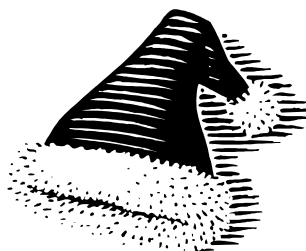


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2010/2011

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From the Editor.

Hello and welcome along to this, my first edition of the Brown Bear. I think we all owe a big thank-you to Marianne for keeping us informed and amused during her time as Editor. I hope I can fill the boots!

As most of you know, I'm also your website author/maintenance geek – I'm hoping to publish the Bear on the web soon. I think I've worked it out but if you have a problem with it, let me know.

As we head towards winter (it's 4 degrees out there) there are still a few rallies left in the year, and a few socials too! I hope I'll see you all soon, and that you'll have some articles for me to fill these pages with!

See you on the field,

Rob.

FLAG & TOTE ROTA

Rally	Flag	Tote
Barnstones	Steve Dane	Brenda Dane
Stratford (Childrens Party)	Steve Dane	Sylvia East
Turkey & Tinsel	Nadine Shaw	Sharron Jacques

AGM REPORT

TREASURER: COSTS & VAT

At the AGM, the Treasurer stated that despite VAT rising to 20% on 1st January 2011, the admin charges on rallies would remain the same (45p/nt, 90p/wkend). The charge for plaques would also remain unaltered at 75p.

One of the ways the club can afford to keep these costs down is to claim back as much VAT as possible. Please pass any receipts for items purchased for a rally to Nadine Shaw. The new higher rate means the Centre can claim back more, but without receipts, it cannot be done.

A number of awards are made at the AGM. A brief summary...

PRESENTATION TO RETIRING COMMITTEE

Mr Steve Dane made a presentation to the retiring Chairman Mrs Jane Burgoine and Mr Michael Madelin. He thanked them both for their service to the Centre.

RALLIER OF THE YEAR TROPHY

The Wally Graham Shield was awarded to Thomas & Sylvia East.

RALLY BOOK COVER PHOTOGRAPH

An enlarged copy of the winning photograph (taken at the August Bank Holiday Rally at Eastnor Castle) was presented to Mr Darren Shaw.

PRESENTATION OF NEW SITE PLAQUES

Steve & Brenda Dane for Globe Vale, Cornwall
Derek & Nadine Shaw for Denn Farm, Bridgnorth
Andy & Claire Dougan for Star Park, Alton Towers

The centre owns many trophies which are not always competed for. If you would like to run a competition for a trophy at your rally, speak to a committee member for advice on how to do this. It would be nice to see a few more presentations at next year's AGM.

*The winning poem from the Bonfire Rally,
Warwick Girls Marching Band*

Bonfire Night by Wendy & Mike Madelin

The shooting rockets are in the sky
Darting up, all colourful and high
The reds, the golds and the greens
Make the most amazing scenes.

The catherine wheel spins around
Making a whizzing and whistling sound.
The colours change throughout the display
And then it ends and fizzles away.

The flames of the fire leaps and swirls
Whilst the wood crackles and the smoke twirls
Right at the top sits the Guy
Because of his crimes he has to die,

Jacket potatoes and hot dogs for tea.
Words written with sparklers that you have to see.
Stay safe and enjoy your Bonfire Night
And I hope those bangers don't give you a fright.

**I took part in the Coventry Big Fun Run in September. With the sponsorship, I raised £165 for The National Autistic Society. Thanks very much to everyone who gave.
Claire Dougan**



Please do NOT play BALL games
near the Caravans



Halloween at Ratley 29th - 31st October

Eleven vans braved the witches and warlocks for a weekend at ghostly Ratley.

Friday night was a pumpkin show followed by a bowl of hot witches broth (vegetable soup).

As Saturday night crept in we decorated the vans, all ralliers took part, it was a good show. After we had judged the window displays it was trick or treat time for the children, then it was off to the rally officer's awning for an evening of trickery and devilish games. This was followed by jacket potatoes with beans or Pete's famous chilli, then it was quiz time, which our team won (perhaps this puts us in good stead for the top centre quiz, I think not).

All in all it was a good rally and the weather was kind to us.
Thanks to Pete & Sharon, John & Marjorey for an entertaining weekend.



Thanks to Kev & Lynn Russell for this report.

The winners of the Haslam Trophy Cycling Competition 2010 are:		
10 yrs +	8-9 yrs	7 yrs below
1st Ayrton Shaw 172 points	1st Nicole Smith 221 points	1st Kylie Shaw 214 points
2nd Jessica Tarrant 156 points	2nd Chloe East 210 points	2nd Alana Smith 159 points
3rd Alex Madelin 140 points	3rd Jade Shaw 182 points	3rd Lindsay Scott 158 points
The overall winner of the Haslam Trophy is Nicole Smith.		

Rally Officers

Where do you get your printing done for your rally? The programme & competitions could add up to a few dozen copies that *you* should not have to pay for, whether it's at home or in a print-shop.

The Centre is about to buy a new printer to replace the poor old thing that Marianne suffered with for years. If you have anything you need printing or copying, and its official EWCC business, I can do that for you. If you think I can help, give me a call, an email or see me on the field. We'll work out how to get the results to you.

Rob Penny

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EWCC rallies online when the new
2011 rally book is published.

Visit the website at
www.eastwarwickshirecentre.co.uk
Look at the rally listings. Just click on the
"Book it" buttons and fill in the simple form for each
rally.

Are you running a rally and want online booking
provided. Let me know.

Rob Penny, EWCC Webmaster

12. The use of proprietary mobile electrical generators is allowed on East Warwickshire rallies providing they do not interfere with other rallies right to peace and quiet. This is in accordance with section 12 of the Club Site Rules, Sites Directory and Handbook, they must not be used between 6.00 p.m. and 8 a.m.

QUESTIONS THAT PUZZLE ME!

1. Can you cry under water?
2. How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?
3. Why do you have to 'add your two cents worth'... but it's only a 'penny for your thoughts'? Where's that extra penny going to?
4. Why does a round pizza come in a square box?
5. What disease did 'cured ham' actually have?
6. How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?
7. Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up just about every two hours?
8. If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?
9. Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?
10. Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
11. Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.
12. Why is 'bra' singular and 'panties' plural?
13. Why do toasters have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?
14. If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?
15. Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours?
Both are dogs!
16. If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?
17. Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?
18. And finally, why did you just try singing the two songs above?

Rob Penny

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

Surprise Surprise

Jane & I arrived at the bonfire rally, again being held at the Girls Marching Band, Warwick, just as it was getting dark. We were welcomed by Blobby & Shaun, "unhitch" they said & proceeded to push us into the most dark & dingy corner of the car park they could find. Jane starts to have a go at them "Is this the way to treat the past Chairman?" She tells Blobby, "Yes," he replies & off he trots. Well with the legs down and kettle on I start dinner then it's into the hall for the usual tea or coffee and the Friday night chit chat. One and a half pages sold for the bonus ball I could at last sit down and open a few tinnies.

Saturday dawned chilly but very sunny for a change and on opening the blinds the full horror of our pitch was revealed, out of the front window was Jo Tarrant's car and caravan. Out of the side window all we could see was an industrial sized rubbish bin, and on looking out of the door window we saw a large pile of old chairs. Talk about being a past Chair!!!!!!!

But as it turned out it was all part of the plan to keep me away from the goings on. Boy did it work!!!

Later we walked to the local pub (about a mile away) and were joined by Pete & Gill, Rob & Jane, and Roger & Barbara. This again was another ploy to keep me out of the way. After a very nice lunch it was back to Pete & Gill's Camper Van to plan the rally at Barnstones

Bobby had asked Jane if we would look after Sky during the Fireworks whilst he and Marianne set up the hall for what I thought was a Quiz night. Yes you guessed it another ploy. Well how wrong could I have been, I opened the door to complete darkness. Then the lights went on, and everybody started clapping and cheering. Oh heck not again just like my 50th a surprise party had been planned for my 60th Birthday but this time not only my mum, and sister but all my Nephews and nieces, and of course Stuart with his girl friend. This was the first time any of us had met the poor girl so I thought she was very brave to come to the party, and with Darren's Disco, all the cards, a huge cake baked by Lindsay, and a very embarrassing story told by Marianne.

What a night it was.

I would just like to say a very big THANKYOU to everyone for their cards and pressies. I shall wear my coat with pride.

Also to thank you for your support to Jane and I over the past 23 years. It really does mean a lot to both of us. But Saturday 6th Nov will last long in the memory for such a fantastic night. I really did not have an inkling that this was going to happen, I was overwhelmed by it all, so once again thank you all, not forgetting Jane who did so much to organise a great night.

Nigel Burgoine

East Warwickshire Centre 2010/11 Junior Committee

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Ayrton Shaw - Vice Chairman
Todd Dougan - Secretary
Jessica Tarrant - Treasurer
Adam Madelin - Social Secretary
Chloe East - Sports Officer
Luke Balding - Tuck Shop
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Joe Tomlinson
Kylie Shaw
Lewis Dougan
Lindsay Scott
Mikey Greene
Nicole Smith
Tizzie Greene
Tom Greene



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COMMITTEE WISH ALL CENTRE MEMBERS
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**