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Rally No 1 Auction Rally—4th—6th March 2016
South Hykeham Village Hall
Marshals: Carol & Graham
Report: Stephanie

Here we are again at Hykeham Village Hall on the first Rally of 2016. There are 14 vans on site, after Eric & Sue arrived on Saturday in their motorhome. So not a bad turn out for the first Rally after the 2015 year end break.

Friday night saw us in the hall for Soup and bread, (three varieties –chicken, tomato and onion) spoilt for choice as usual. Vanessa put us all out of our misery and gave the results of her devious winter quiz., announcing the name of the winner (printed along with the answers in the last Round Up) The rest of the night was spent chatting along with lots of laughter. Most of the laughter coming from the subject of chocolate nuts and the greasing of nuts, you had to be there.

Saturday dawned bright though more that a little chilly and windy. Quite a few people walked across to the Garden Centre, between the sleet showers, which came down very sharp and fast only to be followed by the sunshine again. So weather wise it was a very un-predictable day. The Auction evening started off with the corn beef hash, followed by a choice of 3 desserts. Having fed the inner man and woman the main event of the evening took place with Graham and Adrian doing the Auction, at what only could be called break-neck speed, this raised £81.00. A late entry item came up for sale an almost empty bottle of Drambuie, which happened to be mine, I had not realized it had been salted away from the table about 3/4 hour earlier, fortunately I was not forced to pay to retrieve it. The evening continued in the usual way before everyone headed back to their vans.



Vanessa is missing from the photo as her and Adrian had left Saturday night to go on one of their coach outings

Mothering Sunday, at flag all the ladies received small bunches of daffodils in celebration of the day. Terri and Maurice won the lucky van prize. If I have missed anything out my apologies go to Carol and Graham, adding that the rally and company was great and they did an excellent job as marshals—thank you.

Rally No 2 Easter Bank Holiday 24th—29th March 2016
Great Limber Village Hall
Marshals:- Colin & Pat, John & Wendy
Rally report, Graham

We arrived at Limber, last as usual, even though it was just only after lunch on Friday. The weather was superb and so after a cuppa we sat out most of the afternoon in the sun. In the evening we were treated to hot cross buns with our tea and coffee and cake for the weird ones amongst us who don't like currants, namely me.

Saturday was a bit overcast and windy but most people went out and about. We went to Grimsby followed by Cleethorpes for fish and chips. In the evening we were treated to home made soup followed by jam tart and custard. Colin provided some music for some old time dancing followed by some 70's music till late. We all went back to our vans remembering to put our clocks forward.

Sunday morning we were going on a walk at 10.30. Unfortunately for Granville his phone automatically went forward by an hour hence 2 hours forward so he was up and geared up at 9.30

wondering where everyone else was. So the brave of us went on a 5 mile walk in the Wolds and whoever said Lincolnshire was flat must have been blind, but at least the rain held off until we had finished. Another strange thing, I hadn't realised there were public toilets in the middle of nowhere, I must admit I didn't see any myself but Brian and Vanessa seemed to know where they were. Back at the hall we had coffee and cake before having an afternoon snooze. In the evening we had the Easter bonnet parade. Chloe and Katie won a prize each, Mavis won the ladies and Phil won the gents. We ate more cake, I took flag, we sang happy birthday to Jackie and Olivia, Carol and I won the quiz and Austin and Mandy won the lucky van. More music and a couple of quizzes rounded off another enjoyable night.

Monday and we were having the weather we should have had. It was peeing down. Most people packed up and left early, we tried the tea rooms in Nettleton. We had walked past them the day before but John and Wendy wouldn't let us go in because they didn't think we'd want to come out again. They were probably right. Back at the field the rain had stopped so we were able to pack up and drive home in the dry. Another enjoyable rally had ended so I am looking forward to my next one.

Rally No 3 Motorhome & Caravan Show Fri 1 - Mon 4 April 2016
Newark Showground
Marshals: Adrian & Vanessa
Report: Diane

Arrived Friday already 5 units we made 6,3 more followed. We got our usual spot so not far to walk to the entertainment. Friday night we gathered in the Cedric Ford pavilion the Spinoffs started followed by Tank Sherman a brilliant comedian then came Karen Noble as Dusty.

Saturday we did our own thing looking around the stalls, looking in caravans and motorhomes some ventured into Newark. At night we went over to the pavilion again to be entertained by the spinoffs, comedian Jay Mcgee, then the fab4 a tribute to the beetles. Both nights everyone was given a free raffle ticket to win a holiday at any park resort as they sponsored the event. Nobody from mustang won although the first draw was very close.

Sunday we had another look around and couldn't believe how many caravans and motorhomes had been sold. We had flag and were joined by Karen and Colin Walker who have now become members welcome to you both. Birthday cards were given to Keith and myself, wedding anniversary cards to Marg and Keith and Richard and myself as we were celebrating our pearl anniversary we brought a cake that had been made by our daughter-in-law Sarah and shared it out mmmm very tasty. Lucky van was won by Marg and Keith and a card was signed for Colin s retirement hopefully he will be able to attend more rallies and stay longer now he hasn't got to work!

Late afternoon we went into Newark to meet up with friends for a meal when we came back there was only us and Marg and Keith left were you trying to tell us something. We left early Monday morning as we had Matty to pick up on our way to Bridlington. A lovely rally thanks to rally marshals Adrian and Vanessa.

Rally No 4 Selby Fri 8 - Sun 10 April 2016
Burn Gliding Club, Burn, Selby
Marshals: Peter & Brenda
Report: Mavis

Arrived early afternoon, had our granddaughter Katie with us. We did have sunshine when we left Muskham it went quite dull after we arrived. Peter came to meet us and showed us where to park. We settled in had something to eat, said hello to some of the ralliers, As it was still early we went off into Selby, very nice town. When we came back we stopped and looked at the gliders it was good fun watching them. Friday evening we went over to the club house for a drink, biscuits, and a jolly good catch-up.

Saturday, woke up to Sunshine it is a free and easy day. After breakfast we made our sandwiches for our day out. We made our way to the York Designer Outlet, parked the car then hopped onto one of the bendy buses we were taking Katie to the York Train Museum she wanted to have a closer look at the Flying Scotsman she had seen it fly by when it did its major run from London to York, All of Katie's school walked to the next village and stood the other side of the railway crossing she was well impressed. We stayed most of the day. When we got back most of the ralliers were sitting outside watching the gliders it was very busy, we took Katie to have a look round one a bit small inside the cockpit I don't think I will go up inside one I like my feet firmly on the ground. At 8.00pm we all went over to the clubhouse, tonight we had 2 quizzes Peter did them from his laptop directed onto a screen. 1st quiz Car Makes, we did quite well on that one. 2nd quiz Places of interest some places were taken from odd angles it was good fun rest of the evening we all had a good chat I think the men were doing the most. We said goodnight about 10 15pm. Just before the lights went out we heard a noise of a big lorry coming past us looked out the window and saw it backing up near the caravans it stayed there all night.

Sunday. early morning the lorry's engine started up we thought it was moving on, when we opened the blinds what a site to be seen, the man opened up the side of the lorry next minute hundreds of pigeons came flying out they knew where they were going. After breakfast we watched some more gliders going up. Next minute I heard a voice calling raffle tickets I turned round there was Katie and Adrian going round to each van selling them. At 1100am Round the flag. as we were walking over to the clubhouse there was a nice surprise Tom Stephanie Richard and Val came to visit us all. Then Peter welcomed us all There were 11 vans attened, next Peter announced a birthday it was Brian's that day he gave him a card which had been signed by all the members. Next Katie shouted out the raffle tickets as they were being drawn. Lucky van was won by Sue and Eric. Adrian did his programme. Then Peter and Brenda came in with a birthday cake for Brian it had so many lit candles I lost count halfway through then we sang Happy Birthday. Matthew and Katie were given their sweets. A very big thank you to Peter and Brenda for a lovely rally and a pleasant site for doing another rally.



Rally No 5—Peterborough Motorhome Show 14th—18th April
Marshalls:- Adrian & Vanessa
Rally report:- Graham

We arrived on Friday evening, last as usual, a quick set up and into the evening entertainment. Afterwards we had the usual coffee and a couple of whisky's

Saturday morning was a wet one but by the time breakfast was over it had stopped raining. The usual array of motorhomes and only two caravans to look at, but hey ho, that's not the main reason for going. The Harvester pub just outside the site was visited by most of us at some point over the weekend and although cold it stayed mainly dry.

Sunday morning and what's this, glorious sunshine, cool but very sunny. I took flag, welcomed new members Colin and Karen from Caistor, lucky van was won by John and Iris, Sue and Karen supplied us with cakes. During the afternoon it was warm enough to sit outside and have a cream tea. After the evening's entertainment some of us set off for a traffic free drive home. All in all, a very enjoyable weekend with some fabulous entertainment, even if the weather wasn't the best.

**Rally No 6 May Day—Coleshill 28th April—2nd May
50's/60's Theme (aka Jenni & Gran's first at running a rally)
Marshals: Granvill & Jenni
Report: Beth**

Friday 29 we were welcomed by Jenni and Granville and shown to our pitch. The site was lovely, the sun shone, we set up and made ourselves a cuppa. We looked through the two quizzes for the weekend and it was great writing the ones we instantly knew (50's & 60's era and cryptic clues for the music). Eventually our brains gave out and time for food.

At 7pm we were inside the marquee for soup and bread, afterwards a game of "It's Friday, it's 5 o'clock and it's Crackerjack" - even though it was about 8pm by then). Rallier's names were pulled from a hat and 3 victims stepped up to the front. They were each given a football to hold. In turn each was asked a question, if they answered correctly the next person was asked a question and if they gave a wrong answer they ended up with another item to hold. Eventually with about 10 items in their arms, someone dropped an item so they were out, same for the next, the winner going through to the final game. The two losers received a Crackerjack pencil at which point we all shouted '*CRACKERJACK*'. This went on for what seemed like hours and Gran was running out of questions as we were too clever by half. In the end Pete was the winner. By this time it was dark, windy and raining heavily outside but it was quite warm and cosy in the marquee. General chit-chat for a while then ralliers drifted off back to their vans.

On Saturday we had a run-around the area in the car experiencing sun, rain, hail and wind during our time out before heading back to our van. The American Supper was as usual supported by donations of a good selection of food for us all to share. Later Gran gave us a mixed-bag quiz with Vanessa winning it. Time for us to all relax for a while before heading off for the night.

Sunday - most of us went out and about then by 5pm in a fine drizzle we assembled by the marquee ready for an egg and spoon race (thanks must go to Jenni's hen for laying the eggs and Jenni for hard boiling them). There were several rounds until the winners of each went head-to-head for the final which was won by Adrian & Vanessa. Next, inside the marquee this time, the 'boy's had games of marbles (hilarious), the winner was Pete Denton. The 'girls' then two by two attempted to whirl hula hoops. At the final hoop-off Jane Milton won.

7pm, over to the marquee for cheese, biscuits and wine supplied by our Marshals. An announcement was made that Des and Margaret were married on Friday morning so we toasted them and wished them well for the future. Vanessa found a suitable card for us all to sign - good job she has everything including the kitchen sink in her van! Pete took Flag. The winners of the weekend competition were Roger and Leslie. A gift was given to Gracie for her part in the egg and spoon race. She was also asked to pick a number from 1 to 9, she chose number 1. When

Saturday after a chilly night Brenda and I went off to visit the sunny metropolis of Bridlington, and spent a nice morning wandering about. Had a great breakfast in Boyes, and a nostalgia visit to the shop museum there. We bumped into Phil and Lin, and pretended we were trying to avoid them. Then later we met Dave and Linda, they were not even on the rally. It is a small world. Arriving back at two ish we were told off for being late for the teddy bears picnic, and my bear was stuck in the van looking out at the party, poor bear. When we arrived back our van had sprouted an awning. (No Angela a Awning not a Urning!!! You needed to be there to understand. So door unlocked he joined in and we also partook of the banter and picnic fare that we all enjoyed with lashings of tea and ginger beer. Well I think it was ginger beer. There were an abundance of monkeys and relatives, and a whole zoo of knitted animals, who came to see little monkey christened into the Mustang merriments. There were party games and all manner of fun things to do. Then at tea time the cake competition was held. Five competitors this year. The good site owner and his wife came to judge and much deliberations were had but the results were kept quite secret until flag later on.

So after all the good children had had a nap, we all gathered again about eight and we started with flag. The lucky van went to Graham and Carol, cards went to Clive and myself for birthdays, and a card to Brenda and myself for our anniversary.

First rally plaque went to Martyn and Alison and their son Harrison. I think they enjoyed themselves and it will be nice to see them again as they fitted right in.

The cake contest..... Swiss roll, no Drum roll.....

This ended in five categories.

Visual presentation	Val	Most Voluminous	Vanessa
Fun themed	Phil	Most Fruity	Rose Jackson
Tastiest	Pete		

Then the Monkeys made a special thank you presentation to Lin for knitting all the zoo friends for the tea party. There were lots and lots of them. So with all gifts including kids sweets dished out, a resounding thanks was given to Angela and Tim who had now appeared again, (its always nice when the Marshal attends his own rally), for finding a very lovely site with stunning views, and we hope to come back another year. Then the ginger beer started flowing and as the air was chilling many placed themselves in the awning where mirth and merriment continued to quite late in the evening.

Sunday dawned nicer with much less wind which made the temperature feel more like the Med, than Driffield. Hands and bodies appeared and before we knew it my new awning was taken away. Kept telling them I did not want to buy it, didn't like the colour. But Thanks go to Graham and Carol for bringing it along and providing shelter for the homeless drinking persons who were in residence. The day cheering we took ourselves off to the model village and had a nice saunter about trying to find the items to answer the questions set in the village quiz sheet. Made it a lot more fun.

Then it was home to pack up and head back to work next day.

Thanks for this weekend which was absolutely super, go to Angela and Tim, and all those who fetched carried and generally just joined in. It made it a real fun weekend.

Ok Angela you can distress now.



Congratulations to Des & Margaret



They were married on Friday 29th April 2016

I contacted Des to ask him to tell me a bit more about the wedding as the one line he sent me I thought was just not enough . So later that day I received 5, yes 5 e-mails relating the day and the honeymoon. I have to say it is one of the most brilliant wedding reports I have ever seen. So here goes folks, just as he sent it.

This will be done in parts as takes me too long all will be sent today

We booked our holidays in November last year as there were some cheap flights from Doncaster Airport 335 to Malaga. We had been on one of our regular tours of Scotland and were going into Doncaster when we decided to call at the register office to enquire about a wedding **more to follow**

Anyway we were asked when we wanted to marry we told the lady before the 2nd of May as we go on holiday then. You have to give 29 days notice now, not the 16 as it used to be we had just made it with 31 days left before we went off . We didn't tell any one at all what our plans were, we ask my sister in law (Joan's sister) to be a witness along with her husband **more to come**

Any way we chose the 29th April as our day, the only other day was the Tuesday of that week. After the ceremony we lunched at the local golf club we then had arranged for our families to come along on Sunday the 1st May to an early birthday bash for Margaret we all met at a local inn were we had arranged Sunday lunch still nobody knew **There's more**

After eating our lunches we ask Margaret's son to propose a toast to his mum now on the invites we stated that anyone who wasn't coming had to give a good excuse and there would be a prize given. All 390 attended, the speech was done from prompting cards we had done , it went like this

card 1 on your invite it said there would be a prize for anyone coming up with the best excuse for not coming

card 2 if you put S U R in front of prize what do you get ?

card 3 yes surprise

card 4 well here it is I would like everyone to stand please and raise their glasses

card 5 I would like to propose a toast to the bride and groom who were married on Friday just gone the 29th April talk about silence that was it. Nobody had guessed what we had done folk just sat there gob smacked .

The first two weeks of the holiday now honeymoon it rained none stop, weak excuse to stay in bed Week three we hired a car on the Wednesday we were involved in a serious accident luckily no one was seriously injured Margaret is now black blue and yellow not the usual sun tan colour you may say I am the same but with a broken Sternum (breast bone) the other driver was also ok thank goodness .

Just to confirm, when I spoke to Des about putting a LITTLE piece in the Round Up he did say that both he and his wife (Margaret– Des get use to using the title wife or if you prefer, the missus – Margaret has waited a long time for the title) are well, if just battered and bruised.

Again congratulations to the newly weds, wishing them continued happiness for the future.

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