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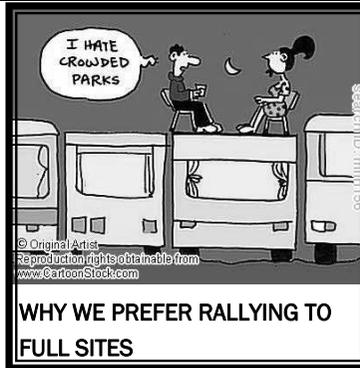
the newsletter of the West Warwickshire Centre Caravan Club

THE EDITOR SAYS.....

It is now mid-May and the weather is still brilliant. We had superb weather for Easter and May Day and it is still holding as I write this. We did have a couple of heavy downpours at Wilmcote, but we had the big tent up and that solved most of the problems. I cannot remember such a run of dry, warm weather at this time of year. I only hope that it will continue (with a bit of rain at night for the gardeners) for the rest of the season. Last year we had a good spell early in the year and then the summer was a bit of a disappointment. Let's be positive and keep our fingers crossed for a glorious summer. We had a great time at Mansel Lacy, with sunshine and little wind – even bringing out a few pairs of shorts – a first for an Easter rally I think. At one stage, I was left on site by my-

self for three or four hours while others were off site, climbing Welsh mountains or other energetic pursuits. I lay back in a comfortable chair, lit my pipe and just soaked up the sun and the atmosphere. That place is so peaceful and the surroundings are idyllic; it was one of the most enjoyable experiences I have had for a long time. All I could hear was bird song and lambs bleating in the distance – the English countryside at its most wonderful. I don't think most of us ever have much opportunity to just chill out in such lovely surroundings, but at least we caravanners have more chance than most.

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.Our attendance figures have been up just a little so far this season – I don't know if it is the Vouchers that have attracted people out, or it is just the effect of the weather but it is encouraging. I really hope that you have been able to find somewhere to post your "Fellow Caravanner" slip that we included with your rally voucher in the Rallier that you received with your Rally Book. It is probably the best way of telling other Club members about the advantages of belonging to a Centre, and we need new blood to keep the Centre healthy. Please do all you can to encourage other caravan owners to give us a try, especially those with younger families.

Your editor

Neil Taylor



Incentive Schemes

I have already mentioned the Centre Vouchers and the "Fellow Caravanner" slips. I hope these will bring results but we would welcome any suggestions from members to help either increase membership or to encourage more participation from existing members. We will consider seriously any constructive suggestions, whether they are direct to any Committee member or by a letter we can publish in the Rallier.

Help us help you!!

We want to raise funds for equipment for the Junior Funds

We will fill your aquarolls for a small donation

Find us on the rally field

THE JUNIOR COMMITTEE

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Centre Membership

Please remember it is now possible to renew your Centre Membership on line, rather than by spending money on stamps. You can now do this by logging on to: -

www.caravanclub.co.uk/local-groups,

or ringing 01342 318813.

It is important to remember to renew your Centre membership each year. It is no longer automatically renewed by the Club so it does require you to either return the slip to the Club with your membership renewal notice, or, more easily, use the above processes.

CONTACTING YOU

If any of you have email addresses, it would be very useful if you could pass them on to our Secretary, Mark Wiltshire. It would make contacting you so much easier and cheaper than having to use the post and saving cost is something we all want to do. He can be contacted by e mailing

secretary@westwarwickshirecentre.co.uk. It will obviously be quite a major task loading all these addresses to our Centre records, but it would be a great help to have a database containing this information. We would appreciate your help in contacting him whenever you are able.



rally report

May Bank Holiday & CAMRA Beer Festival—Long Itchington

28th April—3rd May 2011

This rally had been booked from Friday 29th April but because of the Royal Wedding taking place that day the rally opened at 5pm on the Thursday evening. The landowner provided a TV in a marquee so most of the women and children from West Warwicks were able to enjoy watching the wedding and all the run up whilst discussing the outfits of the attendees. The afternoon was then free to go into Long Itchington and get our bearings for the 6 pubs and start drinking the beer. You could pick up a handbook which listed all the beers on offer over the weekend and also the entertainment that was available. This meant you could plan which pub to visit with the entertainment you wanted to see. However, we found that the best to go and see was the outside bands as there was more seating.

Friday night on the rally field a buffet and drink was provided to celebrate the Will and Kate's wedding. This was organised by Margaret Wiltshire and the party tent was decked with flags and bunting and looked great.

Thanks must go to the stewards Jan & Dave and Margaret & Roy for this enjoyable weekend although the entertainment was generally laid on by the village. West Warwicks have already booked places for next years beer festival and our booking will be one of the first!

Gail & Mark Wiltshire



Keep up to date with the Centre Web-Site.

I know you do not all have access to the Internet, and I apologise to you if you feel we are leaving you out, but it does appear that the vast majority of our members do have this facility. Thus, it makes sense for us to make use of it to update our members wherever possible. I would encourage you to give it a check occasionally.



If there is any item of news to pass on to you, we will try to do it through the web-site first, so that it is immediately available to as many of you as possible. We will also try to update it regularly with recent photographs, and any details of changes to programmes or events. Such details will also be published in the Rallier, but not everyone will get to see later editions of this, so we will use the Internet to try to reach as many of you as possible, as quickly as possible.

You can log on at :-

www.westwarwickshirecentre.co.uk.

Why not include the site on your "favourites" list so that you can check it easily and quickly when logging on for any other reason? Also, if you need to communicate anything to a lot of members in a hurry, get in touch with our Web Master, Dave Varley and he will endeavour to get it onto the Centre Web-site for you. For details, see early pages of Rally Book.

Van Gogh the painter is drinking at the bar when his mate walks in. "Can I get you a drink?" asked his mate. "No thanks" says Van Gogh, "I've got one ear."

Ben shouts into the phone "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart." "Is this her first child?" asks the Doctor. "No" shouts Ben "This is her husband."

Geoff Canning (0121 747 6525) has the following he wishes to dispose of:

- NR Awning, 850cms. Green with Alloy Poles and Ground Sheet – Offers
- Rechargeable Twin Fluorescent Tube Lantern. Operates from mains or built in battery. Approx 24" x 4" x 4". Can be hung or stood on legs. Never used, still boxed. Offers over £6.
- Lemon 030-P Gigital Sat. Tuner/Receiver. Sat. Dish 64 cms, Tripod, Sat. Finder, all necessary cables, scarts etc. Operates 12v or mains and all instructions etc. Start haggling at £100.
- 25 metre Caravan Mains cable ,brand new - £9

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MOLLINGTON RALLY 28TH JULY—1ST AUGUST HAS BEEN CHANGED

Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to change the venue for these dates. The rally will now be held at Ashton Garden Plant Centre just outside Evesham. Stewards remain the same so please contact them direct to book. Prices as follows: —

1 night: £7 2 nights: £12

3 nights: £17 4 nights £22

NEW DIRECTIONS

Take the A46 from Evesham towards Tewkesbury. Site is on the right after 3 mile. Entry is via the garden centre entrance, and is on the right past the house.



Photocopying/Printing.

At the moment, we (Samantha Terry and I) are the owners of the lease on a large and elaborate photocopier. In order to pay the lease, we are very keen to take on small printing jobs, which we are usually able to produce far more cheaply than normal commercial outlets. If you want flyers, stationery or multiple copies of any documents, please contact Samantha on **0121 764 5069** (evenings) or via email on

samanthaterry@virginmedia.com.

She will be happy to help and give a quote for production costs.

Extracts from letters written to local Councils:

My lavatory seat is cracked. Where do I stand?

I am writing on behalf of my sink, which is coming away from the wall.

Can you please send someone to mend the garden path. My wife tripped and fell on it yesterday and now she is pregnant.

Our kitchen floor is damp. We have two children and would like a third, so please send someone round to do something about it.

Our lavatory seat is broken in half and is now in three pieces.

The toilet is blocked and we cannot bath the children until it is fixed.

Many thanks to Geoff Canning for these wonderful images!

CENTRE CHARITY REPORT

Most of you will be already aware of the virtual Channel swim undertaken at Easter by a team of four youngsters including our own Junior Committee member, Fraser Terry. We are still collecting his sponsorship money in and should soon be able to pay about £650 into our funds to pass on to the Air Ambulance later in the year. It looks as if we should have about £1500 by the time we get to our AGM. However, we are still continuing to raise money through our Book and Card sales, which will take place at most rallies.



Please support us in this by buying or donating books for resale. Hopefully, we will never need the attendance of the Air Ambulance at one of

our rallies, but it is comforting to know that it is available in emergency and that we have contributed towards its availability.

SELL YOUR STUFF

If you have anything you want to sell, especially if it is caravan related, please let me have the details and I will include them in the next issue of the Rallier. There will be no charge but if you wanted to make a small donation toward Centre Funds, it would be welcomed.

The Silly Bit.

We are about to enter the BBQ season. It is therefore important to refresh your memory as to the correct etiquette for this sublime outdoor activity.

When a man volunteers to do the BBQ, the following chain of events is put into motion:

The woman buys the food.

The woman makes the salad, prepares the vegetables and makes dessert.

The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces and takes it to the man who is lounging beside the grill, beer or wine in hand.

The woman remains outside the compulsory two metre exclusion zone where the exuberance of testosterone and other manly bonding activities can take place without the interference of women.

Here comes the important part

THE MAN PLACES THE MEAT ON THE GRILL.

The woman goes inside to organise the plates and the cutlery.

The woman comes out to tell the man the meat is looking great.

He thanks her and asks if she will bring another beer/wine while he turns the meat.

Important again:

THE MAN TAKES THE MEAT OFF THE GRILL AND HANDS IT TO THE WOMAN.

More routine: The woman prepares the plates, salad, bread, utensils, napkins, sauces and brings them to the table.

After eating, the woman clears the table and does the washing up.

And most important of all:

Everyone PRAISES THE MAN and THANKS HIM for his cooking efforts.

The man asks the woman how she enjoyed her "night off".

And, upon seeing her reaction, concludes that there is just no pleasing some women!



Caravan Servicing and Repair.

We would not normally include Commercial advertisements in this newsletter, but in this day and age, we all need to save money where we can. On that basis, I would like to advise members about the service provided by John Neal. John has a fully equipped van from which he provides a mobile servicing and repair service for caravans. I have used him (as have several other Centre members) for several years now and have nothing but praise for his thoroughness and attention to detail. Despite this, he charges only about half what dealers charge and comes to you to carry out the work.

He can be contacted on mobile 07747 864983 or at home on 01788 521366, but be warned, he is always busy, so if you want your van serviced, give him plenty of notice.

The American tourist asks Fred "Why do Scuba Divers always fall backwards off their boats?" Fred replies "Because if they fell forwards, they'd still be in the ***** boat!"

**WORKSHOP
LABOUR RATES**
MONDAY to SATURDAY \$88 /hr

- IF YOU WATCH \$110 /HR
- IF YOU OFFER ADVICE \$120 /HR
- IF YOU HELP \$130 /HR
- IF YOU OR YOUR MATE HAVE HAD A GO FIRST \$140 /HR
- IF YOU OR YOUR MATE HAVE HAD A GO AND YOU DON'T TELL US \$150 /HR
- IF YOU RECKON THAT YOU ARE THE EXPERT GO AWAY AND DO IT YOURSELF N/C

The Mummy Test

I was out walking with my 3 year old daughter. She picked up something off the ground and started to put it in her mouth. I took the item away from her and I asked her not to do that. "Why?" my daughter asked.

"Because it's been on the ground, you don't know where it's been, it's dirty and probably has germs" I replied. At this point, my daughter looked at me with total admiration and asked, "Mummy, how do you know all this stuff? You are so clever." I was thinking quickly. "All mums know this stuff. It's on the Mummy Test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a Mummy."

We walked along in silence for 2 or 3 minutes, but she was evidently pondering this new information.

"OH...I get it!" she beamed, "So if you don't pass the test you have to be the daddy." "Exactly" I replied back with a big smile on my face.

THE OBEDIENT WIFE

There was a man who had worked all of his life, had saved all of his money, and was a real miser when it came to his money. Just before he died, he said to his wife, "When I die, I want you to take all my money and put it in the casket with me. I want to take my money to the afterlife with me." And, so he got his wife to promise him with all of her heart that when he died, she would put all of the money in the casket with him.

Well, he died. He was stretched out in the casket, his wife was sitting there in black, and her friend was sitting next to her. When they finished the ceremony, just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said, "Wait just a minute!" She had a box with her, she came over with the box and put it in the casket. Then the undertakers locked the casket down, and they rolled it away.

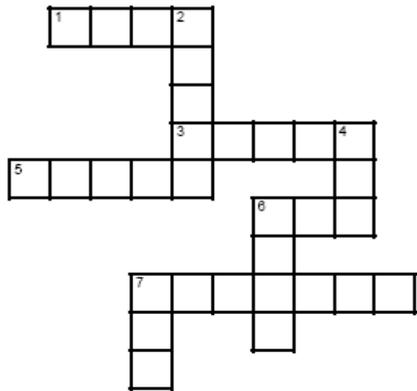
So her friend said, "Girl, I know you weren't fool enough to put all that money in there with your husband." The loyal wife replied, "Listen, I'm a Christian, I can't go back on my word. I promised him that I was going to put that money in that casket with him." You mean to tell me you put that money in the casket with him!!!!?"

"I sure did," said the wife. "I got it all together, put it into my account and wrote him a cheque. If he can cash it, he can spend it."

KIDZ KORNER



Animal Crossword



Across

1. f _____



3. sh _____



5. m _____



6. d _____



7. ch _____



Down

2. h _____



4. P _____



6. d _____



7. c _____



The Seamstress - A Parable

One day, when a seamstress was sewing while sitting close to a river, her thimble fell into the river. When she cried out, the Lord appeared and asked, 'My dear child, why are you crying?' The seamstress replied that her thimble had fallen into the water and that she needed it to help her husband in making a living for their family.

The Lord dipped His hand into the water and pulled up a golden thimble set with pearls.

'Is this your thimble?' the Lord asked

The seamstress replied, 'No.'

The Lord again dipped into the river. He held out a silver thimble ringed with sapphires.

'Is this your thimble?' the Lord asked.

Again, the seamstress replied, 'No.'

The Lord reached down again and came up with a leather thimble. 'Is his your thimble?' the Lord asked.

The seamstress replied, 'Yes.'

The Lord was pleased with the woman's honesty and gave her all three thimbles to keep, and the seamstress went home happy.

Some years later, the seamstress was walking with her husband along the river bank, and her husband fell into the river and disappeared under the water.

When she cried out, the Lord again appeared and asked her, 'Why are you crying?'

'Oh Lord, my husband has fallen into the river!'

The Lord went down into the water and came up with George Clooney.

'Is this your husband?' the Lord asked.

'Yes!' cried the seamstress.

The Lord was furious. 'You lied! That is an untruth!'

The seamstress replied, 'Oh, forgive me, my Lord it is a misunderstanding. You see, if I had said 'no' to George Clooney, you would have come up with Brad Pitt. Then if I said 'no' to him, you would have come up with my husband. Had I then said 'yes,' you would have given me all three. Lord, I'm not in the best of health and would not be able to take care of all three husbands, so THAT'S why I said 'yes' to George Clooney.

And so the Lord let her keep him.

The moral of this story is:

Whenever a woman lies, it's for a good and honorable reason, and in the best interest of others. That's our story, and we're sticking to it.

