

Written Reports for AGM 2017

A note from our President ...

Just a few words to thank the committee for all their hard work over the year, for without their efforts, in their own time, without any recompense, none of us would be able to enjoy our rallying.

John Nicholls

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Well 2017 got off to a slow start with two rally's having to be cancelled due to a lack of bookings and one with no marshal. This was a little disappointing as both rallies were asked for. However things did start to pick up as the year progressed and what with two or three new members we might be on the way to better things ahead. As we are all aware we have places on the committee so let's hope these can be filled as without a committee we cannot function. I would like to thank everyone who has marshalled rallies throughout the year, and a special thank you to all committee members for their hard work and dedication.

Paul Everett
Chairman

GENERAL SECRETARY REPORT

First I need to apologise that I am not on the rally with my family, this is the first AGM rally for AAOCC that we haven't been present at since 2008. Infact we have ran all of the AGM's at Grace Dieu (assisted in 2009 for the Silver anniversary) and we're gutted that we are not running the last AGM we will have at Grace Dieu for the foreseeable future, For those of you that are not aware over the last few years we have been in negotiations with Grace Dieu over their terms and conditions, initially there was a ban on alcohol and smoking which we managed to get overruled; but for 2018 they have a strict no dog policy on the grounds which they are completely inflexible on. I do not think it is fair on the many members that have dogs to run a rally, especially one as important as the AGM on a site that imposes these regulations. I would assume that most of the other rallying organisations that currently use Grace Dieu will also reconsider booking the venue in the future. I have pointed this out to the powers that be at Grace Dieu.

Thankyou Mick and Christine for taking the rally on.

It was great that this year the national rally was a success raising money for the Flutterby Fund. A big thankyou to all who supported the fundraising whether you were on the rally or not.

We have Mike Cookson retiring from committee at the end of his term who bravely took on Rally Secretary last August, thankyou Mike and your assistant Alison for everything that you have done on committee over the last two years.

This year I have received no new nominations. This leaves the committee with three vacancies. We need other members to join or support the committee. Every year since 2009 I have written in this report words to the effect of ... please consider putting yourself forward for

committee, without a committee the club cannot run. This year I'm going to take a different tact. I know there are a number of members who feel they have done their time on committee and I understand this but the club isn't going to carry on running itself.... is anyone willing to take on a role in a committee or non-committee capacity? If so please come and speak to me before our committee meeting after the AGM meeting.

Once again this year any member that has marshalled a rally in 2017 will be given a £5 discount on their 2018 membership to say a big thank you as without people putting themselves forward as rally marshals we couldn't run as many rallies. Please take a look at the rally board for next year and sign up to marshal a rally. We can all play our part by taking one.

Constantly people are concerned about our low membership numbers, with my work as ACCEO membership officer I see so many clubs have fewer members than us. The AAOCC is still going strong and members are coming out on rallies, lets keep on enjoying our time together and friendships going into the future.

Gaynor Hart
General Secretary

TREASURER REPORT

Another year has come round and as you can see, we have managed to keep our head above water again.

The accounts have been audited and verified by Joanne Docherty.

With the rallies that have run, there has been very little expenditure for them, and we have had not had any other major expenses to outlay.

Since preparation of the accounts, i have received a further £108 to bank, that being, one new member, and further sponsor money of £83 from Pete Cook and a donation from Kevin & Eileen Coles for our nominated charity 'Flutterby' which takes the total up to approx £562.00, so thank you for all your contributions, I'm sure Delphine will be delighted. Maybe, with the raffle etc over the weekend, we could even top £600.

On another note, unfortunately , due to cut backs, HSBC has closed our local bank, so with Michael and myself both working , it makes it difficult to travel further afield to bank any monies received, especially as my second helper, Liam , is leaving for Leeds University ,in September. Although , we have acquired a deposit card for our account to make deposits via the post office, it would be a great help to us, if where possible, the rally marshals could pay any rally fees direct into AAOCC bank account and forward on the paperwork as normal. A quick email or phone call to myself, and i could provide you with the bank details required.



AAOCC Accounts Summary

08/07/16 -08/07/17

Adult Section

INCOME

Members Subscriptions	£355.00
Income from Rallies	£1,369.10
Advertising	£200.00
Charity	£469.12
Panto Tickets	£246.50
Regalia	
Bank Interest	£0.70
Paypal	
Google	
Raffle	£78.00
Junior Funds	

EXPENDITURE

Rally Plaques	£93.20
Rally Site Fees	£1,220.00
Equipment	£179.99
Misc	£51.26
Postage	£81.90
Photocopying/Stationery	£115.68
Insurance	£372.52
Travel Expenses	£0.00
Window Stickers	£100.80
Charity Donation	
ACCEO	£45.00
Domain Web	£29.99
Membership Refunds	£0.00
Regalia	£0.00
Paypal Charges	£0.00
Panto Tickets	£267.80
Room Hire Meeting	
Junior Xmas Presents	

Totals	<u>£2,718.42</u>
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Totals	<u>£2,558.14</u>
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Balances as at 08/07/16

Balances as at 08/07/17

Junior	<u>£359.43</u>
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Cash in Deposit	£1,505.87
Cash in Current	£2,306.87
PayPal	£0.00

Cash in Deposit	£1,506.57
Cash in Current	£2,466.45

Totals:	<u>£3,812.74</u>
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Christine Whitehouse
Treasurer

RALLY SECRETARY REPORT

After a slow start in 2017, with some early cancellations we have enjoyed some well attended rallies, with no further cancellations. Car Colston, Spalding, Runnymede, Smeaton Lakes, Thorseby Hall, Stoke Bruene and Sutton Park all ran to plan with plenty of vans

There's still plenty to enjoy for the remainder of 2017, following the AGM we have:

Sept 15th-18th Haxey Quays

Oct 4th-9th ACCEO, Staffordshire County Showground

Oct 13th-15th Eden Camp

Nov 24th-26th Hampstall Inn (subject to site confirmation)

Dec 29th-2nd New Year rally, Robin Hood Scout Camp

The 2018 Rally plan will be shared during the AGM weekend as usual, but there is still time to recommend your favourite site for inclusion in the 2018 plan. Please review the plan and put your name forward for any that you would be happy to marshal, remember without marshals we cannot hold rallies.

We have continued to have issue with the supplier of Plaques, and this will need to be discussed further again during the committee meeting. The correspondence with Bob at Fenland has highlighted he is winding down operations, but still happy to continue, however the quality has dropped, and with have had several "missing" requests. We have reminder to marshals to contact the site owners to confirm numbers etc. and also to make contact if plaques are required two weeks before.

Finally, as some will be aware, I will be stepping down from the committee at the end of this term (During AGM 2017), Unfortunately work and private life have conspired to leave me with limited time to commit to the club at this stage. I would like to thank the committee for their continued support to myself and to the running of the AAOCC as a whole, as in a similar vain to marshals being required to run rallies, without the dedication of the committee members we would be unable to run the club.

Mike Cookson
Rally Secretary

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

This year started off with a disappointing take up in Membership, with the loss long serving members but I am pleased to say that to date we have gained seven new ones. Some have come from recommendations of other members, which is nice to see. Others have come from reading the the on-line Club page. Our thanks must go to Peter Cook for continuing the good work previously done by Matt and upgrading the web page. I have had several enquiries about spares and instruction books, for Avondale vans so and offers of membership have been made, so maybe we will see more members coming in.

The Rally attendance seems to have improved with an average of 9 units per Rally, with some actually recording attendances of 15 units, which is were we want to be. Please help swell our numbers by introducing others to join us.

The membership stands at 36 units.

Leslie Kinley
Membership Secretary

PUBLICITY OFFICER REPORT

The website has been changing throughout the past year but has now settled down to hopefully something that you as members will find of use.

There have been a couple of changes to the site.

- I have introduced an area within the website which is to be accessed by the club's members only, and
- There are "scrolling bars" on a number of the areas to communicate breaking news or key information.

This Member's area includes:

- **Committee Meeting notes** - to provide information to all of the club's members of the issues that your committee is discussing and taking forward
- **The Club's Newsletter** - the Newsletter is now available through the website, saving the club the costs of printing and distribution.
- The documents that provide guidance to all members on how the club conducts itself - Marshal's Notes, The Club's Constitution and Code of Conduct.

We continue to show the pictures provided by the members of the club's rallies but have lost access to those images for rallies that took place before the middle of 2012. This was as a result of Google closing down the Picasa website.

The Future?:

Primarily I see the site continuing to provide information and news to all of you.

Other ideas in my head at the moment are:

- a "**For Sale / Wanted**" area where members can advertise equipment that they no longer need or would like to buy.
- a "**Caravan Hints / Caravan Blog**" area where we would invite the knowledgeable ones amongst us to put articles on the site that those less knowledgeable may find useful - e.g. "*How to make your battery last*", "*Where to buy the cheapest spares*".
- a "**Great Places / Sites to Visit**" area where members can share their experiences of places and sites that they have visited.

What is particularly important is that the website **delivers what you want**, so please don't be afraid to put forward any new ideas or suggestions for improvement.

And finally my thanks go to Matthew Hart for his help and understanding during the last 12 months.

Pete Cook

Publicity Officer

NEWSLETTER EDITOR REPORT

Here we are again another year on, it has been quite a busy year in all, It has been a challenge but a most enjoyable one, I hope you all have enjoyed your newsletters, the content coming from yourselves has been up to your exemplary standard making my job a lot easier, a lot of you are sending photos along with your rally reports this helps immensely as I don't have to beg steal or hijack photo's from all over the place to include and enhance your reports, I thank you all for your contributions.

I have to start to think about the assembly and publication of the 2018 rally book, so if you can rally any please put your name forward as the earlier we get names for rallies the earlier I can assemble the rally book.

I hope all of you have enjoyed all the content in the newsletter, if any of you have any ideas please put them forward for consideration.

Here is looking forward to another challenging and full year.

Michael Whitehouse
Newsletter Editor

EQUIPMENT REPORT

Some equipment is out and about ready for forth coming rallies. I will produce an up to date list for next meeting or for anyone who wants to take the position on.

Paul Everett
Equipment Officer