



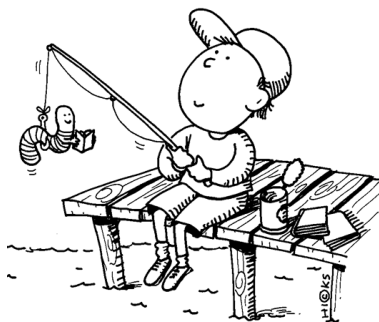
**Berkshire Centre**



**July - September 2013**

# ***The Stag.***

**Your News & Views Mag.**



*Welcome Fellow Ralliers to the 4<sup>th</sup> issue.*

*May I thank you for your comments and contributions to this copy.*

*Jackie*

### **200 Club Price Drop**

As from the Birdham rally July 26<sup>th</sup> the cost of entries to the 200 Club dropped to £2.50. You may like to know this year we have sold all the numbers.

*Good luck to all that have entered!!*



### **200 Club winners**

July: Amelia Saunders, Brian Mantle and John Olden

August / September: Mary Lee, Christine Ward and Alan McNeil

Chris Bevan is the man you need.

He looks after all your entries and will issue you with the numbers.

You can enter at any time of the year just fill out a form.

The 200 club is held 11 times in a year, there are three cash prize of £25, £15 and £10 every time it is drawn.

## Draw Dates 200 Club for 2013

29<sup>th</sup> Sept. Medmenham

6<sup>th</sup> Dec. Maidenhead

27<sup>th</sup> Oct. Medmenham

2014 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. Badshot Lea

*Dates may change under certain circumstances.*

*Will update where possible.*

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## Editors Ear

Do you have something to say or share with your fellow ralliers? (Jokes, recipes, tips or a good bargain maybe)? Open to offers, polite ones please. Did you have a good/not so good time when you were last on the rally field? Maybe you would like to give the next rally you run a mention.

Let me know by phone, e-mail **bccnewsletter.bcc@gmail.com** or next time you see me, I will do my utmost to get it in the next Stag for you. The Stag only works for you if you make the effort to forward information to be printed.

### **The Stag is here for you!**

Newsletter Editor: *Jackie Stevens*

## For Sale

Riversway 260 Porch Awning, nearly new **£75.00**

- Two roll up front doors with canopy option
- Two front windows with curtains
- 190T polyester material
- 2500mm hydro static head
- Fibreglass and aluminium poles
- Fits caravan heights: 235-250cm
- Two side doors with additional mesh door
- Steel canopy pole set included
- Internal aluminium roof support



## **Banbury Rally**

Barnstones Caravan Park May17-19<sup>th</sup>

Dear John and Chris (Ward)

Many, many thanks for the card and a great night at Banbury.

Unfortunately that night I had a passing migraine so was not top of the world or I would have stood up and given a short 30 second speech. However despite that we had a great evening in excellent company and I thought you organised it all very well. I could not have wished for a better birthday night. If it is possible to convey my thanks to all the other members that made it a great evening, I would be very grateful.

We had a great trip to North Yorkshire seeing old haunts, friends and fishing. Then on to Cumbria for a week. Down to Chester then on to Corse in Gloucestershire where I found a site with superb fishing lakes and I will be going back for a week or two at the end of July or early August. The next site which had a lake was rubbish!

I have been looking at rallies but am a bit concerned re: grass sites and rain as we run at 3.5 tonnes with the Motor Home so hope to see you both soon on a hard standing site.

Bye for now

Very best regards

Jerry Scarr

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# **Winner Takes All Christmas Draw 2013**

Forms for this year's draw are available from the  
Medmenham Rally 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
Or see Chris Bevan next time out.

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## **Note to Rally Officers**

Please make sure when leaving your rally, whether it is on a field, in a local hall or school premises, that you walk the field for rubbish and left-behinds. Also that you have cleaned anything you may have used and wiped tables and surfaces down.

We are all responsible!

## **Primary Post**

I would like this space to be used by the youth of the centre. Anything will do - something you did or enjoyed etc. on your last rally out.

Walton-on-Thames Rally report (Bank holiday weekend August 21st -27th)

### **Friday**

We arrived in the evening and after Daddy had set everything up we went to the marquee. We'd already had dinner so we enjoyed hotdogs whilst watching a singer on stage. Lots of people were dancing so we joined in with Mummy.



### **Saturday**

Where did the sun go?! Bit rainy today so we spent the morning in our caravan. We made some chocolate brownies and drew some pictures for the competitions. Daddy made a cake too! Whilst the competitions were being judged we went into the marquee to watch the children's entertainer. We got to practise some circus tricks too! Our Daddy is very good at juggling. There was also a table top sale and tombola. We went to see if we'd won any of the



competitions and were very happy to see that we won first and second in the drawing competition and second in the baking competition! But Daddy didn't win anything for his cake! In the afternoon we went with Mummy to play Bingo, unfortunately we didn't win but had good fun trying. After dinner we went to the marquee to find the tuck shop and enjoyed watching the live band and dancing with Mummy. Sam enjoyed watching and has been practising taking his first steps all evening.



### **Sunday**

Woke up to a lovely sunny day! Mummy and Daddy took us for a walk, we rode our bikes. In the afternoon there were a lot of sports competitions. They had sports events for the children too. Katie came first in the under 8's running race. We had lots of fun. Mummy bought us some cream teas from the marquee and we sat on a picnic rug watching the games around us. We enjoyed dinner outside with toasted marshmallows on the BBQ for pudding. There were some really good singers in the evening. Daddy said they were impressionists and everyone thought they were really funny.



### **Monday**

On Monday there was a car boot sale in the field next to us. We enjoyed an afternoon of playing on our bikes and had lunch outside before it was time to go home. We've had a brilliant weekend!

Abi & Katie Ages 7/5yrs



## Dirty Dishes

Dirty dishes prove I feed my family,  
A full bin means I clean up after their messes  
Messy floors mean I let my children have fun  
A pile of unfolded washing means I keep my family in clean clothes  
A wet bathroom means I bath my kids!  
So the next time you walk into my house and see a mess think twice  
before you judge.

If you come over to see my family, come on in.

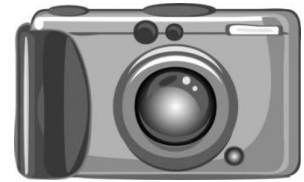
If you're coming to see my house

PLEASE



Make an appointment it could take weeks to fit you in!!

The Berkshire website ([www.berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk](http://www.berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk)) is a great place to look up any forthcoming rallies or updates/cancellations, also our very own David Bailey's (Dave Tuthill / Ian Grover) have lots of photos to browse over.



Do you have photos that you have taken and would like them to go on the website, forward them by email to [berkshirecc@gmail.com](mailto:berkshirecc@gmail.com)

### **Cancelling a rally booking**

If you need to cancel a rally booking, please **phone** the rally officers-don't send a text or email.

This is to ensure that no cancellations are missed due to technology failure or delays.

Please give the rally officers as much notice as you can. Cancellations cannot be accepted by text or email.

*A mummy covered in chocolate and nuts has just been discovered in Egypt  
Archaeologists believe it may be Pharaoh Roche...*

Don't forget to look at the rally book again so that you don't miss out on any forthcoming events you may like to attend.

- Buckinghamshire Autumn Fayre
- AGM / Regional AGM
- London Trip
- Lantern Rally
- Greenwich Trip
- Christmas Party (Don't forget to book the children in for the kids party.)

## Farley Hill Rally report (Fishing Competition)

Cheriton Farm August 2 - 4<sup>th</sup>

My sincere thanks, to all Berkshire Centre members who attended the annual Fishing Rally. Cheriton Farm Lakes is a lovely site. The lake has 21 pegs, some in the open, and some in between the weeping willow trees. The caravans are very close to the lake, there are 2 fields so can take quite a few vans.

What a wonderful fishing weekend both Saturday and Sunday.

If you have internet connection, Jane has put some wonderful photos on

**[www.berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk](http://www.berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk)**

We didn't use the Christopher Cup, as we had singles again on Sunday as we only had 5 fishermen.

T & H Angling Trophy - Highest adult weight (Fished for on Saturday)

1<sup>st</sup> joint place: John Woodward, Steve Moulds 19lb.7oz each

3<sup>rd</sup> Brian Lee 9lb. 9oz

4<sup>th</sup> Chris Symes 8lb.2oz

5<sup>th</sup> Pete Butler 6lb.0oz winner of the John Parker Cup – Lowest adult weight

(Sunday fishing)

1<sup>st</sup> John Woodward **43lb.7oz**

2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Symes 16lb.5oz

3<sup>rd</sup> Pete Butler 5lb.6oz

4<sup>th</sup> Brian Lee 3lb.11oz



Well Done!! To the gents who took part.

I would like to thank our Weigh Masters; David Grover and Dave Tuthill /Score Board Officer Ian Grover.

Sorry to Dave Tuthill as I think he got quite wet with all the splashing fish.

The ladies were not left out as on Saturday morning - they had a get together round the rally office for a coffee, fruit cake and a natter. Thanks to all who attended, from the comments I think all enjoyed themselves.

Thanks again to the famous 5 fishermen you all did well and you made me a very proud captain.

**Grand Total of fish caught for the weekend 131lb.6oz**

*Brian Lee (Fishing Captain)*



# *Ravishing Recipes*

## **One pot turkey pilau with coriander**

- 2 tablespoons extra virgin oil
- 1 large onion or 4 shallots – finely chopped
- 1 small leek – cut into fine slices
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 2 cloves garlic – roughly chopped
- 400g turkey barest steaks – cut into 1cm strips
- 1 can chopped tomatoes with herbs
- 200g Basmati rice
- 1 chicken stock cube
- 500ml boiling water
- 1 pinch of freshly milled black pepper
- 1 small head of broccoli cut into small florets
- 100g frozen peas
- 55g sultanas or raisins
- 1 bunch of dried coriander – chopped
- 200g thick natural yoghurt



### **Method**

Preheat the oven to gas mark 5/375F/190C. Heat the oil in an ovenproof casserole, add the onion or shallots, leek, oregano and garlic and cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the turkey strips, chopped tomatoes, rice and crumbled stock cube and mix well. Pour in enough boiling water to just cover all the ingredients and season with black pepper. Stir in the broccoli, peas and sultanas or raisins. Bring to the boil, stirring well then cover and place in the oven. Cook for 20 minutes or until the rice has absorbed all the liquid. Remove from the oven, fluff up with a fork, then stir in the coriander, check the seasoning and serve with a spoonful of natural yoghurt.

*Charmian Willis*

## **Royal Wootton Bassett Rally report (Inter-Centre Fishing-Wiltshire Hosts)**

Ivy House Lakes, Grittenham Sept.6th – 8<sup>th</sup>

We had a very good time at the Inter-Centre fishing competition this year, which was hosted by Wiltshire Centre. My thanks go to the Berkshire Team, who put in a great effort and managed to come third considering we only had six in the team and the other Centres namely Upper Thames and Wiltshire had ten man teams.

Berkshire Team: Brian Lee, Basil Clark, Steve Moulds, John Woodward, Pete Butler and Chris Symes. May I thank David and Ian Grover our very own weight marshals for walking the 36 pegs and weighing the countless catches on Saturday and Sunday for the pair's competition?

The full results:

Upper Thames - 31 Pounds

Wiltshire – 30 Pounds

Berkshire – 19 Pounds

Gloucestershire – 11 Pounds

Sadly I have now retired from the Captainship, but am very pleased that Steve Moulds has taken over as from 2014. I wish every success for the future.

Please any men or women who have ever fished. Please consider taking part next year 2014 as we will be the competition hosts and we need 10 team members.

*Brian Lee*



## **Look After Me - Rally Equipment**

Please can all rally officers/fellow ralliers take care when using and packing away any of the Centre's equipment. When returning equipment please ensure Gazebos / Party Tents are dry and folded how you would wish to find them, Urns should be clean and wiped out and please keep equipment together where possible. (Lights /cables)

Should any equipment get damaged when in use please just let Dave Tuthill know (Equipment Officer) so that arrangements can be made to get it repaired or replaced.

Many thanks

*The Committee*



## **Handy Hit**

When trying to remove stains from clothing etc. Do not use hot water! This will only set the stain. Grease based stains should not be dealt with water alone as this seems to set the stain too.

Handy items to have in your cupboards:

- White vinegar / lemon juice
- Washing up liquid (Lemon is good)
- Surgical spirit / vodka
- Talcum powder
- Milton fluid / Bleach (use only if absolutely necessary)

The thing to remember, only fully wash or iron items when stain is removed.

*The Housewife's Handbook (Rachel Simhon)*

## Jane's Jottings – Chairman's Chat

What good weather we've had this summer (most of the time) and lovely rallies held since the last edition of The Stag. A really colourful rally at Birdham with the Hawaiian Beach Bums (with a genuine tropical storm organised for the social). The fruit kebabs were delicious. A new venue at Farley Hill for the fishing competition – those of you who didn't come because of the "F" word missed out on a lakeside rally field in the countryside. A pie and a pint (or Pimms for the ladies – seemed like a pint of that as well) at Liss and a walk to a pub at Little Marlow. Is there a theme appearing here????

Berkshire Centre made its presence felt at the Southern Centres' rally during the August Bank Holiday and an American Supper with an Italian theme(?) was held at Henley the following week. Basil Clark took the honours of catching the highest individual weight at the Inter-Centre fishing competition with Berkshire coming a creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> overall whilst fielding (or should it be angling?) a 60% team. The attendance at the event for the Royal County of Berkshire Show at Chieveley was higher than many previous years and attracted a large percentage of non-Centre members which is the aim of providing a temporary site.

Dave and I attended the Welsh National Rally at Monmouth during the August Bank Holiday. A really good venue only 5 minutes' walk into the town with its many shops. Thank you to the Upper Thames Centre for inviting us to their cheese and wine reception and to the Welsh Division for their reception as well (that boozy theme is continuing!). The social we attended on Saturday evening was excellent with Michael Bubl , Celine Dion and Robbie Williams tribute acts. So that is three out of four National rallies we've attended this year – must find time to attend the Scottish National another year.

Don't forget to book for the London Trip on 25 – 27 October - a chance to spend a day in London returning for an evening of food and fun. Also the Regional AGM rally, which Berkshire is hosting this year, is an excellent rally with cheese & wine provided by the Region on Friday night and a great social with hot food and a live band on the Saturday evening.

The last competition rally of the year is the Lantern Rally at T.S. Swiftsure, Badshot Lea on 8 – 10 November. Please try to find time to create a decorated window – theme is "All the Fun at the Fair".

The Berkshire Centre has invited the Buckinghamshire Centre to our Christmas Party rally at Furze Platt School, Maidenhead on 13 – 15 December. We're hoping the different venue will encourage ralliers from both Centres to come along and have a good time. There will be a children's party on the Saturday afternoon with food, entertainment and Father Christmas as well as a social on the Saturday evening with a full Christmas dinner.

The 2014 rally programme still needs rally officers for 9 rallies – please take a look at the rally board next time you're on the rally field. If you have kindly offered to run a rally next year, please return your rally details' forms to me as soon as possible so that I can get started on next year's rally book. I take a week off work in November to produce the rally book and it really helps if I don't have to chase up missing details.

Finally, please support the Centre and come to the AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> October. This is your opportunity to have your say about Centre matters.

Until next time....

Jane

## Walton-on-Thames Rally report

Invitation to the Southern Centres' 20th Rally 21st – 27th August

This is a biennial event that is held by the Southern Centres (East Kent, West Kent, South London, East Surrey, West Surrey, East Sussex and West Sussex).

We had never attended this event before and had no idea what was to be expected.

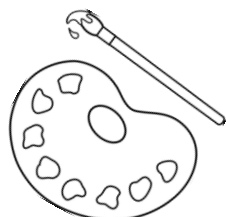
May I say a warm welcome on arrival was not far way. Berkshire members were to join onto the East Kent lines.

Met by Peter Smith East Kent's CLO (Centre Liaison Officer) we were sited quickly and soon cups of tea and alcoholic beverages were on their way. (Thanks to the providers'!) Breakfast every morning was provided at a cost by one of the seven Centres. There was a very full program all weekend long, too much to mention, but Berkshire Centre was not one to sit back and go unnoticed. We entered all sorts of activities - this is how we got on:

### Cake Making Competition (for up to 8 years old.)

2<sup>nd</sup> Abi & Katie 7yrs/ 5yrs

Chocolate Brownies Yum, Yum!!



### Handy Craft Drawing.

1<sup>st</sup> Abi Massey

2<sup>nd</sup> Katie Massey

### Artwork. (Water Colours)

2nd Cindy Mars

### Cribbage.

Semi finalist: Keith Stevens



### Children's Sports under 5's.

1<sup>st</sup> Katie

### Open volleyball.

2<sup>nd</sup> East Kent A team: David Saunders

As ever some other events we had entered into were cancelled due to the poor weather over the Bank holiday weekend (nothing new there then), but I think it's safe to say good fun was had all round. **Well done!!** to all the competitors.

**Jackie Stevens**

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## For Sale

2002: Swift Challenger 520, 4 berth, end bathroom, L shape lounge, 2 gas bottles,

Electric cable on reel, Powrtouch mover, Tyron wheel-safety bands,

Al-ko locks/stabiliser, built in radio/CD player Price: £5,850 o.v.n.o

Contact [Berkshire Centre](#)

## Weyhill, Andover rally report (Weyhill Fair Pub)

Have a Chill at Weyhill 12th -14th July

We arrived at Weyhill Friday afternoon, as always had a lovely welcome from Chris and John Ward and new rally officers Chris and John Olden) I won't forget all their names LOL anyway as we haven't been out in ages and felt like years, they made us feel like old friends again. It was a lovely little site, weather was GREAT a bit too hot but very nice. Everyone sat out watching the world go by, lots of tea, coffee and beer passing around? The pub was just a walk to the water tap and of course had to go for a try. The meal was nice - we were told it was basic food and it was but still tasty and the welcome in there was good too. Saturday we watched lots of the ralliers coming back with a bag and after chatting and laughing again to some more old friends we haven't seen since our children played football together at one of the Nationals, we found out there was a very nice little farm shop over the road. We go off to have a nosey and like everyone else come back with £40 worth of meat but very nice meat. I could of spent more but the hubby was going pale and got out before he said "How much" HA-HA! Its worth having a look if you go. Sunday saw us sitting under the tree nice bit of shade and bacon sandwiches provided by our rally officers with a nice cup of tea. Good start to a flag pole. All in all a weekend of no cooking, lots of sun shine, good company and a lovely little field.

Thank you to our rally officers again for all your hard work and thank you to the ralliers who again chatted and made us feel part of the Centre again.

See you on the rally field

*Jenny and Ray Waldock with our four legged little girl Rosie*



## **Most Wanted**

Please if you could spare 10mins. of your valuable time to run up a rally report it would be fantastic to hear from you. ***Your news/your reviews***

Calling all rally officers - would you like a rally report done on your rally? Just ask one of your ralliers at flag to put one forward?

## Oakfield, Birdham, Chichester rally report

Hawaiian Beach Bums July 26 – 28<sup>th</sup>



Well what an excellent rally down at Birdham run by Dave, Pauline Saunders, Jenny and Peter Kidd. We were not too sure if we would be able to attend this Rally as we had our new caravan on order and it was sitting down at Swindon Caravans due to a puncture whilst being towed down from Eddis. Pauline was excellent and said just to try to let her know if we would be arriving. Well the van was ready for us on the Wednesday before the rally started on the Friday. What a busy couple of days we had loading everything up from storage boxes, which had been in store from the Motorhome. Well we made it and arrived late on the Friday evening at about 9ish.

Slept well in our new bed on the Friday and were up reasonably early on Saturday. We went to Bracklesham Bay, and then onto East Wittering (where I got a Senior Citizen portion of fish and chips, only my 2<sup>nd</sup> concession) Then on to West Wittering and finally back to the caravan for a snooze before the evening social.

We donned our "Hawaiian Beach Bums" gear and wellies! I heard a monsoon was planned by the Rally Officers for authenticity, well that arrived as planned. A lovely ham salad and fresh fruit kebabs were served. Thank You.

We stayed at the social until the prediction of a Hurricane was announced, when we along with a few others dismantled the Beach Shack – just in case, but luckily enough the hurricane passed us by.

Seemed to sleep a bit better on Saturday night in the new van, wonder why! Once again Berkshire a first class rally. Thank you and see you all again soon.

*Steve and Lyn Dopson* (West Hants Centre)

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## Rally Board 2014

Have you been on an enjoyable rally this year?

Why not run a rally yourself or assist a friend next year as a rally officer. Help is at hand, if you're not sure what is involved. Have a chat to a committee member. Maybe there is something you would like to do on a rally weekend.

Why not incorporate it into the rally, something new is always welcome. Put your name on the rally board next time you're out and take the plunge. We are always looking for more members to get involved.

*Remember you do not have to provide a food social.*

## *Fifty Shades of Grey- (a husband's point of view)*



The missus bought a paperback  
Down Shepton Mallet way  
I had a look inside her bag;  
T'was "fifty shades of grey"

Well I just left her to it,  
And at ten I went to bed.

An hour later she appeared;  
The sight filled me with dread....

In her left she held a rope;  
And in her right a whip!  
She threw them down upon the floor,  
And then began to strip.

Well fifty years or so ago;  
I might have had a peek;  
But Mabel hasn't weathered well;  
She's eighty four next week!

Watching Mabel bump and grind;  
Could not have been much grimmer.  
And things then went from bad to worse;  
She toppled off her Zimmer!

She struggled back upon her feet;  
A couple of minutes later;  
She put her teeth back in and said  
I am a dominator!!

Now if you knew our Mabel,  
You'd see just why I spluttered,  
I'd spent two months in traction  
For the last complaint I'd uttered.

She stood there nude and naked  
Bent forward just a bit  
I went to hold her, sensual like  
And stood on her left ###!

Mabel screamed, her teeth shot out;  
My god what had I done?  
She moaned and groaned then shouted out;  
"Step on the other one"!!



Well readers, I can't tell no more;  
About what occurred that day?  
Suffice to say my jet black hair,  
Turned fifty shades of Grey.



## Saleable Equipment

*All at competitive prices.*

Saleable Equipment will be for sale at every rally usually at flag, but if needed can be bought at any time over the weekend, just ask your rally officers who is holding the saleable equipment that weekend.



Aqua Kem Blue 2Lt. £9.00

Aqua Rinse Pink 1.5Lt. £7.50

Aqua Kem Sachets 450g £11.50



## Next issue

*January, any correspondence to me by December please.*

*Many thanks to all the members for their input submitted to this issue.*

*Jackie.*