



Gloucestershire Centre

January 2025 Newsletter

Happy New Year

<https://gloucestershirecamc.co.uk/>

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The Gloucestershire Centre Committee would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. We're praying for dryer weather in 2025 to have a successful programme of rallies this year, some require volunteers to act a Rally Officers (see list below).

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Just to let you all know that the rally handbook is planned to be issued early February and our website is being updated with all the information. As soon as this is all completed, we can take bookings – **we will let you know**. Thank you all for your patience and looking forward to seeing you on the rally field.

For this year handbooks will be either handed or sent out to members who request one. There is a reply slip at the end of this newsletter for you to complete and send to Tara with an A5 SAE (large letter stamp), please email Tara in the first instance for her address on xk8phil@yahoo.co.uk or see a committee member for a rally handbook.

Please note information about up 2025 rallies can be found on our website along with booking forms etc.

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If you're running a rally/event, please send your advert/information about the rally to me (email to minorbiz@hotmail.com). Advert/Info to be received no later than 2 months before the rally to give me time to post it on here.

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The committee are aware that the website has not had the attention it requires during the past few years, Andy Smith is busy getting the website up to date and making it more user friendly. Please be patient while this process is being done. The good news is that the newsletters are now on the website, and we are working towards a safe method of emailing the newsletters out to you all.

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Still looking for memorable stories of rallies over the years, whether they be of muddy fields, super-hot weekends, memorable socials, events or of characters (groups of) that made those rallies happily special.

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Peter Haynes, Past Chairman (2015 to 2018)

OBITUARY

The Gloucestershire Centre of the Caravan & Motorhome Club sadly announce the death of former Centre Chairman PETER HAYNES.

Peter and his wife Moira, joined the Gloucestershire Centre in 1998 and became active members, running rallies and both taking Centre Officer positions.

Peter took on several Committee roles, as Rally Equipment Officer and Rally Registrar, before becoming Vice Chairman in 2013-14.

He took over the Chairmanship from Jeanette Seabright in 2015.



Peter was always willing to get involved, and on many occasions employed his skills as an electrician, especially when the Centre had large celebration rallies.

His dedication to the Centre was highlighted in May 2016 when they sold their house in Hardwick Bank Road, Northway, Tewkesbury and moved to Hirwaun in South Wales.

This move did not deter Peter or Moira, and they continued commuting once a month to Committee meetings in Gloucester, as well as attending many rallies.

Sadly, ill health became a problem for Peter and restricted their caravan leisure time in recent years.

The Centre would like to express their thanks for all Peter did, and deepest sympathy to Moira and the rest of the family.

Full details of Peter's funeral arrangements will be posted in due course.

Charity Sale – Tewkesbury Town Hall 8th March 2025

Starting the year off with the charity sale at the Tewkesbury Town Hall starting at 10am.

We're looking for volunteers to help man sales desks, with coffee and cakes etc. If you're willing and able to help, please contact Ann for more info.

All donations and help will be greatly appreciated, contact Ann Howells, Charity Officer 07833 439657.

We have a fab line up of rallies for 2025 starting with a visit to the Forest of Dean at Deanwood Caravan and Camping Park (21st to 23rd March 2025).

<https://deanwoodholidays.co.uk/>.

Deanwood Holidays Yorkley is 550 feet above sea level with beautiful scenery across the Lyd Valley

The site has hard-standing of gravel, mix gravel and grass pitches all with 16 amp EHU. We will be on Gravel but there is grass with gravel for MH if required.

Deanwood offers modern comforts away from home, including clean toilets and hot showers, wash basins, hairdryers, wash-up area, washing machine and tumble dryer, chemical and waste disposal, water, electricity, bike wash, WiFi and dog friendly!

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First weekend 4th to 6th April we will be at Lickhill Manor Caravan Park, Stourport on Severn. Lickhill Manor Caravan Park occupies some 65 acres circling the 17th century manor house alongside the River Severn and is a short riverside stroll to the Georgian canal town of Stourport-on-Severn. <https://www.hillandale.co.uk/our-parks/lickhill-manor-caravan-park>.

Thank you to Jenny Kirkham for stepping forward to run this rally.

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The weekend of 11th to 13th April we are at Croft Farm Water Park, Bredons Hardwick.

Escape to a serene getaway at Croft Farm in Tewkesbury for a delightful caravanning weekend! Nestled in the picturesque countryside, Croft Farm offers a perfect blend of relaxation and adventure. Enjoy a variety of local activities including walking the River Avon, exploring the historic Tewkesbury Abbey. Kayaking, paddleboarding, and sailing on the private lake, please book this direct with Croft Farm. We will look to arrange an evening social weather permitting, we will e-mail those who are going with further details.

<https://www.croftfarmwaterpark.com/>

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Easter weekend 17th to 22nd April we will be at the Eastnor Castle Deer Park, this has always been a popular spot for caravan rallies with plenty of walks over the Malvern Hills nearby and the attraction of the 'mock' castle to visit.

<https://eastnorcastle.com>

We are looking for someone to volunteer to act as Rally Officer.

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Planned for the rest of the year (subject to confirmation)
May 2nd – 5th Hay on Wye – Rally Officer Required Please
May 16th – 18th Postern Hill (Savernake Forest) Marlborough
May 23rd – 26th – Club Fest at Bosworth Castle
June 6th – 8th Orchard Holiday Park, Tenbury – Rally Officer Required Please
June 13th – 15th Bromsberrow (Mods & Rockers Rally)
June 26th – 29th Sharpness Docks
July 4th – 6th Royal Oak, Much Marcle – Rally Officer Required Please
July 11th – 13th Rectory Farm, Ashleworth
July 16th – 22nd R.I.A.T. Fairford
July 24th – 27th Bourton Rovers
July 31st Aug 4th South Cerney (Glos Vintage & Country Extravaganza)
Aug 7th – 12th Blue Lias, Southam, Warwickshire
Aug 22nd – 25th Apps Court Farm, Surry – Southern Centres Rally
Aug 29th – 31st Tuckers Grave, Bath
Sept 5th – 7th Drum & Monkey, Upton on Severn
Sept 12th – 14th GWSR Toddington – Rally Officer Required Please
Sept 18th – 21st Burley Lakes (Fishing Rally)
Sept 26th – 28th Apple Orchard, Westbury on Severn
Oct 4th – AGM
Oct 11th – Charity Sale at Tewkesbury Town Hall
Oct 25th – Nov 2nd South Lytchett Manor, Poole
Nov 9th – 14th Whitemead Forest Park, Parkend
Dec 5th – 7th Taynton Village Hall – Rally Officer Required Please

Club Fest – Bosworth Castle Volunteers wanted

The CAMC are seeking volunteers to assist with siting of units at the Club Fest, this mainly will require the volunteers to work on the Friday with the rest of the weekend being your own time. There is a discounted price for the event for volunteering. Please contact Jan Trott, her telephone number is 07775 782332 and email address is trott525@btinternet.com to express your interest.

Remember

Renew your Centre Membership

When your club membership is due – It isn't automatic

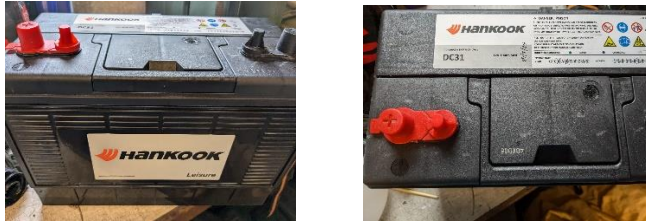
NB – We've noted several ralliers stating they're Glos members but do not appear on our membership list, please check your online membership card/profile on <https://www.caravanclub.co.uk/>

Items for sale: - If you have anything to sell, please email me details and I'll list them on the newsletter, my email address is minorbiz@hotmail.com.

- an 80 Watt solar panel for sale for £50.
- Awning Annex Ventura Grey Tall 220 (fits Ventura Marlin porch awning) £50.

Please contact Martin Reeves on 07528 760646 for more information.

- Hancock 100ah 12v Leisure battery. Brand new from Tewkesbury Battery Megastore. Unused with a 4 year warranty. £50.



Please contact Rob Howells on 07833 297633

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Feedback is a gift:

I took on this role in November and hopefully making the newsletter interesting, however, would love to receive feedback on: -

- What would you like to read about
- Do you have memories you'd love to share (photos would be a bonus)
- Love to share pictures of rallies you've attended

Please email me on minorbiz@hotmail.com

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Came across this article in the CCC magazine (January issue): -

“DEFRA who are monitoring the invasive brown marmorated stink bugs that have been found breeding in the UK. They damage crops and create a pungent odour when grouped together. DEFRA suspects one of the migration routes from Europe to the UK is hitch-hiking on leisure vehicles.”

If you've been abroad DEFRA urge people to check their vehicles for these pests and report to them if any are found.



Just for fun, answers in the next newsletter.

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Level 'Medium'

For the younger members:

1. What are the three primary colours?
 2. What is faster, the speed of sound or the speed of light?
 3. Who played Mario in 2023's 'The Super Mario Bros. Movie'?
 4. What is the most popular pet to have in the UK?
 5. Which country in the UK is biggest by land size?
 6. Little Mix are a British pop group formed on which reality TV show?
 7. Who became King of England in 2023?
 8. In which country would you find the Statue of Liberty?
 9. How many years can tortoises live up to – 50, 100 or 150?
 10. Which comic book character has a butler named Alfred?
 11. What is the name of Harry Potter's pet owl?
 12. Which American popstar is known for her ponytail and strong voice?
 13. Approximately, how many weeks are there in a year?
 14. Which is the shortest month?
 15. In the movie 'Frozen', what is the name of the talking snowman?
 16. How many lives are cats said to have?
 17. Which special night takes place on the 5th of November in Britain?
 18. What colour is the English 20 pound note?
 19. What type of Pokémon does Ash start with in the Pokémon series?
 20. Which Italian city is known for its Leaning Tower?
 21. Who is the God of Thunder in Ancient Greek mythology?
 22. The unicorn is the national animal of Ireland. True or false?
 23. How many colours are in a rainbow?
 24. Velociraptor, Pterodactyl and Triceratops are all types of what?
 25. What is the real name of the comic book character Spiderman, as played by Tom Holland?
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Answers to last month's teasers:

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For the younger members answers:

- 1 Who picked a peck of pickled pepper?
- 2 In Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, what is Charlie's surname?
- 3 Which artist painted a number of pictures of sunflowers?
- 4 What is the name of Peter Pan's piratical enemy?
- 5 What kind of animal is Beatrix Potter's Mrs Tiggy-Winkle?
- 6 In a nursery rhyme, how much are the bells of St Martin's owed?
- 7 What was the name of Harry Potter's pet owl?
- 8 Who is the son of Widow Twankey and brother of Wishee Washee?
- 9 Who created Tracy Beaker?
- 10 What is the artistic technique of gluing a number of items together to form a new work called?
- 11 Which character in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland muttered "Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be late"?
- 12 Who has a dog called Snowy and is friends with Captain Haddock?
- 13 In which fairy tale does Gerda rescue her friend Kai from the title character?
- 14 Helped by his slave Morgiana, who foiled the 40 thieves?
- 15 What is the name of Eoin Colfer's teenage criminal mastermind?

(source – The Daily Telegraph)

- 1) Peter Piper 2) Bucket 3) Vincent van Gogh 4) Captain (James) Hook 5) A hedgehog 6) Five farthings 7) Hedwig 8) Aladdin 9) Jacqueline Wilson 10) Collage 11) The White Rabbit 12) Tintin 13) The Snow Queen 14) Ali Baba 15) Artemis Fowl

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Reply slip for rally handbook

Please post to me the 2025 Rally Handbook, I have enclosed an A5 Stamped Addressed Envelope with a 'Large Post Stamp' on.

Name Address:

Membership Number