



Informer (no 1) 2017

Welcome to your first informer for the year so far. Many apologies for the delay have been overly occupied with a month of training for a new job. All done now so onwards and upwards. Our year started later than in previous years, as we as a club chose to leave January clear for many reasons bad weather, the closeness of new year.

This seems to have boosted the first few rallies of the year so far, lets hope this continues throughout the year.

Sadly this year some of our members have been through some upsetting times. the loss of 2 of our members Mr John Windmill and Keith Goodwin both will be missed by one and all we as a club send all our kind thoughts and offers of support to the family's. They will be remembered for their generosity of spirit and kindness of heart.

RALLY REPORTS .

Valentines, Copt Oak, Markfield.

What a great weekend at Copt Oak village hall, brill location next to the Marstons Copt Oak Inn where a Friday evening dinner was had by most of the club members. Although the weather was bitterly cold and with snow flurries over the weekend it didn't stop about a dozen caravans attending. Saturday evening everyone gathered in the lovely decorated hall to enjoy a three course roast beef meal cooked by Sarah, Neil and their many helpers, thoroughly enjoyable, afterwards there was disco music by Gary and Brenton either side of a Mr & Mrs Competition, excellent meal evening and weekend, many thanks to the marshals and all who contributed.

Lynn & John Beresford

Mother's day.

We arrived Friday afternoon, the sun was shining, legs down & set up before having tea and joining all in the bar for a pleasant get together. All enjoyed their favourite tippie and the young members had a game or two of pool.

Saturday arrived and we all looked forward to our afternoon cream tea.

Everyone was amazed at the room being decorated in the Mad Hatters Tea party and the theme continued with Alice and the queen of hearts serving cream teas and the Mad hatter providing the music.

The hall was full to capacity with people enjoying afternoon tea, even extra visitors attend for this event.

Members then left the hall and continued the afternoon, sat on the rally field enjoying the sunshine.

The fish and chip van arrived early evening and provided dinner for those that could manage it.

In the evening we all congregated back in the hall where an Alice in Wonderland themed quiz was provided plus 3 games of fun filled bingo.

The raffle and flag took place on the Saturday evening so that members could leave early on Mothering Sunday if required to spend time with their families.

A massive thank you to Sue and Phil (AKA Alice and the Mad Hatter) Wendy and Tote (AKA The Queen of Hearts and her King) for a wonderful rally.

A.G.M

A great weekend at Normanton on Soar for the A.G.M. rally, when we were blessed with perfect weather for a change. The company was good with all the ralliers mixing together. Sadly the event was tinged with sadness as two valued members were absent. John Windmill's sudden death shocked us all, and Phil Woodward being hospitalised after suffering three small strokes was shocking news.

Friday afternoon saw us all outside in a big group drinking and chatting together. It was really nice. Later we all met up again at the Plough.

Saturday morning was our own time and some of us visited Loughborough and looked round the market and shops and put a bet on the National. The A.G.M. was at 4.00p.m. and went well with matters discussed and decisions made. There was a raffle for the rooms in the winter fund and donations were given for the fishing trophy in memory of Keith Goodwin.

On Saturday evening we all went to the King's Arms for a meal which was excellent and we toasted John's memory. After the meal we all went back to the hall where Malc and Maxine organised a quiz and supplied us all with a tot of malt whiskey and again we drank a toast to John.

All in all it was a great weekend very enjoyable with all the ralliers spending time together.

Ian an Angie

Rally report for Easter Rally

13th – 18th April 2017 at The Showground in Bakewell

Hosts – Wendy, Tote, Vicky, Tony and Amy

We would like to say a big thankyou to all the marshall's Wendy, Tote, Vicky, Tony and Amy for organising yet again a brilliant Easter rally with a full programme of activities for everyone. It was a good venue with lovely views and only a short walk into Bakewell.

Having arrived early Thursday morning before the marshall's with a couple of other vans, Ian kindly arranged the splitters for the electric for everyone. A thankyou is in order.

Friday was Totes 75th birthday and Wendy had organised a surprise meal in the evening at the Ashford Arms Pub. He had absolutely no idea and was overwhelmed when he walked in to find all the rallies had turned out to celebrate with him, 42 in total. What a great night! Excellent food and service and fantastic company.

Saturday was the marshall's day off but again they had organised a treasure hunt for you to enjoy around Bakewell. Others had bought their bikes and cycled down the Monsal trail. Saturday evening everyone meet in the party tent with their drinks and nibble for a fun evening with friends old and new. I would like to say a massive thankyou to Carol for allowing us to attach the party tent next to her brand new awning giving enough space for us all to gather together. Thankyou Carol!

Easter Sunday morning started with an Easter egg hunt for the children for eggs that the Easter bunny had left around the caravans. Once all the eggs had been found the children shared them out and joined Vicky and Amy in their awning to decorate their own egg. A little messy but lots of fun. A brilliant morning enjoyed by all the children, thanks ladies. At 2pm on the field we all gathered despite the weather for some more fun games, egg throwing, welly wanging and a couple of games of rounders.

Shelly Pointon.

Banbury 27 april-1 may.

No report.

Aderwasley -changed venue -Five Ways Lakes.

A well supported weekend for the fishing rally, some very eager and enthusiastic fishing folk , enjoying the lovely location and glorious weather. This rally was especially poignant as it was run in the memory of Keith Goodwin one of our members who rekindled the love of fishing within the club .a thophy was commissioned earlier in his name and was presented to the winner at flag .

Friday night saw us all together in the local pub for a meal skilfully arranged by Sue Woodward where a toast was made to absent friends, this sort of get together is fast becoming a must for 4c's ralliers always an enjoyable event

Sat evening saw us all gather in John and Lyn's many sided gazebo for an American supper, as always the 4c's came into their own with a delightful spread . it was nice to see Phil Woodward looking well after his health scare .

The proud winners this weekend were

1st Ian Symonds total weight of 63 lbs 2 oz -WOW

2nd Richard Symonds total weight of 10lbs 5 oz -well done

The trophies went to

The two gentlemen named above

The heaviest fish was given to Ian Woolley (this is the Keith Goodwin) trophy and is to be competed for every year .

The ladies winner was our very own chairlady Wendy Clayton.

The junior trophy went to Brenton Rodgers .

Well done to you all.

Sue Williams.

Pickering 26 may-3 june.

I do not have a rally report for this rally but judging by the comments on the 4c's f/b page a good time was had by all that attended which is not a surprise . a beautiful part of the country.

Breedon on the Hill 15-18 june .

Again I do not have a report for this rally, but having visited the field on sat , a well attended weekend, amazing views and wall to wall sunshine . well done Ron and Rose for finding such a lovely venue.

SADLEY both of the next two venues have had to be cancelled due to lack of support by both marshals and ralliers.

Future rallies.

20-23 July Kelham Hall

Your host in the book is Tony Allsop and Maureen Slack .

I am not sure if this is still correct so please check with the rally sec if any queries.

Weston Super Mare the summer holiday rally I believe has been cancelled again for a low number of potential attendees.

31st aug- 3 sept EYAM I am not sure of the theme this year but we can never have enough helpers contact Wendy Clayton for more info.

That is all from me for the time being on behalf of all the marshals so far and all the rallies to come thank you for your support and attendance . To all of our new members I hope you are enjoying being part of our merry gang , if anyone has an idea of venue/activity they wish to discuss please feel free to approach any member of your committee, after all we are here to keep the club happy and healthy .

see you on a field somewhere soon -safe tow

Sue Williams -Social Sec