

# BROWN BEAR

July / August 2011



EAST WARWICKSHIRE  
CENTRE

THE   
CARAVAN  
CLUB

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**2010/2011**

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The 2011 Rally Book doesn't contain any details for the Committee position of Brown Bear Editor & Webmaster (Communications Officer). Additional contact details for this post, held by myself, Rob Penny, can be found in your Rally Book against the Easter Rally at Clumber Park, Rally No 14.

## FROM THE EDITOR...

Welcome to a double edition of the Bear. Double because I won't be producing one for August, so this will have to last you for double the time!

*See you on the field,*

Rob

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### FLAG & TOTE ROTA



Rally	Flag	Tote
25. Upton Barn Farm	Paul Tomlinson	Darren Shaw
26. Ticknall, Calke Abbey	Rob Penny	TBA
27. Heathcote Lakes	TBA	TBA
28. Easenhall	Steve Dane	Brenda Dane
29. Mount Farm, Ratley	TBA	TBA
29A. Skegness	TBA	TBA
29B. Gower	TBA	TBA
32. Eastnor Castle	Steve Dane	Brenda Dane
33. Mill Fm, Long Compton	Darren Shaw	Karen Shaw
34. Bretford VH	Steve Dane	Sharron Jacques

## AN INVITATION

Please join us on the Celebration Rally at Southam Cricket Club in September to help Rob & Lindsay celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary, and prove that the 80's were a long time ago!!

This is just a regular rally that nobody *needs* to be invited to, with an irregular social - Rob and Lindsay will provide the room, a few nibbles and maybe even a bit of wine! Everyone is welcome.

Bookings to Mick & Jackie Greene / Paul & Sarah Tomlinson. Details in the rally book, or book online. 23rd - 25th September, between Rally Officers' and AGM rallies.

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## JUNIOR COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Please make every effort to attend these meetings.

Rally	Date	Meeting time	Discussing
Upton Barn Farm	8—10 July	Friday evening	Eastnor Rally & Juniors Rally
Eastnor	26th—30th August	To be arranged nearer time	Juniors Rally & AGM Rally
Bretford Village Hall	9 – 11 September	Sunday after Flag	AGM Rally

## BINTON SOCIAL CLUB RALLY

We arrived last as usual to be met by Thelma with an offer of a cup of coffee which we appreciated. We set up and joined the other ralliers for beer, wine, nibbles, cheese & biscuits supplied by the Rally Officers.

Next day, off to the racecourse for the car boot. I added two more owls to my collection. Then we drove to Alcester to look around. Deciding to have lunch we spied Shaun & Sharron entering the pub so we followed. We had a very good meal at the Bear, we can recommend the chips especially.

Back to Binton for the Bar B Q and games. After a communal meal we went on to the games starting with consequences; that was great fun. Then to the dice game played with 20p's. Sharron won the first game and Shaun won the second, both donating their winnings to the Children's Party and Air Ambulance. Then we played the card game—like Bingo but using playing cards. Mrs Jane Goode won that one. Then we just chatted until about 11pm. Unable to see the glass to drink or fill it, we went into the van.

Sunday, weather still good and warm, Keith won the tote (*some things never change—Ed*) but Bonus Ball carried over to next week.. Everyone had a great time. Small rallies can sometimes be good rallies—this was.

Well done to Mike & Thelma on their first rally, helped by Jane & Nigel.

Carole & Bill Sleet

### **Difference between Complete and Finished**

Pure Oxford/Cambridge language...

People say there is no difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED....

But when you marry the right one, you are COMPLETE....

And when you marry the wrong one, you are FINISHED.....

And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are...

COMPLETELY FINISHED

**ENGLISH IS A WONDERFUL LANGUAGE, ISN'T IT???**

From Marianne

## **WARNINGS FROM WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

In partnership with Warwickshire County Council, I'm going to bring you a few words of warning issued to help us all be a little bit safer. Read on, you'll get the idea...

### **21/06/2011 'Air Ambulance' Collection Warning**

Warwickshire residents are warned to beware of a clothing collection bag which displays an air ambulance, but which does not appear to be associated with the air ambulance charity.

Warwickshire Trading Standards advise the following: Many charities now ask householders for old clothes and other items, which can be sold for charitable purposes. However, not everyone who comes to your home, or drops in a plastic bag is operating on behalf of a charity. Some collectors will be businesses, asking for unwanted items which can be sold for profit. If householders want to ensure that their donations are going to a genuine charitable cause, they should always look for the charity number which should be printed on the flyer or collection bag. Alternatively they can give direct to charity shops or use clothing banks instead.

To check if a charity name or number is genuine, visit the Charity Commission website: [www.charity-commission.gov.uk](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk)

### **22/06/2011 'Slamming' Warning**

Warwickshire Trading Standards Service has received complaints about the practise of 'slamming'. 'Slamming' occurs when consumers are switched from one service provider (such as a gas or telephone company) to another, without their consent. Consumers may be tricked in to switching their provider on the doorstep or have their signature forged, by unscrupulous sales staff working on commission.

The most recent complaints relate to the provision of broadband and telephone services. A consumer contacted the service after being informed by his service provider that they had received notification from him that he was moving to another provider and that they were therefore treating this as a cancellation. The consumer had made no such request to switch!

More information of the practice of 'slamming' and details of how consumers can complain is available on the Ofcom (regulator) website, visit:

<http://consumers.ofcom.org.uk/tell-us/telecoms/sales/unauthorised-change-of-provider-slamming/>

If you have been 'slammed', take this advice:

- Contact your current provider and get them to cancel the unwanted move.
- If the service has already transferred, ask your original provider to transfer you back to them.
- If you're aware of the 'new' company involved and want to take the matter further, you should follow their official complaints procedure.

Rob

# THE JUNIORS THRILLER NIGHT.



Kids Dancing Thriller!

£4 Per Night!  
+VAT+Admin+Plaque



AAAAAHHH...



Cake Sale At Flag!



Disco By Darren!



Ghosts And Ghouls  
Fancy Dress!



AAAAAHHH...



## FROM THE RULES...

6. The speed limit on the rally is **5 m.p.h.** walking pace, only fully licensed drivers are allowed to drive vehicle on the site.

## CHILD SAFETY

Page eight of the July issue of The Caravan Club Magazine carries news of a four-year-old, Tom Tent, who died after he collided with a motor caravan on a Club Site in April this year. Despite not knowing Tom or his family, we are all saddened by this tragic loss.

Please do everything that *you* can to ensure that something like this **never** happens again. Parents are reminded that they **alone** are responsible for their children at all times on the rally field and at socials. It's also worth reminded the older Junior's in the Centre that they can influence the younger member's views of what's safe and what's not.

## East Warwickshire Centre 2010/11 Junior Committee

Alex Madelin - Chairman

Ayrton Shaw - Vice Chairman

Todd Dougan - Secretary

Jessica Tarrant - Treasurer

Adam Madelin - Social Secretary

Chloe East - Sports Officer

Luke Balding - Tuck Shop

**Junior Committee**

*(alphabetically)*

Jade Shaw, Joe Tomlinson, Kylie Shaw, Lewis Dougan, Lindsay Scott, Mikey Greene, Nicole Smith, Tizzie Greene, Tom Greene.

Where did you go over Spring Bank Holiday weekend and the weekend after? Did you go to the National and the follow-on at Atwick Top or were you left looking for somewhere to rally locally for a couple of weekends? If you were one of those looking for something to do in Warwickshire, and think it would be a good idea to provide local alternatives next year, speak up now—let Derek Shaw know if you have an idea of where we could rally next spring.

## **RALLY 31, HARBURY RFC—CANCELLED**

Due to the landowner double booking, another rally has had to be cancelled. No alternative is being offered. Please accept our sincere apologies, as this means there will be no boules and no brick-throwing this year. Look out for it next year!

Rob & Lindsay



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## **HASLAM TROPHY CYCLING CALENDAR**

The Haslam Trophy cycling competition continues. As printed in your EWCC Rally Book, there are 8 rounds this year.

<b>Round</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>1</b>	Hatton Country World	8-10 April
<b>2</b>	Stratford, Riverside	15-17 April
<b>3</b>	Clumber Park, Notts	21-26 April
<b>4</b>	Clumber Park, Notts	21-26 April
<b>5</b>	Kineton, Hampton House Farm	20-22 May
<b>6</b>	Horley Scout Camp	17-19 June
<b>7</b>	Eastnor Castle, Ledbury	26-30 August
<b>8</b>	Eastnor Castle, Ledbury	26-30 August

# TOP TEN RALLIERS - JUNE

*In alphabetical order*  
Jane & Nigel Burgoine  
Ben & June Cullen  
Steve & Brenda Dane  
Claire & Andy Dougan  
Thomas & Sylvia East  
John & Marianne Griffiths  
Shaun & Sharron Jacques  
Mike & Wendy Madelin  
Rob & Lindsay Penny  
Darren & Karen Shaw

## RALLIER OF THE YEAR RULES

The actual year concerning the rallier of the year trophy runs from A.G.M. (Annual General Meeting) to A.G.M. The trophy is presented annually at the A.G.M by the chairman to the member with the highest points. All members are eligible to win the trophy, including committee. In the event of a tie break, the chairman decides on the winner possibly counting the years of membership or another element.

Points are awarded as follows:-

1 pt per night for rally attendance e.g. 2 points per weekend.

1 pt per night as a rally officer (all committee run rallies are excluded from this) and 1 pt per night for rally attendance.

2 pts for each article of fifty words or more entered in the Brown Bear magazine.

2 pts for winning a recognised East Warwickshire Caravan Club trophy.

3 pts for being a member of a working party.

1-5 pts for any other assistance, given at chairman's discretion.

Once a rallier has completed more than 18 rallies the rally attendance points are doubled to 2 points per night. This only applies to normal weekend rallies, not to holiday rallies. For example, rally attendance is 4 pts. Rally officers still only receive 2 pts for running the rally, a total of 6 pts.

If ralliers have the same number of points the sum of points as a rally officer or rally assistant are taken into account.

Sharron Jacques, Statistics & Dues Officer

## **2011 AGM—STRATFORD RACECOURSE.**

The EWCC A.G.M. rally is on 30th Sept to 2nd Oct. Details of the meeting are on page 60 of your rally book.

There will be the usual Saturday night social/dinner which will carry a nominal charge to cover the meal. The Social Team would appreciate if members could book as soon as possible so that the numbers being catered for can be estimated more accurately. Rally booking details are on page 53.

The Junior's A.G.M. will also be held over the weekend—details of this are also in your rally book, on page 13.

Nominations for Officers and Committee(s) must be received by the Secretary (Senior or Junior) at least 14 days before the meeting. This is Sunday 18th September, 10am prompt (at the Malt Kiln Farm rally, No 35.) Nomination forms are in the rally book on pages 13 & 64.

## **CENTRE CHARITY**

In order that a vote for the charity that the Centre will be supporting during 2011/2012 can take place during the A.G.M., your nominations need to be with the Centre Secretary by 18<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

## **THANKS**

Keith Whitmore asks that thanks be given to friends and members of the EWCC for their attendance at Jan's funeral. He says that the collection raised £87.44 for both the Air Ambulance and Myton Hospice.

## **RALLYING ON A SITE WHERE THERE IS A C.L.**

The rules for having a rally on the same site as a C.L. are very strict, i.e. completely different facilities for them both.

If the landowner provides dustbins for the C.L. please DO NOT put your weekend rubbish in them, please take it home as you would normally.

# Welsh Holiday Rally

Bank Farm CP. Horton, Gower

**6<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2011**



We rally on a commercial site on the Gower Peninsula. The site offers a heated swimming pool, adventure playground for children, shop, bar & restaurant. The site is centrally situated on the peninsula, offering easy access to the rest of this beautiful part of Wales.

Rally Fee is £130.50 per week, including admin & VAT + £1.00 for a plaque. EHU is available at an additional charge (metered). £20.00 deposit with slip please.

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