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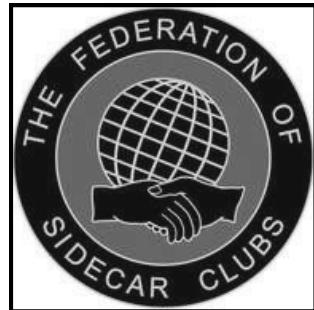
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Editorial

Clearly lots of you have now ventured out on your outfits, with many of your exploits published in this issue. Please keep them coming.

We also have a history of the Jumbo Rally, a charitable event that has been going over 60 years and has spread to other countries, I have attended 3 so far and hope to do again this year.

Paul Martyn has sent in a collection of photos of wartime outfits, maybe someone can add some information to the photos?

The committee feels confident that we are set for the rally but please bear with us if there are teething issues as a lot of us are new to it. Any help during the rally or in the form of raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Safe travels, Norton

EGM at 2025 FoSC Annual Rally

Update to the proposed changes to the constitution to be discussed during the EGM (changes in bold):

Clause 11. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

A. The purpose of the AGM will be:

- I. Reports and Accounts – presentation thereof
- II. Proposed changes to the Constitution - discussion and vote
- III. Nominations for Office - discussion and vote

These three items will constitute the Standing Agenda.

B. The AGM shall be held at the Annual Rally.

- C. The Old Committee shall remain in post, to run the current Annual Rally. The newly elected committee shall take charge at the end of the current Annual Rally.
- D. Only matters on the Final Agenda may be debated and voted on unless two thirds of the votes present decide otherwise.
- E. Any member may propose AGM motions or make nominations for office as an individual or representing any group of FoSC members approved by the FoSC.
- F. Late nominations may be accepted at the discretion of the Chairman.

G. The following periods before and after the AGM shall be adhered to:

- i. At least 40 days before – The Secretary should receive nominations for office and changes to the Constitution for inclusion in the Final Agenda.
- ii. 21 days before – The Membership will be sent the Final Agenda, Officers' Reports, Audited Accounts and any other relevant papers.
- iii. 60 days after – the Membership shall be sent Minutes of the AGM.

Clause 16. Finance

C. The financial year shall end on the 15th June.

- I. Should the FoSC be wound up, any remaining assets shall be distributed to such motorcycle/sidecarring related Charities, Causes, Organisations as determined by the NEC taking into consideration any beneficiaries proposed by the members.

FOSC Rally Regalia

The FoSC rally is not that far away. So, doing my job, I have ordered various items which are essential to the rally. I will be taking a dozen "T" shirts along with me. Plus 15 trophies for the lucky winners. Not to forget the bike stickers.

For this year, I have changed the design slightly. Instead of the embroidered breast logo, I have changed this to a fully printed chest image. This is due to poor sales of last years regalia. Maybe this change will work.

Anyone wanting a shirt for the rally, I am taking orders. Preferred size & colour only please. No fancy cuts or trim.

Thank you, John

Editor: For anyone wishing to pre-order, please contact the regalia officer, John Askham, details on the last page



Federation of Sidecar Clubs Annual Rally

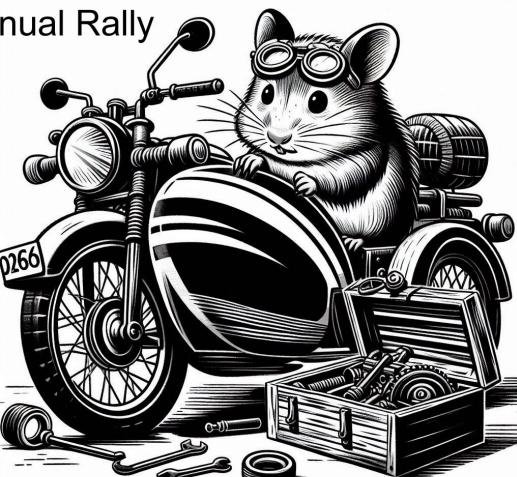
HELP NEEDED

22nd to 25th August 2025
Southam Rugby Club,
Warwickshire

Every year at the annual rally there is a maintenance test

We need someone or a small group of people to carry out the testing

You get to decide which criteria are judged and how to award the points



RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED

The Chairman has sorted out some main prizes for the raffle but any donations to the raffle would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, from the Committee.

EPSC are back

The Elbow Patch Sidecar Club is back. Well to be honest we never went away. We have always been there on the edge of things, the periphery you might say. The EPSC is a bit like a bad smell that just won't go away.

Write ups take a lot of effort, take a lot of time, well the good ones do – that's true – and I wanted to write other things, and not just write for you. But now I have decided to give it one more go. So where was I, oh yes, we are back, and we have some tales to tell. But before I do, I just have to say and please do not be surprised, if when reading this you happen on a rhyme. And when you see one, you'll just know it. Because instead of writing novels and write-ups for the Outlook, I have turned my hand to other things, and I have become a bit of a poet.

Right then, I am glad I have cleared that up. So, let's get back to the Elbow Patch, and the things '*wot we've been up to*'.

I camped at the West Mids. 2024 weekend at the Island Meadow campsite in Aston Cantlow. What a fabulous site. I was of course representing the Elbow Patch. And whilst I was there, as you can imagine, an idea began to hatch. An island campsite with streams all round, a hidden gem with friendly owners and nestled in Warwickshire's leafy countryside too. The Island Meadow is buried treasure and just perfect for our EPSC September Do (*Photos inset*).





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Alas in November for our Winter Warm Up, the venue wasn't so good. The Golden Swan at Wilcot, a great location, and a cracking campsite to boot. But the landlord of the pub, hmmmm well, let's be kind and say he wasn't a people person. And not good with people he didn't know, and certainly not good with a jovial bunch. And not very helpful either, because when one of our guys who is hard of hearing (pardon), didn't hear what he said of his Evening Menu, not only would not repeat himself but threatened, because we were loud and cheerful, to shut his kitchen too. So, we won't be going back to that Swan, but we can give a hearty recommendation to the Ship Inn, in Upavon.



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The EPSC is no longer an elite club of five. The younger originals were getting worried, that the older the older originals got ... well let's just put it bluntly, they wanted to get in younger blood to keep the EPSC alive. So, we have opened our doors, taken on crew, expanded our numbers, (invitation only, I hasten to add) and now our little sidecar club numbers a hefty twenty-two. That is 19 with an outfit, that's 19 who can call themselves members in full, like Me, and Wayne, Jason, Adam and Lee. And now we also have three on two wheels, because we believe in diversity. But we draw the line at trikes, a definite no-no to trikes, we certainly won't have any of that. But we might consider a spider, or anything like Portsmouth Pete's splendid Lomax. So, putting trikes to one side and before we go on, let's give a mention to the EPSC new blood. We have Spike and



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Robert, David Angel and Stu, plus Stephen and Adge and someone else too. Then there's Martyn and Graham, Nigel, Tony and Bob, and Portsmouth Pete, and that someone whose name escapes me as well as the two two-wheelers Minty and Fox. And of course we must not forget Uwe, our international member, in Germany. So, there you see, on a good day with a following and favourable wind, we can have at least 10 camping at an event of the EPSC.



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We are a club of friends who just love to catch up, have a drink, and chew the fat. We are the eponymous jovial bunch. But as for bringing in young blood, well it hasn't played out quite that way, because Robert is eighty and Pete's eighty-one, and I don't think anyone new is below fifty-three. That's sidecars though I think you'll agree. There's not enough young, too many old, we're hanging on by the skin of our teeth. And it's the way of all biking clubs and events. We are all slowly riding into the sunset ... oh gosh I am getting morose. Enough of that, let's get back on track, and I will tell you what we did next.

February is the Dragon and the BPMR, (the Bruce Pollard Memorial Rally). Although it is the other way around; BP comes first on the Friday, at the Y Giler Arms, and the Dragon, is wherever the Dragon is held, somewhere in Wales the following day. The BP is immensely popular, a ticket only affair, which sold out its 200 tickets within three days this year: well last year for this year, but I'm sure you know what I mean.

Anyway some, the next day after breakfast, will go on to the Dragon Rally, whilst others like us will stay camped at the Giler, for a cosy night of cider, coffee and beer. There was also a new award this year at the BP, something special in honour of Kenny Harte, a special award for the best off-road bike/outfit/whatever. Kenny was a BP stalwart who sadly passed in 2024. And the first presentation of this award went to an EPSC member no less – Bob Thorpe for his smoky T100 Triumph 500 trail/trials outfit. Bob went onto the Dragon and so did Nigel and Graham. But Wayne, Steve, Adam and Phil, who stayed at the Giler and went out on their outfits for a ride-around and got a result when they found fog, snow and ice on the narrow laned passes above Bala.

A week after the Dragon, three of the EPSC originals, Adam, Jason and Lee. Rode east across Northern Europe, took a left and continued north into and through Denmark. They then crossed the Kattegat by ferry to Norway. Then they rode through Norway to the Primus Rally. They went in search of snow and found it by the bucket full. And a good time, they say, was had by one and all.



*Snow and good times at the
Primus Rally, Norway*



And as I write this little ditty I have just seen on Facebook (Tuesday June 10), that the ubiquitous Bob's smoky T100 Triumph 500 outfit, was voted best bike of the night by the Pirates of Poole Bike Night. But enough of this digression, lets get back to the now, or should I say the then. Yes, let's get back to March 2025.

As you might have gathered, we in the EPSC like to be different. We don't like to follow the norm. We revel in winter rallies, when sensible folk are snuggled up and warm. We dream of finding snow, a forlorn hope, I know, in the UK these days. But it doesn't stop us from dreaming as our tents are battered by storms or sitting around the campfire waxing lyrical and talking of the old days, and we are old enough to have had lots of them. Because you get a different breed at winter rallies, our kind of people in fact. And even now we are planning another Scottish Road Trip for February 2026, to take in the BP, the Dragon and the Thistle. Ooops, sorry, I just veered off the point again, sorry, sorry. Sorry I did it again, didn't I! Well okay - Ooops, let's get back to March 2025, and our Targaryen Camping Weekend. It is the EPSC Dragon Rally alternative; and if you know Game of Thrones, then you will know.

Targaryen 25 was held on the campsite behind the Bruce Arms at Easton Royal near Pewsey. An old pub that has been missed the moderniser's brush, although it does have a modernised kitchen. But the landlord, although good at it – he's French – doesn't seem keen on cooking. But hey, that's a minor problem. As I said it is an old and unmodernised pub that still bears the scars of the smoking era with its nicotine-stained walls and ceiling. But for all its petty foibles it's a friendly pub, with friendly locals, and good camping facilities.

The Targaryen had a good turnout, I think it was 10, and Bob, yes him again, with his trusty smoky Triumph, took a few of us off-roading along the tracks of Salisbury Plain. Doing so again over the permitted trackways of the Dorset ridges, a few weeks later when Wayne and Steve met up again with Bob at the Chocolate Starfish Rally in Dorset.

So, there you have it, a little round up of the activities of the EPSC, the bad sme.... eh, the club that won't go away.

Steve Lyons



Snaps from the Chocolate Starfish Rally

Editor: It was nice to meet you at Aston Cantlow this year Steve, looks like you enjoyed it in the September as well. Thank you for this article, it was a great read and I for one am glad you are lingering like a bad sme...

Travels of the SYSC—Taken from their monthly newsletter SYdelines

If you remember, in last months newsletter, I urged members to get out and about. Well, a couple of our members have been doing just that. I'm talking about Vic BeDard & Chris Lindsay. They have been out & about for most of this year. It looks an exhausting list. In early April, they visited the "River View" campsite in Lincolnshire. Then Bamford, After Bamford they went to Selkirk at the beginning of May. Later in May it was. Aston Cantlow, for the West Midlands rally. While there, they took a trip down to the Cheddar Gorge. "River View" again later in May. Whaley Bridge and the Honey Farm followed soon after. The "Hobgoblin" is the latest they have been to. They aint finished yet, as Vic tells me. Where will they turn up next? We will have to wait & see. Well done Vic & Chris.

As for me, I managed to get my act together and made it to Whaley Bridge. There, I joined up with Vic & Chris, also Chris Wilson and his Son Sean, who was there with his family. Also there was Don & Paul from the Vikings club. As is the norm, on the Saturday we caught the bus into town. Had a bite to eat in one of the many cafes there. Pottered about round the craft fair that was on around the canal basin. Once back at camp. It was feet up for the rest of the weekend.

Next came the "Chain Bridge" weekend. Along with Vic & Chris, there was Alf & Sue, accompanied with Pete Ellis, who had recently fixed a blown head gasket. While up there, I believe Alf & Sue took the chance to go onto Holy Island.

The end of June, and it was the "Sheffield Steam" event. This is a must for our members. It being on our doorstep, as it were. If members were going to do an event, surely this must be the one to do. This year the event really delivered. A record number of steamers were on view. I believe that another steam gathering had been cancelled. This no doubt benefited the show. They made a great sight in the arena.

Who turned up for this one. In no particular order, there was, Pete Ellis, John & Caroline Flitney, Mick Harkin, Alf Tindall, Dan Vardy Maurice Horn and I. All of these mentioned, camped. We had plenty of "Day visitors" too. Pete Burton, Ken Freeman, Eric Smallwood, Jonathon Vardy, Jan Bilewicz and last but not in the least, Sue, Alf's partner. One or two certain friends also made appearances. Obviously, with great sunny weather all weekend, All enjoyed the event immensely.

That's it for this one. Happy riding John.

Bruges at last

We have made several failed plans to go to the somewhat famous Bruges rally . However , this was the year .

We met up with our travelling companions at Newhaven and crossed over to Dieppe with a smooth crossing . But of course , as always , it was raining in Dieppe. Perhaps I have just been unlucky , but anytime I have travelled through Northern France , the rain has been relentless and this trip was no exception . We paused when we got off the ferry , just to change into our wet gear . However a French policeman and a very big scary dog let us know , in no certain terms , that we couldn't stop there . I don't know what he was screaming at us , but it definitely wasn't " welcome to France".

We had a couple of nights in Boulogne sur Mer , to let Maxine enjoy the French experience , before moving on to Bruges. We were battered for the whole 90 miles and were thoroughly soaked and miserable when we got to our stop for the night . We did a little sightseeing in Boulogne , but all of us were more keen to get to the rally.



Enjoying the French experience

Luckily , the weather improved the further east we travelled and we arrived at the rally in the dry . A quick change and we all walked into the nearby town to watch the Ascension parade . I had been told many times that this was quite a spectacle and indeed it was . Turned out I remembered more of my bible than I realised.



No wonder Marion wasn't a fan of the rain

We were made most welcome at the Rally . The team (a very large team) worked round the clock to entertain and feed us . We were all super impressed how they managed to feed about 200 people , 3 meals a day , but they did . There were a couple of run outs and once again the organisation was fabulous . It was great to be amongst so many different nationalities . I saw my first person wearing great big wooden clogs (the real deal) and I even met 2 lovely folks from Glasgow . What a lovely time we had .

I know that some of the folks from Bruges read this , so thank you . It was great .

Marion Wood

Editor: Thank you for sending this in, looks like it was a great time, despite the rain. I have only done the Bruges Rally once but it is definitely on my list to do again.



Hobgoblin Rally 2025

For 2025 the rally has moved to a new site on the outskirts of Chester. The club has managed to book exclusive use of the site, which has locked gates from the road and on to the canal path running behind it, which you can walk along straight into the city.

The site does have a limit on numbers and was sold out quickly, luckily I managed to get in quick. Originally I had planned to bring Thea with me but she had an opportunity to do a sleepover with Beavers and as I had no idea about the site/location we decided she would not go. As it turns out the site is great for children with play equipment and a separate field to run in, so I think I will have to take her next year. But for this year I made the most of going solo and I joined my dad and step-mum for a ride over. Unfortunately I got separated from them and made it to the site about an hour in front, Terry says it was because they stopped to look for me, but I am not convinced.

On arrival I chatted to lots of familiar faces, some who I'd not seen this year. I enquired about what there was to do nearby and was informed there was a local motorbike shop, but they did not work on bikes (apparently Mark Tanner got a flat and struggled to find anywhere capable of fixing it). I was handed useful map though that showed all the local pubs and ones in Chester, with recommendations.





Once my parents finally arrived and were set up, we went for a meal at the nearby Ring O'Bells, along with Steve Wood. After the meal we joined some other rally goers for liquid refreshments. Later we made our steady way back to the campsite (along the canal path!), where we dined on paté on toast in the torchlight.

On Saturday we decided to have a walk into Chester along the canal path, a straight run of around 3 miles to the centre. And very pleasant it was too, even though my parents led me astray by dragging me into lots of pubs and to watch the horse racing.



We got back to the campsite just after the raffle, but just in time for the fire pit where lots of chat ensued for the rest of the evening. Sunday morning was a relaxed affair packing and saying farewell, followed by an enjoyable ride home. I have to say the Hobgoblin Team have found a fantastic site and put on a great rally, so thank you and hope to join you there again next year.

Safe travels, Norton

(Photos taken by Editor and Dave Levenne)



London Sidecar Club Rally 2025

Perfect weather (if a little on the hot side), lovely location with historical connections, and great company. That was this year's London Sidecar Club rally, the first one after almost two years off the road with a broken drive shaft.

After arriving and saying our hellos to everyone we began setting up our home for the weekend, only to discover that someone (I won't say who, but his name begins with Frank) had forgotten the sleeping bags. Quickly googling "Decathlon" he then had a hot sweaty ride to Croydon, only to discover it was now a Morrison's, so our bed for the weekend ended up as a double duvet and sheet, which actually worked pretty well. We then headed to the RAFA Portcullis Club for a nice cooling drink. The outside is beautifully adorned with pots and baskets of flowers, which Ted informed me are looked after by an air steward on his down days (an obviously green fingered one.) Inside is choc-a-bloc with photos and memorabilia of the Battle of Britain, as RAF Kenley (on which the club weekend is sited) is the base from which the Royal Air Force pilots flew to take on the Germans in the English Channel during the Second World War, a fact not lost on us, being RAF veterans ourselves.



The evening saw us make use of the Toasted Sandwich Van for our evening meal. They did a decent jacket potato, as well as their more well known toasties. Stephen Wood outdid us all, however, enjoying prawns, linguine and cherry tomatoes, cooked by his own fair hand. Very impressive Stephen! Later, we returned to the club to help increase the bar's profits - well - it would have been rude not to!

Next morning we were up ridiculously early before the temperature soared to 30 degrees, and having treated ourselves to a bacon bap, we set out on the RAF Kenley Battle of Britain Trail just outside the campsite. With various plaques to read and sites of old buildings and aircraft shelters to explore I was in my element. The final site is a stone memorial depicting a pilot, an airman and an airwoman who all played their part in events. Frank is used to the fact that if there's a blue plaque on a building then I have to go read it. It took the best part of an hour along the perimeter of the airfield, which is still active, so we then returned to our tent for a couple of hours just chilling and watching the world go by.

In the afternoon we tried our hand at the fiendishly difficult and well-hidden "Feeble Bags". One little chap ran excitedly up to a bag, felt it, then shouted out to his family "It's a toy hammer!"! I don't think he quite understood how the game worked but it made us chuckle. Frank suggested that it might be a good idea to follow him! (We didn't)

Later, when the temperature had dropped slightly, we were "coerced" by Ted into Silly Games, which were the usual fun, with one or two new ones thrown into the mix that we hadn't come across before. Needless to say, the kids were far better at them than us adults. It was hilarious watching Frank trying to hula-hoop. On that same note I have to say it was really nice to see so many children of all ages taking part and just having fun together – not a screen in site! As ever, Linda Cheer was selling the proverbial raffle tickets. (I think you could sell fridges to Eskimos Linda!)

The evening was spent sitting outside, just chatting and catching up with people before retiring to our makeshift bed.

Next morning was raffle and prize giving time. Linda Pereira won Longest Distance (Overseas) Award. Always nice to see you Linda. We were surprised to win Longest Distance UK, having only ridden around 135 miles, but many of the rallyists were local.

As is always the case it was then time to pack everything away, and having said our goodbyes, set off for home.

Thanks to Ted and Linda Cheer, Pete Walk and the rest of the London Sidecar Club members who helped to make it such a lovely weekend. Your efforts were very much appreciated.

Frank and Chris Sumner

Editor—Thank you Chris for sending this in. It sounds like a very enjoyable rally and a good one for the kids. Details of the 2026 rally are in the event section.



The History of Jumbo

In 1961, Jumbo was created by David Cooper who worked for Motorcycle Industry Association at Stanley House in Coventry. He wanted to show that "mods and rockers" weren't all bad and decided to create a group where motorcyclists were able to take children with special needs out to specific venues across the West Midlands to start with; the first run being Dudley Zoo.

In 1962; as everyone seemed to enjoy Dudley Zoo, it made sense for the second run to be at this venue again. Little did anyone know that 'Jumbo' would be born and it was all from meeting an elephant called Jumbo. Dudley Zoo became one of the 'go-to' run hotspots for a few years after,

In 1967; as the charity started to grow, it was decided that Stanley House was too small for our base so moved to a carpark in Solihull. Little did anyone know just how big Jumbo was going to get over the next few decades.

In 1973; growing even more, the next base was at Chelmsley Wood Hospital grounds where we camped there for a number of years. During this time, Jumbo visited different venues such as Black Country Museum, Ragley Hall and Twycross Zoo where the children and of course the adults all enjoyed themselves.

By this time, bikers were coming from all over the country and Europe; Holland, Belgium, Germany and France to name but a few. Due to the size of the run, we even had police escorts when travelling to and from the venues, isn't it nice when you can go through a red light without getting a ticket?! We also had solo marshals to help the police guide us in the right direction and keep the convoy together.

In 1986; Jumbo celebrated its 25th anniversary in one of their favourite hot-spots and where it all started, Dudley Zoo. Each Jumbo member received a silver spoon consisting of either a bike and sidecar or a solo motorcycle. Has anyone still got theirs?

In 1991; Jumbo celebrated its 30th anniversary at Coombe Abbey. Each Jumbo member received an elephant keyring.



Mick Priestley, getting ready to mount bike, is the man in charge of registering all the sidecar rigs for the Jumbo.



In 1997; with the impending changes at Chelmsley Wood Hospital, Jumbos base moved to the Birmingham Civil Service Social Club in Elmdon. Does anyone remember seeing the aeroplanes coming in to land over the end of the field towards Birmingham airport? What a sight to see?!

Jumbo visited Elvaston Castle, Drayton Manor and The American Adventure until the year 2000 as the charity mixed it up for their 40th anniversary.



In 2000; the Jumbo run was held at Butlins in sunny Skegvegas (Skegness for those people who don't know!!) where we went on a ride around the local area, unfortunately didn't have time to try the local cuisine of fish and chips!! Each Jumbo member received a cup and saucer to celebrate its 40th year running.

In 2008; due to the expansion of Birmingham airport, Jumbo had to move bases to Coleshill Football Club. This was a smaller venue than we were used to however we learnt to accommodate and stayed for a few years. The clubhouse was small but cosy and had some fantastic nights together dancing the night away.

In 2011; Jumbo celebrated its half a century anniversary (wow, how time flies when you're having fun!!). Each member this year received a commemorative plate.

Just like old times; we ventured to where we knew and went to Drayton Manor Theme Park.

In 2013; due to a change in committee members, we moved to Landrover Social Club for our base. Unfortunately, after this year the police decided they wouldn't be able to escort us to and from venues which caused a decrease in the number of participants for the run.

If only we had some friends that read this magazine to help us in this year's run??!!

In 2019 and subsequently 2020; Covid struck meaning no Jumbo runs. It was a daunting time as we really didn't know how or if Jumbo would survive.

In 2024; we finally were able to celebrate our 60th anniversary, better late than never!! What's the best way to celebrate this milestone we hear you say?? Well it was Cadbury's World of course!!!

This year we are moving our base again to Birch Coppice Miners Social Welfare Centre. This is a super venue with plenty of outdoor space and hoping that everyone will enjoy themselves with the run/day out to Conkers.

*The idea of Jumbo has ventured overseas to Europe and the newest/youngest run is being held in Ireland on 13th September 2025.

**We hope that this year will be the best year yet with new and old members coming together making it a great day for everyone. This however won't be possible without your help; please come along and support this amazing charity, why don't you bring some friends.....Jumbo always needs extra sidecars, trikes, three wheelers and solos. For more information, email sidecarorg@jumbogb.org.uk

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

18 th —The Winter Sidecar Meet	Silver Ball Cafe, A10 at Reed, Hertfordshire, SG8 8BD. From 10.30am
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April

11 th —13 th —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.
18 th —21 st —South Yorkshire SC, Easter Egg Rally	Bamford and Thornhill Recreation Ground, S33 0DA. See flyer for full details.

May

16 th —18 th —Hedingham SOC, Camping Weekend	Glenel 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.
15 th —17 th —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.
23 rd —26 th —ADAM Camping Weekend	Het Bosland, Meeneweg 29, 7021 HP Zelhem See flyer for full details.
29 th —1 st June—21 st International Sidecar Rally Brugge	On the grounds of Sint Lodewijks College, Magdalenastraat 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.
20 th – 22 nd – Vikings Camping Weekend	Chain Bridge Honey Farm, Horncliff, Berwick on Tweed, Northumberland, TD15 2XT Full facilities, honey farm shop/visitor centre, small museum. Large collection of old farming equipment. Large club tent for socialising (or shelter). Hog roast van on site Friday and Saturday evening. Pub 1 mile. Berwick is 3 miles away with shops and filling stations. We will be there on Wednesday 18th, so if you want to join us and make a longer weekend please do so. Cost £10 per unit per night Contact: Don 07736 650310
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	Tanpits Cider Farm, West Monkton, Taunton, Somerset, TA2 8BZ. http://www.tanpitsfarmcampsite.co.uk/ 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
22 nd – 25 th – Federation of SC Annual Rally	Southam Rugby Club, Warwickshire. See flyer for full details.
29 th – 31 st – Culm Vale SC, Watchet Camping Weekend	<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.



Photo from Watchet 2024, taken from sidercarland.uk

September

5th – 7th – West Midlands SC, Autumn Gathering	Century House Campsite (AM & LM Trevitt), 100 Turning Lane, Scarisbrick, nr Southport, PR8 5HZ £11 PER UNIT PER NIGHT, pay at reception on arrival. £5 Per Person Day Visit Good facilities with disabled access. BBQ Area with a gazebo for socialising etc. Close to shops and pubs. Tel: 01704 535 164
12th – 14th – Jumbo GB rally	Birch Coppice Miners Social Welfare Centre, Watling St, Dordon, Tamworth, B78 1SY. See flyer for full details.
19th – 21st – Vikings Camping Weekend	Moor End Farm, Acaster Malbis, York, YO23 2UG. Toilets, showers disabled/family wet room, pot wash area, washing machines, microwave and fridge. Boat trips into York. £10 per unit per night Contact Don 07736 650310

October

2nd – 5th – 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, Wash-up 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. eddiecheer@aol.com or 07746584093 Sat Nav N51.29.185 E0.14.816
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November

Hedingham SOC Winter Warmer Rally	Biggin, Derbyshire. More details to follow.
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Federation of Sidecar Clubs Annual Rally 2025



22nd – 25th August



Southam Rugby Club
Kineton Road
Southam
Warwickshire
CV47 2DG

Rally prices remain the same as last year:

Members: £12 per unit per night, Non-members: £16 per unit per night, Day visitors £5

The usual fun and games (*Organisers to be announced*):

Driving competition, Highway Code test, Maintenance test.

Silly games, disco, raffle

Run out

Bar provided by the Rugby Club and food from the Smiley Chef

Dogs are allowed on the site: Owners, please act responsibly
Strictly no open fires, charcoal BBQs etc. (Gas BBQs allowed)

More information to follow

Culm Vale Sidecar Club's

Watchet 2025

This event is a pre-book only event. To pre-book contact the organiser by email or Text.

29th, 30th and 31st, August 2025

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

62nd Jumbo Run

12th - 14th of September

This years run will be on the 13th of September, we will be taking the children for a day of fun to Conkers.

New Starting point and Camping site is at Birch Coppice sports & social club.

Free camping is available from Friday 12nd until Sunday 14th September

Birch Coppice Sports & Social Club, Tamworth, B78 1SY

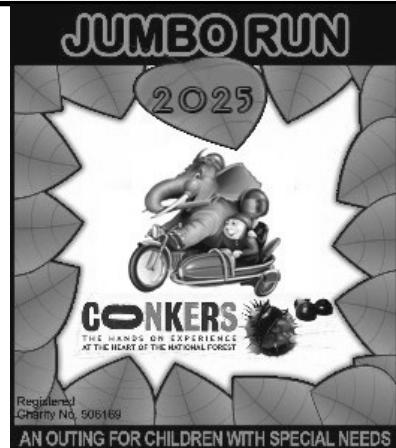
A GREAT TIME GUARANTEED!!

WE REQUIRE SIDECARS, TRIKES FOR THE CHILDREN'S RIDE OUT.

ALSO ALL YOU SOLO RIDERS FOR ROAD DIRECTING DURING THE RUN AND RETURN.

We will be meeting be meeting up at the Social Club at around @8.30am and the run will set off @10am

For more info please contact Adam Fenton sidecarorg@jumbogb.co.uk



Wartime Outfits

Editor: Paul Martyn has sent in an interesting collection of photos he found of mainly European outfits from the two World Wars. Ironically a lot of the photos had been colourised and I have had to convert them back to black and white. They make me nostalgic for my Ural, though I never had a machine gun mounted. Hopefully they are of interest, thank you Paul.



Polish troops on a Sokoi 1000 motorcycle with a machine gun.



Probably BMW R12 Model 1935—German soldier at Raate Road, Finland. Road built on logs due spots of, what seemed like, bottomless marsh.



Probably a Zündapp K-600 or K-800



BMW R75 with MG.42



8th panzer division



Luftwaffe night fighter aces Werner Str and Hans-Dieter Frank are pictured on a motorcycle sidecar marked with the Nacht jagdgeschwader1 insignia, circa 1940. Werner Str (13 June 1911 – 15



SS-Verfügungstruppe (SS-Special-purpose troops) in front of the Haarlem Stadhuis (City Hall), Grote Markt, Netherlands. May 15, 1940

On 15 May, the Netherlands officially signed the surrender with Germany, although Dutch forces in the province of Zeeland, which had come under French control, continued fighting alongside French forces until 17 May, when the bombardment of the town of Middelburg forced them to surrender also.



Douglas 4 HP (600cc) SV motorcycle combination, with straight front forks, meaning this photograph must date to 1916 or after



Two Red Army soldiers pass by a destroyed German Zündapp K-800 from a motorcycle battalion of the 8th Panzer Division after a counter-attack by the Soviets on the city of Soltsy in the region of Leningrad. Mid July 1941



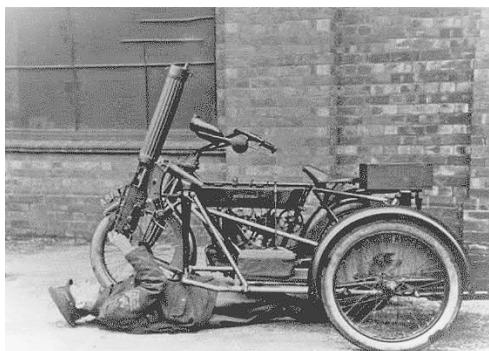
Two Zündapp K-800



WW2 BMW outfit in France



Parade through Paris



A Royal Enfield machine gun bike as anti aircraft gun. Just imagine the amount of brass hitting you in the face. It would need a belt handler, if it was for real!



Maybe a NSU?



11th 'Grey Ghost' Panzer Division emblem on the side car

Letters

Editor: Attached are a few letters I have received, thank you all for the kind words and the content, this is what will keep the Outlook going.

Hi Norton,

This might be of interest to some Fed members in case you want to include this on your "letters" page.

I found an interesting snippet in "The Dragon Motorcycle Rally" book by C.A.Morgan (2011) about the Oxfordshire Sidecar Club and wondered if any of the Fed's members could remember or had heard about the clubs "brew-up and thaw-out station near the Oxford bypass"? It was set up in the 1960s on a Sunday afternoon with home going Dragon rallyists dropping in to warm up and have a "last natter and joke together." The book quotes the sidecar secretary, Roger Green saying that on one year "we got rid of 500 rolls and 28lb of sausages." The club were lucky enough to know a friendly farmer who allowed them to set up shop on a short stretch of private track. The farmer also lent the club "a redundant milk churn as a water tank and storing the gear in his barn."

Thanks,

Martin Arundell

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

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

Wanted

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

A.I.C.V. for 1989 GL 1500 Goldwing (0525). Contact Phil Weston: fil.weston@googlemail.com or 07759058858

Wheel Hub for Watsonian Palma or Monaco

sidecar. Contact Mick 01555664970 or m.lynch931@btinternet.com



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)

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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

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.

Triumph Street Twin

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

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





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

Hinckley Bonneville fuel tank - £125 (0525)

Enlarged for sidecar work, 5 gallons
approximately, new fuel tap, carburettor
model

15 inch rear wheel 40 spoke alloy rim £125

Buyer collects. Contact:

chrisandles@talktalk.net



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.
Located Fife, Scotland. Price: **£2995.**

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, 07895 382424.

Kids Corner



As I have not had any content for this feature I have improvised again. Shown is a working wooden model of a sidecar Harlan got me for my last birthday. It is from UGears and consists of 380 parts and is rated 14+. It looks loosely based on a Ural and uses elastic bands to drive the bike wheel and sidecar wheel! It was a fun build that took me 4/5 hours to complete. Maybe a suitable gift for our membership or their children/grandchildren.

I will keep this feature going until the end of the year, but if I don't get any content I will stop as I will probably run out of ideas. Hopefully it has provided some entertainment though.

Norton

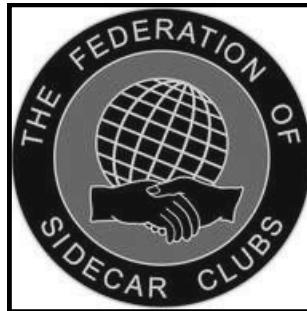
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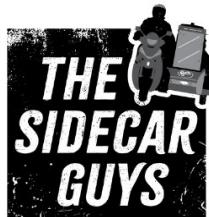
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