

# The Rallier

## West Warwickshire Centre Newsletter

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### Editor

Well, here we are again at the start of a new season. I expect I saw quite a few of you at the Christmas Party and hope to see some of you at the Skittles evening on 20<sup>th</sup>. January, but for those I have not seen, may I take the opportunity to wish you a happy New Year. For your information, there has been one small change within the Committee, where Sandra Burden has taken over from Mervyn Richards as Social Secretary. Mervyn is continuing to organise the Skittles evening, so please contact him on 01527 402285.

I have just had news of the Winter Ramble from Dave Varley – (see later article) and there will be a Social open to all at the St. Peter's School Rally on 17<sup>th</sup>. (Please note, if you are not attending the Rally, you will need to book in with me if you want to come just to the Social) On the same night, February 17<sup>th</sup>. the band who did such an excellent job for us at the Christmas Party are performing in aid of Cancer Research at Sheldon Ivy League Club (British Legion). If anyone wants to attend what I am sure will be an excellent evening, you can get tickets through Geoff Fulwell on 01527 65021.

The weather has been pretty miserable over the Christmas and New Year period, so let's hope that it starts to get a bit brighter before the caravanning season starts in earnest in March. I can see quite a few rallies that appeal to me, including one or two new venues for the Centre. The one rally I always look forward to is the first one of the year, because it is close to home and it gives me a chance to get the van out, make sure everything is working, and if I have forgotten anything vital – I am only three miles from home! It always amazes me how much you can get out of the habit of rallying in just a few weeks.

Anyway, I wish you all a good season and look forward to seeing plenty of you out at weekends. Our attendance is beginning to creep up slowly, so perhaps better times are ahead. See you soon, I hope.

*Neil Taylor - Rallier Editor.*

### Rally Secretary's Report.

Despite an excellent response at the Stewards meeting, there are still three rallies for which we do not yet have stewards.

Hoar Park – 30<sup>th</sup>. March - 1<sup>st</sup>. April  
Lowe Farm, Hunscode – 13<sup>th</sup>. – 15<sup>th</sup>. April  
Hill Farm, Pebworth – 22<sup>nd</sup>. - 24<sup>th</sup>. June.

Anyone willing to take on any of these rallies, please contact me or any Committee member by phone or e-mail (See Rally Book for details)

*Jane Clarke*

### Rally Report

#### A Scary Sight!



The natives were nervous around Hanbury at Halloween and rightly so if you saw the strange events that occurred. Headless spectres, witches galore and even the Addams family turned up! Doesn't

take much to work out that the WWCCC were having a relatively normal Saturday night social!!

We all had a fantastic night; Roy and Margaret did us proud again with some excellent food and lots of extremely silly team games requiring balloons, rubber gloves, a bar of chocolate and apples amongst other things.

If you haven't yet joined us on a weekend rally, **DO NOT BE AFRAID** – we are perfectly normal the rest of the year, well, most of us anyway!

An excellent rally, thoroughly enjoyed, book me in for 2007!

*Samantha Terry (and the junior wizards)*

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### Charity News.

Gail, Margaret and others continued to raise money during the last few weeks of the season, with Craft Sales etc. enabling us to forward another cheque for £100 to MacMillan Cancer Relief, making our donation up to £1400 over the year. This was a magnificent effort, so we thank you all for your help in achieving such a grand total.

Our chosen charity for next year is the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. This is the service which actually covers our own area of operations, so to speak, so we will be able to support a truly local charity. It is a very worthy cause – let's hope none of us ever needs its services! Plans are already in hand for the Charity rally, so please start collecting useful items such as unwanted Christmas gifts for Tombola stalls etc. It will be held at Wilmcote this year, so hopefully at lot more Centre members ill be able to attend the day, even if not actually rallying for the weekend. We will be continuing to raise money through Book and Craft Sales throughout next seasons, so please let Gail have any books you have finished with.

## Centre Website

I hope as many of you as have access have had a look at our revised web-site. Dave Varley (with help from Dave Waring) has done an excellent job on our behalf. He would still like to compile a list of members who have e mail addresses, so please drop him an e mail with your address. It will make it so much easier and cheaper to contact you if we have this information.

He can be reached at  
[webmaster@westwarwickshirecentre.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@westwarwickshirecentre.co.uk).

## Recipe Section

### Apple and Almond Flan

Ingredients :-

Short Pastry  
Packet of Marzipan  
Lightly stewed apples  
A few flaked almonds

Line a flan dish with short pastry.  
Roll out marzipan to fit flan dish  
Fill with cooked apples, adding a few drops of almond essence.  
Roll over and cut remaining pastry into strips and place in a lattice over the apples.  
Stand a flaked almond into each of the gaps in the lattice.  
Cook at 195<sup>0</sup>C for 25-30 minutes.  
Serve hot or cold with Custard or Ice Cream

Delicious!

*Margaret Wiltshire*

## Future Social events.

By the time you read this, you will hopefully have either booked for the Skittles night or will have attended the event (depends whether you see the Rallier on our

Club Website as soon as I have finished preparing it, or whether you have to wait until it appears with your Rally Book)

Anyway, our next social event, and the final one this winter season, will be the ramble, so here are the details.

## Winter Ramble 2007.

### AVON DASSETT COUNTRY PARK

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>. February 2007

First of all, I'd like to wish you all a very happy New Year.

I'd also like to invite you to join us for the Centre's annual Winter Ramble, which this year takes us to the very scenic Avon Dassett Hills (near Radway / Ratley / Horley).

In a break with tradition, this year instead of stopping to eat half-way round the walk and then getting toggled up again to finish it, we are going to try eating at the end of the walk. Regular Winter Ramblers will know that we usually find a nice welcoming pub to stop at and sometimes it's really difficult, having snuggled down by a warm fire and a nice pint, to drag yourself away. This year you'll be able to stay as long as you like!

As for the walk itself, we start (and finish) at the Avon pub in the lovely village of Avon Dassett (it's a small village, so you can't miss the pub). Please arrive in time to start the walk at 10.30 am. prompt. The distance we will cover is about 4.5 miles, mostly following field footpaths (some hills) so be sure to bring good boots because in February the ground could be quite muddy (all part of the fun).

Please let me know if you will be joining us so that I can contact the pub and let them know how many of us will be eating there. You can phone me on 01788 819083 or e-mail me at:-

[webmaster@westwarwickshirecentre.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@westwarwickshirecentre.co.uk).

Look forward to seeing you there! Go on, you know you want to!

*Dave Varley*

## Christmas Party 2007

I know this is a long way ahead, but why not put it in your diary now – our Christmas Party for 2007 is already booked for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>. December at the usual venue – Bentley Heath Community Centre. Tickets will be on sale for this and other winter social events for Winter 2007 well before the end of the rallying season.

*Sandra Burden.*

## **Future Rallies.**

I suppose it is a bit early to start going through too many rallies yet, but I would like to mention three in particular.

Our Easter Rally will be held at White Lodge, Great Haywood. I am not sure if this is a brand new site for the Centre, but it is certainly a new one for me. Hopefully the weather will have picked up nicely by then and we will get a good turn out. This is always one of the best attended rallies of the year so get your bookings in early

This year we will be running the 3 Centres rally at Riverside Caravan Park on 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> June. We have decided that our theme will be based around MASH, the comedy drama about a mobile hospital unit during the Vietnam war, so expect some themed events and lots of dressing up, together with the now traditional cooked breakfasts and afternoon teas (I'm not sure how we are going to work a MASH theme into the latter, but we will see)

Finally, of course, there is our Charity Rally at Wilmcote over the weekend 29<sup>th</sup>. June to 1<sup>st</sup>. July. There will be a number of events during the Saturday, including various stalls and games but we must not forget that Dave Varley and Mark Wiltshire will be having their chests waxed for sponsorship. I urge everyone to sponsor them – I just hope they know what they are letting themselves in for – I had my legs done at this event last year and it was certainly not the most pleasant experience of my life. Please come and support us this weekend, as we try to raise money for the Air Ambulance scheme. The ambulance has saved many lives over the last few years, including a number of caravanners who have needed their services, either through an accident on the road or at an inaccessible site. So far, none of our members have needed their services, and hopefully, never will, but they need our support, so please come along with your donations or buy from our stalls to help us help the scheme.

We are hoping to publish a small book of favourite recipes from members to sell at the Charity Rally and subsequent events. If you have a favourite recipe (or several) which you would be willing to share with others, please pass it on to Margaret Wiltshire or any Committee member so that we can start compiling a booklet.

I will give you more details on all these events as we get closer to the date – I hope to publish the next Rallier in time for the Easter rally, but don't forget, it normally comes up on the website as soon as I have finished it, so you don't have to wait until you turn up at the rally to get the latest information. I know that not everyone has a computer or access to the Internet, but a surprisingly high percentage do, so why not take advantage of it and keep in touch with Centre news.

## **Page Filler**

I have been asked to keep this edition short so that it will go in with the Rally Book without causing us excess postage costs, so this edition will be limited to four sides of my nattering – aren't you lucky!

In the past I have frequently tried to persuade members to stand for the Committee – I don't know whether the following is going to help or not!

### **A Committee Ditty**

Oh give me your pity; I'm on the Committee  
Which means that from morning till night  
We attend and amend and contend and defend To  
have a conclusion in sight.

We confer and concur, we defer and demur,  
And reiterate all of our thoughts.  
Wee revise the agenda with frequent addenda  
And consider a load of reports.

We compose and propose, we suppose and oppose.  
Till the points of procedure are won.  
But though various notions are brought up as motions,  
There's still much more to be done!

We resolve and absolve: but never dissolve  
And it seems to just go on and on.  
What a shattering pity to end our committee  
For where else could you have so much fun?

### **Beer Contains Female Hormones!!!**



This is serious  
stuff...Beer contains female hormones!

Last month, National University of Lesotho scientists released the results of a recent analysis that revealed the presence of female hormones in beer. Men should take a concerned look at their beer consumption. The theory is that beer contains female hormones (hops contain phytoestrogens) and that by drinking enough beer, men turn into women.

To test the theory, 100 men drank 8 pints of beer each within a 1 hour period. It was then observed that 100% of the test subjects:

1. Argued over nothing.
2. Refused to apologize when obviously wrong.
3. Gained weight.
4. Talked excessively without making sense.
5. Became overly emotional.
6. Couldn't drive.
7. Failed to think rationally
8. Had to sit down while urinating.

No further testing was considered necessary.

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3-year-old Reese:

"Our Father, Who does art in heaven,  
Harold is His name.  
Amen."

A little boy was overheard praying:

"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry  
about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

After the christening of his baby brother in church,  
Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the  
car.

His father asked him three times what was wrong.  
Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted  
us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to  
stay with you guys."

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter,  
Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at  
bedtime.

She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer.  
Finally, she decided to go solo.

I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each  
word, right up to the end of the prayer:

"Lead us not into temptation," she prayed,  
"but deliver us from E-mail."

One particular four-year-old prayed,  
"And forgive us our trash baskets  
as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they  
were on the way to church service, "And why is it  
necessary to be quiet in church?"

One bright little girl replied, "Because people are  
sleeping."

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old  
brother, Joel, were sitting together in church.  
Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud.

Finally, his big sister had had enough.  
"You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."  
"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said,

"See those two men standing by the door?  
They're hushers."

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin  
5, and Ryan 3.

The boys began to argue over who would get the first  
pancake.

Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.  
"If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my  
brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said,  
"Ryan, you be Jesus!"

A father was at the beach with his children when the  
four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and  
led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the  
sand.

"Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.

"He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied.

The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God  
throw him back down?"

A wife invited some people to dinner.

At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter

and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife  
answered.

The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why  
on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

## Blonde Joke

I urgently needed a few days off work, but I knew the  
Boss would not allow me to take leave. I thought that  
maybe if I acted "CRAZY" then he would tell me to  
take a few days off. So I hung upside down on the  
ceiling and made funny noises.

My co-worker (who's blonde) asked me what I was  
doing? I told her that I was pretending to be a light  
bulb so that the Boss would think I was "CRAZY" and  
give me a few days off. A few minutes later the Boss  
came into the office and asked "What are you doing?"  
I told him I was a light bulb. He said "You are clearly  
stressed out. Go home and recuperate for a couple of  
days".

I jumped down and walked out of the office. When my  
co-worker (the blonde) followed me, the Boss asked  
her " ...And where do you think you're going?"

She said, "I'm going home too, I can't work in the  
dark!"

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That's all for now folks! Next edition hopefully out for  
Easter. Please send me your contributions by e-mail  
or snail mail. Relevant addresses are on the website  
or in the Rally Book. I welcome any Rally reports,  
adverts, recipes, complaints, helpful hints or anything  
else you would like to send in. Have a great season!

*Neil Taylor*