



# The Stag



March 2019 Edition



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## *Editors Corner*

Almost a quarter way through 2019 already! Where does the time go??

We are also currently enjoying a bit of a warm spell and so I am sure many of us are dusting off the BBQ's ready for the upcoming rallies.

This past month we have had a bit a break in the rally calendar with the sole rally being the spoils of the Gourmet Rally, which from all reports appears to have been a roaring success yet again. This weekend sees us heading to Overton for the Taste of Italy rally which also promises to be great fun, so if you're not booked on already, do it! 😊

As always if you have anything you would like to have included in the newsletter then please do send it through to me at [bcccwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:bcccwebmaster@gmail.com).

I hope you see you on the rally field soon!

Alan

## *Chairlady's Comments*

Hi all!

Well here we are again another month gone and all rallies are in full swing. We are off to the taste of Italy Friday which should be brilliant!

I hope everyone is enjoying the nicer weather can't wait till we can all sit outside on a rally with barbie going nothing better.

I see most of the rally are filling up nicely and we have had a few new ralliers which is brilliant keep up the good work and don't forget you can live without electricity so go for it and give it a try.

I'll see you on the rally field

Wendy xx



## *Meet the Committee*

We are continuing to introduce to you to the committee members each month giving you a little history on them and for those new to the centre the ability to put a face to a name. If you have anything you feel could be included for future “meet the committee” sections, please drop me an email at the previously mentioned address.

So, this month we are introducing...



### ***Alan Manley, Webmaster and Stag Editor***

Husband and father of two beautiful children (yes, I know I have to say that but it's true, haha).

I manage two residential homes in Crowthorne for adults with learning disabilities and absolutely love what I do. I am also a very keen homebrewer and am in the process of building a brewery in our garage.

I have been enjoying rallying since I was a wee baby. My grandparents are long term members of the Caravan and Motorhome Club and my Grandfather has been Chairman of both West Surrey and South London Centre's over the years, so I guess joining the committee was inevitable.

Una, Grace and I have been rallying ourselves since the summer of 2016 when we bought our first Caravan. Our first trip out was a club site in London and then we bit the bullet and joined the Young's on their rally being held at Wellington Country Park. We were very surprised when our kettle wouldn't work off the socket whilst on battery! We also used up all the power in the battery using the larger lights all weekend. Anyhow, we loved it and never looked back.

I have learned a lot since joining the committee last year and am loving creating The Stag and rekindling my web design skills (when there is time) and am also really enjoying the regional committee meetings and learning more about the inner workings of the club. I really hope to continue with this in years to come.

Anyhow, that's me. 😊

Feel free to come and say hi if you see me and the family on the rallies, I promise I won't let the children (or the wife) bite!



## News

### Engagement Drive

We have seen an increase in new ralliers joining us on the rally fields, so news is spreading. We will be attending a couple of caravan open days in the coming months so will be hoping to bring in some new members.

The Facebook group has also had some new members. It is the most up to date place for photos and news as the weeks go by to if you haven't yet feel free to join us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/297030957405265/>



February's winners were as follows;

1<sup>st</sup> Prize (£25) = John Ward, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (£15) Keith Stevens, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (£10) Sean Murphy

Congratulations gentlemen!

As before all you have to do to be "in it" is complete a form and return it to Wendy or Leigh together with a cheque or cash payment for £5.00 per entry for the whole years draws. You are able to have as many entries as you like!

The eleven draws take place on a rally at the end of each month and any profit goes towards funding new equipment for the Centre.

Each entry is acknowledged with a number being allocated to you and a list of the draw dates. Entry to the 200 Club is open to all Caravan & Motorhome Club members, families and friends, even your animals!

### Your Centre Needs You!

Calling all crafty people, we are looking for people to make things to see at a craft fair at the chairman's rally. All money raised will go towards our 50th birthday bash so if you have any old wool and can are able to make anything with it, please do. All items will be received with great appreciation





## Whisky Tag

The “Whisky Tag” competition is still going. There are two bottles to have a go for, each with their own tags that were kindly donated by John and Christine Ward and Terry and Bettine Bly. Thank you.

For those unsure how it works there are a number of tags stuck to a bottle and one is secretly marked under the tape holding them to the bottle. A tag will cost you £1 and the winning tag will be unveiled on each bottle as the tags are sold out.

## *Announcements*

We have had two birthdays to celebrate in March following the release of the February Edition. Both from the Young family! Happy Birthday to both Emma and Vivienne Young!



In April we have committees own Carol Gallagher turning 65! She is also celebrating 47 years of marriage with Shaun in April too... busy month! Congratulations guys!

if you are also celebrating an anniversary or birthday, we wish you a fantastic day.

## *Items for Sale*

### SALEABLE EQUIPMENT PRICE LIST

AQUAKEM BLUE (2 Ltr)    £10.50

AQUAKEM SACHETS (tub of 15)    £11.50

AQUAKEM RINSE (1.5 Ltr)    £9.00

### COMING SOON

ELSAN ORGANIC (2 Ltr)    £10.00

BIODEGRADABLE & ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY  
(SAFE FOR USE IN SEPTIC TANKS)

The above saleable equipment is available from a committee member on a rally near you!



Table top gas heater very good condition  
£40



Brand new isabella leg rest in dark blue  
£10



Please contact Wendy or Derek Goddard regarding either of the above items.



Isabella SunShine Canopy and front panel. Modified by Isabella to have curtain runners on all windows and easier fitting of the front panel. Carbon Fibre poles. 1050 cm track.

£500 ONO



### For Sale

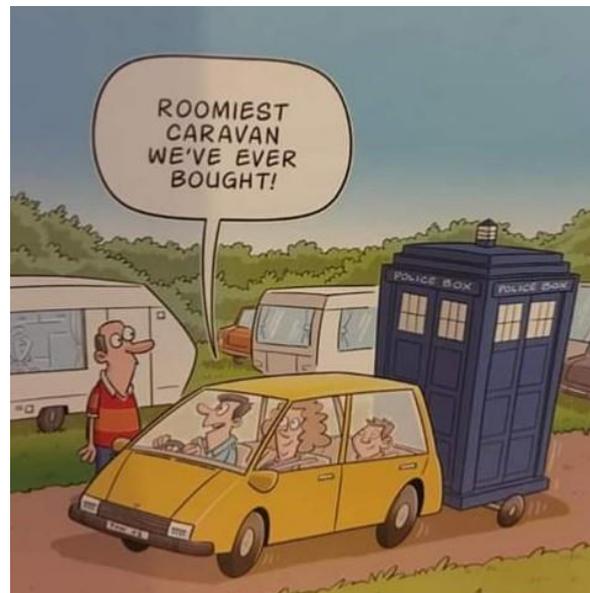
Kipor KGE 1300 Generator |

£370 ONO

Stuart 07813 254260

For advertising in future editions please send us a picture, description and price of any caravan related articles you may wish to sell, and it will be included here!

### *Funny Corner*





## *A ralliers review...*

In this section we hope to get reviews from our ralliers and their views on rallies that have happened in the previous month.

Unfortunately, we haven't had anything submitted for March. ☹️

If you would like to submit a "ralliers review" for future editions, please drop me an email to the usual address.

***Upcoming Rallies*** – to book onto any of our rallies please visit

<http://www.berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk>



### **HARD-STANDING**

**Locality:** Overton is a village in Hampshire located west of the town of Basingstoke, and east of Andover and Whitchurch. Overton Mill has for many years produced banknote paper used by the Bank of England and other banknote printers around the world.

**What is on?** This rally will have an Italian themed social on Saturday evening. An American(?) Supper is planned so you can try some different foods Italian foods. Hopefully followed by some fun and games.

**Rally Officers:** Jim and Vivienne Young & Alan and Una Manley

### **GRASS FIELD**

**Locality:** Oliver's Battery is situated on a prominent hilltop just over two miles south west of Winchester City centre. Its name alludes to the English Civil War when, according to legend, Oliver Cromwell shelled the city from a battery of cannon within an earthwork on this hill during the siege of 1645. Within walking distance of local shops and Sainsburys Supermarket. Winchester and Marwell Zoo are not far away. Alresford with the steam railway, Southampton, Portsmouth and Southsea are an easy drive. Plenty of walking from the rally field.

**What is on?** Make the most of your time to explore the local area. Winchester's pedestrianised shopping street is just a couple of miles away. Depending on numbers and weather, we'll decide nearer the time what the Saturday evening social will be.

**Rally Officers:** Dave and Jane Tuthill & John and Christine Ward





**GRASS FIELD**

**Locality:** The rally field is adjacent to the Swiss Farm caravan site and is at the foot of the Chiltern Hills. Henley is a few minutes' walk away with its riverside walks, shopping and restaurants.

**What is on?** A walk around March Hare in Henley, this was written for last year's March Hare but due to poor weather conditions it was cancelled, so we are using it for this year's, so all the time and planning doesn't go to waste!!! So that's why The March Hare for this year is in April!!! There will also be a special April Rabbit for the children and their own prize too. Saturday evening is at your leisure.

**Rally Officers:** Jim and Vivienne Young & Alan and Una Manley

**Locality:** Set in the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, near to the Edgehill battle field, Edgehill Country Park extends to some 16 acres of mixed grass and woodland with extensive views over the rural South Warwickshire countryside. There is an array of footpaths nearby and many picturesque towns and villages within a short drive; Shakespeare's birthplace of Stratford-Upon-Avon (16 miles), the market town of Banbury (6 miles) and medieval Warwick (14 miles).

**What is on?** Easter fun Country & Western style and & 70's Game shows. Light up your wagons and get cheesy. Hot cross buns on Friday, decorate your hats ready for the Sunday Parade, egg hunt and games. Saturday relive the TV Game Shows with Play Your Cards Right, let your dollys do the dealing and get all the cards right to win the pot. Name That Tune. How good are you at guessing the intro. Game shows will be hosted by your compare for the evening Peter Perfect and beautiful Dollys. Your chance to win some money. We will be serving a meal of sausage and beans, then cowboy games during the week and following weekend.

**Rally Officers:** Carol and Shaun Gallagher & Sue and Peter Biggs





**GRASS FIELD**

**Locality:** Amners Farm is a working farm with lots to see and do. They have a miniature railway and equestrian centre as well as the farm animals. The site is close to Reading, Wokingham and Bracknell for shops.

**What is on?** Amners Farm is a new venue, with Reading, Wokingham & Bracknell close by for those that would like to shop. Saturday hopefully we will be able to see a few lambs being born, and in the evening, we hope to have a communal BBQ weather permitting.

**Rally Officers:** Derrick and Wendy Goddard & John and Marie Woodward



**GRASS FIELD**

**Locality:** Cookham is a small pretty village on the banks of the River Thames. The secluded rally field is just 50 yards from the river bank where the walks are good. Slough and Maidenhead are close by for shopping.

**What is on?** A quiet weekend by the river, maybe a walk to the pub? If the weather is kind to us a BBQ Saturday evening.

**Rally Officers:** Jim and Vivienne Young & Steve and Lesley Moulds



### GRASS FIELD

**Locality:** The village of Birdham is situated between Chichester (approx. 3 miles away) and The Witterings (less than 2 miles away). Chichester market takes place on Saturdays. As well as the Witterings there are several beaches close by including Bracklesham Bay, Selsey, Bognor Regis and Bosham (the home of King Canute). The rally field is a lovely flat site with several water points dotted around the edges. Chichester Yacht Basin is just a few minutes' drive away. There is a very well stocked shop within a few minutes' walk or a short drive away to East Wittering there is a Co-op, a small Tesco, banks and an excellent baker; in all a good selection of shops. Fresh fish is available from a hut on the beach. Good bus service into Chichester where buses to various locations can be caught, so for those of you who have bus passes bring them along!!!

**What is on?** A weekend by the Seaside we are surrounded by some of the best beaches in the South with West Wittering, Bognor Regis and Littlehampton all close by. You also have the historic town of Chichester. Lots of time for taking in the varied attractions of this area. Hopefully the sun will be shining, and we can have a get together for dessert on the Saturday evening with a quiz and a natter, the Urn will be on. Bring your chairs, and refreshments. We will also hold flag and Raffle on the Saturday to enable anyone to get away early Sunday if they wish.

**Rally Officers:** Sue and Peter Biggs & Carol and Shaun Gallagher



### GRASS FIELD

**Locality:** Bourton-on-the-Water is one of the prettiest villages in England with its traditional Cotswold stone cottages and low arched bridges spanning the river Windrush which flows through the centre of the village. Famous for its model village, other attractions include Birdland, Model Railway and the Cotswold Motor Museum.

**What is on?** We plan a very quiet and relaxing weekend as there is so much to see in the immediate area and beyond. We would like to plan a get together on the Sunday evening for social, flag and raffle! So, it leaves Monday free to continue to explore before we have to go home.

**Rally Officers:** Jim and Vivienne Young & Alan and Una Manley



The next edition of **The Stag** will be out towards the end of April, as mentioned before if you have anything you would like to have included in the next edition drop me a mail!