

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.

Please give your name to Security at the Main Gate and say you're attending the GOC's AOG.

Check-in will be in the entrance foyer to the Four Shires building, where GOC plans to operate a welcome desk from 2pm to 7pm on the Friday. At registration, please wear a face covering.

(The Four Shires building is where the London Bar, Edinburgh Lounge, Connections Restaurant and function room 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 Gate, on arrival. (Security personnel are on duty here 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 Tanner House and Bowles House. Double rooms are in Braidwood, and Twin Rooms are in Bowles. 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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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.

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.

Car parking

The Fire Service College provides secure car parking onsite.

Members without pre-booked meals or accommodation – Entry to the Fire Service College

If you have not booked meals or accommodation but are planning to come on site for any reason, (including for a drink, to attend the AGM, or to muster for walks), you must still be on the list with Security at the Main Gate, so before the AOG, please email your name to Ian, one of the Joint Event Organisers at: ianoxon@hotmail.co.uk

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Cycling

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

Cycle racks are available on site, but not necessarily 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

Breakfast and evening meals will be served in the Connections restaurant.

The restaurant is bright and modern and caters for all dietary and religious requirements.

As this is a public space, please wear a face covering unless seated. Socially distanced seating is also in place. When you have finished your meal, please move to the London Bar, Edinburgh Lounge or outside to socialise.

We are pleased to offer members a complimentary glass of wine with their evening meals on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Available in the restaurant, so no need to queue at the bar beforehand. Only one glass per person each day please.

The Disco will take place in the Edinburgh Lounge and the Quiz in Connections restaurant and function room.

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. The badge will also enable you to pass quickly through Security at the Main Gate when entering the site.

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

Pre-booked evening meals will be served between 6.30pm and 8.30pm on Friday and Sunday.

On Saturday, dinner will be served from 6.30pm to 8.00pm, to allow the AGM to take place at 8.30pm.

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

Pre-booked packed lunches may be collected 8.45am to 9.30am from the Edinburgh Lounge.

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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.

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 the Four Shires building, upstairs in Conference Room CR5 from 8.30pm to 9.30pm on the Friday evening.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held in the Connections restaurant and function room area from 8.30pm to 9.15pm, 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

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 9.00am.

And finally...

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

AOG 2021 - TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

Friday 30th July

2.00pm – 7.00pm

Registration in the Four Shires Building foyer.

Check-in for room keys, and I.D. badges for pre-paid meals.

After 7.00pm

Keys and badges will be available on arrival at the Security Gate.

2.00pm – 5.00pm

Complimentary tea and coffee available in the Edinburgh Lounge.

5.30pm – 11.00pm

London Bar open for drinks.

6.30pm – 8.30pm

Dinner in the restaurant, Four Shires Building.

8.30pm – 9.30pm

Group Coordinators' Meeting. Four Shires, (upstairs) Room CR5.

Saturday 31st July

7.00am – 8.30am

Breakfast in the restaurant, Four Shires.

8.45am – 9.30am

Pre-booked packed lunches available, Edinburgh Lounge.

From 9.15am

Assemble for walks and to arrange car-sharing.

From 10.00am

Walk programme begins. See walk schedule for specific times.

5.30pm – 11.30pm

London Bar open.

6.30pm – 8.00pm

Dinner in the restaurant, Four Shires.

8.30pm – 9.15pm

AGM, Connections Room.

9.15pm – 11.30pm

AOG Disco, Edinburgh Lounge.

Sunday 1st August

7.00am – 8.30am

NB: If not staying Sunday night, please check out and leave your key in the Edinburgh Lounge collection box, before leaving for your walk.

8.45am – 9.30am

Breakfast in the restaurant, Four Shires.

From 9.30am

Pre-booked packed lunches available, Edinburgh Lounge.

From 10.00am

Assemble for walks and to arrange car-sharing.

5.30pm – 11.00pm

Walk programme begins. See walk schedule for specific times.

6.30pm – 8.30pm

London Bar open.

8.30pm – 10.30pm

Dinner in the restaurant, Four Shires.

AOG Quiz – Connections Room

Entry fee is a donation to The Fire Fighters Charity.

(Minimum donation £1 per person) (Maximum team size: 6 people)

Monday 2nd August

7.00am – 8.30am

Breakfast in the restaurant, Four Shires.

9.00am

Latest check-out time.

From 9.00am

Return keys and lanyards to collection box in Edinburgh Lounge.

From 10.00am

Assemble for walks and to arrange car-sharing.

Walk programme begins. See walk schedule for specific times.