



# The Rallier

WEST WARWICKSHIRE CENTRE NEWSLETTER

## YOUR CENTRE



**Volunteers required!** It's that time of the season again. For West Warwickshire Centre to continue, we require STEWARDS for next seasons rallies and NEW MEMBERS to come on the COMMITTEE.

STEWARDS MEETING 20th September 2009

Please try and come to the meeting, if you unable to make it and would still like to volunteer as a Steward please give Jane Clarke a ring to offer your services prior to the meeting.

AGM 5th October

Have you thought about coming onto the committee. This year there have been only 7 members from 5 Households

which can make it difficult as our quorum is 5. We only meet once a month and could really welcome new faces with fresh ideas. If you would like to know more speak to myself.

### 40th Birthday

I hope to have a report to put into the next rallier due out after the AGM. A big thank you must go to everyone who attended and took part in the Rally helping to make it a success. Especially every one who helped pegging out, booking in, pitching vans, providing the catering, entertainment, music, lending equipment, helping to erect and dismantle the marquee and Gazebos and also for transporting the equipment

Thanks also must go to our Guests for the rally. **Mark Wiltshire** ( Editor)

## Upper Brailes Ladies Rally

Ten vans attended this long weekend with one visitor from the East Warwickshire Centre. There was an abundance of sunshine all weekend and at coffee on Friday evening we decided to ramble late afternoon on Saturday. A total of 18 walkers plus two dogs walked a circular route taking in the village of Winderton with a couple of 'liquid intake' stops due to the heat (no pubs – water bottles only!). A second ramble on Monday morning saw most of the remaining ralliers walking a different circular route to Sutton under Brailes.

During the rest of the weekend visits were made to the Whichford Pottery and local Gardens Open day and the village School Fete, but many took advantage of the good weather to just laze and barbecue. We were also treated to a fly-past by the Vulcan Bomber which was on a test run prior to appearing at the Cosford Air Show plus the Lancaster Bomber and various bi-planes.

The weekend 'Female Counterparts' competition was won by Jackie and Steve Green with Margaret and Ken Key from the East Warks as runners-up.

### Viv and Ailsa

**Accidents happen in a flash!**

M.P.H.  
ON SITE



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*Drive with care in the Rally Area!*

**Bloxham Steam Rally, 25-29<sup>th</sup>. June**

Originally we were hoping to run this rally ourselves but there was a bit of a mix-up with the 4b permissions and we were beaten to the post by the North London Centre.

However, they very kindly invited us to attend as their guests. Eventually there were 14 of us in our lines, the NLC Steward having allocated us an area of our own at the top of the field. The site was huge; it must have been nearly half a mile from our pitches down to the main arena, but it was certainly worth it. The Steam Rally has been going for about 40 years at Bloxham and they have got the organisation down to a fine art.

On Friday night, all the fun-fair rides were only a pound, which is relatively good value by today's standards and the arena hosted events continuously from 10.00am until about 5.00pm on both Saturday and Sunday. These ranged from Husky demonstrations, vintage car and tractor parades, Traction and Steam Engines, horse logging and car

crushing by an armoured personnel carrier. One of the highlights was when they coupled up a couple of huge recovery wagons and managed to pull round the arena a huge convoy of other heavy lorries weighing just over 210 tons. There were stalls and side-shows galore and the weather was fantastic – probably a bit too fantastic judging by the amount of after-sun cream that was being applied on Saturday evening.

This was a great rally to attend, especially as we did not have to put any work into organising it. Seriously, it was a superb weekend and I for one will look forward to attending another one soon, whoever is running it.

Neil Taylor



C e n t r e C h a r i t y

At our 40th Birthday Rally in May we made a presentation of £1000 to Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance, thanks must go to every one who helped to raise this amount and we are continuing to the end of this rallying year in raising money for them. Hopefully we can raise a reasonable amount. WNAA are holding an Air Ambulance day Saturday 26th September and we are hoping to hold a Coffee morning in support of this at Gail and Marks house 10:00 to 12:00 as there is no rally this weekend. If your able to please support us even if its only a short while, address in rally book . Meanwhile we are continuing to sell books and cards on the rally field.

Gail Wiltshire  
Charity Coordinator

**EDGE HILL 17th—19th July**

Friday night was tea and Coffee in the rain. Saturday started better with some of us going shopping in nearby Banbury in the morning. In the afternoon Dave lead us on an eventful ramble around the local area, getting us back a bit later than planned for the Cream Teas .There was just time for us to put our feet up before the evening social started with lots of homebrew beer and wine with a buffet . Thanks must go for all the hard work put into this rally by first time Stewards Dave and Jan Hawksford ably assisted by Glen and Jon. Money raised from the cream teas and a raffle held at flag was donated to the centre charity.

Gail and Mark



Seen on the walk

