

Brown Bear Banter.

Your committee for 2014/15 is....

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Social Secretary Mr Paul Tomlinson

Equipment Officer and Equipment Sales Mr Nigel Burgoine

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Sports Officer, Website and JLO Mr Darren Shaw

Central Region Representatives Mr Robert Penny and Mrs Karen Shaw

All other jobs are being collectively covered by the committee.

As this year's committee is such a small one there have been changes to some of the committee jobs. The Brown Bear will no longer be produced as a monthly mag but now as a bi-monthly newsletter which will be published on the website. We must support our committee as they are all very busy people who are trying to do their best for us, the East Warwickshire members.

Binton Rally

Nigel and I arrived at Binton on a warm and balmy autumn afternoon. Our accommodation included the most magnificent view of open fields, rolling hills and woodland. Once the legs were down and all settled in we went for a gossip. It was so lovely to catch up with friends that we hadn't seen for several months.

The usual tea and coffee was served at half seven and we met all the other ralliers.

Saturday morning dawned quite fair and George and Nigel enjoyed their early morning walk in the fields. Me.... I had a little lie in. After breakfast we went into Stratford for a few things.

Later on several ralliers accompanied Harry (Rally officer's dog) for an afternoon walk around the village of Binton. Some beautiful, expensive properties make up this village and were a good talking point for conversation.

After a rest we all gathered in the social club for the evening. A representative from Myton Hospice joined us for a while and was presented with a cheque. She told us about the work of the hospice.

Basket meals were then served, scampi and chips or chicken and chips. Absolutely delicious. The atmosphere in the room was lovely, chatty people and lots of humour.

The meal was followed by the skittles competition. I can't remember who won but as there was no trophy to present it didn't really matter. A good time was had by all.

The Sunday flag over and ralliers were packed up in no time ready for their homeward journeys. Another lovely weekend. Thanks must go to Roger and Barbara and John and Marianne for running the rally.

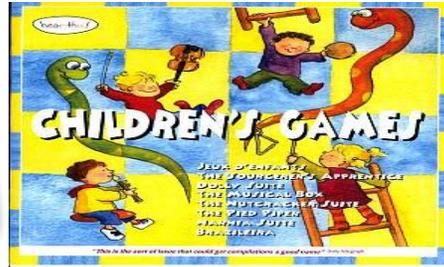
Barnstones

There is just something about this site and Banbury that makes Nigel and I travel so far. Friday night after everyone had arrived, many vans were lit up with festive lights. The usual tea and coffee was replaced by warm mulled wine and very hot mince pies. Delicious! After Georges morning walk we ventured into Banbury and was quite pleased to complete some Christmas shopping. Wearily we met Roger and Barbara in Wetherspoons for lunch. A lazy afternoon followed.

The evening social was taking place in the Village hall and everyone gathered together to Play kiddie games. Kerplunk! Guess Who, Connect 4, Pop up pirate, Jenga, Buckaroo... except the ass didn't buck until the table was banged, and Wriggly Worms.

As the evening rolled on there was much hilarity being caused by the Pop up pirate game. On one occasion when the pirate popped up, one of the swords from the game landed quite firmly in Mick Mulchrones drink. Another game that caused a good belly laugh was the Wriggly worms. Lynn, Trish, Barbara and I played this but we were a little heavy handed when setting the timer and we broke it. So sorry about that. The supper was fantastic cheese boards with pate, chorizo, salami, various crackers and lots of different cheese. So nice. Kid's games..... were a HIT!!

After flag on Sunday most people were hooked up and left by half 12. We had a lovely weekend and thanks must go to the rally officers, Lindsay and Rob Penny and Sarah and Paul Tomlinson with Joe and Grace.



Bretford Village Hall

My favourite venue!!!!!!!!!!!! (NOT) We arrived early and set up the van. It was to be Jessica Tarrant's 18th Birthday Party. We had the usual tea and coffee and some very posh biscuits, followed by a good old natter in the hall. Jo and Shaun and Sharron spent a long time decorating the hall and Nigel and I entertained Jessica for well over an hour before the party. I think she enjoyed hearing our tales of past rallies and other useless information. We spent a nice hour chatting.

The party hall looked lovely. Darren had set up the disco and dancing began. The rallyers brought some party food to contribute to the table which was groaning with all the food.

The competition was to be a DANCE competition. How come Nigel won that?? His balance was all over the place and as for his timing..... I think the judges, Jessica and Darren were having a good laugh at his dancing. Nigel was thrilled with his prize though.

During the early hours of Sunday morning the rain started and DID NOT STOP FOR NEARLY 10 HOURS!!! Need I say more about the rally field.. Mud everywhere..

I was glad to get off. Thanks again to Joanne Tarrant, her first rally as an officer, and I must say a really good one at that. She circulated round the room making sure everyone was ok, and her assistants Sharron and Shaun Jacques.



Not a photo from our rally but pretty close.



So whats coming up over the Christmas Period.....

The Turkey and Tinsel Rally at Nether Whitacre Village hall. Fully booked.

Chapel Lane Caravan Site, 12th to 14th December. Bookings to Dave Haslam mob 07752684686. Christmas shoving.... Sorry shopping at the German Market and carvery meal Saturday evening.

New Year at Gilmorton Sports Club. 30th December to 2nd Jan. One space left. Medieval theme. Acts on the first night, Medieval Banquet and New Year celebrations, Low key entertainment after New Year. If you are interested please contact Jane Burgoine on mob 07443535549.

Higham Lane School, Nuneaton 16th - 18th January. Pantomime rally. Tickets are free for children who have attended 6 rallies over the year. They are £7 for other tickets. If you would like to go to the panto please contact Sharron Jacques mob 07815565931.



Nether Whitacre Village Hall, 6th- 8th February. All things Yorkshire!! Fancy dress social, come dressed as a character from a Yorkshire TV programme. Pie, Peas and Yorkshire Pud supper. Limited rally 15. Contact Jane Burgoine mob 07443535549

EARLY NOTIFICATION



Will be held from 1st to 4th May 2015 at Kineton Sports and Social Club.

Featuring a family disco, 2 nights professional entertainment, a may day fair, the Caravan Club singers, special anniversary cake.

Additional nights will be available from Monday 27th April so why not make a holiday of it.

First 50 bookings will be entered into a draw to win back their rally fee.

BOOKING FORM WILL BE AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD FROM THE WEBSITE IN JANUARY.

That's all for this month. Next edition will be out in February.

FINALLY ..The Chairman and Committee wish all their members a ...



Webmaster's Note

Sorry the news is a little out of date. Due to transitional arrangements of website responsibility, updating has been... limited. I hope we get up to normal service soon.

