

## GOC AOG 2021 Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire – Information for Attendees

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### Introduction

Welcome to AOG 2021. In this document we have tried to provide all the information you will need about this year’s AOG in Moreton-in-Marsh, whether you are staying on or off campus.

### Getting there

Click [here](#) to go to the Fire Service College web page about how to get to the campus.

Moreton-in-Marsh is easily accessible by road from all parts of the country, being around a 40-minute drive from either the M5 or the M40. It is also well served by trains from London, the Midlands, and South West England. The Fire Service College is 1 mile, a 15-minute walk, from Moreton-in-Marsh station.

**By car:** Moreton-in-Marsh stands at the crossroads of the Fosse Way Roman road, A429, and the A44. From the town centre, take the A44 heading East, Oxford Street. The College will be found on the left-hand side, on the very edge of town.

**By rail:** Moreton-in-Marsh has its own station on the Cotswold line.

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Moreton-in-Marsh is currently served by an hourly rail service from London, Paddington. The typical rail journey time being approx 1hr and 30mins.

Trains from other parts of the country may require you to change at either Oxford or Worcestershire Parkway.

Bill Fuller has once again kindly offered to give lifts to people travelling by rail and will be picking up from the station. If you would like a lift with Bill, please contact him by text as soon as you have details of your estimated arrival time at Moreton-in-Marsh station. He will then make arrangements to meet you.

Bill's phone number is shown under *Members only information* on the AOG event page.

Local taxis are also available.

Click on the following links for further information:

[National Rail Enquiries](#)

[Traveline](#)

### **Arrival and registration**

For those who have booked accommodation on campus, the earliest check-in time is 2pm. Check-in will be in the entrance foyer to the Four Shires building, where GOC plans to operate a welcome desk from 2pm to 6pm on the Friday.

(The Four Shires building is where the Edinburgh Bar, Connections Room and Restaurant are located and is shown by the purple numbers 7 to 12 on the Campus Map.)

After this time, you will be able to check in at the main college reception. Or, when this is closed, arrangements will be made with the security personnel who are on the main gate 24hrs per day.

See *Campus Map* which you can view from the AOG event page.

### **Accommodation and other facilities on campus**

Single rooms are located in Bridges accommodation. Double and twin rooms are in Braidwood House, Bowles House and Tanner House. You will be advised of your room location at check-in.

The quality of the accommodation is excellent, with all rooms having:

- en-suite bathrooms
- TV and free Wi-Fi
- tea and coffee making facilities

There is ample free parking and a 24-hour security presence.

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A limited range of provisions can be purchased from the onsite shop and food vending machine. Guests also have free use of the onsite sports centre during their stay, subject to opening times.

Breakfast and evening meals will be served in the Connections restaurant. The restaurant is bright and modern, providing a pleasant dining experience for guests. On offer is an exciting variety of food options, catering for all dietary and religious requirements. We will have exclusive use of the Edinburgh bar and Connections conference room for the whole weekend, which will be used for the AGM, Disco and Quiz.

### **Accommodation off campus**

There are plenty of B&Bs, guest houses and hotels in Moreton-in-Marsh and the surrounding area, to cater for all budget considerations.

### **Camping**

On the western edge of Moreton-in-Marsh, on the A44, Bourton Road, can be found the Moreton-in-Marsh Caravan and Motorhome club. [Caravan & Motorhome Club](#) They offer full facilities for caravans and motorhomes, and have 184 touring pitches. The site is within easy walking distance of Moreton-in-Marsh town centre, and less than 2 miles from the Fire Service College. They do NOT, however, offer camping facilities.

Camping facilities are available at the Greedy Goose public house, [Greedy Goose](#), on the A44 heading east towards Chipping Norton, less than 4 miles from the Fire Service College.

Wolford Wood Glamping & Camping site, [Wolford Wood](#) can also be found situated a short drive from the Fire College, close to the A44.

At the time of writing, all campsites are closed due to Covid restrictions. If you are planning to camp, please make your own arrangements with the site when restrictions have been eased.

### **Car parking**

The Fire Service College provides secure car parking onsite.

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### **Cycling**

Cycle rides will be offered for GOC members on both Saturday and Sunday.

Cycle racks are available on site. There are some undercover places for bikes, and a few bike lockers. In both cases, availability is limited, but there are plenty of other secure places, just not undercover. Bikes are not permitted inside the College buildings.

Opposite the Fire Service College, a short distance along the A44, is the Cotswold Business Village, where, for those interested, you will find North Cotswolds cycle shop, [Cotswold Cycles](#) within a five-minute walk from the campus.

### **Meals, Bar and Disco**

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We will have exclusive use of the Edinburgh bar and Connections conference room for the whole weekend, which will be used for the AGM, Disco and Quiz.

You will be provided with a badge and lanyard when you check-in. The badge will be charged up by the Fire Service College to cover meals for the whole weekend, and will need to be swiped to confirm payment in the restaurant.

Breakfast will be provided between 7.30am and 8.30am on the Saturday and Sunday, and between 7.00am and 8.30am on Monday, and will only be available to those staying on campus and who have paid for bed & breakfast in advance.

Evening meals will be available on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday to those staying both on and off site. They must be ordered in advance through the online booking system.

The price of the Saturday evening meal includes the charge for the Disco.

Meal times will be confirmed nearer to the event date as they are currently subject to change to enable all attendees to dine in a Covid secure environment.

Packed lunch, consisting of a sandwich, crisps, fruit and a drink, can be available if ordered in advance through the online booking system, at a cost of £8 per person.

We will have exclusive use of the Edinburgh bar for Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. The bar is both next door to the Connections restaurant, and to the Connections conference room where the Disco will be held on Saturday evening.

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### **Grocery stores**

There is an onsite shop, and food vending machine, but both with limited stock and limited opening hours.

Additionally, there are ample opportunities to stock up on supplies in Moreton-in-Marsh.

In the centre of town is a Tesco Express store, opening Monday to Friday, 6am to 11pm, and Saturday and Sunday 7am to 11pm.

In New Road, next to the Station entrance, can be found the New Road Sandwich Bar, although it does not open on a Sunday.

On the Southern edge of town on the A429, can be found an Aldi store, and on the Northern edge of town on the A429 is a Co-Op Food Market store, both with ample parking.

### **Group Co-Ordinators meeting**

The meeting will take place in Connections conference room from 8pm to 9.30pm on the Friday evening.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The AGM will be held in the Connections conference room from 6pm to 7pm, on the Saturday evening.

### **Extending your stay**

With a packed programme for the AOG weekend, you may wish to extend your stay.

You can book additional nights at the Fire Service College by contacting the college direct. Full contact details can be found on their website [www.phoenixetc.co.uk](http://www.phoenixetc.co.uk)

Please note this is subject to availability and that full payment will be needed at the time of booking.

### **Departure**

Check-out time for those staying on the campus is 8.30am.

### **And finally...**

South Midlands group look forward to welcoming you all to Moreton-in-Marsh and wish you all a most enjoyable AOG!

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### Appendix – Provisional Timetable

#### Friday 30th July

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 2.00pm        | Check-in opens at Four Shires building entrance foyer                       |
| 5.00pm        | Edinburgh bar opens   |
| 6.00pm        | Check-in closes at Four Shires foyer - Go to Fire Service College Reception |
| 7.00 - 8.00pm | Dinner served in Connections restaurant                                     |
| 8.00 - 9.30pm | Group Co-Ordinator meeting in Connections conference room                   |
| 11.30pm       | Bar closes  |

#### Saturday 31st July

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| 7.30 - 8.30am  | Breakfast served in the Connections restaurant   |
| 8.00 - 9.00am  | Packed lunches available for collection  |
| 9.00am         | <b>Earliest</b> time to convene for outdoor events. Assembly point for all events will be outside the Four Shires building. Full event schedule to follow, please check your chosen event for specific meet up time. |
| 5.00pm         | Edinburgh bar opens  |
| 6.00pm         | AGM in the Connections conference room   |
| 7.30 - 8.30pm  | Dinner served in Connections restaurant  |
| 8.30 - 11.30pm | Disco  |
| 11.30pm        | Bar closes   |

#### Sunday 1st Aug

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| 7.30 - 8.30am  | Breakfast served in the Connections restaurant   |
| 8.00 - 9.00am  | Packed lunches available for collection  |
| 9.00am         | <b>Earliest</b> time to convene for outdoor events. Assembly point for all events will be outside the Four Shires building. Full event schedule to follow, please check your chosen event for specific meet up time. |
| 5.00pm         | Edinburgh bar opens  |
| 7.00 – 8.00pm  | Dinner served in Connections restaurant  |
| 8.30 - 10.00pm | Quiz in Edinburgh bar  |
| 11.00pm        | Bar closes   |

#### Monday 2nd Aug

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| 7.00 - 8.30am | Breakfast served in Connections restaurant |
| 9.00am        | Earliest time to convene for walk          |
| 8.30am        | Latest check out time                      |