

NORTH WEST MIDLANDS AND NORTH WALES GROUP
of the
MOTOR CARAVANNERS CLUB

Minutes of the committee meeting held at Shrewsbury Showground on
April 20th 2025

The meeting was convened at 1.55 pm

Present

Linda Hastilow - Chairperson
Geoff Balshaw - Vice Chairperson
Lyn Linay - Secretary
Charles Goldthorpe - Rally Officer
Shirley Hill - Committee member
Jane Parnill - Committee member
Sue Ford - Committee member
Phil Ford - Committee member
Mike Hastilow - Committee member

1. Apologies

Eileen Harvey

2. Minutes from the previous meeting at Cranage have been circulated and accepted as a true record. Proposed by Charlie and accepted by Jane.

Signed by Linda Hastilow, Chairperson.

Linda then welcomed everybody to the meeting and gave a brief update on Eileen's recovery/health. Everyone sent their best wishes to Eileen and hopes for a speedy return to full health.

Banking details as of 20 - 04 - 2025

Current Acc. £1,226.18 Savings Acc. £5,087.41

3 Matters arising.

A. Charlie confirmed that Brymbo will be the venue for this year's AGM

B. It was agreed by everyone to pay the Mersey Yookers £150 for their excellent entertainment at Shrewsbury. They are all members of the Lancashire group that were rallying with us. They will forward the money onto their chosen charity.

Rallies.

Talacre - Those that had attended the rally were not impressed as the venue was a pub car park which was also used by day trippers and locals to park in during the day. Linda and Mike did not feel it was safe to leave the vans with no one on site and so were unable to explore the area. Cars were parking between the motorhomes. Although a good, one night stop over for a couple of vans it was deemed, by everyone, to be a poor venue for a rally. After an earlier visit by Lyn and Charlie to check out the facilities, Charlie said it had already been dropped from available rally venues.

Checkey - Sue and Phil with Shirley and Darren hosted. All four said it was a really good rally and they had great feedback for it. 13 vans attended the St Patrick's Day themed rally and a very popular event was the toast and marmalade/coffee & tea provided on Saturday morning before ralliers went off to explore the local area. Shirley expressed concern that it has become an unsafe parking venue for us due to small children running around after their school/clubs and parents driving in and out of the car park at the same time as we're trying to park the vans. Charlie also mentioned that it has become an expensive hall to hire and as we are limited to 5pm arrival times and late entry to the hall because of puppy training he has now dropped it from the rally venue list. The New Broom is to be checked out to see if it has enough space for us to hold a rally.

Shrewsbury - As always a very popular rally. As still here, this is the latest figures showing 54 vans attending, 32 NWMIDS&NW, 10 Severn Valley, 7 Lancs, 2 S&W Wales, 1 E.Mids., 1 W. Wessex. Everyone agreed that the entertainment provided by the Lancs members, known as The Mersey Yookers was brilliant. Everybody was singing and clapping along with them. It was suggested we ask them to attend our Cockshutt rally in August but most of the committee think that is far too soon.

Newport - the Newport rally will be themed around the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Lyn and Charlie are hosting this rally and are providing a prize for the best decorated van. The Rugby club have informed us that they have qualified for a semi final match for the Papa Johns Trophy. The match should not affect our parking areas. Due to the match the plans for an afternoon street party may have to be altered as the patio area will be being used by spectators of the match. Lots of food available on site for this rally, fish and chips on Friday evening, breakfast rolls on Saturday morning and a full roast lunch on Sunday afternoon. The Rugby club are providing entertainment for the Saturday night - The Ronnie Singers. There is a £3 voluntary donation to charity on entry.

Bramblewood - Geoff and Brenda are hosting this rally. Fish and chips will be available on Friday night if enough interest is shown. Geoff to contact the chip shop to ask for the price. Bookable rally for 30 vans, EHU available for 20. All bookings now to Lyn via phone, email or jot forms as some messages were not being passed on to her.

Hollies Rally Field - Imperative that the signs are out and easily spotted as this is not an easy venue to spot. A few of us have driven round in circles looking for it. Free and easy weekend, short (ish) walk to Dagfields Craft and Antique centre. Tent or Gazebo for an evening gathering.

Llangollen - We are still awaiting an update on the future of rallies at Llangollen Pavillion after the change of council. This year they are honouring our booking at the prices agreed by Jon and they will inform us of any changes asap.

Alveley - Charlie has has no luck in contacting anyone at Alveley. Jane will call in again on her way home from Shrewsbury.

Hough - Small car park so 18 vans max. Maybe check it out again now the building work is finished as things can changes.

Linda closed the meeting at 3.35pm

