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THE RALLIER

the newsletter of the West Warwickshire Centre Caravan Club

THE EDITOR SAYS.....

It's March now and although it is pouring and grey today, we have had some beautiful days this last week. The daffodils are beginning to break out into a glorious display of yellow and vivid green and the grass is beginning to grow (there is always a down-side!) It is certainly enough to make me keen to get the van out and start rallying again, so I will be there at Kineton. I hope to be able to include at least a brief rally report before this edition gets printed ready for Easter. We have had a funny winter, generally mild but with a couple of really cold hard frost periods, so I am hoping all my efforts to prepare the van for winter have paid off.

I have decided to invest in a

good size solar panel and have it roof-mounted on my van. I am sure it will pay off, because although I almost never use a television when I am out, I frequently have quite a lot of lights on when the awning is used for social events. I have also over the last season, replaced a lot of my halogen bulbs with LEDs and these have already shown a marked improvement in battery life over the weekends. Hopefully, the combination of the two will never leave me struggling for power if I need to use my motor-mover on a Sunday afternoon. You will, I hope, have noticed the change of venue for the Regional event being held to celebrate the Queens Jubilee. I would recommend

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this weekend to you as a chance to meet up with people you may know from other Centres. We are running our own rally over that weekend, so I certainly don't want to suggest that everyone should go to the Jubilee

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rally. Region had suggested that we should not run rallies "in opposition" to the event, but we along with a number of other local Centres, decided that as it would not necessarily appeal to all our members, we should provide an alternative. (It seems an established fact that a high percentage of our Centre members are very much against travelling anywhere north or east of Solihull – Can anyone tell me why?)

Anyway, that is enough from me. Start getting the vans ready, prepare your shopping lists for all the bits and pieces you took out at the end of last season and have used up at home and get your booking slips filled in. The season is upon us! I look forward to seeing plenty of you out on the field in the near future – the damson wine is in good form and plentiful supply. Best wishes to you all for a great start to the year

Neil Taylor



Centre Membership

I have had a few calls recently from long term members who have not had their rally books. In each case, it has been because they have not renewed their Centre membership at their annual Subscription renewal. You can renew your Centre Membership on line, rather than by spending money on stamps. You can now do this by logging on to

caravanclub.co.uk/centremembership

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.



CHARITY PAGE

Our book and card sales will be available at most rallies. If you have collected any books over the winter and are willing to donate them to Gail for recycling, I am sure she would be most grateful. These book and card sales have been a mainstay of our fundraising efforts for several years and provide a useful way of topping up your library for very little expense.



25 miles in 7 days— please support Fraser in this incredible challenge

As you all know our centre charity is the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance which covers our district providing a vital rescue service that complements our ambulance teams. They are constantly looking for funding to keep this essential service going and we hope to show them our support again this year through our fundraising.

This year one of our junior members Fraser Terry (aged 10) , is again going to do a sponsored swim to help raise money for this cause. Between the 5th and the 12th June this year he is going to **swim an amazing 25 miles over 7 days!**

This is an incredible task for anyone let alone someone his age so we would appreciate anyone who can sponsor him. There are lots of ways you can do this: -

- You can visit his webpage — www.justgiving.com/FaserTerry2012 and sponsor him on-line
- You can text **WNAA99 £** and the amount you want to sponsor him to 70070
- You can donate money on rallies by filling in a sponsorship form, just find him on the field

Whatever you can afford is really appreciated, Thank you

Rally Programme

By the time you read this, we will already have held our first two rallies of the season and many of us will be at the start of a week long break. There are plenty more great weekends to look forward to – Lickhill is next on the list. This is always a popular venue, with lovely walks along the river into Stourport, an attractive little town with a great little marina. We then move on to the Beer Festival at Long Itchington. Last year was our first time at this well established event and we had a great time. The local pubs were frantically busy, serving a huge array of some wonderful beers and ciders, many of them accompanied by live music and other events and the Boot sale in the adjoining field on Sunday was a real draw – not many people came back empty-handed. After the success last year, I think this is going to be very popular so make sure you get booked in. There were several members from other Centres there, who had not realised we were rallying (because of the problems we had last year getting our rally list into the Club Magazine) and a number of them have said that they will join us this year.

After this it is Cooperage Farm in Meriden, a nice site close to home for many of us, but Brian is planning a ramble over the weekend so you may well see bits of Meriden you never knew existed!

A fortnight later we will be at Pebworth for my 9th. Damson Delight. If you have not attendee before, you will be provided with a two course meal and nibbles on the Saturday night, based around damsons, with ample supplies of damson wine and a top up of damson gin. There will be no charge, but donations towards our charity will be welcomed.

I can't list out all our rallies as there would be little point in issuing a rally book, but one I would mention is Catton. This is a great venue (even if it is north and east of Solihull) but no-one took it on at the Stewards meet. I decided that it is too good a venue to risk losing it, so I am taking it on and it will be run as Catton Christmas. Food will be provided with a Christmas flavour, charged at very low cost, with any profits going to the Charity fund. I hope you will be able to support us at this great site on the banks of the Trent.

PLEASE DON'T TELL ME
IT'S MONDAY...
I CAN'T FACE IT!



FOR SALE

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COWS

Is it just me, or does anyone else find it amazing that during the Mad Cow epidemic, our beaucroatic systems could track a single cow, born in Appleby three years ago, right to the very stall where she slept in Cumbria. From here they could track exactly how much milk she produced on a daily basis, where it was processed and where it was eventually sold. If she was slaughtered for meat, all the products could be tracked to individual retail outlets. Even her calves could be tracked back to their respective parents.

However, other of our systems don't seem to be able to locate 125,000 illegal immigrants wandering around our country.

Maybe we should give each of them a cow!!

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.



Booking In. Please book in to rallies in good time. It is so helpful to the stewards to have a good idea of their attendance in advance. I know that sometimes situations change and you are able to attend (or have to cancel) at the last minute. Rest assured, you will never be turned away if this happens, but please do all you can to assist your stewards to give you the best time they can at any rally.



For certain rallies, mainly Bank Holidays and holiday events, we will be asking for cheques in advance of the rally. We need to notify sites in advance in some cases to ensure we get allocated the correct number of pitches and/or hook-ups and this is the only way we can ensure that we only take "real" bookings and that we have sufficient funds in the kitty to pay the account at the end. However, in the event of a cancellation with a good reason, the Centre will make suitable refunds to members as appropriate. So please do not hold back your bookings in case you have to cancel – if the reason is unavoidable, you will not lose your money.

A Letter to the Prime Minister

Dear Mr Cameron,

Please find below suggestions for fixing the UK's economy:

Instead of giving billions of pounds to banks that will squander the money on lavish parties and undeserved bonuses, use the following approach :-

You could call it the Patriotic Retirement Plan.

There are about 10 million people over 50 in the UK workforce. Pay them £1,000,000 each severance for early retirement with the following stipulations:

- 1). They MUST retire. -
Ten million job openings - Unemployment fixed.
- 2). They MUST buy a new British made car.
10 million cars ordered - Manufacturing Industry fixed.
- 3). They MUST either buy a house or pay off their mortgage.
Housing crisis fixed.
- 4). They MUST send their kids to school/college/university.
Crime Rate fixed.
- 5). They must buy £100 worth of alcohol/tobacco each week.
There is your money back in duty/tax etc.

It can't get any easier than that!

And if any more money is needed, have all Members of Parliament pay back any falsely claimed expenses and second home allowances. Build a Constituency apartment and a Westminster apartment for each Constituency and provide free of charge to each MP, and then cut out all living expenses.

Construction Industry given a big boost and removal of all temptation for our elected members.

THE THREE CENTRES RALLY HAS NOW BEEN ANNOUNCED AS FOLLOWS: -

Three Centres Rally, Broad Street RFC

Date: 18 - 20 May

Location: 140 386776

Post Code: CV3 2TA

Rally Opens: 5:00pm

By Kind permission of Peter Garlick

Route	From A46 Coventry Eastern Bypass, take A428 towards Brandon. Site immediately on left 100 yds from roundabout. Follow EWCC signs.
Site Fee	£7.00 per night incl VAT + Admin + Plaque
Programme	Three Centres - EWCC hosts - "Minilympics"
Rally Officers	Committee Run Rally. Bookings to: Mrs B. Dane
e-mail:	secretary@eastwarwickshirecentre.co.uk

Rally Report

Hampton House Farm, 16th-18th March

Nine of us made it out to our first rally of the season. This is a lovely site, with hook-ups, fairly close to home for most of us, and an ideal opportunity to try the van out after the winter. We had a minor problem on Friday night when the power went off for a while, but nothing prevented all of us gathering in the awning to help our Secretary, Mark Wiltshire, celebrate his 50th birthday with cake and a few bottles. Although it was a bit fresh outside, we managed to keep warm with a couple of awning gas heaters and the application of a drop of internal alcohol.

Saturday was bright and breezy, so the majority of us headed into Wellesbourne to visit the market and stock up on those items we had not thought we needed!

Saturday evening saw a few of us gathered in the awning for a social get-together, but unfortunately the weather had turned very wet and kept a lot of people indoors. It had much improved on Sunday, and we had a pleasant time at flag, enjoying the coffee and browsing through our recently re-stocked charity card and book stall. I think everyone enjoyed themselves and thanks to Sam and the boys for their efforts.

Unfortunately, a previous family engagement prevented me from attending Town Thorns. I had heard a lot about this one-time frequently used site, so this was a disappointment, but I hope to get a report from one of the 6 attendees for the next Rallier.

Neil

OFFICIAL NOTICE FORMAL APOLOGY		FORM A-001	FILING DATE
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The above struck me as a handy document to have around in this day and age when some people seemed to get offended by almost anything!

Feel free to print it off so you too can ensure you are never without a formal apology!!

SELL YOUR STUFF HERE

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 towards Centre Funds, it would be welcomed.

YOUR CENTRE WEBSITE

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.

WIFE VS. HUSBAND

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?"

"Yep," the wife replied, "in-laws."

Sound familiar????

They know me in a way no one ever has
 They open me to things I never knew existed.
 They drive me to insanity and push me to my depths
 They are the beat of my heart, the pulse of my veins, and the energy in my soul
 They are my kids

KIDZ KORNER



I'M NOT OLD

I woke up,
I lifted my arms,
I moved my knees,
I turned my neck....
Everything made the same noise:
'Crrrrrrrrrrrrraaaaaaaacccck!'



....I came to a conclusion:
I am not old,
I am crispy!

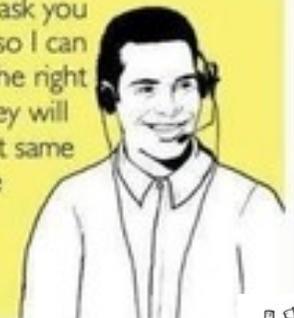
SARCASM:
the ability to insult
idiots without them
realizing it.



Look!!!! A Rallier's
handbag!!!



I'm just going to ask you
a few questions so I can
transfer you to the right
department. They will
ask you the exact same
questions and be
of no help.



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