliced)

1 can chopped tomatoes in juice 400gms

Raw king prawns 150gms

Spaghetti 250gms

Chicken stock 500mls

2 dessertspoons ready mixed Cajun spice

#### Method:

In a little oil sweat the onion, pepper and celery.

Raise the heat a little and add the chicken breast, sausage and cajun spice. Stir until thoroughly mixed.

Add the tinned tomatoes, chicken stock and spaghetti and reduce heat to a simmer. Cook for approximately 10 minutes until spaghetti is 'al dente'. Add prawns and cook for a further 4 minutes.



Serve in a deep bowl with chopped parsley to garnish.

Enjoy with an ice cold 'Desperado' tequila beer.

Sheldon.

accident, a zealous insurance assessor might use such condition to refuse or reduce the amount awarded.

Replacing the tyres is a must for safety reasons; the question is whether there is any point in fitting premium tyres when due to the static nature of the vehicles use, I will barely get half of the available distance value from my outlay.

The obvious answer is to get rid of the second car and use CV2T all the time, yet somehow, I don't think that idea would be acceptable to the MANAGEMENT! More likely it would be the third one in the marriage that would have to go!

#### What to do?

Purchasing for maximum milage is no longer significant.

My new shopping list is for a tyre that meets maximum van load, safe in the wet, a rattle free ride and importantly recently manufactured. Enquiries made to Michelin brought a further blow in that they no longer manufacture 14" Van type tyres.

Entering the recommended tyre specification into google and referring to the "ENERG"

labelling, noted that it was possible to get a very economically priced tyre close to the "ENERG" grades of the premium name suppliers.



Unsurprisingly, my selection of

tyre was the lowest priced with the best ENERG grades. The "Roadmarch ECOPRO 99" ENERG grades for fuel and rain were a middling "C" & "C", but a quiet 68db sound level.

The tyres load index was not as great as my previous Michelins but does cover the gross vehicle weight of my "Duo HyLo" at 1955kg. Four tyres were purchased, all dated wk31 yr22 and fitted at half the cost of similarly graded tyres from premium named manufactures.

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### <u>"Retyrement woes"</u>

I was pleased to learn that Cosy-Van-2T [CV2T] had passed her annual health check and we would soon be on our travels again.

On being handed the MOT certificate, I was then told that all four tyres and the spare should be replaced ASAP! "But the treads are OK, and they all passed their MOT was the retort!". Ian of BL Autos advised that, although the tyres were "wear legal", they were showing their "life age" with crazing of the walls and developing girth cracks, [where the tread meets the wall]; This could lead to the tyre de-laminating, shedding its tread whilst driving at speed.

A real blow to my pride, I had thought that I keep my ladies in tip top condition and now to learn that poor CV2T was so ill shod. To replace all tyres with the recommended premium Michelins is going to be very expensive at  $\pounds100+$  per tyre.

Can't blame BREXIT on this one, it's the other, GLOBAL WARMING. Google explains that tyre rubber compounds begin to degrade from the moment of their manufacture. It sights ultraviolet, heat, cold, oxygen, humidity, ozone

and even light are all to blame. The only way to keep your tyres pristine would be to keep them in a heat controlled, airtight, lightproof container! Not very helpful if you want to drive somewhere!

According to Michelin, the degradation is exacerbated when the tyre is left standing stationary. "*Tyres need to be flexed to keep the waxy elements diffusing through the rubber compound to slow the rate of drying out*". [Does that mean rubber tyres are a

*solid solution?].* This is not good for camper van owners. My annual mileage in recent years averages < 3,000 miles, about 125 hours of driving, leaving the van stationary for an astonishing 92% of time.

Michelin specifies an expected tyre life up to ten years or 20k miles, at the same time advising that tyres should be checked for crazing and cracks from the sixth year of their manufacture. Ignoring such advice and letting the condition advance, in the event of a breakdown or



# Late Summer National Rally Dan's Meadow, Suffolk 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> September

This year we will be returning to Dan's Meadow, Woodbridge, Suffolk for our late summer national rally. Woodbridge is a small town on the river Debden in Suffolk with a multitude of historical sites to visit and plenty of pubs, cafes, restaurants and small independent shops to keep you fed and watered and to lighten your wallet with that essential purchase! The town is a walkable distance from the site and there is also a regular bus service which is close by.



Those of you that have been before will remember the excellent facilities that are on offer. This year we will once again have exclusive access to the site and hall. We are still planning how to entertain you all, but don't worry, it will be an action packed weekend. If you have any ideas for activities or want to run one yourself then let us know. Let's hope the weather is good and we can repeat our Sunday afternoon BBQ! The dates for the weekend are 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

September 2023. Put them in your diary. The only downside of the site is a limited availability of EHU's, in fact only 11 of them which will be allocated to those in need, so now is the time to make sure the gas is working on your fridge and the solar panels are charging you up! There will be opportunity for the essentials, such as mobile phone charging, in the hall.



#### Your Romaclub committee. Club contact Tel. No. 07863 414017.

The password for the members only section is on your membership card.

## LIVES & LOVES.....

## Help. Norman needs advice with screen cover.

Have now got my Romahome 25 back with its galvanised rear sub frame. It is a superb job.

I'm about to fit a solar panel before I take off with a friend to follow the Famine trail from Westport to Clifden.

I see that around my windscreen there are a number of press studs to take a

nightime cover.



Do you by any chance know if this item is available for purchase anywhere? .

## Norman Hughes.



N.Ireland. Ring the editor on 01296 428580 if you can help, please. AH.



This, it is hoped, will lighten the heavy discharge placed on the auxiliary battery when the engine is not running, such as stopping on route for lunch.

Whilst on my version of fridge, Dometic provides a secondary locking bolt hole so that the door can be held ajar. I consider it to be too little for sufficient air ventilation when not in



use. By depressing the locking bolt in the open position, it will act as a door stop

preventing the door from closing with a greater gap. To hold the door in this

location I use a couple of lengths of stick-



Wishing all a healthy and happy camping season.

PS . Had trouble with your fridge ignition?

That's for the next edition of the Roma Review! Freddy

I on Velcro.

## -Membership-Matters.

Most members would agree that the AGM camp at Stratford-upon-Avon was most enjoyable.

This is largely down to the effort the committee put in planning the event in advance.

On the weekend, due to circumstances, we started with 50% of the committee not being able to attend. Thanks to members who stepped up and gave the committee some help.

At the AGM it was put to the members that perhaps we could have an A team of members who we could call upon to help run the camp, to do small jobs like: tea rota, selling raffle tickets, furniture moving, bar-b-que. etc.

This was met with a general approval and it was suggested members could give their names to the membership secretary.

#### The next Rally is in September so let's have those names.

The list has started but a few more names would be brilliant.

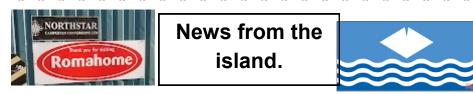
Giving your name does not mean you have to do any job that doesn't suit you, but it would mean that the Rally would go even more smoothly than it already does.

Members say "you only have to ask me I would have helped", but how do we know who you are: that's why we need names in advance.

Thank you-

*Tamara* Membership Secretary,

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We are very are very busy at Northstar Conversions with all types of camper conversions going on. On the Romahome front we have had quite a few older Romahomes back for Hylo canvas replacements, new bumpers and our favourite, out of date flexible gas hoses.

On this subject, I strongly recommend that you have your vehicle regularly gas safety checked but more importantly, check and replace the flexible hose that go to the fridge and the hob.

These should be changed every five years, our gas engineer says. I know of

two instances that the gas leaks internally within the furniture filling the voids , and not escaping (should have drop out holes) and then igniting causing an explosion.

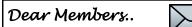
#### New models:

R15 Berlingo based pop top and R30L models have been finished and we are under way with the next vehicles.

Kind Regards **Adam. 01983 530124** 



info@northstarconversions.co.uk



#### It pays to advertise !

Dear Allan, and all at the Roma Club,

Thank you so much for publishing my 'Ad' in the Review. What a co incidence, as we were looking for an 'older' Romahome to buy, another member was advertising one for sale!

We bought it and are so happy to own a Romahome again after 20 years and attended the Rally at Stratford upon Avon.

People were so friendly and welcoming. Everything was so well organised. We admired the more recent ones, and yet there were five or six C15s.

We had some usefull tips from other owners. With some TLC and one or two 'Mods' things are looking good.

We will be along again!

Thanks Harry and Barbara

We hope we can see you and the C15 at the Autumn Rally. AH.

#### An introduction from our NEW Rally Officer.

Hello everyone I am the newly elected Rally Officer for the Romaclub, which is the club for owners of Romahomes and Romini caravans. We organise two large rallies per year, and several meets in between. We are keen to encourage new members to join the group; I joined last year and have attended two rallies which were so much fun. Membership is only £20 per year and runs from January to December. As we are halfway through the year, and I know several people are considering joining, we are offering all new members who sign up between now and the end of July, the chance to win a free pitch at our Autumn rally in September. The pitch fees have been kindly donated back to the club by another new member who won the raffle at our AGM rally in May. If you would like to join, here is the link to our website **https://www.romaclub.org/join** and if you have any questions, please feel free to message me. Jo



A meet is a gathering of friends You have to contact the site to book. It is not a rally in the full sense of the word. AH.



## **Clean In-Deed**

No one wants to be unwell whilst on our travels and precautions are taken to ensure a clean water tank, but I would submit that there is another area that likely comes closest to screwing up your holiday and is of course the van refrigerator.



There is nothing more promoting tummy bugs than the cool dark and damp little corners and crevices provided in the box where you store your fresh food. Unlike at home where the fridge runs continuously maintaining a preserving temperature below 5°C, a camping fridge between trips can be left unattended for



some time to defrost in a dark and poorly ventilated location, the ideal breeding condition.

This year preparing to load the fridge, I discovered, that I had not mopped or wiped it down inside after my previous trip, and the fridge had already started growing patches of mould. Not the best time to start cleaning! so a cursory swab with soda wipes was made and we had to place our trust in the chilling process pending a proper clean.



Back home again, time to do a deep clean. My cursory wipe down had cleared surfaces, but I could see that there persisted black marking in the shelf grill slots and around the chiller grill drain hole. Likewise, removal of the bottle and upper tray from the door revealed more hidden growths.



The rubber seal that surrounds the door is another favoured place for mould to



develop. Folding inwards to close with the fridge frame it needs to be lifted to wipe the inner hidden surfaces, especially along the door bottom where any spills and defrost water will gather.

I keep frozen blocks in the freezer box in the belief that whilst traveling they will act as a cold bank slowing down the rate of warming in the fridge when the power is off.



#### PHOTOS – RESULTS 2023

## Roma National AGM Rally 2023



Grumbles aside, I have to admit that I wasn't too keen to attend the AGM rally remembering



those awkward silences at the meeting when the chair asks for volunteers to take on various responsibilities of the organising committee and even less keen, put off by the venue location at a racecourse campsite, envisaging worn out tatty facilities and mucky smelly toilets. It was Jenny in the end that made the decision to attend and so the booking was made.

Travelling up from Hatfield we took the M40 north remarking at the enormous amount of commercial development and housing around the Bicester junction. Turning onto the A422 we enjoyed the ride in the sunshine through Cotswold villages and a stop on route at the NT Upton House Pavilion Café for a bowl of something and a coffee and cake.

Arrival at Stratford racecourse could not have been less encouraging as the heavens opened with the crack of thunder the heavy rain beating on the windshield and drumming on the bonnet. Rain abated and assisted to our pitch we found that stepping out of the back door

was into a soggy puddle. Much shunting too and fro drew a compromise on a slight hump within a cables distance of the EHU.

That afternoon we were invited to make a crown creation to wear at the viewing of the "Coronation of



Charles III' the following day. I opted out to sleep off my walnut and coffee cake.

Next morning my fears about the campsite facilities were blown away on entering the bathroom to discover a bright heated and pristine environment. I will add however, accepting the need to hold back on energy costs, would have appreciated a little more water volume emanating from the fixed head shower.

#### Coronation day.

Showers and with our mugs in hand, we joined the assembled crown wearing throng in the hall to watch the "Coronation service". Thoughtfully a large screen had been set up by the committee so that history could be witnessed and celebrated in the company of our Roma friends. Later in the afternoon Jenny joined the needlecraft session whilst others gathered to chat or judge the photo or craft competition submission. That evening I'm afraid we were wilting violets opting to stay in our van and so cannot comment on the evening entertainment.

#### AGM Sunday

Whilst Jenny attended the "Songs of Praise" I remained to service and recharge the "goes under". Later joining fellow Romahomers the 36<sup>th</sup> [Youtube streamed] AGM proceeded briskly with the various officers' reports [ as published in the AGM guide booklet] were taken as read and accepted together with new appointments.

There followed a talk given by the Roma Secretary Jac Norton on her volunteering work in HM Prisons under the title "Art in Prison". Activities and performance arts in its widest interpretation the intriguing talk covered the frustrations as well as the rewarding aspects and beneficial aspects of her



work.

In the afternoon OUT CAME THE SUN AND DRIED UP ALL THE RAIN so Incey and wincey did nothing but sat out dozing in the welcome warmth.

Reluctant to leave the sun we were late to the Potluck supper but found more than enough to fill our wobbly

cardboard plates and were well fed for the following quiz which I'm afraid the quizmaster again failed to ask the right questions leaving our team a middling score.

#### Strike Monday.

In these turbulent times we joined the workers in **striking!** camp that is, packing up and getting Cosy Van 2ty road ready before the next shower. Relieved that the ground had stayed firm on departing we made a brief detour to visit Ann Hathaway's Cottage before finding our way to the NT Charlecote Park for tour of the house.

Finding another Romahome in the car park we made a bee line to park adjacent. On discovering that they were not Roma members we took some delight in haranguing them with stories of



the great time we had had at our Roma Club Rally. Note to secretary. Be advised of an enquiry to join the club with a query about their dodgy fridge!

Suggestion to Committee; For such occasions it would be nice to have a credit card sized "Roma Invitation card" with generic contact information, to hand or place under windscreen wiper blade. It could carry detail of the presenter's name and membership number. See Flyers with this Roma Review. AH.

Our **many thanks** for the great efforts in bringing to fruition an excellent rally under difficult conditions and going the extra mile setting up the Coronation presentation.

Freddy O