

Seen at a Classic Vehicle Rally on a Ford Model T (Tin Lizzy)  
A cooker on the exhaust manifold that cooks your tea as you drive.



Any chance of fitting one on a Citroen Berlingo or even a C15 ?

## Romacooking.

*Just to fill a space, I looked through many old Roma Club Reviews, and came across this item.*

*It would be nice to have some rallies organised by members, just like we used to, and just like we used to, have a nice cake to share.*

*I think it might be a bit too big to bake it the oven attached to your Romahome manifold as above.  
AH.*

## RECIPE IN DEMAND

### Mrs. Robin's Fruit Cake

*Elizabeth Dale of Staffordshire has produced "Mrs Robin's Fruit Cake" for many rallies, and is continually asked for the recipe - so here it is:*

**4 oz. Margarine, plain flour & s/r flour**  
**6 oz. Sugar, currants, sultanas.**  
**2oz. mixed peel.**  
**2 eggs.**  
**8oz. water**  
**1 teaspoon bicarb**  
**1 heaped teaspoon mixed spice.**  
**Pinch of salt**

**Place all except flours, salt and eggs in a pan. Boil, then simmer for one minute. Allow to cool. Add eggs, flours and salt. Mix and pour it into 8" round tin.**

**Bake for 1½ hours. Gas 4 electric 350F or 180C**



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# ROMA

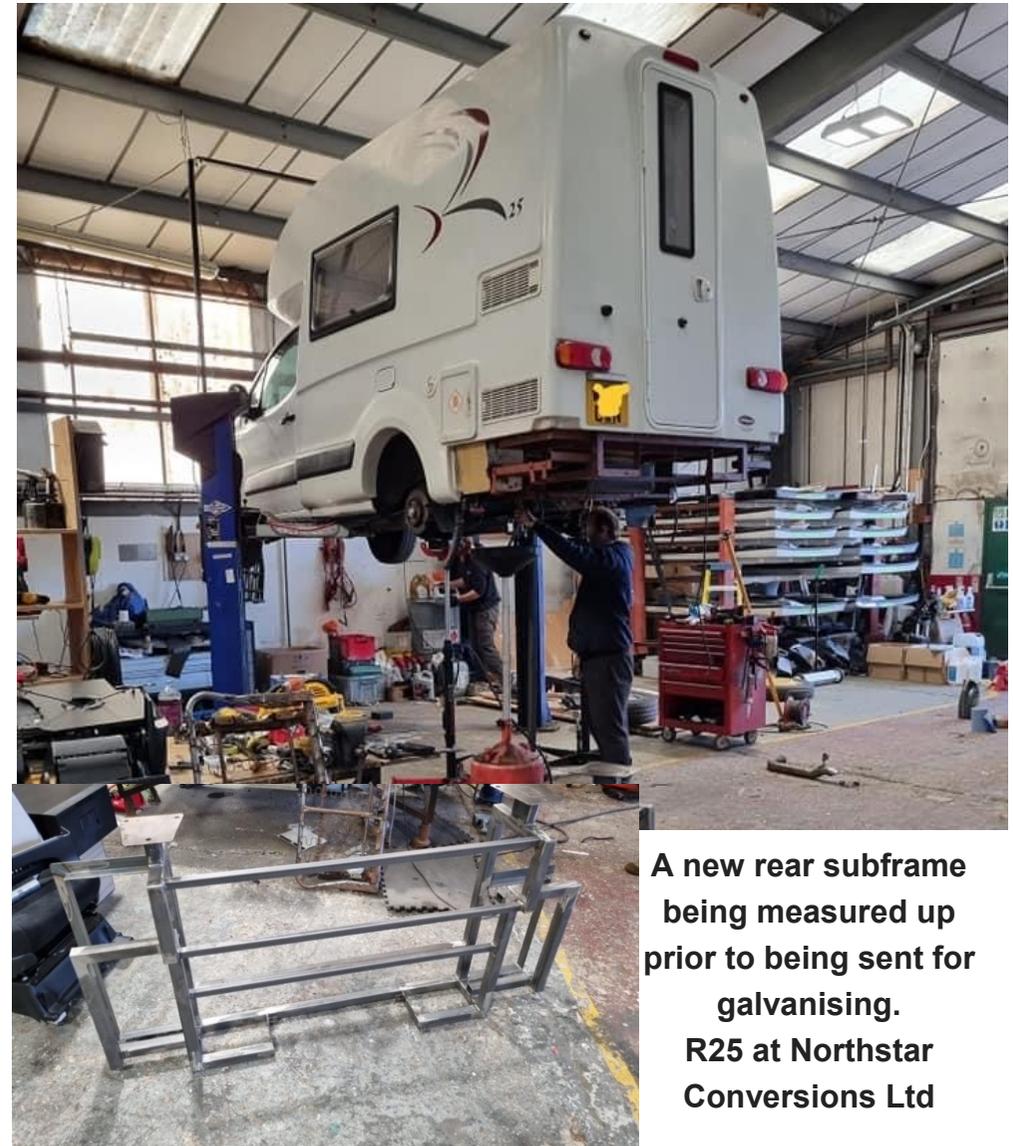
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# REVIEW

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A new rear subframe being measured up prior to being sent for galvanising.  
R25 at Northstar Conversions Ltd



### **Brian Bailey.**

With the timing of this magazine, we belatedly report the loss of one of our club's benefactors.

Brian suffered a stroke and had been in a nursing home for many months.

His funeral was in November, and the

club was represented by our President's wife, Val Steers.

Brian was a manager at Island Plastics Ltd, and when that company failed, he became managing director of Romahome Ltd, part of the Freeborn group.

Under Brian's management, Romahome donated funds to cover the cost of the marquees the club needed for the AGM rallies.

Brian was also keen on attending these events, with a team of assistants to service and repair members' Romahomes.

He was to be found serving coffee, tea and soup to club members, and on occasions, Pimms No.1.

Brian was always great company.

When Freeborn closed, Brian went on to form Addaback, retaining many of the Romahome staff, and keeping Romahomes in production.

This led on to Brian's involvement with the present company, Northstar Conversions Ltd.

Many of our long serving Romahomers will have fond memories of Brian, and will miss his happy smiling face at our events and his contributions to the Review.

We thank him for all the support he gave us over many years.

*The club made a donation to Brian's requested charity, Cancer Research.*

# Who's Who.



Many years ago, we used one page per Review, to show who's looking after you on the committee.

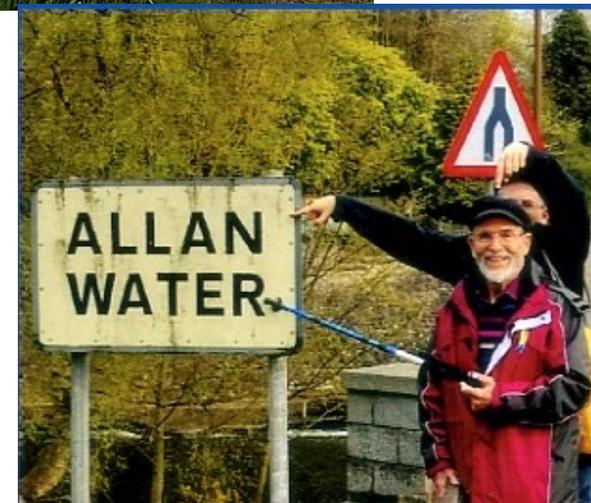
Shall we start this again ?

On the left we have your current Chairman, Mr Mahn.

On the right, we have your Vice Chairman and Roma Review editor, Mr. Horne.

It seems that there is no need to ask him to drive carefully.

*(Please ignore the extra person behind him—it's his son.)*



**What's New ?**  
**What News ?**

# Membership Matters.

## GRAND RAFFLE PRIZE

Our star prize at the Ripon AGM was a chance to win your Roma Road Tax for free. Our lucky winner Frank received a cheque to cover his yearly tax.

With the cost of living continuing to rise and the money we need to find to keep our Romas on the road and touring the committee have decided to run this as an annual raffle.

To make it fair to every member, as not all members wish to or are able to attend the AGM, entry will be automatic for everyone who has renewed their membership by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023.

The star prize will be drawn at the 2023 AGM and the winner notified.

This doesn't cost you anymore than your current membership fee of £20 which was due on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022. For those of you that joined after October 2022 you will already be entered as your subscription is not due for renewal till December 2023.

## Good Luck and Happy Romahoming.



**Hello I'm Emma** and some of you will have met me at our recent Lickhill Rally making the teas and coffees. I own a C15 called Malwen, which is Welsh for snail. I named it because its home is on its back not because of the speed ;)

Our committee agreed we should have an area on Facebook (as a few of us on there already) where we can privately announce some meet ups or just get hold of each other a bit quicker turn around than waiting on our quarterly Review.

The facebook group is called:  
**romaclub - members only group**



## From Your Editor.....

**Well, if that was 2022**, farewell, and welcome to 2023.

This Review hits your doormats a little later than usual, because we have to wait to see if you have rejoined.

Then our membership secretary, Tamara, has to produce the membership cards (complete with the new password for the website) and get them to Kath and Keith to insert into your Reviews. Then Kath and Keith will pop them into envelopes (having affixed the labels produced by Emma) and will struggle to the post office. The post office will then (subject to strike action) deliver your magazine to you.

All I had to do was find enough content to fill the 24 pages, and make the Review interesting and enjoyable reading.

This time, we are pleased to welcome Adam Coombe who runs Northstar Conversions Ltd on the Isle of Wight. Our Chairman contributes a recipe for those adventurous Romahomers who use the cookers on their vans for more than toast and baked beans.

Emma invites you to join her at some upcoming events. These will be meets rather than rallies.

Emma has also opened a Facebook page for our club members, rather than using the so called `Romahome Club` page, which is nothing to do with our club.

The sad news is that Brian Bailey has passed away following a stroke that he suffered many months ago.

As the boss of Romahome he supported our club in many ways, and as a tribute to all his work I have

reprinted a rally report on the 1999 Isle of Wight rally.

At that time Romahomes were a product of Island Plastics Ltd.

Our President, Bill Steers, was also very involved with the organisation.

Thanks to our contributors, as usual. I hope you enjoy this edition.

**Have a happy and enjoyable New Year.**

*Allan*

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### **COPY DEADLINE**

**We very much welcome your contributions.**

**Very final collation date is**

**the 10th MARCH for the SPRING REVIEW.**

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**23, Fairmile,**

**AYLESBURY,**

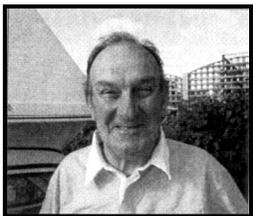
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# 'El Presidente'

Hello everybody.

With the renewals and membership cards all being dealt with, I'm told that this Rome Review will be slightly later than normal, so let's forget the Merry Christmas, and wish everyone

## A Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

That might be difficult, but let's try to enjoy 2023.

I hope you are making plans for trips in your Romahomes.

Unfortunately, due to health problems, our Romahoming days are over, but we enjoy seeing and hearing about your trips and adventures.

Very sad news about Brian Bailey. Val attended his funeral on behalf of the club, and I understand that the Romaclub made a donation, on behalf of members, and memory of all that he did for our club.

Look forward to the summer, and all those happy days, *Bill.*

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## Membership Matters.

### Have you forgotten to renew ?

Transfer £20.00 of your pocket money to Romaclub, not forgetting to use your membership number as the reference.

Our bank account is :-

Lloyds Bank. Sort Code 30-97-21 a/c 00393737

### A warm welcome to

Christine	Prince	Fareham	Hampshire
Jo	Lloyd	Rugby	
David	Curran	Crewe	Cheshire
	Johnson/		
Yvonne	Hicks	Bicton Heath	Shrewsbury
Dennis	Sharpe		Wittenhall
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Roy & Jeanette	Hocking	Bierton	Aylesbury
Graham & Tracey	Smith	Llanberis	Caernarfon
Gaven	Richardson	Riverside	Cardiff
Brian & Liz	Jones	Chandler's Ford	Hants
Harry	Eyles	Kingstanding	Birmingham
Jacqui	Gavin	Cockermouth	Cumbria
Christine, Stephen	Ward	Aldersley	Wolverhampton
Christine	Prince	Fareham	Hampshire
Jo	Lloyd	Rugby	

## Your FREE Sales and wants....

Looks like you have nothing on offer this time.

# Recomendations

Can you mention for a lovely motorhome repair chap at  
**THE CAMPING AND MOTORHOME CENTRE at  
HOWARD'S NURSERY,  
PLUMMERS PLAIN,  
HORSHAM,  
SUSSEX. RH13 6NX.** Tel. 01403892694.

He sells and repairs motorhomes. He is a family business, just him with a bit of help from his two sons when they are free.

He sorted out a leak from my tap that was dripping out under the van!, and fitted a new 12V socket by my cooker, all while I waited.

He wouldn't charge me anything! (I did give him something.) and I will go back for my habitat check in March.

He reminded me of the Great Ant from Bristol (who is greatly missed for his Romahome repairing skills.)

Very friendly, took care with the van, and didn't mind my dog sitting in her crate, supervising,

If you live in Sussex or Surrey, this is a great chap to fix your Romahome.

*Pam Stubbington.* East Croydon.

**Izzy, Wizzy, let's get busy!** *From another old Roma Club Review, but ...*

Don't forget to look after your camper this winter.

Some jobs you should do are:-

Check antifreeze in radiator, drain clean drinking water, grease/oil moving parts and in particular locks. HyLo owners should check their roof attachments.

Mark I (pneumatic lifts should pay particular attention to the nuts holding the air rams. making sure they are locked in position. Mark II (manual lifts) should carry out a general safety check making sure all fixings are secure. **Jobs for the winter should include replacing any rubber gas hoses if they are more than two years old** and flexible metal cased hoses if they are more than four years old. Depending upon the age of your camper, rubber hoses will be found connecting the gas bottle and cased tubes connecting your cooker, refrigerator.

You should also check through the instructions in your handbook for further instructions, hints and tips. When you have done all the above, but only then, you may relax and get the maps out to plan next year's trips.

# Chair Chat

## View From The Chair

Another year is over and a new one has begun. I hope you had a good festive season and that Santa brought you all that you wished for. My sock drawer is now full to the brim!

We are looking forward to getting out and about again and hopefully the weather will be back to what we are used to and not alternating from heat waves to floods. Here's hoping the weather gods deliver a mild temperate summer. Packing an industrial fan shouldn't be on the list of Romahome essentials!

I hope that you have all remembered to renew your membership so that you will be entered into the Grand Raffle Prize and have a chance of winning a year's road tax for your vehicle. Good Luck!

There are already a couple of 'meets' planned for later in the year, have you thought of organising one yourself? Some people are a little apprehensive about holding a rally but there is nothing to stop you sharing details of a break that you are going on if you wanted us to join you. Let us know and we can advertise them on the website and on the club's facebook page.

I hope to see you at the AGM in Stratford Upon Avon in May. It seems King Charles has chosen that weekend for his coronation so he won't be coming, but we will have the broadcast available for those of you who wish to see it and there will be plenty of opportunity for us to celebrate in our own way.

Please consider putting your name forward for the vacant Rally Officer seat at the committee table. It would be a shame if the club struggled to get volunteers as we have in the past and all that led to. It's your club and I am sure you want it to continue and be a success.

**Happy Romahoming,**

*Sheldon.*

## *Membership Matters.*

**Hi members**

We have approximately 180 members, so when renewing your membership by bankers transfer it would be a great help if you would quote your membership number.

Also would it be possible for you to email me that you have paid.

Thank you that would make my life much easier

*Tamara* Membership secretary. [membership.romaclub@gmail.com](mailto:membership.romaclub@gmail.com)

# Membership Matters.

## GDPR , ROMA CLUB AND YOU

GDPR (GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION) IS A REGULATION THAT WAS MADE A LEGAL REQUIREMENT IN 2016 BY THE EUROPEAN UNION AND RATIFIED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE. THE REGULATIONS WERE ENCOMPASSED INTO UK LAW IN 2018.

THE PURPOSE OF GDPR IS TO MAKE SURE THAT ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION AND DATA HELD BY AN ORGANISATION IS DONE SO IN A SECURE AND LEGAL MANNER. TO THAT END ORGANISATIONS NEED TO OBTAIN CONSENT FROM YOU TO STORE AND USE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION. IF YOU JOINED THE CLUB BEFORE 2018 YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED A CONSENT FORM TO AGREE TO THE CLUB HOLDING PERSONAL INFORMATION SUCH AS ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS. THERE IS NOW A CONSENT FORM INCLUDED IN THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM FOR ALL NEW MEMBERS. THERE ARE NO FORMAL INSTRUCTIONS AS TO HOW OFTEN THIS CONSENT SHOULD BE SOUGHT AND HERE AT THE CLUB WE ARE WORKING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT YOUR CONSENT GAINED WHEN JOINING THE CLUB WILL LAST FOR THE DURATION OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

THE INFORMATION WE HOLD IS LIMITED TO YOUR NAMES, ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS AND DETAILS OF YOUR VEHICLE. REST ASSURED THAT THIS INFORMATION IS ALWAYS STORED ON PASSWORD PROTECTED DEVICES AND WILL NEVER BE SHARED WITH A THIRD PARTY. SHOULD YOU LEAVE THE CLUB ALL INFORMATION STORED ON OUR DATABASE WILL BE DELETED. ALTHOUGH YOUR CONTINUED CONSENT IS ASSUMED YOU ARE FREE TO WITHDRAW IT AT ANY TIME. SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO WITHDRAW YOUR CONSENT THEN YOU CAN WRITE TO THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY AT

[membership@romaclub.org](mailto:membership@romaclub.org)

STATING YOUR DESIRE TO 'OPT OUT'.

ALTHOUGH THE UK HAS NOW LEFT THE EUROPEAN UNION THE REGULATIONS STILL REMAIN IN PLACE. SHOULD THE REGULATIONS, IN THE FUTURE, CHANGE THEN WE WILL INFORM YOU ACCORDINGLY.

*Sheldon Mahn,*  
CHAIRMAN.

# RALLY

**From Times Past..**

From Roma Club Review 49 Autumn 1999

mingler! He makes himself accessible. Roma Club members love him! And he is totally committed to building on the already strong relationship between the company and the owners' club. Another key to what makes him tick is that he loves his job, - so much so that he gets to work at 7am every morning!

The tremendous support afforded to Island Plastics from Roma Club members, is a feather in the cap for this go ahead company, and promotes for free, the excellent products they produce. Such a fervent following must surely be envied by other manufacturers! And the good news is that the Review understands that IP have not discounted the possibility of one day hosting another rally on the island. Brian Bailey, joint managing director of Island Plastics was on top of the world with the success of the weekend

### **Blast from the past**

A welcome 'blast from the past' at the rally, came in the form of one Martin Hargreaves, a former high-profile IP man. Members enjoyed catching up with Martin, an old friend to many. Dealers represented at the rally included

Bywater Leisure, Avon Motorcaravans and Turners.

Roma Club regalia, offered for sale by Island Plastics, proved to be very popular with members, who were quite willing to fork out for the quality (embroidered logo) T-shirts, hats, towels and bags. Ann Butler also did a brisk trade in Roma Club sew-on badges.

### **Talent**

The talent contest brought forth a bunch of contestants harbouring a wish for instant fame, with a tip top singer, Tony Grant from Wales, deservedly carrying off the first prize. Also worth a mention was the 84 years young Romahomer Charlie Fudge who did himself proud with a recitation. A talented musical group came third.

### **Factory tour**

The optional round the island coach trip attracted 80 people who filled two coaches, visiting Cowes, Shanklin, and Alum Bay.

Hundreds visited the Island Plastics factory, both before and after the rally weekend, as well as on the designated Sunday. This peep into the inner sanctum roused considerable interest, and kept Brian Bailey on his toes as 'chief factory tour guide'.

Sorry about the print quality. AH

# ISLE OF WIGHT

## 'Team effort'

Brian Bailey, joint managing director of Island Plastics, was truly delighted with the success of the weekend event, (sponsored by Citroen UK, Daihatsu UK, and Freeborn Garages, with



**Bill Steers**

support from Avon Motorcaravans, Bywater Leisure, S.E.Thomas and Stewart Moulard.

'It was a team effort,' said Brian, 'and Bill (Steers) did a great job. The sponsors came up trumps, and Citroen's input, with their pantechmicon, was terrific!' And indeed, it was reported that Brian was heard to say 'my cup runneth over' as he chased purposefully round the marquee on Saturday, armed with

brimming jug, ensuring that members' glasses were replenished with the free-flowing wine. 'Trickle-feeding', he called it! And here seems to be an appropriate juncture to mention IP's exceptional generosity in the food and drink department, and also to thank the IP ladies/wives catering team, who worked so very hard.

The alcohol flowed freely indeed – from 11am through to 11 pm on the Saturday. 25 to 30 gallons of red wine were washed down, together with 20 gallons of white. – And WHAT about that PUNCH??? 'An old Bailey family recipe', said Brian: who divulged the ingredients, but not the proportions: vodka, red wine, white wine, cider, lemonade – and the magic ingredient - cranberry juice. Now you know!!!

Food? Well, 300 burgers, 300 sausages, and over 350 corn on the cob vanished pretty smartish! **THANK YOU, ISLAND PLASTICS!**

## Nice guy

What makes joint managing director Brian Bailey (whether attired in business suit or in campsite casuals) such a nice guy? Perhaps the fact that he is a great

# Techtopics.

## Berlingo Electronic Problems. Sorted.

Oh the ignominy and embarrassment going home on a relay truck. However, the driver said "DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. WE CALL IT FUEL SAVE".

It was tricky loading and unloading because our Romahome is so low but with the help of various wooden blocks it was OK.

Such a lovely driver called Adam that we phoned the company to give feedback. Adam down loaded the van onto our drive and there it stayed .



Our local mechanic came on the 14th but still no joy. He came again on 22nd with a colleague and electrical testing gear. Still no joy so he disconnected the ECU and sent it away for testing. It was faulty and couldn't be repaired.

4th October he came again with his colleague and a replacement ECU. We were expecting a hefty bill but the ECU was £392 and he only charged £180 for all that labour. So glad we weren't at a garage that charges megga money for labour. So here we are - up and running every day. Many thanks to our local mechanic Neil Macintry

*Kath Gifford.*

## Heater Problems. A result.

Thanks again for the information, I got in touch with Adam Coombes who I contacted Eberspacher uk to confirm his information.

I did this who then gave me two numbers of eberspacher specialists near me - one not too near - Lincoln.

I managed to talk to someone in Lincoln who confirmed his advice and it seems I have the right one installed and can run the heater without the habitation side of things because it also runs from the engine.

I have a Hydronic system. I will try this next week and keep everything crossed. I was thinking that because they now had water only and water and heating that I would need the water, however, they explained that the water is separate because I wouldn't want the heating in the summer- which is the opposite to my thinking and actually makes more sense. The two types are Airtronic and Hydronic and mine is a Hydronic. Apparently an expensive one.

*Maureen Barton & Swift*



## Round and about.....

### IN DAYS GONE BY

When we were at Lickhill recently someone asked 'What happened to Terry?'

Well the only Terry I remembered was Terry Harrison who sadly had to give up his Romahome when his sight deteriorated. I called several of his old contemporaries at Romaclub and discovered that he eventually moved into a home for the blind and died over a year ago.

Terry used to run rallies albeit in a rather hap hazard fashion.

He gave us an address for a rally at Holt but was it Holt, Holt Heath or Holt Fleet? It was half way between Stourport and Worcester. Terry obviously knew the area but we could not find the site for ages. It was on a farm which had huge commercial enterprises in the farm yard and there was a field beyond where we were to meet. It was in the days before post codes and satnavs became the norm. The site was on a slope but there was water, a toilet and somewhere to empty a loo. Terry set up a gazebo for morning coffee but there was no timetable so we had to watch out for him and Mike Pyatt walking across with a kettle and a tin of biscuits. There was lovely farm shop in Top Barn and a bus stop where we caught the bus to Worcester. Down the farm lane there were huge blackberries.

I remember Bridget Pander being there but who else?

Keith and I were both working so we could not attend many rallies. I have looked through my old Reviews but I have 2 missing. Numbers 72/2005 and 77/2006

### **WHEN WAS THIS RALLY AND WHO REMEMERS BEING THERE?**

*Kath*

**Whoops!**

**A couple of tired Romahome owners pulled into a service station for two hours free parking. They set their alarm but overslept. When they returned home a few days later they received a £60 fine by post.**

## POETRY CORNER

### Ode on the road - From Roma Club Review February 1999.

Each year we check the agenda,  
pack our vans and off we trek.  
One driver, a navigator and a picnic  
hamper.  
A journey never to forget.

"I told you to turn left at the island!"  
The now impatient navigator sighs.  
So we took yet another wrong turning,  
"I can't drive and look at the signs?"

Three hours later and thirty miles gone,  
we rest in a parking lay-by.  
Put on the kettle and get out the tea  
and relax while the world goes by.

The lunch ail done, it's back to the road,  
and on to destination camp A.  
But due the detour we're stuck in a  
jam, in a lane behind a tractor carrying  
hay.

It is now five hours later,  
And we are still nowhere near.  
It's then we find that the navigator  
has gone to sleep in the rear.

The driver follows the road signs,  
but in the dark it's lust no good\*  
And to top it all, it starts raining,  
and the road is closed "Due to Flood",

A glimmer of light in the distance,  
Are we really going to arrive?  
But then a splutter and dimmer.....  
The petrol tank is on the empty side.

The silence is more than nerve  
shattering,  
it's all perfectly clear  
We're blaming each other for  
everything.  
It's the same every year! !

We get to the campsite entrance,  
park up and get through the gate.  
Only to find to our horror,  
That we arrived a week too late.

We always look forward to our  
trekking.  
It's fun and just what it should be.  
Without my Romahome, my navigator  
and travelling,  
Holidays wouldn't be the same to me.

You can keep your sunnier climates,  
You can keep your hotel and catering  
pub.  
I'll settle for a touring vacation  
With my friends from the Roma Club.

**anon**

**What's New ?**  
**What News ?**

**Where shall we go for our 2023 National AGM rally ?**

**How about Stratford upon Avon ?**

We have been there on previous occasions, and enjoyed the site and the walk (or drive) into Shakespeare's town.

Due to a slip up with the site manager, we couldn't have our usual spot, but not to worry. They have given us an even better area, and an even better hospitality spot.

Make a note in your diary—It's May 5th—8th.



It's quite a pleasant walk into the town with a host of gift shops and museums, and even a theatre, which I believe, is quite famous.

## *Romacooking.*

### **TIRED OF SPROUTS?**

Christmas is over and time to diet, but have you had enough of sprouts? How can anyone have enough of sprouts? This little vegetable is so versatile and here is a way to liven up some left over sprouts, turning them into a one pot take on **SICILIAN LEMON CHICKEN.**

**Required:** One large pot, one burner, tinfoil.

#### **Ingredients:**

- 2 chicken breasts cut into 2cm chunks
- 1 500gm pack of gnocchi potato dumplings
- 1 medium brown onion chopped
- 2 cloves garlic chopped
- 500ml chicken stock (ready made packet stock is perfect)
- 250gm cooked sprouts cut in halves
- 1 unwaxed lemon
- 1 teaspoon dried chilli flakes
- 50ml olive oil.



**Method >>>**

# Romacooking.

## Method:

In your pot heat half the olive oil and gently fry the sprouts, chilli flakes and the zest from the lemon. When the sprouts are beginning to brown decant them to a separate bowl and cover with tinfoil to keep warm.

Wipe the pot clean and add the remaining olive oil. Over a gentle heat sweat the onions and garlic until soft. Add the chicken breasts and fry on a higher heat for two minutes. Add the chicken stock and gnocchi dumplings and simmer for 5 minutes until chicken is fully cooked. Season to taste. Serve into bowls and place the warm lemon sprouts on top. Squeeze lemon juice over the sprouts as desired.

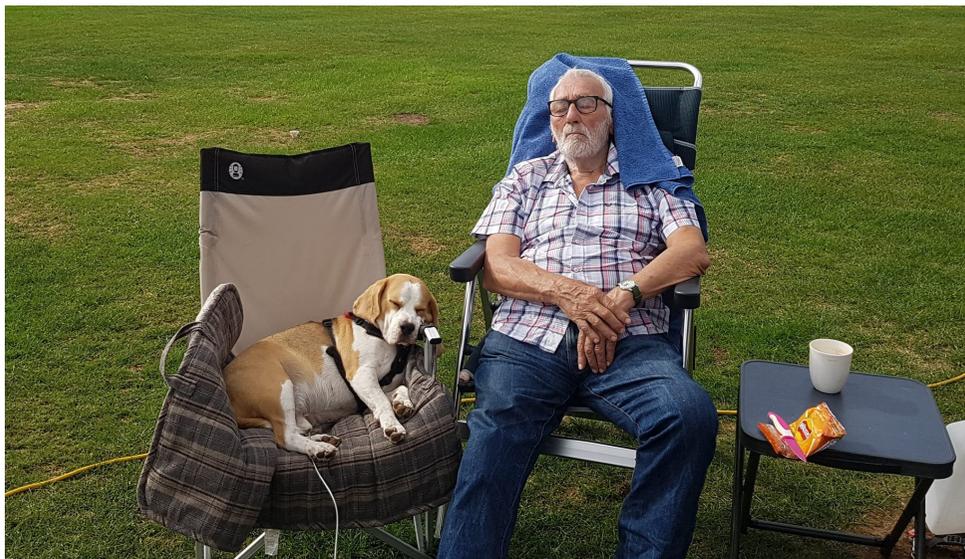
To fully enjoy your Italian experience best served with some crusty ciabatta bread and a glass of chilled Frascati. Of course if you are pitched up for the night why not share the bottle!

## Enjoy!

*Sheldon.*

## Below,

*It looks as though Tony has enjoyed this meal, just one of Sheldon's feasts, sleeping it off in the sun. Sherlock, their dog is having forty winks too.*



# Membership Matters.

Club Meets.

Emma is off to some events, and would like you to join her.

Meets are not club rallies. You book with the event organisers, or the site, but could you let Emma know if you are interested in joining her.

## Upcoming events



THU, 27 JUL 2023-30 JUL 2023

**Armchair Adventure Festival 2023 -  
27/07 - 30/07 Torpoint, PL10 1HZ**

Mount Edgcumbe House and Country Par...

Hosted by romaclub - members only group



THU, 17 AUG 2023-21 AUG 2023

**Camp Bestival - Shropshire**

Camp Bestival Shropshire

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The difference between a Rally and a Meet. In both cases you will have to find a suitable site and carry out the details below.

**A Meet** is where you find a suitable Club site either Camping and Caravan Club or Caravan and Motorhome. Details need to be put in the advertisement in the Review etc. Members wishing to join in would first inform you and then book themselves in at the site you have sourced. (Charges will be the club site charges).

**A Rally** can be on a field with very few facilities or a site with facilities but members will book entirely through you and pay you for the Rally, payment is often done during the Rally, please remember to be sure just what facilities are offered on the Rally site you have sourced.

**Emma's email is in our list of club contacts.**

**What's New ?**  
**What News ?**

**One way of using a Romini Caravan.**  
*Kath found this on Facebook.*

I thought that you might like to see my Land Rover/Romini hybrid camper.

I've had it for about 10 years now. I have no idea who did the conversion, or when it was done. It originally was a Land Rover 110" station wagon, with a V8 petrol engine in it. It now has a Perkins 4236 turbo diesel engine in it, which was fitted before I brought it.

After I bought it, I joined the Romaclub, and I took it along to their AGM and rally.

To say that some people were surprised to see it, would be an understatement !!! However, a few of the members had heard about it, and there was a picture of it in one of their old magazines, but nobody had actually seen it in real life.

I spent most of the weekend showing people around it.

There were a couple of Romini caravans there, so it was interesting to see what they looked like, before it was modified.



*Martin Maskell*



This is what the Island Plastics Romini would normally look like.  
*Neat little thing isn't it ? AH*

**News from the Island.**



"Let me introduce myself, my name is Adam Coombe...."

Some of you may remember me from the days when I worked for Island Plastics, Romahome Ltd or even Freeborn Motorhomes.

I now run a company called Northstar Conversions Ltd, set up in 2014 to convert and sell campervans using my experience from the

Romahome days.

Fast forward to 2022,....Things have gone full circle and my wife Carol and I find ourselves custodians of the Romahome name!

Northstar Conversions Ltd is based in the former Romahome workshops at Prospect road, in Cowes, on the Isle of Wight. We employ 20 people, some of the former Romahome employees like me, and produce campervans primarily based on imported Japanese MPVs, VW Transporter, Transit Custom, Citroën Dispatch and the like.

We still occasionally help Romahome customers with partial refurbishment of their current vehicle, including the replacement of the subframe on R25's, the canvas replacement on later Hylos to name but a few.

I have always dreamt about reviving the Romahome brand, and the launch of the electric Berlingo has been the perfect opportunity to do so.

But why stop with the Berlingo when one of the best selling UK campervans was the R30, based on the short wheel base Citroën Relay?

To this end, we will be launching in January 2023, two new models: The R30 Compact Hightop model and as well as a product we will be calling the R15 based on the new shape Berlingo long wheel base (a hybrid between the R10 and the R20).

We have three prototypes currently in build. This will also be the opportunity for us to look at relaunching the [romahome.com](http://romahome.com) website, but at time of writing this has not been confirmed. "

**Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year**

*Adam Coombe*

[www.northstarconversions.co.uk](http://www.northstarconversions.co.uk)"

**News from the Island.**



**Northstar Conversions Ltd.**

A view of Adam's Company site.

Looks very busy.

<< A mould for a GRP (glass fibre) roof.

*We wish him success with the venture and look forward to his column in future Reviews. AH*

**From Times Past..**

Staff at Addaback Ltd., with a GRP Romahome bodyshell,



**All our yesterdays.**

We used to take a group photo just after the AGM.

Because of the current Data Protection problems, we keep the picture on the small side so you don't recognise anyone ! AH.



Roma National AGM Rally. May 2016.