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CARAVAN OWNERS CLUB

The Roundup

The Latest News and Reviews around the Rallies



Simon & Colin showing even lords & Jesters can be naughty and cheat, which knave said cheat.

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Madam Chairman's Message

We have had excellent rallies with a variety of venues/events and recently the weather has been great. Over the past few months ralliers have been competing in the Mustang Annual Games such as Flat Cap Throwing, Egg Throwing, Bowls, Fishing and Golf. Prize-giving will be at the AGM social. We have had great fun and thanks go to the hard-working Marshals for organising these events (not forgetting all other rallies too!).

Adrian, Rally Secretary is always looking for Marshals to put on rallies (I believe a few more could be put into 2014's calendar so if you are willing, talk to Adrian). There will be a big 'do' for our 900th Rally in February next year at Dunham on Trent so look out for details when the 2014 Programme reaches you and be sure to put the date in your diary.

Looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

Beth Clarkson
Chairman

Aviation Heritage Rally 7th to 9th June 2013 **Marshalls: Dave and Val Smith** **Scribe: Peter Denton** **Photo: Beth**

Well it was about 4am on the Friday morning when we were knocked up by our neighbour who had prevented a hooded Herbert breaking into our shed. So with the day started, we decided take the day off and sort the damage and then go to the rally early, since it was a lovely sunny day.

We arrived at tea time and were met by Dave who sited us with a casual air of pick a spot. It was a lovely flat-ish field and we duly abandoned the van next to Beth and Garth. Set up in a short time we decided that we would enjoy fish and chips from the busy chippy we had passed down the road. So off I set. Just round the corner there were two suspicious Hambleton's eyeing up the local boozier. Well a chat ensued and they came off to the chippy with me.



After feeding, it was about time for the Friday get together. There was a large Blue and Yellow tent provided for our comfort and we all piled in and Val proceeded to force feed us with nibbles. Well the usual merriment and conversation ensued and off I toddled to bed quite early but it had been a long day. On my way to bed I did notice an awful lot of fire buckets out in front of vans for a change!!!!

Saturday, dawned overcast and damn chilly. Most people visited the aviation museum directly next door, and obtained a discounted entry from the old lady who was not doing her best to say welcome!

Of course the star of the weekend was Jane. Just Jane. She is 102 feet wide and 69feet 4inches long with a 33foot hole in her belly where she could hold near enough ten tons of pure horror. Jane has a pseudonym, she is the "City of Sheffield" The last remaining working example of a Lancaster Bomber, the others being the Battle Of Britain Flight one and a single one in Canada, But alas Jane can no longer ask you to "fly me" though I am sure if with her tail high and the four Merlins racing if you pulled back she would leave earths grip and climb once again into her domain of Lincolnshire sky. We prowled around the airfield and hangers looking at all the bits been dug up by the Lincolnshire Aircraft Recovery Group who have un earthed many wrecks over the

days. Read many stories of heroism. Visited the control tower and the Home Front and then saw the Hampden bomber being painstakingly reassembled for display after laying on a mountain side for over fifty years. There were nice tea and cakes in the NAAFI and I felt really old when I saw telephone sets that I can remember working on in my youth now museum artifacts!! However the most moving part for me was seeing the two boards in the chapel listing over 850 names of young men who over only a two year period left the airfield and never returned alive, some never returning at all.

After the day out, the annual bowls competition was undertaken in the chilly summer air. The green had been specially cut by our hostess and we commenced to play. True to style for Mustang competition, the course was a tad bumpy and I am sure if Barnes Wallis was around he would have been proud of some of that bouncing bowls routine. Everyone played very hard doing their utmost to win. Even though it kept some from the pub and their dinner. The chilly air turned blessed cold and the games were foreshortened and the eventual winners were Garth and Mavis. With the task completed we all retired to the tent where the heating was on and the hot urn was duly pressed for hot beverages. Val then decided it was nibble overload again. The evening continued in a similar vain and Mavis was heard to shout at Brian to get them down, well really, this is a family club!!! Saturday evening for those wishing to dine on seafood, Dave did a chippy run, and I am sure it was appreciated. For our entertainment Dave provided a couple of quizzes and we played a game with categories which was very amusing and made you use your brain, for some of us a bit painful.

It was soon time for bed and I slipped away into the night till seeing just as many fire buckets stood by vans.

Then came Sunday morning and what a difference again. When the wind dropped the sun was most warming. But we still all stayed huddled in the tent for flag and a whole larder of cakes and biccies, some even provided by the site owner. What a feast!

So Beth took flag and everyone kept commenting about Garths lost trousers.....

The very devilish competition was won by Beth and Garth after a second cut of the cards. A good turn out for a competition and the lowest mark being 16 out of 20 and that was mine!

Brenda and I won a very nice lucky van prize.

Now I don't know that I should mention this here but, well every time Beth fidgeted in her chair a noise happened, Beth blamed the chair but well we will never know since you cannot ask a lady about such things can you!

So with flag finishing off Adrian and I went and accosted the site owner and beat her into a discount for a longer rally next year, before going off to have lunch in the pub. Thanks Adrian, it was grand, and my benefactor assures me it was not expensive. Though Wendy suggests not to have the lasagne.

Then it was back to pack up and head home. The end of a very nice weekend, on a very quiet site. Don't worry if you missed it this time we will be back next year and you are all invited.

Thanks to Dave and Val for a grand rally.

Caistor Medieval rally
Marshals Kieron and Ethan Treacher
C/o Marshals Simon and Vickie Treacher
Colin and Pat Treacher
Rally Report Adrian and Vanessa
Photo: Tom Gibbons

The rally started on Thursday with 9 vans in by the evening , Friday, The day turned out to be reasonable weather and everybody went out in some way or another. The local fish shops received a few calls from the ralliers (good value £2.50 for fish

and chips) In the evening we gathered in the marquee for a liquid refreshment cake, and biscuits.

Saturday morning most people went out again to various Hamlets around the medieval town of Caistor. Sat afternoon, The lord and his lady were assisted by some of the Warrior's in building the games and Stocks what a laugh we all had.3.30 the fun and frolics began starting of with Jousting, you had to race down the course and burst 2 balloons with a mustang horse under your arm.

Horse shoe throwing , this was harder than you think, placing horse shoes around 3 posts. Kubb — Scandinavian game of throwing wood made out of tree branches. Apple crunching, Apples were hung on a piece of string from a piece of wood (John Hudson had a good go and found a way to make it more accessible , he spun it around the pole to make the string shorter). Jessica devoured the apple in a time of 20 seconds. Jenga — this kept the younger Warriors occupied during the evening. If anybody Cheated or miss behaved they ended up in the Stocks .Food was served by our Medieval Hosts who were assisted by their Parents ,Colin and Pat all in fancy dress they looked amazing. Simon cooked the food outside in true medieval fashion on the big Barbeque. The banquet consisted of, Sausages , Pork steaks, Roast Gammon, Salad ,Chunky bread and a good selection of sauces etc. Medieval Music was played in the evening. The youngsters played in the field until late with their water pistols etc , and it was great to see them having great fun , this is what Mustanging is all about Fun for all ages, without having to spend a fortune. Mike and Josie Left about 10 pm as he was running a bike race on Sunday morning at 9-30 am , that is dedication to the Mustang club. We went on until late in the evening about midnight.



What's going on here Colin?

Sunday, another pleasant day greeted us, we took all but 1 marquee down because it looked like rain but we escaped the cloud. I Took flag Cards were given to Ethan his 10th Birthday. Other Birthday cards were given to Steph Gibbons, Mick Ford, Richard Harvey. Tom and Steph 45th Wedding Anniversary. They also won the lucky van and the quiz with a score of 17.5 out of 24 . Simon gave out the answers to the games on Sat night. **Jousting**, Adrian , Wendy and Olivia . **Apple crunching**, Jessica, **Horse shoe throwing**, Colin **Kubb Game**. Colin and Pat. There were also 2 more fun quizzes in the envelope one

a crossword. The Raffle was taken by 3 of the young Warriors Kieron, Ethan and Olivia. A lovely birthday cake was given to Ethan , which we all had a slice of. Richard, Val, his Daughter, Grand children, Vanessa and I went to the Forge for a Sunday dinner and in true Forge style.

The Weekend went off with great success, weather reasonable for the British climate and superb value for under £13in total per van. Looking forward to next year's rally run by the young Treachers .

Bain Valley Fisheries Rally 28th – 30th June 2013

Rally Marshals: Simon & Vicky Treacher

Report: John Wilkinson

Photo: Beth

We were both looking forward to this trip out, not having been on a rally for one reason or another since Graham's Birthday Bash in 2011. There was a good weather forecast and after a pleasant journey we pulled into Bain Valley Fisheries at Tattershall Thorpe. I hadn't followed the Mustang signs however, and we were told by a 'very nice man' to follow him as the rally field was just a short distance away. He then set off at about 60 miles an hour along a very narrow road, with us

following. We arrived on site where we were welcomed by the marshal Simon Treacher. We were over the moon when we realised electrics were available. I went out intending to get some bait for the match on the morrow but had no luck at all. Colin Treacher came to my rescue and picked up a pint of the best Grimsby wriggling maggots designed especially for catching Tattershall Fish. 8pm came round and we all gathered together in the Chipperfield's tent for Vicky's sausage cobs, drinks and a selection of cakes with plenty of chit-chat. We weren't too late retiring because of the early start on Saturday morning.

Next morning very early there was plenty of activity as we left site in convoy en route for the lake – in all ten anglers including the two ladies, Beth and Marjorie. Simon blew the start whistle at 8am and we had a pleasant five hours fishing. Plenty of fish were caught, but unfortunately most of them were small. Everyone caught some with the exception of John Hudson, but to be fair he had the reputed worst peg on the lake – that's the luck of the draw. Garth Clarkson won the match, with nearly 8 pounds of fish. I was lucky to come second and Simon was third. Marjorie won the ladies section. Half-way through the match there was the sound of a crash at the top of the lake. Fortunately no need to panic – Beth had knocked over all her tackle but she was o.k. About an hour into the match I found out I'd left my flask in the van and looked forward to another four thirsty hours. I didn't need to worry – Janet walked all the way from the site with the Flask and bacon butties and the smile was back on my face. Vicky gave Janet a very welcome lift back to the site. After the match most of us sat out in the sun during the afternoon whilst drying out our keep-nets. Between 5pm and 7pm the BBQ'S came out and the smell of over-cooked sausages permeated the air. Simon's barbeque was very slow to get going and we could hear him grumbling, "this fuel must be wet. Six quid from the hardware store, Tattershall and it won't get going". We all gathered together about 7pm and it was then that I learned I had volunteered to write the rally report – I must be suffering with short term memory loss. We sat around chatting for a while and RayFoster showed us a lovely tattoo he had recently had done. One member, who shall remain anonymous exposed his tattoos of 'Mild' and 'Bitter' on his chest. Never do anything when the rally reporter is near. Beth took Flag at 8.30pm commenting that it was a pleasure to be able to sit out so late in the evening. She then made the presentations to the winners in the fishing match. Cards were handed out for Janet's 75th birthday and to Simon and Vicky on their 15th wedding anniversary. Competition winners were Richard and Val Harvey who also got the lucky van prize. Vanessa's ticket was first out in the raffle draw and then Adrian told us of future rallies, reminding everyone of the 900th rally which will start on 28th February next year. We then sang happy birthday to Janet and had some of her cake. Just before 10pm we adjourned to the warmth of the tent.



Thanks to Simon and Vicky for a great rally and to Simon for a well-organised fishing match. I'm glad to say he'll also be organizing the match next year.

**WE WELCOME THE NEWEST MEMBERS
TO THE MUSTANG FAMILY**

Mark & Teresa and their children, Katie & Amelia from South Yorkshire

**Ian & Sarah and their children, Eloise, George and Henry from
Staffordshire.**

We look forward to seeing you on the Rally field.

attention. Flag was held at the usual 11am start. Peter took the proceedings. A birthday card was given to Sloane and we received a plaque showing we had done 200 rallies it has only taken us 15+ years to get to this point. We also won the lucky van prize, our number was picked by Beth who had joined us for the morning. The winners of the Golf tournaments were announced the winner of the Ladies Title was Sloane and Eddie won the Gents Title, well done to you both. The ladies highest score went to Brenda and the gents highest score went to John, (Peter's brother). Keeping it the family eh Peter. Finally the raffle was drawn and then it was time for a rare event – Adults sweets. The gathering started to break up.

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For the rally itself, a total of seven units arrived to enjoy the sights, smells and sounds of this traditional steam rally. Amongst the attractions were: hundreds of entries in the classic vehicles, tractors, agricultural machinery, motor cycles and many other exhibitions of models and crafts. All of these in addition to the millions of pounds worth of traction engines, road rollers and other steam driven vehicles. The old style funfair rides and many styles of pipe organs were placed throughout the event areas giving the public a musical taste of the past.

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On Friday evening the weather was much kinder than the night before and everyone gathered together for a social evening of fun and chat. Later on Adrian was persuaded to light up his 'Oz Pig' and everyone enjoyed hot buttered toast, fruit bread and crumpets - what a way to end the day! Almost two loaves disappeared - there must be mice!!!

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hardy campers gathered - and these were warmed by the Oz Pig, asparagus soup and more toast. A major highlight that night which raised the spirits of the group was an impromptu visit to our enclave by a 1966 Fire Engine from the Peterborough Volunteer Fire Brigade - everyone enjoyed that!! Sirens, bells etc brought all the near neighbours out for a look - we should have sold tickets!

Sunday was a really warm (if breezy) day and the visitor numbers returned to normal. Everyone looked for bargains in the huge trade area and had their last looks around the site.

So the rally closed and our annual visit ended with members looking forward to the next time we will meet up - many deciding to go to the Stratford Upon Avon rally the following weekend.

Special thanks are of course due to our stewards - Adrain and Vanessa - for stewarding a great rally.

REMINDERS

Unless told differently by the Marshals please take all dry waste home with you.

Get your booking slips into the marshals A.S.A.P

If you have any queries please contact the Rally Marshal while on the rally.

Thank you

The Golf Rally – Laughterton 26th – 28th July 2013 **Marshals: Peter and Brenda Denton** **Report: Stephanie Gibbons**

Friday what a glorious hot sunny day, we arrived on site around 2pm to find six of the expected nine vans on site. All the owners were enjoying the pleasant conditions. Eddie and Joan Darwin were making one of their rare appearances on the rally field; it was lovely to see them again. This rally was proving to be very unusual. This is a Golf Rally so one would expect to bring the old golf clubs; well you need something to hit your golf balls with. Adrian and Vanessa were half way to the rally when they realized they had not got their clubs with them. Tom forgot his putter and Ray Foster was on a promise, but the clubs did not materialize. That did not deter Tom, Ray and Eddie; they set off to play a round. Tom borrowed Peter's putter and Ray shared the other clubs with Tom and Eddie, well what are friends for. By mid evening the two remaining vans arrived. We sat under the marquee roof, no sides as it was warm until the dark descended, by which time it was getting cooler.



Saturday again dawned fine and sunny; we were putting our blinds up at 9am only to see Peter and Brenda walking back from having an early round. For a small fee Tom managed to hire a putter, so that was him sorted out. During the day people who had clubs went on interrupted walks knocking their balls willy nilly, trying to get the lowest score to claim the Title of Mustang Golfer of the Year. The day slowly clouded over but people were still going out on the golf course. Tom and Sandra Shiel paid us a visit again it was lovely to see them, they informed me they still have their Mustang Caravan, though it will never travel the roads

again. Eddie and Tom went on the 18 holes course, Eddie played, while Tom kept him company by travelling around in a golf buggy. Sandra and Joan caught up with all the gossip. That night we were back in the marquee, this time with the sides on. The racing grannies were not behaving, so Peter is going to have another re-think. The evening passed pleasantly enough with everyone putting the world to rights.

Sunday dawned bright and sunny after a night of torrential rain. My Tom went for another game of golf. Unfortunately Grenville and Jenni left early as Jenni had been bitten by something nasty on the Golf Course on Saturday and through the night it had turned really nasty. They were going to the nearest A & E for medical attention. Flag was held at the usual 11am start. Peter took the proceedings. A birthday card was given to Sloane and we received a plaque showing we had done 200 rallies it has only taken us 15+ years to get to this point. We also won the lucky van prize, our number was picked by Beth who had joined us for the morning. The winners of the Golf tournaments were announced the winner of the Ladies Title was Sloane and Eddie won the Gents Title, well done to you both. The ladies highest score went to Brenda and the gents highest score went to John, (Peter's brother). Keeping it the family eh Peter. Finally the raffle was drawn and then it was time for a rare event – Adults sweets. The gathering started to break up.

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2014 Calendars

Should you wish to purchase orders for the 2014 Mustang Caravan Owners Club can you please contact me as soon as possible. The cost of the Calendars remains the same at £2.00 of which £1.00 is given back to the club.

Thank you and I look forward to receiving your orders

Stephanie Gibbons—(Editor)

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August Bank Holiday – Stratford on Avon 23rd – 27th Aug 2013

Marshals: Colin & Pat

Report: Mavis & Brian White

Friday – Brian and myself arrived at this new venue at 3.30pm. What a lovely site, it was like being in the middle of a forest. There was an island of trees in the middle, with another rally on one side of this island. We were greeted by Adrian as Colin and Pat were arriving about 5.00pm. We found our pitch, settled in, a few more caravans arrived. The weather was good, we went round chatting to our friends. Colin and Pat arrived about 5.30pm. After tea, Brian and a few more helpers assisted Adrian to put the marquee up. At 8.00pm over we all went for the usual chat with tea, coffee and biscuits. Ian and Sarah Trushell, John's son and their family had joined us, they have been members for about two weeks and this was their first rally, and wasn't it nice to see some new children running round and having fun. Matthew was also there with Richard and Diane's granddaughter Esme. Brian and I retired at 10.15pm.

Saturday – We awoke to the sound of pitter-patter coming down quite quickly. The day was our own, as we were leaving the site, Sue and Eric arrived that made 15 caravans for the long weekend. We went to the Transport Museum at Wythall. I have never seen so many buses in one place. From there we called at Henley In Arden. That evening as it was quite cold we went into the hall which was on site, very nice and cosy. Pat put on a lovely meal of Cold Gammon and salad followed by delicious scones, jam and cream, that would not do my diet good! Colin put some background music on, but were chatting that much no one had heard it. What a lovely ending to a good day.

Sunday – The weather was a lot better, another day to do as we please. We went with Sue and Eric to the butterfly farm in Stratford. When we first arrived it was hard to find the butterflies, by the time we had been round the insects we came back through the farm there were lots of different species of butterflies flying around us. It was lovely, one landed on Sue’s hand, another on Eric’s back and one landed on Brian’s jumper. Having left the Butterfly Farm we had a walk round Stratford. That evening there was a communal BBQ followed by Flag, which Graham took. He thanked Colin and Pat for the week-end, a first rallier plaque was given to Ian and Sarah Trushell and their three children, George, Henry and Eloise. Graham then handed out the following cards, Pat and Adrian – Birthday Cards. Janet and John, along with Ian and Sarah both wedding anniversary cards. The lucky van prize went to Janet and John with competition winners being John and Maureen Denton. This was followed by the raffle and the distribution of the children’s sweets the evening ended in the marquee.

Monday – 7 caravans were moving on today, we helped Adrian take the Marquee down. Unfortunately, Colin has had to go back home today, as he has work on Tues. We went out for a while. That night there was another BBQ followed by “Curling on Grass” a long canvas is pinned down on the grass marked in segments and numbered, this is then soaked in soapy water. The stones are made out of wood and you slide them along the wet canvas. This created a lot of fun and laughter as we had 16 members trying their skill, some got the hang of it and scored high, other struggled to keep them up right. This went on until dusk by which time it was getting cold.

Tuesday – The members still on site packed up and made their way home. A very enjoyable rally and thanks to Adrian for find this site, hope we will come again.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Sorry to remind everyone that Santa will be with us soon. If you would like to send your friends a greeting in the next edition of the Round up (146 Winter 2013) please contact me at :- please enclose 2* 2nd Class stamps or if you see me at a rally please place your order along with a £1.00 or I can also be contacted at: mustangcaravanoc@ntlworld.com

Thank you—Stephanie Gibbons (Editor)