



WELTON OWNERS CLUB

NEWSLETTER
JULY 2012

Les Pittam

It is with deep regret that I have to advise that Les died in April. He had only been a member for a year and was very well liked by everyone. Our condolences to Brenda and family. We hope to see Brenda again in the future.

Tom & Kath Edmunds

Tom & Kath have decided that after 49 years happy caravanning that the time has come to give up caravanning. They would like to thank all their Welton friends for the good times they have enjoyed with them. They wish you all every happiness and good health for the future.

Vanmaster Fanfare Caravan – Tom & Kath are selling their caravan (as you know it is in perfect order) and if anyone is interested in purchasing it please get in touch with them on 01296 422502.

French Rallies 2013

Val & Bob Clark will be running the French rallies, details below:-

27 May – 10 June 2013 Camping Le Raudiere west of Saumer 14 euros pn including electric

10 – 20 June Camping Pors Peron 6 miles west of Douarnenez £12 euros pn inc electric.

If anyone is interested please get in touch with them by October as they will need to pay deposits then to secure the sites.

AGM September 2012

The AGM dinner will be held on Saturday 13 October 2012. It is proposed to hold a Buffet meal at a cost of £10.00 per head (the rally fee is included in this) and this will take place in the Barn. Please be in thatched barn by 7.00 pm .

As usual we will be holding a raffle, for Club funds, and we would be pleased to receive items for this.

Also, we would like to hold a book sale and would be pleased to receive any paperbacks you would like to dispose of, again the proceeds will go towards Club funds.

It would be greatly appreciated if anyone who has a remoska or electric hotplate would please bring them to the rally. We would like to use them in the barn as there are no kitchen facilities.

£10 per person

Proposed Menu

Pate and French bread

Jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings:

Chilli
Bolognese
Thai Chicken Curry
Coleslaw
Cheese
Baked Beans

Selection of Cold Sweets
Rice Pudding

Cheese & Biscuits

Coffee

Please bring your own wine/drink with you.

Lymington Rally
1 – 15 April 2012
Rally Officer: Wendy & Terry Spires

Report by: Gerry Smith
No of Vans: 14
Weather: Sun & rain

It is very sad that this write up should have to begin with our heart felt condolences to Brenda Pittam and her family. Despite being very ill, Brenda's husband, Les, was determined to come and join us for an enjoyable rally. However, after two days into the rally Les's condition became worse and his family, who were also there had to arrange to get him home. Sadly, Les had to be taken to hospital enroute, where we understand he passed away a few days later whilst still in hospital. All our thoughts are with Brenda and her family.

1st April. April fools day? We weren't gonna be caught like that! Oh no ! Due to other arrangements that we had made earlier, we had asked Terry and Wendy if we could go down a day earlier and help them they agreed, and so we went down on the 31st March. **What could go wrong ??? To find out, Please continue.**

As we came off the M27 at Junc 1. The conversation in our car ran something like:- Wow, that was a good run down, look we are already on the A337, through Lyndhurst and we'll be there in twenty minutes. What's that? Road block on the B3054, Oh Christ! Now where too, too late I've turned, never mind we might turn off before the road block. **Wrong !** With half a dozen cars behind us which we had been holding up we got to the blessed road block. Lane to the right of us, lane to the left, no diversion signs, can't turn round, Oh ****!! Now what, Ask! Guy say's, take the lane on the left, keep going turn right at the end. This lane was the same width as the van, with ten foot high hedges and with the obligatory Mini racing up toward us with nowhere to go, and no sign of the end. Bugger it, take the first right we see. This'll do, Oh God!

There was this little fella, straight out of the, 'Vicar of Dibley' coming out of a, 'Hansel and Gretel' cottage. **You're lost!** Say's he. Where you goin! Say's he. We tell him. Oh, that's easy! Say's he. Keep goin, keep goin, keep goin, over cattle grid, pond on left, pond on left, pond on left, keep right, keep right, keep right! Get to road block, turn left!!!

We have never before been so happy to see a red telephone box and a W.O.C. sign. We had arrived in brilliant sunshine to be greeted by Wendy and Terry. The following morning we all awoke to a thick coating of frost, but, the sun was shining and the rest of the members started to arrive that day and everything in the garden was lovely.

In total during the course of the rally there were about thirteen or fourteen vans, of which it was nice to see, three were new members and first time ralliers with the club. These new members were duly welcomed and presented with their badges when we had one of our get togethers. When Dave and Audrey Reynolds arrived in their brand new van, they informed us that they had left home, 'Sutton-Coldfield' in a raging snow storm. So they were glad to see a bit of sunshine.

Yeah, it rained a bit while we were there but not enough to dampen anyone's spirits. And lets face it, Wendy bless her had the teapot on every afternoon when you got back from a trip out so you could always, warm up and cheer up.

For those of us who were experiencing a touch of battery bother, it didn't take Terry long to arrange an illicit electric supply for battery charging and that got rid of another small problem.

As far as we were concerned Lymington was a great place for a rally, and the site at Norly wood farm (Despite it being in the new forest triangle) was a good centralised location for visiting all sorts of places, Beaulie, Hythe, Calshot, Christchurch, Winchester, Etc. Etc. Etc. Also the well defined walking trails in the forest are superb for those who are interested.

One of the highlights of the rally was when Terry and Wendy arranged a mass Sunday lunch for us all at the local hostelry. And, Judging by the amount of food we watched being shifted, if anyone says they didn't enjoy it, well, they're telling fib's!! And, I've got the most disgraceful photos of Terry pinchin the children's pudding. But, I'll only publish them if he and Wendy ever refuse to run another rally.

Unfortunately, because Myra and I had both arrived with heavy chest colds and, whilst mine was getting better Myra's was getting worse. We had to leave two days earlier than planned. Therefore, I will take no responsibility for whatever may have happened after we left. But, on behalf of everyone we must thank Terry and Wendy for running an excellent rally and putting up with us all.

Many thanks to you both and, well done.

Gerry and Myra Smith.

DartmouthRally
3 – 20 June 2012

Rally Officer: Dorothy & Mick Stevens

Report by: Ann Parsons

No of Vans: 17

Weather: Sun, rain & very windy

Little Cotton Caravan Park is a lovely site with spectacular views across the Devon countryside. The owners of the site are very pleasant and extremely helpful.

The site is well situated for easy access to the charming port of Dartmouth, with its famous naval college and boats of all sizes moored in the port.

Just outside the site is a frequent Park and Ride bus service and opposite the site entrance is a Sainsburys, with a Lidl shop close by.

We arrived in brilliant sunshine to find Dorothy and Mick already 'set-up'.

When Terry and Wendy arrived they brought with them a large marquee and this caused much laughter as everyone joined in trying to erect it. Eventually it went together and proved very useful for our first tea afternoon and also for the Jubilee 'street party' a few days later.

For our first afternoon tea Dorothy had made a spectacular and delicious 'Jubilee cake' which she had decorated with a Union Jack and a framed picture of the Queen. Dorothy had also made a vast quantity of small cakes which were enjoyed by all at various afternoon teas during the holiday.

For the Jubilee celebrations everyone decorated their caravans and motor homes with bunting and Union Jacks. An enormous Union Jack was hoisted onto a large flagpole alongside the Welton flag.

Unfortunately the weather began to deteriorate, but we were fortunate that it was dry for our Jubilee 'street party' on Monday 4th June.

Everyone took their tables and these were arranged in a straight line 'street party fashion'. Food was served in the marquee, and the menu consisted of tartiflette and salad, bangers and mash and an array of sweets. Someone arranged music and a good time was had by all.

Unfortunately the weather then began to deteriorate into gale force winds and heavy rain and these conditions prevailed for much of the holiday. The marquee had to be taken down before it blew away.

Despite this we all managed to get together for a meal at the local pub. We also managed to have several more afternoon teas organised by Mick and Dorothy, Wendy and Terry and Yvonne and Clive.

Even though the weather was not particularly kind to us, most people seemed to enjoy visits to the many local attractions.

The site is certainly a place most of us would wish to stay at again in the future – hopefully with better weather.

Kidderminster Rally

1 – 15 July 2012

Rally Officer: Val & Bob Clark

Report by: Ron & Margaret Mason)First
and Ron & José Wood)week

No of Vans: 7

Weather: Sun & heavy rain

The sun was out to welcome us to Yew Tree Farm. When we were all settled we met up in Val and Bob's awning for tea and biscuits, the evening was spent swapping caravan stories. A pleasant evening was had by all.

I think Terry and Mabel came out on top with their day from hell, starting with wrong fuel in the motorhome followed by his little car going for run on its own, while he was filling up with water, it ran down the hill on the site, but luckily no damage was done thank goodness.

Monday's weather was back to normal for this year, wet and grey, but never mind the best was made of the day.

Tuesday, guess what it was raining, never mind Val & Bob went looking for venues for everybody to have a meal together, and find a fish and chip shop to supply said for Saturday evening. Everyone managed to get out at some time during the day.

Wednesday dawned wet and grey but improved as the day went on. Tea and scones were enjoyed outside in the afternoon.

Thursday, sunshine all day, chairs out, summers here. Friday best not talk about the weather we would have to pay for yesterday, never mind.

Saturday evening we all had fish or chicken with chips in Val & Bob's awning which we all enjoyed. This was followed by two quizzes organized by Val & Bob and was won by Lynne & Dave.

Sunday started sunny and warm until mid afternoon and then the usual rain. We must all thank the rally officers and helpers for a lovely rally. We had to leave before the end of the rally.

Second week – Report by Jeanette

Well the first week of the Rally was great, and now there were four vans, but we all went out and about and took no notice of the weather being thrown at us, by the man upstairs, and looking at the forecasts it was countrywide,

So we all went out and about and met on a couple of evenings one for a lovely Ploughmans Supper prepared by Val, and enjoyed by all, and another was a fish and chip supper, which we knew would be great as we had one the week before and the they didn't let us down, Though you couldn't say the same with the rain, Val and I were at the wrong end of the awning, and the water was rising by the minute, and we sat with our feet up to avoid the water, and we could hear what we thought was thunder, but no it was cars going through the flooded road outside.

Everyone made the most of their last day, and managed to get there awnings down dry. I had a great Rally and just didn't know how I would feel, I had my moments but everyone was great. Having been with Barbie at first Camping and then with the van for 36years, I was dreading it, and the new van was great, and my Touran towed so well.

Oscar is a changed Puss Cat he came out in the van and made friends, which he had never done before, but never went outside. Jeanette

Early Information for our AGM 15th-29th September 2013, at **Lakeside Park, North Somercotes, Louth, Lincs**

We have provisionally booked 15 fully serviced super pitches, each with its own water, drains, and electric supply. 5 of these pitches are for the exclusive use of dog owners, all pitches are @ £12.00 per night (normal price circa £40.00).

This Venue has superb facilities including a seven acre decorative fishing lake and the price includes full use of them all, with a small additional charge for the swimming pool and Golf course. There is an excellent pub on site that serves meals at a very reasonable price, And for those who wish, entertainment is provided in the strictly child free night club.

With respect to any of our members who have dogs it is important to know A.S.A.P. how many will be attending in case additional dog pitches need to be booked. The pitches allocated to dog owners are located adjacent to the dog walk but in the same area as the rest of the rally. Likewise, in the event that we might need more than the 10 pitches booked it is important that we let the site know as early as possible therefore we will have an early booking date in mid. August 2013 to ensure any extra pitches in the same area. The rally site we have booked is a spacious area adjacent to the tennis court, and quite close to the toilets, showers and elsan point.

If you think you will be going to this rally could you please let me know, so that we can see if we have the provisional booking for approximately the right numbers, thank you.

I have attached the latest programme if you want to use some or all of it.

Jean

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