

MUSTANG



CARAVAN OWNERS CLUB

The Roundup

The Latest News and Reviews around the Rallies



Santa had a problem with his old Magic Sleigh, so contacted our member John to see if he could help him out, didn't he do a stunning job. After Santa put his magic dust on the Sleigh it was able to fly like the wind

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SPRING 2016

**IMPORTANT DIRECTION AMENDMENT
AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY RALLY NO 16**

TAKE A 38 TOWARDS LICHFIELD COME OFF A38 ONTO A5127 TOWARDS LICHFIELD INTO STREET HAY, FOLLOW THE ROAD OVER THE RAILWAY LINE TURN LEFT AT ROUNABOUT INTO CAPPERS LANE , GO UNDER RAILWAY BRIDGE . GO STRAIGHT ON AT NEXT ROUNABOUT THEN TURN LEFT TOWARDS HUDDLESFORD SITE ON RIGHT IN ¾ MILE .

DO NOT FOLLOW SAT NAV AS THIS WILL TAKE YOU DOWN SOME VERY NARROW LANES—these directions have been verified by Adrian as part of the original route is too narrow for caravans.

Food will be provided for the Saturday evening instead of an American Supper as stated in the 2016 programme.

**RALLY 21 - GOLDEN WEDDING
14TH—16TH OCTOBER**

Helen Bennet a local Musician as been booked for Saturday evening.

NEW YEAR 2016—2017

NEW YEAR 2016 /17 ENTERTAINMENT JOHNNY DEE BOOKED

**Halloween & Bonfire Caistor 5th 8th Nov 2015
Marshals:Adrian, Vanessa, Graham & Carol
Report Wendy**

We once again arrived for the Annual Bonfire rally in Caistor. John had brought the caravan down earlier in the day on Friday to set up in daylight, as some of us are still working, then came to pick me up at tea time. Friday evening we were welcomed into the warehouse/indoor marquee where we enjoyed a selection of cheese and wines and caught up with friends. Sophie and James had bought their wedding photographs for us all to have a look at and very beautiful they were too. Adrian scrubs up well!. At 10 o'clock, Andy and Sue were ribbed a little as they made their way to bed, as this was regarded late for them but it was taken in good spirit as usual.

We woke the next morning to pouring rain and just had an easy day. I think most people headed for Grimsby or Cleethorpes although Market Rasen is close and is a nice little market town.

We joined the convoy and headed to the bonfire at 6pm and this years' theme was the Queens birthday. We were entertained by the Earthbound Misfits – a circus workshop company – who were dancing with fire in front of the bonfire while we were waiting for the firework display to start, and also Queen (the band and at one stage the lady herself – I think!!) who were performing on a hydraulic elevating platform during the display which once again was amazing. The Lions do a wonderful job.

We then headed back to the warehouse/marquee for sausage and mash followed by three different fruit crumbles and custard – absolutely delicious and plenty of it. Thanks to Eric & Pauline for the cooking. Another evening of jolly banter followed especially when Andy knocked John's beer over (it really was empty Andy!)

Sunday dawned once again very wet but this didn't stop the cooking, as Bacon Butties were on the menu for breakfast. (They never seem to stop feeding us). John loves it and wishes he could have them every weekend but everyone knows "I don't do cooking" so no wonder he likes these rallies.

Flag followed and as it was Remembrance Sunday a minutes silence was held. The competition had 2 winners but as there was only one prize, had to be decided by the cut of card and Barry & Val became the overall winners over Carol & Graham. Lucky Van was won by Eric & Pauline and a birthday card was given to Graham.

Another weekend over and thanks very much to Adrian & Vanessa and Graham & Carol for their hard work setting it all up and making it a great weekend.

**Mike and Josie's Ruby Wedding Anniversary Dunham on Trent
13 – 15 November 2015
Scribed by Chairman Pete**

Friday was a cold squally wet day. Luckily not working Friday afternoon Brenda and I were able to turn up on site before it got dark and settle in. It wasn't long then before the rally marshals arrived and it was discovered the reason he could not light the gas was two fold, bottle was not properly connected and "zut aalors" it was empty!!

Well everyone soon was enveloped by the dark of the evening and gathered inside the hall for the Friday evening chinwag. Food was offered in the evening and a feast of soup and bread, Pate, and sausages and sausage rolls was suitably polished off by the pack of locusts that are always hanging around the Mustang rallies. It was then trumped when a lovely fruit birthday cake was produced for Mike's birthday a couple of days earlier. Well the evening soon disappeared and likewise we did too. Off to a warm waiting bed for the night.

Saturday dawned grey and wet, and wetter and greyer... real caravan holiday weather. We sat around and watched the rain falling and finally it eased a lot so like coals to Newcastle with Jenni and Granville Brenda and I headed for Newark to the golf shop looking for shoes for Brenda. Yippee found some and was done in minutes. Oh no we were not! On the way back through Asda it cost me another baby outfit for the first grandchild. I think I understand why I steered away from kids....Well the afternoon slipped by and it was soon time for the big event, would have been nice with a few more bums on seats but for those there they were in for a real treat.

When all had assembled we kicked off with a meal of Roast Gammon, sausages, new potatoes, creamed potatoes, carrots, mushy peas, roast squashes, (pumpkin and marrow with rosemary) beetroot and a splash of gravy sauce. Lovely grub....Then to follow a choice of crumbles and custard. There were a lot of belt loosening going on and thanks must go to the "H" catering corps again.

So there we all were suited and booted and fed. Then we are introduced to Johnny Dee, a BBC Cambridgeshire roving reporter who has a sinister alternative lifestyle as an entertainer..... He came on to a cool welcome but in minutes had us roaring and singing and baying for more. He played a musical quiz with his guitar which we were all rather good at. Had Eric and "Andrew" backing him and a song about Mikes blow up doll which I must admit I did not understand at all... said Pinocchio!

Additionally we were treated to some songs by Mike and Josie's grand daughter Kiera, (hope I spelt that right) who was very good, and I hope she will sing for us again some time.

At half time we did Flag, as we were not using the hall on Sunday, and cards were presented to Sue who has hurt her back and is out of sorts but still smiling. (I kept telling her about leaping off the wardrobe) and birthday cards were presented to Kim, and Garth, and of course Mike. Anniversary card went to the stars of the show, Mike and Josie, complete with a beetroot stain on the envelope. You don't get that at Clinton cards, I can tell you.

The raffle provided its usual banter and a great shuffling of tickets took place, before the table was finally cleared of its gifts.

New Ralliers Phil and Lyn, were introduced to those about the hall. I hope they feel welcome and I do know they have booked to come to another rally so we cannot be that strange, mind they said they were nutters too.

Then a lovely cake of two hearts was presented to the starrng couple in the shape of two locked together hearts.

No lucky van or competition or kids sweets took place because in all the excitement I forgot! Tough.

Adrian did his "Thang" and then we all reposed for the arrival of some more big names, Like Roy Orbison, Freddy Mercury, Ozzie Osborne, Cliff (even though Carol wanted to shoot him for poking fun and not singing the song seriously), and many other characters big small and otherwise.

Then there was the magic. Josie was the beautiful assistant, and he tied two handkerchiefs in from of the audience, placed them about her neck and toyed with her for a moment then whipped the hankies up and well shall we say she lost some underwear between the hankies, which left her feeling without support.

The evening was just a great evening of fun and singing finally finished off by Barrie and Mike singing Ring of Fire, of course accompanied by the full hall of everyone else.

There was something else about not singing if your not a virgin.....only one quiet person in the room. Say no more. I won't mention her name as it would embarrass her.

Eventually the hour came and we all had to say goodnight. Person's scurried to and fro tidying washing up and stacking tables and chairs, and the turn packed up and set off home a long drive away.

Thanks to Mike and Josie for allowing us to share in their anniversary celebrations, and providing a cracking evening's fun and entertainment.

If you couldn't be there I am sorry, if you chose not to be there you missed a damn fine evening.

So with the hot wind blowing it was off to bed where the wind and rain rattled the roofs and wobbled the vans most of the night, and on the grey damp Sunday morning we all bleary eyed picked up packed up and wended our way home.

Congratulations Mike and Josie, 40 years of wedded bliss. Thank you for a thoroughly fine weekend.

Christmas Dinner Caistor 26th—29th Nov 2015
Marshals:Graham, Carol, Adrian & Vanessa
Report: Granville

Quick version

Met in muddy field on Friday had some nice snap provided by our nice marshalls went to bed mucked about a bit Saturday had lots of really nice snap and a few beers in some stables got pis—sistantly merry met a nice fat chap in red who gave us all pressies said thanks went back slept it off. Sunday said bye to everyone and left the muddy field.

Long winded version

A few of us arrived on Thursday and all helped to erect the marqueeis and put up the Christmas decorations and lights in Adrians barn.We all met up later for tea biscuits and a chat.Friday saw the majority of the rest of the vans arrive.Friday evening we all met up in the barn and had a very nice buffet provide by our marshalls Graham and Carol ,& Adrian and Vanessa, we spent the evening chatting & having a few drinks.Saturday arrived & was cold & miserable not a day to do much but a few of us ventured out to do our own things.Saturday evening was time time to put on our best bib & tuckers & go down to the Stables restaurant at 7 p.m. for our annual Christmas dinner,which as normal was absolutely excellent,Graham thanked the staff on our behalf for the great meal & service.We later got a visit from santa clause on his new sleigh, (I still think it was my mate John dressed up i'd reckonise that bumpy knee any where).we all received various pressies from santa and everyone got a special present from then Mustangs.we played the traditional pass the parcel & guess what Jenni won for a second year must have been fixed.The mens event was won by John.Later our resident Dj Graham did a sort of disco and we got up & danced "well the dad dance anyway".Graham rounded of the night by wishing us all a happy Christmas and we gave a round of applause he also thanked our resident entertainer Jenni.Just like to say at this point thank you to the drivers who went without a drink and drove us back to our caravans at the end of a great evening.Sunday morning got up bright & early well ish about 10 some in better state of repair than others.Flag was at 11 at.a.m the results of the Christmas quiz were read out & Garth with his extensive Knowledge of Xmas songs was the winner with 19 out of 20,we held the raffle & the lucky van draw was won by John & Wendy,the marshalls thanked us all for coming and wished us a merry Christmas & a happy new year.

Several members stayed behind to help dismantle the trimmings & marquees. I must mention what a really great job John did helping Santa's elves in making Santa's new Sleigh.

New Year 2015/2016 Wellingore
Marshals :Colin & Pat with the Catering Crew
Version 1 Report : Mike
Version 2 Report :Rose & Clive

Version 1

Well what a story this year!! You should never miss these New year events - and if not tried one then do think about next year or the year after!

Rally began as usual - on Monday the kitchen crew washing up hundreds of cutlery items, crockery, cooking pots and the kitchen itself Competitions were drawn and games began. First evening quiet with those on site renewing acquaintances and enjoying fresh baked mince pies etc. Weather kind unlike last year - when Mike broke his ankle on the ice.

Next day - more units started to arrive - including Mike and Josie (who had been booked in somewhere else but decided not to go - but that's another story) Anyway, all settled in safely and the evening get together was busier as more ralliers were on site.

Tuesday evening was memorable for two reasons - The fish & chip supper was served and the quality and flavour was second to none (thanks to Adrian for sourcing this fish). The evening entertainment included a fancy dress competition - which was won by Phil Drew and Brenda Denton.

Wednesday dawned and everyone was out and about - gathering in the evening for Mustang Wacky Races and Corned Beef Hot Pot plus Vanessa's sponge puddings and custard.

Thursday was New Years Eve - where we gathered for a sherry reception and watched the darts final - it was a long wait! The meal was marvelous as usual - and the evening was somewhat emotional as this would be the last one that Colin and Pat organised. They promise to keep coming though which is great - we want all 'mustangers' to come if they can. Simon ran the disco as usual - and was brilliant - the whole evening seemed to go by so fast. There was a 'Onsies at One' party where stalwarts all joined in whilst 'lightweights' went to bed. The Onsies crew were judged - and Pete Denton and Angela were awarded credits for best outfits.

In the morning - some with hangovers - demolished the lovely full English breakfasts served from 10.30am. Then we all relaxed for a quiet day - waiting for the evening where we were served the LEFTOVER BUFFET - an array of foods and snacks to satisfy the heartiest eaters. Simon's Turkey Curry was fantastic.

Next new year will feature 'Johny Dee' - a great all round entertainer (He was at Mike & Josies Ruby wedding rally at Dunham). The following year Adrian has already booked Darren Busby - so get your slips sent in for these events - don't miss your chance!

Version 2— Rose wanted to have a go at doing a report—and why not

We arrived on site at 12.45 got a good place at the top of the car park, had lunch and then went over to the hall for a coffee and natter. Lovely hall and nice and warm as it was cold outside.

Tuesday night it was fancy dress and I had forgot to pack ours, all I had in our motorhome was a Robin Hood hat from a previous rally, so we went to Lincoln in the morning and got a Lincoln Green Coat and went as Robin Hood, couldn't find a bow and arrow though..

Wednesday we went to Grantham and found a lot of the shops were shut but managed to get some baby clothes for my first grandchild due on 12th January (a grandson)' Tonight it was the "Wacky Races" which I had not seen before, some very strange horses names, but all very funny, we also had a must quiz, but we didn't do very well on this. During the evening we had "hot Pot" which was lovely.

Thursday (New Years Eve) The darts final was held, Clive and I got to the semi-finals, but were pipped by Vickie and Simon who went on to win the final. Clive had his "initiation" ceremony with Paul another new member, sworn to secrecy but a good way to welcome the into the Mustang Caravan Owners Club. The food was good again, Turkey and all the trimmings, full marks to all the cooks/chefs and helpers. Then it was Music by Simon, to suit everyone's tastes. At twelve midnight we sang "Old Lang Syne" with crossed arms then kissed 2016 in, especially Pete, who likes his kisses. We left about 1.30ish but some stayed later, till about 3.00am!!

Friday was a full English breakfast, with everything you could think of, marvellous, good cook again, and yet there more to come. For the lucky few who stayed we had leftovers with a curry made by Simon, which was very tasty, I had two helpings (little miss piggy) with rice and bubble and sqweak and there was pudding as well as cheese and biscuits.

We finally left Saturday morning well fed and well entertained. Thank you and Happy New Year to everyone.

(Editors Note: Pleased you really enjoyed your first New Year Rally and Thank you for taking the time to put pen to paper and send me your thoughts)

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