

Easter at Clumber Park!

The publication of this newsletterette started with an email from Paul Holt, here is an edited copy of the email. Paul explains it all so much better!

I sent an article to the Caravan Club following the Easter Rally at Clumber Park and received a letter from the Editor, Barry Williams this morning with the article included on page 89 of the magazine. It is interesting to see what was submitted and what has been published. Do you want to put the article in the section under newsletters?

The article helps to put North Lincs on the map and will surely help to encourage non ralliers to give it a go.

And so what follows on the next page is the article as submitted by Paul.....



Easter at Clumber Park with north lancashire centre

Many club members have perhaps never tried a rally and wonder what goes on at these gatherings. This Easter, the North Lancashire Centre had arranged to rally in the grounds of Clumber Park in Sherwood Forest.

Like any weekend rally, one of the members of the centre, takes it on board to find a venue, obtain permission from the landowners, and then starts planning the itinerary for the event. For most of us, caravanning is our major hobby, so great pleasure is

obtained from running a successful event, where everyone eventually departs for home, having thoroughly enjoyed the Bank Holiday break.

My wife and I left home on the Thursday evening, to negotiate the traffic around the M62 and A1, before arriving early evening to discover that the venue was adjacent to the lake in the heart of the park. Friday morning, saw everyone gathered together at the “opening flag” to enjoy a cup of coffee with hot cross buns, get to see who else was attending the rally and then the “rally officer” told us what was planned for the weekend. With a total of 100 outfits attending the weekend, it was also pleasing to hear that we had visiting members from a further 14 centres, some as far away as West Hampshire!

At a superb venue like Clumber Park, there is always plenty to do and we were soon off on a cycle ride around the park with another 100 ralliers from the very young to the not so young! A musical social kept many people entertained on Saturday evening, and then on Sunday morning, our “Rally Officers” surprised everyone by dressing up as Robin Hood and his Merry Men and delivered everyone an Easter egg. What a superb effort they had all made to do something a little bit different which all the children and adults on the rally, thoroughly enjoyed. We also had the children decorating eggs and an Easter bonnet parade at the Chairman’s coffee



morning. With the weather being favourable all weekend, many ralliers

took the opportunity to sit outside with friends and enjoy the delightful food being cooked on the BBQ’s.

On Monday morning, we all gathered together again at closing flag, for a further good strong cup of tea or coffee, present prizes for the winners of various competitions and finally to thank the rally officers for organising such a splendid event. We were extremely fortunate, in that we had been able to book a further night on site, so took another opportunity for a long ride around the park and another BBQ!

Many of the children had made new friends and as we have found over the years, you do meet up with ralliers again, maybe on the Club’s National Rally, or at another event such as the “Northern Centres Rally”

Well, eventually, all good things come to an end, the porch awning was taken down and back home to prepare again for work, at least our batteries have been recharged and we can once again look forward to our next weekend outing with all of our friends. Maybe, some of you reading this article may want to try a rally, it’s really very easy, pick up your club handbook and give your local centre secretary a ring. You may be surprised how much you will enjoy the rallying experience.



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