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CARAVAN OWNERS CLUB

*The Roundup*

*The Latest News and Reviews around the Rallies*



Wheels on the field at the Chinese Cooking Rally

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Early Bird & Games Week-end – Wrawby  
9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
Marshals: Mike, Josie, Adrian & Vanessa  
Report: Diane Good

Friday – we arrive early to find Adrian hedge cutting. While we got set up others starting arriving. Late afternoon and a few people were reminiscing about honeymoons when Stephanie asked Tom about theirs not getting a reply she asked him again only to find that he had left his seat unknown to her. This amused all. In the evening we were served with veg soup and crusty bread followed by a ploughman's, lovely. Dingo Bingo or Hoy ( a game of bingo but played with playing cards) was played, the 1<sup>st</sup> game was shared by Val and Graham. Whilst the caller had a break, Colin borrowed the cards to find the matching ones for his set of cards. The 2<sup>nd</sup> game commenced with a different pack of cards and Pat won. Colin's little ploy was defeated, sorry to all who were waiting for the Joker to be called.

Saturday – a very pleasant day, yes summer has arrived, many ralliers went out. The rally marshals put out a variety of games, snooker/pool table, large snakes and ladders, carpet bowls and many table top games. In the evening we had hot dogs, jacket potatoes with peas, beans, cheese and onions, followed by Vanessa's favorite Jam Sponge and custard. A Beano and Dandy quiz was won by Pat and Chris and the bowls was won by Adrian. I departed back to the van and fell over Dave Smith's BLUE fire bucket hidden in the dark shadows. Thanks Dave, I didn't have to wash my feet.

Sunday – Still summer!! Colin took flag and welcomed new ralliers Godfrey and Gill to the Mustang family. Birthday cards were given to Matthew, Dave, Val (Smith) and Josie, the Competition was lowest score to Barry & Val (Ashcroft) and winners Godfrey & Gill. Dave Smith mentioned about the lack of fire buckets and reminded all that we have one outside our units. They ought to be RED and not BLUE Mr Smith. It was nice to see Barry Groom back on the field after a few years absence.

A good rally with 16 vans attending the first rally of the year and beautiful weather. Thanks to Vanessa for Josie's mountainous birthday cake which was enjoyed by all. Finally a thank you to our Marshals Mike, Josie, Adrian & Vanessa for organizing a different rally and smashing weather.

Just a p.s. to Dave Smith – life in retirement (Fire Brigade Officer) must be hard as you seem to do a lot of sleeping and we have the photo to prove it – Cheers Dave and continue to enjoy your retirement either sleeping or awake.



**Motorhome/Caravan Show Newark**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012**  
**Marshals: Adrian & Vanessa**  
**Report: Stephanie Gibbons**

What a glorious week-end this turned out to be the weather for the most part though cold and cloudy some of the time the sun did put in an appearance. On arrival the ladies were given small bunches of daffodils so that was a bright start. In total if your reporter remembers correctly there were fourteen sets of wheels on the field, but an extra two sets of legs in the form of Carol's parents, members Joan and Derek.

Friday evening most of the happy campers heading down to the main pavilion for the evening entertainment of "Ultimate Elton" who did two sets, what can I say everyone was impressed by his performance. Four of our group Colin, Pat, John and Wendy arrived late at the venue and could not get in as people were already waiting for space to come available inside. But anybody already in the building was not leaving as we were all waiting for the second set of "Elton". Unusually there was not alternative entertainment provided for

those who could not get into the main pavilion. We all thought the organizers shot themselves in the foot over this one.

Saturday the first official day of the exhibition part of the week-end and most people went out and about the various stands. Some came back with goodies others did not. That evening it was back to the pavilion to queue for the evening's entertainment, lessons learnt all our happy band went down early. For tonight we were to be entertained by a four piece show band "Chequers" who did a variety of music and songs in both their sets that got the audience up dancing. The main act of the evening was the "Grumbleweeds" what a fantastic performance they gave. They had the audience laughing from the start. You just had to be there to see their rendition of Cher a whip would not have been out of place, how on earth the guy who did the impersonation managed to peel himself into the outfit, what there was of it was amazing.

Sunday arrived we all arranged our chairs around our marshals van, for all the usual things though we did not have a week-end quiz, too much to do and see over the week-end. Roy Jollands was presented with the winter competition trophy. I was delighted that a new name has been put on this trophy. Then things started to break up some members had to leave today, work commitments, but still some managed to get yet another wander around the various stands as the sun shone all day so they waited as late as possible to leave the site. That evening was just a quiet one, with all the people who were staying on site till the morning just staying in their own vans.

Thank you must go to our marshals for arranging this rally. For those of you who could not attend missed a great week-end. I think Adrian has already booked it for next year, so maybe we will see you then.

**Addresses, telephone numbers & E-Mail Addresses**

If for any reason you have changed any of the above, can you please let the Secretary and Editor know as it has come to my attention that some people have not been receiving the round ups etc.

It is very important that we have all the up-to-date information. You can always contact me at [mustangcaravanoc@ntlworld.com](mailto:mustangcaravanoc@ntlworld.com)

Thank you  
Stephanie (Editor)

**Thank you From Ken Boulton**

Just a word to let you know I have received the latest round up. I would like to pass on my thanks to you and fellow members for the enquires made over the past few months regarding my well being. I am doing fine, treatment finishes at the end of March.

We wish you well Ken and hope you are well on the road to recovery.

**Easter rally report  
Marshalls Mike & Josie  
Rally report Adrian & Vanessa**

We arrived just after dinner after a slow ride through around the Lincoln bypass due to the sheer volume of traffic, once we got on the A46 Lincoln To Newark the site at Collingham was in sight, with the marshals and ralliers sat outside enjoying the pleasing sunshine and scenery, eating hot cross buns washed down by a cuppa. Mike said to me I can't find my paperwork & as the Mustang case had been left in the Kitchen at Caistor I couldn't help him, but needless to say our super efficient Editor soon sorted the problem out. Thank you Steph, We welcomed the New ralliers John & Sloane from Cambridgeshire, who soon fell into the general way of the Mustangers, John Helped us put up the Marque as we decided to put it up to save the hall fee,

Friday night kicked off at 7.30 with Soup & a proper hot dog, and finished off with a Choco Mountain, the temperature was very nice with the Super Ser doing a good job. Richard & Val from Collingham joined us to see their John and Sloane and stayed the night until quite late. I put a slide show on the Computer of Nathans and Sophie's wedding which was the previous weekend at York. Vanessa & myself were very proud of them both. Barry Groom brought some Nostalgic photos in which brought some great memories back of the past years with many faces to be remembered. The night soon came to an end and we all departed to our caravans.

Saturday. The weather was overcast with no frost. And soon developed into very pleasant day, we went to Brownhills to investigate possibilities of running a rally there, looks promising! We then went to Newark which was very bustling as people were doing their weekend shopping. The Ladies bought some very nice clothes. Back at site later Mike & Josie were preparing the Supper for the evening Chicken Curry, Nahn breads, later. A table top sale was put out instead of the Auction & raised £ 22.04 (thanks to Beth and Garth) We were soon fed the Supper which was superb and was finished off with peaches & rice pudding. Mike did one of his killer Quizzes about food & drinks which created some very amusing laughs, the night went very quickly and about 11.30 came to an end.

Sunday. The day broke with overcast skies everybody went out to various attractions around the area including Belton House, we took Shandy for a nice long walk mid afternoon, The evening we all took food for an American supper. Graham took flag, He welcomed new ralliers, John & Sloan from Little Downham, Nr Ely to the club, there was a good selection on the raffle table, Beth & Garth won the Lucky van prize, Vanessa won the Quiz,

Later on in the evening Tom played his guitar and sang us many songs which we all joined in and it turned into very enjoyable evening. Thank you Tom. Can I take this opportunity to thanking Mike & Josie for putting a very enjoyable rally looking forward to the next one.

**Spalding Flower Festival**  
**Marshals:- Colin and Pat Treacher**  
**Rally Report:- Graham and Carol Kirkman**

We arrived on Friday evening and surprise surprise, it was still daylight and we weren't last. We ended up with thirteen vans including three new ralliers. Tom and Stephanie had declared independence and parked with the Zodiacs on hard standing. The weather was windy and cold but into the marquee we went. Colin was on his own because Pat was appearing in a show back at home but she had left a lot of 'to do' lists. Apparently, the van was bristling with 'post it' notes. The usual coffee and natter took place and Adrian spent most of the night, in fact most of the weekend moving the one heater around to keep us all warm.



Saturday morning was glorious first thing but all too soon it deteriorated into wind and rain. That didn't stop the parade however. The rain stopped just in time and it was as good a parade as I've seen there. The attention to detail and the sheer amount of hard work entailed in producing those floats is incredible. Adrian and myself followed the procession round into the town and the amount of people who turned out to watch was amazing. On the way back we decided to take a short cut but the back gate was locked, so we ended up

walking twice as far. We went into the marquee that night and were treated to cheese and biscuits, scones with jam and cream, followed by strawberries. After a couple of quizzes and the usual amount of alcohol the two Johns gave us an impromptu lesson in table assembly.

Sunday was dry and reasonably bright so we walked to the shopping outlet as did a few others. When we returned Pat had arrived so Colin was a free spirit no more. That night nearly all of us went into the disco in the school hall. Given the fact there were less caravans than usual the hall seemed to be fuller. He is the most unlikely looking DJ you have ever seen but he plays great music. The Mustangers won nearly all of the raffle prizes and we had a brilliant night all round.

Monday was dry and bright again and soon it was time for flag. Colin gave out first rally plaques to the three new ralliers and also to John and Sloane. They should have had theirs at Easter, but for reasons I'm not allowed to divulge they didn't. Oh all right then, someone forgot to put Adrian's case into the car at Easter. I'm not saying who but her initial is 'V'. John and Wendy were given a Wedding Anniversary card, it's a good job flag fell the day before the event because John had forgotten it. As if I'd ever do a thing like that. All too soon it was time to pack up, go home and look forward to the next time.



Note from the Editor—The Mustang Group also showed the other groups how to enjoy themselves.

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**Cottesmore rally – 11-13 May 2012**  
**Marshal—Roy Jollands**  
**Report—Dave & Val Smith**

Around ten vans and motorhomes (as well as their occupiers) enjoyed themselves on this weekend's rally in England's smallest county. This was the club's second time at the well-appointed des-res in the exclusive belt of mellow stoned villages. It was also Roy's second time of marshalling the rally, only this time he chose to turn up! (Last year, his services were commandeered by the NHS!) On the way to the rally we forgot (as did others it seems) about the road hump on the road in from the A1 and promptly rearranged the contents of our cupboards! Due to Val having to teach we could not get 'a flyer' (an early start) so we stole Graham and Carol's traditional claim of being the last on the rally field. It was good to have a coffee and a chat in the awning until tiredness took over.

Saturday was a sunny and warmish day. There are numerous things to do and see in this delightful area of England. Some went to an open garden, others to Oakham to buy sausages for their BBQ'd tea, some to Melton Mowbray for a genuine pork pie. Unfortunately, we had paperwork to do (Val writing the dreaded school reports and me proof reading a relatives dissertation) so we had to squirrel ourselves away somewhere. This task was made more bearable by parking our motorhome for the day on a car park overlooking one of my favourite spots in the whole of the country, the picturesque Rutland Water reservoir. It was hard to concentrate when we were distracted by one of our favourite hobbies i.e. people watching, even people in sailing regattas and fishing boats as well as fly fishermen fishing, families picnicking, joggers jogging, cyclists cycling, ten lords a leaping etc etc. At one point we even considered opening up the side window of our motorhome and selling coffees and ice creams! We made it back in time for the early evening all important Mustang flat cap throwing contest. I don't think the rally marshal had advertised this significant annual event widely enough as the expected throng of spectators from the village failed to materialise but as Mustangers do, we soldiered on. For once, no cheating took place - or if it did, we were all too slow to notice it! The girl with the muscles was Vanessa Hambleton who flung to a creditable distance of 42 feet and 2 inches whereas the male athlete was Graham Kirkman who overstretched himself (at a risk of a hamstring injury) to reach 50 feet and 1 inch. Both have now gone forward to represent Caistor and Sinfin (soon to be renamed Sinwin) in the London Olympics (Northern Section) Flat Cap Chucking Tournament. I think they are also due to begin training for the other all-important northern section of the Olympics event for the 'Number of Ferrets Down a Single Leg of a Pair of Trousers' competition. I am sorry to disappoint you all but the tickets to see were sold out immediately, at ridiculously inflated prices, by tickets touts outside the 'Stop Ferretin' About, Arms' public house in Wath-upon-Deerne. The good news is that (at a very attractive price) I can still get Mustang members tickets to see Adrian Hambleton hopefully win gold in 2 events that he has trained intensively for 54 years-'The Quickest Time to Empty a Skip' tournament and this year's guest sport of 'Marathon Car Booting' where the Olympiads have to attend 6 car boots in one Sunday morning and obtain as many artefacts that it takes to fill a Vauxhall Frontera leaving only the glovebox free to take the wife back home in. Get down to Ladbroke's and place your bets - the other athletes don't stand a chance!

Sunday morning flag and we were able to enjoy a coffee outside in the sun and be given the answers to Roy's tortuous quiz – won by the weekend's swots John and Wendy. We left the field to have lunch in one of my favourite towns in England – the beautiful mellow stoned, Georgian town of Stamford.

It was good to meet new and old friends again, to see a lovely area of the country again and to have an enjoyable and restful weekend again. I know that Roy was worried about doing his first rally and got some stick about his quiz but everybody clearly enjoyed the rally so he must have got the formula right and hopefully will do a repeat performance next year..

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### **KING'S LYNN 10K RACE**

We enjoyed our first Rally with the Mustang Owners Club when we went to Spalding Flower Festival in May even though we spent most of the time dodging the showers.

Linda has family living in King's Lynn so I took advantage of this to enter the 10k Race. Around 2000 competitors took part and the atmosphere was exciting as we all gathered on the Tuesday Market Place for the start of the race. The course was flat and mainly through the town and along the Quay. There was a lot of support with people lining the streets throughout the race and this really is encouraging for the runners. I did a personal best time of 51.59 minutes – not bad for a 64 year old who only took up running again in my 60<sup>th</sup> year. Submitted by John Geeson  
Congratulations and very well done John.



Editors Note: If any other members of the club have any articles they think may be of interest to the membership, please feel free to send it to me either by post to the usual address printed at the back of the Roundup or e-mail it to the usual address also printed at the back of the Round.

### **Chinese Cooking Rally Taken place at the Caistor Retirement Centre for wayward caravanners! Marshals: Ardian, Vanessa, Graham & Carol Person telling the fibs Peter Denton.**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May MY BIRTHDAY we arrived after a hard day's work making a living and paying my taxes so all the retired people can enjoy the proceeds of my labours, I am not bitter merely very jealous!, and parked up and soon were enjoying a welcome brew in the new "Black Lagoon" or Adrian's newly acquired sexy black marquees. They were a lot lighter inside and a whole lot warmer too! I must admit it was nice to see my big brother and my sister in law out on the field again after we had chided them for so long. Well the evening soon passed by and the loving couples drifted off to bed either in pairs or small groups. That sounds bad doesn't it? However it was dark and most of us were tired and were soon fast asleep for the night like good little campers.

Saturday dawned bright and clear, the sun was splitting the paintwork on the van when we awoke, no not really it was chilly and grey but wasn't raining. The brothers Denton and their better halves went into Grimsby, other people either loafed around or went into Caistor or elsewhere. However we went to the Fishing Heritage Centre in Grimbo, and a well spent six quid it was. There was a proper guided tour round a retired trawler (another retiree) which took about an hour and was very good, then a trip round the centre which explained more about the life of trawlermen and their training. There was also an exhibition telling people about the Immingham dock which was some feat of engineering. Over 6million cubic yards of stuff were excavated, now that is a big lump by anybodies measure.

Then it was back to camp for the evening. When Stephanie returned from taking her dad out for the day to celebrate his birthday, we discovered that she had spent the day in hospital with him. You see what happens if you don't eat your greens in her house! Hope he is on the mend and soon back on his feet.

So Sabby arrived and for a change due to the weather we were cooking in "The Great Hall" all four marquees being set up for the purpose. Under very strict and I mean strict guidance the following dishes were expertly prepared. Steve and Di's grandson Robert was having a great time and I am sure he wants to do it again!! Egg fried rice, noodles with cabbage and bean sprouts, sweet and sour chicken, and beef in a black bean sauce with ginger and vegetables. And of course lots of prawn crackers both spicy and normal. Well we all ate like kings, and some of us twice! We were stuffed!!! Before she ran away Sabby was given a card to celebrate her and Bob her hubby's anniversary, and forced to say she will do it next year. The evening then continued with a Vanessa style fiendish quiz. Then the conversation broke out. At one point the merits of naturism and of naked men playing croquet was the prime subject, with all these adult events you can see why I want to retire! Well the evening slid by and quite late most of the revellers departed for their abodes, fed and tired.

Sunday was another cool one. After the traditional egg hurling, which was won by Chloe and Matthew, in the junior league and the long distance tossers were my big brother John and young Roy. After the excitement I took flag in my usual hap hazard method, and had great pleasure in presenting a Golden Anniversary card and a first rally plaque to Mick and Jackie, who have joined us and travelled from Skeggy for the experience. Other anniversary cards went to Barry and Val for next week and then Adrian gave one to me and Bren cos some of you will remember we got hitched on my birthday. So Adrian gave me a card for my birthday too. The other "New Rallier" plaque went to Sophie and James, as despite the fact they have been coming forever, this was their first "official" rally in their own right.

Now Vanessa's quiz.....

TV series given by their place locations, well Graham and Carol who never watch the television won that with full marks!!! Paul and Claire were lucky and got the lucky van prize. In all there was much mirth and merriment and I know I had a great weekend, and trust everyone else did too. If not then they weren't trying hard enough!

So thanks to one and all for a great weekend and I hope you enjoyed the small bit of birthday cake that was on offer to celebrate me getting closer to giving up work. Did I mention it was my birthday at the weekend?

#### WINTER COMPETITION RESULTS

1 <sup>st</sup>	Roy Jollands	52/60
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ray & Rita Foster	48/60
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barry & Val Ashcroft	46/60

Congratulations to Roy and the runners up, and thank you to all those members who took part, may be a few more will have a go at next years competition. Remember it is for the Len Bartlett Trophy

Thank you - Stephanie

#### NEW MEMBERS

Since the publication of the last Round up we have had 11 new families join our happy band of Caravanners and Motorhomers

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