



# Gloucestershire Centre

## May 2025 Newsletter

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Welcome to the May edition of the Gloucestershire Centre newsletter.

During April we held 3 rallies, at Lickhill Manor in Stourport, Croft Farm Water Park and Easter at Eastnor.

Full list of rallies coming up can be found on our website. There are 2 rallies we would love to hear from anyone willing to take on to organise, GWSR Toddington in September and Taynton in December.



# **Events and Rallies Past**

Lickhill Manor Caravan Park, Stourport on Severn

4th to 6th April 2025



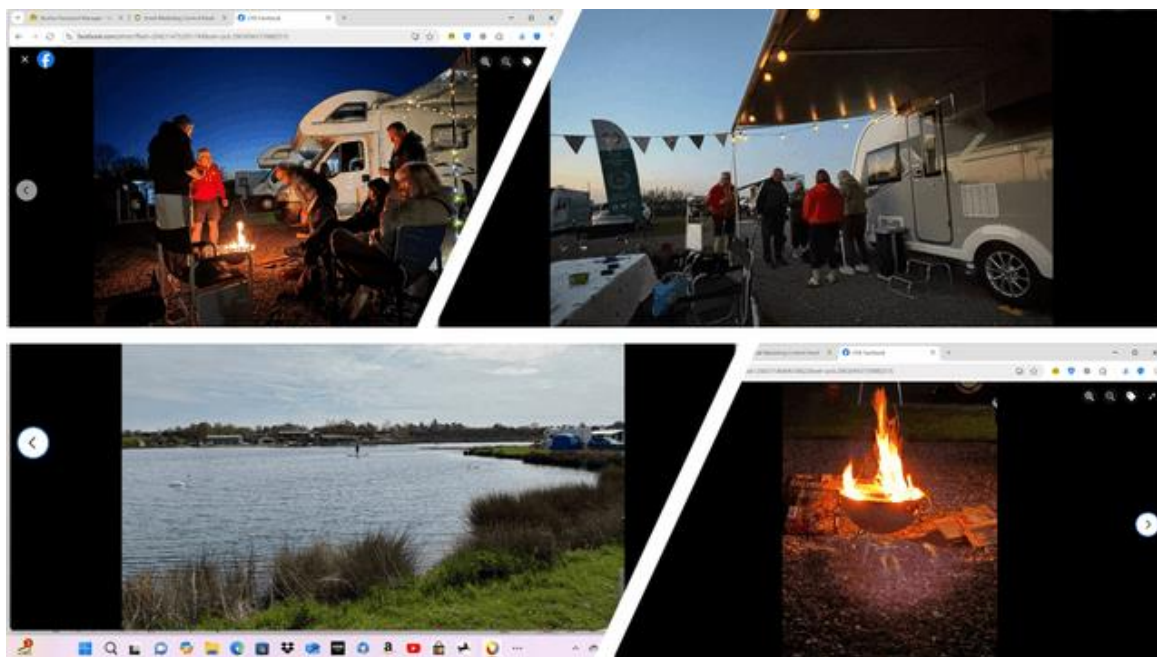
Thanks to Jenny Kirkham for stepping up to run the rally single handed.

She laid on a feely bag competition and a quiz night.

The weather was good for the merry ralliers who took advantage of the proximity to the town of Stourport and walked into town on the bank of the River Severn.

## Croft Farm Water Park, Bredons Hardwick

11th to 13th April 2025



Just wanted to share a quick recap of our awesome caravanning weekend at Croft Farm Water Park! We had seven people join us for a warm and friendly getaway.

The weather was absolutely perfect—sunny skies all around! In the evenings, we gathered around the fire pit to roast marshmallows and share stories, which was definitely a highlight.

Throughout the weekend, ralliers mingled with our rally officers, making it a great chance to connect and enjoy each other's company.

One of the coolest spots was the sporting lake. While we could've done a ton of water sports, we decided to keep it simple and visit the café instead. One of the group did take advantage of the lake to just sail a model motorboat around. It was so much fun watching it zoom around the water!

We also had some visitors at our flag who ended up being super lucky, winning most of the raffle prizes! It was all in good fun and added to the excitement of the weekend.

Plus, we welcomed two new assistant rally officers who jumped in to help out during their second rally. Their enthusiasm was contagious, and we loved having them on board!

All in all, the weekend was a fantastic mix of friendship, laughter, and good vibes.

Thanks to everyone who joined in and made it such a memorable time. Here's to more fun weekends ahead!

Cheers!

Mark, Paula, Paul and Leisha

## Eastnor Castle Deer Park, Nr Ledbury

Easter Weekend - 17th to 22nd April 2025



There were 19 units attending the Eastnor rally.

There was a treasure hunt taking ralliers up the hill to the Obelisk and then around the Deer Park to the Wood Shed where a well earned bacon roll and a coffee could be consumed and reflect on what they had learned about the history of Eastnor.

On Saturday evening a game of Bingo was a hit followed by horse racing on Sunday evening where people got very excited watching their horses rattle down the furlong straight.

Over the weekend several ralliers decorated their caravan windows, the vote for best window was done by a secret ballot, winners being Hannah & Ian Bradley. On Sunday prior to the horse racing we voted on the best Easter Bonnet with the new rallier teenager voted with the best Bonnet.

Over the weekend some ralliers took up the discounted prices to visit the castle and grounds.

# **Up and Coming Rallies until Easter**

Hay on Wye

Mayday Bank Holiday Weekend - 2nd to 5th May 2025

VE Day Celebrations



May Bank Holiday  
2nd – 5th May 2025  
Hay-on-Wye



## **Gloucestershire Centre CAMC**

We celebrate VE Day with cream tea scones jam and Cornish clotted cream, cake, cucumber sandwiches with crust off! ,corn beef and spam sandwiches.

Cost per person for the 'Street Party' £1.50 for adults and 75p for under 14's.

Cost per unit per night £8 plus £3 admin fee.

Period dress code optional

Music of the war years to keep you in the spirit.

For booking please visit <https://gloucestershirecamc.co.uk/rally-programme/>

A stunning countryside getaway within walking distance of picture-perfect town of Hay-on-Wye, famed for it's book shops.

This weekend will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE Day, period dress will be appreciated although not essential. Google 'Revival Vintage' for ideas on dress codes for the wars years.

For ideas, visit Blitz Buddies on facebook, these are friends of mine who used to travel around re-enacting the war years get together.

Don't forget your ration books and gas mask boxes.





**Postern Hill, Savernake Forest, Marlborough**

**16th to 18th May 2025**

**Please note this rally has been cancelled**

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**Orchard Holiday Park, Tenbury Wells**

**6th to 8th June 2025**

At time of writing this is planned as a free and easy weekend. With short drives to Tenbury Wells in one direction and Leominster in the other. Berrington Hall (National Trust) is not far away either.



**Bromsberrow Village Hall, Nr Ledbury**

**Mods & Rockers Weekend - 13th to 15th June 2025**



This weekend will be celebrating the era of when the Mods rode their scooters wearing parker jackets whilst their adversaries, the Rockers, rode throaty motorbikes wearing leathers.

In the evening there'll be a record hop mainly playing music of the 60's and 70's, a lot of Motown and of the British bands like The Who, Beatles et al.

Come dressed in your 60's/70's gear if you wish, it'll add to the atmosphere.

**Sharpness Dockers Club**

**27th to 29th June 2025**

We return to Sharpness Docks to rally on a flat field next to the Dockers Club. The river Severn and Marina are just a short walk away. Close by are the market towns of Dursley, Wotton and Thornbury with Cribbs Causeway shopping areas just down the M5.

Royal Oak, Much Marcle

American Independence Day Rally

27th to 29th June 2025



# **AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY RALLY**

**4<sup>TH</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025  
ROAYL OAK, MUCH MARCLE  
SATURDAY EVENING  
A SOCIAL DANCE  
IN THE PUB FUNCTION ROOM**

The Royal Oak is situated on the Ledbury to Ross on Wye road A449 and is in easy reach of both Ledbury (about 3 miles), Newent and Ross on Wye. Westons Cider shop and restaurant, also Hellen's Garden (with a farmers Market on a Saturday) are both very close.

As the rally starts on 4th July it's only fitting to celebrate their Independence Day with a record hop in the pub's function room (£5 per person to cover costs).





## **Major Events in 2025 Where There Are Rallies**

CAMC ClubFest - Bosworth Castle, Cheshire 23rd to 27th May 2025



No doubt you will have seen this advertised in the Club Magazine and on their website - Please book directly with the club. The following is an extract from their website: -

Get more from ClubFest with all these activities included in your all-inclusive ticket package. Take a ride on a segway, test your balance on a paddleboard, or try your hand at axe throwing. Kids will love the dedicated Kids Club, featuring craft workshops, climbing walls, and bouncy castles. For those who enjoy a bit of friendly competition, we've got organised tournaments including football, pétanque, and even a fun run. And don't forget—ClubFest is pet-friendly! Your four-legged family members can show off their skills in our very own dog show.

## Gloucestershire Vintage & Country Extravaganza

South Cerney Airfield

1st to 3rd August 2025



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 (dance lessons too I've been told). The Gloucestershire Centre are holding a rally there.



## Retrofestival - Newbury Showground 7th to 10th August



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.

Berkshire Centre have a prime site for attending the Retrofestival.

[For more info visit Berkshire Website](#)

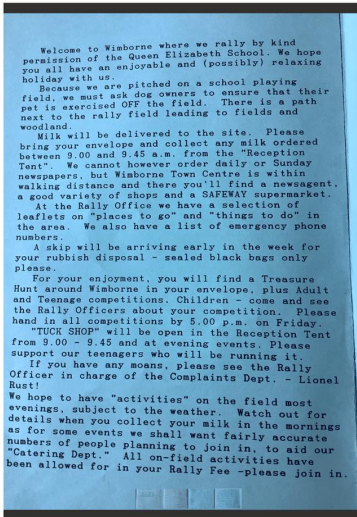
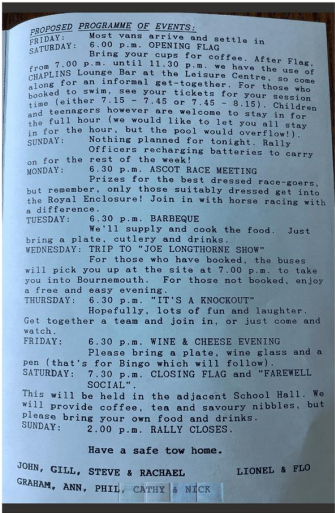
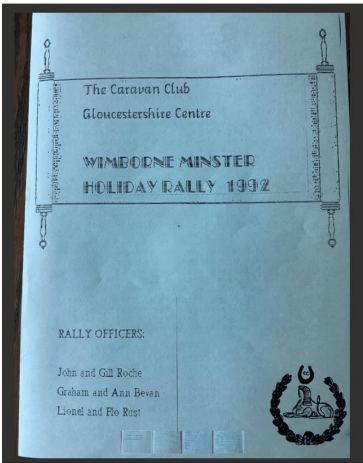
**Please remember to renew your Centre membership when you renew your annual Club membership!** - It's not automatically done and our grants are based on your membership so we can continue to hold events.

Still open to receiving your anecdotes of rallying with the Gloucester's over the years, or any other caravanning linked ventures either in the UK or further afield. Please let me have your stories.

We are always looking for new venues for future years, if you have any suggestions of new venues or ones we've not been to for a long time, please let us have them.

Themed rallies: We have a VE Day rally at Hay-on-Wye for May Bank Holiday, I'm running a 'Mods & Rockers rally in June and first weekend in July at the Royal Oak Much Marcle will be American Independence Day. I see other Centres organising various themed rallies such as a 'Tarts and Vicars', Race Nights etc. Love to hear your views.

I have received the following from Graham Bevan about a holiday rally in Wimborne Minster back in 1992.



## 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.
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## ITEMS FOR SALE

If you have any caravanning item to sell, please email me the details for publishing here.

- 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

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](mailto:bluenorton79@hotmail.com)

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