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**R 20—End of Season Finale – Lincoln Showground 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**Marshals: Adrian & Vanessa**

**Report: Diane**

Friday – we arrived in good time found the Mustang pitches (lovely spot). Put awning up then realised the car keys were missing. Vanessa came to help look for them, then Adrian came, whilst he was looking he fell over the guy ropes. I could not stop laughing. Finally keys found amongst the bags. At night we ventured over to the Epic Centre to watch the “cufflinks” – lovely evening.



Saturday – We walked around the stalls, spent lots of money on Christmas presents. We sat in many motorhomes dreaming and then decided caravans are more for us. That night most went over to watch the shows, but we stayed in and chilled.

Sunday – we had another look around then went to flag. Lucky van was Tom and Stephanie, Birthday cards were given to Phil and Karen who provided lots lovely birthday cup cakes. (Thank you Karen). We had some first time ralliers – Dave and Janice, welcome it was great to meet you and hope to see you on the rally field again soon.

In total 15 vans rallied – good turn out to what was a fabulous week-end.

Thanks to Adrian and Vanessa .

**R22—Andy and Sue’ Golden Wedding Wrawby 14th—16th Oct 2016**

**Marshall:- Andy & Sue, Eric & Sue**

**report:- Graham**



We arrived on Friday night, not quite last which is unusual, that honour went to Wendy in this instance, but our marshals had plated up our food for us to enjoy. Also all the drinks for the weekend were provided by our hosts. This was followed by the usual chat and a couple of games of bingo.

Saturday dawned and everyone did whatever they normally do on rallies and then it was time for the anniversary bash. We all sat down to a three course meal prepared and served by Andy and Sue’s family and I have to say it was superb. A collection had already taken place and it was decided to give them a bunch of flowers and the rest in cash. I had the honour of presenting them with their gift and thanking them for sharing their celebrations with us. I remember saying at the time that it was unusual to sit down for a meal with the mustang’s and not have to help prepare it, queue up to get it or wash up after it. We then had a good old singalong courtesy of a lady playing first the accordion and then the organ.



Sunday morning was the usual flag, taken by yours truly, and I thanked Andy and Sue for their generosity and also Eric and Sue for their co-marshalling skills. Once again, a thoroughly enjoyable rally and now I’m looking forward to the next one.

**Rally No 23 Halloween /Bonfire Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016**

**Mill Lane Caistor**

**Marshals: Adrian, Vanessa, Graham & Carol**

**Report: Val**

We arrived Friday lunchtime to find that we had travelled at least part of the way without brake lights on the van. They were working when we left home. The weather had turned really cold but it was toasty warm in the marquee where we all met for cheese and wine at 8pm. There was a really good selection of cheeses and a choice of wines to sample. The heat caused Graham L's wine to evaporate!!!!

Everyone did their own thing on Saturday, we met our son Mark and granddaughter Esme at Brigg garden centre to see the Christmas display. The convoy left the field at 6.15 to travel to our pre-arranged parking place. Thank you Adrian it would have been a long cold walk otherwise. The fireworks were exceptional this year, the theme being the Star ship Enterprise and Captain J.T. Kirk. The announcer said that his name was James Tobias Kirk but I must correct him, he should have said James Tiberius Kirk. While we were at the bonfire Eric and Pauline had stayed behind and with apprentice chefs Richard and John prepared sausages and onions for our supper. Vanessa had also prepared our desserts of Rhubarb or Raspberry and Apple Crumble or fruit pie with custard or cream. Many people had seconds. It was Garth's birthday so we sang Happy birthday and were given a piece of birthday cake, no one mentioned the number Garth.

Sunday was at least dry when we went to the marquee at 10.30am for bacon butties followed by flag. Birthday cards were given to Garth and Graham K. A card and presents were being sent to David and Carol who were both in hospital, we hope that they are now on the way to better health. The Competition was won by Graham and Carol Kirkman and the lucky van was Peter and Brenda. Most people then packed their vans and went on their way, we stayed over till Monday.

Thank you Adrian, Vanessa, Graham and Carol for another lovely rally.

**R24 Christmas Dinner Rally, Caistor Thursday 1 – Sunday 4 December 2016**

**Marshals: Vanessa & Adrian, Carol and Graham**

**Rally Report: Beth**

Garth and I arrived at Adrian's field on Friday afternoon to find an already fairly full field of caravans and motor homes. The Marshals had been expecting 28 units but due to ill health of members and caravans being poorly too, the number was down to 23. Looking at our weekend programme we had a very good quiz to do so we settled down with it and a cuppa trying to remember who sang what Christmas tune. 7.30 pm we went across the field, guided by fairy lights to find a well decorated and nicely warm 'Grotto'. Tables were groaning under the weight of sandwiches, crisps, cakes, cheeses and biscuits etc and the urn was boiling away merrily so we had a nice hot cuppa. The evening was filled with meetings and greetings.

Saturday morning dawned to a sunny bright blue sky – no frost thankfully. Thanks to the Marshals for including a list of names of ralliers on the field (list was with the w/e envelope) which made it so much easier for the writing of Christmas cards. I took my completed cards to the Grotto to find Vanessa had opened the 'post box' and a large table top was filling up with Christmas cards for each unit so I stayed and helped.

We had a change of venue for the Christmas meal. Due to unforeseen circumstances Our Marshals only knew a week before the rally and fortunately they were able to book in 63 diners at Caistor

Lakes Restaurant (not too far away from our rally field) for 3 pm. They then had to phone members during the week to find out what they wanted to eat from the new menu. It was a lovely venue and fantastic food and service. I don't think there were any adverse comments and we came away hoping that we would be there next year. Hint, hint. We all left about 5.30 pm and back to site for a bit of relaxation before we all met up again in the Grotto at 7.30 pm for the evening visit from Santa. He arrived on his motor powered sleigh - the reindeer I believe were holidaying somewhere before their big effort on 24/25 December. Carol, Santa's little helper was suffering with muscle pain in her hip and was inundated with offers of help from the men to massage it! Why am I not surprised? Presents were given to family and friends and every unit received a gift from the MCOC – thank you. Santa had to leave so we said our goodbyes, thanking him for coming. Not long after we started playing pass - or in some case chucking some distance, - the parcel. Eventually for the men, young Kieron won . For the ladies Terri won. We had drinks, music, singing, nibbles, a little bit of dancing and chatter after that. Everyone seemed reluctant to go and I think the new format was great.

Sunday was another lovely mild day and again we assembled in the Grotto this time for Flag. Pete thanked the Marshals for all their hard work. We had a raffle tub filled with wrapped gifts so it was pot-luck what you got. Birthday cards were given to Rachel and Andy and the competition was won by a draw of cards between Roger and Lesley, Austin and Mandy – the former being the winners. Dave and Ann won the lucky van prize . Sweets were given to the children. Minutes after Flag it was remembered that a First Rally Plaque was forgotten so a hasty presentation was given to Howard and Elaine before everyone disappeared. I hope you both enjoyed your first rally.

Well another lovely Christmas Rally by the Marshals. Thank you for all the effort you always put in to make it so enjoyable for us all – and thank you to anyone else who helped, especially Santa and his little helper for coming.

### **R25 New Year Wellingore 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2017**

**Marshals: Peter & the 2016/2017 Committee**

**Report: Rose**

Wednesday – We arrived 2.30ish and were frozen as it was a cold and foggy day. We had a cup of coffee in the hall straight away to warm us up. Pete said that 28 vans were expected on the rally. We got our motorhome set up. Later in the evening it was back to the hall for the usual get together.

Thursday – Clive and I had to go to Lincoln on business. It was a good trip down. I bought a onesie as it so cold Wednesday night. Tonight was the Victorian Night and several couples were dressed in Victorian Clothing they were all very good. We also had a Victorian quiz which Linda and Phil won. Then there was horse racing, very good too. I bought Rambling Rose, but it failed to come any where. All the horses were named after various members of the club who attended the rally . Each horse was given a stud report which was read out by Tim, who was the M.C. for the evening and vexed us with a Victorian quiz. The food for the evening was good old Fish, chips and peas lovely this was followed by various desserts.

Friday – Another foggy morning again. We went into Grantham for a few bits and pieces, where it was lovely and sunny. But as we came back and reached Caythorpe the fog came down again. That night we had an entertainer “Johnny Dee” and boy did he keep us entertained. I had to wear big ears on my head while he sang “Let me whisper in your Ear” with comments like “have you seen Noddy lately!!” Then it was John, Pete and Colin’s turn doing “Madhouse” in fezzes and dark glasses which was hilarious. We were treated to “Hot Pot” which is basically as corn beef hash again followed by various desserts. I had Rhubarb Crumble. After this we had a musical quiz

arranged by Johnny Dee. Ladies verses the Men, they were all on TV theme tunes and the Ladies won Yippee!! Followed by us all getting up to dance, jiving, twisting, along with line dances, you name it we did it. Vicky did try and get every man to dance with her, some did, Adrian and Colin to name but a couple, but some didn't or couldn't for various reasons. Later on in the evening Karen was slightly legless and the conversation led to onesies for Saturday night. Karen had tried to get one off the Internet.

Saturday – People helped out in the kitchen and some went out and about. Finally it was the big evening, which started with the usual Sherry Reception. The Darts Final and Table Tennis Finals were being played. Tom and Stephanie won the darts final, though Stephanie didn't know how they managed it. The Table Tennis was won by Roger and Jenny, who nominated to Simon and Keiron because they had won several years running. This was followed by the nosh up which was superb as usual, many thanks to all cooks and servers for good food throughout the rally, we all applauded them after. Simon then started his disco up, but as we had a long way to go to mid-night people were slow to get up to dance, (full stomachs may have had something to do with that – not that we are complaining). We had a game where to make two lines of man, woman, man woman etc. Then the first in the lines were presented with spoon attached to long pieces of string, which had been stored in a very different place to the rest of the cutlery. We then had to thread the spoon threw our clothes down the first person up the next or the other way round which ever the first person in the line decided until it reached the last person in the line, who then having threaded it to reverse back out again until then spoon and string ended up back at the beginning. There were some right funny positions trying to get the spoon out, especial from the men's trousers (I will leave it to your imaginations to work that one out). The dancing got started in earnest, we even had some proper old time dancing and we managed the Gay Gordons, thanks to Mary who I was dancing with. In no time at all it was 12 mid-night we sang Auld Lang Syne, and the balloons were released, which were promptly stomped on. Everyone went round kissing everyone else and wishing them a Happy New Year or Hogmanay. As the 1<sup>st</sup> of January is Colin's birthday he did his usual party piece. We carried on dancing until 1am. When all the onesies came out we had the great onesies parade until Simon chose the winner in Big Roger. It was then that Simon announced that he was retiring from his DJ position and 2016/2017 New Year was his last, Now what are we going to do for next year..We left about 1.20am but the celebrating was still going on.



Sunday – Up for our breakfast at 10.00 am (the full English). How do the chefs and cook do it. This was followed by Flag, with the raffle and birthday and anniversary cards given out. The winners of the lucky van were Carol and Graham. Presentation of the Ape for the worst looking survivor went to Angela. Linda had donated a new little monkey which rolled all the floor wagging its tail and legs, he was lovely, he made us all laugh. That evening we were back in the hall for the left over supper. Turkey, curry and rice, salad, eggs, pickle,, beetroot and various desserts. Including Christmas cake and trifle. What a finish to a well run and superb rally. Thank you to all the chefs, cooks and servers, and to all those who prepared the vegetables and did the washing up etc. It was a fabulous Rally Happy New Year and see you on the Rally field in 2017

**R01/2017**  
**Valentine Great Limber 10th—12th Feb 2017**  
**Marshals: Margaret & Brian , Pauline & Eric**  
**Report Adrian & Vanessa**

As we set off the weather was rubbish driving snow ,freezing roads . We arrived at Limber and were greeted by Eric and Pauline, soon followed by Margaret and Brian, after a warming cuppa I washed the van while it was wet, so it came clean quite easily. Vans soon started to arrive from various destinations, with different tales of weather conditions I had to pop back to the nurse at 3 o'clock for ear problem. In the hall for 7 o'clock for a very warming bowl of veg soup and a bun , followed by a choice of desserts, Bake well tart and rhubarb and apple pies and custard .to name but a few. Next came a game of play your cards right . I think eric wants a lesson in card shuffling , they were a new pack of big cards and they followed suit ,Vanessa gave the results of the Winter Quiz , which was won by Barry and Val with a total of 73/80 The evening finished at 11. 10

Saturday, we rose a little late, what a night with rain and wind , Vanessa made a full English which was very nice. 3 more vans arrived to make a total of 22 vans. The marshals were busy getting ready for Saturday evening. 6 30 The evening got under way in a valentine themed decorated hall. Food was served in the form of Steak pie, mashed potatoes and mushy peas, and desserts of trifle, jelly and cream. Next came a few games of Mr and Mrs, what a laugh, Dave T was 2 days out with Ann's birthday , Richard likes Mushroom flavoured Soap !.Dave and Karen won and were presented with a galaxy bar, they just pipped us by. Next came a Chinese raffle. Who forgot to put 5 raffle tickets in the barrel? Tom was having fun with his noodle mit!.What an enjoyable evening.

Sunday, rain again, does it ever stop? Good job it didn't come as snow!.Bacon and Sausage baps were served before flag Peter took flag, Birthday cards were presented. to Pauline .Brian, Dave and Lin with Anniversary card for Lin and Phil, Pat and Colin won the weekend Competition with John and Wendy winning the Lucky van. All I can say what a weekend, fun was had by all despite the constant rain. Thanks for the Marshals hard work, looking forward to the next rally.

**WINTER QUIZ 2016/2017**

Thank you to Vanessa for putting this quiz together and Congratulations to Val & Barry Ashcroft for winning the Quiz with 73 out of 80.

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