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CARAVAN OWNERS CLUB

The Roundup

The Latest News and Reviews around the Rallies



Vickie with Margaret & Brenda, who as you can see have been Vickie'd
You had to be there to know what is going on

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Christmas Rally—Caistor. 30th Nov -2nd Dec.
Rally Marshals: Graham & Carol, Adrian & Vanessa
Report: Sandra & Katie.



Fortunately after the week of everywhere being flooded, Adrian's field was ok. We arrived at the field following my Dad, in my new Toy..... A Motor home and unfortunately got stuck at the gate, I hadn't even made it all the way through, when my wheels started throwing Mud about and Crabbing....Graham and Adrian came and greeted me with a quick hello then....Are you coming in or What??? Which then I replied I can't I'm stuck!!! They both chuckled as if to say You can't be stuck.....YES I can! Anyway eventually after heavy revving and speedy actions I found a spot.....Phew.....8.00pm. Wow what a greeting..... Fairy Lights a Santa, a Snowman at the gate Katie thought it was lovely....then we entered through a shed door.....To a Wonderland, wow, fantastic, there was a lot of hard work gone into the decoration of the Grotto. It was nice to see familiar faces there...The Marshals had provided a lovely spread, in fact too much some would say, and of course what also makes the night is plenty of chat and Alcohol....Unfortunately at 10.00pm Katie and myself retired for the evening Its hard work being a six year old, well that's what I told everybody, the real reason I was tired.....way past my bedtime.

Saturday. The day was left free, I think most of the ralliers went to the Garden Centre in Brigg. But that night. We had a 3 course meal at the Forge just down the road from the field....One word sums up the food

there EXCELLENT.... It was so good if I had one niggle, I wouldn't say it is complaining, but the portion size of the sweets...I had Pavola, now it was nice, but way too big....but of course there's always one in the group that has 3 desserts ? Isn't that right Adrian.....!!

I nearly wasn't going to put this next line in...then thought about it...and I'm going to...It was one of those rare quiet times when if anything is going to happen then this is the time it will isn't that right Peter of course I wouldn't dare tell anyone that you let the biggest Burp out, ooooooh no wouldn't be right..... Then again.....too late I've done it. Then we had a Surprise visitor to the evening. We were finishing our coffee, when a sound that was familiar.....Santa on a motorised sleigh, some would say he was still learning to drive it, as he had to overcome a few obstacles on the way, but he did arrive safely.... He staggered in (I think our Santa had one to many) anyway less about that, he was focussed on his little helper Carol, who looked lovely in her Red dress. Santa then dished out the presents to everyone, there Katie was in a trance while she was looking at Santa, and she gave him a cuddle when she went up to receive one of a few presents..... Then it was time to go for Santa, Not sure whether he got the hang of his sleigh or not, but he soon whizzed off and disappeared round the corner.....then he zoomed around again before heading back to the North Pole. We then played pass the parcel, well that's what the Marshals said....me personally would described it as "Chuck it to anyone and as hard as you can" First up was the ladies....it was funny and the winner was Pat Treacher who had to model her prize of..... A pair of Mustang Pants very fetching.....Next it was the time for the men, they were not gentle throwers, and the winner was Colin Treacher what's the odds on both family members winning, he won the same Pants but he had to go one stage further put them on his head.....oh well always one.....Then we got onto dancing and now we have a new dance name not the slosh but the splash thanks to Katie who thought that was its name Its amazing how time flies as it was 12.00pm and we had to call it a night, but boy it was an excellent Night.



Sunday—Time for Flag to be taken by Beth the New Chair Lady , and reported the events over the weekend and what a good night we had on Saturday, she then said there was a first time Rallier, even though she had been on Rally's with her Parents and she presented them with the first rally plaque, that would be me and Katie, who couldn't get up the isle quick enough to get the plaque..... Carole then took over to present the competition prize then Beth and Carol took the Raffle, with a break in between so we could

all have Tea/coffee as the Urn wasn't hot enough to begin with.... The raffle was in a bran tub, so no one knew what they were getting which was a nice twist.

Then it was time to say goodbye to everyone, with a very big thank you to our Marshals for arranging an excellent rally and of course a special thank you to Santa for going out of his way just to visit us.

Thanks must also be given to the Caterers and their team at "The Forge" for the beautiful meal and service.

New Year Rally – Wellingore
28th Dec 2012 – 2nd Jan 2013
Marshals –Colin & Pat with the New Year crew
Report: Stephanie & Tom Gibbons

The world did not end on the 21st December, which is just as well as Colin and Pat would not have been best pleased as all their well thought out plans would have been for nought. So here we are on the 28th December parking up on the car park or field at Wellingore. It does not seem like a year since we were last here, how time flies. We arrived to find one or two vans installed but we still managed to get in our favourite spot tucked into a corner. This evening was spent renewing old friendships and finding out what sort of Christmas people had, and basically just catching up while eating mince pies and sausage rolls the usual coffee and tea was available. John and Wendy had brought some photo's of their daughters (Fliss and Matt both of whom had been Mustang foals) wedding so the album was passed around, what a beautiful bride Fliss made and the mother of the bride looked stunning. With at least fourteen vans on site everyone settled in for the night, which turned out to be very stormy with the wind blowing very hard.

Saturday arrived with a very overcast sky and the wind was still very strong but some folks still managed to venture out. More vans arrived today. The games league tables are up so people are starting to organise the various matches for the darts and table tennis. The evening entertainment is "Play your Cards Right" with different outfits under the title of "What you would not want to be seen dead in" where does Colin get the ideas from. The menu for the evening is the Mustang version of "Spag Bol" or Risotto with of course desserts chocolate or pink jam sponge was on offer, top with either chocolate or pink custard. Later in the evening we were entertained by volunteers who sang along to the Karaoke. In between Colin played just some general music, while people nattered.

Sunday dawned with overcast skies some people again went out visiting the area. That evening was our Wacky races evening. So the first race was held honouring our long passed members, one can imagine them looking down on us and having a laugh. Having finished this race "Mansfield Miner" was declared the winner. It was time for supper, which was Hot Pot followed by Apple or rhubarb crumble and custard or bananas. Then it was time for the second race which this time was won by Dried out Dizzy. All this excitement was followed by various quizzes.

Monday the day everyone had been waiting for, the kitchen was a hive of activity with all the vegetables being prepared for the evening meal by various helpers. The main hall was prepared with the laying out of the tables with table clothes and bottles of wine, or bottle water. The evening kicked off with the Sherry Reception then the final of the Darts competition was held on the stage between Simon and Vicky, Angela and Tim with the winners being Simon and Vicky, who also won the final of the Table Tennis competition against Jason and Kerry. Then it was time to be seated for the Dinner. A choice of starters followed by Turkey and all the trimmings which was then finished off with a choice of eight different desserts. Finally if you had any room cheese, biscuits and mints were on offer, along with copious amounts of tea or coffee. Then Simon fresh from his competition success put his DJ hat on and entertained us for the rest of the evening into the early hours of the morning. He had a cheesy hour, though some of the music really did not sound



too cheesy. Colin did his usual birthday party piece as of course his birthday is on the 1st of January (another notch on the belt of life, eh Colin). During the evening various people were "Vickied" you had to be there, but it certainly put a smile on peoples faces. The evening eventually came to an end about 3.00am.

Tuesday 1st January 2013 The chefs had done their bit in the kitchen again and at 10.30 am we all sat down to the full English breakfast. This was followed by flag. Beth saithank you the Colin, Pat Vanessa, Adrian and Peter along with all the various helpers eg. Pot washers, vegetable peelers all of whom go to make a great Rally along with our excellent DJ Simon who was ably assisted by Kieron, another DJ in the making maybe, having seen him organise a dance called “Gangnam style” . The Ladies Bowls Trophy was given to Val Smith, The Darts and Table Tennis trophies were given to Simon and Vicky. A birthday card was given to Colin and an Anniversary card was given to Adrian and Vanessa, the lucky van was won by Carol and Graham. A special presentation was made to Colin and Pat as a thank you for all their years of hard work on behalf of the club. This was followed by the raffle. With flag brought to a conclusion people wandered off out and about or just relaxed to re-charge the human batteries after the excitement of the Year end party. Activity started in the kitchen again for the end of rally left over supper.



Wednesday, the day nobody really likes, well maybe Pat and Colin who start to chill out after the long hard few days, no doubt Colin will be already planning for 2013—2014 New Year Rally. For everyone else left on site it is time to pack up and head for home. Some helpers were clearing up and cleaning up, as always Mustang like to leave things as we find them. This is why we have been able to use this venue for so many years. Thank you to all the catering Crew and remember it is the rallying members who make it all worthwhile. See you next year, same time same place. Here’s to a good 2013 rally season.

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If you would like Embroidered Mustang Fleeces, Tee-Shirts etc please contact Carol or Graham to place your orders—
Thank you

Winter Quiz 2012-2013

I got quite a few entries back for this competition which on the face of it I thought was difficult. But there were plenty of very close answers before the winners were eventually found. Different questions tripped people up as a few of the marks were similar, but the wrong answers were all different. So I hope everyone enjoyed doing this years quiz. Thank you to everyone who took the time to enter the competition.

Congratulations and well done to the eventual winners:
Nan & Dennis Cheshire
Their score was 75 out of 75

3 Entries had 74 Joan & Eddie Darwin, Janet & John Wilkinson & Linda , Dave & Nicola Brown

Madam Chairman’s Message

Our first rally of the year – Valentine’s - was a great success especially with the sun we had all weekend and reasonably mild for the time of year. Hopefully this is a good sign that the rest of the year’s rallying will be much the same. The programme is varied with a few new venues so get those slips in to your Marshals a.s.a.p and I look forward to seeing you soon.

On a sadder note in January in blizzard conditions the funeral of one of our long-standing members, Rita Foster took place. Many of Rita’s siblings couldn’t travel from the south of England due to the snow so it was good that 13 of our members could be at the funeral near Nottingham to support Ray and family. Our condolences are with Ray and the family and Rita will long be remembered by Mustangers who knew her for her fun and laughter.

Beth Clarkson
Chairman

WRAWBY - VALENTINES
15 /17 FEB 2013 MARSHALS
BRIAN, MAVIS WHITE & ERIC & SUSAN WHITE
RALLY REPORT : ADRIAN AND VANESSA

We arrived at the village hall at 10.45 after picking up the key from the booking sec and putting the signs out, there was still a few signs of the dreaded white stuff called snow on the car park, first here was Eric and Susan, closely followed by Brian and Mavis they unloaded their cars, it was a resemblance of new Year, things kept coming out of car and vans. The marshals soon got into action in the hall sorting things out for the meal on Friday night. Vans started to arrive soon after noon and it wasn't long that we had the full number of vans on site (13). Colin and Pat arrived in their old van as they were supposed to be picking a new van up after The New Year but there was a production problem, They had stripped the van out so had to reload things back in, Colin had to borrow my SPIRIT LEVEL and Pat forgot some very important pieces of Clothing!. (I will leave you in Suspense to guess what). They found some in Pound stretchers. 8 Pm arrived so we all went across to the hall to be met by a nice warm hall, tables laid out and food ready to be served, Jacket Potato, Home Made coleslaw, Grated cheese, and Baked beans, followed by Homemade Carrot cake, chocolate Cake and Cream. There was plenty of catching up going on, Pen and a quiz sheet were circulated which amused us for a while, Diane and Vanessa were the winners, Eric gave out the Answers. Soon it was time to go to our nice warm vans. Brian was missing for the night he went to a meeting at West Bridgford for the I W A meeting.



Saturday arrived and the weather was very spring like. Brian was back from his trip complete with the meat. The Marshals were soon busy in the Kitchen, complete with some very willing helpers, getting ready for the candle Lit dinner for Sat night. We left early to go and pick a chair up for Simone and Adam, called to see Vanessa's Mum and then onto Brigg for some Shopping. Most people went out for a ride to varying destinations. It was nice to see Chloe and Katie playing at the park, the Sea saw was causing some great amusement, they were trying to get on but the law of gravity was causing a few problems! Saturday 6.30pm. We all were welcomed with a sherry reception, the hall was dressed up in a lovely Valentine theme, candle lit tables, valentine confetti, Red banqueting rolls on tables it looked very impressive. We all sat down and were given waitress service by our residence waiters Brian and Eric who served us well. Mavis and Sue were the server, Sandra was the gravy maker. Paul also assisted.

The menu was

Starter choice of Melon, soup or a choice of Fruit juice.

Main Beef or Gammon accomplished with Sprouts, carrots, roast parsnips, Mashed Potatoes and roast Potatoes with cranberry sauce and horse radish accompaniment.

Sweet Apple pie, Apple crumble or Profiteroles with custard or cream. We had a couple of games of stand up bingo which were won by Iris, and John. Trushell. Colin confused Brian in true Mustang fashion by standing up until the end! The evening came to an eventual closure at about 11.30.

Sunday. the curtains were a bit slow in opening after the very successful evening, Keith and Chris had a early an early set of had they were going to a family occasion. Flag was at 11 am taken by Beth. We were fed again with the marvellous Cakes which were all home made of course and the famous MAVIS choc Biscuits. There was a kids colouring Competition which was won Jointly by Katie and Chloe. Lucky Van Colin and Pat. I gave the forthcoming rallies out and Slips were flying about. After flag members gradually drifted home, Steve and Diane went on a Bike ride.

All I can say about this Weekend is that it was amazing value and a great start to the Season. We have booked them for next Year. This is the first time Eric and Susan have Co marshalled and they did a excellent job.



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

Darren & Kim from Nottinghamshire
Shaun & Jayne from South Yorkshire
Mark, Jayne & Louise from North Lincolnshire

We look forward to seeing you all on the Rally Field.

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Could you please send any articles and Rally Write Ups for inclusion in the next edition of the Roundup (144 Summer 2013) by the 1st June 2013 to e-mail: mustangcaravanoc@ntlworld.com

Thank you.