



THE RALLIER

West Warwickshire Centre
CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB-



May 2018

Chairman's Welcome to the 2018 Season

Hi Everyone, by the time you read this hopefully our rallies will have started for this year following that appalling week of weather blamed on the beast from the east. Jan and myself are chomping at the bit to get out and about to enjoy our favourite pastime of rallying. We have submitted our slips either by the website or the old-fashioned way by paper and will be out there come rain or shine, (hopefully shine). We look forward to seeing you out on the field.

Happy Rallying

Dave Hawksford

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At long last we have started rallying. Unfortunately our First Rally had to be cancelled due to a flooded field which froze to a skating rink. Never mind, we will be visiting Avon Bank, Wyre Piddle next year. We have been lucky many centre's had to cancel most of their early rallies.

We started the season on Good Friday 30th March with a visit to WEST WOODLANDS SHOWGROUND, FROME for a weeks holiday rally. Roy, Jan and Dave I arrived on the Thursday to set up the rally field. It was pouring with rain and very muddy but we got on setting up and marking out which was difficult with the conditions. Van's arrived on GOOD FRIDAY to be welcomed with more rain. Never mind as seasoned caravaners we had our welcome meeting and warm bread pudding in the rain .

Sunday morning dawned fair so we decided to serve coffee/ tea and have our annual Easter Bonnet Parade, several members took part and we asked our only Visitors Ron and Eileen Norris from East Hampshire Centre to judge the bonnets. Jean Cobb won with her knitted creation. It was in fact Jean and Alan's first rally as members of West Warwickshire Centre although they have visited us many times. Eileen had donated a lovely prize for a raffle. Dave & Ally won and we raised £23.00 for the Air Ambulance.

Although the weather was inclement people went out, there was lots to see and do in the area. Dave & Ally walked up Glastonbury Tor. Then another day organised a walk and a visit to Stourhead.

Several people went to Street to Clarke's Shopping Village. Quite a few coming back with lighter wallets!

Because of the weather we had two lunches in a local hostelry, which were enjoyed by all who attended.

In 8 days we only had 2½ days when it did not rain. At times it looked horrendous with all the thick mud and rain (we had only picked up a new caravan on the Tuesday) we had a great time and most Ralliers stuck it out to the end. Our thanks to you all for coming and for Jan and Dave for being great co-stewards.

### **Barnstones Caravan Park 13th - 15th April.**

We arrived on Friday afternoon it was sunny and dry but very cold to be greeted by Gail & Mark and their Co-stewards Pat and Keith. There were 8 West Warwickshire members also visitors from, Midland Centre, Upper Thames, South Staffs. Yorkshire and West Scotland. I believe other Centres had to cancel rallies due to the condition of fields and the weather. In the evening the stewards welcomed everyone with coffee, tea and biscuits. It was announced that there would be a ramble on Saturday afternoon along the canal and finishing at a local hostelry.

Saturday was a little warmer and some people paid a visit to the local shops and garden centre. At 2 o'clock the ramble started and a merry band set off, and they were even more merry on their return after finding the pub open in Croperdy.

The weekend competition was called "How well do you know your flowers and herbs". It proved to be tricky one, but was won by Dave and Jan. A big surprise at there knowledge of flowers and herbs! Our thanks must go to Gail, Mark,Shaun,Pat & Keith for a very good rally.

### **BINTON SOCIAL CLUB 20th - 22nd April.**

On arrival we were greeted by First time Stewards Pat and Keith who had taken over for Helen and Allen Pavier due to a family problem,they were ably assisted by Jan and Dave. We were sited and even our legs wound down (caravan legs) for us. The stewards welcomed everyone with the usual tea. coffee and biscuits. There were 6 West Warwicks, and 2 visitors from Gloucester and one from Upper Thames.

It was Shakespeare Birthday weekend so most people went into Stratford on Saturday morning.

Saturday evening saw most of us in the Club for a Skittles and a Basket Meal, a great deal of fun was had by one and all.

Flag was held on the Sunday morning with more tea,coffee and biscuits.

A very difficult competition on Anagrams of American Presidents was won by a visitor from from Gloucester.

Our thanks go to the stewards for a very pleasant weekend.

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## **General Notices.**

We have been advised by the Caravan and Motorhome Club that if you have visitors to the rally field.. Please advise the Stewards so they can be recorded.

**STEWARDS ARE STILL REQUIRED** for the Hoar Park Craft Centre, Ansley rally 22nd - 24th June. If we have no volunteers for this rally we will have to cancel.

**BLYTHE HOUSE FARM**, Rugeley - 20th-22nd July.

Jan and Dave Hawksford have agreed to Steward this rally.

Email : Blythe House Farm@westwarwickshirecentre.co.uk.

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Roy and I will be unable to attend rallies for the month of June, so I would be grateful for your rally reports during that month. . My email address is: booklet-sec@westwarwickshirecentre.co.uk

Many thanks

*Margaret Wiltshire*

*Editor*

**HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A GOOD SUMMER.**

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Always worth a browse  
Charity co-ordinator .

Gail Wiltshire

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Web Master - Dave Varley.