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## The Berkshire Centre CAMC Stag Newsletter

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### Chairlady's Message

By Marie Woodward

Fellow Ralliers and Members of the Berkshire Centre,

I hope that you all had a very Merry Christmas and I wish you all the very best health, wealth and happiness for 2023.

The last Rallies of 2022, the Christmas Party & New Year were superb, many thanks to all involved in running and attending these. They carried on from the previous successes during the year such as the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Event, that proved that the Centre is on its way back from the COVID lockdown period.

I hope that more of you will continue to support the Centre by getting on to the Rally Field and continuing the success of the Centre. It is a difficult time with the cost of living pressures and we will always attempt to ease this by reviewing Rallying costs where possible. Whilst we also still have to be conscious of our health and keep ourselves and others safe, by continuing to follow UKHSA (formerly PHE) guidelines, we have a full Rally program planned for this year and we hope that many more of us will meet on the Rally Field.

As always, myself and my Committee are always open to new ideas or comments and I would encourage all to please drop me an email, letter or come up and chat to any of us on the Rally Field.

Best wishes,  
Marie x



### From the Rally Secretary

By Marie Woodward

The 2023/24 Rally Board has been available for all to view at the past few Rallies (since the AGM) and via the website.

As you can see there is a vast array of different Rallies in the program with something to suit all. However, there are a number of Rallies that have not yet been allocated to Rally Officers and I would encourage members to volunteer to run a rally if they can. If members are a little worried about running a Rally, we can assist by trying to get an experienced Rally Officer to assist them. Rallies are marshalled by BCC Members for the benefit of the rest of the Centre members and I would encourage those that can, to step forward.

The Rallies missing Rally Officers currently include:

- 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> February - The Kiln, Badshot Lea;
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> June - Friars Court, Clanfield;
- 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> July - Julia's Field, West Moors;
- 25<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August - Petruth Paddocks, Cheddar;
- 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> September - Holy Trinity Church, Cookham;
- 29<sup>th</sup> December-1st January - Padworth Village Hall, Reading.

### Upcoming Rallies -

Visit [www.berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk/DBScripts/RallyDisplayWeb.php](http://www.berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk/DBScripts/RallyDisplayWeb.php) for details

#### Burns Night Rally



27th Jan - 29th Jan  
padworth village  
hall



Western  
valentine  
weekend  
10th -12th feb  
padworth  
village hall

#### Valentines Rally

**Berkshire Centre Committee 2023**

The BCC Committee was asked to continue with their work at the last AGM. We have already started putting our plans into action for the year ahead and will try to make sure that the Centre remains a great place to Rally, make friends and have enjoyment.

As you can see from the diagram opposite <taken from the BCC Website>, there are a number of Committee Roles that are vacant at present.

- Vice Chairman - This is not an urgent role to fill and the Committee can continue forward whilst this is vacant;
- Rally Secretary - This is currently being covered by the Chairlady, Marie Woodward, and we would really benefit from someone coming forward to take on this role. Marie is happy to assist any volunteer during the transition period until they're happy in the Role.
- Assistant Rally Secretary - This could be filled by a volunteer wishing to assume the role of Rally Secretary in the future. Again, Marie is happy to assist any volunteer in the role.
- Communications Officer - Unfortunately Jenny Taylor-Woodley has had to make the difficult decision to resign from the Committee Communications Officer Role earlier this month due to work reasons. She will continue to assist the Centre on Rallies and in the background as before, but the Communications Officer role will be covered by Vinnie Vincent, Webmaster, going forward.

Volunteers are requested to contact either:  
Marie Woodward  
[chair@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk](mailto:chair@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk)  
Or  
Carol Gallagher  
[secretary@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk)  
or any other BCC Committee Member.

Berkshire Centre Committee 2021-2022		
Name		Position
Marie Woodward <a href="mailto:chair@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk">chair@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk</a>		Chairman
Vacant <a href="mailto:vicechair@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk">vicechair@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk</a>		Vice Chairman
Carol Gallagher <a href="mailto:secretary@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk">secretary@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk</a>		Secretary
Ian Green <a href="mailto:treasurer@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk">treasurer@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk</a>		Treasurer Entertainment/Equipment Officer
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Colin Beers <a href="mailto:club@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk">club@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk</a>		Committee 200 Club Officer

**New Ralliers Rally - 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> May**

A request was made to the Committee last year for a New Ralliers Rally to hopefully get BCC Members on to the Rally Field that haven't attended a Rally before or haven't attended for some time. It is hoped that active Ralliers will also attend and share their wisdom and experience of Rallying in general and the benefits of rallying with the Berkshire's.

The Rally is planned to be held at Swiss Farm, Henley which is a pleasant field with a short walk into the town of Henley.

The Committee would welcome ideas from BCC Members as to what they would like to see included or if they would like to volunteer to assist.

**From The Equipment Officer**

John Woodward

To all Rally Officers, if there is any equipment not contained within one of our Kit Boxes needed for your Rally, please use the form contained within the Rally Blue Folder and email me at [equipmentofficer@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk](mailto:equipmentofficer@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk). Please give me at least 2 weeks' notice so that I can arrange for the equipment to get to you. Many thanks.

**From The Secretary**

Carol Gallagher

**CENTRE REGISTRATION**

Hopefully you are all aware that Centre registration is only valid for one year.

We would like you to continue your Centre membership with the Berkshire Centre, so please remember to re-register through the Caravan and Motorhome Club each year. This is regardless of how you pay your membership subscription.

Your new Caravan and Motorhome Club membership card will be attached to the Annual Centre Registration Form. Please either return the advice slip in the envelope provided, contact Member Services, or register online at [www.caravanclub.co.uk/centres](http://www.caravanclub.co.uk/centres).

If you do not re-register your Centre membership you WILL NOT receive any circulated information or be able to vote at the AGM or volunteer to run Rallies.

For the Life Members of the Centre, the rules on annual Centre re-registration remains the same, however the Committee are putting in place a method to send out reminders annually.

**From The 200 Club Officer**

Colin Moore

The 200 Club is being run again this year by Colin Moore supported by his Wife Wendy. We are keen to get as many investors into the Club as possible. You have the chance of winning sums of money each month. BUT you do have to be in it to win it!

1ST £25.00 2ND £15.00 3rd £10.00

All you have to do to be "in it" is complete a form and return it to either Colin or Wendy together with a cheque for £5.00 per entry for the whole year. Payment can also be by online banking - please contact Colin for the bank details. The eleven draws take place on a rally at the end of each month, or at the following month Committee meeting, and any profit goes towards funding new equipment for the Centre.

Each entry is acknowledged with the numbers allocated to you and a list of the draw dates. Entry to the 200 Club is open to all Caravan & Motorhome Club members, families, friends and even your animals or dragons. You can enter as many times as you like for £5.00 per entry.

The form can be found online at [www.berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk/downloads.php](http://www.berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk/downloads.php) or speak to Colin on a Rally or contact Colin at by email to [200club@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk](mailto:200club@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk)

The last 200 Club draw for 2022 was held at the New Year Rally at Padworth. The lucky winners were:

1st	£25	Dave Tuthill
2nd	£15	John Woodward
3rd	£10	Karen Ravening

The 2023 Draw Rallies will be published shortly on the website.

**Future Document Updates**

The Committee are currently reviewing the following Centre documents to incorporate updated Club Guidance on RA's, Fire Safety, Tents and the use of Data:

- Centre Guide to Rallying - The planned date for release is before the New Ralliers Rally on the 12th May.
- Centre Rally Officers Guidance Notes - This was hoped to be in place for the Blue Nose Rally, however that may slip due to time constraints. This should not have a detrimental impact to any Rallies held before this guidance is revised, but the Rally Secretary can be contacted for points of clarification.

**From The Webmaster**

Vinnie Vincent

The Berkshire Centre has 2 x electronic communication tools that we use:

- The website ([www.berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk](http://www.berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk))
- The Berkshire Caravan & Motorhome Rally Centre FaceBook Page [www.facebook.com/groups/297030957405265](http://www.facebook.com/groups/297030957405265)

The website is updated by myself and the BCC Treasurer and should contain all the information you need to enjoy life with the Berkshire Centre. If there are any items that you feel are missing, out of date or unclear, then please get in touch with me at [webmaster@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk)

Current workstreams for the website include:

- Uploading new photos to the Photo Gallery - As users of the website will have noticed, the photo gallery has not been updated since 2018. There are many reasons for this, however a large number of photos have recently been sent in, thanks to Wendy Goddard, covering Rallies from the 50th Celebration and beyond. There has been a delay in uploading these due to the mechanics of the website administration and the time taken, however the process has also raised the question of 'permissions' and 'use of photographs'.
- The guidance to Centres from the CAMC is as follows: "Photography/videography may be taken at our Centre events and rallies. The Centre and Club may use any photograph(s) and/or video(s) they take that include you, your party and/or outfit in all and any media, including printed and electronic publications, eg websites, or promotional materials, in the advertising of its goods or services. The photograph(s) and/or video(s) may be stored for these purposes as well. If you do not want to appear in any shots, please advise the organiser if it relates to a specific event, or the Centre Secretary if for all events. They will do their best to accommodate this and ensure you can avoid the area being photographed/filmed."  
We have adapted this wording to suit our Centre and it will be displayed on the website, on Rally information and included in newsletter such as this. Whilst there is no need for a Centre to collect written consent, we will maintain a list of Members that wish to opt out of having photographs used. Please email [webmaster@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk) with your details to be included on this list.
- History of the Berkshire Centre - There is a lack of historical information currently on the website. It is hoped that by working with Members we can include a history page on the website detailing the formation of the Berkshire Centre, Past Chairman roll of honour, key moments in history, and key events.
- New Members Letter / Email - This process is out of date and has not recovered from the COVID lockdown time. The Committee are looking to update the format and process to welcome New Centre Members properly.

**Pets on Rallies**

In response to question from Ralliers recently, the Committee would like to reiterate that pets are welcome on all rallies. All pets must be kept on a lead and under full control of a responsible person at all times during a rally. Pets are to be exercised well away from caravans (or off-site on school sites) and any fouling from pets must be cleared up from the rally site immediately.

Pets are not allowed at socials held in enclosed buildings, gazebos or marquees.