

The Stag

Editors Corner

Hi Rallier's,

Apologies for the stag being a tad late!!

This month's edition won't be so long as last months (she says, with a smile from ear to ear)!!

Happy Reading and please free to participate and offer any ideas etc for our magazine!

Chairman's Comments

Hi All,

Well, what can I say, March was a tad of a wet month wouldn't you agree? And sadly, it caused the March Hare to be cancelled but the Rally Officers Colin, Wendy, Gary, Tracie and Adam, didn't let you down, as they were able to postpone it. I am sure you all had an enjoyable time, especially as I hear there were bacon rolls available...

I would like to thank, Alan and Una Manley and all who pitched in to help for running the Holybourne rally, a good time and weather was had by all!

The Easter Rally spoiled us with beautiful sunshine and lots of chocolate, well done to the rally officers, Tracie, Lorraine, Gary, Mark & Adam for all their hard work.

As your Chairman I call upon all our readers & members of the club to help with new Rally destination ideas and support with running them. The Committee needs you as much as we are needed to keep your club effective.

There is only so much my team, and I can do or suggest, so please offer some ideas, no idea is ever a bad idea.

So, on that note, I bid you a farewell for another month and I look forward to seeing you all soon on the Chairlady's!!

Marie x

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

Woo, have you noticed I have removed all our email addresses? Yes... indeed that's the start of a shorter stag, ha-ha no just joking. All email address can still be found on our website and of course here's the link: <http://www.berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk/committee.php>

Pictures of Recent Rallies



An interview

Have you ever had a passion for smashing up cars without consequence? And then repairing them to do it all again?? Can you imagine John Woodward ever getting into this amount of mischief....??

Well, here's how it all started...!!!

How old were you when you first got involved in banger racing?

I was in my early twenties, a friend's dad introduced me to this sport by allowing me to drive his banger car, which I ended up rolling, I wasn't hurt but thoroughly enjoyed the adrenalin that came with it. After this, I bought my own car to race, a Wolseley 1660.

What was the worst smash-up you had?

I raced at Drift Road, I rolled my car a few times, by going super-fast and being hit at a relative speed. The Council later closed the site down sadly. My younger brother also had a keen interest in throwing cars around, so I hung up my helmet and decided I preferred building car's and being in the Pits, fixing and maintaining the car for more smashes.

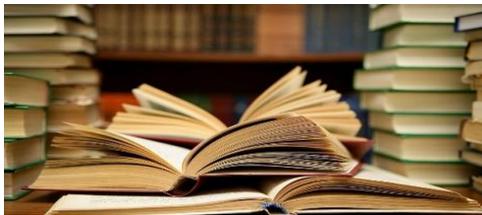
I must admit, watching my brother been thrown around was quite amusing and fun but he was a Jekyll and Hide - his focus was to smash as many other competitors' cars as he could without being penalised, or winning. And wow, did some of them look quite bad!!

Do you miss the mischief of smashing up cars and re-building without consequence??

Yes, I absolutely do, I have been a panel beater for some 50 years which is where my love of building cars originated from. If I were to build a car today it would be an Austin Westminster, a simple but perfect original car - none of these complicated electrics and fancy switches cars have today!! But for those of you who may not remember, or be old enough to, they were often used by police in the early 1960's, and a good tow car in it's day!!



Readers Corner



Fellow bookworms,

The book for our March Zoom discussion was **Lilly, A tale of Revenge by Rose Tremain**, sadly due to a technical zoom hiccup our session couldn't go ahead. But not all is lost, I thought for June we could discuss the two books!!

The book I have chosen for April is "**The Dream Weavers**" by Barbara Erskine, currently priced at £4.50 in Sainsburys or 99p for Amazon kindle users.

I can hear you thinking that you've heard this authors name before, and yes you are completely right. Our chairman spoke passionately about having read her books in our last Stag edition. And as I have already mentioned on our FB page, I was fascinated by a tale being written in the past, present and future..." A mystery has lain buried in the Welsh hills for a thousand years" ...

Our next Book zoom meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th June at 7.30pm, if you would like to join, please email me at: communicationsofficer@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk and I'll send you the link!!

If you have any book suggestions for club, please step forward, otherwise it's just going to me rambling on about my book choices. Like many of you I am sure you are avid book lovers, just like me, I would love to hear about different books, authors, genres etc!! If you would like to recommend a good, gripping page turning novel for our book club, please email the details to me and I'll publish it in June's Stag edition for all to read!!

So, until my next chapter....



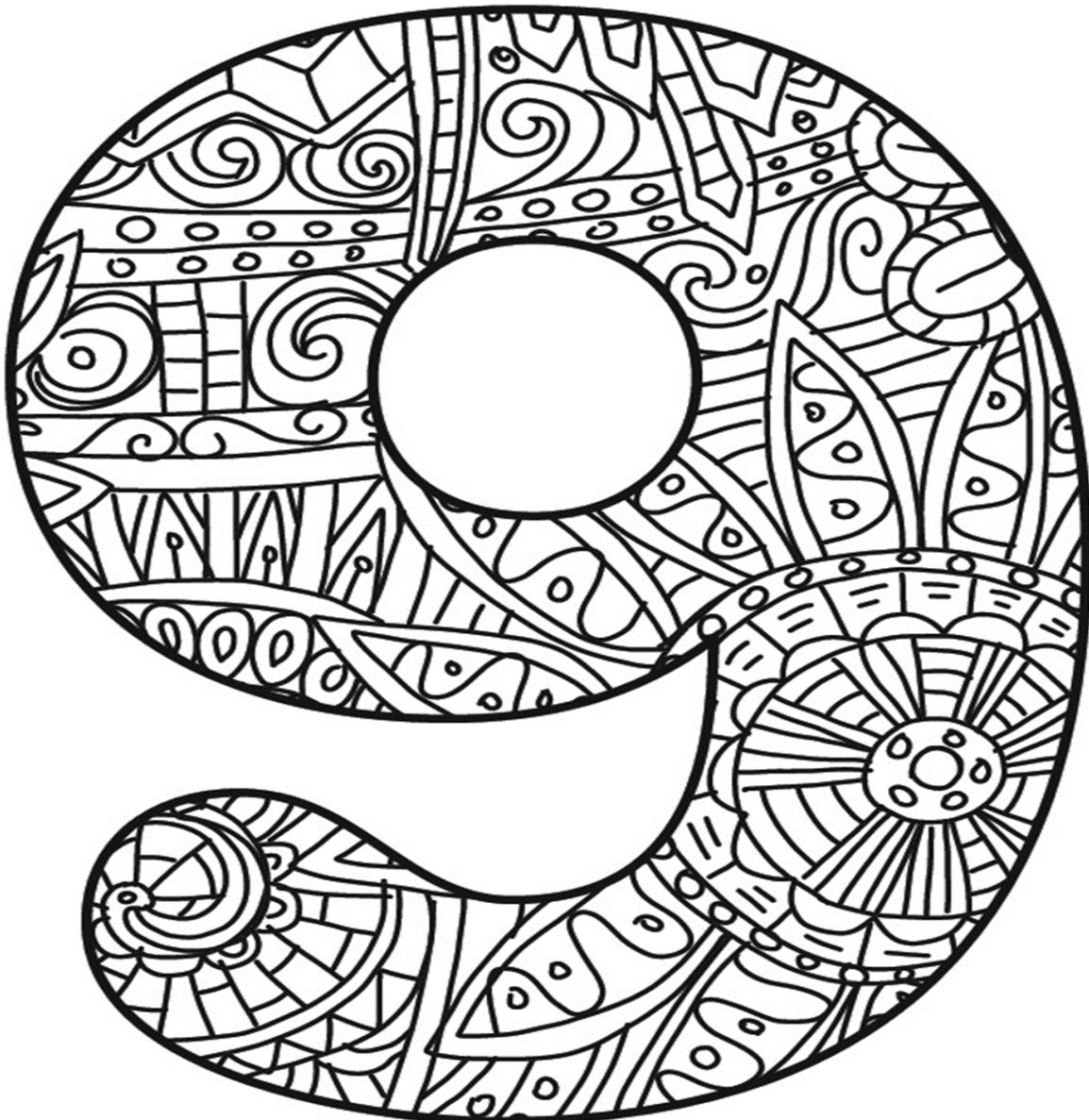
The Amazingly Fun Children's Corner

Hello Children,

The competition winners of the covid germ or monster lookalike are: Peter & Gracie Manley and Connie Gallagher have each **won** a £10.00 book token from Waterstones, how awesome is that...!!!

For this month, A Doodle number 9 - colouring for all ages (including parents and grandparents) not just for the Children!!

A Doodle Number 9!!





Paw's for thought!!!

Bear tells me treats are getting difficult to buy with stock being very limited or completely sold out in the supermarkets and Wilkinson's. The Range has a good selection but can be a little on the pricey side. The price of wet food and biscuits has slightly risen by a sneaky £0.50p here and a £1.00 there... But truth be told a little slice of ham or corned beef always goes down a treat - but Tilly Cat likes to interfere with a meow here and there wanting to share Bear's slices too...!!

200 Club



March

<i>First</i>	Winning number: 147	Joyce Grover	£25
<i>Second</i>	Winning number: 129	Theo Marsden	£15
<i>Third</i>	Winning number: 159	Terry Bly	£10

April

<i>First</i>	Winning number: 82	Claire Webster	£25
<i>Second</i>	Winning number: 136	Leo Grover	£15
<i>Third</i>	Winning number: 137	Angela Massey	£10

Well done to everyone!!

Don't forget you have to be in it to win it!!

The link below is for the form that our Colin needs to issue you with a lucky number or alternately just give him a shout if he's 'you're your Rally!!

<http://www.berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk/downloads/200%20CLUB%202022.pdf>



Upcoming Events



Don't forget to check out the "what's on" for details of the Chairlady's competitions!!

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



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

Anne Goulding is selling a Portable Twin Tub Washing machine for £50.00, details are available on our Facebook page. If you are interested, please message Anne directly.

Kevin Heath is selling a Swift 220 Air Plus awning, it's about five years old and still in good condition for £50 Ono. Details are available on our Facebook page but alternative you can email him on: kevin.heath@hilonline.co.uk

Wendy Goddard is selling a 2014 Kia Sportage for £9,000

Full black leather heated seats, Bluetooth, cruise control, A/C, dual climate control, privacy glass, alloys. Alloy Wheels with locking wheel-nuts, 7in Touchscreen Satellite Navigation 7in Touchscreen, Advanced Anti-Theft Alarm System, All-Round Electric Windows, Bluetooth, Engine Start/Stop Button, Infinity RDS Radio/CD Audio with MP3 USB and AUX Ports, Bluetooth, Panoramic Sunroof, Parallel Park Assist System with Front and Rear Parking Sensors, Rain Sensing Front Wipers, Tinted Glass, Privacy Glass, Tyre Pressure Monitoring System. White 5 seats. Towbar with 13 pin euro socket. MOT until 9th September 2022, 122000 miles with Full-service history. There is a slight dent on driver side front wheel arch.



If you are interested, please contact Wendy directly on: wmg@sky.com

Rally Board

Don't forget all rallies are listed on our website, just click on the link below...!!

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

Thought of the month!

A smile to a stranger is worth more than a hundred words.

Top Tip's Corner

Do you have any handy caravan/motorhome tips to share?

😊😊 Remember, remember to charge your caravan/ motorhome batteries before leaving home for a rally!!

Fuel Price Hikes

The average prices for Petrol are in the region of £1.67.9p per litre with Diesel being around the £1.83.9p per litre.

Outrageous right!! I remember when I passed my test and had my very first car, a little blue fiesta named Twigs - petrol was 89p!!

The nice Wendy Godard has found a fuel price app, which is completely free to download - called **Petrol Prices** which tells you the prices of fuel in the location of where you are. Every little helps!!

Stag Edition

Our next publication of the Stag will be out in **June**.

Looking forward to seeing you all very soon, until then, **Tow Safe, Drive Safe, Keep Safe xx**