



WELTON OWNERS CLUB  
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**MUTTERINGS FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN.**

Many Clubs have cancelled their entire rally season this year, but the benefits of fresh air and friendship to both physical and mental health, and the belief that we are all sensible adults in managing the risks involved, allowed us to make the decision that when restrictions were lifted, the Welton Owners Club should be able to rally safely.

Those of us who ventured forth to the first rally, albeit it in July this year, could almost believe that things were back to normal. Met by Marion in her mask – a photo that surely must feature on the rally book cover next year, it really was a pleasure to be out, and sentiment was echoed by us all. Walks on the beach, chats on the field, socially distanced get togethers, and the barbecues on the go, who could ask for more after the longest off-season on record.

Three successful rallies managed so far, thanks to the good sense of members, and shortly we will be off to the AGM in Shropshire, and another first I believe, when we hold the meeting on the field. Let us hope for a warm dry day, or I may have to christen my Welton broolly!!!

Jean Yates

Welton Chairman.

Lloyds Bank have changed their rules and we now have to write all cheques out in full. So, no cheques can be accepted with WOC on them it has to read Welton Owners Club.

Thank You

### The first rally of 2020. Westhill Caravan Park, East Huntspill Somerset.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July saw two firsts, firstly this was the first rally of 2020 and secondly it was the first rally that Marion and Kenny Clow had been rally officers.



We arrived at the rally site to be greeted by our smiling marshals. Social distancing was evident with no hand shaking etc. The route to the site was challenging as the roads were narrow near to the site with a humpback bridge.

5 Caravans and two motor homes attended with happy faces all around. The rally field was brilliant as our pitches were with electric and water tap. The site was on a working farm and also numerous static homes and a CL site. A river ran along the side of the site with a large water sluice to control the water level.

The walks around the site were well used by the ralliers. The dogs on the field were well behaved, Bailey and Drummer having a lovely time each day. The area was well visited with Brean, Brean Sands, and Weston Super Mare close by.

On Friday Kenny organised Fish and Chips followed by a quiz. Marion surprised us all by visiting the hairdressers for a makeover.



Jeans Caravan sprung a leak through the roof, but Kenny sprang into action with some sticky tape but unfortunately that did not solve the problem. The nearby town of Highbridge had the largest caravan dealers I have ever seen.

The following Friday Kenny organised fish and chips yet again which were fabulous. Saturday saw Viv and Bernie's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and we were all invited to celebrate with them with a glass of bubbly and a special cupcake.

This rally came to a close much too soon, but we all had a good time thanks the Kenny and Marion for all their hard work and companionship.

Denis Mattocks

### **Brades Acres, Tilshead, Wiltshire.**

*We excitably arrived on the site two days before the rally started as Nan and Grandad were rally officers. The site was very full, and we had a job to find a spot to put our caravan, but Jackie the site owner found us somewhere. Grandad had to do a lot of reversing, but he managed to get in. By the time everyone arrived on Tuesday there was lots of space although the pitches were a bit small. The site was very clean and had lots of hand sanitizer about.*

*There were 9 units on the rally but not everyone stayed the whole two weeks. There were lots to do in the area. Many of us went to Stonehenge which was very near. I had wanted to visit*

*Stonehenge for so long, but I had to wait until the second week as we had to book due to Covid.*



*Nan tried to arrange fish and chips and a meal out, but it was very difficult due to the social distancing. The fish and chip shop was far away. We did have a couple of socially distancing get togethers, which also included, Covid Bingo.*

*We did get to Devizes and walked along the 28 locks by the canal. We went to Old Sarum, Woodhenge, Lacock and we also went to Wookey Hole and Cheddar Gorge, where mum bought some yummy cheese.*

*Jean and Steve took us for a walk with Drummer around the village for a history lesson it was fun we saw a plaque on the wall about Winnie the Pooh which was interesting.*



*We had a good time, but it felt very strange with all the social distancing and we were quite nervous. The weather had been so hot for most of the rally too. Everyone seemed to have a good time.*

*Ethan Lewin*

## **Fendicks Fisheries Rally – Methwold Norfolk.**

We arrived on the Friday at the end of the first week and was greeted by a sea of friendly faces and a welcome cup of coffee (supplied by Tracy). Most of them we had met before. Chris (the rally officer) found us a lovely pitch and we set about sorting ourselves out in readiness for the rest of the rally.

The site was fabulous, very clean and picturesque. The owners were very helpful and always had a cheerful hello when passing. The site was set up with 5 fishing lakes and Michael had come prepared with his fishing rod. It was the first time they had seen the light of day for 13 years. (My fingers were crossed that he actually caught something).

There were plenty of places around to visit like Oxborough Hall (National Trust), Kings Lynn and Fakenham which had a market on the Thursday, Holt wasn't too far away either and so much more. Further afield was Brancaster beach, Sherringham and Cromer. As per usual we had a few detours (got lost) a few times but the scenery was worth the detours.

We were also lucky to see some of the jets and other planes taking off and landing at Lakenheath and the jets doing a display in the air over the caravans one afternoon which was a sight to see.

Wednesday was the big fishing afternoon. Michael was not deterred by all the professional equipment the other fisherman had and with his first cast he caught a 7-8lb common carp.

I did my bit and held the net so it didn't get away and then took some pictures as evidence so he could boast later. I then left him to it for the rest of the afternoon. Apparently, he hooked a few big ones but they "got away"



Friday we all ventured into Mundford for a delightful breakfast at Browns Café. We all sat outside and enjoyed the fresh air and sunshine. Thanks for finding the Café.

The weather was mostly kind but what is a little rain between friends. We had a lovely break and it was nice to be able to do another Welton Rally although not a full one yet. We will retire one day and be as lucky as our fellow campers and be able to stay longer.

Thank you all for a lovely break. The site was a good find and we hope to return in the near future.



Sheena and Michael McCartney.

We will be holding a Raffle at the AGM to help with funds. If you are attending, please bring a prize if possible. Probably something that can be wiped, e.g. bottle, tin or something well packaged. Due to the current situation with Covid 19.

Thank You.

**The Last rally for this year will be held at Broadhembury Caravan and Camping Park, near Ashford in Kent. It is a best of British site and we are all on super pitches, which are hard standing, with water and waste on each pitch.**

**We are not allowed an awning due to the time of year. Lets extend the season as we were slow to start. Anyone wishing to book on please send your slip to Tracy and David Totman.**

**Tracy Totman**

**Hon Secretary Welton Owners Club**