

National AGM Romaclub Rally. May / June 2025



Thanks to Freddy O'Hare for the above shots.

<<<<< Our New Treasurer, Chris Godfrey, and his Assistant' Picture by Jenny O'Hare.



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MOTORCARAVANNING AT ITS BEST IN ROMAHOME UNITS.www.romaclub.org.uk

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Picture Steve Brannigan.

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Wall to wall sunshine (apart from a few heavy showers to water the grass) and a great weekend to meet and greet friends, old and new. Here we see club members taking in the sunshine, having enjoyed the food from our 'Bring and share' supper. Many more items inside.

Poetry Corner

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 all done, it's back to the road,
and on to destination camp A.
But due to 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 just no good.
And to top it all, it starts raining,
and the road is closed "Due to Flood".

This Is Your Life.

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.
*From the Roma Club Review dated
February 1998.*

smile

. I see people out there, zip lining and mountain
climbing and here I am feeling good about myself because
I got my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.

I thought growing old would take longer.
It's weird being the same age as old people

. I don't mean to interrupt people, but I just randomly remember
things and get really excited.

For Sale. Romini caravan 2 berth with small 2 ring cooker gas and new fridge,
new curtains, new windows and seals. Wheels repainted, .new tyres.

Your FREE Sales and wants....

There is a Romini caravan for sale.
I adapted to fit the caravan.
She has also been relined. She was
resprayed to match our vw van.
She is light to tow. 750kg.

We are selling her because we recently
bought a VW Autosleeper Motorhome

£4,500 pounds or near offer.

Talk to Keith about her on
07858160132 .



Membership Matters.

A warm welcome to

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| <p>Douglas and Margaret Hancock
Stephenie Fincham
Jane Wakefield
Penny Wright
Ian March and Rebecca Edwards
Julie Riley
Christine Oxley
Nicholas Phillips
Keith and Helen Wilkie
Norman and Milla Hills
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Essex
Pontefract
Farnborough
County Durham
Brighton
Solihull
Hove
Southampton
London
Staffordshire
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- Welcome Back**
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| Angela Hodgson | Akroydon |
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Romacooking. Let's Continue To Egg You On To Be More Adventurous!

SPAGHETTI CARBONARA

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METHOD:

1. Heat the oil in a frying pan over a medium heat. Add the pancetta and cook until crisp, slightly browned and the fat has rendered off. Remove the pan from the heat and set to one side.
2. Bring a large saucepan of salted water to the boil. Add the spaghetti and cook for 8–10 minutes, until firm but slightly chewy (al dente).
3. While the spaghetti is cooking, beat together the eggs and Parmesan with a fork. If it's a bit thick, add a little milk. Season with a small amount of salt (the cheese and pancetta are already salty) and a generous amount of pepper.
4. Once the spaghetti is cooked, drain over a bowl, reserving some of the cooking water.
5. Place the frying pan with the pancetta in back over a medium–low heat. Add the drained spaghetti and egg mixture and immediately stir thoroughly so all the spaghetti is coated in the sauce. Not too hot, or the egg will curdle. Add 1–2 tablespoons of the reserved pasta water to loosen, if necessary.
6. Serve immediately with grated Parmesan on top.
7. Accompany your delicious meal with a crisp Italian Pinot Grigio and a simple green salad!

Sheldon.

Talking of adventurous...



Thanks to Kath for these pictures.

From Your Editor.....

Good weather,

good food and good company, what more could you ask for at a club rally ?

We had a good time, and I'm grateful to the members who took the trouble to send pictures taken at the National AGM Rally for publication.

I have tried to acknowledge the 'clickers' on each picture, and have tried to print as many of the pictures as I can.

There didn't seem to be much other content to share with you, but that seems to be a problem with club magazines these days.

I would really welcome items from you, where have you been on your travels, how you found a great campsite, how you have improved your Romahome. What do you call your Romahome, and why.

Should my mailbox be filled with items for the August Review, don't worry - I can add more pages.

Sent your jokes, your news and other items of interest to me at editor.romaclub@gmail.com

It was pointed out to me, that I have been asking you to send items to my old e.mail address on page three for some time. I wonder if you all have been sending me stuff, and it all went astray.

Looking over old Reviews, this pleading for items from you is a regular feature. SO BORING.

Let's move on.

As usual at our rallies, many of you brought your dogs. Freddy O'Hare captured a few on his wanderings. They're on the back page.

Allan.

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We very much welcome your contributions.

Get them to me as soon as possible, but the very final collation date is the 10th Sept. for the AUTUMN REVIEW.

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Minutes of the 38th AGM of the Roma Club

Sunday 1st June 2025

Lickhill Manor Park, Stourport on Severn, DY13 8RL

Time 11.00 am

Streamed live via the Romaclub Youtube Chanel for members who were not in attendance.

1. Welcome to new members and apologies for absences
Apologies received from Bill Steers, Gerry and Ruth Broadley, Christine Clarke, Jacqui Norton and Mark Chennell, Helen Lunn, Irena Krasinska-Lobban and Helen Davison.
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) Proposed by Sheldon Mahn Seconded by Allan Horne.
3. Matters arising from the minutes. The Chairman stated that we have put the purchase of metal badges on hold at the moment pending the vacancies being filled on the committee.
4. Chairman's report Proposed by Allan Horne
Seconded by Tamara Goulding
5. Secretary's report Proposed by Sheldon Mahn
Seconded by Allan Horne
6. Treasurer's report Proposed by Sheldon Mahn
Seconded by Peter Graystone
7. Membership Secretary's report Proposed by Allan Horne
Seconded by Anne Graystone
8. Election of Officers for the next three years (the full committee)
The Chairman and Vice Chair agreed to continue for another year.
Secretary: Paola Dorigato Proposed by Sheldon Mahn
Seconded by Allan Horne
Agreed unanimously
Treasurer: Chris Godfrey Proposed by Allan Horne
Seconded by Anne Graystone
9. Motions received from members None
10. Approval of updated constitution. The following alterations to the constitution were agreed by a block vote of all members present:

Item 4. Membership

Member whose subscription is not renewed by 31st December shall have his name removed from the Membership list. There will be a re-joining fee of £5 to cover administration costs. Remove Honorary Membership shall cease if an honorary member purchases a non-Romahome vehicle. Remove

Retirement membership may be offered to any member who through ill health is not able to continue as a full member. This membership will not permit attendance at a club rally except as a day visitor. Retirement subscription will be £10 per annum and then subject to annual review by the committee. Remove

Item 8 Meetings

Minutes silence for departed who have served the club in a beneficial capacity. Remove
The Secretary must receive motions for inclusion in the Agenda for the AGM by the 1st of February Remove then Insert one month preceding the Annual General Meeting.
At a General Meeting All Members with a maximum of one vote per outfit Remove, shall have a vote. Voting will be by show of Membership cards. Remove.

Item 9. Committee Meetings

The quorum at a committee meeting shall be five. If at any meeting a quorum is not present half an hour after the stated start time of the meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned for one calendar month. Fourteen days written notice shall be given to all Members of each adjourned meeting. Remove
Committee Meetings are now via Zoom with the date of the next arranged at the end of the meeting.

11. Any other business Several members gave their thanks to the committee for all their hard work.

AGM closed 11.35am

Romacooking. Let's Egg You On To Be More Adventurous!

Eggs are fantastic!

They come in their own sturdy packaging, don't need a fridge to keep fresh, are versatile and a cheap healthy food.

You can cook them in an abundance of ways. Boiled with dippy soldiers like nanny used to make. Fluffily scrambled. Poached on toast with a sprinkling of sea salt. Filled to the brim with grated cheddar and spring onions in a quick to cook omelette. And of course, very few dishes are not 100% improved by placing a runny fried egg on top!

But why not be adventurous with your eggs? Here is a recipe for spaghetti carbonara that may need a bit of preparation but is quick to cook, uses only a minimum of ingredients and is deliciously creamy and indulgent!



SPAGHETTI CARBONARA

INGREDIENTS:

½ tbsp olive oil

75g/2½ oz pancetta, chopped

200g/7oz dried spaghetti

2 large free-range eggs, at room temperature

100g/3½oz Parmesan, grated, plus extra for serving

1 tbsp full-fat milk (optional)

salt and freshly ground pepper

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All too soon it was Monday packing up time. Lots of farewells and off we headed for home.

Thanks to the committee for organising and their work for club members at this rally.

We look forward to more such gatherings.

The raffle and `Songs of Praise` collection raised **£226.75** for the PDSA.

We see an exhausted Chairman and his dog having worked their socks off for club members. >>>>

We had a flypast by the Red Arrows, and Sheldon claimed responsibility.

With all he did, I have my doubts on that. AH



Your Romaclub committee.

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View from the Chair.

The club continues!

Many thanks to our two new volunteers. Paola Dorigato who becomes our new club secretary and Chris Godfrey who takes over as treasurer. Welcome to you both.

With a full committee once again we can continue the running of the club and making plans for our 40th year in 2026.

The club has been so many things to so many people. Some just prefer to watch on from the sidelines and are happy just to receive the magazine so that they can keep in touch and see what we are all up to.

Some come to the main rallies and hopefully have a wonderful time, but prefer not to get too involved.

Some come to rallies and also attend the smaller meets organised by club members. Some do all of the above and also take time to organise some of the meets.

And then some of us throw caution to the wind, do all of the above and serve on the committee to help organise and plan the club's events and future.

Paola and Chris, welcome to you and I hope you enjoy it. After all, we are a friendly bunch.

We at Mahn mansions have been getting out and about. The heatwave put a bit of a dampener on some of our trips as the dog is not a 'hot weather' animal and sometimes we just have to stay on site in front of a fan.

Luckily the fridge in an R30 is an efficient beast and there is usually a cold beer on hand to take the temperature off!

So far planned for the rest of the summer there are trips to St Neots, Castle Donnington, Wrexham, Melton Mowbray, West Runton and Matlock to name but a few.

Why do we need a house?

Just somewhere to wash the bedding before we go away again!

Keep up the good work everyone, and keep organising these meets, they are great fun and a way to get to know each other. On an upcoming meet we will be welcoming a new member, also new to Romahomes, who can't wait to have a peek in the back of our vans to get some useful tips. That is what the club is all about!

Looking forward to meeting sometime, somewhere in 2025

Sheldon, Tony and Sherlock.

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2025 NATIONAL AGM RALLY. As we head into July, that's another step towards Christmas.

But as we wrap up warm for the Winter, many of us can look back the National AGM Rally and recall the hot (ish) weather, the friends we made, or met again, and the great time we had,

Almost, the last day of May, Friday, found Romahomes of all sizes, heading to North Worcester, to Lickhill Manor Camping Park.

As we arrived we were met by our Chairman and his assistant Anne and shown to our pitch in the vast field reserved for rallies.

Many of us chose Electric points, other members choosing standard plots.

The grass was quite short, the sun was shining, and having set up, members were invited to the marquee for tea or coffee served by Tamara. Biscuits too.

New members were issued with yellow ribbons, so that longer serving Romahomers could greet them and allay any worries about our rallies. They could also get advice and help about their little (or larger) Romahomes.

Friday evening and a selection of food was being delivered and laid out in the marquee for our *'Bring and Share' supper.* Very soon we were tucking into a nice selection of goodies.

Then it was time for entertainment. .



Picture—Freddy O'Hare

Welcome Coffee.

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Picture—Freddy O'Hare

Sunday afternoon and time was ours. More croquet, walks, sleep or chat, or take a walk along the river.



Picture—Freddy O'Hare



Sunday evening had us gathering in and around the marquee playing Bingo with

membership secretary Sue calling. We enjoyed the competition.

We had drawn the raffle at the start of the evening. Four large hampers of food, some exotic items. Bird boxes, made by a club member were also included



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Saturday Evening.

Quiz time. Sheldon had us putting our thinking caps on, sharing many facts and statistics for our entertainment.

Then the Grand Draw for a year's road tax, courtesy of the Romaclub

The winner—Nicholas and Anne Royal. Well done !

Some of us shared tea and coffee after this, and we gathered in and around the marquee for more chat.

Sunday Morning It was time for quiet reflection in our *'Songs of Praise'* organised by Kath.

More tea and coffee and chat, gathering for the AGM.

AGM time.

The committee took centre stage, and our Chairman. Sheldon Mahn led the meeting. He stressed the fact that without volunteers for the positions of Secretary and

Treasurer the club would have to close



Picture—Jenny O'Hare.



Picture—Freddy O'Hare

Fortunately we filled those positions, so the club continues

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Picture—Eric Beard

New members, Miriam and Eric Umpleby entertained us for an hour of 1940's songs to celebrate the VE80 anniversary. We really enjoyed the sing-along. Lots of chat, then time for bed

Saturday morning found us taking coffee in the marquee.

This was followed by a tabletop sale where many items changed hands.



This year our handcraft sewers were making tissue pouches .>>>>>



Picture—Ann Beard

<<<< Brenda's table of craft items raised £73 for Epilepsy Research including donations. She thanks you all. AH.

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Photo by Freddy O'Hare.



Picture—Ann Beard.



Picture—Ann Beard.

Chairman / Chef.



Picture—Steve Brannigan

Other members had the opportunity to play board games.

A few members strolled along the River Severn to Stourport on Severn canal basin

Some joined in a game of croquet.

By five o'clock a queue had formed at our Chairman's BBQ

Burgers, sausages, and even pork bellies were on offer, as well as vegetarian items.

Some of us shared tea and coffee after this, and gathered in and around the marquee for lots of chat.



The sewers, heads down, busy, busy, busy.

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Picture—Ann Beard.