

3rd NEW FOREST RALLY UPDATE NEWS LETTER 20 JULY 2014

It is now only a week before the start of the rally and we hope you are all looking forward to our 40th Year. While many of you return year after year, we will also be pleased to welcome a number of you for whom it is the first time. We hope you enjoy the week and that the weather stays kind to us.

Below is a reminder of a few points on the Rally organisation and we would ask you to take a few minutes to read this information.

The ethos of the rally continues to be informal and not to over organise, however being on the Avon Tyrrell Rally site they have certain regulations regarding Health and Safety etc and understand names and numbers of people on site on a daily basis which we must comply with.

BOOKINGS NOW CLOSED

If you were planning to come to this year's rally you will by now have sent off your booking form, bookings for the rally closed on the 14 July.

RALLY SITE OPENS FROM 12.00PM FRIDAY 25 JULY

Previously the rally site did not officially open until 3.00pm, but with a few organisation changes we have been able to bring this forward to 12 noon which we hope will be helpful to people. **However please respect this opening time, do not turn up before 12.00 noon, the gate will be locked until 12.00 and no entry to the Campground will be allowed.** If you are early there are several New Forest car parks very close to the rally site, so please **stop at one of these**, park up, stretch your legs until the official time.

Please do not wait on the Avon Tyrrell entrance drive before 12.00noon, it is single track road and you will cause problems for other users going in and out of Avon Tyrrell.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

CHECK IN DESK ON ARRIVAL

Please check in at the arrivals desk please **do not** pitch on the rally site **before** you have been checked in. (This is a requirement of Avon Tyrrell Management, see opening comment)

- We need to check we have your Avon Tyrrell 'site list form of people attending in your party whether you have children or not' (If we do not have the form you will need to complete this form on arrival, as an alternative you could print form from the web site at home, complete and hand it in on arrival. (This form is a requirement of Avon Tyrrell Management,
- Allocate you an Electric Hook up Pitch pre bookings only.
- Give you your T Shirts and Polo Shirts if pre ordered.
- Volunteers to help, discuss with you when you can help.
- Velodrome booking if you wish to be added to the list

LIGHTWEIGHT CAMPING SECTION

We will have a special section for campers arriving by cycle and other lightweight tent campers. This will be located on the top field just below the swimming pool, so close to showers and toilets. This will be 'Car Free' should you wish to use this quiet camping area then you must park your car in one of the Avon Tyrrell car parks.

CAR PARKING ON SITE

Being a cycling week most people do not use their cars on and off the site. We will have over 90 children playing around the site and it is great if they do not have to worry about car movements. Also if it is wet and very muddy, the ground quickly becomes rutted with tyre marks.

We would ask that car movements be kept to an absolute minimum. Should you anticipate wanting to use your car, on a daily or regular bases, we would ask you to leave your car on one of the Official Avon Tyrrell car parks.

VOLUNTEER HELPERS

A number of you have agreed to help out at the rally for which we are grateful, on your arrival at the rally site we hope to indicate where we would like your help during the week so that you can plan your time accordingly

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We need three or four new people who are prepared to help out on the committee to ensure continuity and we are able to have enough people to run next year's event. In particular, we require a new Publicity Officer/Webmaster as Bob Cooper, who has held and developed this post so well over the past five years, will be resigning this year. Please seek out and speak to Andy Cook our Chairman at the rally before the AGM if you would like to help.

VELODROME TUESDAY TRACK CYCLING

Calshot Velodrome is booked for a session between 1.00pm and 3.00 pm we have booked a coach to take us there. Please book your place on arrival if you wish to take part.

TOILET and SHOWER FACILITIES

We have received confirmation that the new facilities down by the lake are now up and running. In addition there are extra toilet and shower facilities in the main block above the swimming pool. Also toilets at the end of the bike hire unit. With these new facilities being open, there will be no need for the portable/shower facilities supplied by Avon Tyrrell as in previous years.'

RALLY PROGRAMME DURING THE WEEK

Please remember to look at the daily chalk board in the tent for latest information and daily rides being led. We need ride leaders, please add details on the chalk board for any rides you plan to take. We have some turn by turn rides on PDF file starting from Avon Tyrrell researched by the Tandem Club, we will send separate email so you can look and print rides you would like to ride.

FRIDAY 12.00 Noon Friday 25 July **Rally Site Opens**

SATURDAY 7.00PM AGM (Straw Bale Barn) followed by Cheese and Wine (adults only)

SUNDAY Evening swimming sessions

MONDAY Evening 7.00pm Social Cake cutting/cheese wine (everybody) followed by Beetle Drive

TUESDAY Velodrome session 1.00pm -3.00pm 7.00pm Evening Time Trial Juniors and Children

WEDNESDAY Activities day (mainly pre bookings but may be some spare places please ask)

THURSDAY Ride to the Isle Wight. Nothing planned for the evening, keep an eye on the daily board

FRIDAY 7.00pm B-B-Q (Bring your own food to cook and drinks)

SATURDAY Depart site by 10.00 am