



Gloucestershire Centre

March 2025 Newsletter

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Welcome to the March issue of the Gloucestershire Centre Newsletter.

The rally handbook is now available, if you require one please complete the reply slip at the end of the Newsletter and send to Tara Harris 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.

NB – Reply slip required for all handbook request, even if being collected in person.

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

Rally Officers – Please send your advert/information about the rally to me (email to minorbiz@hotmail.com) so I can promote your rally in the Newsletter. Advert/Info to be received no later than 2 months before the rally to give me time to post it on here.

For members – Anything you'd like to read about or have anything/memories you'd like to share with members, please email them to me and I'll publish in future newsletters.

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The committee are busy making improvements to the website, 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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Charity Sale – Tewkesbury Town Hall from 10am 8th March 2025

Starting the year off with the charity sale was held at the Tewkesbury Town Hall. On the day an amazing £560 was raised for Maggie’s Cancer Care. A huge thank you to the people in Tewkesbury and Centre members.



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The 2025 rallying season starts with: -

Weekend 21st to 23rd March 2025 a visit to the Forest of Dean at Deanwood Caravan and Camping Park. <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!



There is also a large room with a table tennis table, a badminton court and table football to keep the younger (and not so younger) members of the family entertained.

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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>.

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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. Rally Officers will look to arrange an evening social weather permitting and will e-mail those who are going with further details. <https://www.croftfarmwaterpark.com/>.



Take your own SUP, Kayak, Canoe – launch fees apply or hire one of theirs, see website for more info.

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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. There is a coffee shop, the Woodshed, at the entrance to the site (opposite the entrance to the castle) where they do Bacon/sausage baps, cakes and coffees. Why not give a Land Rover Driving experience – available on Friday 18th April 2025 only (as at 13/2/25). <https://eastnorcastle.com>

Ledbury is nearby with a selection of independent shops, cafes, restaurants and pubs. In the castle grounds there are plenty of activities for children including the Castle have an Easter Treasure Hunt over the weekend.

We’ll have the usual Easter Bonnet Parade on Sunday, so get your artistic flair going and there’ll be the Easter themed decorated window competition.



Burma Bridge Tree Top Walkway



Major events in 2025: -

Club Fest – Bosworth Castle

You will have seen this advertised in the Club magazine and on their website, please book directly with the club.



Gloucestershire Vintage & Country Extravaganza is full of Steam Traction engines, classic cars and commercial vehicles, 1940's tea rooms with swing dancing laid on among many other displays. <https://www.glosvintageextravaganza.co.uk/>. Check our website for rally information



Another festival to take you back in time, from the 40's war period dressing up and swing dancing to the 50's Teddy boy era and on to the 1960/70's Mod scene with bands performing on 3 amazing stages. The festival also has displays of classic cars, caravans, lorries and military vehicles plus a vintage fair ground. <https://retrofestival.co.uk/>. You can stay on site with the Berkshire Centre, see their website for more info.



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/>

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?
- Memorable stories of rallies over the years, whether they be of muddy fields, super-hot weekends, memorable socials, events or of people (groups of) that made those rallies special.
- Always looking for new venues to run a rally, looking out for events going on where a rally would be of benefit to the members. Appreciate your input with ideas.
- Themes for rallies – appreciate your input on this. We have a Mods & Rockers rally in June, I see from other centres, there are themes like Tarts and Vicars, Barn dances, Darts/Board Games and Race nights. What's your views?

Email me on – minorbiz@hotmail.com

Competitions for 2025: -

- Rally handbook 2026 cover competition. Entries are invited for the design of the cover page, can either be drawings or photograph. The theme must be about caravanning, and any locations used must be in Gloucestershire County. Entries must be capable of being reproduced in colour. The overall design should be Portrait A5 size to correspond with the Handbook Cover. The correct Caravan & Motorhome Club logos must be used. Submission by 12 noon 4th October. Please see website and rally handbook for more info and get your creative thinking hats on throughout the year.
- Chef of the Year – Bourton on the Water Rally
 - A two-course meal (Main & Dessert) for one person at a cost of no more than £6.00. Food can be cooked on any type of BBQ or outdoor grill. An independent judge will sample the meal. Points will be awarded for the presentation as well as quality and taste, please give it a go.
- Centre Fishing competition – This will be held at **Burley Lakes rally 19th – 21st** September.
 - **Centre Fishing Trophy** to be awarded to the highest placed Centre member in the annual competition.
 - **John & Toni Harris Trophy** to be awarded to the highest placed child or grandchild of a Centre member in the annual competition.
- Harvest Decorated Window – Apple Orchard Rally.
 - **Bert & Lena Lister Trophy** to be awarded to the best decorated window
 - **Baker Tankard** awarded to the runner up.

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 £30.
- Awning Annex Ventura Grey Tall 220 (fits Ventura Marlin porch awning) £50.

Please contact Martin Reeves on 07528 760646 for more information.

Fiamma Ultra-Box 500 for motorhome.

- O/D 147cm x 70cm x 53cm
- Weight = 17Kg
- Capacity = 50Kg
- <https://fiammastore.com/product/fiamma-ultra-box/>

There is also a dedicated bike frame support c/w a range of hinges etc. to secure rack to vehicle and box to the rack. Buyer to collect £50

Contact Martyn Fell on 07530 283132 - email: bluenorton79@hotmail.com



Answers to last month's teasers:

8	4	6	9	3	7	3	1	5
1	2	9	5	4	6	7	3	8
3	7	5	1	8	2	9	4	6
2	3	4	8	9	5	1	6	7
5	9	7	6	1	3	4	8	2
6	8	1	2	7	4	3	5	9
4	1	3	3	2	9	5	7	1
9	1	3	7	5	8	6	2	4
7	5	2	4	6	1	8	9	3

For the younger members:

1. In which British city would you find the football teams Arsenal, West Ham and Crystal Palace?
London
2. Which Disney movie features the songs 'Friend Like Me', 'Prince Ali' and 'A Whole New World'?
Aladdin
3. What kind of animal is Roald Dahl's book Esio Trot about? **Tortoise**
4. What is the capital city of France? **Paris**
5. In Star Wars, who is Luke Skywalker's Father? **Darth Vader**
6. What is the most viewed video on Youtube? (Hint: it features a shark!) **Baby Shark Dance**
7. Which famous physicist proposed the equation $E=mc^2$? **Albert Einstein**
8. Mavis Dracula and Winnie Werewolf are characters from which movie franchise? **Hotel Transylvania**
9. How many wives did Henry VIII have? **Six**
10. MEGA City is a popular location in which online survival game? **Fortnite**
11. Which of the following is NOT a type of fish – sharks, or dolphins? **Dolphins**
12. What is the biggest religion in the world? **Christianity**
13. How many pieces is the biggest Lego set? (Correct answer to nearest thousand) **11,695 9Well done if you picked 12,000**
14. Planet Earth has more water than land. True or false? **True – water covers more than 70% of the Earth's surface!**
15. Suga, Jungkook, V, Jin, Jimin, RM and J-Hope are all members of which K-Pop boyband? **BTS**
16. Apart from Earth, can you name three other planets in our solar system? **Three of the following; Jupiter, Saturn, Mars, Mercury, Venus, Uranus, Neptune.**
17. What type of animal is the mascot of Kellogg's Coco Pops cereal? **Monkey**
18. In which ancient civilisation would you find Mummies, Pharaohs and the Sphinx? **Ancient Egypt**
19. Roughly how long in real time is one full day in the game Minecraft? **20 Minutes**
20. What team of superheroes includes Captain America, Black Widow and Iron Man? **The Avengers**
21. Is tomato a fruit or a vegetable? **Fruit**
22. What is YouTuber MrBeast's real first name? **James**
23. What kind of train is Thomas the Tank Engine? **Steam Train**
24. Which author wrote 'The Story of Tracy Beaker', 'The Suitcase Kid' and 'Hetty Feather'?
Jacqueline Wilson
25. In 'Spongebob Squarepants', what town does Spongebob live in? **Bikini Bottom**

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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 Postage Stamp' on.

Name Address:

Membership Number