

#### CARAVAN OWNERS CLUB

## The Roundup

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A rally of two parts Marshals—Adrian & Vanessa—Caistor Rally Report - Beth

#### Part 1 - HALLOWEEN RALLY NO 22

Thurs 2 – Fri 3 Nov 2017

#### 20 vans/motorhomes attended over the two rallies

Thursday, I'm told, saw many vans arrive and settle in. Later on in the evening there was soup and rolls.

We arrived on Friday to find an almost full field of caravans and motorhomes. We were welcomed by Adrian. When the van was 'up and running' it was time for a cuppa, bite to eat and a relaxing afternoon. Just before 8 pm we went across to the warehouse via the ghost walk to join other ralliers for the cheese and wine evening. The awnings inside were decorated with hanging pumpkins, ghoulish faces and my pet hate, spiders (I know they were plastic but it doesn't make any difference, I couldn't look them in the face!). The table was groaning with the weight of an assortment of cheeses, crackers, pickles in jars, crisps etc along with a choice of many bottles of wine. All too soon the evening was over.

#### Part 2 - BONFIRE RALLY No 23

Sat 4 – Sun 5 Nov 2017

Saturday morning was wet and miserable as it had rained from about midnight to early afternoon. The sky got brighter, then a shaft of sunlight, but it didn't last long. It stayed dry for the convoy of vehicles to head up to Caistor at 6.15pm to their pre-arranged car park and a short walk up to the field ready for the bonfire and fireworks display by Caistor Lions. It was a good display I'm told as I stayed in the caravan (I'm a scardy-cat hating fireworks) but watched the pretty patterns in the sky from my warm home-from-home. When everyone returned to site about 8pm we all moved over to the marquees for stew and bread and afterwards fruit pies or crumble with custard. A good night was had by all and again it was over all too quickly.

Sunday – Woke to a bright blue, not a cloud in the sky sight and at 10am we all met for bacon butties at the marquees. Tea, coffee and cake was available before Flag which was taken by Peter, Chairman. He thanked everyone for attending the 2 x 2 day rallies in one weekend, thanking especially the Marshals Adrian and Vanessa, Carol and Graham and everyone who helped make the rallies the best they could be. Birthday cards were given to Garth (who's birthday fell on Bonfire Day 5<sup>th</sup>) - a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday was sung to him. Graham and Carol also received birthday cards. New ralliers were welcomed, Lee and Maggie and Mark and Lucy with their children Esme and Connie. They were presented with their first rally plaques and the children received their Foals books. Barry and Val received their 450<sup>th</sup> plaque – quite an achievement. Val thanked members on behalf of Barbara and Brian for all the good wishes and condolences they received on the passing of their son David. Adrian told us about the two remaining rallies this year then thanked Richard and Val for their help in setting up the weekend's equipment. Diane and Richard won the quiz and lucky van was Terri and Maurice. The raffle was done and kids sweets handed out as Flag ended. It always amazes me how quickly everything is dismantled and put away after the ages it takes to set up which leads me to saying that on behalf of everyone on the field a big thank you to one and all for the efforts put into this weekend. Just in case dear reader you wondered and didn't know why there were two rallies this weekend was because they were needed to fit in with the 1,000<sup>th</sup> rally next Easter.

#### Rally No 24 Christmas Dinner—Caistor 30th Nov—3rd Dec 2017 Marshalls—Carol & Graham Author Chairman Pete

It was a chilly afternoon on the Friday when after work we headed over to the ranch of the Caistor Cowboy and his Posse. As we slipped down the lane to the Christmas dinner rally there was Graham doing stuff with a extra large erection that was springing up in the yard in front of Adrians

barn, and there was a bloke who appeared to be dressed all in red too. The field was a site when we turned in, the entrance way had been filled with a large quantity of road scrapings and the field was very busy and there were lots of little yellow sticks making it difficult to just park anywhere you wanted. Well we got in and got our legs down then slipped straight back out and nipped into town to go get some fuel, once we returned it was into the task of getting the Christmas cards named. Thanks Carol for the list of attendees again. It must have been a help for lots of people. Soon it was time to slip inside Adrian's very large tented erection and join the evenings fun. There were lots and lots of fairy lights all shimmering and twinkling and Christmas music. The place was heated and we were all soon melting. A large and plentiful buffet had been prepared by the exceptionally industrious ladies and everyone was invited to satiate themselves with food. The banter and the catching up with friend's news and events kept the conversation bubbling until well after the early evening and then most slipped away for their own vans and enjoyed a nightcap before slipping into the abyss of sleep.

Next morning we woke to an overcast day but it was not that cold. While out doing the morning chores like posting Christmas cards and delivering presents to Santa's elves a number of us got into the question of why batteries suddenly seemed flat. Well with a bit of detective work while the ladies slipped off with Vanessa to watch last nights strictly the problem was solved and resolved. I understand it's my fault now the van is too warm! Before long it was time for us all to take the drive up to Caistor Lakes to the restaurant. This year we had three long tables of Mustangers and we were all soon sat and Carol furnished us with a reminder of what we had ordered. Thanks Carol. We were lucky enough to be joined by some people who had originally been booked in but had to call off at the last moment. The meal was good very plentiful and worth the money. So it was that a well stuffed Peter left the table and waddled back to the car to drive back to camp. I heard no complaints which is excellent and all asking to have it booked again next year.

Well after a snooze and a change of clothes, into something that was kinder to expanded waistlines, it was time to head back to the indoor tent arrangement. We were all suitably ensconced and enjoying a beer or some other fluid when a Graham announced that there was an imposter Santa on the loose. No sooner said then in came a Santa look alike. In true pantomime spirit he was booed and hissed and before you could say "look out for that reindeer the wall opened and in drove a fat bloke with a beard all dressed in red. Just because he was a flash bloke with a car of some sort everyone seemed to prefer him. So the real Santa was escorted from his sleigh and seated comfortably for all to see. Then with the aid of his helpers he proceeded to pass out presents to one and all. Many were quite excited, as they knew they were on the naughty list but they still got presents, sometimes even from the people who had helped them onto the naughty list. With his task done and lots of others to visit, he revved up his sleigh put on the lights and reversed serenely out through the wall again and slipped into the cold night. No doubt there were a team of reindeer eating grass and leaving presents on the verges beside the road somewhere just waiting for him. Thanks for coming Santa, hope we see you next year. And so with happy hearts the conversation continued as boys and girls played with their new presents, and soon it was time for pass the parcel. The children were very well behaved but the boys and then the girls had paper and parcels flying uncontrollably in all directions. It's amazing that on this occasion no one wants to be holding the parcel when the music stops! Well when the music finally stopped it was Garth and then Rachel, who were left to parade up and down the hall sporting their latest acquisitions. The evening started to quieten down and eventually clutching their gifts people slipped away into the night. During the night the rains came down which meant the marquees were too wet to pack away.

Flag was held and the new rallier's Wendy and Neil were given a 1<sup>st</sup> rally plaque and young Scarlett got an IOU for a tenth rally badge. Lucky van went to Sue and Graham and all the normal things like the raffle took place. Only this raffle was with all the prizes gift wrapped so you did not know what you were getting. All too soon the weekend came to an end and bodies set too dismantling the extra large erection that was placed there and decorated only a few days earlier. A pair of very wet marquee covers were stowed into a car and Vanessa remarked that her living room was about to resemble a Chinese laundry. She doesn't look like Mrs Woo.

So with the festivities packed away, and the barn once more "empty" we all slipped off to finish packing while Adrian slipped his van back in its garage.

In closing I want to say thank you to one and all for their company and making a good weekend great. And a special big hug to Carole for doing all the things that make it all so good for us members who get to enjoy the days. And of course to Graham, for doing as Carol tells him and Adrian for providing the field and coming up with the "odd item" just to make things so much nicer.

Thank You to you all.

### IMPORTANT DIRECTION INFORMATION Rally 09 -SAXON HOUSE FARM RALLY 24th 29th May 2018

For those members using the A64 (Malton to Scarborough Road) turn off at the Staxton Roundabout on to the A1039 (Signed Filey) in about 4.5 miles in Muston turn right at the Ship Inn (Sp Hunmanby) After about 1.5 miles at the mini roundabout in Hunmanby turn right and immediately left on to Hall Park Road, continue to crossroads and go straight across in to Bartindale Road the site is on the right having travelled 0.7 miles go straight through the bottom gate.

From South of the River Humber having crossed the Humber bridge take the A164 to Beverley and link up with the A165 Bridlington take the road sign posted Hunmanby this is Bridlington Road, follow it until just after the Railway lines you will see a road on the left sign posted New Road Then turn left into Bartindale Road as above the site is on the right having travelled 0.7 miles go straight through the bottom gate.

Thank You

#### RALLY NO 19 AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY

Directions for all routes North and South are from M69 junction 1 and join A5 south at the round about take 4th exit and follow Mustang signs site on left. These instructions came from the Rally Marshals Paul & Lou (The original Marshals) Due to a change of circumstances the Marshal for the rally are now **Richard & Diane** 

So please add the information to your 2018 Rally Programme.

Thank you

#### Rally No 25 New Year 2017/2018 Wellingore Marshals – Peter and the Committee Report: Rose

We arrived Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 11.30ish in all the rain though when we had set off was snowing. We went straight for a coffee in the hall to warm up abit, 28 vans were expected with a couple of visitors the main event. We went back to the van to get sorted out in time to join in with the evenings activities, which tonight was the horse racing. The Fillies Challenge of 6 horses was 1. Terri's all gold 2. Beth's beautiful bouncer 3. Maureen's marvelous mover 4. Leslies double D 5. Sandra's saddle gripper 6. Pearl one lyn. The race was won by horse no.3 Maureen's marvellous mover. The stallions race was again made up of six mounts 1. Tomlinsons charge 2. Eric O eric 3. colise-um Colin 4. Explain that clive 5. All terrain howard 6.beard free pete. This time the winning horse was no 4 Explain that Clive. Then we had the pyjama parade, which was quite good. Some of the men dressed as women. Phil had a massive pink wig on with a pigtail down his back and a silk nightie, which was very posh. Colin won with a nightshirt on the and the biggest pair of boobs I have ever seen. The ladies winner was Diane with black and pink starred pyjama's with pink sparkly slippers. This was followed by our fish & ship supper with peas. We hade 3 choices of

fish, fish fingers or fishcakes, they all looked nice, I had fishcakes and enjoyed them. Well done to cooks Richard and Adrian, especially as the oven decided to have a hissy fit.

Saturday – Clive and I set off to Lincoln in the morning on the bus, we just timed it right as there was a bus standing at the bus stop. We got back for a game of darts with Pat and Colin and then a game of table-tennis. We then had a nice lazy afternoon in the hall doing X-words and talking. Later were in the semi-final of the darts with Howard and Elaine which they won on (madhouse) double one. Then it was time for the big show with Darren, Adrian's friend of many years and a very good entertainer. He played spot of Line Dancing, Country & Western numbers along with some Elvis and other Rock & Roll songs. Big Richard was acting the fool with Darren, who said I wondered where you were and looked very puzzled. Adrian and Richard then crept up behind the stage on Darren and made him jump, then they danced (in a fashion) to Penny Arcade which we all dancing to. It was so funny. We had a break for our supper which was a very good Hot-Pot with cobs, followed by steamed jam pudding with custard or chocolate pudding if you wished. Tummies full it was time to work some of the calories off by getting back to the dancing and some serious frolicking. The evening was a very entertaining and enjoyable with a good time spent by all.

NEW YEARS EVE The big nosh night and the wearing of the party frocks. The trouble was I had forgot my Party Frock so had a fancy top and trousers on. We started the final darts competition which was won by Howard and Elaine who beat Ray & Kel. We all had a glass of Sherry and there was bottles of Red and White Wine or water if you wished. The food was really good again all the trimmings and 3 choices of meat. Well done to all the cooks and committee they all did marvellous. Our evening continued with our new DJ Tim who was in his full kilt attire as was Adrian, Peter and Phil all very smart. There were games of chairs for the children, this was followed by one for the big kids which was won by Diane. This was followed by a game involving a golf ball, you had to be there. Then we had a game of bring the bunny home. All the games created a lot of amusement plenty of laughing rang out. The music came back on with line dancing, old time dancing, Rock & Roll, The Locomotion and all those other party dances you can think of. All the children really enjoyed themselves but Angela & Tims' grandson stole the show, a right little raver he was never still for a minute, while Angie was worn out running after him. We did not stay for the onesie at one competition, but I was told Val won the ladies with her flamingo onesie and Steve won the gents with his Santa onesies.

New Years Day 2018 Happy New Year to everyone. The day was started with a good full English Breakfast. All the food has been marvellous. Thank you to everyone on the committee and a special thank you to the very hard working chefs. Flag was 11.00ish the presentations were made Darts Howard & Elaine, Table Tennis Wendy and John. There was a card for Adrian and Vanessa's 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, congratulations. This was followed by the raffle, there was so many prizes it went on quite sometime. The Lucky van prize went to Simon & Vickie. Then for some including us it was time to pack up and head for home. Though that night for the few who stayed until the 2<sup>nd</sup> January there was the left over supper.

Happy New Year to everyone and see you all soon.

Rally No 01 2018 Valentines –Great Limber 9th—11th February 2018 Marshals—Margaret & Brian Report: Stephanie

We arrived at Great Limber about 1.00pm, set the van up then abandoned it to go to Morrisons in Grimsby for a couple of supplies. We did not need much as our Marshals always feed us well. After a quiet afternoon it was into the hall at 7pm for hot pork rolls with apple sauce, delicious. The rest of the evening was spent just chatting. Outside the temperature had dropped that the vehicles were icing up as was the car park.

Saturday— woke up to dull and overcast skies, later a storm arrived with plenty of rain. Our marshals had to go out, but not many others ventured out. The afternoon was spent getting the hall ready for the nights activities. Our meal this evening was Large Yorkshire puddings filled with stew followed by apple crumble and custard, excellent, Margaret always feeds us well.. The evening continued with a game of "play your cards right" with John D coming out the winner. This

was followed by "Mr & Mrs" again this caused a lot of laughter, the eventually winners were John and Wendy. The evening then slowly came to its natural end, with people braving the cold and ice to go back to their vans.

Sunday it dawned dry at least and the sun did put in an appearance later. Margaret did sausage baps this morning, like I said she feeds us well. Then we had flag. Birthday cards were given out and a card was signed to be sent to Pauline wishing her a speedy recovery, also a condolence

card was to be sent to Sue following the passing of Andy. Information about Andy's funeral was also distributed for those members who wished to attend or make a donation to the family's chosen charity.

Then as all things must the rally came to its conclusion with members heading home to plan their next outing. Thank you to our marshals Margaret and Brian, and Carole and Dave our great stand in marshals (both Pauline and Eric were not fit to attend.) See you on a rally field sometime soon.

#### **ROUND UP 164 Summer 2018**

Could you please submit any articles or write ups up by **1st June 2018** to via e-mail:mustangcaravanoc@ntlworld.com

Thank you—Stephanie