

*A Newsletter for the Knaus Owners Club in the UK*

KNAUS KONTAKT



January 2015

## **CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER**



**H**appy New Year to all Knaus club members, wherever you may be! Either sunning yourselves by the Med or in the southern hemisphere, or perhaps you are at home putting up with the cold and snow!

We had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and are now looking forward to the spring and getting on the road again, with our new passenger, Bonnie, a long haired miniature Dachshund. She is four months old now and is learning fast. She certainly has enriched our lives, we did not realise how much we missed having a dog around.

The Harrogate show is on the 27th of March for three days. Although it's a smaller show, it's very pleasant plus, if you subscribe to the MMM magazine, in the April issue they are offering two free tickets!

We are looking forward to meeting up with as many members as possible at the Peterborough show between 17th to 19th of April. This is when we hold our AGM, but don't be put off by that, we usually have a good number of members and it's a real social occasion.

There is more about other meetings on the following pages, including additional Warners rallies later in the year. We are also hoping to hold a rally in June near York, but have yet to hear of much interest from fellow members. If you are considering attending for even a night or two, please let the organisers know as soon as possible, so they can get their planning right.

Looking forward to meeting up soon and hearing how your winter travels have gone.

Best regards

Mike

**CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF**  
**THE NATIONAL MOTORHOMESHOW**  
17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015  
PETERBOROUGH

**THE UK'S LARGEST OUTDOOR MOTORHOME SHOW**  
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## WARNERS SHOWS - CLUB RALLIES 2015

The Knaus Owners Club will be rallying at the following Warners Shows this year. We have already had to estimate numbers of members attending the shows to be held at Peterborough, Malvern and Lincoln (no interest has been registered in any other Warners Shows), and therefore we would ask that when you book for any of these shows, you also notify the secretary, using the link on the website. This will enable the club to monitor numbers and if necessary negotiate additional places with Warners.

The show dates are as follows:

Peterborough	16th to 20th April
Malvern	13th to 17th August
Lincoln	24th to 28th September

We look forward to welcoming both new and existing members at all, or some of these rallies.

Andrea Wolfe-Hamblin

## LOWDHAMS NOVEMBER FEST - 8/9TH NOVEMBER 2014.

This was a new venture for Lowdhams, the first time they had attempted anything on this scale. They asked me if I would act as one of their marshals for the weekend, which of course I was happy to do on behalf of the Knaus Owners Club.

We arrived very early on the Friday morning and easily parked up with electric for the weekend. I met my fellow marshals and decided a plan of action as we had to fit in over 70 vans on their car park, the camping field and on the workshop access road.

Our club had 8 vans attending; we parked everyone in their groups or with friends as far as possible and over the Friday and Saturday got all the campers sited up successfully. The weather was basically poor all weekend. Though it rained most of the time, this did not dampen anyone's enthusiasm.

Lowdhams and all their staff were really very attentive to everyone's needs. We all got a goodie bag, containing gifts from the manufacturers, coffee and tea vouchers, and tickets for the evening's event. The showroom looked fab, all decked out with balloons and streamers, with the atmosphere being second to none.

The evening's event was a Hog Roast and German beer, sponsored by a well known German manufacturer. There was a Bavarian live band in a special marquee, all decked out fantastically with a Bavarian theme, with all Lowdhams staff dressed up, a fantastic sight. We all had special tables with two tables for the Knaus group, so we were all able to sit together for the evening, with Bavarian hats for us all plus the usual party items on the table.

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## LOWDHAMS NOVEMBER FEST (CONT'D)

We were greeted at the door with schnapps, the wine and beer drinks were all £1 each, which was all going towards their chosen charity for the weekend of Macmillan Cancer Support. There was a raffle of prizes, all donated by the various manufacturers in attendance, which the proceeds again went to Macmillan Cancer Support. I believe they raised almost £1000 from the raffle and drinks sales.

There was then an excellent Hog Roast supper with salad, bread etc., followed by more music and dancing. The evening closed with a wonderful fireworks display.



I have to say it was altogether a wonderful weekend, well organised and such a fabulous atmosphere all the time.

Lowdhams as dealers have got plenty of stick from us all over the years, but my goodness they pulled out all the stops for this weekend, which was appreciated by us all.

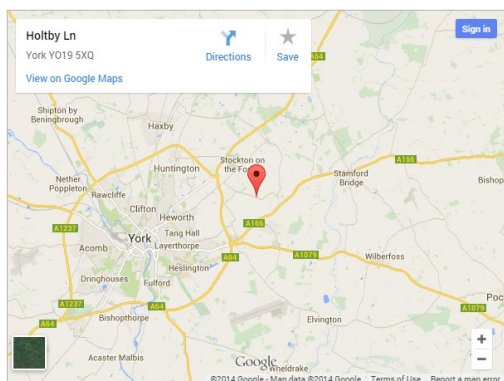
They were also extremely kind to Olive and myself, presenting her with a bouquet of flowers and me with a voucher to spend in the shop in appreciation of my marshalling duties.

Very well done Lowdhams, you really did show your customers how much you value them.

Tony Poole

## PLANNED YORK RALLY 12-22 JUNE 2015

As announced in October's Kontakt, a rally is being planned close to York from **12-22 June 2015**. Members will be welcome to join us for as long as they wish, for the whole event or for a night or two, perhaps on the way to/from another destination. **So far we have had only a few expressions of interest and we would welcome your support, even if you are only thinking of attending at this stage (newsletter@knausowners.com).**



We hope that by spanning two weekends as many as possible will be able to join us. The rally is being held within the beautiful Vale of York (see map). Bus stops serving York and onto Leeds or to the coast are around a mile and a quarter away, but we plan to offer an occasional shuttle service to and from the conveniently located park and ride bus services into York (with all its many attractions – see [www.visityork.org](http://www.visityork.org)) as well. These also offer free motorhome parking for those who want to do their own thing, and a choice of two are within four miles of the site.

The North York Moors and Yorkshire Dales are within easy driving distance, as are the coastal towns of Whitby, Filey and Scarborough. The rally field itself will only offer the basic facilities of fresh water, and disposal of both grey and black water. Prices per night will accordingly be kept as low as possible.

Jim Whitehouse



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Is where Kevin Hamblin would be happy if you could e-mail your experiences to him for others to share.

There is also a Discussion Forum where you can post questions or put up subjects for discussion. Why not log on and see?

Thank you.

# **Warners Shows to Consider 2015**



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