

January 2023

Dear Club Secretary,

I would like to draw your attention to Gosport's annual Vehicle Rally, which will be held on the Summer Bank Holiday, Monday, 28th August 2023.

The rally is organised and manned by the Rotary Club of Gosport, Hampshire and is a fund-raising event for nominated charities. All funds raised go to charity and the Rotary Club gives its time freely in the lead-up, organisation and staffing on the day of the rally. In 2022 over £10,000 was raised.

The Rally

There are numerous classes of vehicle, for example, pre-1945, Classic, Military, Kit-cars and also Motor Bikes. To compliment the day there are amusements, attractions and stalls selling various merchandise and products. Refreshment stands and a fully licensed bar also participate on the day. The entry fee will be £5.00 for cars on the day, £3.00 for motorcycles; for pre-booked vehicles £4.00 for cars and £2.00 for motorcycles.

If you wish any of your cars to be judged then they must be booked in and registered prior to the event; they will not be judged if they register on the day.

Location

The rally uses spacious grounds at Stokes Bay [PO12 2BL] in Gosport and is a few yards away from the Solent, with its Pebble Beach café, restaurant and bar. Should your club wish to come along and perhaps bring your own gazebo, for example, then this could easily be accommodated. A number of entrants have done so in the past and enjoyed a pleasant picnic.

Make a Weekend of it

For those wanting to make a weekend of it there are numerous hotels and bed and breakfast establishments nearby, together with a camping and caravan park. Local attractions abound such as the forts and the naval dockyard where one can enjoy exciting museums such as Mary Rose and HMS Victory. In Gosport, many years a submarine base, one can visit HMS Alliance and many other submarine displays. Water bus tours of the Harbour run regularly. For those with retail in mind, visit Gun Wharf Quays in Portsmouth which was modelled on the V&A shopping centre in Cape Town. There are hundreds of shops catering for all tastes and requirements.

What Next

If there is interest in this event within your Club, please contact the Secretary on sec.gosportvehiclerally@gmail.com and entry forms will be forwarded to you, followed by posters and flyers nearer the time.

Yours sincerely

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Gosport Vehicle Rally