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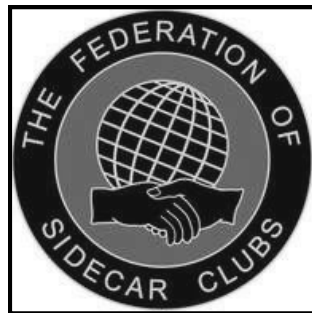
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Feditorial

Well this is it, my last issue of my first year as editor. I'm not going to lie, I'm not sure how long I can last doing this, it is very time consuming, especially when my free time is limited. It is an enjoyable task though for the most part and I like the varied and interesting content.

You will notice that this issue is a bit slim compared to the last couple, mainly due to the drop in Rallies. In fact it was almost even slimmer, but a few pieces came in last minute. Thank you to all who have sent contributions in over the year, it tends to be the same few so hopefully next year some more members will take some time to do a short write up.

A few clubs have already submitted information for 2026 rallies, so look out for them and more to come. I wish every member a happy and healthy Christmas and look forward to seeing many of you in a field next year.

Safe travels, Norton

From the Chair

Dear Fed Members,

As the year draws to a close, Mary and I would like to wish you a none too sober Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As I look back over the last twelve months, where has the year gone? I think that The Fed is becoming stronger. The diary for 2026 appears to be filling up nicely, with the first event at the Silver Ball Cafe, on 18th January, only a couple of months away. Hopefully the weather will be kind for it. This Wednesday, 19th November, I will off to the NEC to for my annual pilgrimage to Motorcycle Live. I am really looking forward to it. Although realistically the only sidecars I expect to see, will be on the Watsonian and Sidecar Guys stands. Although I will be taking my "plastic" I think I will try the "short arms and deep pockets" trade stand browsing method. I have accumulated so much bike kit over forty years of riding that I really only buy to replace the worn out now. Sadly I cannot replace the bits of me that fall into that category!

We hope to see as many of you as we can in the coming year.

Martin & Mary



IN MEMORIAM

The Committee regrets to advise that the following members have unfortunately died in the past year. This list is normally read out by the Chairman at the AGM, but is being published here since we are not having an AGM until August 2026.

Vic Phillips – Portsmouth & District. Died Christmas Day 2024.

David Bennett – Chester. Died February 2025

Fred Austen – West Mids. Died 12 July 2025.

Jeff Reynard – Leicester. Died 22 July 2025.

Nick Jeffery – Princes Risborough. Died 10th August 2025.



Committee News

John Askham has regretfully decided that he can no longer continue to do the role of Regalia Officer due to his health. Over the years he has been instrumental in providing new designs for the annual rally logo and making sure that stock and trophies were available for the rally. The committee are very grateful for all his has done and hope to still see him at the rallies. If anyone is interested in taking on the role please let the committee know.

Snapshots from the Secretary

Editor: Sally has sent in the below photos from Motorcycle Live. Sally's husband (Andy), daughter (Katie) and Son in Law (Michael), tried out the modern scooter outfit and the vintage V-twin (Royal Enfield?) for size. Did any other members go?



November Day Meet at Jack Hill Café

John Hind had suggested, through our Facebook app, that we needed a day meet in November. Specifically at Jack's Hill Cafe' on the 15th of that very month. The cafe' had only re-opened a few weeks previously, after it's post-Covid demise.

Great, I thought, I'll go on my new comfy scooter.

The 15th turned out to be on the weekend that storm Claudia paid us a visit. On the bright side the worst of it hit on the Friday, the day before. The weather on the day was just thoroughly wet and drizzly all day long, as opposed to heavily raining all day long.

Despite this, a few brave intrepid souls, did turn up.

Being the first to arrive, I waited a short while, but my weakness overcame me and I'd had my breakfast before the organiser (the above John) or anyone else had arrived.



John Hinds' BMW K1200S/EZS Rally, always fast.



Martin Fords' Valkyrie/Heddingham XL, always immaculate

Then there were John and Freda Taylor with their BMW/Heddingham XL. It may be a K1200 from the photo, it may not though. As they used say about my white Guzzi/Heddingham 'it's very white.'

There was also a gentleman from my county (Hertfordshire) who came from St Albans on his Royal Enfield Interceptor/Velorex Sport. My apologies sir, although I asked I can't remember your name.

Linda Pereira and Mike came in Mike's car. They were happy to get out and see some people, particularly Linda having been disappointed by the cancellation of the Heddingham Winter Warmer event.

I have to say I was pretty pleased myself to get out on the road for this meet. My maxi-scooter turns out to be quite a vehicle, and I fully understand their growing popularity.



John & Freda's BMW/Heddingham XL,
possibly K1200



The mysterious man from St Alban's, because
the author couldn't remember his name

As you may have gathered from my previous comments, it drizzled constantly for all of the fifty plus miles home. However, I found that my riding suit was completely dry, there were just a couple of wet streaks on my boots and a couple of drops on my shoulders. The rain on my helmet was there because it had hit the top of it and had run down onto my visor. Not enough though, to bother wiping it away in all those miles.

It seems as if it's the best weather protection I've had on a bike. Although I cant recall accurately just how my previous R1100RT and R850RT were. This maybe because these days I appreciate this kind of thing somewhat more having decided I'd like a little more comfort and convenience. Around the turn of the century I did go through a phase, deciding I'd never have another bike without weather protection and luggage again. This proved not to be the case as I subsequently spent quite some years riding naked machinery, including my last outfit.

OK, I'm rambling now, I'll leave you with this on the subject of day meets. Unfortunately I won't be able to make the Winter Meet, however it is still very much on, so do get there if you can. Her Scottishness and Director of Domestic Control (Marion) belatedly informed me that it's on the day that we are flying back from the Canaries after her "significant birthday" holiday. I can't apportion blame for this, nor would I want to. The competition in this house for who has the worst memory is of Champions League proportions.

Anyway, do go and enjoy the nice warm winter fug that we create in the Silver Ball. I'll have a pleasant time in the sun for a short while, although I really will miss this.

Stephen Wood



The Author's BMW C400 GT
Scoot, some may say always
different

Sorry, didn't see you...

On the 2nd May 2024, I was taking my outfit for its MOT. Left home at 10.00am for a 10:30am appointment. When I got to Balsall Common which is about halfway, I came off an island and saw a lorry pulling onto the pavement on the right-hand side of the road. Then without slowing, it turned out into the road in front of me. I hit the brakes locking up the wheels and skidded into the side of the lorry, breaking the leading link forks on my bike. I took the top of my wind screen off with my chin and sat back down, ouch!

The police arrived and we moved my bike onto the pavement to let the traffic through. The RAC came out and took me and my bike home and put it in the garage. No MOT!

On May 9th, the insurance assessor came and had a look at my bike, took lots of pictures and said it would not be written off as most of the damage was to the leading link forks. I had phoned Wasp Motorcycles for a quote the day before and the assessor made a note of this and off he went.

Time passed by and after many phone calls nothing was happening. July came and I had an email from the Lorries insurance company with two videos from the lorries on board cameras. One in the cab and on the driver's side rear. They said I could have slowed down and let him finish his manoeuvre. The driver said I hit the rear end. Not true, he was turning into the garage and we had passed it. In fact, he was going to park up in the pub where he was delivering to, which was behind him. They offered me 50/50 on the claim, which I declined.



- 15th August, I phoned my insurance company to see how things were progressing, not very helpful but said they would be in touch.
- 16th August, I had an email from Wasp Motorcycles which said he had penciled me in for 7th. October for repair/replacement. Great news I thought, at last something is happening. Blow me, 2 hours later I get an email saying a settlement of your claim for vehicle damage by way of a cash in lieu payment, which more than covers the quote I have for the repairs. Good news all round. I told my mate Mike Priestley, and he said we could hire a trailer, and he will take the bike to Wasp for me. Thank you, mate.
- 10th September, I checked my bank account, and the insurance money has landed so I can go ahead with the repairs.
- 30th September, I phoned Wasp Motorcycles to confirm that they can repair my forks. All ok for the 7th. October. Mike was taking his Round Britain Rally results into Litchfield when I phoned him to say all was ok, so he went on to the trailer rental company and ordered a suitable trailer and paid for it up front.
- 7th October, Mike arrived at mine with the trailer at 10 o'clock and we loaded the bike up and off we went to Wasp Motorcycles, arriving at 2:30. We unloaded the bike and had a chat with Mark, who showed us round and told us what he would do. We left at 3:30 and came home arriving at 6:15. A long day, but worth it.
- 11th November, I phoned Mark to see if there was any news. Mark informed me that he had had an accident and hurt his hand badly, which meant he could only use one hand. He also said that at this time he has not been able to look at my bike properly. I told him not worry about it and to get back to full health.
- 7th January 2025, I phoned Mark to see if there was any news. He said his hand is getting better and he can use a cigarette lighter. Mark has also has a chest infection so he's struggling so nothing done yet. He has had a quick look though, and may be able to start work on it next week.
- 16th January, I went all the way to Wokingham in Berkshire to look at a GL1500 that I had seen on Facebook. It has a Watsonian Cambridge on it. After a good look round and a chat with "Grubs" the owner I decided to buy it. Shook on it, left a deposit, and then came home. I phoned my mate Mike Priestley and told him I had bought a new Bike, he offered to ride it back home for me as I will have to have the foot brake adapted to suit my disability.

- 2nd February, I took Mike Priestley to Wokingham and bought the Goldwing. We did all the paperwork online, Logbook transfer and road tax and after a cup of tea we came home. Put the bike in my garage, more tea and took Mike home, job done. All I have to do now is adapt the brakes.
- 13th February, I phoned Wasp to see if there was any progress. I was told that Mark had taken the forks out and is going to straighten them.
- 3rd April I phoned Wasp to see how things were going. Mark said the forks were back from the powder coaters and will get them fitted soon.
- 22nd April, I had a phone call from Wasp saying the bike was ready for collection, so I phoned Mike Priestley and told him, and he went off to Lichfield, hired a trailer, and dropped it off at mine ready for the next day.
- 23rd April, Mike arrived at 7 o'clock and off we went to Wasp Motorcycles to pick up the bike. Nice run down if a bit wet at times, no real hold ups, so arrived at around 10:30. After a chat with Mark and a look round the bike I took it for a ride round the factory estate and all felt good. Paid the man using on-line banking. Loaded it up on the trailer and set off home. Nice run back sun came out and got home for 4 o'clock. Unloaded and rode it round to the garage. Made space and put it away. Just have to get a new indicator lens. One more week it would be 12 months since the accident. Took some time but looking as good as new. Well worth the wait.
- 29th April, the indicator lens arrived from Fowlers and on it went. All finished now nothing more to do.

May I say a big thank you to Mike Priestley for all his help and support. And thank you to Mark at Wasp Motorcycles.

Nick Bentley, Chairman of the West Midlands Sidecar Club.





Berlaar 2025

Friday 26th September to Sunday 28th September were the dates for this years Berlaar Rall. Run by M2C Berlaar it has often been called "The English Rally Abroad" as being only 150 miles from Dunkirk it has always been popular with riders from the UK.

Friday morning I was off early on the outfit to catch the 08:00 DFS ferry to Dunkirk, whilst in the queue at Dover Mike Tomkins turned up on his solo Honda, so at least I had someone to chat to during the crossing. The route up through France and into Belgium was simple enough until we hit the Kennedy Tunnel and from there on the traffic was awful, but we both arrived safe and sound. When we arrived at the site, I thought numbers were down ,but the crowd that was there were all regulars and after setting my tent up near Ted and Linda Cheer it was time for some barbecue and a few beers.

Saturday morning, I was up long before Ted (it's a retired persons thing!) so I made a coffee and then went for a walk. When I was back at the rally site I went in for breakfast and Ted joined me. We had intended to go on the run but as we were getting ready someone came up to chat with us so we missed them leaving. Instead we had a little ride around the town and then spent a very pleasant afternoon chatting. In the evening there was music in the club room and more barbecue and beer whilst sitting around the bonfire.

During the evening it was decided I had won the long-distance award and we were given a large bottle of strong Belgium beer which was eventually drunk the following weekend at the LSC bonfire at Cherrywood, but that's another story.

Sunday was not the best of days. Up at 06:00 and packing up and the bike wouldn't start! I used the power pack to get going and rode down to Dunkirk in time for the 12:00 ferry, only to find the ferry was "broken" and I had to sit around for three hours waiting for the 14:00 ferry. Mike Tomkins was on the ferry with me so we had someone to pass the time with again. I got off the ferry and should have been home by 17:00 only to spend an hour parked up on the M20 due to a burnt-out car. I eventually got home at 18:30. While sitting in the traffic I had to jump start a Triumph as the owner had left his lights on while waiting.

So, another enjoyable weekend and for once the weather was kind to us, I'll be back again next year.

Pete Walk



Strong beer



Great artwork



Nice airhead

Ural in France

Editor: A selection of photos from Michael Wadsworth trip to Brittany & Normandy , France and to Toft, Cheshire

In early August I take a Easy Jet flight from Manchester to Rennes then train from Rennes to Guingamp and on to Callac. The line from Guingamp to Callac was once narrow gauge track so it was quite a ride!!!

Once in Callac:



La voiture locale, Callac

A new MURAL in the town (Note the dog)



Callac Museum for the Breton Spaniel



Local memorial to the French Resistance in the area



Aim high



Rene Gillet, Type K1
(750cc)



NSU Models in local museum



On Liberty Road



Serenity in France



Back in England, Michael stopped by the village of Toft in Cheshire where there is a "mighty edifice to the game of cricket".

Apparently an idea was born one night in the pub to build the worlds' biggest cricket stumps, so they did... and beat the current record holders, Australia.

See the next page for Michaels engineering feats.



Left Hand to Right Hand Drive

Editor: Michael Wadsworth performs serious surgery to his outfit, thanks for the article.

15 years ago I purchased a new Ural sidecar outfit in France and now I have imported the Ural into the UK and under UK LAW (*Taken from F2 Motorcycles*).

Q. So can you ride a motorcycle on UK roads if the sidecar is fitted to the right of the motorcycle?

A. Yes, but only under the following conditions:

The motorcycles is registered in the UK before 01/08/1981

or

The motorcycle is permanently registered to you in another country and you are visiting the UK on holiday.

So the outfit needed converting.

First I would to say a very big THANK YOU to the EX-PAT CUSTODIANS of URAL while garaged in France for 15 years; Frank/Fronck and Dave & Margaret thank you greatly.

More mentions:

- Great advice from the Cossack Owners Club President Peter Ballard.
- F2 Motorcycle for the sidecar fittings.
- The import paper work was managed by mycarimport.co.uk



Second stabiliser attached, now a 4 wheeler



Soaking up the sun



Parting of the waves



Using ladders to set toe in



Its now passed a French and aUK MOT!

Bye for now from the Ural Sidecar Importer.,
Michael Wadsworth



Changing the nationality

Vikings “sort of” Camping Weekend

Many of you will have seen the Sidecar Guys (who advertise in outlook) either their videos on u-tube of their around the world ride on a Honda scooter sidecar outfit, or caught one of their talks. They are currently running sidecar training and experience days based at Whitehouse Farm in Morpeth, Northumberland, and are the Ural importers.

They are expanding and hoping to develop a sidecar/bike cafe venue and base for their sidecar business. To this end they have bought the Drift Cafe at Cresswell Towers near Ellington, Northumberland (photo). They are currently talking to the council about adding a campsite and lodges but no dates or planning in place yet.

York Vikings sidecar club is trying something different , and thinking of something cheap and cheerful, warm, dry, and with facilities (photo). As the cafe is just walking distance from the Cresswell Towers holiday park, we thought a 3-night weekend break on 24/4/26 at Cresswell Towers, a Parkdene Resort, and a mass visit to the Drift cafe for a photo shoot could be a laugh.

Block booking would be difficult with everyone having different requirements.. but you can book directly with a £50 deposit and pay the balance closer to the weekend. Prices can be kept low if friends book a caravan to share (there are separate bedrooms) and why not bring extended family and kids. With a swimming pool, playpark, clubhouse and entertainment on site it should make keeping them occupied easy.

They have caravans with different specifications and prices depending on how many people, or how posh, and they take dogs (at an extra charge). You can also use booking discounts; I used Blue Light that saved me £38. parkdeneresorts.co.uk is the link to use and its easy to follow to look at site facilities and book.

If you do book if you can let me know (mikebuyers@msn.com) so I can warn the cafe of numbers.

Mike Buyers



From the Treasurer

When I joined the Federation committee as Treasurer, the committee lived close and meet at each other's home's or at a local rally and it put me off getting involved. It's all changed with the current committee spread all over the UK and meetings by Zoom etc, so there is no excuse not to get involved and effective checks and support has prepared the Federation for the future.

This is the first year where an Audit has been done remotely, by a physical copy of the accounts being sent 300miles to audit and any issues discussed by phone or e-mail... thankfully it worked, the only issue was the Aves (auditors) picked up on the rally account being 40p out from the Federation main account.

I had used the figure from the initial count at the rally which came to me with a comment suspecting a double count on 20p's but hadn't corrected it when I got the accurate account when entering figures into Federation account.

It proves the system works, it shows we can work with a spread out committee, it shows that we can do an audit without being face to face, and it proves the Aves did a good and diligent job...down to the last 1p.

Mick Buyers

25th October 2025

Committee Members

Audited Accounts;

We have audited the accounts as requested and found the following;

There is a lack of receipts for some expenses, especially for the Annual Rally.

Found a minor error with printing / postage costs (Outlook / Handbook) which has now been corrected by the treasurer, who provided an amended copy for us to audit.

The annual rally accounts contain a 40p error. This has been marked on the sheet with revised totals.

We have spoken with the treasurer to advise him of this amendment, he explained he will speak with the Chairman in regards to this.

If a corrected rally accounts sheet is provided, we will be happy to re-sign.

Note; the previous year's Bank Account Balances are not on the finance report.

Notable; Changing to a black and white Outlook has resulted in a reduction of almost £2000 in the production of Outlook.

Regards Martyn & Lesley Aves

The Federation of Sidecar Clubs Finance report 1/10/24 to 30/09/2025

	Full year	2024	To Date	2025		2024	2025
	£	£	£	£		£	£
Income					Expenses		
Membership					Outlook	4,560.30	2,571.91
Individuals	4,469.00		4,441.99		Postage	3,206.33	2,996.89
Clubs	2,491.00		2,228.00		Stationery	79.05	31.21
O/Seas	133.66		244.34		Handbook	0.00	301.27
	Memb. Total	7,093.66	Memb. Total	6,914.33	NEC	0.00	0.00
Donations		0.00		6.00	Regalia	96.00	190.00
Advertising		0.00		170.00	FOSC Rally (-regalia)	2,484.00	2,811.60
FOSC Rally		0.00		2,650.84	BMF	539.00	539.00
AGM Raffle & Misc		0.00		0.00	Bank Charges	99.22	92.20
Regalia		0.00		200.00	Misc	382.14	119.99
Income to Current Account		0.00		9,941.17	Website	216.00	0.00

TOTAL 11,521.17 9,654.07

TOTAL 10,055.64

30/09/2025

balance on year

£401.57

16,141.94

Bank Current Account

minus uncleared cheques C/F

current acc balance

16,141.94

NS & I Account

Bank Deposit Account

Cash

3,904.35

4,285.17

14.02

24,345.48

Auditors

Signature

Date 25/10/25

Signature Lesley Aves Date 25/10/25

MARTYN AVES

LESLEY AVES

The Federation of Sidecar Fed Annual Rally Results

2025

Income	2025	Expenditure	2024	2025
sumup card income	£ 1,272.00	regalia	£ 96.00	£ 100.00
sumup charges	£ 12.00	Rally Site	£ 250.00	£ 400.00
sumup to bank	£ 1,260.00	Future rally deposit not current year	£ -	£ 100.00
*hsbc cash to bank	£ 990.24	Disco	£ 200.00	£ 190.00
banked income total	£ 2,250.24	Trophies	£ 120.00	£ 150.00
HSBC Cash income for Banking broken down as..	£ 2,249.84	Banners/print/stickers	£ 88.00	£ 108.00
cash booking in fees	£ 383.00	Childrens party	£	£ 25.00
shop/tea/regalia	£ 210.84	Gifts/bags/games	£	£ 330.00
raffle	£ 324.00	Gas/coffee/tea etc	£	£ 300.00
banked cash income from rally	£ 990.24	refuse bags/ skip/misc	£ 200.00	£ 1,398.60
Sumup Income	£ 1,260.00	Prizes	£ 200.00	
Cash Payment from income	£ 673.00	Marquee	£ 1,344.00	
membership not rally	£ 72.00			
total rally income	£ 2,851.24			
		Expenditure Total	£ -£50.36	£ 2,901.60

Rally Profit/Loss

-£50.36 -£50.76

Auditors

Signature..... Date 26/10/25..... Date 25/10/25

MARTYN AVES

LESLEY AVES

* HSBC cash to bank 26-08-25 £989-84 (40p error).

Revised totals.

PROTECTION IN A SIDECAR 19

The stuff is cut into the shape of a "Dutch bonnet," composed of three pieces, i.e. one plain oblong strip reaching from the neck over the back of the head to the forehead, with two shaped side pieces fitted in. To this should be added a curtain piece at the back to keep the neck and upper part of the shoulders dry, and also a piece with a slight downward tilt which should project well from the front of the bonnet as a sort of peak, thus allowing the rain to drain off away from the face. This simple arrangement if bound and tied with a suitable ribbon will make quite a presentable appearance. In the case of a man, of course, waterproof cap-covers are inexpensive articles of commerce.

In connection with this matter of keeping the sidecar dry the advisability may be suggested of having a light sheet of waterproof to cover the space between the bank of the seat and the apron as a protection should the car be left unattended in the wet or should the occupants desert it in a storm for shelter. Some sidecars are now sent out fully equipped in this respect.

Another fitment (as yet not marketed), making for comfort, would be a dust screen projecting from the back of the car, such as is fitted to motor bodies, and which would deflect the rising cloud of dust that is produced by the partial vacuum of the moving vehicle and that so smothers the passenger's hair and shoulders with an impalpable powder. With a little ingenuity the dust screen and the car-cover could be contrived as one and the same thing, varying in function according to which side it was pulled over.

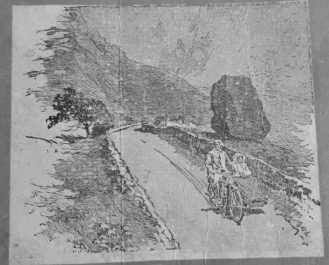
Sidecar Passengers

The sidecarist must not forget his passenger. If the latter is a lady he usually trusts to her bringing her own waterproof coat, and the consequence is that as an umbrella is too clumsy to be used, her hat gets soaked and wet trickles down on to the seat and floor of the car. This is an evil which the occupants of an open motorcar have to put up with, but the sidecarist has at hand a simple expedient by which both the passenger and the interior of the car can be kept perfectly dry in the heaviest of downpours. A large size bicycle poncho slipped over the passenger's head and allowed to fall so that it overhangs the back and sides of the car and lies outside the apron provides a ready and effective remedy, and only requires supplementing by waterproof headgear.

The latter can be quite easily and cheaply made at home, by any lady, from $1\frac{1}{4}$ yards of Willesden canvas.

The extracts on this page were sent by my dad and make interesting reading about the early days of touring with a "cyclecar".

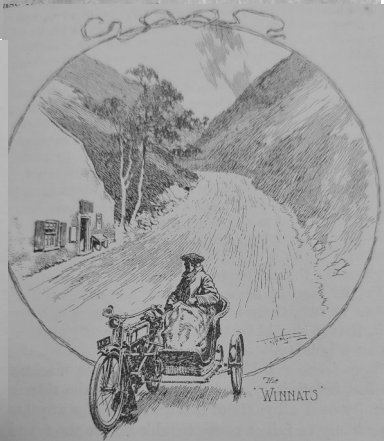
HOW AND WHERE TO TOUR BY MOTORCYCLE AND CYCLECAR



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SHUTTLEWORTH

The 2026 Chairmans Run



Martin has been in contact with the Shuttleworth Trust and has arranged a date for a members meet there, with parking reserved for us. There will be a cost of £10 per vehicle, which includes a meet and greet with a hot drink and a 30 day return ticket to the Shuttleworth Collection and Gardens (It is recommended that a half day is needed for either).

There are optional extras of pre-booked catering and guided tours of the Collection or Swiss Garden. Martin will need to be aware of that in advance. Please contact Martin to let him know if you are planning to attend or for further details.

More information can be found at: www.shuttleworth.org



Events 2025 & 2026

A calendar of Sidecar events for 2025 and 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

18th – The 2026 Winter Sidecar Meet

Silver Ball Cafe, A10 at Reed, Hertfordshire, SG8 8BD. (situated on the northbound lane of the A10) From 10am.
Contact: Stephen Wood; baldybiker@sjwwood.uk
phone 07534 456642
David Greenwood; davidjgreenwood@hotmail.co.uk
phone 01628 528866

April

11th – 13th – Irish SOC, Shepherd's Rest Shindig -

~~At the usual venue of the Shepherd's Rest in the Sperrins, near Draperstown. See Facebook for more details.~~

18th – 21st – South Yorkshire SC, Easter Egg Rally

~~Bamford and Thornhill Recreation Ground, S33 0DA.
See flyer for full details.~~

May

1st – 3rd – West Midlands SC, Annual Rally

West Midland Sidecar Club Rally, May 2026

Island Meadow Caravan Park, Aston Cantlow, Henley in Arden, Warwickshire. B95 6JP
To help us please email: wmsc122@gmail.com if you intend to come.
More details to follow.

16th – 18th – Heddingham SOC, Camping Weekend

~~Clennel Hall Country Hotel, Morpeth Northumberland, NE65 7BJ.
Lovely scenic sight, good food and great beer, rooms available, but be quick, phone the hotel on 01669650377 to book. HSOC contact John 01788 578743.~~

23rd – 26th – ADAM Camping Weekend

Het Bosland, Meeneweg 29, 7021 HP Zelhem
See flyer for full details.

29th – 1st June – 21st International Sidecar Rally Brugge

~~On the grounds of Sint Lodewijks College, Magdalenestraat 30,
8200 Sint Michiels Brugge.
See flyer for full details~~

June	
13 th – 15 th – 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 th – 21 st – Vikings Camping Weekend 2026	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
27 th – 29 th – Hobgoblin Camping Weekend	Netherwood campsite – New location for 2025, limited spaces (pre book and pay). See flyer for full details.
July	
10 th – 12 th – London SC, Rally	London Sidecar Club International Rally, July 2026 Venue is Kenley RAFA Club. Surrey Details to follow as and when we get the site confirmation. Contact is Ted Cheer:- www.eddiecheer@aol.com or 07746584093
19 th – 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.
16th – 20th – Suffolk SC Camping Weekend	Venue: Trinity Park, Felixstowe Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP3 8UH Directions: Follow signs for Trinity Park. Facilities: toilets, shower and electricity. Cost: TBA Contact: Charles Gosling 07758 831887. Leave a message and I will get back to you.
24 th – 27 th – Tri-Anglia Wheels SC, The Sidecar Soiree	NEW venue – Petruth Paddocks, Labourham Drove, Cheddar BS27 3FS See flyer for details.

August	
1 st —3 rd —Phoenix Camping Weekend	<p>Tanpits Cider Farm, West Monkton, Taunton, Somerset, TA2 8BZ. http://www.tanpitsfarmcampsite.co.uk/</p> <p>good toilets with free showers and wash up facilities. nearest pub with good food 5mins. Price £8 per tent and £1 per person Early camping from Wednesday 30th July and <u>Sorry no caravans</u> Early camping and general enquires contact Chris Rodd Tel 07443568969 or email crodd8@gmail.com</p>
22 nd —25 th —Federation of SC Annual Rally	<p>Southam Rugby Club, Warwickshire. See flyer for full details.</p>
29 th —31 st —Culm Vale SC, Watchet Camping Weekend	<p><u>This event is a pre book only event. To pre book contact the organiser by email or Text.</u> Venue: Warren Farm caravan and camping site, Warren Farm, Watchet, Somerset, TA23 0JP See flyer for full details.</p>

Advance Notice

The 2026 Federation of Sidecar Clubs Annual Rally will be held at Hinckley Rugby Club on the August Bank holiday weekend.

After the successful running of the EGM this year, the committee are planning to hold the AGM at the rally

Further details to follow.

September	
5 th – 7 th – West Midlands SC, Autumn Gathering	<p>Century House Campsite (AM & LM Trevitt), 100 Turning Lane, Scarisbrick, nr Southport, PR8 5HZ</p> <p>£11 PER UNIT PER NIGHT, pay at reception on arrival.</p> <p>£5 Per Person Day Visit</p> <p>Good facilities with disabled access.</p> <p>BBQ Area with a gazebo for socialising etc.</p> <p>Close to shops and pubs.</p> <p>Tel: 01704 535 164</p>
12 th – 14 th – Jumbo GB rally	<p>Birch Coppice Miners Social Welfare Centre, Watling St, Dordon, Tamworth, B78 1SY.</p> <p>See flyer for full details.</p>
18 th – 20 th – Vikings Camping Weekend 2026	<p>MOOR END FARM ACASTER MALBIS YORK YO23 2UG</p> <p>Toilets, showers, Disabled/family wet room, pot wash area, washing machine, microwave and fridge</p> <p>Boat trips to YORK</p> <p>We will be on site from Wednesday 16th so if you would like to join us for a longer stay please do so</p> <p>£10 per unit per night</p> <p>Contact Don 07736650310</p>
October	
2 nd – 5 th – London SC, Autumn Camp	<p>Address: – Cherrywood Scout Campsite. Purfleet, A1306 Arterial Road.</p> <p>Opposite Circus Tavern Nite Club. RM19 1TS</p> <p>Amenities. Camping in wooded glade, Showers, Toilets, Washup area, Power supply to charge electronics. & Bonfire (which you make)</p> <p>Please note we have added an extra day (Thursday)</p> <p>No awards, no raffle, Bring own food, drink, and sense of humour.</p> <p>If you arrive in a car, it won't be allowed to stay on the glade as ground is soft.</p> <p>There is a hard standing area to park cars, RVs and Caravans etc.</p> <p>Contact Ted Cheer. eddiecheer@aol.com or 07746584093</p> <p>Sat Nav N51.29.185 E0.14.816</p>
November	
14th – 16th – Hedingham SOC Winter Warmer Rally	<p>The Waterloo Inn, Main Street, Biggin-by-Hartington, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 0DH</p> <p>See flyer for full details</p>

HEDINGHAM SIDECAR OWNERS CLUB – WINTER WARMER RALLY 2025 -

November 14/15/16

Location: The Waterloo Inn, Main Street, Biggin-by-Hartington, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 0DH

Traditional camping rally behind the pub. Cosy bars with open fire, good food served, lovely staff, Sunday roast dinner, breakfast rolls available

SATURDAY morning ride-out. Saturday evening HSOC quiz with our very own quizmaster Terry Weights, raffle and rally awards

HSOC Club tent with hot drink making facilities. Toilets open 24/7

Dogs are welcome on the campsite and in the pub

NO Open Fires on the camping ground

Prices:

£15.00 per night for tent

£30.00 per night for campervan/motorhome with electric hook-up

£5.00 each for day visitors

Payment in cash collected by HSOC at the rally

PLEASE NOTE – Biggin Hall Hotel, next door, which some of our regular rally-goers have used for accommodation in past years is fully booked out this weekend, due to hosting a wedding.

Some of our regulars have booked self catering rentals with Sykes Cottages. AirBnB may be another option?

Contact: Steve 07757386419 or chairman@hedinghamclub.co.uk.

If coming in campervan/motorhome please let me know.

SYSC invites all to a Day Meet

For some of us, the Vikings weekend marked the end of the rally season. Their rigs pushed to the back of the garage until next Spring. But, there is a core of us who ride all

the year round. Therefore on **October 12th** there will be a Day-Meet at the

Green Hut at Ollerton. Meet up at **noon, 12 o'clock** This is the first time this year that I have arranged such a meet. Various issues have brought this about.

Anyhow, if the weather holds let's have a good turnout.

The Winter Meet

on

Sunday 18 January

at

The Silver Ball Café

at

The Silver Ball Café

Reed, nr Royston

Hertfordshire

SG8 8BD

(Situated on the northbound lane of the A10)

Contact Stephen Wood (baldybiker@sjwwood.uk)



Image: A revival of the jan/Feb 2021 Outlook cover.

The Sidecar boys (Matt & Reece) in Russia.



BMW R60/2 (1964)/Steib sidecar.

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

Contact Dave Knight:

dthomas409@hotmail.com / 07798 866071

1979 (Wes Coley) road replica style OEM: GS1000s/Hedingham Sidecar (0725)

Leading links , top box and rack. Very good tank re sprayed tank, front guard, side panels. New tubes and tyres all round: brand new electronic ignition: MOT and Road tax exempt; needs new owner to love and ride. I'll be sorry to let it go but I have another new project and need the money and space to progress. Bike is in North Norfolk. all good to ride home. Price: **£7000 ONO**

Contact Dave: dhdnoswad1@aol.com or phone/message 07788445798



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

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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 handle-bars. Colour matched panniers & Givi top box.

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

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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

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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.

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Moto Guzzi V7 Stone

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

Price: **£3250**.

Contact: Keith 07768 077761.

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Triumph Street Twin

Very low mileage extras include Datatool S4, Datatag, Scottolier, Triumph centre stand, rear rack, screen. Lack of mobility forces sale.

Price: **£7,000**, due to stupid low mileage (154miles). Mot to late July.





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 carbs, K&Ns, O&S Stainless 2-1 sidecar exhaust, Lucas Rita ignition. Saprisa charging, Odyssey gel battery, Avon SM IIs. 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 refurbished, converted from right to left side (1125)

Price: £950.

Contact Alf for further details:
from 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 grandfathers 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.

Denbeigh 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

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

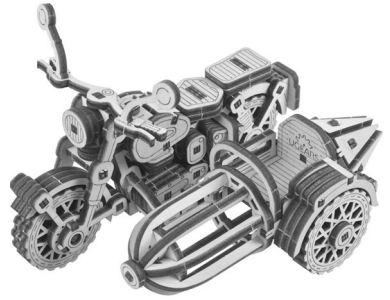
Contact: Hugh Phillips 07917 551887

hughphillips@btinternet.com

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

Contact: Roger 07710 788392

Kids Corner



I will be retiring this section in the new year as there has been very little input into it. I'll leave you with the above selection of toys (for all ages) that may interest some people for Christmas ideas. All available on a rainforest website.

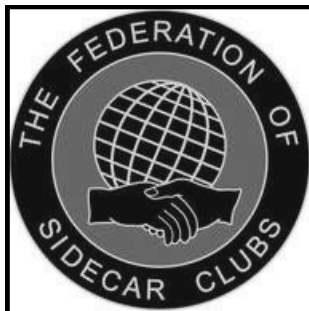
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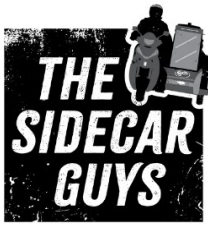
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