

BROWN BEAR

September 2011



EAST WARWICKSHIRE
CENTRE

THE 
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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.

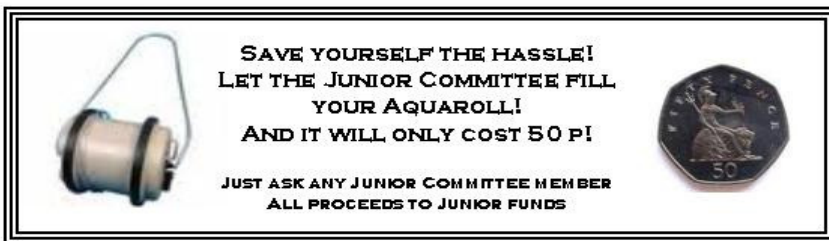
FROM THE EDITOR...

Welcome to the September edition of The Bear. I hope those of you who were fortunate enough to get a holiday this year have enjoyed it, and that those less fortunate were able to find time to relax in the bit of summer that we had. However, I fear it's back to work for us all now... even those in the education industry!

I love this time of year almost as much as the springtime, partly because of the beautiful colours in the trees but also because there's always a good run of rallies through the autumn.

See you on the field,

Rob Email: brownbear@eastwarwickshirecentre.co.uk



FLAG & TOTE ROTA

Rally	Flag	Tote
34. Bretford VH	Steve Dane	Sharron Jacques
35. Stretton-Under-Fosse	Steve Dane	Brenda Dane
36. Southam CC	TBA	TBA
37. Stratford AGM	Steve Dane	Brenda Dane
38. Honington	Nadine Shaw	Mike Madelin

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.

There will be raffle held over the weekend; if you would like to donate a prize, it would be greatly appreciated. Give them to any Committee member.

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 2011, 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 18th September 2011.

PUNS FOR THOSE WITH A HIGH IQ

Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.
A mans home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
Shotgun wedding...A case of wife or death!
Reading while sun bathing makes you well red!
What's the definition of a will?- Its a dead giveaway!
With her marriage she got a new name and a dress!
He had a photographic memory that was never developed!
A lot of money is tainted....Taint yours and taint mine!

THORNLEIGH CARAVAN PARK ILMINSTER

Numbers for this rally were disappointing but it was a lovely site and we all had a pleasant rally.

It was a shame June and Ben had to stay at home to nurse her daughter, so we were very grateful to Elaine and Pete - you filled the gap.

Somerset was a delight of pretty villages and the coast of Lyme Regis, Charmouth with Taunton a few miles away.

The Landowners set us a treasure hunt round the village which we enjoyed.

On our last day Derek and I went to a steam fair which made a nice end to the holiday.

Dene and Derek

Ralliers were invited to write a poem inspired by their holiday in Wales...

A ODE TO WALES by YVETTE WALTER

Come to Wales Allison said
It will be sunny and warm
How did we know
The rain clouds would form
The wind and rain
Lashed down all night
But snug as bugs in our van
We were alright
Our new friend Stella came along too
And kept us emptying the Loo
The kids explored the beach in a rush
The Welsh cakes are tasty
In fact they are lush
The result a good time was had by all
Next year who knows
May be Porth Cawl

THE SCOTTS GO WELSH

We have never been vanning in Wales
Although we have heard some tales
It always rains
So take some games
You will definitely need them in Wales

So here we are in Wales
To test the theory behind the tales
Will it rain or shine
Hopeful it is fine
Whilst we caravan in Wales

So to the beach in Wales
Windsurfers with their sails
Straight in the sea
The kids not me
On the beach in Wales

So now we are leaving Wales
The sun the rain and gales
We have had fun and sun
The girls have even run
So we will definitely come back to Wales

We have just got home from Wales
Forget those silly tales
Time to end the rhyme
As it is washing time
Now we are home from Wales

ALISON WILCOX/SMITH

We arrived going slightly insane
After driving down a very narrow lane
Laughing about it later
Excited to be on the beach
Sent the men home out of reach

WINNING POEM FROM THE THORNLEIGH RALLY

A1 the way from Tyneside
Came Megan, the missus and me
To a canny little camp site
Its name? Its Thornleigh
We came to see
Friends old and new
To rest and have some fun
And the same as 2 years ago
Derek booked the sun
We played and drank and had barbeques
And everyone was merry
Our skin was red from lots of sun
Looked like a ripe strawberry
And soon the week was over
Everyone was going away
Well not for us I am pleased to say
Another week we are here to stay
So let this poem remind you
Of friends you have made this week
And maybe sometime in the future
We will see each other for another meet

Graham (Northumberland Centre)

HOW NICE!

A comment was made at a recent EWCC rally by a Gwent Centre member, that the East Warks is obviously a very happy Centre, with everyone joining in all of the activities... Just like the good old days.

JUNIOR COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Bretford Village Hall, 11th September, Sunday after flag, to discuss AGM rally. Will all Junior Committee members please attend, or let the JLO know if you can't get there.

BANK FARM GOWER HOLIDAY RALLY.

So many memories from years ago we booked a rally in Wales hoping our Ralliers would join us.

Our first problem was Swansea Council and planning permission, we plodded on and finally got the go ahead.

Pleased to say our Ralliers decided to give it a try and bookings came in from visitors as well.

So we left home on the Thursday going via Abergaveny and the heads of the valley road, we enjoyed the dual carriage ways and after a 100 miles we stopped over night at Clydach Gorge a very pretty site, with plenty of walks for Gemma who had come to stay while Mum & Dad went to France..

We left on Friday afternoon to do the 75 miles to Bank Farm, not much had changed a bit bigger site but we had the top field with a grand view of the sea.

Saturday saw the first arrivals including our assistants Steve and Brenda a slight hiccup Steve had forgot the signs a Wally plaque was duly given.

The first week saw a mix of sun and cloud but we had a perfect day for a walk to Three cliffs bay, Wow was the comment when we got there.

Everyone said they were unsure about Wales- but now agree on the fine beaches, lovely walks and great scenery. The site was great evening entertainment, a covered swimming pool and a well stocked shop at reasonable prices.

Well we have booked again for 2013 planning permission going in next week!

Down side the roads are narrow (ask Tom) and the nearest supermarket is 16miles.

All had a good holiday the kids made the beach every day the beach was a 10 minute walk but quite a steep walk back.

Thank you to everyone who came hope to see you there in 2013

Dene and Derek

HASLAM CYCLING TROPHY

The Haslam Trophy cycling competition has finished for another year. The winners are... going to be revealed at the AGM. Results will be published here and on the website soon afterwards.

For older people who still like the great outdoors...



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.

TOP TEN RALLIERS - JUNE

*The book is almost closed for this year, so no league is being published.
The title and trophy will be awarded at the AGM.*

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

FROM THE RULES...

15. The good name of The Caravan Club will be upheld at all times, which includes the keeping of the Caravan Code, Country Code and the Coastal Code by every member keeping his pitch clean and free from litter and unnecessary items of equipment, and maintaining the orderly appearance of the site.

WARNINGS FROM WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

In partnership with Warwickshire County Council, a few words of warning or help issued to help us all be a little bit safer.

02/09/2011 Free Electric Blanket Tests

Don't delay – Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service has begun to take bookings for their free electric blanket safety tests. The county-wide campaign, which will run for one week in October, across five venues, is open to all Warwickshire residents, aged 50 and over. Why not have your blanket tested before winter?

Bookings for electric blanket tests are available by appointment only and will be taken on a first come first served basis. The number of appointments is limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Due to the expected demand for blanket tests, a limit of two blankets per person has been set.

Any Warwickshire resident aged 50 or over can book an appointment by phoning or emailing: **01926 414004 (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm) or ebtesting@warwickshire.gov.uk**

Electric blanket testing will take place at the following locations on these dates:

Monday	3 rd October	Leamington Town Hall
Tuesday	4 th October	Rugby Library
Wednesday	5 th October	Nuneaton Fire Station
Thursday	6 th October	Kenilworth Library
Friday	7 th October	Stratford Fire Station

Rob



EWCC

**4 x 4 Weekend at Wagtail Farm,
Honington 7th – 9th October**



Come and join us at Wagtail Farm, for a fun packed weekend.

Friday: Tea/Coffee or something strong if you wish.



Saturday: Enjoy the 4 X 4 course at the farm. This course is designed for first time off roaders as well as the more experienced driver.



Saturday Evening: Join us for a drink at the local public house in Whatcote.



To book contact Thomas & Sylvia on 07979966644, sylvia.east@virgin.net or Mike & Wendy on mike.madelin@googlemail.com.

Price includes unlimited use of the 4 x 4 course all weekend!

