

# The Stag

## Editors Corner

Hi Rallier's,

Following the recent Annual General Meeting (AGM) a new committee was formed, and whilst we bid farewell to some colleagues, we gained new colleagues. So, without further ado, let's begin our new adventure together!!

As always if you have any exciting news or have visited a nice area or had a fabulous time on a recent rally or noticed, any nice giftie shops in the run up to Christmas, please, please share, as I am sure that would be much nicer, than me rabbiting on, she says laughing out loud!! 😊

## Chairman's Comments

Hi All,

Most of you know me from old, I was the Rally Secretary, the Vice Chair and now the Chair, but for our new members I'm Marie Woodward and I am thrilled about meeting you on our Rallies. Whilst the last 18 months or so have been exhausting for many, I am hopeful the next 3 years will bring about much change with my new team. In my speech I said I was committed to making changes and having fun along the way, I have also said I will have a grumbles officer and I'm sure there will be a little space in the Stag to share views, both good and constructive.

So, keep an eye out for changes as I believe this is an exciting time for all of us!!

*Marie x*

## News...news...news!!!

Following the recent AGM a new committee was formed with a few new faces, whilst you know part of the original team, let me introduce you to the new faces and our new structure!!

- ✚ Marie Woodward was previously vice chair and is now the centre's new Chairman.
- ✚ Alan Manley was previously webmaster and is now the Vice Chairman.
- ✚ Ian Grover remains our prized treasurer.
- ✚ Carol Gallagher remains our lovely secretary
- ✚ Stuart Bradley our knowledgeable Health & Safety Officer
- ✚ Chris Bevan, our supportive regional representative
- ✚ Gary Williams has travelled the committee ladder from a previous committee member to our new Rally Sec, so I am sure we will see a lot of new exciting places to Rally.

If you have any ideas, please feel free to drop Gary an email at:

[rallysec@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk](mailto:rallysec@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk)

- ✚ Mark Parker is our new assistant Rally Sec and a newbie to the committee, he is going to help and support Gary, in finding new venues near and far. If you have any ideas or have visited somewhere new that you think may be of interest, please let us know by emailing either Gary or Mark at:

[asstrallysec@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk](mailto:asstrallysec@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk)

- ✚ Tracie Williams, whilst known as our FLO (Family Liaison Officer) she has stepped into the competition officer's role, so I'm sure Tracie will be working hard on a few and interesting brainteasing competitions for all ages!
- ✚ Vinnie Vincent, a complete newbie to the centre and rallying, he is our new webmaster and promises to take good care of the website and keep us all up to date of news, rallies and events etc...
- ✚ Jennifer Taylor-Woodley, not such a newbie to the centre but to the committee, I'm sure most of you know and remember me from the old days as a child being out with Mar and Par. But enough said, I'll be looking after the centres communication, so please feel free to get in touch if you have anything you'd like to share at:

[communicationsofficer@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk](mailto:communicationsofficer@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk)

- ✚ Colin Moore having rallied many times he is new to the committee, he will be taking care of 200 club and is looking forward to meeting you all and collecting your money, **you have to be in it to win it!!** Its £5.00 per entry for the year, don't be shy buy more than 1...!!! If you would like to register your interest, please email Colin at: [200club@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk](mailto:200club@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk)
- ✚ John Woodward, needs no introduction, he's been a rallier for many moons, but is new to the committee as the Equipment's Officer, so if there's anything you need, just give him a shout at: [equiptmentofficer@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk](mailto:equiptmentofficer@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk)

Did you notice our new sparkly email addresses? The new committee decided we should use the features provided by our website, so without further-a-do, here we go traveling into the world of modern technology... she says laughing out loud or rather into the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

The previous Gmail addresses you may well have saved, are still active, but only until 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.



Do you have any caravanning/ motorhome accessories you'd like to sell? If so, please drop me an email to: [communicationsofficer@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk](mailto:communicationsofficer@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk) with the details and price and I'll list it on our face book page.

### Our Readers Corner

Fellow bookworms, welcome to the new and exciting book corner!! If you've read a good book and would like to share a review or pass it on to a fellow bookworm, then here's the spot or if you would be interested and would like to have our own centre book club, then let me know!!



### The Amazingly Fun Page & Children's Corner

#### DESIGN A CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

For all you young artists out there. This is your chance to design a Christmas card for 2021. Why not try to win a prize and some points towards the family cup. Please use A4 paper folded for your design. There are prizes for under 5`s, under 10`s and over 10`s. Cards must be emailed to Tracie our competitions officer at [competitionsofficer@berkshirecaravanclub.co.uk](mailto:competitionsofficer@berkshirecaravanclub.co.uk) no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> November to qualify!! **Awesome** Prizes will be awarded at the Christmas party.

#### *Caravan Rally Wordsearch*

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CARAVAN, FLAG, RALLY, SOCIAL, GAMES, COMPETITIONS, FOOD, AWNING, FRIENDS, FIELD, CAR, DOGS, FISHING, SWEETS, ELSAN, BARBEQUE, FIREPIT, SUN, WIND, RAIN, RELAXING, PARK, PLAY, RUN, BURGERS, ICE CREAM.

Have you found the hidden word not listed??? \_\_\_\_\_

### Christmas Craft Ideas



Get Crafting.....!!!



### Paw's for thought and pet lovers!!!

Lots of little deals in Pets at home, getting ready for the run up to Christmas! Bear tells me there are some scrummy treats too!!

I noticed in the Camping and Motorhome Magazine (October 21, pg 12) they are advertising 15% off to members for the doggy drying bag [www.doggy-bag.co.uk](http://www.doggy-bag.co.uk) does anyone have one, that would like to provide a review?

### Competition's & Winners:



#### ★ Lantern Display Rally:

Una Manley, Dave and Debbie Tudor, Carol, Shaun and Connie, & Colin and Wendy Moore.  
*Congratulations!!*

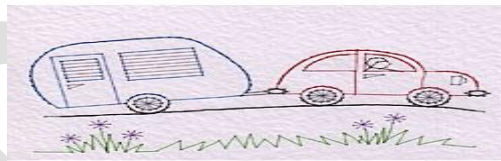
### Club Magazine Articles of interest:

A couple of things have caught my eye whilst I have been out looking for my accessories for my motorhome, the main was a Fuji Electric camping/ patio heater, it reminded me of the old-fashioned bathroom heater my Grandad had many, many moons ago! It was in Outwell, <https://www.outwell.com/en-gb/ecommerce/accessories/fuji-electric-camping-patio-heater-uk> at £109.00, does anyone have one? Who would like to share a review?



*Caravan and Motorhome Club Magazine, October 2021, Woow page 8* talks about the Seat Leon being the best tow car, now I'm sure a few of my fellow rallier's would say differently, I know of 1 who loves his Land Rover Discovery 4, aka "the beast" and informs us all that it's the best towing car ever!! Do you agree? What towing car do you have & why?

Moving on to the November edition of the magazine, page 14, did you notice that further driving tests for caravaners has now been scrapped (20<sup>th</sup> September)!! The government did this to free up driving instructor's and examiners to concentrate on training lorry drivers, with the club being involved in the consultation and broadly supported it!! I understand this testing has been in place for some 24 years to ensure drivers know how to tow safely, what are your thoughts? Was this a right decision or a careless one?



### Upcoming Events



## Christmas Party



As we know the Christmas Party season is fast approaching, we have our exciting Christmas Party Rally 3rd - 5th December 2021 at Desborough College School in Maidenhead, with only a small number of spaces left available, so, if you would like to come and join us for some lovely festive food, party and fun with friends, you need to book onto the rally quickly before all the spaces are gone.

The deadline for this weekend is Wednesday 23rd November 2021, which gives the Rally Officers plenty of time to taste test the mince pies, order plenty of turkeys, stuffing and brussel sprouts.

**Please note:** The Children's party is **now fully booked.**

**So please don't delay, book today!!!**

**A big thank you to Alan McNeil** who has provided the following travel information for the dates of the Christmas Party:

**Be aware** there is a planned full M4 closure that weekend between junction 6 for Slough and 8/9 for Maidenhead. Due to start after 8pm (2000hrs) on Friday 3rd December and won't reopen until Monday morning. Probably be okay getting in on Friday but anyone heading East on Sunday will need to use A4. Diverted traffic will also make the A4 a lot busier than normal.

**Retrofestival Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Full details below, **don't delay, book it now!!!!**



**Newark Showground 9 to 13 June 2022**

The Berkshire Centre has an Event Pop Up Site at the Retrofestival at the showground at Newark. The site opens at 12:00 on Thursday 9 June 2022. Members may stay until Monday 13 June at 12:00. The price for site, EHU and 2 adult weekend passes is £200 plus an admin fee of £15. Members may book on [www.berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk](http://www.berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk) . A deposit will be required to save a pitch as there is a site limit. All payments must be received by Early May. No passes will be despatched until payment is received. For more information if needed, contact Stuart Bradley on [bccsafetyofficer@gmail.com](mailto:bccsafetyofficer@gmail.com).

**The Centre's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022, tea and cake anyone??**



### **Special Mentions**

No special mentions this month, but please feel free to get in touch with any exciting news.

### **Joke/ thought of the month!**

Why do teddy bears never eat? Because they're stuffed..... hahahahaha

### **Stag Edition**

The next publication of the Stag will be out at the beginning December after the Christmas Party Rally... I hope you've all booked on...

*Until then, Tow Safe, Drive Safe, Keep Safe xx*