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The Roundup

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Rally 02 Mothers Day Theme North Muskham 3rd—5th March 2017

Marshals: Brian, Mavis, Paul & Clare

Rally Report: Adrian & Vanessa

Vanessa and I arrived just before noon to find Brian and Paul pegging the field out , they were struggling because of the wet weather wondering where to put the caravans so to keep damage to the ground to a minimum. Had a cuppa with Eric and Pauline , then set up the van. Vanessa and I went into Newark in the pouring rain and got rather wet , silly people !. we had a bite to eat then came back to the van and had a relaxing afternoon .Friday night we all met in the small hall and we were served a nice bowl of veg soup and a choice of Apple pie or crumble and custard . Claire tasked the brain cells with a Film themed quiz, won with a grand total of 9/20 by the New ralliers Phillip and Alison.

Saturday, Believe it or not the sun shone and what a change to be able to have a walk Without getting wet, most people ventured off site to various locations .some on the bus from a rather convenient bus stop right outside the hall entrance .Matty went Go Karting for his 16th birthday which was on Sunday . The marshals were busy in the Kitchen preparing the evening s food. 6.30 and time to go in the hall and be served with a choice of Chicken and bacon or Beef and ale meat pies served with mashed potatoes, mushy peas and mint sauce followed by a sponge bun and strawberries and cream. Sandra, Phillip and Allison assisted the marshals with the food. { what happened to Stephanie's knives ? I was a naughty boy and swapped them .I stood up to thank the Marshals for their hard work, every body had a go at Brians game of Play your cards right. Tom and Stephanie drew so there was a tie break between them and Stephanie won. There was back ground music being played all night .thanks to Phillip.

Sunday rain again Flag was at 10 45 , which I took . New ralliers were presented with their 1st rally plaque , Matthew a 16th birthday card . The ladies were given a daffodil posy and a personalised chocolate cookie , the men got a plain one which was very nice .The weekend quiz was won by Brian and Margaret Lucky van Tess and Derek. .Matty was presented with his birthday cake provided by his mum and dad.

During the weekend the De fib flag flew outside Brians van, Rose made it ,Thanks Rose. Thanks to the Marshals for a very enjoyable Rally

Rally 03 Newark Motorhome Show 16th-20th March 2017

Marshals: Adrian & Vanessa

Write Up: Vanessa

We arrived Thursday evening to find a lot of campers already on site and Sue and Andy already in the rally area. After a welcome cuppa we set up the van, shortly afterwards we were joined by Karen and Colin. We took a stroll to find the hog roast, but on seeing the queue we decided not to bother and headed back to the van. Dave and Karen arrived in our absence bringing our number up to four.



We spent the day looking round the show—by evening our numbers had swollen to six with the arrival of John, Wendy, Colin and Pat. We went to the evening show in the Cedric Ford Pavilion , which was brilliant , two great groups “Babylove” and “The Ragdolls” and comedian Zac Stevens.

Saturday was once again spent going round the stalls ,then the evening was spent in the Pavilion this time to see “The New Honeycombs”, Arnold Gutbucket, and Paul Da Vinci’s 60’s and 70’s Explosion, another great evening. It was also Karen Walker’s birthday, so we shared a cake with her.

Sunday we had a small informal flag and Karen was presented with her birthday car. We then went with Karen, Colin and family to the Pavilion for an excellent Sunday Lunch.

Another great weekend with excellent entertainment.

Rally 04 Easter South Hykeham—13th—18th April 2017

Marshals: Graham, Carol, Adrian & Vanessa

Report: Stephanie

I had my arm twisted by Adrian as I was eyeing up some home-made cakes to do this rally report, though I did explain that technically I have something to do with every report being the editor of the magazine. But here we go.

We arrived on Friday with a car load of sound equipment. Graham and Adrian unloaded all the equipment, I am sure the car gave out a sigh of relief. We got settled in before joining everyone in the hall for the evening. Over the week-end we were well fed with Fish Finger butties/baps, Stew, which included parsnips, (Adrian tried all week-end to give away the uncooked ones, do not know how successful he was as they are not to everyone’s liking) . These were always followed by desserts. We also had an American Supper, made up of savoury and sweet and as always a variety of choice.

We had the very interesting Auction of tat, sorry I mean well treasured antiques which raised £55.80 this was held on the Saturday night. On Sunday night it was time for the Easter Bonnet Parade, for which the marshals had provided various pieces of stuff like colourful small egg, chicks , ribbon, colour paper and stickers. All this turned into a very classy parade for both ladies and gentlemen, as the song goes “In my Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it”, even I got into the swing of things and had a go, not very artistic though, I will stick to what I know playing about on computers.



Monday saw several vans heading home including us, the week-end put on by our Marshals was great and a big thank you must go the Carol, Graham, Adrian and Vanessa. So for those who could not make it you missed a good one, see you all soon.

Rally 05 National Motorhome Show Peterborough 20th-24th April 2017

Marshals: Adrian & Vanessa

Report: Rose

13 vans had their wheels on site, which was quite good. We were pitched not too far from the show and exhibition area. That night we went to the Cambridge Suite to watch John Barry singing Johnny Cash numbers, he was very good, but I do not think he did enough of his songs. We were joined by Carole and Colin for the 2nd half. We all waited for San Quenton but he did not sing it.

Friday we walked all round the show stands, and nearly walked our legs off, so went back to our van for coffee, and put our legs up while we did some cross-words and took a nap. The evening

show was in the Peterborough Arena where we were entertained by the Cilla Show, the young lady was very good and she looked the part and sang well too. The second act was the Amazing Blues Brothers, talk about high energy, they did it all and their singing was just as good. The ladies in our group were dancing our socks off, they had the place rocking. Clive and I walked back to our van, got lost and walked round in a circle back to Arena then remembered it right not left past the toilets, we have all done it Rose at sometime.

Saturday we plodded of to Peterborough on the bus laid on for us only £2.00 return. We headed for the Cathedral and walked all round the outside and inside, no charge, it was fantastic. There is an old clock without a face still going strong, it was worked on a pulley, it was used by the monks it tell them when it was time for prayers, as the pulley also worked a bell at the (not there now) that rang every hour. We had a look at the shops and tried to find a little café for lunch but did not see anywhere suitable so caught the bus back to base. We wolfed down Cornish pasties, lovely it was too, we headed back to the van to relax and have coffee. That night ten of us went to the Cambridge Suite to see New York Minute, two guitar playing blokes, they were both good, so it was up dancing again (forgot about the tired legs) all good tunes of our era. Adrian got his card off them , so we may be seeing them again.



Sunday Flag was held at the usual time. Clive and I received a card for our Wedding Anniversary which was the next day 24th April, we thanked everyone, and then went on to win the Lucky Van prize and a raffle prize. That night it was back into the Peterborough Arena to see the Hightones a group of four young lads, who told us this was their first proper venue, and thanked us for being such a good audience. We were all up dancing again to songs of the Beatles, Carole took her shoes off and we all danced round them like we used to do, (oh those 60's memories). We all joined hands and sang along to La,la,la,la, it takes two for

the last song it was very good.

Monday, time to go home for everyone after a most enjoyable rally, and guess what folks, Clive had his radio switched on all the way home to Skegness. He knows now how to re-code it in a hurry, so he is a happy bunny. Thanks go to our marshals we had a great time and see you all soon.

Rally 06 Stratford on Avon Rally Apr 27th-2nd May 2017
Marshals by default—Adrian & Vanessa
Report: Granville

This was to have been Karen & Dave's first rally but unfortunately Dave had to work so Adrian & Vanessa stepped in to run it . Six vans arrived on Thursday, in the evening it got a bit chilly so we welcomed them into our van & awning, women in the van gossiping men in the awning having intelligent conversation over tea & biscuits.

Friday saw the remainder turn up to total 13 vans in all Graham had the misfortune of a damaged tyre on his tow truck all ended well though when he had two tyres fitted & got a BOGOF bill only paying for one. Friday night saw us in the chicken shed for soup & a roll & a get together.

Saturday dawned nice & bright & some of us ventured out to Stratford & Leamington Spa, evening saw us back in the chicken shed for an American supper never ceases to amaze me the

amount of food there is, Vanessa did a quiz & the bright sparks were Jenni & me ably assisted by Brenda & Pete.

Sunday we all did our own thing & Sunday evening we sat outside & were treated to bangers & mash by Adrian & Vanessa Grahams chair collapsed he said it was a weak bolt but I think he had two helpings of bangers. Monday saw most of us drift off home as some of us had to go to work. Vanessa did the quiz, you needed to get as many words as possible from William Shakespeare Fortunately I won.

Great Rally thanks to substitute Marshals Adrian & Vanessa.

Rally 07 Garton on the Wolds – 25th—30th May 2017

Marshals: Jenni & Granville

Report: Dave S

We were the last of 19 vans and arrived on the Friday evening in glorious sunshine. The others, many of whom had arrived the day before, were in a well-earned relaxed mood. The site was in lovely condition, had toilets and showers. The Lynton Owners Club were rallying in one field and we had the other, sharing with 3 others. The granary was available for each of our evening socials and was a welcome retreat, although it was a little like Russian Roulette in that a swallow was flying and nesting inside and we were wondering who was going to receive the ‘lucky’ strike from above. (As it happens Adrian did but he was nowhere near the granary at the time!) The structure oozed character – both in and out. I love old buildings and kept admiring the brickwork and the roofbeams. *(I apologise to those who thought I may have ignored them but although the granary was ideal, the sound of so many people just bounced around and both my hearing aids picked up everything and gave me nothing so conversation from me was minimal I’m afraid!)* We enjoyed some home-made cakes and Granville kept us scratching our heads with some of his quizzes – although not as dastardly as the one he had placed in our envelopes. We were given a helpful rundown by Granville of all the activities and sights to see in the area – very helpful, thank you Granville.

On the Saturday, the wind really whipped up and one of the families who were in tents at the top of the field were in danger of losing part of it so several people parked their cars in a line to form a windbreak and I lent them our awning storm strap. Val and I took a stroll to the quaint, traditional, village shop and on return we followed the sign to the village’s Norman Church. We opened the door and WOW! Not what we expected at all! From a modest exterior, we were drawn in to a magnificent Victorian masterpiece. The Lords of the manor from Sledmere House had spent huge sums beautifying the church in the mid-1800’s. If you are only going to bother going in one church - make it this one. In my opinion, the best one in the country. The font has a huge, ornately carved suspended cover above it, the floor of the church is created from mosaics, the lower half of the walls are Spanish glazed tiles, the upper part of every wall in the church is covered by magnificently restored paintings and the ceiling is so ornately decorated it will give you a crick in your neck just admiring it. On Saturday evening, we all enjoyed a buffet that consisted of an offering from each unit. Peter worked his socks off running a hysterical version of Pictionary where we eventually all tried our hand at drawing something and the boys versus the girls teams had to guess what it was. It didn’t matter if you couldn’t draw as that made it all the more fun. The girls won – just! Sunday was another warm and sunny day and Phil organised a morning walk of around 6 miles which a number of members enjoyed. They passed by an interesting, tall, needle-like monument that was on the Sledmere Estate and all said that the walk had been very good over the undulating landscape. We enjoyed the afternoon as we strolled in the sun with Adrian and Vanessa around the neighbouring village of Wetwang. The excellent annual

scarecrow displays ensured the village had a steady stream of visitors. We finally got to taste the fare from the always busy chippy on the main road. We had passed it many times when going to rallies and the like but never managed to stop. Our tea tasted great and the crowds that queue out the door are not wrong in their decision. When we got back the ‘gentle’ and ‘not-so-gentle’ games had begun. There was much laughter from all those sat around spectating. In the evening, it was back to the granary for flag, followed by delicious a cheese and wine evening, followed again by Granville’s popular quizzes.

As we awoke Monday morning it was a different story with the weather – damp and drizzly. We had to leave after breakfast but hopefully it dried up for those fortunate to be able to stay on another night at this lovely site.

Jenni and Granville find it hard to relax when running their rallies but all I can say is that they are always great rallies to attend and they put so much work in to making them a success. And they always are! Thank you to both of them and also to deputy marshals, Peter and Brenda, for such an enjoyable weekend.

Rally 08 Fishing Laceby - 2nd—4th June 2017
Marshals: Simon, Vicky, Keiron, Ethan
Report: Stephanie

When Brenda & Pete arrived on site this made 13 vans to take advantage of what promised to be a sunny week-end. Some of the early arrivals had tested the water drowning maggots, hope the fish co-operated. In the evening we were in the marquee for the usual first night get together. We have a selection of Pats cakes, biscuits and hot dogs all very welcome.

Saturday morning the maggot murdering was started at 7.30am, those poor maggots. (Results can be found at the end of this report) The non-participants did their own thing. The sun stayed out most of the day, some suffering with red arms, faces, and legs. I stayed well covered with a large sun hat, long skirt and light weight shawl, looking a bit like a Victorian lady or according to Jenni I reminded her of the camper van lady that parked on some guys drive for 15 years (film of the real event has been made) Tea-time and the bar-b-que’s came out . Tables and chairs were set up outside the marquee, it was good to be able to eat al-fresco. We were sat outside for a couple of hours until the sun started to cloud over, and everyone moved into the marquee. Jenni started a “what would you like to come back as”, answers went from “butterfly, silver back gorilla to Golden Eagle” and various other animals, humans wife & husbands changing places especially the men thinking they could do the woman’s role at the drop of a hat (I don’t think so Colin) and insects. What a laugh this turned out to be.

Sunday flag was held at the usual time of 11.00am, the sun was still shinning some sat outside in the sun others sat under the roof of the marquee, Adrian having got the sides down and packed up.

Results of the competition (I think Simon likes to torture us) - Vanessa

Lucky Van—John & Wendy

Fishing (7 participants)	Ladies—Beth	3lb. 3 ozs	Ladies Champion
	Gents— Granville	10lb.13 ozs	Gents Champion
	John	4lb 8 ozs	
	Garth	4lb 0 ozs	

Some people headed home straight away, but others like ourselves stayed on until later in the afternoon.

Simon, Vicky, Keiron and Ethan, you did a excellent job organising this rally and we are pleased to hear you will organise one for next year.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Philip & Alison from Nottinghamshire

Ian & Jeanette from East Yorkshire

Both couples have already joined on us of a rally and we look forward to seeing them on many more

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Thank you—Stephanie