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CARAVAN OWNERS CLUB

The Roundup

The Latest News and Reviews around the Rallies



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R09 Wainfleet 15th – 20th June 2017

Marshals: Eric & Susan

Report: Clare & Mavis

We arrived Friday evening and were met by Eric, after legs down we went to the circus tent for hot dogs, cakes, tea or coffee and the usual banter. We also did feeley bags which was fun trying to guess the objects inside the bags Eric also did a couple of quizzes.

On Saturday morning we woke to lovely weather, this was a free and easy day. Chloe went to the beach for the day with Grandma, granddad, Katie and Aunty Sandra. I along with Paul and my brother and sister in law Phil and Alison had a wander round Skegness. Back on site we had games of curling, the ladies winner was Alison and the men's winner was Phil. Afterwards was cheese, wine and salad followed by cakes. Another couple of games were played. Flag was held, the winners of the guess the contents of the bags was won by John and Wendy. Jenni was given a Birthday card and then along with hubby Granville presented with an anniversary card.

Sunday morning was again a lovely and warm start to the day. We all had a lovely meal at the Woolpack, then unfortunately it was time for us to leave for home. I am now handing my report to my mother in law Mavis as her and Brian are staying until Tuesday. Several vans left during the afternoon which only left five vans on site. We just relaxed as it was too hot to do anything. At 6.45 we all went over to the marshal awning where Eric, Pauline and Wendy had prepared afternoon tea for us. We had assorted sandwiches, salad and pork-pie followed by fresh whipped cream and strawberries in a home made scone, didn't they go down well. The rest of the evening was spent chatting to one another, What a lovely ending to a perfect day. I left to go back to the van at 10.15pm I do not know about the others.

Monday at 7am we woke up with the sun shining, birds singing and it was quite hot. It was very quiet, nobody else was about. After breakfast, Jenni and Granville were moving on for a few days to North Somercotes. Brian and I went to Ingolmells and walked along the prom to Chapel St. Leonards were we had a picnic. We went back the other way towards Skegness, to arrive back on site as tonight we are back with the marshals. Hot pork cobs, with new potatoes and rice etc followed by apple pie and cream. Again the evening was finished off sitting and talking, another good evening.

Tuesday, the weather is a bit cooler nice for travelling home, having packed up we said our good-byes.

Thank you to the marshals for a very good weekend on a lovely site. Also thank you to Mavis for continuing the report on my behalf.

R10 Graizelound 22nd – 27th June 2017

Marshals: Barry & Val

Report: Granville

About 6 vans arrived on the Thursday afternoon we settled in and had a small get together on Thursday evening.

Friday dawned and what a lovely morning the majority of the remaining vans arrived at various times during the day, while the anglers among us



fished on the very productive snake lake. Friday evening saw us erect the marquees and go for tea ,coffee & biscuits or something a bit stronger in some peoples case.

Saturday we woke to another glorious morning some of us went out to various places & events such as the local music festival at Epworth, which by all accounts was very good. Saturday evening we all congregated in the marquees again.

Sunday morning arrived yet another glorious day it was decided that we would hold flag today, as there was to be a committee meeting after, flag was held the winner of the towns & cities quiz which was very well put together by our marshals was Vanessa the lucky van draw was won by Roy. Adrian told us of up & coming venues & events & we had the customary raffle Some of us went to the Haxey arms pub for a really enjoyable & good value carvery. Then the poor souls who have to perform an act called WORK had to leave on Sunday after flag, but some lucky ones were able to stay for the next couple of days.

Thanks to Barry & Val for a really enjoyable rally.

R11 Tewkesbury Medieval Fair 6th—10th July 2017
Marshals Graham and Jane
Rally report Adrian and Vanessa

This was a first for the Mustang club to attend a rally themed around a Medieval Battle , the site was only 20 minutes walk across the field . Jane welcomed everybody as they arrived with a hug and cuppa , a total of 10 vans .We arrived Thursday teatime . Graham and I got 2 deck chairs and watched Paul and Louise put up his new air Awning , Mick swapped with me as I had to get set up , The awning was very impressive .Graham had put pegs around the field , Jane wanted the vans in a horse shoe .The marquee was put up about 6-30 ready for the usual tea and biscuits and chat,

Friday. We had a ride into Gloucester , Mick and Jackie came with us , we had a very pleasant morning looking around the city and surrounding area , late morning Jackie said did we fancy a coffee, Weatherspoons was the destination and it was very nice sat next to the newly refurbished dock area. After we had taken Mick and Jackie back to the site we went to a N/Trust property and had a very nice walk around Coome Hall . On the way back we called into Tewkesbury and found some very nice historical buildings, Friday night we were served with Veg soup and French stick .the evening went very well ,Louise was enjoying a glass of wine or 2 has she was not at work until Tuesday {she is a professional lorry driver} .

Saturday, The medieval festival started at 11 am and most people walked to the event which was free admission if you took your car it was £5 to park all day , very good value , the Tewkesbury festival is the largest one around and has been celebrated for 34 years , there is everything you could think of there in costumes , medieval food, weaponry in all shapes and sizes and even a Sauna, shower and cold plunge pool made out of all recycled items .During the day there were displays of all descriptions and Battle Re-enactments . Sat night Jane had asked if we could do a American supper like a Medieval banquet , it went very well. Flag was after the supper A birthday card was given to Dave. and also a Anniversary card to Dave and Val (48 years). Competition winners There was a draw between Vanessa and Dave and Val Vanessa won on the pick of paper !.The family crest design was won by Paul and Louise , Judged by Alfie, Jane's Grandson , he liked it because he wanted to take it home . The evening was very enjoyable and soon it started to drop dark but we sat out until gone midnight .

Sunday . Graham , Carol , Vanessa and myself went into Cheltenham on Sunday morning , a very interesting town . When we got back to van Vanessa and Carol sorted dinner out which we had sat outside the van .

We set off back home early afternoon after a very enjoyable weekend .
Thanks to Graham and Jane for been such good hosts .

R12 Golf Laughterton 14th – 16th July 2017
Marshals: Brenda assisted by Peter
Report: Diane

We arrived Friday afternoon after going round by Gainsborough to collect Matty’s friend Ben who joined us for the week-end. Friday evening we met in the Marquee for drinks etc and for the usual catch-ups. Most admired the new roof on the marquee it is now all red and is made of a stronger fabric. During the night there was a loud thud and I realised Richard had falling out of bed, when I eventually stopped laughing I did enquire if he was alright.



Saturday most people went out and about, we managed a round of golf, the main reason for the Rally. During the evening the weather was very pleasant and we all sat outside, joining in with the flat cap competition. Following this we held Flag a birthday card was given to Richard who had been tied to a chair with a birthday banner. The Raffle was drawn, and Adrian mentioned the next few rallies. Pete gave the results of the weekend competition and the results of the Golf and Flat cap competitions (results at the end of the write up) We then had an impromptu birthday party, with birthday cake and jelly and cream. You cannot have a party with some party games, so we had two games of pass the parcels, or in some cases throw the parcels. Then the discussion turn to the good old television programmes and who remembered what and even some old advert jingles. We were joined by a black cat who took a liking to Jenni, who kept feeding him tin salmon, no wonder he kept coming back for more.

Sunday was a free and easy day, people got further rounds of golf in and no-one was in a hurry to leave as the day was nice and bright. Pete and Brenda were staying on for a couple of days as they were not too far from the site of the next rally which they are marshalling too. Tom and Stephanie joined them for one extra night, nothing spoiling at home.

Our Thanks must go the Brenda and her assistant, the lovely Pete, for not only a very good rally but getting the weather right as well.

WEEK-END COMPETITIONS		
CATEGORY	WINNER	DISTANCE
GOLF		
LADIES	BRENDA	54 SHOTS
GENTS	TOM	36 SHOTS
FLAT CAP		
LADIES	DIANE	54'1"
GENTS	TOM	62'8"
W/END QUIZ	TOM & STEPHANIE	
LUCKY VAN	GRAHAM & CAROL	

R13 East Kirkby 21st—23rd July 2017

Marshals: Pete & Brenda

Rally Report: Graham

Once again we weren't the last to arrive on site as Tim and Angela weren't coming till Saturday. We arrived at our usual time of eightish to find everyone sat in a circle in the middle of the field. After coffee and a natter we managed to stay out till past ten, quite an achievement these days.

After a rainy night the day started dry and sunny. We trotted off into skeggy and then onto the bubble car museum for lunch. Tim and Angela turned up while we were away. Angela has recently broken her ankle so with them both hobbling they could only manage one good pair of legs between them. Then at 4.00 pm it was time for the annual bowls tournament. The ladies provided plenty of entertainment, Stephanie tripped and followed her bowl down the course and Angela managed to bowl her first ball into her own cardigan pocket. I thought only poachers had pockets that big. Just as Dave's grandkids were finishing their game, the heavens opened sending us scuttling back to our vans. Dexter won the kids competition, Brenda the ladies and I won the gents. Now I know what you suspicious lot are thinking but you would be wrong. I played and won every round. Adrian and Vanessa had to go home at this point because they were going down to see Simone on Sunday morning. Simone was in hospital after a small operation but at time of writing was back home and doing fine. The rain never stopped so we stayed in our vans for the rest of the evening.

Before flag we lined up for the egg throwing contest. Andy and Sue did their usual early dash and missed it. Eggs were thrown, eggs were broken, the victors being Carol and myself, in the adults and Harriet and Dexter won the kids. The egg shampoo or should I say shower, was taken by Peter. I think Brenda worked on the theory that if you don't want to be covered in egg, make sure your partner is. At flag we were introduced to our newest members, George and Valerie from Woodall Spa and their dog Beauty who joined at the rally. The weather apart, it was an enjoyable rally and as ever, nice to see some kids on the field again.

R14 Folkingham 3rd – 8th August 2017

Marshals: Eric & Pauline

Report: Jenni

We arrived on Thursday to be met by Pauline, Eric Margret and Brian with a nice cuppa and biscuits. Unfortunately Ken and Pam had an incident with their caravan, which had to be taken away, only to get more damage done to it by the driver of the low loader. That was the end of their weekend. The rest of us met up for the usual first night get together and catch up with tea/coffee and biscuits.

Friday was a do as you please day. We went with Adrian and Vanessa to Belton House (NT) luckily we got booked on to the first tour below stairs, as apparently all the other tours sold out later. Our guide Ruth quickly spotted the trouble makers! Granville, (Mr Grumpy) was sent to the back to close doors and make sure all the group stayed together. Unfortunately she hadn't reckoned on Adrian and Granville together which turned into the "Chuckle Brothers". You had to be there. Again at 7.30 it was tea and biscuits get together.

Saturday another do as you please day. We went to the Farmer's Market in Sleaford, met Adrian and Vanessa who were also there to have a look around. Most people on the rally had gone to various places around the area. We found a Museum in Sleaford doing the history of Sharpe's Seeds

there was no entry charge. In the Barn that evening we were treated by our Marshals and Co-marshals to a meal of Sausage, Mash and Mushy Peas. I on the other hand do not eat these so our brilliant hostesses made me chicken with risotto which was lovely. All agreed that the Sausage and Mash was very enjoyable. There was a hint next morning that a certain some-one got his numbers wrong when counting the sausages.(I won't tell Eric!!!) We had flag during the evening. Scarlet and Esmay had done wonderful paintings of Zoo animals, both got a prize as they were both good. Too of the nicest little girls you could wish to meet. The lucky van prize went to John & Wendy.

Sunday was another nice day though Pauline and Eric had to leave us as Pauline had an appointment at the Hospital on Monday (hope all went well) We went for a game of golf, others did their own thing. We called at the Fox & Hounds on the Grantham Road, the Carvery was £5.45 each with a very good selection. At 4pm we were treated to high tea of Strawberries and Jam/cream cakes made by Margret, they were "delis". I think most of us had also paid a visit to the Chocolate Shop over the week-end. I did. Maureen and John's grandson Thomas arrived on site to stay and play for a few days.

Monday Time for us and a few others to pack up and head for home. We had to drop our van off at Grantham for a repair.

We had a brilliant week-end, thank you to our marshals, we enjoyed everyone's company. See you all soon.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL CONCERNED

We would like to thank Adrian and Granville for their offer of assistance regarding the problem with our caravan whilst at Folkingham.

We also wish to thank Pauline for providing drinks and sandwiches whilst waiting for the recovery vehicle to arrive. Sorry we had to leave prematurely.

Regards Ken and Pam

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS & 2018CALENDARS

Oh no I hear you say, but yes as sure as night turns into day the Christmas Season will soon be upon us. If you would like to send your friends in the Mustang Caravan Owners Club a Christmas Greeting please let me know as soon as possible so that I can publish them in the next edition of the Round up. The cost is £1.00 which all goes back into the club funds.

2018 Calendars—Again if you wish to purchase one of these please let me know as soon as possible. I can have them ready to distribute at the Christmas Dinner Rally or at the New Year Rally. The purchase price is **£2.25** per copy with postage extra if required. As in the past **£1.00** from each copy sold will be donated back to the club.

Thank you Stephanie

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