



EAST WARWICKSHIRE CENTRE

RALLIER'S HANDBOOK



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The intent of this booklet is to provide the annually repeated content previously found in your Rally Book. This will allow us to reduce the size of the Rally Book as it will only contain rally information and other details which must be refreshed each year. A smaller Rally Book will cost less to produce and will reduce postage costs too.

This new Rallier's Handbook will not be replaced annually, but perhaps every four to six years. Every Centre member is eligible to have one, and it can be collected from Committee members on attending their first rally of the year. It is also available to view on the Centre web site.

You will notice that some items have not been printed in either book. Some of these can be found on the EWCC website which can then be printed at home, or you can ask a Committee member to supply you with certain forms. These include Nomination Forms for Committees, Notification for Friendship & Loyalty Plaques, Suggested New Rally Site and Rally Booking Slips.

Other details not in the books are supplied on loose letters, also supplied with the two books. These include AGM and nomination notices, a quick at-a-glance rally programme & the charity that the Centre will support for the current year.

We hope you will recognise that we are doing everything we can to reduce costs and keep fees as low as we can. In line with this philosophy, this Handbook is produced in-house, so it won't have the professional feel of the Rally Book. Please keep this Handbook safe, as it may be a few years until it is replaced.

The Committee.

East Warwickshire Centre of the Caravan Club

WELCOME TO NEW RALLIERS

Congratulations on joining the Caravan Club and choosing to register with the East Warwickshire Centre.

Now you have your Rallier's Handbook please take a little time to read the regulations under which the Centre operates, (towards the back of this book). Now decide which rally you would like to attend, once decided fill in a Rally Slip found on the website, or from a Committee member, and post it to the rally officer whose name is in the book. Or you may prefer to use online booking. Just search the list of rallies on the web and click on on-line booking. If you have any questions telephone the rally officer. He will answer all your questions about the rally.

On the opening day of the rally follow the directions in the rally book to the venue, when you get close to the venue look for the EWCC rally signs, they are fluorescent pink in colour and have a direction arrow on them and EWCC lettering. When you arrive on the field the first van you see will be the rally officers which will be clearly marked. Here you will pay your rally fees and receive your programme for the weekend. The rally officer or his assistant will then show you to your peg and advise you how to site your van. Please remember you are not forced to join in any of the activities over the weekend. You decide what you want to do.

At the end of the rally there will be 'FLAG' please attend, this is where we thank the Landowner for allowing us the use of his land and the rally officers for all their hard work over the weekend. Also, the members will be told about future events.

As a club we are able to get group bookings at various sites, shows and festivals at a much reduced rate for all members.

So come along, a warm East Warwickshire welcome awaits you and your family.

USEFUL ITEMS TO REMEMBER.

1. A torch especially for arriving in the dark.
2. Blocks and wedges, some sites are on a slope and you will need to level the outfit.
3. A water container and filler pipe for your drinking water.
4. A container (a large empty pop bottle is ideal) to rinse out your toilet away from the drinking water tap.
5. A bag to take your dry waste home.

If you have any trouble there is always someone willing to help you so don't worry. Ralliers are very friendly people, they will always make you feel welcome.

REMEMBER - A RALLY IS WHATEVER YOU WANT IT TO BE.

" There is no better way for the stranger who wishes to know something of England than to spend a fortnight in Warwickshire. It is the core and centre of the English World, Midmost England, unmitigated England"

Henry James.



Polite Notice - Dogs

Your dog is very welcome on all of our rallies – some restrictions may apply depending on the landowner's requirements. Please also remember

1. Not everyone is a dog lover, and some people are genuinely scared of dogs
2. Keep your dog on a lead at all times
3. Use a maximum 10ft lead when your dog is tied up
4. Do not let your dog wander onto other pitches
5. Exercise your dog well away from other vans and don't forget to "Scoop the Poop"

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

POST CODES AND SATELLITE NAVIGATION

In response to a request made at the 2008 AGM, we have provided a post code against as many of the rally venues as possible, bearing in mind that some of our more rural venues can be some way from housing.

If you intend to use the post code in your sat nav system, please be aware of the following:

The Post code is not guaranteed to be that of the Rally location. The Post codes printed have been obtained from www.streetmap.co.uk. The Ordnance Survey Map reference and the printed route are the definitive directions.

Your sat nav does not know that you are towing a caravan, or driving a wide motor home, so the route it provides may not be suitable for your outfit. The East Warwickshire Centre does not accept any responsibility for the accuracy of the post code, the route it provides, or any problems you may have resulting from the use of the code.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Historically, Centres have provided fire extinguishers at rallies (usually to be found by the flagpole or by the Rally Officer's van). It was stated at a past Central Region Council meeting that this was no longer necessary. Caravan Club Headquarters have confirmed that this is the case, and that individual members should be responsible for carrying their own fire extinguisher. The Club handbook issued to all members has always recommended this.

As a consequence, the Centre will no longer include fire extinguishers in the list of equipment required by Rally Officers

You are strongly advised to carry a Fire Extinguisher as part of your personal caravanning equipment, and ensure that you know how to use it.



Do you carry a fire extinguisher ?
Is it easy to get to ?
Do you know how to use it ?
Have you had it checked lately ?

Having Visitors on the Rally Field ?
Please make sure they **report** to the **Rally Officer**.
Also make sure they are aware of the **5 m.p.h. speed limit**.



RALLY PLAQUES

PRESENTATION PLAQUES

Souvenir plaques are presented to ralliers who have attended and collected plaques for the following number of rallies;

100, 200, 250, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 750, 800, 900, etc.

Souvenir Friendship plaques and Loyalty plaques are presented for;

FRIENDSHIP=18 EWCC Rallies + 5 with different centres
LOYALTY = 18 EWCC rallies

The qualifying period for the above plaques is the calendar year.

Please contact a committee member to have your plaques counted at least 3 weeks before the Noggin & Natter. A form confirming that your plaques have been counted can be found on the EWCC website.

SITE FINDERS PLAQUES

A special plaque is awarded to members who have been instrumental in obtaining a new site for a Centre Rally. If you know of a suitable site where the owner is interested in holding a rally on their land, please let the Rally Secretary have as many details as you can.

A form on which you can note details of a new site can be found on the EWCC website. All new sites are entered for the Site of the Year Salver, which is presented to the site finder at the AGM.

Rally Plaque Motifs

Rally Officers – You can now view the motif catalogue online at:

www.eastwarwickshirecentre.co.uk

Click on “Rally Information” and then on “Rally Plaques”.
Then click on the thumbnail for each page
to see the full size image.

Please order your plaques via the Plaque Officer by
6:30 pm on the Monday prior to your rally.

CENTRE HISTORY

THE BIRTH OF THE EAST WARWICKSHIRE CENTRE

The idea for a Centre to cater for Caravan Club members living in the Coventry, Leamington, Rugby and Nuneaton areas was first conceived during a Midland Centre Rally at Lapworth on the 24th May 1964. A number of members from this area were having a Friday night drink at the local inn.

It had long been felt that the Midland Programmes were mainly for the benefit of members living in the South and West of Birmingham, the Midland Centre at this time covering Warwickshire, Staffordshire and Herefordshire.

It was quite normal for Warwickshire members to travel fifty miles to attend a rally. Repeated requests were made to the Committee for rallies to be held in this area but they were not forthcoming and discontent grew.

During that Friday evening while discussing future rallies, the members present decided the time was right to make a more official move. Mr L.B.H. Smith being the spokesman, others present being L. Newman, W. Graham and C. Browett.

Saturday saw very hectic lobbying of other members on the rally field and resulted in a meeting of those interested convening at the Navigation Inn, Rowington at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 26th May. This meeting ended with a unanimous decision to approach Headquarters with a formal request to form a new Centre, to be named **The East Warwickshire Centre**. Mr.C.Browett made the proposal and it was seconded by Mr. F. Smith, 25 members voting for and none against, 14 of the members present offered their services in any capacity required.

A working party was assembled under the leadership of Mr. Smith and the request was put to HQ, and the Midland Centre. HQ showed interest in the idea, as the Midland Centre covered such a large area and with the membership growing they were prepared to give it serious consideration.

It was at a meeting at the Bulls Head, Coventry on the 29th November 1964 after a number of other meetings, some quite heated, that the Club Executive agreed that East Warwickshire members could control their own affairs and that this would take effect from 1st January 1965.

CENTRE CHAIRMEN

1965-66	MR B TASKER
1966-68	MR A W BERRILL
1968-70	MR W A GRAHAM
1970-71	MR H F RUDD
1971-73	MR A S WHEWAY
1973-75	MR R L ARNETT
1975-77	MR J SANDERSON
1977-78	MR F A BUCKBY
1978-81	MR D W STAITE
1981-84	MR R COLLINS
1984-86	MR B E B WILKIE
1986-88	MR D J SMITH
1988-90	MR F W HOUGHTON
1990-92	MRS J M FLINT
1992-94	MR D A BRIGGS
1994-96	MR J E PAGE
1996-98	MR I E TEW
1998-2000	MR D HASLAM
2000-2002	MR M BOWCUTT
2002-2004	MRS J RIGBY
2004-2006	MR P HOLLOWAY
2006-2008	MR PETER HALLAM
2008-2010	MRS JANE BURGOINE
2010-2012	MR STEVE DANE
2012-	MRS M GRIFFITHS

CENTRE VICE CHAIRMEN

1965-66	MR A W BERRILL
1966-68	MR W A GRAHAM
1968-70	MR H F RUDD
1970-71	MR A S WHEWAY
1971-73	MR R L ARNETT
1973-75	MR J GROOM
1975-76	MR J V GARDNER
1976-77	MR F A BUCKBY
1977-78	MR D W STAITE
1978-81	MR R COLLINS
1981-84	MR B E B WILKIE
1984-86	MR D J SMITH
1986-88	MR F W HOUGHTON
1988-90	MRS J M FLINT
1990-91	MR G BIDDLE
1991-92	MR D A BRIGGS
1992-94	MR J E PAGE
1994-95	MR W FLINT
1995-96	MR I E TEW
1996-98	MR D HASLAM
1998-99	MR M BOWCUTT
1999-2000	MR M PEGG
2000-2001	MR P HOLLOWAY
2001-2002	VACANT
2002-2004	MR P HOLLOWAY
2004-2006	MR P HALLAM
2006-2008	MRS JANE BURGOINE
2008-2010	MR STEVE DANE
2010-2012	MRS M GRIFFITHS
2012-	MR R PENNY

JUNIOR CHAIRMEN

1965-66	BOB RUDD	1985-87	PAMELA FRANKLIN
1966-67	STEVE BURN	1987-89	RICHARD FLINT
1967-68	JOHN CHANDLER	1989-90	CLAIRE WHITAKER
1968-69	IAN SPEED	1990-91	LOUISE PERKINS
1969-70	JOHN NEWMAN	1991-92	LISA FROST
1970-71	RICK ALLEN	1992-93	ZOE WHITAKER
1971-72	STUART MANSFIELD	1993-94	RACHEL BATES
1972-73	NIGEL WHEWAY	1994-96	AMY TEW
1973-74	IAN SAVAGE	1996-98	MARIE HOLLOWAY
1974-75	KEVIN SHARPE	1998-2000	SAM PEGG
1975-76	KEITH JACKSON	2000-2001	DANIEL LAWRENCE/ JOHN TOWERS
1976-77	NEIL JACKSON	2001-2003	JOHN TOWERS
1977-78	KEVIN WILKIE	2003-2006	MARK TOWERS
1978-79	MARTYN WILKIE		
1979-80	STEPHEN WALTON	2006-2009	THOMAS GREENE
1980-81	TRACEY ROWNEY		
1981-82	DAVID SHAW / WENDY ROWNEY	2009-2011	ALEX MADELIN
1982-83	DALE HANDLEY	2011-2013	AYRTON SHAW
1983-84	PHILLIP MILLER	2013-	CHLOE EAST
1984-85	JOANNE SMITH		

CENTRE EVENTS

All events organised by the East Warwickshire Centre under the auspices of the Caravan Club Limited are open to Caravan Club Members Only.

Persons attending these events who are not paid-up members of the Caravan Club, do so at their own risk.

It should also be noted that “All persons attending rallies and social events do so entirely at their own risk, no responsibility for persons or property is accepted by the organisers”.

The Committee

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

RALLY BOOKS / RALLIERS'S HANDBOOK

One rally book is issued to Full/Joint Members by the Centre Secretary upon receipt from Caravan Club Headquarters of the Members completed Centre Registration Card. **Please note that Centre membership is for one year only, and must be renewed at the same time as your Club membership.** The letter accompanying your new Club membership card includes a Centre Registration form. Please complete this and return it to Club HQ. You may also renew your Centre membership online – login to www.caravanclub.co.uk and follow the instructions

Additional Rally Books may be purchased from the Centre Secretary – cost £1.00 each if collected at a rally, or £1.80 if posted.

Hon. Secretary

PROXY CARDS

Annual Members Meeting

Proxy cards are included in the October issue of the Caravan Club Magazine. Please ensure that your signed card is posted back to Club HQ at least one week before the AMM. You are free to nominate any person who will be at the AMM as your proxy. There will be at least one delegate from the centre, and they will be pleased to act on your behalf. Please do not ignore this card

Hon. Secretary

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Your membership card from Caravan Club Headquarters is your only proof of membership. Please carry your card at all times. Membership checks may be held during the year.

Hon. Secretary

CENTRE TROPHIES

The Centre possesses the following trophies which can be competed for annually. Contact the Committee if you would like to hold a suitable competition on your rally.

Competitions – Track Events and Crafts

Rover Trophy
Rugby Autocar Ladies Trophy
Novice Trophy
Summertown Trophy
Jeff and Elvis Groom 4 x 4 Trophy
Camping and Caravanning Weekly Trophy
Heleter Trophy – Best Visitor
Marviner Siddenton Trophy
Reg Morgan Trophy
Heleter Cup
Heleter Competition Trophy

Fishing

John Richardson Junior Cup
Len Holmes Trophy
Fred Houghton Trophy
Dapper Bowl (Aggregate)

Cycling – The Haslam Trophy

Girls
Boys
Overall Champion

Photography and Other Events

Bowmar Trophy
Horace Hooper Conker Championship Shield
Les Henton Chef of the Year Shield
Dennis Jackson Site of the Year Salver
Wally Graham Rallier of the Year Trophy
Bill Flint Darts Shield
Worm Charming Trophy
Ladies Welly Wanging
Men's Welly Wanging
Boules Trophy

RULES AND INFORMATION FOR RALLIES

1. At all East Warwickshire rallies the authority for the conduct of the rally shall be vested with the Rally Officer or his or her appointed deputy. In the event of a member breaking these rules or any other rules in force at the time, the Rally Officer shall fully investigate the matter and shall be authorised to TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION and may request such member to remove his outfit from the site, if deemed necessary, after consultation with the Committee person(s) present. A full report will be prepared by the Rally Officer and given to the Committee for such action to be taken as deemed necessary.
2. Each member must report to the Rally Officer on arrival at the site with his outfit before pitching, members will pay site fees and all monies due, a member must be prepared to produce his membership card if requested. All centre rallies commence at 5.00pm. on Friday unless stated otherwise. **Please do NOT arrive before the stated opening time.** All caravans to be sited on the Rally Officers directions. Each caravan must be placed on the pitch as instructed by the Rally Officer. A distance of not less than 25ft (where space permits) should be allowed between one unit and the next, taking into consideration persons wishing to erect awnings. The towing vehicle should wherever possible be placed on the offside of the caravan. It is acceptable for caravans fitted with a door on the offside to be parked with the 'A' frame pointing in to opposite direction to the caravans parked on either side. In these cases the rear nearside corner of the caravan should be on the peg.
3. All East Warwickshire rallies carry an administration fee, anyone booking into a rally and not arriving will be expected to pay the current admin. fee plus any expenses incurred on your behalf (newspapers, plaque, etc.) Current Admin (2013): £2.50 for Rallies of two nights duration, £1.25 per night for Rallies of 3 nights or longer duration. This will be collected by the Dues Officer. For weekend or Bank Holiday rallies the fee will not be levied if you cancel your reservation no later than the Monday prior to the rally. For rallies where a deposit is required, this is non returnable and includes the Administration fee. Where in the unforeseen event of a rally being cancelled only members who have sent in the official rally slip by the specified date will be notified of cancellation and informed of the alternative arrangements.
4. At 'drive on and site' rallies the reservation of pitches will not be permitted. At normal weekend rallies of 2 nights the reservation of pitches is limited to one pitch which must be adjacent to the member reserving the pitch. If site conditions/layout allow, the Rally Officer may relax the one pitch rule at his absolute discretion. On Holiday

rallies of 3 nights or more the reserving of pitches may be allowed at the discretion of the Rally Officer and also assuming site conditions/ layout allow. The above rules do not apply to Rally Officers requiring pitches for assistants, or to certain Committee run rallies when it is necessary for the Committee to be sited adjacent to each other e.g. AGM where the entertaining of official guests may be necessary.

5. Members must provide their own toilets and must empty the contents into the Pit or disposal point provided; it must not be charged or rinsed directly from the drinking water tap. Waste water must be collected into a receptacle which does not leak or overflow. Normally disposal will be along a hedgerow. The disposal point must not be used for wet or dry kitchen refuse including tins and bottles etc. Members are asked to make their own provision for disposal.
6. The speed limit on the rally is **5 m.p.h.** walking pace, only fully licensed drivers are allowed to drive vehicles on the site.
7. Dogs must be kept on their leads and under control at all times, the lead must not exceed **10 ft** in length and when tethered in the proximity of the caravan should be shorter if it would inconvenience the rightful passage of anyone who has cause to be within the stated 10 ft. Owners of pets are asked to prevent them from fouling the ground in the vicinity of the caravans.
8. Members must ensure that their children do not trespass or damage the site owners or adjoining property. Parental control must be exercised over children at social events and on the Rally Field. In view of the possible danger to caravans and cars the flying of kites, model aircraft and other aerial objects (e.g. Frisbees), the playing of all types of ball games (other than in the designated area) the use of guns, air pistols, catapults, bows and arrows are strictly prohibited. All cycling is prohibited within and around the caravans. On some designated rallies cycling anywhere on the rally field will be prohibited for safety reasons.
9. Small tents whose total floor area is less than 32 square feet and with a height which does not restrict other ralliers view may be allowed at the absolute discretion of the Rally Officer. They must be sited wherever possible at the rear of the caravan. Where this is not possible they may be sited in a position determined by the Rally Officer. Sleeping in a motor vehicle other than motor caravans is strictly forbidden.
10. Always carry levelling blocks, a fire extinguisher, a first aid kit and sufficient water for immediate needs.
11. When the rally field becomes too wet, restriction flags may be used by the Rally Officer, the Yellow Flag will indicate you may only move with the Rally Officer's permission, the Yellow and Red Flag flown below the Yellow Flag indicates a total ban on movement of all vehicles. Should it be necessary to use a 4-wheel drive for movement of cars and caravans, motor caravans, the Club, Centre Rally Officers, owner

or driver will not accept any responsibility for any damage which may occur. A donation towards the cost of fuel of £1 a tow should be made directly to the vehicle driver.

12. The use of proprietary mobile electrical generators is allowed on East Warwickshire rallies providing they do not interfere with other rallies right to peace and quiet. This is in accordance with section 12 of the Club Site Rules, Sites Directory and Handbook, they must not be used between 6.00 p.m. and 8 a.m. Members are reminded that noise travels at night, and are therefore asked to avoid unnecessary noise after 11.00 p.m. which could disturb their neighbours or other ralliers.
13. Sunday papers will only be supplied at the Rally Officer's discretion, except between Bonfire and Easter rallies. Please state your requirements on your 'Booking in' slip. All booking slips must be with the Rally Officer by first post on Monday preceding the rally. Along with any monies that may be required, consideration must be given when 'booking in' to special rallies. All cheques and postal orders must be made payable to "East Warwickshire Centre, The Caravan Club" or E.W.C.C.
14. If you invite a visitor to the rally, please advise them to report to the Rally Officer upon arrival, stating whom they wish to visit and the member is asked to inform the Rally Officer of the impending visitors.
15. The good name of The Caravan Club will be upheld at all times, which includes the keeping of the Caravan Code, Country Code and the Coastal Code by every member keeping his pitch clean and free from litter and unnecessary items of equipment, and maintaining the orderly appearance of the site.



**SAVE YOURSELF THE HASSLE!
LET THE JUNIOR COMMITTEE FILL
YOUR AQUAROLL!
AND IT WILL ONLY COST 50 P!**



**JUST ASK ANY JUNIOR COMMITTEE MEMBER
ALL PROCEEDS TO JUNIOR FUNDS**

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