



Précis of the 514<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee of the  
Wiltshire Centre of the Caravan Club  
Held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at Rowdeford School, Rowde



### **Members & Committee Present**

Mr. G. Ball (Chairman)	Mr. N. Ballamy
Mr. A. McGurk (Secretary)	Mr. A. Harrison
Mr P. Blake (Treasurer)	Mr. P. Sambrook
Mrs. T. Mason	Mrs J. Newman
Mr. G. Randell	Mr. M. Kelly
Mrs J Pullin	Mrs K. Barnett

### **Apologies for Absence**

All were present.

### **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman made the following report.

Over the past month the Centre has undertaken two Charity events on behalf of Breast Cancer organisations. The first was at Cricklade where a Pink Party was organised by Jane McGurk, ably assisted by Barbara Owen and Michelle Chamberlain. The second was at Highworth, organised by our Junior Chairman Megan Davis, her Junior Committee and JLO Katie Barnett. There are also a number of back scene workers who should also be very proud of their supporting roles.

The total collected over these two events is in the region of £1,700, due is no small part to the generosity of the members of this Centre, their families and friends. On behalf of the organisers, I would like you all for your superb support.

It is likely that other income to this worthy cause will be generated over the remainder of the year, which puts a likely value of over £2,000 to be handed over. Action is in hand to invite a representative of the Pink Charity to attend the 2009 AGM, where your sterling efforts can be presented and, Club Magazine willing, recorded for all to appreciate some recognition from the wider membership.

To anyone who is growing despondent about full rallies, I would encourage you to get your name down anyway as there is proving to be a turn around occurring due to cancellations, prior to the event, leaving spaces available. Unfortunately, due to lack of Rally Officers, it is not possible to "put on" additional rallies to cope with demand and unless a number of new Rally Officers come through for the 2010 season, this situation is unlikely to get any better. Please consider what "you" can do to ensure you and fellow members can continue to enjoy rallying and contact the Rally Secretary to discuss what can be done. She has lots of locations available, just a shortage of volunteers.

Finally, it gave me great pleasure to be able to present at Cricklade our immediate Past Chairman, John Holdway, a small memento on behalf of the Centre. A wooden case with suitable inscription containing a pen and pencil set was presented commemorating his three year tenure of the position.

### Hon Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported on the following rallies.

Rally	Vans	Admin Fees (£)	Donations /Raffle (£)	Donation To	Raffle to
Yatton Keynell	25	44.00	48.95	Breast Cancer	
Cricklade	32	58.50	407.20	Breast Cancer	

### 2008 Accounts

These have been approved and distributed to the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen for display on their relevant flag notice boards.

### Hon Secretary's Report

#### Correspondence

- None

### Centre Membership

639 last meeting: 11 NEW 20 RER 38 NRC - Now 608 (-31)

### Rally Secretary's Report

Correspondence – None to report

#### 4Bs Granted

None

Wiltshire Rallies to Date – 2235

### Full Rallies

Rally Date	Rally Name	Waiting List?
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Bath (Easter)	
17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Lacock	
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Exeter House School	
1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Urchfont	
5 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Merley Court	
14 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Caen Hill Locks	
11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Frome Cheese Show	
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mystery	
30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Swindon – New Year	Yes

## **Other**

The Rally Secretary reported that she recently had a telephone call from a Caravan Club (non Wiltshire) member who claims to have been told by a Rally Officer that “.when booking into Wiltshire Centre Rally, Wiltshire Centre members take precedence over other Caravan Club members.”

If this is the case, and this member wished to complain to Club, then the Centre could be in breach of Rules Governing Centres 4c which states that “All events organised by a Centre shall be open to any Club Member, subject to accommodation being available”

So, as general reminder to all Centre Members and current/future Rally Officers, please ensure that all bookings onto a Wiltshire Centre Rally (whether firm or enquires) are treated equally and fairly.

## **PRO and Social Secretary's Report**

### ***2009 Dinner Dance***

Negotiations and meetings are still well under way.  
Total costs will be confirmed as soon as possible.

## **Website**

2009 updates are ongoing

The new webmaster has been appointed, this will be Simon Kelly. He will be building the new website over the next couple of months and hopefully this will be going live on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009

## **Wessex**

Phil gave a comprehensive report, which is reproduced below.

14/03/09 – Wessex Meeting

The 2010 Wessex still has not yet been booked at Frome Show ground but will be shortly.

A few of the competitions will have rule changes like our own Family Sports and the Handicrafts. If the new sets of rules are not given to the Competitions Officer by the 31<sup>st</sup> July the affected competitions will keep to the old set of rules. The competitions that are coordinated by the Wiltshire's have their new set handed in.

Some centre reps asked again why no points are given for Miss Wessex. Reasons given were that years gone by some people did not want this competition because thought it is sexiest and it is a way to test the lighting and sound equipment. But it was asked if this competition could be a Junior competition (male / female) to have a change to the competition. To check out personalities of the males and females of all centres including the small ones. After a vote it was decided to keep the competition the same as the last few Wessex.

The Avon's did ask the committee if qualified refs could be used, e.g. football and netball. The answer was no because a lot of them would want to be paid and the Wessex may need to be registered to the affected sporting bodies. All competitions are supposed to be fun, which is why amateur refs are used.

The Large and Small Centre Entertains, Illuminated Window and the Walking Tableau Competitions will have a change in the points system. After a long debate it was decided to

award points in the following way – 1<sup>ST</sup> place will receive 16 points, 2<sup>ND</sup> place will receive 12 points, 3<sup>RD</sup> place will receive 8 points and every entered entrant will receive 4 points, this is to try and make the points system more fairer because of the complaints that people have made over the years.

Entries to competitions that fail to turn up will have 1 point deducted from the affected centre score which the entrant belongs to but this will be at the competition secretary's discretion. So for centres to keep their points they must make sure that all entrants must arrive at the appropriate place on time.

For the next Wessex all bookings will definitely go through the Treasurer and then a list of centre details would be passed onto the relevant reps hopefully monthly. At the last Wessex £2296 was profit with £171 VAT Refund and there is roughly £4500 in the bank.

To help celebrate the 21<sup>ST</sup> Wessex Rally the handicraft competition will have all the classes with a 21<sup>ST</sup> Celebration theme. Hopefully all relevant competitions will go the same way. But the Wessex committee is still looking for ideas to celebrate the 21<sup>ST</sup> Rally. One idea that has been put forward is for everyone to have a piece of cake and a glass of bubbly at the open ceremony.

The Wessex committee is still looking for confirmation from each centre to use centre marquees. I understand that our centre will allow our marquees to be used at the 2010 Wessex.

In the main marquee a platform is needed for the sound and lighting equipment so the relevant people can see the stage without trying to look through everyone in the marquee. To cut costs a platform will be made and stored in such a way that it could be used several times and this would be less than hiring a platform. The person that normally uses the sound and lighting equipment is retiring from work. This may cause a transportation and storage concern. But what is being looked at, is to store some of the equipment with the rest of the Wessex equipment and bring the fragile equipment to the Wessex by Car / Caravan. This may be able to cut costs by not hiring equipment.

Stef Roberts and Greville Chamberlain have accepted their invites to the 2010 Wessex and Stef promised he will put the date in his diary and he hopes he can replace his under study after the mix up at the last Wessex.

End of Report

### **South West Region**

Note that attendance the Members Question Time is by ticket only. All info is in your 2009 Rally Book

## **JLO's Report**

Katie expressed her thanks to everyone that helped make the Junior Rally a success.

### **Junior Committee Badges/Window Plaques**

A plea to all past/present Junior Committee members!!!

If you have, or know of the whereabouts of any Junior Committee badges and/or Window plaques, please forward them onto you JLO as soon as possible. A number of these have gone missing over the past couple of years and the committee would like them returned.

### **Presentations**

**None**

### **Flag Duties**

<b>Rally #</b>	<b>Rally Name</b>	<b>Flag Officer</b>
9	Bath	Chairman
10	Lacock	Chairman/Representative
11	Wroughton	Vice-Chairman
12	Urchfont	Chairman
13	Salisbury	Treasurer
14	Standerwick	Chairman
15	National	Chairman
16	Westonbirt	Chairman's Representative
17	Heddington	Vice-Chairman

### **Other Business**

Phil attended a recent Bike4Africa (jole rider) meeting and reported of the good work they are doing

This is a charity that refurbishes donated bicycles and delivers them to African Secondary Schools. ( <http://www.jole1000.org/> )

Meeting closed at 22:45Hrs.

Alan McGurk  
Honorary Secretary  
Wiltshire Centre

Glynn Ball  
Chairman  
Wiltshire Centre