

THE RALLIER



West Warwickshire Centre

CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB



August 2017

Looking forward to your company at August Bank Holiday.

It does not seem five minutes since we were all together at Easter, but time flies. We have had a lot of excellent rallies as the reports will show. A big thank you to all who stewarded and made this possible, and of course all who attended. Thank you to all who provided the varied reports with their personal opinions of the rallies.

Its good to see Bob back on the field after having his pacemaker fitted and Brian Jones who had a new knee. We wish them both well.

It is not many weeks until the AGM and Bob tells us he will not be standing for Chairman. If we are going to continue with the success of the centre we need your help in working to achieve this. We obviously need a new Chairman, Committee Members and of course Stewards.

A copy of the 2018 rally programme is attached for your perusal and we need your help by volunteering to Steward next year or even if you have never run a rally to Co Steward, help is always welcome

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Gail Wiltshire

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Web Master - Dave Varley.
www.westwarwickshirecentre.co.uk

RALLY REPORTS

BREDON PRIORY 14-18 April 2017

This delightful site offered an excellent wool and card crafting shop as well as a golf course. Football golf and a café providing an assortment of home-made pies and afternoon teas were also on site.

Drinks and hot cross buns were on offer on Friday evening courtesy of our rallymarshalls, although folk didn't stay long because the wind was a bit chilly. Competition materials were provided in the form of easter eggs, a paper plate and a toy chick. 2 ladies on the rally decided to keep the larger of the eggs to eat later – unfortunately it was plastic – bad luck ladies! Brenda Munnoch took the prize for the competition, well done Brenda.

Saturday morning saw us heading off into Ashby-de-la-Zouch. A small town with a good array of shops and cafes. On the way back we stopped off at Staunton Harold Estate where we browsed the garden centre and craft shops. The artisan bakery was amazing as were the aromas that surrounded it.

On Sunday afternoon Roy and Margaret Wiltshire provided a splendid afternoon tea with wine as they celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary this year. What an amazing achievement – congratulations to you both.

Calke Abbey (National Trust) in the company of Gail, Mark and Shaun Wiltshire was the order of the day for Monday. Wrapped up warm we visited the newly opened family apartments which none of us had seen before. Then we explored the house itself and after lunch in the café we explored the extensive gardens.

Wallflowers and tulips in full flower in one area and they made a beautiful display. The walled vegetable garden was well laid out and was in full flourish too. The staff there must put in many dedicated hours to keep these areas so well maintained.

There was an excellent view of the Staunton Harold Reservoir from the grounds too.

Overall, an excellent Easter rally. Our thanks go to Jan & Dave Hawksford. & Margaret & Roy Wiltshire

Marion Waring

NEWLANDS MEADOW C.P.MALVERN. 25th April – 2nd May
MAY BANK HOLIDAY.

Arrived on site on Friday evening to find more E/H installed and water taps.

The long weekend weather was very changeable. We had quite a few visitors who as always were made welcome.

Friday night was the usual tea and coffee welcome at the Stewards van. Saturday evening the Stewards arranged a social get together with Nibbles and bring your own drink in the Event Tent.

Sunday morning many of the Ralliers took to the hills for a very pleasant walk.

On Monday the flag was arranged for 11am with the usual coffee and tea, as some ralliers had to leave for work the next day. The rally continued until 4pm on Tuesday.

Many thanks to Jan and Dave, Glen and Sheila.

Arthur & David

YEW TREE FARM, FAR FOREST 12th – 14th May.

11 vans attended this rally, 1 Worcester, 2 non centre 8 WW. It really is a lovely venue and we were welcomed at 7.30 with tea coffee etc and a chat, and as this was our first rally of the season it was nice to catch up. The weather was also quite nice.

Ludlow Spring Fayre was taking place over the same weekend so a few of the ralliers took advantage and went on the bus from outside the site. For those of us who remained we were able to sit and relax and enjoy some fairly warm sunshine. We had a friend visit who lives in Bewdley so that was a nice chin wag.

All too soon it was Sunday morning and time for flag. Tea, Coffee and biscuits and a slip draw.

A truly lovely weekend and many thanks to Dave and Jan for taking this on at the last minute.

Margaret Hughes.

WILMCOTE THREE CENTRE RALLY 9th – 11th June.

18 vans attended this rally, 4 W.W, 2 E.W, 2 Derby, 11 Midland.

We were given a very warm welcome by Midland Chairman and Coffee/ Tea biscuits on Friday evening.

Saturday morning inter centre games took place on the field i.e. Archery and Boule. There was lots of pleasant banter between the competitors. Unfortunately Roy and I had to leave in the afternoon to attend Nicola's 20th Birthday party.

Saturday evening there was a Social in the Hall. Which I understand was a great success and all enjoyed themselves.

At flag on Sunday morning with the usual tea/coffee and biscuits. Prizes were award for the games and I am pleased say Margaret and Barry won the Boule competition.

It was a lovely friendly rally and it was I great to see so many children ,who were so well behaved.

Our thanks must go to the Midland Chairman and Committee for their hospitality.

MEON VIEW 16th - 18 June

We arrived on Friday with mixed emotions as it is almost 12 months since Norman passed away. The sun was shining after a very windy start to the day. Tea and coffee as usual was served on Friday evening, but on this very rare occasion we were able to sit out on the field until 11pm.This was the start (and end) of summer!

Saturday was again very hot so a few of us went for a walk and a pint.....well it would be rude not to! We arrived back to Meon View for a contest of archery and boules followed by celebrations for Ally's forthcoming birthday, and a water fight. The evening was to be a western theme but because of the heat we decided not to wear the outfits we had all taken. We had hot dogs followed by doughnuts, and a toast to Norman of his favourite tippie. A friendly game of Jenga followed.

Sunday morning flag consisted of bacon sarnies together with tea or coffee produced to perfection by Roy and his team.

Thanks to the stewards Margaret,Roy,Ally & Dave.

Jan & Dave

BARNSTONES 30th June - 2nd July

This was a small rally of 8 vans at this popular site. We arrived on Friday afternoon a pleasant summer day with broken sunshine and puffy white cloud. We later had a surprise visit from Sue Donald who looked very well and sent best wishes for all those that knew here. The usual tea, coffee and welcome get together followed on the evening.

On Saturday we went for a 'short' 5 mile walk into Cropredy and through the fields following the Battlefield Way with David Hunt, although we didn't see any Roundheads or Cavaliers and didn't even stop for a pint! A communal barbecue in sunshine followed a 5 o'clock Gin Club, where we tried Marks home produced Gin and later a game of lawn Tri-ominos and Pick-up Sticks. A good night was had by all and we made up for the lack of a pint earlier in the day.

At Flag on Sunday we learnt that Shaun's team narrowly won overall but our team did beat him in the Tri-ominos (Tough luck Shaun!). Cathy & Barry Tibbles our fairly new members won the devilishly hard anagram quiz of board games, after they beat us on the draw for first prize – well done.

Thanks to Marion, Dave, Gail, Mark & Shaun for a really enjoyable weekend.

Jan & Dave

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HILL FARM. MORTON PADDOX

14th - 16th July

We arrived on Friday in warm sunshine but unfortunately this was not going to last all the weekend. There were 13 vans nearly all West Warks except for one who we classify as an honorary member as he comes with us more than his own centre.

We were welcomed on Friday evening with the usual tea /coffee and biscuits.. Some people sat around chatting but it turned rather chilly and many retired to the warmth of their vans.

We woke up on Saturday morning to rain but this did not put people off and many went to the usual Wellesbourne Market. The Sun did show its face during the afternoon.

In the evening the Stewards served a very nice meal of Curry and Rice followed by Donuts. This rally was in memory of Neil Taylor who had run a Curry Delight for many years. His daughter Sam came out together with her Partner Corriin. There were lots of Damson Wine on offer donated by Sam and made by her father who passed away 12 months ago.

A very pleasant evening was had by all and many went back to their vans
Very happy!

Flag was held at 11am on Sunday morning together with the usual tea/coffee and biscuits.

Our thanks must go to Jan,Dave, Gail, Mark and Shaun.

HATTON COUNTRY WORLD

28th - 30th July

We arrived at Hatton Country Park and the signs directed us onto a different field to the one we have always used. It appeared there was a SAAB Motor Rally on the field we usually use. We were also sharing our field with the North Birmingham D.A. CCC.

Margaret and Barry greeted us and Barry sited us. We quickly set ourselves up,had a Barbecue and after we had eaten we walked to the shops on site. They are so different to the shops you get in Towns.

The usual get together was 7.30 by which time all the Vans had arrived. After tea/coffee and biscuits at the Stewards awning We were all busy catching up, when down came the rain and we all quickly ran back to our Vans. On Saturday Brian and I went to Warwick as it was Market Day, it also turned out to be Warwick Folk Festival weekend. There was plenty going on in the town with lots of Groups of Morris Dancers performing in the streets, the atmosphere was lovely and we spent a lot of time watching them.

We have visited Warwick many times but never visited St. Mary's Church. It was very impressive, it's the best Church we have visited for a long time. We really enjoyed our visit.

On returning to the rally field we found Margaret and Barry busily preparing the evening meal. The Events Tent had been erected during our absence so tables and chairs were taken over ready for the evening meal.

What a beautiful meal. The meal consisted of Moroccan Tagnine and Rice followed by Apple and Date Pie and custard. It happened to be Dee Mistry's birthday and he came round with a bottle of wine for every table. Thank you Dee and a Happy Birthday.

Luckily the meal was over when suddenly it started to rain and eventually it became very heavy and the tent began to leak so we all had to return to our dry warm vans or get wet. But never mind we had had a lovely evening. Sunday was sunny with occasional showers and we had Flag and coffee / tea in the tent to be on the safe side. Unfortunately there were only two entries for the Competition, which Keith and Pat won, followed closely by Bob and Brenda.

A big thank you goes to Margaret and Barry ably assisted by David and Arthur for an excellent meal and Rally.

Sylvia and Brian

BOB'S BBQ BASH II - TOWN THORNS

11-13 August

Town Thorns is a beautiful retirement home for people whose work was with the motor trade. Set in a park with mature trees and gardens it lies between Brinklow and Easenhall.

Friday started as bright and sunny, so that by the time Brenda and I arrived around 10:00 o'clock the temperature was comfortably warm. All nine booked in vans duly arrived and were sited in an open square, leaving space in the middle for the events shelters. Being a lovely afternoon, several ralliers took advantage of the shade and having some shelter from the brisk breeze which sprang up. Drinks and chat continued well into the evening.

Saturday was free and easy with most people taking advantage of the variety of walk's that were available both in the grounds and around the locality. A lovely surprise was when Philip and Eileen Howitt drove into the site. Phil looked well and is looking forward to next year when he will be 90 and they

will have been Club members for an amazing 60 years. Eileen's health unfortunately continues to deteriorate. In the evening, we all gathered in the event shelters, where the stewards cooked home made beef burgers, sausages and onions. After that, we had lemon drizzle cake and Earl Grey tea loaf kindly provide by Debbie Hill.

Sunday was another lovely day and all gathered at Flag for tea, coffee and biscuits plus some more well enjoyed supplies of Debbie's cakes. Jan and Dave won the "Dingbats" competition after cutting cards with Barry and Margaret be Dave and Ally, who all got 100% of the answers right. This of course had nothing to do with the fact that in printing the completion from the internet, I had not removed the website address!

Bob and Brenda

Our thanks to Bob & Brenda also Debbie and Graham

2018 PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

AVON BANK ,WYRE PIDDLE	March	16- 18
WEST WOODLANDS Showground, Frome	EASTER March	30- April 1
BARNSTONES, Banbury.	April	13 -15
STRATFORD UPON AVON RACECOURSE	April	20 - 22
TOP BARN FARM, Holt Heath. MAY.BH	May	4 - 7
MONKS BARN FARM, Stratford	May	18- 20
LYNDON TOP, Rutland Water. SPRING B.H	May	25 - 29
HATTON COUNTRY WORLD, Warwick.	June	8 - 10
HOAR PARK CRAFT CENTRE, Ansley	June	22 - 24
GREENHILL PARK TOURING RALLY SITE, Bearley.	July	6 - 8
BLYTHE HOUSE FARM. Rugeley.	July	20 - 22
WILMCOTE HOLDING STABLES, Wilmcote.	Aug	3 - 5
MEON VIEW, Upper Quinton.	Aug	17 -19
OSMASTON POLO FIELD, Ashbourne B.H	Aug	24 - 27
MERRYWEATHER FARM CP. Chipping Norton.	Sept	7- 9
WARCOMBE FARM. C.P. Morthoe. HOLIDAY	Sept	17 - Oct 1
MEADOW FURLONG, Aston Cantlow. AGM.	Oct	5- 7
THE FISH AND ANCHOR INN, Offenham.	Oct	19 - 21

This is the Rally Programme for 2018 for you to peruse. We need your help to complete by volunteering to Steward a rally. When you have decided which rally or rallies you would like to take, please contact the Assistant Rally Secretary on:-

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