

# **NORTH WEST MIDLANDS AND NORTH WALES GROUP**

## **OF THE**

# **MOTOR CARAVANNERS CLUB**

Minutes of the meeting held at Cockshutt village hall on 16 - 08 - 2025

The meeting was convened at 10.35 am

Present

Linda Hastilow - Chairperson  
Eileen Harvey - Treasurer  
Lyn Linay - Secretary  
Charles Goldthorpe - Rally Officer  
Mike Hastilow - Committee member

1. Apologies

Shirley Hill  
Jane Parnill  
Phil Ford  
Sue Ford

2. The minutes of the previous committee meeting at Alveley Social Club have been circulated and accepted as a true record. Proposed by Mike Hastilow and accepted by Lyn Linay. Signed by Linda Hastilow (Chairperson)

3. Eileen reported the banking details as of 18 - 08 - 2025  
Community Account £2269.27 Savings Account £5100.44

This meeting was primarily to decide on the costs and formats of the Christmas and New Year rallies and to decide as much as possible on the pricing of rallies for next year bearing in mind that 2 or 3 venues are still awaiting their committee meetings and could not give definite figures to us with regards to Price PUPN.

Bickerton. Christmas Party. A price of £40 per person for the weekend was agreed and this will cover the cost of a 3 course meal, a bottle of wine per van and the weekend's parking. On Saturday - seasonal themed crafting and hot chocolate, mince pies and Baklava will be available. There is a female vocalist booked to entertain us on the Saturday night. Booking is through Eileen by phone or email and also in person at rallies. Menu to be made available on the website, facebook page and at rallies. Lyn to organise that and to keep the fb pages updated. Raffle to run over the rally plus a tombola. Bingo on Friday plus a season quiz. Christmas jumper Friday, smart dress for the party.

Minsterley, New Year. A three night rally with a buffet for N.Y evening. Good, hard standing car park with more room now the skips etc. have been removed. A male vocalist has been booked to entertain us and see in 2026. Dress code smart for NY or to 'the nines' if folk want to. £45 cost to cover the rally and food.

4. The Rally Officer made a brief run through of rallies planned for 2026 but stressed that some were still awaiting final pricings.

January - Hough 23rd - 25th. Rally booked with a price to us of £250 for the weekend. A Burns night, Scottish themed rally with Neeps, Tatties and Haggis. £12.50 pupn

February - Onnerley. New venue. Valentines weekend. Large hard standing carpark with the use of a room. £12.50 pupn. Pub across the road, serves food.

March - Brymbo St. David's Day weekend. Parade etc in Wrexham.

National Waterways museum at Ellesmere Port. New Venue. Hard standing, room, free entry to the museums. May have to have the bar, still negotiating. Price to us is £15 pupn. (to charge £17?)

April - Ludlow Racecourse. Easter rally for 5 nights. We have a room for 3 nights. Look to booking an entertainer for Saturday night. Easter bonnet etc

White Lodge. Price to be negotiated after this year's rally .

May - Newport Rugby Club. Bank Holiday weekend. Usual offers of putting on food from the Rugby Club Fish and Chips, cooked breakfasts and Sunday roasts. They are providing entertainment for Saturday. VE day theme?

Shrewsbury. 15th - 20th. Originally booked as a 3 night weekend but now extended to 6 nights to become a pre National rally. A couple of entertainers may be required. Ask the Yookers. Look to hire the bigger room near the gate, but may need checking out first.

Suggestions for interesting options whilst on the rally :- hiring the Sabrina river boat, visiting Wroxeter Roman Villa, RAF Cosford etc. Castle and museum in Shrewsbury. £20 pupn

Carrog. A post National rally in Wales. Free and easy rally. Steam train into LLangollen, bus to Corwen, Betws y Coed. £12.50 pupn.

June - Buzzards Vineyard 19th - 21st. New Venue. Very flat and hard grass area, Fishing lakes, 60 acres of woodland and vineyards to explore, a couple of shops, cafe, portable cabin for loos and showers. Holistic center in the woods.

July - Y Giler. 7th - 10th New venue. Independent campsite at a rural pub. Free room for social evenings. Pub open for breakfast and food all day. Good, modern showers and toilets, suitable for disabled. Follow on to

Porthmadog Rugby Club. 5 nights. Price still to be agreed with them. Follow on to

Bala Rugby Club. 5 nights. £15 pupn

Belmont Hall - 31st - 3rd Aug Rally field, short walk to a pub. Showers and washing up facilities. Fishing lakes. A few years since we have been here so will be a new venue for newer members.

August - Lyme View Marina 13th - 17th. A 4 night rally starting on Thursday so ralliers can visit the nearby Anson Engine museum which is only open on Fridays. Buses into Stockport and Macclesfield.

Llangollen 27th - 1st Sept. Still under discussion. Price to us has rocketed and is likely to be far too expensive.

September - Salford Holiday Camp 1st - 5th. Price to be confirmed (£15?)

Eccleshall Castle 25th - 28th. £10 pupn

October - Brymbo 9th - 11th. AGM £12.50 pupn

Wistanstow 30th - 1st. Nov. Price to be arranged at this year's rally

November - Onnerley 20th - 22nd. £12.50 pupn. Room at the pub could be booked after the Feb rally if the cricket club room had proved unsuitable.

The Christmas and New Year rallies will need to be discussed by the new committee after the AGM. If the venues could be switched a bigger Christmas party would be possible as the room is bigger at Minsterley and the carpark is now more usable for 30 - 40 vans if parked sensibly. Minsterley will be having their own committee meeting to decide on pricing for 2026.

Linda closed the meeting at 13.37.

The next committee meeting will be at Eccleshall.