



South Lancs Caravan Club Newsletter

Chairman's Message



I hope everybody is staying safe and well in these unprecedented times. I wanted to take this opportunity to

make contact and update you with all things that are happening regarding your "club".

If you are like me then you will really be missing your families, but also missing getting out in the 'van and meeting up with friends.

However, the safety and wellbeing of our members, local communities, and key workers is of paramount importance to us and it is important that we follow the recommendations issued by the Government.

Rally Update

As you will all be aware, following Government advice on social distancing the Caravan Club has closed its UK sites until 30th June 2020

In line with this decision, your Committee decided that no Club rallies will be held until after **30 June 2020** at the earliest.

We will be continuing to review this decision on a regular basis and be guided by Government Advice, The Caravan Club **but importantly also the views of our members. We would love to hear what you think.**

If we are able to commence rallies in July, then clearly we will need to make some changes to how we operate. We will need to maintain social distancing, so there will be no inside social events, and opening and closing flag will be very different to how they are normally run. On the positive side we all have our own "accommodation" and if the weather is kind it may be possible to arrange something outdoors and be able to meet and speak with friends old and new.

Committee Meetings

Your Committee moved into the twenty first century this week and held its first meeting by Zoom. Many of you will know what this is, but for those that don't it is basically the ability to hold a meeting remotely using facetime via your computer/laptop without leaving your own home.

We all thought it was a really positive step, and we have taken the decision going forward that all meetings will be held this way unless there is a specific reason to meet up.

This is not only good for the environment, but reduces travelling expenses for the club. It is also very time effective and we hope it may encourage others to come onto the committee.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday 22nd June when we will review the decision on future rallies.

From a financial aspect the Club has switched accounts from RBS to Yorkshire Bank as part of a banking switch incentive. We received a cash

incentive of £1,600.00 for the switch which we will use for the benefit of members who regularly rally with us.

The funds remain extremely healthy, although our advertising income will be down this year. As businesses are closed, and many are facing significantly financial hardship, we reluctantly took the decision that we could not charge businesses for advertising in the rally book this year. Each year it has been increasingly difficult to get companies to advertise in the rally book and the general view was that pursuing payment from business that were closed and facing financial difficulties would only exacerbate this problem. Having informed our advertisers of the decision many have thanked us for taking this approach, and some have agreed to make a donation in lieu of the advert they have placed.

Most importantly in difficult times we felt that this would secure relationships and encourage business to continue to place adverts with us in the future.

Keeping In Touch

We would like to keep in touch with our members and as we can't currently meet up we are reviewing how we can best communicate with members.

Whilst we have the website, we are also considering sending out "Keep In-Touch" e mails. We are also considering whether we should set

up a closed Facebook and Twitter site.

This is really your call so please let us know how you would like us to communicate with you and how frequently you want to hear from us.

If you have any ideas, please let us know.

Thank you for your continued support.

I hope to see everybody soon and please stay safe.