**2023**

**COPT OAK FEASTIVE MEAL MEET 24th to 26th November**

Were you at Copt Oak? You missed it??? Then you missed a great weekend.

The weather reminded us it was wintertime, but the greetings from steward Bill could not have been warmer. I was put in my place (I need that sometimes) and was set up in no time.

Friday night, we all got together in the hall, and Doreen did a quiz, Brenda,Ted, and I did our best but couldn't match the winners. All I've got to say is they must have been sweetie lovers as kids and grown-ups and I thought it was beer that put on weight! (I'll second that - ed)

On Saturday it was up and out to have a lovely festive meal at the "Bull" We travelled in style in coaches to a warm welcome at the Inn. What a lovely, friendly place, decorated beautifully and most importantly the food was excellent.

Our chairman, Ian, gave a fine speech, and we raised our glasses to absent friends remembering our recently passed friend Colin Chester.

It was then back to the van for me to rest while there was no rest for the committee who had a meeting. What would we do without them?

We later met in the hall for tea, coffee and cakes. Diane and Linda you are stars for all your hard work baking and serving up the tea and cake. I'm sure we all had room for such delicious offerings.

It was then back to the van to titivate for the evening - and what an evening!! Our lady entertainer Kerry Jean was top-notch. She had us singing along and dancing and generally making a fool of myself - no having a great time.

Thank you to my East Midland friends for inviting me to such a fab-u-lous doo.

**Edith**

**COLLINGHAM CRICKET CLUB 20th to 22nd OCTOBER**

WELL !!!!! I would like to say what a fantastic weekend we had with 28 units out..........BUT I would be telling a little white lie.

Only three units turned out (yes probably need their heads looking at!!) The  story's that were told of the travelling to Collingham was great. It took Jan and I three hours to drive 35 miles ( at one stage two hours into the journey we were only three miles from home) Doreen and Martin told us it only!! took four hours to get there.

Dave and Di who were the stewards for the weekend were set up with the kettle on for the weary travellers.

Did the weather spoil our weekend....Heck no (only a little white lie there) Friday night into Martin and Doreens van for a chat and catch up then an early night was had by all falling asleep to the rain falling gently'ish on the roof.

Saturday we woke up to well at least no rain, Martin and Doreen caught the buz!! into Newark (they love there buz!! passes)

Tea and Cakes to die for, in Di and Dave's van in the afternoon, with a surprise visit from Cheryl and Andrew.

In the Evening TV's on, blinds down, alcohol and snacks prepped ready for the England Vs South Africa Rugby......nuff said.

Sunday  morning we woke up to a glorious Sunny but chilly morning, Breakfast sorted just in time for the coffee morning and more yes more cake (ooooo that Lemon drizzle) a fond farewell, and thanks to Di and Dave and not forgetting Frazer, for a very not forgettable weekend.

Only three units out and a visitor but we have got two new stewards, thank you

**Ian ,Jan n Teddy**

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**TATTERSHALL VILLAGE HALL 21st TO 24th SEPTEMBER**

You can’t always believe what the forecasters say the weather is going to do. We were expecting rain but we had a lovely sunny weekend and who doesn’t enjoy the sound of the Lancaster flying over? The people of Tattershall are friendly and say hello with a smile as you walk past them. Two minutes walk from the site there’s a nice chippy along with 2 pubs and a Co-op for any last minute supplies.

There is one bus stop in the village where the bus picks up and drops off. You can catch a bus to a variety of places including Boston, Lincoln and Skegness. We went into Woodhall Spa on Friday, a 10 minute bus ride away. Woodhall Spa is a lovely place with a variety of things to see and do.T here are places to eat to suit everyone’s budget from cafes to pubs and a visit to The Bakery & Delicatessen is a must for cakeaholics!I  bought a Viennese Whirl which was melt in your mouth delicious and even if you only visited this shop it is more than worth it in my opinion.

There was bingo in the Village Hall Thursday evening although there was a couple of non-players who missed 2 lines and a full house.(You know who you are.)Friday was a get together to catch up with old friends and make new ones and the 2B’s made an appearance Saturday night for a sing-a-long session which was enjoyed by all and it didn’t matter if you didn’t know the words either.

Overall a good weekend.

**Cath and Kevin**

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**HAYES FARM 8th TO 10th SEPTEMBER**

We stood in to Steward this meet at short notice, wow, what weather did we have, glorious sunshine from start to finish.

Hayes Farm is a little gem, everything you need on site with a bus stop for the more adventurous right outside the entrance.

15 units booked in, with two new members and three from the Midlands area all settled in to enjoy the sunshine, I have to say that Hayes Farm is a little sun trap with trees on all sides of the nearly flat grass area.

Friday evening was the now normal, if available Fish and Chip night thank you to Edith and Dan for sorting that out.

Saturday a few ventured to various places on the local bus service, I did hear Wetherspoons mentioned but was not jealous as the fridge in our camper was working overtime keeping the alcoholic refreshment!! well chilled.

In the evening Nancey did a couple of games of her now famous card bingo!! I was the first one to shout, when to my dismay i got the ace of spades mixed up with the 8 of spades (sounded like the right one to me) second game was even better with the light fading fast. (see picture)

Sunday morning, more sunshine and a gathering for the coffee and raffle, which raised £50.01 (thanks Nancey) a fond Farwell and safe journey to all.

**Ian Jan & Teddy**

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**KINETON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB RALLY 25TH TO 28TH AUGUST**

We were the first arrivals to the rally and were made very welcome by Bill and Linda Cooper who greeted us with a much welcome cup of coffee and biscuits, after our long journey to the rally site from Somerset where we now live.  We left home early in case the traffic was bad being a bank holiday, luckily, we had no problems with traffic or the weather which was kind to us.  Saturday morning the sun was shining and we thought we were going to be luck with the weather, after breakfast we decided to walk into Kineton for a bit of shopping at the local Coop, other campers caught the bus to Stratford-Upon-Avon.  We were wrong come lunch time the heavens opened and we even had hail stones. There was going to be a game and afternoon tea with our stewards, but the weather had other ideas, we ended up under Linda and Bills awning or with umbrellas eating cake and drinking tea/coffee.  Saturday night the clubhouse had entertainment, which a number of us went to and thoroughly enjoyed.  Sunday the weather was the same as on Saturday, and Linda and Bill decided to hold coffee morning in the afternoon as they realised that some units would want to leave early on the Monday to avoid the weekend traffic. We had a very successful raffle, and Linda advised us of future East Midlands rallies.

***Ted & Brenda***

**BRIXHAM THS 9th TO 27th JULY**

Bill and i arrived at Brixham Rugby Club to open our THS, we had two new stewards to help and it was there first experience of stewarding, they loved it from start Ted and Brenda quickly got into the stewards job's. Ted was the work experience boy just 87 years young, Brenda took the booking in and the finance while Bill and myself sited.

We worked well together and loved it so much they have asked if the can help next year. {Ed - Brixham RFC Booked for our 2024 THS}

Ted said he thinks that he has progressed to be an apprentice now.

We had to leave early because of a family commitment and they finished the last few days on their own. Thank you Ted and Brenda.

We will put out names down for next year THS.

***Bill And Linda***

This was the first time, we had ever assisted with stewarding a THS or come to that a weekend meet!!

We arrived at Brixham on the Saturday afternoon and met up with Linda and Bill who were the main Stewards of the THS, they told us what our duties were going to be. Sunday came and we helped mark up pitches, when the site opened at 1pm we had a sudden influx of motorhomes and caravans.

The Rugby Club at Brixham allowed us 35 units on site and attendance was good, the Rugby club was ideal a licenced bar on site selling a very good selection of beer (Ed - any black sheep bitter?) wines and spirits at a very favourable price, also had the convenience of showers and toilets, which we must say were very well kept. The weather although not as hot as the  previous year, didn't stop any members from getting out and about.

*T****ed & Brenda***

**LITTLE STRYNE 16th TO 18th JUNE**

We arrived around 1ish to be welcomed by Ged, who sited us along side the river on electric.

Soon others arrived and the field soon filled up.

The weather was kind to us with a little breeze but i think Nancy and Tony thought it was a bit bigger !!! But eventually the shelter was up and peg down safely.  Doug went off to the village on his electric bike, on what is becoming a regular errand to the local fish and chip shop.

In the evening Nancy did her famous card bingo with her reet northern accent it was a great laugh a minute.

Big thanks to stewards Ged and the girls we hope to be returning to Little Stryne again.

**Ian Jan & Teddy**