

BROWN BEAR

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FROM THE EDITOR...

Only 26 more big sleeps 'til Christmas... No Committee news in this edition because the meeting fell a little later in the month, so if there's any important news, I'll post it on the website instead, in the News section.

There's a few good rallies coming up, so let's have a report or two from people who haven't made a report before.

See you on the field,

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**THE CHAIRMAN, OFFICERS AND
COMMITTEE WISH ALL CENTRE MEMBERS
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

FLAG & TOTE ROTA

Rally	Flag	Tote
46. Nether Whitacre	Steve Dane	Brenda Dane
46a. Etone 9-11 Dec	Steve Dane	Brenda Dane

BARNSTONES, NOV 25—27

I'm pretty sure I've started a rally report for Barnstones before with the words "Barnstones is one of our favourite venues." Well, it is!

After settling in on Friday afternoon, we warmed a glass or two of mulled wine before meeting the other ralliers at 8pm, with a cuppa. Ben & June with Bill & Carole were our rally officers for the weekend.

The location, near to Banbury, is great for shopping either in the centre, or the out-of-town shopping area near Tesco's. The bus route passes by the site... talking of passes, I saw a few people taking advantage of the bus... passes, so you don't even need to take the car a fight for parking. Despite having said that, Lindsay and I went to work on Saturday morning, then relaxed in the van on Saturday afternoon before heading off to the village hall for our fish & chip supper. The local hall is a five minute walk into the village and it is perfectly sized for the maximum number of vans we can get on the site. A couple of games of bingo, a few drinks and good company saw the clock spin round to closing time very quickly.

Sunday, flag. A lot of you will know that the Snowball (in the Tote) hasn't been won for a while, and the prize had risen to something like £135. The only visitor to the rally, Ted Abbey, was invited to make the draw... **IT'S THE BLUE BALL!** Everyone started getting a bit twitchy. The next ball, a number, 96. Wendy Madelin. Congratulations to Wendy, commiserations to the Treasurer.

Looking forwards to Barnstones next year now.

Rob & Lindsay Penny



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England call up for “Luke Balding”



Following two Silver medals at major JUDO competitions Luke Balding has been selected to become a member of the England Judo Squad for 2011/12. The England judo program aims to develop technical, tactically, physically and mentally through the BJA's performance pathway, with the ultimate goal of winning medals at Senior World Championships and Olympic Games.

Improved draining solution for Thetford C-250 CWE cassette toilet

Thetford has received reports on a number of occasions where the pump of the C250 CWE toilet has broken. In the majority of cases this has been due to frost damage. As a solution to this problem, and to ensure improved drainage of the flush water tank and the pump, Thetford has designed an additional drain tube. This situation only concerns toilets produced before 1st April 2010, however the new drain tube is suitable to retrofit to all installed C250 CWE toilets in the field. The retrofit is an easy 10 minute job which most users will find easy to do themselves. To receive a drain tube complete with fixing instructions free of charge, please e mail C250draintube@thetford.eu and include your contact details, the serial number (or code) of your toilet (which is located on the bottom of your holding tank) and the chassis number, make & model of your vehicle.



Thanks to Andy Balding for bringing this to our attention.

I DIDN'T KNOW THIS

When you drink vodka over ice, it can give you kidney failure.
When you drink rum over ice, it can give you liver failure.
When you drink whiskey over ice, it can give you heart problems.
When you drink gin over ice, it can give you brain problems.
Apparently, ice is really bad for you. Warn all your friends.

Rob

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS (CARAVANNING)

At last year's Turkey & Tinsel rally, some beer-fuelled effort was put into devising some alternative lyrics for this Christmas favourite.

- A Rally on a car park
- 2 Aquarolls
- 3 Chocolate logs
- 4 Mince Pies
- 5 Wastemasters
- 6 Cans of Stella
- 7 Nuns a-rallyin'
- 8 Rally Officers
- 9 School girls prancing
- 10 Trio awnings
- 11 Drunken ralliers
- 12 Christmas barbecues

Lucky I didn't lose it, eh?
From Greenies/Pennys

Heaven is Where:

The Police are British,
The Chefs are Italian,
The Mechanics are German,
The Lovers are French
and
It's all organized by the Swiss.

Hell is Where:

The Police are German,
The Chefs are British,
The Mechanics are French,
The Lovers are Swiss
and
It's all organized by the Italians.

Thanks to Thomas East

MARIANNE'S JOKES

A mate of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid.
When I quizzed him on it he reckoned he could stop any time . . .

I knew a man who was suicidal.
He was really depressed, so I pushed him in front of a train.
He was chuffed to bits.

I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there I noticed 4 grave diggers walking about with a coffin . . . 3 hours later and they're still walking about with it. . .
I thought to myself, these b*g**rs have lost the plot!!

I was at a cashpoint yesterday when a little old lady asked if I could check her balance.
Not being one to disappoint I gave her a big push and she fell over.

Nether Whitacre – Village Hall

Curry & Quiz Night

January 13th – 15th 2012



Like you all need an excuse.....

Name the artist & song title!!

$$ax^2 + bx + c = a \left(x - \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \right) \left(x - \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \right)$$

Do you *Think* that your smarter
than a 10 year old?



Rally Officers:- Joanne & Chris Hoare

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