

WELTON OWNERS CLUB Newsletter



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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 2017

CHAIRMAN'S MUTTERINGS.

by Keith Fletcher.

This is my first Newsletter as Chairman and I thank you all for accepting me into this Office for the ensuing year.

Poor Clive Gibbs was taken ill a few days prior to the AGM Rally at Elm Cottage, Winsford, resulting in Lynda and I taking over as Rally Officers. I kept in touch with Clive whilst he was in hospital and I am pleased to report that he is making good but slow progress.

Despite the relatively low turnout we had a good AGM where much was discussed concerning the future of WOC rallies. Due to the problems, we had this year with late cancellations and members failing to turn up, resulting in much embarrassment for Rally Officers when dealing with site owners, the Committee proposed that we should introduce a deposit system. This system was discussed with the members where it was unanimously agreed that all Rally Slips should be accompanied with a deposit. This new rule will be better explained by Jean Yates, our Rally Secretary, in the 2017 Rally Book, also in an article further on in the Newsletter.

Jean has worked very hard in formulating an excellent rally list for 2017. Lynda and I hope to see as many of you as possible on the rally field. I have already paid my deposit for the Isle of Wight rally for next October where an extremely good rate has been negotiated – more details in the soon to be published 2017 Rally Book.

As this will be the last Newsletter prior to Christmas, Lynda and I would like to wish you all very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



Merry Christmas to all!

Jean Harris.

It is with great sadness that we must announce the death of Jean Harris. We send our condolences to Derrek. Jean put up a brave fight against Cancer. The last Welton rally that Derrek and Jean attended was Battlebridge in June. Jean was unwell at the time but enjoyed being with her friends.



ALNWICK RALLY

By Lynda Fletcher.

It was the WOC's second visit to the camping field at Alnwick Rugby Club, with its ideal

location, very hot showers, bar and free Wi-Fi. Ann and Ian Nicol were our rally officers ably assisted by Myra and Gerry.

At our first get together, new members Bryn and Claire Parry were welcomed to WOC.

Overall the weather wasn't too bad but somewhat chiller being upcountry. Unfortunately, Allen had a nasty virus and had to return home early.

We had the customary fish and chips, and an excellent evening buffet at the club, at an amazing price of £4.00 per head, also Sunday lunches at a nearby retirement complex restaurant (we know how to live) again great value and recommended by Mandy who runs the bar at the rugby club. Several of us had a full English breakfast on our last morning in



Alnwick. Afternoon teas, where we put the world to rights, a cultural visit in the form of watching "Birdsong" by Sebastian Faulks at the Alnwick Playhouse and Gerry and Myra were fortunate to see of the Tall Ships at Blyth.

I am sure we all enjoyed the wonderful beaches, castles, history and all that Northumberland has to offer, especially the 25 different varieties of Scones at the Strawberry Lounge in Alnwick.

THE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE WISH ALL ITS MEMBERS A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Dont forget to send you subscriptions to Gerry Smith as they are due now.

RALLY DEPOSITS

By Jean Yates.

Having experienced in 2016 a record number of members booking onto rallies and then cancelling at the last minute, or even worse just not turning up, a unanimous decision was taken by the membership that in future all rally bookings will require a deposit.

During the last few years a change in the type of venue requested by members has meant that we have moved away from farm fields to mainly licensed sites, to enjoy facilities such as hook-up. This has brought changes to the way the Club runs, often with large deposits being paid to secure a rally booking two years in advance. The Rally Secretary and Rally Officers are now dealing with professional business owners and site

managers who require firm numbers several weeks in advance of our arrival. Once told the number of outfits booked, those pitches are reserved and additionally there is an expectation of payment of the promised amount. We have as a club entered into a contract with the site, and there may come a time when a site demands full payment for all reserved bookings. If this had happened at one rally it would have cost the Club in excess of a thousand pounds. This obviously cannot be allowed to happen and members must now take responsibility for their individual bookings.

The following will now apply: -

All bookings, unless special terms apply e.g. Isle of Wight Rally, must be made using a rally slip and this is to be accompanied by a cheque made out to The Welton Owners Club for £20. Bookings will not be accepted without this paperwork.

When you arrive at the rally, the Rally Officer will hand you back your cheque and you will pay the full amount of site and rally fees in cash as normal.

Should you cancel your booking before the "book before date" in the rally book your cheque will be destroyed by the rally officer and not cashed.

If you do not attend the rally or if you cancel after the "book before date" when the rally officer has given final numbers to the landowner your cheque will be cashed. If a site demands that the Club makes full payment for your reservation, you will be asked to repay that same amount to the Welton Owners Club.

Please note that "book before" periods vary and reflect the rules of individual sites.

Linwater Caravan Park Edinburgh

by Rick Mellor.



Sue and I were the last to arrive at Linwater after an uneventful journey from Alnwick. The other 7 members of the rally were already set up and on arrival we were welcomed to the site by Dave and Tracy. The site is ideally situated, quiet, with excellent facilities and is worth a visit.

Although the weather was variable, the wind on occasion caused concern for some people as to whether their awnings were going to be there in the morning but luckily there

were no mishaps. The weather however did not stop any of the rally members from visiting the myriad of places of interest in and around the local area.

These included the Kelpies. The Kelpies are 30 metres high horse head sculptures, standing next to a new extension to the forth and Clyde Canal and near the river Carron.

Linlithgow Palace was one of the principal residences of the monarchs of Scotland in the 15th and 16th Centuries. Although maintained after Scotland's Monarchs left for England in 1603, the palace was little used. The palace burned out in 1746 and is now a visitor attraction in the care of Historic Scotland.

Blackness Castle is a 15th Century fortress near the village of Blackness on the south shore of the Firth of Forth.

It was built, probably on the site of an earlier fort, by Sir George Critchen in the 1440's. At this time, Blackness was the main port

serving the Royal Burgh of Linlithgow, one of the main residences of the Scottish Monarch.

On a few occasions, we all gathered together to have a chat with tea and cakes provided by the rally marshal's while discussing the quiz results. On the Friday night, we had fish and chips delivered and on the Sunday, we all went to the local pub for lunch, an excellent rally. Thanks to Dave and Tracy for all their hard work.



ELM TREE COTTAGE, WINSFORD

by DAVID OWENS

Those present were David and Tracy Totman, Ann and Ian Nicol, Gail and Richard Haste, Lynda and Keith Fletcher, Jean Yates, Myra and Gerry Smith, Jean and Malcolm Mortimer, Audrey and David Reynolds, Aubin and Bill Arbuckle and myself.

Unfortunately, Clive and Yvonne Gibbs who were to host the AGM meeting were unable to be present due to health reasons. We look forward to seeing them both next year on a rally. However, Yvonne sent the cakes on with Jean so we did not go short, many thanks to Yvonne and get well soon Clive.

Keith and Lynda very ably stepped in to assume the duties of the Rally Officers at short notice. Tracy and Dave Totman looked after us at the end when Keith and Lynda left early. Great meeting at this pleasant location. Good dog walking in the woods near Oulton Park and Delamere Forest nearby. A pub within walking distance which was regularly frequented. What more is there to ask for?

The site had a nice rally room where we held the AGM and this was followed by an excellent meal in the evening provided by the site. A coffee morning the next day with a raffle and book sales to generate some funds.

As usual people were coming and going during the rally, unfortunately Aubin and Bill had to go home on Sunday. On the Wednesday of the second week Lynda and Keith organized an American Supper which 14 of us enjoyed.

Locally the most popular attraction proved to be the Anderton Boat Lift on the Trent and Mersey Canal, also visits were paid to Lion Salt Museum, Little Moreton Hall and Biddulph Grange Gardens. Jean David and Drummer went to Beeston Castle, very steep but with Magnificent views. Trips to Chester, Llangollen, Horseshoe falls and pass, Quarry Bank Mill were also planned for the second week. A trip to Weatherspoon's for all that were left rounded off the rally nicely on Friday. All in all, a very good rally and AGM, thanks to Keith and Lynda

Have a Happy Christmas and good health so you can enjoy caravanning next year.

IMAGES FROM CHESTERSHIRE.



Anderton Boat Lift



Beeston Castle.



ROAST DINNER.

Parsnip and Lemon Cupcakes.

Ingredients

- 150g plain flour
- 1.5 teaspoon baking powder
- Pinch of salt
- 165g caster sugar
- 2 eggs
- 150g sunflower oil
- Half teaspoon vanilla extract.
- 150g grated parsnip
- Zest of 1 lemon.
- To decorate.
- 200g unsalted butter
- 400g icing sugar
- 2 grated balls of stem ginger
- 2 tablespoons of ginger syrup

1. Preheat oven to 180c/160c fan/gas 4 and line a 12 hole muffin tin with cupcake cases
2. Sieve together the flour, baking powder and salt and make a well in the centre
3. In a separate bowl whisk together the caster sugar eggs and sunflower oil and vanilla extract, then pour into the well of the dry ingredient and mix thoroughly.
4. Finally add the grated parsnip and lemon zest and mix until fully combined.
5. Transfer the mixture into a piping bag which prevents the cake mix from dribbling and pipe evenly into the cupcake cases.
6. Bake for 20 mins or until a skewer can be inserted and then removed cleanly.
7. Leave cakes to cool before decorating
8. To decorate:- Place the butter and icing sugar into a food processor and whizz until full combined and pale in colour. Using hand beaters or electric mixer is also fine.

9. Next add the grated ginger and ginger syrup and whizz until full incorporated.
10. Transfer the butter icing into a piping bag fitted with a wide star nozzle and then decorate cupcakes with a generous spiral of icing.



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