



Autumn 2018



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INTRO - MORE THOUGHTS FROM THE LAPTOP!

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the AAOCC's Newsletter.

Well, could anyone believe back in May what a great Summer we would have? Weeks and weeks of unspoilt sunshine, and even though its October as I write this it's still not what you'd call "autumnal"! The most noticeable change is that the nights are starting to "draw in" We'll have to make sure that the torches are available for when we get on the rally field.



The AGM has gone - thanks to Cal, Matt and Gaynor we all had a great time. For those who attended we were entertained by a brilliant singer (Rachel Cooper) - you may recall that the club is looking to provide entertainment at the AGM, National & New Year rallies,

The rally program for 2019 has been "put to bed" with a number of "new" sites and return to one or two "regulars". We've also got the "post Brexit" rally to the Caen area of France scheduled in June.

There's still a couple of rallies where the club needs marshals to come forward - please get involved if you can.

Following discussion in committee it was agreed that the club will continue to offer an incentive to any of its members who step forward as marshal - you'll not only get a "free" rally but will also get £5 off next year's membership fees!!

RALLY REPORTS

AGM, Fillongley - August 2018

We didn't arrive until mid-day on Saturday 25th due to us collecting our new motorhome late Friday afternoon (unusual for us I hear you say...!!!) This meant we missed the fun and games on Friday night and the AGM.

Can't report on the AGM other than congrats to our new chairman Mr Mick Whitehouse.

Most of Saturday was spent putting 'stuff' away! Weather was nice but cooler than we have had.



Saturday evening in the hall and we were entertained by a very good female singer who sang something for everyone. Good choice Matt!

Sunday and off we went for the obligatory fry up breakfast at Jacksons of Arley accompanied by my brother and sister in law where visiting from nearby Brum..

As always all that attended had a great time. Apologise if I've missed things out.

Big thanks to our Rally marshals - Matt, Gaynor & Cal

Dave n Sue



AGM, Fillongley - August 2018 - Part Deux!!



Lesley and I arrived soon after the rally opened on the Friday - we'd decided to avoid the usual Friday traffic by staying overnight at a local CL.

We were met by Cal and Gaynor and were shown to our pitch and told about the site's facilities and rules.

The rest of the day was spent setting up and meeting our fellow ralliers as they arrived. In the evening we gathered in the Village Hall, games were played and we put the world to rights.



A hotly contested game of indoor Curling organised by Cal, Matt and Gaynor followed. Great fun was had by all and the knock-out competition was concluded by Alan and myself "trouncing" Cal and Matt in the final. We (Al and me) were overwhelmed when we were presented with our winner's trophy!!

Saturday started cloudy and cool - well, cooler than it has been for a while!

Mid morning saw the start of the "official" business of the weekend take place - the club's AGM was held, followed by the Committee meeting.

After this we decided to make a visit to Jackson's at Old Arley - a place we always seem to visit when in this area of the country. Unusually we didn't buy anything on the visit but we did have a look around the nearby caravan dealers and I even had a look around an old Avondale that was for sale - happy memories!

Lynn and Alan (Barnard) managed to "corner" another couple who were looking around the caravan dealers and were "selling" the benefits of membership of the AAOCC.

Saturday evening arrived and we were back in hall enjoying baked potatoes, beans and cheese - yummy!



Sunday arrived damp and cloudy and time was spent in the caravan together with Alan and Lynn and Delphine and Lesley (Kinley) talking about the summer - Lesley and Delphine had just returned from Russia after celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary!!

Sunday evening and we assembled in the hall once more - Flag was held and the raffle in aid of the club's charity (The Daisy Appeal) was held and raised just over £50. We then all settled back to be entertained by Rachel Cooper, a singer who had a lovely voice and a range of songs that covered the 50's to the present day - what a great evening!!



Monday came and the time to sort out the van and awning for the journey home. "Goodbyes" were said and our thanks given to the Marshals for their efforts in organising a fantastic extended weekend.

Our thanks to Matt, Gaynor and Cal for all their hard work and a great rally.

Peter and Lesley Cook.



Ripon Racecourse - September 2018

Arrived Friday met by Lynne Alan, Sandy and Gary . Sun shining.

Got set up and then joined by Lesley and Pete , Julie and Colin and finally Iris and Mick.

We all sat in the lovely afternoon sunshine and enjoyed a natter and a drink. Sheila popped along to see us. Everyone enquired after Len and sent him our love for a speedy recovery.

Gaz took us to get fish and chips for tea. Very nice they were too!!



Friday night we all went in the wigwam and had a good laugh because it was freezing as the fire was "out of action".

Saturday morning Steve and I walked around the race track. A lovely venue for a rally. Others went into Ripon for a bit of shopping.



In the afternoon we all made our way across to the races. We all had a good laugh, some because they were winning (Alan) and others because they were losing.



Saturday night after Steve and I watched Strictly on TV we made our way to the wigwam. As I was last in it had been decided that I was to do the rally report. (perhaps I will record Strictly next time!!).

Sunday morning sun not shining anymore and a bit chilly. Packed up ready for home.



Thanks to Lynne and Alan for a really good weekend and also for stepping in as marshals .

Val and Steve



FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS – OCT, NOV, DEC:

Naburn Lock - 26th -28th October:



Naburn Lock on the outskirts of York is a "regular" on the club's calendar.

Not far off the A64 the site allows easy access to the historic city and to the Yorkshire Wolds and Moors.

Lenchford Inn, Shrawley - 30th November - 2nd December



The club's regular annual Christmas meal continues at this beautiful site in Worcestershire.

Make sure that you've got your Christmas pullover with you!



Lightwood Farm, Norton, Sheffield - 14th - 16th December



The "replacement" rally - situated about 1 mile from the nearest Sheffield Supertram stop will allow easy access to Sheffield and Meadowhall for the shoppers amongst you.

Vans will be sited on hard-standing with potential for electric hook-up via "splitters".



Robin Hood Activity Centre, Blidworth - 29th December - 2nd January



Once again we're off to the Scout Camp at Blidworth for the club's New Year Rally.

This year's rally will be in the capable hands of Alan & Lynn Barnard and their band of "little helpers".



Its planned to have an entertainer on site on the night of the 30th.

The "theme" for this year is a "**Masquerade Ball**" which will take place on New Year's Eve.



The outline programme is as below - please note that minor changes may occur - watch the website

December 29th - Rally opens @ 10.30am

Evening - Hall opens from 7.30pm for a drink and a natter.

December 30th

Daytime - Go as you please.

Evening - Entertainer - TBA

Pantomime Visit to panto will take place on afternoon of 30th or 31st - **TBA** - Please contact Chris Whitehouse if interested.

December 31st

Daytime - Go as you please.

Evening - Hall opens from 7.00pm.

Meal and Masquerade Ball

Dress code - smart casual

January 1st

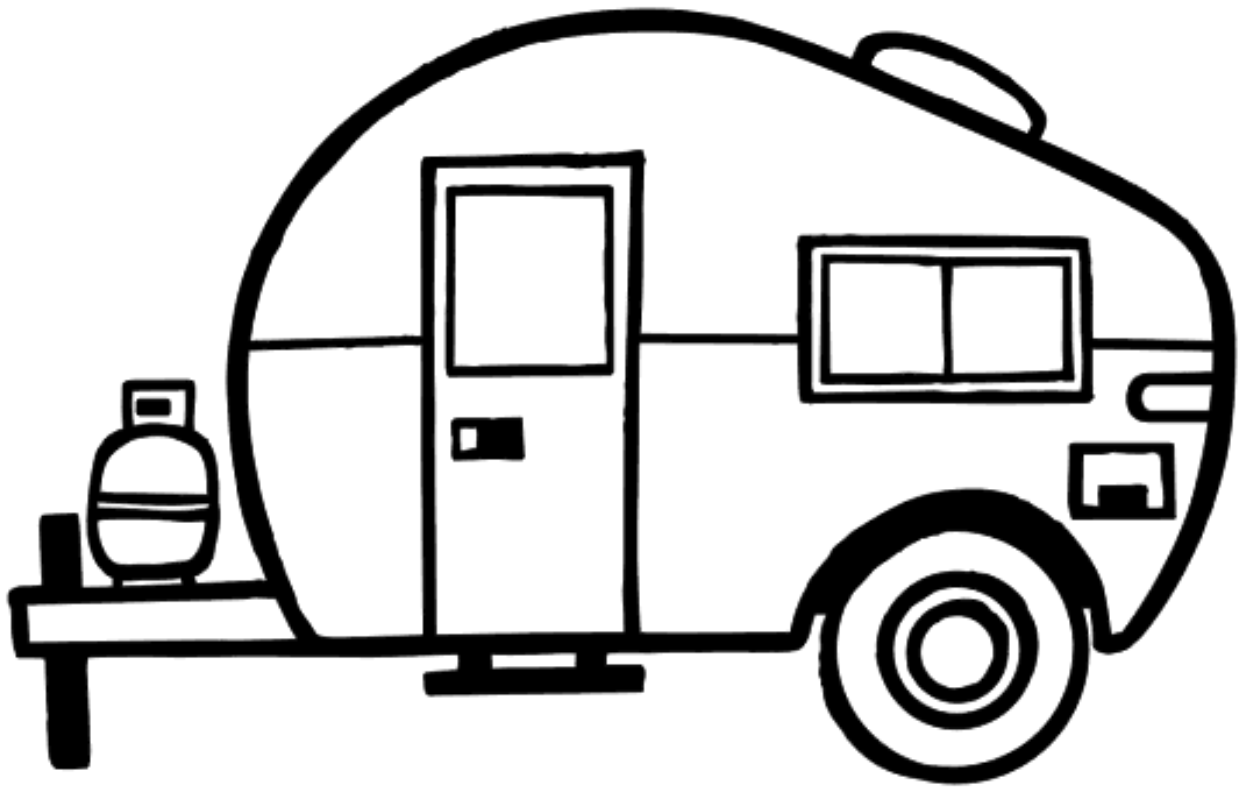
Breakfast @ 10.00am followed by **Membership renewal** and **Flag / Raffle**.

January 2nd - Rally closes @ 12.00pm



JUST FOR FUN!!

Colouring in!!!





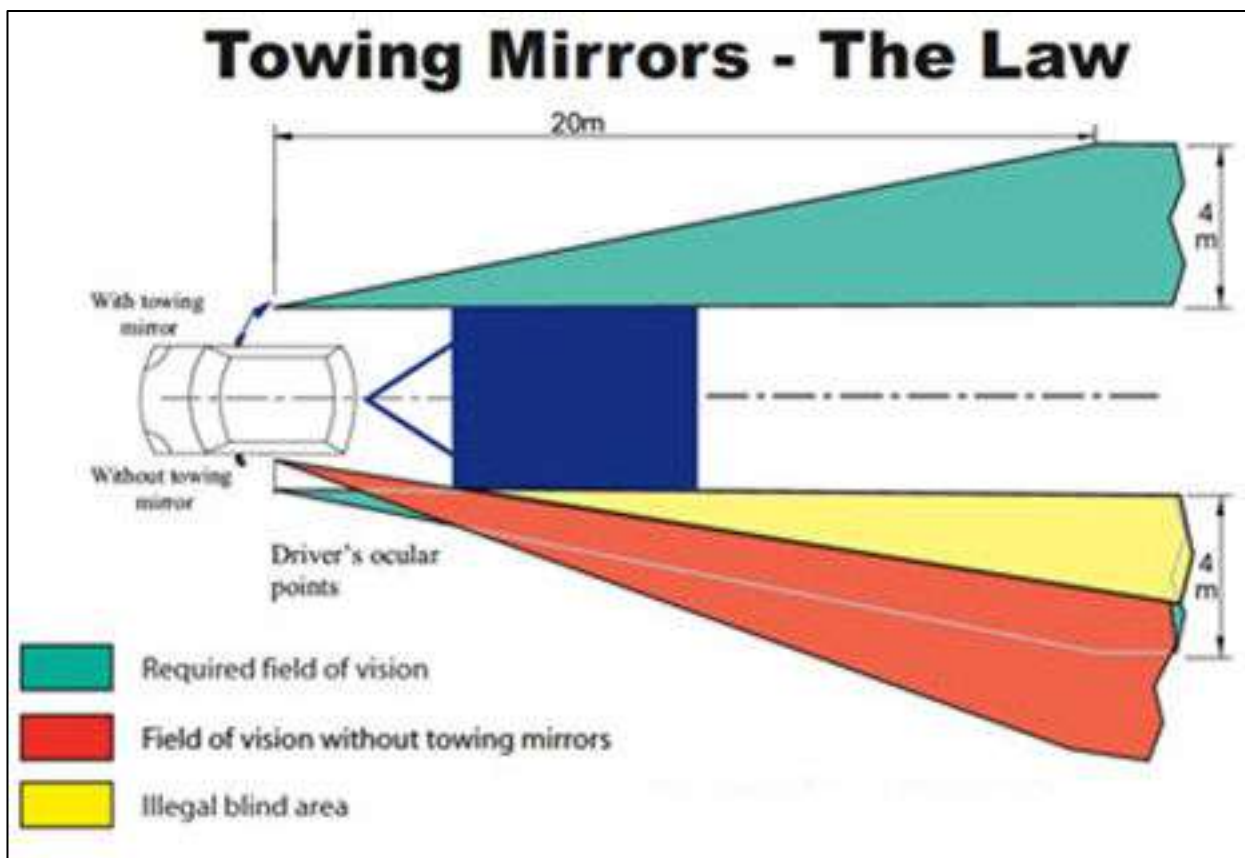
TECHIE STUFF:

This section is written as a guide only - I'm no expert and I am willing to be corrected if any of the statements are wrong or misleading but all endeavours have been made to confirm the accuracy of the information. While I accept that most members will already know this information it sometimes pays to be reminded as it is all too simple to overlook some of these issues.

Towing Mirrors:

When you are towing your caravan or any other trailer that is wider than the narrowest part of the rear of your vehicle, it is a legal requirement that you fit additional towing mirrors. These mirrors must be E-Marked. As a very simple guide your mirrors are wide enough if you are able to see all the way along both sides of the caravan when towing.

If towing blind in the UK, (without towing mirrors), or using towing mirrors which are too narrow you can be prosecuted by the police, given 3 points on your licence and fined up to £1000 per offence (e.g. per side). Your insurance might also be invalidated if you are involved in an accident caused by not using wider mirrors.





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AND FINALLY:

Here's wishing you all a happy and safe autumn - enjoy your caravan, wherever you choose to use it but remember you'll always be welcome on an AAOCC rally and you'll be supporting your club at the same time.



The committee would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

One plea from me - it's always good to receive news of what has been happening on the rally field and being able to share this with club members and the wider world is a joy. But I do need your support - if you want to pick up a pen (or more likely switch on the computer / tablet / smart phone) and drop me a line please feel free to do so - you don't have to be "selected" by a Rally Marshal to write a report!

Don't be afraid to communicate - after all, it is your club!!!

Thank you for your continued support.

Peter Cook

Publicity Officer

POSTSCRIPT:

If anyone has any items that they are wanting to sell, or are looking for help on any club related issue please contact the Newsletter and we'll do our very best to help.