

The Stag

Editors Corner

Hi Rallier's,

January's Stag is full of some lovely things from book reviews to our new "decision hat" but if you have any exciting news or have visited any nice areas or had a marvellous time on any recent rally or noticed, any nice giftie shops or coffee shops with nice and naughty cakes, please, please share, as I am sure others may want to venture to somewhere new, and of course it would be much nicer, than me rabbiting on...

So now I move onto sharing some heart-breaking news, with the tragic loss of 2 well-known and well-loved Rallier's who have sadly passed away in recent months. Our Special Mentions page is dedicated to the 2 wonderful and amazing women who will be missed by all.

Chairman's Comments

Hi All,

For those of us who attended the Christmas and New Year Rallies, a massive thank you to the Rally Officers for providing two wonderful weekends.

It is with sadness that I tell you, my Vice Chairman stepped down from his position in December due to work and personal commitments, I wish him well and of course look forward to seeing him and his family on our rallies throughout this coming year.

With deep sorrow I was informed and share with you, that we lost 2 much loved fellow Ralliers, our thoughts and prayers are with their friends and families at this difficult time, more details are provided within our Special Mentions section.

I would like us all to take a moment to remember them.

Marie x



Committee News...news...news!!!

So, let me start by introducing our very own "decision hat" from February's stag I will be telling you all about the committee team, one by one over the coming months, did I hear you say... secrets included?? Yes, yes and yes!! I promise to tell all xx

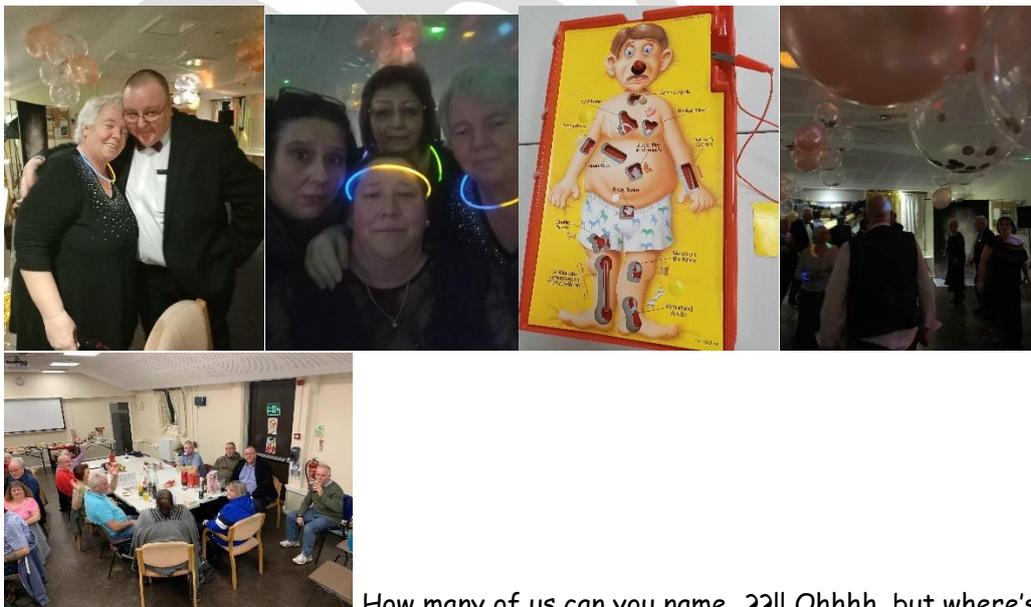
Watch-out I may ask you to help the decision hat, by pulling out a name....

Don't forget the sparkly new email address for the committee should you wish to chat to us at any time!!

- ✚ Marie Woodward: chair@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk
- ✚ Ian Grover: treasurer@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk
- ✚ Carol Gallagher: secretary@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk
- ✚ Stuart Bradley: safetyofficer@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk
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Recent Rally Pictures

Here are some lovely pictures of the New Year's rally of all who attended having fun!!



How many of us can you name...??!! Ohhhh, but where's Jim??

Don't forget... the rally board is live on our website:

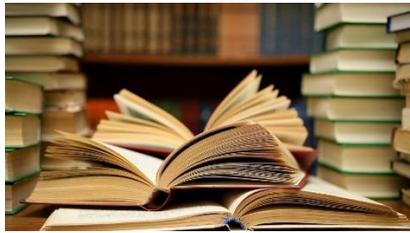
<http://www.berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk/DBScripts/RallyDisplayWeb.php>



Do you have any caravanning/ motorhome accessories you'd like to sell?

If so, please drop me an email at: communicationsofficer@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk with full details and price, I'll list it on our face book page and mention it here too.

Our Readers Corner



Fellow bookworms, welcome to our 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!

Please step forward, otherwise it's just me rambling on about my book choices and I would love to hear about different books, authors, stories etc.

Since my first issue of the Stag, I would like to share 2 amazing books I have read, with one having a special mention on the BBC - link attached.

The first book is called Lily's Promise written by Lily Ebet the foreword was written by Prince Charles, and he gave a wonderful admiration for her courage in surviving the horrors of World War 2. The book is gently written and if your anything like me, a tear or two will follow.

The second book is called Nine written by Gwen Strauss, again demonstrating great strength in surviving a different type of horror during World War 2. The book is softly written with twists and turns at every page of how nine different women survived by helping each other.

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/stories-59566983?xtor=ES-211-49614_PANUK_NLT_02_ENG_RulesOfTheGame_RET_O35\]-20220111-\[bbcnews_howninewomenescapedfromnazideathmarch_factualhistory\]](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/stories-59566983?xtor=ES-211-49614_PANUK_NLT_02_ENG_RulesOfTheGame_RET_O35]-20220111-[bbcnews_howninewomenescapedfromnazideathmarch_factualhistory])

If you hadn't already gathered by now, I have a passion for various genres, but in all honesty, I'm captivated mainly by World War 2, and sci-fi fantasy.

My current book is called Vampire Empire by Jay Kristoff, as you can imagine it's about vampires, I've not read anything gory but there a few naughty swear words thrown in for good measure and I guess to enhance the story being told.

So until my next chapter whoops I should have said, until our next stag I'll leave my book thoughts with you.



The Amazingly Fun Children's Corner

Hello Children,

Have you read any lovely, good books recently; did you get any for Christmas that you'd like to tell me about?

I like David Walliams - the Ice monster!

For January's competition I would like you to draw or paint what you think the covid germ or monster looks like, the best one Tracie receives will **win** a £10.00 book token from Waterstones, how awesome is that...!!!

Deadline for entries will be the 14th February 2022 and the winner will be announced in February's Stag - Happy drawing & painting xxx

Please email them to Tracie our competitions officer at:
competitionsofficer@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk



Paw's for thought and pet lovers!!!

Bear tells me there are some new scrummy treats from the good boy range in all supermarkets and if her fellow 4-legged fur rallier's are the same, a chicken breast is rather tasty too, best priced in Wilkinson's at £5.00 rather than £11-13 at pets at home!!!

Competition's & Winners:



The Christmas Party - **Winner Takes all** was won by Ellen Staines, with winning number 772 and the whopping prize amount was £312.00...!! Well Done, Ellen, I hope you treat yourself to something nice x

200 Club winners Draw – 10 Christmas Party

First	With ticket number 20	Terry Bly	£25.00
Second	With ticket number 162	Derrick Goddard	£15.00
Third	With ticket number 80	Donna Fish	£10.00

200 Club winners Draw – 11 New Year's

First	With ticket number 140	Christina Swain	£25.00
Second	With ticket number 20	Terry Bly	£15.00
Third	With ticket number 187	Pauline Saunders	£10.00

Well done to everyone!!



Upcoming Events

Rally Board

Don't forget all the rallies are list on our website at:

<http://www.berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk/DBScripts/RallyDisplayWeb.php>

Special Mention's Page

- ♥ From Jane Tuthill regarding the sad loss of Jill Butler

It is with much sadness that the Centre has learnt that Jill Butler passed away on 9th January. Jill and her late husband Peter, a past Centre Chairman, were amongst the earliest members of the Berkshire Centre. They ran their first rally at Hurley in April 1972 and over the years attended over 1700 rallies of which they ran 230. Jill will be remembered for her huge contribution to the Centre over the years; she made (and repaired) the Centre flags and tablecloths - all of which are in use today. She was always smiling, made the best of everything and would be seen knitting away whilst chatting to everyone. Jill still came along to some rally socials after Peter passed away and celebrated her 80th birthday at the Centre's Christmas Party in 2017.

Our thoughts are with Jill's daughter Julie and son Kevin and their families at this sad time.

Jill's funeral will take place on Friday 4th February at 11:30am at Reading Crematorium, All Hallows Road, RG4 5LP and afterwards at The Shoulder of Mutton, Playhatch, RG4 9QU.



- ♥ From our Centre Chairman a note of sorrow regarding the heart-breaking loss of Janet Symes

Janet, pictured here with her lovely Husband, Chris. Our thoughts and prayers are with Chris, his family, and friends at this very sad and difficult time.

Janet was such a wonderful character, full of life, she loved her motorhome and has been a true rallier for many moons, she lost her battle with cancer on the 27th December 2021 having fought so very hard and bravely for 2 years. May she rest in peace and fly amongst the angels.



Thought of the month!

Remember, tomorrow is not promised to anyone so be kind to yourselves and others around you.

COVID

Please remember to follow all the Medical and Government guidance on keeping safe, a handful of rallier's contracted the Nasty Little Monster at the New Year's Rally and have described various things, from a tickly cough to a runny nose... Please stay safe, keep your distances, and wash and sanitise your hands to help keep us all safe!!

Stag Edition

The next publication of the Stag will be out in February. I hope you've had a look at our Brilliant Rally Calendar on our website and have started to book xx

Looking forward to seeing you all very soon!!

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

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