



Surrey Hills Rally 2-5 August 2018

Next 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. 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.

A fee of £10 for each rally entry will be payable. Camping on site for tents, motorhomes/vans and caravans will be available at the following rates: Unpowered pitch: £10.50/night – Powered pitch: £16.00/night. Prior booking of camping pitches and the Saturday evening dinner is recommended.

Other types of microcar are welcome to the rally but will not be eligible to participate in the concours d'elegance event.

The provisional programme for the rally is as follows:

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 as follows – Adults: £12.50, Seniors: £10.50, Children aged 5-16: £6, Children under 5: Free. 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 and we are working on the possibility of organizing a burger van on site. Additionally, the Rugby club bar will be open for us.

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 via Brands Hatch to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Tg500's press launch.

There will be an evening three-course dinner in the Rugby Club's clubhouse at a cost of £25 for adults and £12.50 for children under 15. A vegetarian option will be available.

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.
Club house picture