



GUEST SPEAKERS

Our renowned Advice Centre is designed to inform, entertain and inspire. We've invited various industry experts, YouTubers, bloggers and podcasters to present a series of informative and inspiring talks to help you make the most of your travels. All talks are free and take place in the Sir Stewart Goodwin building which is shown on the site plan (p30). Grab a coffee and enjoy...



PETER VAUGHAN

One of the industry's most knowledgeable figures, thanks to his years of experience as Editor of What Motorhome and Road Test Editor of MMM. Peter is a pro when it comes to tips on buying vehicles and making sure you get it right!



VANLIFE EATS

Mark is a full time travelling chef and author, and lives and travels in his self-converted campervan exploring culinary hotspots and creating recipes from his tiny kitchen on wheels.



HILLS EXPLORE

During the pandemic Beth & Riki found themselves yearning for new experiences. This led to them purchasing their first motorhome and sparking a love for travel. Since then they've explored the UK, France, Germany, Italy & Spain.



BLUEFIX ENERGY

Mark & Luke joined forces in 2022 and since then BlueFix Energy Solutions has been at the forefront of leisure vehicle electrics, trusted nationwide for exceptional quality.



MOTORHOME MATT

You may be familiar with Matt Sims from his popular weekly podcast, but he also runs multiple award-winning businesses around motorhome hire, sales, storage and accessories.



SIMONE STEWART

Simone is a self taught van builder as well as a content creator with a passion for capturing life on the road and sharing it with an engaged audience. Offering insight into building a presence online while documenting real experiences.



WANDERING BIRD

Once an air traffic controller, Kat quit her job in 2018 to travel Europe in a motorhome, and she's never looked back. The novelty still hasn't worn off and Kat believes everyone can (& should) experience the freedom of life on the road.



ROBBIE ROAMS

Robbie is the founder of the hugely popular No Fuss Travel Guides - Practical, no-nonsense guidebooks designed to make travel simple, enjoyable and stress-free. If you're planning on a tour pop and see him for some top tips!



LIFE BEYOND BRICKS

Tash & Jon bought their first motorhome in 2014, and having decided they both wanted a less traditional lifestyle, sold their house to live in it permanently in 2019. They primarily tour the UK and both work whilst on the road.



KIM ANDERSON

Kim lives in her campervan with her dogs and cat, travelling in Scotland, with occasional adventures further afield. Four years ago she moved into her van, stripped it back to a shell and rebuilt it to live comfortably full time on the road.



URBAN MOTORHOME

Having become a 'full-timer' back in 2017, Darran opts for streets, industrial estates and car parks over campsites 99% of the time and is therefore pretty experienced in off grid living! Home is a 2009 Burstner Delfin.



TIMETABLE

FRIDAY

10:30 PETER VAUGHAN | MOTORHOME & CAMPERVAN BUYING ADVICE

Peter will cover all the major points you need to consider when buying a vehicle, new or used. Whether you're a first-timer or an experienced motorhomer looking for a change, this seminar is packed with information to help you choose the right model for your travels.

11:30 WANDERING BIRD | TOURING FRANCE IN A MOTORHOME, WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Planning a motorhome trip to France? Join Kat, one of the UK's leading voices on European motorhome travel, as she shares everything you need to know before you go. From driving rules and paperwork to tolls, emissions zones, overnight stops and avoiding common mistakes, Kat covers the practical essentials — alongside real-world tips from years of touring France by motorhome.

12:30 MOTORHOME MATT & PETER VAUGHAN | INSIDE THE INDUSTRY: MOTORHOME TRENDS FOR 2026

What does the motorhome market really look like this year? And what should buyers be paying attention to now? With real-world insight from the showroom floor, discover what customers are asking for, which layouts and vehicle types are gaining momentum, how buying habits are changing, and where genuine value can be found. Combining expert analysis with hands-on dealer experience, this session offers a rare, honest look at the market from every angle — perfect whether you're planning your next upgrade, considering your first motorhome, or simply want to understand where the industry is heading.

13:30 WANDERING BIRD | NEW TO MOTORHOMING – YOUR FIRST YEAR OF MOTORHOMING – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Just starting out? Kat shares the key things every new motorhomer should know—from trip planning and driving tips to campsite know-how and avoiding rookie errors.

14:30 VANLIFE EATS | EATING ITALY LIVE – COOKING DEMO & TALK

Join Chef Mark for a captivating talk about his van journey from the Alpine border all the way to Sicily - eating his way through every region. From the Parmigiano factories of Emilia-Romagna and the ragù of Bologna, to the street food of Bari, the pizzas of Naples and the vibrant markets of Palermo. Stories, laughter, and the simple Italian principles that transformed the way Mark cooks on the road.

15:30 BLUEFIX ENERGY | SELF-SUFFICIENT ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

Learn how to make your motorhome electrically independent with the latest off-grid power solutions.

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11:30 WANDERING BIRD | TOURING WITH DOGS: UK & EUROPE

Thinking about hitting the road with your four-legged friend? Join motorhome travel expert and dog owner Kat as she shares practical advice, essential planning tips, and real-life experiences of touring the UK and Europe with dogs. From pet passports and campsite choices to travelling safely and finding dog-friendly stopovers, this informative session will help you enjoy stress-free adventures with your canine companion. Perfect for anyone planning to tour with pets for the first time, or looking to make future trips even easier.

12:30 MOTORHOME MATT & ROBBIE ROAMS | TRAVEL WITHOUT FUSS

Join Motorhome Matt in conversation with vanlife traveller Robbie Roams as they explore the freedom of "no fuss travel" and the joys of living with less while experiencing more. Discover how simplifying your setup, travelling lighter, and embracing spontaneity can transform the way you tour in a motorhome or campervan. Packed with honest insights, practical ideas, and inspiring stories from the road, this session is perfect for anyone looking to make touring easier, more affordable, and more rewarding.

13:30 LIFE BEYOND BRICKS & SIMONE STEWART | THE CHALLENGES & ADVANTAGES OF SOLO FEMALE TRAVEL

Join Tash from Life Beyond Bricks and solo traveller Simone Stewart for an honest and inspiring conversation about life on the road as a solo female traveller. From building confidence and staying safe to embracing freedom, flexibility, and personal growth, they'll share real experiences, practical advice, and the realities of travelling alone in a motorhome or campervan. Whether you're already touring solo or considering your first independent adventure, this session will offer reassurance, inspiration, and plenty of useful tips.

14:30 URBAN MOTORHOME | OFF-GRID CAMPING – HOW TO AVOID 'THE KNOCK'

From finding the right spots and staying off-grid, to managing waste, power, and avoiding the knock, Darran offers real-world advice for those wanting to escape the campsite circuit. With years of full-time vanlife experience and a no-nonsense approach, this talk is ideal for anyone looking to camp respectfully, confidently, and completely off-grid.

15:30 MOTORHOME MATT & WANDERING BIRD | CHANGES TO EUROPEAN TRAVEL IN 2026

Planning a European motorhome trip? Matt & Kat share the latest updates for post-Brexit travel - covering insurance, documentation, and driving laws. Whether you're a seasoned explorer or heading abroad for the first time, this talk will get you road-ready.

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11:00 ROBBIE ROAMS | NORTHERN IRELAND – THE UK'S MOST UNDERRATED ROAD TRIP WITH ROBBIE ROAMS

Often overshadowed by the Wild Atlantic Way, Northern Ireland's Causeway Coastal Route is a spectacular road trip that deserves a place on every traveller's bucket list. Join travel writer Robbie Roams as he reveals breathtaking locations, insider road-trip secrets, and practical tips to inspire your own unforgettable adventure by campervan or motorhome. Get ready to discover why this route is one you'll want to experience again and again!

12:00 SIMONE STEWART | FROM LAKES TO MOUNTAIN PASSES: DISCOVERING THE DOLOMITES.

Join solo traveller Simone as she shares the highs, lows, and unforgettable moments of touring the stunning Dolomites. From turquoise lakes and dramatic mountain passes to hidden hikes and must-see stopovers, this session explores

what it's really like to road trip through one of Europe's most talked-about destinations. Simone will cover route planning, campsite recommendations, travelling with dogs, local food, costs, weather challenges, and the realities of navigating this unique region.

13:00 | LIFE BEYOND BRICKS & KIM ANDERSON | IN CONVERSATION | CREATING YOUR OWN VERSION OF VANLIFE

Tash from LBB chats with full-time vanlifer Kim Anderson about building a lifestyle that works for you. Living in her self-built campervan alongside two dogs and a cat, Kim balances life on the road with running her flat as a successful Airbnb, proving you don't have to give up everything to embrace vanlife. Together they'll discuss solo female travel, remote working, designing a comfortable home on wheels, and challenging the social media myth that there's only one "right" way to live the vanlife dream. An inspiring and honest session packed with practical insight for anyone curious about a more flexible way of living and travelling.

14:00 URBAN MOTORHOME & THE HILLS EXPLORE | ACCESSORIES & TECH

From solar panels to levelling ramps, Darran & Riki break down which accessories actually improve life on the road - and which are just extra weight. A no-nonsense, experience-led session to help you build a smart, functional setup.

15:00 ROBBIE ROAMS | THE ULTIMATE YORKSHIRE ROAD TRIP – THROUGH DALES, MOORS & COAST

Yorkshire is calling, and it's bursting with wild beauty, big skies, winding lanes, and character-packed villages. Join travel writer Robbie Roams as he shares the secrets of an unforgettable road-trip adventure through the Yorkshire Dales, across the dramatic North York Moors, and out to the rugged coastline. Along the way, you'll discover hidden gems only the locals know, and road-trip secrets to make your campervan or motorhome journey truly extraordinary.

HOW TO SELF BUILD A CAMPERVAN IN A WEEKEND - LIVE DEMO



This weekend, self-build specialist and TV presenter Max McMurdo brings campervan conversion to life with a three-day LIVE demo next to the Advice Centre.

Thinking about building your own campervan? From choosing the right base vehicle to insulation, electrics, plumbing, seating, kitchen units and even fitting a double bed, Max will show you how it's done — sharing practical tips, design ideas and lessons learned from years of hands-on experience.

Best known for Channel 4's *Amazing Spaces*, Max will transform an affordable van across the weekend, showing visitors the key stages of a real campervan build and how to avoid common mistakes along the way.



DAY 1

- › Van walkaround, measuring and planning
- › Mechanical checks and quick service
- › Strip out and clean
- › Sound deadening and insulation
- › First fix electrics

DAY 2

- › Ply lining
- › Carpet lining
- › Ceiling and LED lighting installation

DAY 3

- › Flooring
- › Unit assembly
- › Sink, tap and plumbing installation
- › Celebrate with a beer!