

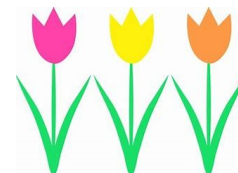


The Midland Centre of the
Caravan & Motorhome Club



BULLY NEWS

Spring 2022



Chairman's Chat

Hi Folks, Welcome to 2022, Its been 3 months since my last chat and it seems an age. So December saw us make our annual pilgrimage to Cookhill Village Hall for our first Christmas Rally since 2019. With numbers slightly down this year it made for a more relaxed feel. Still hard graft though, it doesn't get any easier with each year that passes.

We had a great time though with our elf themed night on Christmas Eve where we were entertained by Mickey Tribute with a mixture of music and comedy. After Christmas Dinner we enjoyed the evenings festivities including The Annual Stewards Christmas Panto which as usual gave me the opportunity to don a frock, Thank you to the Campbells for your direction with this. This was followed by a few fun games by yours truly which provided much hilarity, such high lights include "what's in your Gob? A game of taste, Randy Reindeers, The Twerking game to name a few before culminating with 'Downsy's Festive Finger' game. Great fun. Boxing Day saw us entertained by the ever present Mix & Match. A thoroughly brilliant rally, so good to be back after a year confined to barracks thanks to Covid.

My thanks to the great team, Mick & June, Craig & Kerry, Phil & Lindsey and Lin Homer and to everyone else who helped, joined in. Looking for to next year already.

After Christmas its always nice to relax and what better way to do that than to go to the New Year Rally at Henley in Arden High School for 5 days of partying with the Midland Centre. I have to take my hat off to the stewards, Kevin & Diane Stokes and Mick & June Hale and their army of helpers. What a rally, you couldn't ask for more, every night there were drinks, snacks, food, entertainment. Absolutely brilliant. I was that impressed, I've booked on for next year.

So after a few days at home, we made our way to the Lenchford Inn for the Norman Hirst Memorial Rally. It's the first time I've been to this venue since it was moved from the Hampstall a few years ago. What a splendid venue, great food and a nice drop of ale too. It's fair to say y I'm not very good at pool so it was no surprise that I didn't win but, it's the taking part that counts. Well done to our Stewards Kevin & Diane Stokes and Mick & June Hale for another top rally.

Rallies Requiring Stewards

Rally 12 - 22nd-24th April
Hatton Country World

Rally 42 - 28th-30th October
Hampton House Farm, Kineton

Rally 44 - 11th-13th November
Warwickshire Marching Band

If you are interested in taking on any of these rallies please contact **Andy Pickrell** on:
07853 930369
or
andypickrell@googlemail.com

Payments for rallies can be made on arrival by credit/debit card or Apple/Android pay.



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Please note that social fees may still need to be paid in cash.

Chairman's Chat continued.....

After a few weekends at home it was time to venture out again, this time to a new venue Lapworth Village Hall and this time in my new caravan. Friday night saw the stewards treating us to a late afternoon tea. A fine selection of sandwiches and cakes awaited us, a bostin' spread! Saturday night saw Diane demonstrate her culinary prowess by serving up a curry for us all, with Kevin as our waiter. Service with a smile. Diane then made the fatal error of asking me to call the bingo, what she didn't know is that I have been banned from calling bingo since 2016. Some people take bingo very seriously, I however do not. Anyway it was good fun, well Diane found it funny anyway. You never know I may do one more game at Easter..... If I'm allowed. Great rally, Kevin & Diane you were great, after a hatrick of rallies you can now take a well earned rest.

Next up was Lindsey Grants 40th Birthday spectacular at Astley Village Hall. A great turn out for the special lady's party. Saturday nights party was one of the best in a long time, with Mix & Match at the helm, the dance floor was packed all night long with folk of all ages. To everyone that came we hope you enjoyed it as much as us stewards.

After Lindsay's birthday we had a few weeks to recover before making our way to Drayton Manor Hotel for the Annual Dinner Dance. This year service had to be delayed slightly as yours truly was being interviewed live on Radio WM about the joys of caravanning. Soon after we enjoyed a fantastic meal before being entertained by Andy Plimmer and Mix & Match. Again a top night and because I'm a good boy, I was in bed at a respectable hour. It was so good that this event continues to be popular when so many other centres have had to cancel there Dinner dances. To everyone that came thank you and special thanks to our amazing Social Secretary, Lindsey Grant, for all your hard work, it was worth it.

So a week after staying in the Presidential suite it was back in the caravan, this time at Warwick Marching Band, which is in Warwick don't you know. I do like this site as it is so close to the town centre. This is always handy as you can use it as an excuse to go for a little stroll and end up in a pub, which is nice. As it was Kelly Atkinsons Birthday we then had to go to another pub for a nice meal. This was followed by a most pleasant afternoon nap. In the evening we enjoyed a beetle drive which is always a good way to meet your fellow ralliers. And before you knew it, it was Sunday and time to go home. Thank you to our stewards Roger & Barbara, Tony and Jo, a great weekend as always.

The following weekend we made our way to Fillongly Village Hall for Gaynor's infamous Chinese Auction. Friday night we enjoyed a game of Blankety Blank which provided much laughter. Saturday morning we enjoyed a trip to Jacksons for a full English breakfast and a bit of mooch about before returning to the van for an afternoon in front of the TV watching Auf Wiedersehen Pet on DVD, its all go in my world don't you know. Saturday night it was auction time, some great prizes, sadly none won by me but hey ho. This was followed by a game of chase the ace. Lots of fun. To Matthew & Gaynor and Steve & Dawn thank you for a great rally.

And there we are bang up to date, there's still plenty to look forward to, The Easter Rally is fast approaching and with lots of activities, we as a committee have lots of planning to do. After that there is the Junior Fundraiser at Bridgnorth, which also happens to be my birthday weekend, just saying. The Juniors will be working hard to raise funds for their chosen charity The Air Ambulance so please show your support and book on and dig deep to help raise funds for a charity that is very close to our hearts.

See you on the Rally Field Soon. Ta Ra abit!

Mike Downs - Chairman

Midland Centre Business

Senior Committee - 2021/2022

Chairman	Mike Downs
Vice Chairman / Website / Regional Representative	Gordon Mitchell
Secretary / Regional Representative	Matthew Hart
Treasurer/Plaque Officer	Mick Hale
Social Secretary	Lindsey Grant
Sports Officer	Chris Emms
Sports Officer	Aidan Probin
Rally Secretary	Andy Pickrell
Assistant Rally Secretary/Committee	Beth Downs
Junior Liaison Officer	James Harris
Regalia Officer	Graham Bird
Bully Officer/Committee	Kerry Silver

Midland Centre Business

Junior Committee - 2021/2022

Junior Chairperson	Lanis
Junior Vice Chairperson	Sophie
Junior Secretary	Charlotte
Junior Treasurer	Aston
Junior Committee Members	Ellia Layton Freya
Junior Liaison Officer	James Harris



Midland Centre Juniors Charity Donation



As a representative from Acorns Children's Hospice was unable to attend our 2020/2021 AGM, our amazing JLO, James Harris, went along to the hospice to present them with a cheque for a whopping £1577.93 raised from a variety of Midland Centre events over the previous 12 months.

Thank you James and your brilliant Junior Committee and everyone who kindly donated and experienced pain (aka Mr Chairman) all in the name of charity!



Midland Centre Easter Rally

14-19 April 2022 Weston-on-Trent Ukrainian Centre.

Full programme of Easter Events for Adults and Children

which will be announced with full details closer to the event



Essential 80s

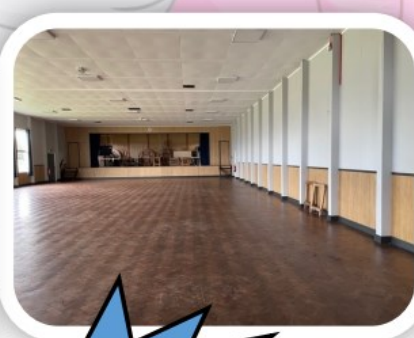
Terrific 4 piece tribute act nothing short of amazing, performing your favourite 80s hits. Blasting out instantly recognisable hits, performed with a bucket load of energy means Essential 80s will fill the dance floor in no time!

Rachel Cooper

A welcome return to the Midland Centre for this Professional Cabaret Singer. Music from 1950s through the decades to today. Sit and listen or get up and Dance. Rachels first Easter with us but has done AGM and Dinner Dance.



Newly Refurbished
Hall



Rachel Cooper



Social Fees £15.00 per Adult

Site Fees £12.00 per night

Book online at midlandcentre.co.uk or send booking form to Mick Hale treasurersmccc@gmail.com

All persons attending rallies and social events do so entirely at their own risk.
No responsibility for persons or property is accepted by the organisers or The Caravan and Motorhome Club.

Website: www.midlandcentre.co.uk

Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/MidlandCentre2020

Coming up

Midland Centre's Summer of Sports

Rally 22 - Himley Hall - 17th-19th June

MCCC Golf Competition



Rally 23 - The Cob House - 24th-26th June

MCCC Fishing Competition

Rally 36 - Button Oak - 16th-18th September

Games weekend



**Rally 40 - Top Barn Farm - 14th-16th
October**

Fishing Available

Please visit the MCCC website (address below) for booking details and further information.

More from our Junior Liaison Officer



Junior Fundraising Rally
Rally 15 - 6th-8th May 2022
Riverside, Bridgnorth



So the Junior Rally is fast approaching at Riverside, Bridgnorth, and I thought it was time to let people know what we had planned.

First, we are going to have a **raffle/auction with prizes** (like the echo dot pictured below) and many caravan accessories from Quest leisure.

Weather depending, there will be a range of sporting activities going on. Pork and stuffing baps will be prepared ready for Saturday evening.

But the biggest thing we have planned for the weekend is “**walk the flight**”. As the Air Ambulance is the charity of choice this year due to the life saving work they did for our friend Mr Pilko (aka Mike Pilkington), we are tasking the juniors of the centre with walking the same distance the air ambulance flew that day to save Pilko’s life. Using a treadmill for up to half hour sessions the juniors are planning to walk the 60+ miles as a collective over the 3 days. Donations for their efforts would be greatly received.

We hope to see as many of you there as possible digging deep into your pockets for a fantastic charity that has saved the life of one of our very own.

Further information can be found on the Facebook Page or Midland Centre website below.



James Harris - Junior Liaison Office



Over to you.....

Christmas Rally 2021 - Cookhill Village Hall

23rd warm welcome on arrival tea coffee biscuits mince pies catch up with old friends. lovely meal in the evening at the pub ,then back to the hall for hot choc and natter .Christmas eve back in hall for catch up with tea coffee biscuits and mince pies ,sit down meal in the hall late afternoon .entertainment in the evening to see in Christmas day .Christmas day sit down 3 course meal turkey and all the trimmings in the evening some games then music by mix and match . Boxing day back in the hall for more tea coffee mince pies biscuits and an expanding waist line .Another 3 course meal roast beef served by our stewards again, nothing to much trouble for them ,music and a chat in the evening .

Fantastic time ,excellent food and company .10/10 to the stewards for all the hard work . Looking forward to next year .

John & Val Fairbotham

Lapworth Village Hall

Just returned home from a great weekend away with the Midland Centre. Nice to see old friends and a gigantic big thank you and well done to Kev and Di Stokes. On Friday they made a late afternoon tea which was better than any we have had at a restaurant or spa. They made sandwiches of all fillings enough for several sandwiches each, scones with jam and cream / french fancies / bake well tarts / sponge cakes & sausage rolls with endless tea and coffee.

On Saturday evening they surpassed all expectations with a great curry, naan bread / poppadoms and all the salad & sauces with great waiter service from Kev. They both worked extremely hard, you would think we were in a top restaurant not on a rally. To top it off, we were entertained by our chairman who called the bingo with a difference which made everyone laugh and as a bonus, Carole won twice.

Once again a big thank you to Kev and Di for a great weekend and all their hard work. The site & facilities were excellent, a new venue for the club, hope we use it again the future.

Jimmy and Carole Clarke.

And the winner is.....



Bully Article Prizes for 2021/22

The cash prize for the best article from each edition will remain at £20 per winning article.

Winter 2021 Article Winner

The winner of the best article from the Winter Edition of the Bully was Gaynor Hart for their two amazing write ups. They will receive £20 for their contribution.

Tote Winners

Great to have the tote up and running again!!

Venue	Winner	Number	Amount
Drayton Manor	John Bird	25	£25.00
Warwick Marching	Phil Grant	278	£25.00
Fillongley	Dave Palmer	90	£25.00

Monthly Prize Draw

All those booked onto any of the next 6 weekend or bank holiday rallies will go into a draw to win £10 at the last rally of that month.

So the more rallies you book onto the more chance you have of winning!

Monthly Prize Draw Winners so far:

January - Gloria Hiscock - £10 off their rally fees for Warwickshire Marching Band

February - Dawn & Damien Campbell - £10 off their Easter Rally Fees

Midland Centre Regalia



Red Fire Buckets	£3.00
Hitch Covers Printed Centre Logo	£16.00
Hitch Covers Plain	£10.00
Midland Lanyards	£1.00
Midland Keyring	£1.00

Clothing

Midland Centre Polo Shirt	Price
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Centre logo on front and 'Midland Centre' on rear	£10.50
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Midland Centre Hoodie	Price
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Pullover centre logo on front and 'Midland Centre' on rear	£16.50
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Full Zip centre logo on front and 'Midland Centre' on rear	£18.00
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Personalise with your name on the rear	extra £3.75
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Midland Centre T-Shirt	Price
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Centre logo on front and 'Midland Centre' on rear	£9.50
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Personalise with your name on rear	extra £3.75
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Sizing Info

Label	Size (in)	Label	Size (in)
XS	36-38	XL	44-46
S	38-40	2XL	48-50
M	40-42	3XL	50-52
L	42-44	4XL at extra cost	52-54

We are able to obtain Umbrellas in Centre Colours and Logo at £18.00 if there is enough interest shown.

Contact Graham Bird on 07760 241792 or email grahambird40@gmail.com



Fiamma 2 bike rack. Maximum carrying weight 50 kg.
Fit motorhome or caravan.

Price: £90 Ono



Contact Jim Brothwood on 07788881863

From the Editor.....

If you've attended one of our rallies and loved it then let everyone know about it!! There's £20 in it for you if you write the best article for that edition.

Please send all articles and 'items for sale' details to me at [**Kerry.Silver@hotmail.com**](mailto:Kerry.Silver@hotmail.com) putting '**Bully**' in the comments box.

Please can I have any articles for the summer edition sent to me by mid June.

Stay safe.

Kerry

