

# OUTLOOK

January/February 2026

SILVER BALL CAFE

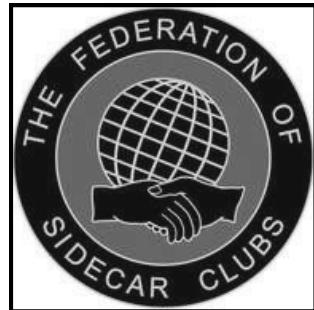


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## Editorial

*Hello all,*

*Hopefully everyone had a good Christmas and has got through the January Blues with their resolutions still on track.*

*We have a few articles on members ride outs during the wintery weather, did you make it out? Certainly a fair number of you did judging from the turnout at the Silver Ball.*

*The events section has been updated with everything I have been sent in. If your event is not there please make sure to send it in for the next issue.*

*I don't think there will be any rally reports for the next issue so please send in any photos or stories to help fill it out.*

*Safe travels, Norton*

## Committee News.....

It is with great sadness that the committee learnt of John Askham's passing after a long period of illness. John stepped down from his role as Regalia Officer in December, but his input to this committee and previous ones was greatly appreciated and he will long be remembered by all who knew him in the FED. We have shared the information for his funeral in this issue and I am sure there will be a great many members there to pay their respects. There will be a video link made available (check Facebook for updates) and his granddaughter Zoe has set up a JustGiving page for Yorkshire Air Ambulance for anyone wishing to make donations:



[https://www.justgiving.com/page/zoe-connell-3?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/zoe-connell-3?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

RIP John

### 2026 AGM

The committee have decided that the AGM will be held at 4PM on the Saturday of the Annual Rally. This should hopefully give people time to get back from the Rideout and not put pressure on any members helping with the Canterbury Cup and Silly Games on the Sunday. We will be sending out further information along with the Final Agenda, Officers Reports and Accounts in later issues of Outlook.

Please send any nominations for office and proposed changes to the constitution to the Committee at least 40 days prior to the AGM.

The committee would also be grateful if members could register their interest in attending the Annual Rally by contacting [webmaster@sidecars.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@sidecars.org.uk). Having an idea of numbers will help us with ordering sticker etc. It will also be especially useful for all those who plan to bring children with them as we can determine whether it is viable to put Children's Entertainment on.

BMF club discount code for 2026 is **CLB26 WQR**

*Editor: Please see the following page for information regarding Historic Vehicles from Stuart Loveless. As always this is to be taken as advice only and not legally binding, please make sure you have full confirmation before riding without tax or MOT on your vehicle.*

## Is it your UK registered bike's Fortieth birthday?

Are you longing to bathe in the cool waters of tax-free road use? Don't get your cossie on yet. Is your inner rebel ready to stand against the tyranny of the MOT? There are rules about that too.

My K100/Hedingham was 1<sup>st</sup> registered in August 1985. This is what I have learnt about the Historic Vehicle process. You won't be surprised to hear that there are rules about the rules.

### **Key features, quirks and wrinkles**

NI registered vehicles have the same entitlements as GB machines but the paperwork has slight variations around insurance documents and paper versus electronic MOT certificates - your Post Office can help.

The terms 'Historic vehicle (Registration or Declaration)' don't really exist in Officialdom, there is simply an 'historic vehicle tax exemption' and a coincident MOT exemption for qualifying vehicles of the same age.

Most of the team at DVLA understand the subject, but occasionally you might get a referral to the DVSA - don't bite unless your question is about MOT standards rather than exemption.

### **Tax exemption**

You cannot tax your vehicle in the historic tax class if:

- the vehicle is used for hire or reward
- the vehicle is used commercially in connection with a trade or business

Regardless of your bike's birth date you must pay tax up until the April 1<sup>st</sup> following its Fortieth.

Thereafter: you must continue to apply for tax, but there will be no charge.

You can only start the exemption process when you apply to change the taxation class from April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **MOT exemption**

Regardless of your bike's birth date it must have an MOT to be taxed - if your tax dates and MOT dates don't fall right you may need a further MOT.

**Example:** My tax was due January 1<sup>st</sup> 2026, my MOT was due Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 2026. The tax was applied for and issued as the bike still had one week left on its MOT, but no further MOT is required as the bike is more than forty years old and meets the exemption criteria.

To gain exemption: you must self-certify (using Form V112) that the motorcycle is a "A vehicle other than a public service vehicle registered or manufactured 40 years ago and which has not been substantially changed in the last 30 years". NB. your outfit is registered as a Motorcycle - so that is the 'vehicle' you are certifying, not the outfit.

Nonetheless, you need to be happy that the motorcycle complies with the 'substantially changed' bit.

### **Process**

The quickest way to change the tax class is at a Post Office that deals with vehicle tax. Alternatively, you can send in a postal application. Either way you will need these forms:

**V112** - Declaration of Exemption from MOT - or proof of MOT as appropriate.

**V5C** - registration certificate

**V10** - Apply for Vehicle Tax (If applying by post rather than at the Post Office)

And in NI: a valid insurance certificate or cover note (downloaded or faxed copies only - no photocopies).

You should write 'Historic' in the change to taxation class field in the 'change my vehicle details' section of the V5C and sign section 8 where applicable.

Any tax refund due will be automatically paid within six weeks and updated documents returned within four weeks. If you pay your tax via Direct Debit, it will be cancelled automatically and future payments will be stopped.

## Last Rides of 2025

Boxing Day and we are riding north to South Yorkshire and the village of Hooton Roberts on the banks of the River Don. Ideal place, open weekends and bank holidays. Woods, rocks and river for trials practice and competition events. And yes, you can do it also on THREE WHEELS. A "chuck wagon" was on site and the menu had a special spam burger so that was my choice, Spam first introduce to us poor Brits in 1941 by the YANKS. Once upon a time I exported SPAM in a SIDECAR via the North Sea to feed the hungry Welsh Swedes.



My next ride takes to Hanbeck in Lincolnshire for another local trial event on the last Sunday in 2025. Start them young, two brothers 4 & 8 out on the course ( E-Trial Bikes). It was a very wet start area.



On my journey home I seek out these RAF Memorials sites.

**RAF Fulbeck**—Now a place of Go-Karting.

**RAF Balderton** - now returned to farm land.

**RAF Newton**—now a place of possible RADIUM CONTAMINATION.

(Reference the burning of radium coated dials instruments on the air bases over the years)

Does this mean after my visit myself and URAL will be even MORE RADIANT in 2026?

*So wishing you all a very RADIANT 2026, Michael Wadsworth.*



RAF Fulbeck



RAF Balderton



RAF Newton

## Queen of the Moorlands

On the first day of 2026 we riding over the Derbyshire Peak District to the Staffordshire Moorlands to the "Queen of the Moorlands" the market Town of Leek. The meeting is organised by the Vintage MCC, and from the market place there is a ride out to Wetton Mill for a second meet.



The Winter SUNSHINE is just coming out on this very cold first morning of 2026.



Norton, Airhead and Land Rover which are three true classics



The local Dnepr sidecar owner with his coffee from the Costa Coffee.



Its a COLD looking RE sidecar rider from Coalville



The cafe was providing sustenance for the cold riders.



Also the Land Rover Club had come out to play also.

Bye for now on the first day of 2026 in the Manifold Valley,

*Michael Wadsworth*

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*Editor—Thank you as always for the interesting photos and anecdotes Michael, you put most of us to shame with your adventures. I also attended the New Year Day ride, though I was on my RE Himmy 450, riding with my Dad and friends from our local bike club, Derbyshire 623 MCC. I had a brief chat with Michael in Leek and managed to get a snap of his outfit. I also had an interesting experience coming down the hill in to Wetton Mill, my leg fell off... luckily a friend was behind me. Not the best of starts to riding in 2026.*

## WMSC 4th Jan Ride Out

Our club, the west midlands sidecar club, meets a couple of times a month. One of these meetings is towards the beginning of the month on a Thursday evening. These Thursday meets are typically at the Railway Inn in a little village on the outskirts of Birmingham.

Maxine, the landlady is a lovely host, and the pub always seems popular with the locals. The cricket pitch is next door and so the cricket team is one of the regular groups that bolster the business. These groups seem to include scooterists and dog walkers. Despite this activity by the Autumn the biking calendar was thinning out, the night drawing in and, Christmas aside, people were looking forward to the next biking season.

Nick suggested we do some ride outs but wasn't sure people would be up for the idea. Certainly, in the summer months many people's calendars are filled with Rallies. However, the winter is different, and the sidecar outfit is the perfect form of bad weather transport (my original reason for getting an outfit was to make winter commutes perfectly safe whether it was just wet or involved ice and snow).

Over a couple of meetings, a good idea was turned into a cunning plan, and we arranged a ride out for the 4th January. The intention was to meet up at the Railway, ride somewhere for breakfast and then a ride over to the Victoria at Coalville (the Vic biker's pub) to participate in the Brass Monkey run they do on the first Sunday every year.

However, even before the new year celebrations started one of my solo-biking mates spotted that the Brass Monkey run had changed dates. The previous year a storm had stopped the run and it was pushed back to March. This was supposed to be a 1-off but apparently not!

Anyway, plans change – no problem – the main thing was to get out on the bikes. A combination of family commitments, cold/flu and procrastination had seen me leaving a necessary quick oil and filter change to the day before the run. Together with the Brass Monkey run date change this meant that I was not feeling good about myself, particularly my organisational abilities.



Rolled out the garage

All this self-doubt was forgotten about as soon as I rolled my outfit out of the garage on 4<sup>th</sup> January. In fact, once I was on the bike and riding my mood was really boosted. It was a really crisp and fresh winter's morning. I could see the cut frozen over as I road over the canal bridge near my house; I didn't envy anyone living on the boats this time of year. At that moment there was no better place to be than sat on my bike poolting along the Coleshill Road.

This feeling lasted until the turning for Bodymoor Heath (just by the Villa training ground) when the revs dropped, and the bike wouldn't pull above 30 mph. My Anglo-Saxon vocabulary served me well as I considered the possible ways I had buggered my bike up when tinkering the day before.

As I pulled into Whitacre Heath, I saw Martin give way at the junction before pulling out behind me and so we arrived together at our rendezvous point.

New year greetings included our bike related concerns, my lack of revs and Martin's water pump bolt. Apparently, he'd been working on his bike until 10pm the night before and hadn't been certain he'd make the run until a little before midnight. He checked his bolts, I checked cables and throttle play and Vera watched as the boys fussed over their toys.

As the agreed departure time approached John arrived and Martin and I checked phones for any belated apologies. We knew 2 people couldn't make it; one due to a call out from work and one due to a family emergency.

Consequently, we were able to set off on the first activity of the year on time. The run over to the breakfast stop was enjoyable and mechanically uneventful. We had breakfast at the Strawberry cabin, which is in Hints, a village near Tamworth. At different times of year this is a good place to bring grandchildren for strawberry picking or pumpkin picking.



All arrived at the Railway on schedule



Ride outward...



....to the Strawberry Cabin

The breakfast orders reflected the different views people had as to whether new year resolutions had started or not. The fact only one full English breakfast was ordered indicated to me that most of our group had already started them. I suspect Vera was the healthiest with the order of Porridge, but I couldn't say whether the Omelette or crushed Avocado came second.

In any case, everyone seemed to enjoy their orders, which were only placed once any bikes that needed it (66% of the turnout) had been taxed.

From the Strawberry cabin we headed over to the Vic. Our route took in the villages of Whittington where we skirted the barracks, through Fisherwick, near Elford, through Harleston, Haunton and Clifton Campville to join (what used to be the main coaching road between Nottingham and Birmingham) at No Mans Heath, though Measham before turning off to cut through Packington before joining the old A50 for the last stretch into Coalville.

These were the villages and roads I'd learnt to ride on 37 years ago. Hopefully my clutch control has improved and the bikes I ride now don't suffer the way that my first one, an MZ TS125, used to as I'd kangaroo down the road.



At the Vic, no Brass Monkeys, just WISE ONES

We arrived at the Vic and, with no Brass Monkey run, we had a chat and warmed ourselves as we downed a few (hot) drinks. It was really good to catch up and talk bikes for a while. The main revelation was that one particular 40+ year Triumph owner and Owners club member had just purchased a Harley Davidson.

We departed the Vic as a group, the last leg of our loop back to the Railway took us south, riding through Appleby Magna, Twycross and Appleby Parva before skirting Atherstone where we crossed the A5 and then down to Furnace End to cross the Coventry Road. The village of Shustoke, just before Whitacre Heath, was where the group started to split as we went our separate ways home.

I think the pictures do our ride more justice than my description and thanks should go especially to Vera for the riding shots!

*Tim Reardon*



Homeward bound



To the setting sun



More shots from the Chair

*Editor: Thank you Tim for the write up and photos of your clubs first ride out of the year. It sounds like a great trip, that was fortunately free of issues despite or in spite of pre-ride adjustments. If any other clubs have an active riding group please share your stories.*

### West Midlands S.C. 11<sup>th</sup> Aston Cantlow Rally

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

Just to let you know we have changed the date of this years rally. We didn't want to clash with the Brugge Sidecar rally that is so popular with many of our members so this gives people the chance to do both.

We will again be offering, for all rallyists on Saturday evening, a Buffet in the village social club. FREE OF CHARGE. Also a sticker for the first 40 people.

As you may or may not know this is a lovely campsite offering full facilities plus a well stocked shop full of local produce. They also sell Tea/Coffee, Cakes and Sandwiches all day.

We hope that you will come and join us for a great weekend.

See Full add in this edition of Outlook.

*John Mildenhall*

## The 2026 Winter Sidecar Meet—The Silver Ball Café

*Editor: I've had a few emails on this along with plenty of photos. Thank you to all who sent something in, it looks like a good time was had in spite of the weather.*

Our old combo has spent the winter shunting between home and work and the occasional trip to Tesco. The Silver Ball Day Meet was the ideal opportunity to give the old girl a run and clear out some of the carbon built up sitting in commuter traffic jams over the winter. Its about 60 miles to the Silver Ball Cafe from our house.

The day dawned wet and cold, but I had heating in my boots and gloves and my Rukka suit was sporting its winter liners. The tank was full of E5, I was as snug as a bug in a rug, so 8.30am I hit the A10 from Kings Lynn. Luckily I don't need to think to much about the route. Its one road from our house to the Silver Ball. A little fog was hanging about in Norfolk as I lurched along the A10 and I found I had the road all to myself.

I then crossed the border into Cambridgeshire and oh dear! What on earth has happened to this country? The road just fell to bits. It was like one big hole held together with bits of tarmac. The rest of the trip was spent dodging clusters of bone crunching pot holes that could quite easily kill a solo motorcyclist, especially if travelling at night.

I rode in Romania just after the downfall of Ceausescu and even though Romania was a poor country at the time, the roads were better than we've got in the Uk now.

Anyway, at Royston the sun came out and that cheered me up no end. Even the Pot Holes Looked better ! Eventually the Silver Ball Rolled into view and a fair smattering of combos were already there, lined up for all to view their 3 wheeled weirdness. I parked up and within minutes there was a second row of combos . The car park was filling up nicely. After a chat and a fag it was time for nose bag in the cafe. The place was packed, I had trouble finding a seat to indulge in some Fry up loveliness .

As well as combos, one or two solos turned up as well. I have been a fan of Eastern Bloc bikes for many years and one solo in particular took my fancy. It was a lovely little 2 stroke Voskhod from the 1970's. It sounded really crisp when it rolled into the car park, hardly smoking and ticking over with a steady beat. My old mates and myself have spent many an hour trying to fettle Voskhods back to life with only modest success. This was the best running one I had ever seen. It must have been commissioned for Breshnev himself in the 70's !!

The second bike that caught my eye as it "phut phuttet" in was a bit of a mystery. It looked like an old Triumph with Girder forks, however, I am not an expert on old brit bikes and will bow to others superior knowledge on this. The motor, lashed to a separate gearbox was a side valve J.A.P motor. I did manage a quick word with the owner and he told me that the motor was a 600cc Rotavator engine. Apparently it will llop along at 55 - 60 mph and return 80 to the gallon. Sounds great and looks great. I very much doubt you will see another one.

Fags smoked, face stuffed, natteting over, it was time for the journey home. The 120 mile round trip did the job. My old combo sounded much happier after that little clear out. Back to commuting duties on Monday. Enjoy the pictures.

*Regards, Stephen Lucke. Kings Lynn. Norfolk.*

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Dear Outlook.

Thanks to all those who turned out on a horrible winter's day to the Silver Ball cafe near Royston. It was a much bigger turnout than last year, I had also invited other clubs like the Cossack owners so they helped to swell the numbers. I also think putting it back to its usual 3rd Sunday in January helped. I apologise for not being on my outfit as a few days previous I had fallen over on the ice so was suffering a shoulder injury. I look forward to seeing you again at a future event.

*Safe riding to you all. Dave Greenwood.*

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Afternoon Norton,

Andy and I along with many others attended the Silver Ball Winter Meeting.

We met many old friends and a few new ones, namely : Dave Greenwood, Martin and Mary France, David and Geoff Fairhead, Jan and Mick Hanner, Dave Baker, Pete Walk, John and Jill Hind, Ted and Linda Cheer, Malcolm Stewart, Geoff and Lynda Ewers, Ron and Jane Pauley, David Wagstaff and Stuart Loveless.

I took photos of the 22 outfits that attended which was an excellent turnout. Many solos as well, also people such as us in cars due to outfits off the road due to winter or as in our case being put together at the moment.

*Sally Sixsmith*







# Events 2026

*A calendar of Sidecar events for 2026, both national and international. I will 'line out' events that have happened by the issues publication, but leave them in so you can pencil in the calendars for next year.*

## January

<b>18<sup>th</sup>—The 2026 Winter Sidecar Meet</b>	Silver Ball Cafe, A10 at Reed, Hertfordshire, SG8 8BD. (situated on the northbound lane of the A10) From 10am. Contact: Stephen Wood; <a href="mailto:baldybiker@sjwwwood.uk">baldybiker@sjwwwood.uk</a> phone 07534 456642 David Greenwood; <a href="mailto:davidgreenwood@hotmail.co.uk">davidgreenwood@hotmail.co.uk</a> phone 01628 528866
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## April

<b>17<sup>th</sup>–19<sup>th</sup> - Irish SOC, Shepherd's Rest Shindig</b>	At the usual venue of the Shepherd's Rest in the Sperrins, near Draperstown. See Facebook for more details.
<b>24th—26th—Hedingham SOC Spring Sunrise Rally</b>	Tudor Caravan Park, Shepherds Patch, Gloucester, GL2 7BP See flyer for more details.

## May

<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> – West Midlands SC, Annual Rally</b>	Island Meadow Caravan Park, Aston Cantlow, Henley in Arden, Warwickshire. B95 6JP To help us please email: <a href="mailto:wmsc122@gmail.com">wmsc122@gmail.com</a> if you intend to come. See flyer for more details.
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## Events 2026.....

### May

14 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>st</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> International Sidecar Rally Brugge	On the grounds of Sint Lodewijks College, Magdalenastraat 30, 8200 Sint Michiels Brugge.
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### June

12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> – Culm Vale SC, Forest Glade Camping Weekend	Venue: Forest Glade Holiday Park, Broad Rd, Kentisbeare, Cullompton, Devon EX15 2DT See flyer for full details.
19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> – Vikings Camping Weekend	CHAIN BRIDGE HONEY FARM HORNCLIFF BERWICK ON TWEED NORTHUMERLAND TD15 2XT Full facilities, honey farm shop/visitors centre, small museum, large collection of old farming equipment plus old vehicles Large club tent for socialising (or shelter) on site Hog roast van Friday and Saturday night Pub 1 mile away, Berwick 3 miles away with shops supermarkets and fuel We will be on site from Wednesday 17th if you want to join us for an extended weekend you are welcome to join us £10 per unit per night Contact Don 07736650310
26 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> – ADAM Camping Weekend	Het Bosland, Meeneweg 29, 7021 HP Zelhem, NETHERLANDS See flyer for full details.
26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> – Hobgoblin Camping Weekend	Netherwood campsite, near Chester. Limited spaces (pre book and pay). See flyer for full details.

### July

10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> – London SC, International Rally	Venue is Kenley RAFA Club. Surrey Contact is Ted Cheer:- <a href="http://www.eddiecheer@aol.com">www.eddiecheer@aol.com</a> or 07746584093 See flyer for full details.
19 <sup>th</sup> – 2026 Chairmans Run	Summer Meet at The Shuttleworth Collection. The Collection is made up of historic aeroplanes, a small collection of classic British bikes, old cars and farm equipment. There is The Swiss Garden to walk round. An onsite cafe provides snacks and cooked meals. Cost is a discounted £10 per person which allows for return free for the next 30 days. More details to follow.

<b>July</b>	
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> – Tri-Anglia Wheels SC, The Sidecar Soiree	Petruth Paddocks, Labourham Drove, Cheddar BS27 3FS See flyer for details.
<b>August</b>	
31 <sup>st</sup> Jul – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug – Phoenix Camping Weekend	Tanpits Cider Farm, West Monkton, Taunton, Somerset, TA2 8BZ. <a href="http://www.tanpitsfarmcampsite.co.uk/">http://www.tanpitsfarmcampsite.co.uk/</a>  good toilets with free showers and wash up facilities. nearest pub with good food 5mins. Price TBC Early camping from Wednesday 29th July and <u>Sorry no caravans</u> Early camping and general enquires contact Chris Rodd Tel 07443568969 or email <a href="mailto:crodd8@gmail.com">crodd8@gmail.com</a>
<b>September</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> – Culm Vale SC, Watchet Camping Weekend	<b><u>This event is a pre-book only event. To pre-book contact the organiser by email or Text.</u></b> Venue: Warren Farm caravan and camping site, Warren Farm, Watchet, Somerset, TA23 0JP See flyer for full details.

## September

18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> – Vikings Camping Weekend	MOOR END FARM ACASTER MALBIS YORK YO23 2UG Toilets, showers, Disabled/family wet room, pot wash area, washing machine, microwave and fridge Boat trips to YORK We will be on site from Wednesday 16th so if you would like to join us for a longer stay please do so £10 per unit per night Contact Don 07736650310
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## October

1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> – London SC, Autumn Camp	Address: – Cherrywood Scout Campsite. Purfleet, A1306 Arterial Road. Opposite Circus Tavern Nite Club. RM19 1TS Amenities. Camping in wooded glade, Showers, Toilets, Washup area, Power supply to charge electronics. & Bonfire (which you make) Please note we have added an extra day (Thursday) No awards, no raffle, Bring own food, drink, and sense of humour. If you arrive in a car, it won't be allowed to stay on the glade as ground is soft. There is a hard standing area to park cars, RVs and Caravans etc. Contact Ted Cheer. <a href="mailto:eddiecheer@aol.com">eddiecheer@aol.com</a> or 07746584093 Sat Nav N51.29.185 E0.14.816
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## November

13th –15th— Hedingham SOC Winter Warmer Rally	TBC
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## Hedingham Sidecar Owners Club "Spring Sunrise" Rally - Slimbridge

24th - 26th April 2026

Location - Tudor Caravan Park, Shepherds Patch, Gloucester, GL2 7BP Tel 01453 890483

The Hedingham Club would like to welcome you to -

A traditional rally with HSOC club tent set up for making hot drinks and gathering

Full shower/toilet facilities on the campsite

The site is located next to the Sharpness Canal with plenty of walks nearby

Canine or feline sidecar companions are welcome, on leads at all times. Certain areas of the adjacent pub are dog friendly

No open fires on the campsite

Saturday morning ride-out to Alan Robertson's Three Wheeler Day at CTL Motor Company in Cirencester

Saturday evening we will have use of the Tudor Arms Skittle Alley and adjoining room for a skittles competition, raffle, and rally awards

The Tudor Arms pub is located at the campsite entrance, with restaurant and accommodation available. The pub gets busy with diners, so booking tables to eat is strongly recommended

Campervans/caravans need to book directly (in advance ideally) with Tudor Caravan Park. Please mention "Hedingham Sidecar Owners Club Spring Sunrise Rally" for 20% rally discount

**TENT CAMPING fees will be collected by the Hedingham heavies in CASH only please!**

Small tents £11.00 per night

Larger tents (those you can stand up in) £18.00 per night

Rooms are also available at the Tudor Arms Tel 01453 890306

Rally fee - in addition to the tent & campervan/caravan fees (which are at the club's discounted cost prices) HSOC will collect £1.00 in CASH per person, per day "Rally" fee to cover the club tent electricity, gas, tea, coffee, milk etc. This applies to all our rally visitors over the age of sixteen, whether camping, caravan/campervan, staying in the pub or day visitors

**Rally organiser - Steve 07757386419, [chairman@hedinghamclub.co.uk](mailto:chairman@hedinghamclub.co.uk)**



# WEST MIDLAND SIDECAR CLUB

## 11<sup>th</sup> SIDECAR WEEKEND 2026

1<sup>st</sup> MAY to 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY



Island Meadow Caravan Park,  
Aston Cantlow,

Nr. Henley in Arden, Warwickshire. B95 6JP

£12 each per night Under 19 Free  
£5 each 'Weekend non-camper pass'  
"FREE" Buffet Sat Night

**PLUS RALLY STICKER (First 40)**

Good Campsite Facilities

*Plus Well Stocked Shop*

Run out Sat. Pub 10 mins walk

E mail – [wmcc@gmail.com](mailto:wmcc@gmail.com)

Contact Site for Camper Vans etc.

Extra nights available. Tel: 01789 488273

PLEASE NOTE : TENTS ONLY ON CAMPFIELD



## INVITATION

Dear sidecarrist,

We organize from 26 till 29 of June 2026

The

### **The ADAM camping weekend**

**CAMPSITE WILL BE OPEN FROM THURSDAY 26 TILL 29 JUNE**

Camping "Het bosland" Zelhem ([www.hetbosland.nl](http://www.hetbosland.nl))  
Meeneweg 29  
7021 HP Zelhem

We offer:

1. A good campsite
2. Possibility for a Bon fire
3. Good sanitary facility's
4. Possibility to BBQ
5. The use of a fridge and a freezer
6. Coffee and tea available all weekend

You take care of:

1. Your own drinks
2. Your own food
3. Your own meat
4. Your good mood
5. Your own coffee or tea mug

The fee is €13,00 per person a night, children till 10 years of age free.  
Your visit is at your own risk and the campingweekend starts on Friday 12.00 pm.

More information call or e-mail:  
T. Raaymakers  
0031-623310030  
[zijspanclub.adam@gmail.com](mailto:zijspanclub.adam@gmail.com)



*The Hobgoblin Sidecar Club invites you to the*

## **Hobgoblin Camping Weekend**

**26 June to 28 June 2026**

*Netherwood campsite – Near Chester*

Campsite for our exclusive use. Flat grass, clean showers, toilets etc. Direct access to tow path walk to Chester, 2.5 miles

3 pubs within a few minutes walk

Free tea and real coffee all weekend

Dog and child friendly

This weekend is **pre book and pay only**. £42 per tent for the two nights. We can have 29 tents only – book now to avoid disappointment! When they are gone they are gone! Anyone who arrives without prebooking and paying **will not** be able to stay. Camping before and after can be arranged directly with the site – but confirm your booking with us first.

Contact Dave / Carolyn on 07478 701 575

Email [dclevene@live.co.uk](mailto:dclevene@live.co.uk)

*Bikes, sidecars and 3 wheelers only – sorry no cars, campervans or caravans*

12th, 13th and 14th June 2026

**Culm Vale Sidecar Clubs Forest Glade Camping Weekend**

**Venue:** Forest Glade Holiday Park, Broad Rd, Kentisbeare, Cullompton, Devon EX15 2DT

**Facilities:** Large Flat Field, Toilets & Showers, Laundry & Dishwashing Facilities, Shop and pre ordered Take Away Food, Swimming pool, Sauna, Tennis courts, Games room, Children's play areas and forest walks. Camping either side of the weekend available early arrivals please check in with reception.

**Cost:** TBA

Other types of accommodation available, check out the Forest Glade website and mention the rally if booking.

*For more information:*

*Contact Keith Aldridge, tel 01884 841165, email [kandj06@live.co.uk](mailto:kandj06@live.co.uk) This event is a pre-book only event. To pre-book contact the organiser by email or Text.*



4th, 5th and 6th September 2026

**Culm Vale Sidecar Club's Watchet camping weekend.**

**Venue:** Warren Farm caravan and camping site, Warren Farm, Watchet, Somerset, TA23 0JP

**Facilities:** Toilets showers, dishwashing and clothes washing. In Watchet there are shops, pubs, cafes, take away food outlets, a cashpoint and a steam railway station. On Saturday there will be a "bangers and burgers" BBQ with a drink of cider followed by a raffle. Camping before and after the weekend may be possible, this has to be pre-booked with the organisers.

**Directions:** At Williton stay on the A39 until Carhampton take the B3191 to Blue Anchor, drive along the sea front and up the hill and Warren Farm campsite is on the left in about a mile.

**Cost:** TBA

*For more information*

*Contact, Keith Aldridge, tel 01884 841165, text 07974622636, Email [kandj06@live.co.uk](mailto:kandj06@live.co.uk)*



**London Sidecar Club International Rally 2026**

Rally date 10th to 12th July 2026.

Venue is RAFA Portcullis Club Kenley Airfield,  
Victor Beamish Avenue. Surrey.

When you set your Sat Nav: - USE "VICTOR  
BEAMISH AVENUE"

GPS Lat/Long: 51.301827 , -0.090325

Don't use post code. This will take you to the wrong side of the aerodrome. From the end of Victor Beamish Ave. take dog leg to left, past the parked cars on your right, continue to the end then sharp right, continues down 100yards to union jack flagpole. Then onto rally site.

NOTE: - This site is **Not** in the ULEZ zone

Facilities. Good well stocked bar, Chuck wagon, Free Tea & Coffee all weekend.

Kids can toast marshmallows after the silly games

USB charging available all weekend For those persons full of silliness' there is a theme of "Heroes" for Saturday Night, a chance to dress up as your favourite Hero.

Silly Games, Raffle, Usual awards.



Cost is £10 per person per night. NO charge for children.

Contact is Ted Cheer: - [www.eddiecheer@aol.com](mailto:www.eddiecheer@aol.com) or 07746584093

**The Sidecar Soiree 2026**  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July at**  
**Petruth Paddocks, Labourham Drove,**  
**Cheddar BS27 3FS**  
**the site is signposted off the A371 Cheddar**  
**to Wells Road.**



**What three words: generally·pitching·distilled**

The Sidecar Soiree is back at Cheddar for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year with your Tri-Anglia Wheels Team at the helm. Yes, the famous Sidecar Soiree Grand Prix will be on the Saturday evening.

There will be a quiz night and hopefully more.

Flat level site with loads of room and separate field for us to use.

Club marquee with free tea and coffee.

Play area for the children. Site shop. Great food shack serving food in the evening and breakfast rolls in the morning. Dog friendly site.

Tap room, Shops, Pubs and Takeaways within walking distance.

Cost: £13 for a single person with tent per night. £17 for a tent with two or more people per night. Campervans/Caravans add £2 to the tent per night cost.

Want to stop on, no problem, let us know when you book in. (Note; we can't guarantee an electric hook up). You don't have to pre-book but if you are planning to attend, please could you let us know as it would be helpful and assist us

**Do not book in at reception,**  
**please book in at the club marquee.**

The Tri-Anglia Wheels Sidecar Club Sail Banners will be up so you should be able to find us.

Contact Lesley, [lesleyaves@aol.com](mailto:lesleyaves@aol.com) tel: 07484 336630 Contact arriving and during rally, Martyn 07398 600285

## Obituaries.....

### Paul Holt

My step dad Paul Holt passed away 23/12/2025.

He started The West Country Sidecar Club based in Devon. His life and the families, my late Mum Sylvia, sister Charlotte and Wendy enjoyed many rallies all over the country, especially the FED Rally at Eldersfield.

In his early life he was chief tester at the BSA in Birmingham. No crash helmets in those days. He built sidecars , leading link forks , even a small caravan to tow, amongst other things. Many people used to come and ask his advice as he had extensive knowledge and a great love for motorcycles and sidecars. This love rubbed off on the family especially me, Helen.

At his bed side in the hospital, I read from a 1953 motorcycle magazine picking out bikes of the period and how much they cost, £29.00 for one. He was able to tell me where they made. The same goes for riders and racetracks. He knew exactly who they were and where they came from.

I would like to reach out and ask if there is a local sidecar club or individual with an outfit , preferably British, that may join the procession to the crematorium Taunton , Somerset.

What amazing times , many , many, happy memories made all to treasure.

*Thank you, Helen Smith*



### Graham Titman

It is with much sadness that we share that Graham Titman (Welland Valley SC) passed away on 3rd January.

Thank you to everyone who has already reached out with kind words and offers of support. It means a lot to us all.

We will confirm arrangements for his funeral in the coming weeks which will reflect his love of motorcycles & sidecars. We hope that those who knew him, will join us to celebrate his life.

*Yvonne, Roger & Dannie xx*

*Editor: Unfortunately I have to share the sad news that several past and present FED members have passed away recently. They will be sorely missed by all who knew them. I don't know whether this issue will be out in time for people to attend any of the funerals but hopefully most members will be aware by other means. RIP*

### **JOHN ASHKAM FUNERAL**



Ann, her family and some of his many friends will gather to say farewell to her dear husband John on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 3.0 pm.

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Grenoside Crematorium North Chapel  
5 Skew Hill Ln, Grenoside, Sheffield S35 8RZ

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A Video Link is planned in order that John's many friends around the world can be involved.

The Clock House Café, situated within the grounds, provides a selection of food plus hot and cold beverages and is available before the ceremony.

A reception will be held after the ceremony at the  
Blackburn and Wincobank Conservative Club  
23 Fife St, Sheffield S9 1NN

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If unfamiliar with the area a suggested route from North and South, to avoid Sheffield city traffic, is to set a route exiting the M1 motorway at Junction 35

Grenoside is adjacent to the A629 Halifax / Penistone Road  
north of Sheffield Sheffield

**It has come to the attention of the committee that some advertised items are no longer available. From this issue onward all adverts will only be kept in the magazine for two issues unless I am contacted to say otherwise. Thank you to all members who have kept me informed when they have made a sale or decided to keep their items.**



**BSA M21 (1954)/Watsonian sidecar chassis (1952)**  
(524)

Beautifully restored. Loss of promised garaging and possible osteoarthritis forces sale!

Price: £7,500.

Contact Austin Winstanley: 01434 633751 or 07968 662867 Email: austin@austinwinstanley.com.

**BSA A10 (1959)/Bender Sidecar** (922)

This was renovated between 2016 and 2018. The overall cost of the rebuild and engine parts was £10,000.

I have all the receipts.

**Open to sensible offers.**

Contact David Timmis: 07919 278084



**Honda Deauville NT 700 VA-7 (2007) /Charnwood Sport**  
(124)

32,416 miles. MOT Oct.2023, 6 months tax.

Price: £3,500. Long Eaton, Nottingham

Contact Steve Holbrook: 01159 724873

## Sales Showroom.....Complete outfits, sidecars & solo motorcycles

### BMW R1150RS/Tripteq Ridgeback model sidecar (0325)

Professional built by Scotia Sidecars. 36k miles, MOT'd, ABS removed. Tripteq rear wheel kit & front trail reducer kit (like power steering). Linked sidecar brake. Goodridge brake hoses throughout. Tripteq passenger footrest kit. Boxer Design pullback & lift handlebars. Colour matched panniers & Givi top box.

Price: **£5,500**. Contact: Scotia sidecars



### BMW R60 (1956)/Steib 500 sidecar (0325)

In perfect condition, English attached, 3 new tyres. Will be available to view at the Sietekaristen in Brugge.

Price: **€15500 (£13000) ONO**

Contact: Johan PUYPE : [johan@puype-banden.be](mailto:johan@puype-banden.be)

### Watsonian Palma Sidecar

Came off AJS & Matchless with all fittings, (duplex frame AJS).

Tow bar & sidecar brake (small wheel)

Price: **£850 ONO**

Contact Ken: 07548639806.



### Moto Guzzi V7 Stone

Year 2012, White, 37,296 miles, on sorn.

Price: **£3250.**

Contact: Keith 07768 077761.



### BMW R60/2 (1964)/Steib sidecar.

Price: **£13,500.** Uxbridge, Middlesex.

Contact Dave Knight:

[dthomas409@hotmail.com](mailto:dthomas409@hotmail.com) / 07798 866071





### Busmar Astral sidecar body

Needing some attention and a chassis.

Price: £300 ONO; Location: Manchester; Contact: Dominic Sagar, dominic.sagar@outlook.com

#### **Moto Guzzi 950T3 1975 & Watsonian Oxford (0925)**

88000 miles (60000 with current owner), sidecar fitted by Charnwood Classic restoration. Handles beautifully. Sidecar disc brake linked to bike front brake. MOT/Tax exempt. Starts and runs well. Frame powder coated, recently recovered seat. Leading link forks, uprated springs & dampers, self adjusting timing chain, 36mm carb, K&Ns, O&S Stainless 2-1 sidecar exhaust, Lucas Rita ignition. Sapriva charging, Odyssey gel battery, Avon SM IIIs. on Cast wheels. Mounts for 5 Givi monokey boxes, easily took whole family camping. Kids have grown up, and grandson cried when he sat on, so time to pass it on to another family to enjoy.

Price: £5500; Loc: Bristol; Cont: Martin Johnson, 07707832752, mjoinson850@gmail.com



### Triumph Bonneville 865cc / Watsonian GP Manx (0725)

Immaculate outfit and extremely low mileage. Full MOT and running superbly.

Price: £7950

Contact: Duncan @ simpsonduncan66@gmail.com

#### **BMW R100 (1983) / Palma Sidecar (0725)**

Historic vehicle tax, leading link forks, standard wire wheels, new starter, replaced diode board. Spare parts to go back to solo.

Spare loom, solo bevel drive box. Spare cast rear wheel. Spare spoked 15" front wheel. Genuine reason for sale, giving them up.

Price: £2995; Location: Fife, Scotland; Contact: Harry, 07979983957



### 2012 Triumph T100 Bonneville / Watsonian (0725)

110 years anniversary limited edition no.594. Bought new by me. 8000 miles only. Immac condition, serviced by my garage-owning m/c mechanic friend. S/car with Hagen shock, chrome wheel, all made and fitted up including chassis by Watsonian Sidecars. Very reluctant sale

Price: £9,999. Contact: Kenneth, 07895382424.

Motorcycle Funerals have two outfits for sale which were used by the late Reverend Paul Sinclair for charity work.

A yellow taxi schemed Honda Fire Blade (1999) and a black Suzuki Hayabusa (2003), both with Merlin chassis sidecars colour matched. For further details or to make an offer, contact Marian Sinclair on 01530 515250



#### **Green Swallow Jet 80 sidecar for sale (1125)**

Recently restored and comes with the attachments for a Sunbeam S7.

Contact: Simon Steggall, 07770 847936

#### **TR500 refurbed, converted from right to left side (1125)**

Price: £950.

Contact Alf for further details:  
from [tindallalf@gmail.com](mailto:tindallalf@gmail.com) 07368607180



**Leading link forks (0325)** off a Yamaha XS1100, may fit others. Measurements and additional photos available.

In good condition, **£295**

Located near Ormskirk Lancashire.

Phone Paul Wever: 07905 440095

#### **Vintage sidecar bumper bar with plaques**

From the 1940's to 60's, Bradford Central Sidecar Club. Gemma Cowley found it while going through her late grandfather's house. Any monies raised from such sales will be donated to the British Heart Foundation.

Please contact editor or membership secretary if interested.



## Parts & Accessories

### New Replacement Screens - RX4 & RX5 Chairs.

Available in both clear & tinted versions. Orders now being taken.

Contact: Len Tempest on 07831 778083

### Screen for Monza sidecar

Broken but considered repairable. Free to collector.

Denbigh near St Asaph close to Dragon rally.

Contact: Glynn 01745 814242.

### Kawasaki Zephyr 1100 A1 1992/93

Parts, accessories, full fairing.

Contact: Trevor, 01709 719147

### BMW R100 15x125 complete wheels x2

One rear and one front. Akront rims. Fair condition. £50 the pair

Contact: Bill Law, 07543054885

### Sidecar fittings

I have a quantity of sidecar fittings, rusty but sound. If one of your members wants them they can pick them up free of charge. I live near Leicester.

Contact: David Sykes, 01162876119/07791906123.

### Sidecars

#### Watsonian sidecar chassis early 1960s

Very good condition, almost fully enclosed mudguard and mini wheel. Offered FREE to anyone who wants to collect it. A shame to see it go for scrap. Contact: Bill 02086 786253 Isle of Wight.

## Wanted

**Sidecar wanted**, 1950s. I don't mind if it needs a bit of work.

Contact: Justin 07773 459253,  
justinriggs@btinternet.com

**Screen supports (rear pair)** for Watsonian Monaco sidecar. robinstevens44@hotmail.com

Contact: Robin Stevens 07826 317694

**15" wheels for a 1994 BMW K1100LT**, car tyre compatible.

Contact: Keith on 07768 077761.

**Front chrome motif (badge) and hood** (with or without frame), for pre-Watsonian steel-bodied

Swallow Jet 80

Contact: Hugh Phillips 07917 551887  
hughphillips@btinternet.com

**Leading Link Forks** to fit 1981 Honda Goldwing 1100. Will collect. Reasonable price paid.

Contact: Roger 07710 788392



Thornbury Council Depot. From the Thornbury and District museum— Paul Martyn

# Blasts from the Past



My Norton 99/Steib during the winter of 1962/63. Pre-climate change and I don't see any other vehicles in the vicinity. I can't recall if I took the photo before or after my trip to Wales for the Dragon Rally. Whatever, it was a very cold trip from Kent.

Best wishes, David Brindley



HONDA monkey bike IOM 1963 TT—David Brindley



Chair full of kids—Paul Martyn

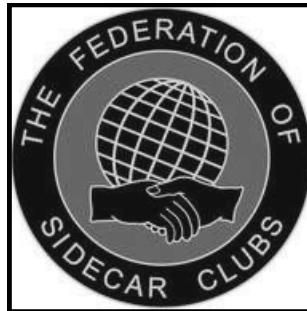
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