**Holding Stables, 9-11 July**

We arrived in warm weather to be greeted by our Stewards Sue and Colin. We were pitched with a lovely view over the equestrian centre and soon had our chairs out in the sunshine. It was a shame as only 9 units were booked in, but it was good to see new people as well as old friends. We were invited to take our chairs to Colin and Sue's van for the evening and a lot of people took up this offer to socialise in the evening sunshine. Saturday dawned, another nice day and we walked into Wilmcote past Anne Hathaway's Cottage, which was unfortunately still closed, to the station and caught the train into Stratford and had a great time browsing in the shops and ended up in the local Wetherspoons for lunch. Saturday evening was another open invitation to socialise and it was lovely sitting listening to all the different bird songs which we could not identify! Sunday dawned and we took our own coffee to the stewards van and listened to the answers to the quiz, needless to say we failed miserably!!

Thank you to Colin and Sue who stepped in at the last minute to steward this meet, we had a lovely time.

**Eddie & Sue**

**Riverside Gardns 20th April 2021**

We were greeted at the gate by our host Colin Chester who showed us where to pitch. A lovely small site actually next to the river Meden. Grass site with picnic benches over the river where there is good fishing and use of the site kayaks

The weather was against us with strong winds and light to heavy rain (no fault except nature}. The stewards had organised some ball games but hurriedly changed their plans due to the weather. Bowling in the marquee with a bottle of wine as target. There were even “Hot Dogs” to eat cooked by the Catering Officer Glynne assisted by his team  There was a quiz given for the duration and the winner was announced at Sunday Coffee morning. The rain came again so some left early due to this and personal reasons. Shame about the weather as the site is a good site and the meet was a good one, our thanks go to Colin and Sue Chester for organising the events and the meet. Look forward to seeing Riverside Gardens again, in the good weather.

**Barry Doddie & Tweedy**

**Moira Furnace 16th April 2021**

Hi my name is Peanut, my owner called me this because my reg. ends in KPN. I’v sat very lonely on my owners drive for months and not been anywhere; they normally take me to lots of places including Spain for months. I can’t catch COVID but apparently humans can so they have been very cautious. When they started to clean me and put food and water in I thought we must be going away.

What joy, we left our house on Friday and called to pick up my other mate with his owner and Freddie. We had been to Moira before so I knew the way, oh what joy to meet up with all my friends. For everyone safety strict rules were adhered to, I was parked by the stewards who had done a fantastic job and marked out the spaces in compliance with ‘the rules’, yes, even motorhomes and caravans have rules.

By Friday evening the field was full with forty pre booked units sited. The youngest a new six wheel Rapido, his owner had only had him for a few day and the oldest was a beautifully restored Volkswagon with pop up top and was forty seven years old. I don’t think I’ll last that long or if I do, my owner wont !

The sun was shining brilliantly all weekend with frosts at night but my owners put a thermal jacket on my front screen and had the heating on, so I was nice and cosy. Some of my friends had a few problems but these were soon sorted. Everyone was happy meeting up with friends they hadn’t seen for months and meeting lots of new people. Everyone followed the guidelines and some sat round in small groups within the required distance with no more than six people. It was like watching musical chairs to see people in one group move on to another. Others walking round and talking to other people at a safe distance. But as usual I had to stay put.

Moira is a lovely venue, the ground was dry and hard and the field is surrounded with trees and bird song.. Mine and other owners walked on the many paths through the woods. Along the canal or further afield, with the Coop being a few hundred yards and Conkers across the road. Due to the dreaded COVID the Furnace museum was not open but they had a takeaway shop selling coffee, ice creams ect and the boat trips were still running. Some, including my owners had booked a meal at the Lakeside Bistro, a ten minute walk down the road. They said they had a lovely meal and ate outside under gazebos with safe distances whilst overlooking the fishing lake.

Oh what a wonderful weekend, it was so lovely to hear all the chatter fun and laughter. Obviously, no organised games, coffee morning or raffle, but wow, how good to be out. Sunday was soon upon us and time to go home. It sounds like we can meet again soon my I hear my owners and my friends are going to Shardlow at the end of the month. Hooray !!!

Peanut owner

**Maria & Richard**