



Surrey Hills Rally 2-5 August 2018

INTRODUCTION

This year's MOC Rally will be held in Reigate, Surrey (Sat Nav post code RH2 8JX) within the grounds of the Old Reigatians Rugby Football Club, which has a modern pavilion with a bar and large function room as well as showers and toilets. The site is spacious and well drained with great views of the North Downs and surrounding countryside. A limited number of power hook ups will be available for campers. Camping pitches for motorhomes, caravans and tents will be available on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights without the need for prior booking and pitches can also be rented for the Wednesday and Sunday nights by prior arrangement.

Surrey Hills is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Surrey, England. The AONB was designated in 1958 and covers one quarter of the county of Surrey. We shall explore much of it during the rally.

Reigate is an ancient market town situated just outside the designated AONB and close to Junction 8 of the M25. The town centre has many shops, cafes and restaurants within a short walk of the rally site and the nearby Priory Park and Castle Grounds are well worth a visit. There is also a good range of B&B and hotel accommodation in the area for those that prefer not to stay at the rally site.

The rally will follow the usual format with runs out to local places of interest on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday with the concours, auction and prize-giving taking place on Sunday at the rally site. A three-course dinner will be held in the pavilion on Saturday night. The bar and function room will be open for us each evening. We will be celebrating 60 years of the Tg500 and hope to get as many Tg500s at the rally as is possible. Other types of microcar are welcome to the rally but will not be eligible to participate in the concours d'elegance event.

COSTS AND BOOKING

A fee of £10 for each rally entry will be payable. This can be paid in advance or on arrival.

Camping on site for tents, motorhomes/vans and caravans will be available at the following rates on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Arrangements for camping on the Wednesday and Sunday nights can be made by prior agreement:

- Unpowered pitch: £10.50/night
- Powered pitch: £16.00/night (there are a limited number of powered pitches which will be allocated on a first come first served basis)

Saturday evening three-course dinner at a cost of £25 for adults and £12.50 for children under 15.

Saturday Dinner menu:

Starter:

Ham Hock Terrine served with a sweet tomato chutney and foccacia bread

Main:

Chicken Supreme stuffed with Roasted Mediterranean Vegetable Ratatouille, with Roasted Chateaux Potatoes with a Red Wine Jus

Dessert:

Salted caramel Tart served with crumble ice cream

Alternative vegetarian menu:

Starter

Vegetable Bruschetta

Main

Pea, Asparagus and Mint Risotto with Parmesan Crisps and Herb Oil.

Dessert

Salted caramel Tart served with crumble ice cream

Children's dinner menu:

Starter:

Antipasti Mezze board – selection of meats, crudites, pita and dips

Main:

Pork sausages with creamy mash and red onion gravy

Dessert:

Salted caramel Tart served with crumble ice cream

Or

Ice Cream

Prior booking of camping pitches and tickets for the Saturday evening dinner is essential. It will also make the organiser's job easier if you can indicate if you are planning on attending the rally and on which days. It will also save time when checking in at Rally Control if you pay for your entry, camping and dinner in advance. Payments can be made in advance by PayPal, cheque or internet banking. Payments on arrival at Rally Control can be made by cash, cheque or credit/debit card.

Please contact Andy Woolley before 24 July to confirm that you will be coming to the rally and to book camping pitches and dinner tickets as required. Phone or text him on 07956282241 or email him at karospondent@gmail.com with your requirements. Please also indicate if you wish to pay in advance and by what method.

DAILY PROGRAMME:

Thursday, 2 August

Assemble at the rally site at the Old Reigatians Rugby Club (Park Lane, Reigate RH2 8JX). There will be an afternoon run to Denbies Wine Estate (London Road, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6AA - www.denbies.co.uk), leaving Reigate around mid-day. Admission to Denbies is free of charge. There are excellent walks through the vineyards and into the woods at the top of the hill. On site there is also an excellent restaurant, gift shop, the Village Green Farm Shop and the Surrey Hills Brewery. Winery and vineyard tours are also available for a charge. We then return to Reigate for a free evening. Reigate has a good choice of restaurants and cafes and, additionally, the Rugby club bar will be open for us.

Friday, 3rd August

We depart for the Brooklands Museum at 10.00 (Brooklands Road, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 0QN - www.brooklandsmuseum.com). Brooklands is the birthplace of British motorsport and aviation. In addition to the restored clubhouse, partly restored banked motor circuit, Barnes Wallis designed 'Stratosphere Chamber' and the motoring, motorcycling and aviation exhibits (including Concorde), the museum has recently opened The Brooklands Aircraft Factory, housed in the restored Bellman Hangar, and the new Flight Shed, which combine to show the ingenuity and skill of the men and women who designed, built and flew aircraft at Brooklands from the early pioneering days in 1908 through to the development of supersonic flight. There is a café and shop, as well as the London Bus Museum, on site. We qualify for group entry rates payable on entry as follows – Adults: £12.50, Seniors: £10.50, Children aged 5-16: £6, Children under 5: Free. **If you intend to visit the Museum as part of our group it is essential to let Andy Woolley know how many will be in your party by 5th July.** For those that are unwilling to meet the cost of entry to the museum, we suggest that a visit is made to nearby Mercedes Benz World, to which entry is free of charge.

There will be an evening reception at the rally site. Additionally, the Rugby club bar will be open for us though the evening.

Saturday, 4th August

We depart for Sheffield Park in West Sussex (TN22 3QL) at 10.00 where we join other microcar owners from the Bond Owners' Club Loxwood Rally and park in the Bluebell Railway's overflow car park situated on the A275 road in between Sheffield Park Station and the National Trust gardens. From here you have the choice of visiting the preserved steam railway (www.bluebell-railway.com) or visiting the world-famous gardens (www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sheffield-park-and-garden). Entry to the railway is by platform ticket costing £3.00, which also gives access to the Bluebell Railway Museum, shop, Bessemer Arms pub/restaurant and loco sheds. Tickets can also be purchased for steam train rides. Entry to Sheffield Park Gardens costs £11.20 for an adult and £5.60 for a child but is free to National Trust members.

There will be an optional extended run for Tg500s, led by Mark Smith, which will go to Sheffield Park by a route that allows the Tg500s to stretch their legs.

There will be an evening three-course dinner in the Rugby Club's clubhouse. A vegetarian option will be available (see menus above). The raffle will be drawn after dinner and all are invited to attend the draw. The bar will be open for us all evening.

Sunday, 5th August

The day's events will all be based at the rally site in Reigate and will include an auction, display of Messerschmitt vehicles, concours d'elegance, auto-jumble and prize-giving.

LOCAL ACCOMMODATION

For those of you that are planning to stay in B&B or hotel accommodation are advised to book your accommodation early. Here are some suggestions in order of distance from the rally site:

Hotels

Cranleigh Hotel – Reigate (0.5 miles) Tel: 01737 223417 - www.cranleighhotel.com

Best Western – Reigate (1.6 miles) Tel: 0844 387 6039 – www.bestwestern.co.uk

Bridge House – Reigate (2.1 miles) Tel:01737 246801 - www.bridgehousereigate.com

Travelodge - Redhill (2.9 miles) - Tel: 08715 591843 - www.travelodge.co.uk

Premier Inn – Salfords (4.1 miles) - Tel: 0871 527 8930 - www.premierinn.com

Travelodge - Dorking (5.6 miles) - Tel: 08719 846026 – www.travelodge.co.uk

B&B

Lynwood Guest House- Redhill (2.7 miles) – Tel: 01737 766894 - www.lynwoodguesthouse.com

Bovey Cottage – Betchworth (3.2 miles) – Tel: 07468427692 - www.betchworthbandb.co.uk

The Red Lion – Betchworth (3.8 miles) – Tel: 01737 843336 – www.redlion.timewellspent.co.uk

Brockham B&B – Brockham (5.7 miles) – Tel: 01737 843883 - www.brockhambandb.com

There is also a good range of B&B type accommodation available in Reigate through www.airbnb.co.uk.