

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

Although we started the year with a shut down and unfortunately the first 4 rallies had to be cancelled, I do believe it has got better as time has gone on.

The Spring show at Ardingly being the first was very well attended and everyone was so pleased to be back out again.

We then had an invite from West Surrey to Belle View Farm, Burstow which was with restrictions but still very enjoyable and we could meet up with old and new friends at a distance.

Keith and Sam organised a Pirate weekend on Hayling Island. We joined our tables together in the evening to have a fish and chip supper in all our finery and to top it all the weather was brilliant.

Gofflands Farm had to be cancelled because of a water logged field which ended up with Dave having to tow Kevin and Nicola's motorhome off and also nearly getting stuck himself.

The holiday rally at Isle View Camping, Osmington was a little windy.. but a great success, Not many West Sussex members attended. Maybe next years rally in North Devon will appeal to more of you.

We put up the air awning which was very good apart from one night when the wind howled and Dave had to get up very early in the morning to let it down, but that is the good thing about itthe next day the sun came out and we just had to pump it back up. Much easier than spending the night banging in more pegs.

Another highlight of the holiday was Boris the cat who seemed to entertain most people especially the night he did a runner and there was Dave myself and Janet in her nightdress all running around the field after midnight chasing him! With Dave being really helpful and offering to shoot him to stop the game. Boris needless to say after a night out in the cold returned to our caravan early next morning.

The family rally at Burstow was brilliant, I think everyone really enjoyed themselves especially the big children !!!! at the highlight of the weekend.... the water fight.

August bank holiday we spent a lovely few days at Exbury with the amazing views across to The Isle of Wight. Thank you Nick and Sandy for organising a relaxing weekend.

I would like to mention Ebernoe....where sadly after a long illness Ivan Wadey passed away we send his family our best wishes.

I think Ebernoe is my favourite rally site either the top or bottom field. What a wonderful location to hold the Chairmans rally...The Good the Bad and the Ugly and believe me they were all there...including the milky bar kid! and a couple of horses.

Shirley Elliott out did herself with her fund raising for Cancer Research, also to Pete and Freda Dales who managed to squeeze even more money out of everyone especially Nick who bought the most expensive walking stick. Thank you to everyone who helped and donated to a very important cause. We managed to raise over £600.

I know I haven't mentioned every rally but I would like to thank everyone who have run rallies over the past year, you've all done a great job in difficult times.

Can we now have a minuet's silence for family and friends who are no longer with us.

I have found being Chairman over the last couple of years quite difficultwhat with the Pandemic and the restrictions that came with it.

I have been a manual worker all my life and to find myself having to run meetings and doing paperwork does not come easily. I would like to thank the committee for all the help they've given me and I hope John enjoys having more time on his hands.

I have tried my very best and will now pass you over to my wife Janet and wish her success in the coming year.

Caravaning and Motorhoming is a great way to enjoy life with such lovely friends.
Thanks to everyone for putting up with me.

Peter