



# WELTON OWNERS CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

November 2012

### Chairman's Xmas Message

To all our members,

I hope you are all keeping fit and well ready for the Christmas rush, shopping, cards and cake, doubtless some of you are very organised and have presents already wrapped!!! Myself I'm on the rush end of organised but it will be ok on the day!

A Happy Christmas to you all and a very Happy and Healthy New Year with plenty of Welton Rallies attended and our new flag will be proudly flying. See you in 2013.

Wendy

**Rally Report:** High Bentham  
**12– 28 August 2012**

**Rally Officer:** Dorothy & Ken Wilkin  
**New Ralliers:** Brian & Barbara Barclay  
Ron & Eileen Clark

**Report by:** Gerry & Myra Smith (1<sup>st</sup> week only)

**No of Vans:** 13 (is that unlucky?)

**Weather:** Oh my God!!!

No one can blame the rally marshals for the foul weather which we experienced during most of this rally. Dorothy and Ken Wilkin our rally marshals worked their little socks off to make this rally a success.

This rally was held in the middle of some of the most beautiful scenery in the UK. And when the sun did shine it was gorgeous. It was just a pity that the site owner didn't maintain her rally field to match the rest of the surrounding country side.

Although the field was wet and soggy, it was a beautiful day on the day the rally started we arrived in lovely sunshine to be greeted by Ken and Dorothy. For those of us who couldn't get our vans into position under our own steam, ie. me. Ken hooked on his 4x4 and put e'm in for us. Later on in the afternoon when we'd all come round a bit Dorothy served tea and homemade chocolate cakes in their gazebo. ( And, take note fella's this Gal can bake cakes).

Don't get me wrong it wasn't all bad we all had some lovely days out, as we said at the start the scenery and the places of interest to go, up in North Yorkshire are fantastic. Myra went and had her picture taken with Eric (the one with the glasses) on Morecambe front and then four of us, Dave and Audrey Reynolds and Myra and me went up to Carlisle on the Settle to Carlisle railway on the Thursday, it was a lovely day out (but by the lord Harry we paid for it later on).

But as with all Rallies the nicest thing of all was meeting up with the thirteen members who had turned out with their vans to support it and, better yet, the opportunity to welcome the two new members on their first rally with the Welton Club. They are Brian and Barbara Barclay and Ron and Eileen Clark, Ex members of the now closed Windrush club. Welcome to the Weltons to all of you and honest it aint always like this one has been, so please carry on rallying with us.

To say the least the weather was, shall we say mixed, but it was warm, which was a blessing and the problem was not so much that it rained, because it rained all thro the b\*\*\*\*y night when you were trying to sleep, no, the problem was the field had reached saturation point and it couldn't take anymore water and it became patently obvious that most of us were not going to get off without some help, and in our case that was Saturday the 18th. Enter, Dave Meatyard. Now, I would never stoop so low as to actually ever kiss Dave Meatyard, but he came b\*\*\*\*y close to it. He's got this dirty big 'VW Tourag' that pulled my van through the gravy that was our rally field with no trouble what so ever and, I understand that he gave several repeat performances for the others as well, Many thanks Dave.

So, I'm going to conclude by saying that, none of us can win e'm all this was just an unfortunate one off and, we must congratulate Dorothy and Ken for all their hard work in running this rally under the most arduous conditions, but we will not be responsible for anything that happened after Saturday. And so, on behalf of all who attended, many thanks to you both.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> half of Bentham Rally**

**Report by Dorothy & Ken Wilkin**

I am trying to stay up-beat, and forget about the rain and mud!

North Yorkshire is a lovely part of the country with the Yorkshire Moors, Lake District and the coast, and know that quite a few of you did manage some outings, despite the conditions.

It was good to meet up with both the old members, and several new members. Because of the weather it was difficult to socialize, but we did manage a couple of flag get togethers.

A big thank you to Dave and Lynne for all their help, and support, and for towing about 7 units off the field, even though David didn't feel very well.

The last four of us had to towed off by tractor, as even Dave and his wonderful machine, knew their limitations! So now we have picked ourselves up, washed ourselves down, and will start all over again.

## **Stratford upon Avon**

**7-21 October 2012**

**Rally Officers:** Yvonne & Clive Gibbs

**New Ralliers:** Gail & Richard Haste

**Report by:** Lynne & Dave Meatyard

**No of vans:** 16

**Weather:** Variable

Sixteen vans gathered for this the 43<sup>rd</sup> Welton A.G.M. Rally and we were mightily pleased to be able to pitch without wading through mud. Once we were all settled Yvonne and Clive welcomed us with tea and cake, and introduced new members Gail & Richard Haste.

Over the course of the week everyone was kept busy visiting the many markets & places of interest in the area. (I do believe there were a couple of caravan dealers nearby for pre-show viewing) and met at 4-00 pm for tea, cakes and a natter when weather permitted.

Came the weekend and preparations for the meal began. Most people were given a task be it preparing food or helping lay out the hall. Once again everything came together famously and we all sat down to an excellent spread: pate starter, jacket potatoes with various fillings, fabulous puds and cheese and biscuits. Then to the important business of the raffle, where everyone somehow managed to win at least one prize.

The Caravan and Motor Home Show was on at the N.E.C. and many members had at least one day of wishing and dreaming, but haven't heard if cheque books were waved in earnest.

The weather started to deteriorate and people began to pack and leave in dribs and drabs. We could see the field was heading Bentham way so followed suit.

Our thanks to Yvonne and Clive, and the rest of the committee, for their efforts in making the rally as enjoyable as possible.

**Proposal for amendment to the Constitution (This proposal will be on the agenda at the AGM 2013)**

- 1 That Members of the Welton Owners Club who have not rallied for the previous 3 years be deemed to be Associate Members for insurance purposes and current Rallying Members be deemed as Full Members.
- 2 That the Membership of the Welton Owners Club is limited to 50 members.

This proposal will also go in the rally book.

**What is a Senior Citizen?**

Everything hurts. What doesn't hurt, doesn't work.  
The gleam in your eye is the sun shining on your bifocals.  
You feel like the morning after, but you haven't been anywhere.  
Your children begin to look middle-aged.  
You join a health club but don't go.  
A dripping tap causes an uncontrollable urge.  
You have all the answers but no-one asks you the questions.  
You look forward to a dull evening.  
You need glasses to find your glasses.  
You turn out the light for economy instead of romance.  
You sit in a rocking chair and can't make it go.  
Your knees buckle but your belt won't.  
Your back goes out more than you do.  
You put your bra on back to front, and it fits better.  
Your house is too big and your medical cupboard not big enough.  
You sink your teeth into a steak, and they stay there.  
Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles.

I just want to live long enough to be a problem to my kids!

The annual membership of £10.00 is due on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013, please join again, we really need to keep the membership of the Welton Owners Club, it is such a friendly Club. Please return the enclosed form to the Secretary, Mrs Yvonne Gibbs, 27 Prinknash Road, Bedford. MK41 8DJ together with your cheque made payable to 'Welton Owners Club'.

I would be very grateful to receive any articles, recipes, ditties etc. for the Newsletter. At present I have no input from anyone and more is needed to make an interesting Newsletter.

**Happy Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year**

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## Welton Owners Club

### Subscription Renewal For the Year 2013

**Subscriptions are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> January for the year 2013.**

**Please complete and return to the Secretary Yvonne Gibbs.**

**I wish to renew my membership for the year 2013 and enclose a cheque in the sum of £10.00 made payable to the Welton Owners Club.**

**Signed .....**

**Address .....**

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**E-mail address .....**

**Tel No ..... Mobile No .....**