

Henley on Thames
6th – 10th April 2007

Easter

With Sat nav installed we were ready to leave, even though Nick knew the way we were heading (ish). We ignored the instruction to go down the M69, it reset itself. Anyway to cut a long story short we didn't take the instruction for the A4155 either, because in the rally book it said the A4115, we kept going and headed off towards WALES! Thank God we've got mobile phones – Paul Bushell came to the rescue and told us to turn back. Lisa was a star, as we pulled onto our peg we were greeted with a nice cup of tea, although I was ready for something a bit stronger. The site was a little bit wonky but after a bit of shunting onto some blocks we were level but also about 6 inches in the air.

Friday night with Tea and Coffee, and a chance to meet up with everyone on the rally, including a gang from N&R, (it was nice to catch up with them as we only normally meet on the sports rallies). I didn't get chance to do the FNQ as I was too busy talking.

Thanks to Hannah, Chloe and Jessica for taking charge of the Tuck Shop.

Saturday morning we were up early as the marshals had arranged a boat trip down the Thames. This is about the nearest we will get to the new fad of our fellow ralliers of going on a cruise.

We went for a nice stroll around Henley and found a nice park for the children to play, it was then back to the van for a restful afternoon and Barbie in the evening.

Sunday we decided to go for a walk into Henley from the site, taking a leisurely walk down the river and taking the children out for lunch (bag of chips by the river followed by ice-cream on the park). We met up with a few ralliers from the site as they were doing the same, Roy burnt off a few more calories than everyone else as he was pushing Sheila around in the wheelchair after her op on her foot. (I know how that feels after our holiday in France last year). Another lazy afternoon and evening, the steak on the Barbie was cooked to perfection but don't tell Nick 'cos he will start to think he is Anthony Worrall Thompson, well only in the sense of fetch me this and fetch me that while I sit here and turn the sausages, and drink my beer!

Flag was on Monday and Billie gave the Charity fund a boost with one of her raffles.

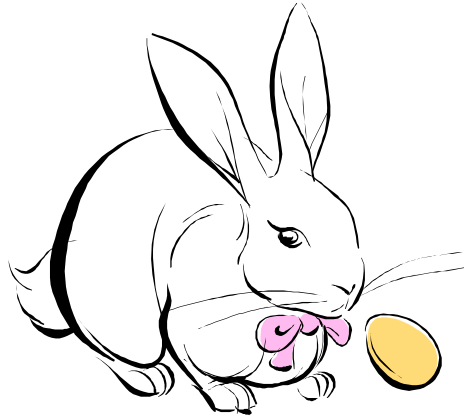
All in all a relaxing weekend for us but I know there were a few ralliers who went off into London, which they all seemed to enjoy.

A great site location, well done to Krysta and Martyn who found it!

Thanks to Pete and Jenny on their first rally as marshals, and although they are Leicestershire members probably on the nearest venue to where they live.

Thanks also to John and Jenny (Dad and Mum) who had to travel the same distance as the rest of us.

The weather was good the rest was great and the company superb, (a good recipe for a great weekend).



Jude

As for the group from N&R, we look forward to seeing you at the National and Inter Centre.

Stanford Hall
13th – 15th April 2007

After a quick turn round of the caravan, (we didn't get home from Henley 'till Tuesday evening) but that was not a problem as all the kids helped out with the emptying, cleaning and re-packing of the caravan as they were on holiday from school. No **NOT** really that was just a dream!!!

We arrived at Stanford around lunchtime as 'THE LEG' is having problems again and he had to go for yet another hospital appointment.

The weather had been very kind to us over the Easter break and the weather forecast for this weekend was also good. 19 degrees C they said for Friday, I wasn't convinced, as I never took my jacket off all day.

The site was quite and secluded and we soon got our legs down – so to speak!

The marshals for the weekend were Paul and Carole Nealon with Sinead and Sean, they were single handed for the weekend as Andy and Irene Murtha had to back out due to illness. But not to worry Paul and Carole had the help of two superb assistants, Sinead and Sean! (Look out for these two on the Teenage Committee in the coming years)

25 vans arrived Tea, Coffee and even chocolate biscuits were provided on Friday evening with a bit of a shaky FNQ, Judy Barber had a bit of a brain storm when she came along with cones and a tub of ice-cream for the children – they were quite impressed with this even though they were small, but we can make a little go along way!!

Julie Gray took charge of the Bonus Ball, donation to CCP.

Saturday I cantered round the rally field at a slow pace with the sweep stake for the Grand National.

Paul and Carole took us for a gentle stroll around the countryside, with a nice stop off for watering and a nose bag if required, the kids played on the park in the Chequers PH, the weather gave what it had promised and we had a brilliant hour or so to enjoy it all.

Mid afternoon Paul and Carole organised an Easter Egg hunt with a twist for the children – everyone a winner!!!!

The Bar-b-ques were out and it was nice to see people mingling around the site just chatting and having a laugh. But then the laughing stopped!!!!

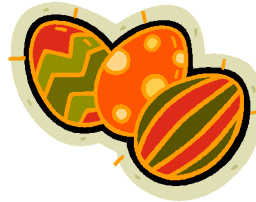
Saturday night we were to have caravan quizzes in the caravan – hum that was fun!

As you walked around there seemed to be a bit of head scratching and the marshals certainly made us think.

Sunday certainly lived up to its name the weather was beautiful and we went down to flag, our thanks were given to the marshals – and – **we won the competition.**

Not that we would gloat but it's rare in fact more rare than a live cow.

Our thanks to Paul, Carole, Sinead and Sean for a cracking weekend to round of the Easter Holiday - well done!!



Jude and 'the leg'

WOMAN'S POEM

Before I lay me down to sleep,
I pray for a man, who's not a creep,
One who's handsome, smart and strong?
One who loves to listen long?
One who thinks before he speaks?
One who'll call, not wait for weeks.
I pray he's gainfully employed,
When I spend his cash, won't be annoyed.
Pulls out my chair and opens my door,
Massages my back and begs to do more.
Oh! Send me a man, who'll make love to my mind,
Knows what to answer! to "how big is my behind?"
I pray that this man will love me to no end,
And always be my very best friend.

MAN'S POEM

I pray for a deaf-mute nymphomaniac with huge boobs who owns a pub and a golf course. This doesn't rhyme and I don't give a sh*t.

A woman was very distraught at the fact that she had not had a date or any sex for over 5 years. She was afraid she might have something wrong with her, so she decided to seek the medical expertise of the well-known Chinese sex therapist, Dr. Chang.

Upon entering the examination room, Dr. Chang said, "OK, take off all your crose." The woman did as she was told.

"Now get down and crawl reery, reery fass to odderside of room."

Again, the woman did as she was instructed. Dr. Chang then said, "OK, now crawl reery, reery fass back to me."

As she did, Dr. Chang shook his head slowly. "Your problem vewy bad. You haf Ed Zachary Diseaz. Worse cas I ever see. Dat why you not haf sex or dates."

The woman asked anxiously, "Oh my God, Dr. Chang, What is Ed Zachary Disease?"

Dr. Chang sighed deeply and replied: "Ed Zachary Disease is when your face look Ed Zachary like your ass."

A young man named Gordon bought a donkey from an old farmer for £100.00. The farmer agreed to deliver the donkey the next day, but when the farmer drove up he said, "Sorry son, but I have some bad news... the donkey is on my truck, but unfortunately he's dead. Gordon replied, "Well then, just give me my money back."

The farmer said, "I can't do that, because I've spent it already. Gordon said, "OK then, well just unload the donkey anyway. The farmer asked, "What are you going to do with him?" Gordon answered, "I'm going to raffle him off."

To which the farmer exclaimed, "Surely you can't raffle off a dead donkey!"

But Gordon, with a wicked smile on his face said, "Of course I can, you watch me. I just won't bother to tell anybody that he's dead." A month later the farmer met up with Gordon and asked, "What happened with that dead donkey?"

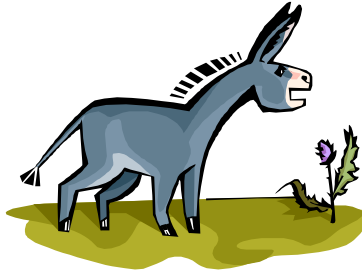
Gordon said, "I raffled him off, sold 500 tickets at two pounds a piece, and made a huge, fat profit!!"

Totally amazed, the farmer asked, "Didn't anyone complain that you had stolen their money because you lied about the donkey being dead?"

To which Gordon replied, "The only guy who found out about the donkey being dead was the raffle winner when he came to claim his prize. So I gave him his £2 raffle ticket money back plus an extra £200, which as you know is double the going rate for a donkey, so he thought I was great guy!!"

Gordon grew up and eventually became the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and no matter how many times he lied, or how much money he stole from the British voters, as long as he gave them back some of the stolen money, most of them, unfortunately, still thought he was a great guy.

The moral of this story is that, if you think Gordon is about to play fair and do something for the everyday people of the country for once in his miserable, lying life, think again my friend, because you'll be better off flogging a dead donkey.



Donnington Park Farmhouse **20 – 22 April 2007**

Warm sunshine welcomed us to the rally which is a good start to any weekend. I was one of the first to arrive and after a few minutes new ralliers Gary and Pat McCabe arrived and were introduced by Sharon. The comparative new ralliers Mart and Jan were next all were introduced and sat around all afternoon with cups of tea and a few be vies. The new ralliers saying they liked the style. Vans arrived steadily during the afternoon and evening.

8pm Corro over and it was time for tea biscuits and cakes with the marshals. The usual FNQ was on the Donington theme. Questions from the motor cycle written test and later it was announced that everyone had passed except one who 'BLEWITT'

There was an opportunity to try your skills on the race track and most ralliers did to the accompaniment or otherwise from the onlookers. It is a good job it was only on a screen as some were much more successful than others, with Jim Gray winning the men's race and the fastest girl on two wheels was Chris Goddard. A game boy was set up for the children to have a go. Most people were wakened quite early as the planes started flying out at about 5am, now we understand what the locals complain about.

Saturday morning brought a photo shoot. Ralliers were able to have photos taken sitting on a motor cycle with all the money going to the charity. The photographers were kept busy shooting people in different poses and guises.

Saturday afternoon brought a visit to the Donington Museum and after some skilful negotiations by the marshals we all got in for half price. It was amazing at not only the number of cars and motor cycles but production cars and cycles (Penny Farthing) dating back well over a century. Also there were engines in sections, memorabilia and photographs of all the old time drivers. Everyone was well impressed by the exhibition. Ralliers who took their quiz sheets with them should have completed it from the information in the museum.

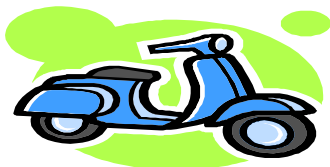
Saturday evening brought flag early so as to enable the ralliers to all their money at the Sunday market. The Vice Chairman welcomed the new ralliers Phillip and Mrs Pye and Gary and Pat McCabe. Then visitors Gordon and Wendy Fowler and Dick Staley from Notts, Carl and Faye Brown from South Staffs it was their first ever rally. Pat and Gary were saying they had enjoyed the weekend and would certainly rally again.

After flag it was down to the serious business of Grand Prix racing. The pits were set up and the tote opened for people to bet on their favourite riders with any profits going to charity. A bonus ball was organised by Julie Gray again money going to charity. A dance mat was set up for the children. The evening rounded off by music being played as ralliers sat round drinking and chatting about past rallies as there were one or two who had not been out for a while. Newspapers were delivered by the marshals both days which was very much appreciated.

Sunday morning was market time. Most ralliers went to it and a lot of banter went on as ralliers met one another round the stalls. All appeared to be buying plenty.

Then it was time to pack up and vans drifted away. Another enjoyable rally! Thanks, to the marshals Dave and Sharon and there assistants Mandy and Paul.

Thank you



Graham

Bitteswell
11th – 13th May 2007

The weekend started with the usual Friday night tea and coffee get together. There was a great turnout and the atmosphere was buzzing particularly when it came to the Friday Night Quickie of guessing the weight of Alan's balls!!

The rain clouds kept away on Saturday for all the planned outdoor activities. The sports practices took place in the morning and it was great to see the young and not so young out playing volleyball, football and netball in preparation for the National. There was also a lawn darts competition taking place throughout the weekend which was a very enjoyable first time experience!

The weather kept fine for the children's sports which was well supported followed by coffee, tea and a delicious selection of fresh cream cakes – naughty but nice! All those calories were then burnt off with more sports practice and also the motor sports which seemed to take off really well.

As evening fell it was time to head to the party tent armed with booze and nibbles for the family social. It was a great night with a couple of games (one of which I won!) to start the evening followed by a quiz. Spirits were high and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

All in all a great weekend and lovely to see so many of us from the past Teenage Committee back in the 80's to chat about the good times! (oh and the old photos which we had a good laugh about!!)

Lisa Bushell



Woodhouse Eaves

18th – 20th May 2007

Any field will do!

We arrived at Woodhouse Eaves on Thursday evening as our car was going in for service on Friday. The entrance to the field was a nightmare – mud, mud, glorious mud that we just slid sideways through. It was not a case of site the van, more a case of abandon it wherever you can. So we did and went home until the rally started.

We returned on Friday to find a fair few people had arrived, and the skaters waltz had been made less dangerous by the farmer's generous application of hay. Altogether, seventeen caravans made it to the rally.

It was really great to have the party tents available on Friday night, as it gave us a social on Friday too. What a friendly crowd – we sat and nattered over a glass of wine, after the tea and coffee had finished of course. The FNQ was a bit difficult, but it was fun trying to guess just what was in the jars. What a shame no-one was brave enough to hand in their guesses.

Saturday was beautiful – warm and sunny. A walk to the pub was advertised, and we agreed to take the car to pick up any stragglers and to help anyone who was struggling to get back home. We arrived a little before the leaders, with Kath and Jan hiding in the back seat. Sorry, Mart we didn't expect you to walk all that way back looking for your wife. Still hopefully the beer made up for the exercise.

The theme of the weekend was Gypsies. Well you have never seen so many shady types as we had on the Social on Saturday. "Robin Ray and Soothsayer Sue" had to wait until there was no traffic around before leaving their campervan – just in case someone thought they were stealing from it.

The evening saw us all taking part in various pub sports, ranging from darts to connect four. By the end of the night, John had got the barbeque nice and warm, so it was used as a camp fire instead.

Thanks John, Kath, Dave and Jackie for making a great weekend, pity about the field though.

Sharon Eason



Woodhouse Eaves
18th – 20th May 2007

We set off on Friday morning to help erect the party tents for the third week in a row, but hey presto they were already up – thanks to the earlier arrivals.

Our levelling blocks were soon put to use and we spent the weekend on 'hire purchase'. This is a proper old rally field, complete with dodgy entrance, bumpy farm track and rough grass. However the views and local walks make it really worth another visit. The Friday night coffee social turned into a discussion about Dick Barton and other radio programmes – glad I'm not the only Archers fan.

The Saturday morning ramble led us nicely to the local pub, where fortunately a sudden shower brought a second round of drinks. Over the years we have amassed bags of fancy dress, but how come when we needed it we realised it was still in the attic at home. There was a wonderful turnout of gypsy costumes on Saturday night and we felt quite out of it being dressed normally. I should have gazed into my crystal ball before setting out. The judges had a difficult time picking the best, but in the end Sue and Martyn were the winners.

We have never actually played dominoes with 9's and it was quite an experience especially as players were changing in the middle of a game as it was their turn to play Connect 4 or darts. How come Brian and Sue managed to win every time? Did Sue use her gypsy magic to see the other player's hands?

A BIG thanks to John and Kath, Dave and Jackie for stepping in at the last minute when the original marshals pulled out. It was a really relaxing, friendly rally and we are sure that everyone who went will agree.



Judy and Alan

Moreton – in – Marsh
4th – 7th May 2007

We arrived mid-morning on Friday to be greeted by the marshal Andy Haigh, who looked the worst for wear. He said he would relay the story later. What a beautiful flat field with lovely views. After getting our legs down and caravan set up we had a relaxing afternoon catching up with friends.

Friday evening the usual get together for Tea, Coffee and biscuits. F-N-Q, and a natter with friends, old and new. John Weale provided the music which went down well, and Andy told his story: - It seemed that on our behalf he got himself into a scrape, in more ways than one. Fortunately Alan was there to help him out of what could have been very nasty indeed. Luckily he was not seriously hurt.

Saturday morning we woke to a touch chilly but fine day, most ralliers went off to do the 'Treasure Hunt', we went with Pauline and Ken, but lost the plot when we could not find the correct water feature. We enjoyed finding the points of interest in the town, and our own water feature (a coffee). Saturday afternoon saw us sitting and relaxing in the sunshine trying to complete the competition 'The Cotswold Attractions' – we enjoyed that very much! The bar-b-ques were out in force, lots of folk enjoying eating outside, thank you Martyn for quietly singing and playing the guitar. A 'Skattle' match was held on Saturday evening – which was good FUN! Followed by 'Bacon Butties,' which went down a treat!

Sunday was a lovely day, at 10.30 we gathered together for a walk with Alan. Approx 30 of us set off and part way we saw in the distance an impressive property with a green onion shaped dome on the top, Alan mentioned that it was built after the owner saw Brighton Pavilion. We had to pass through a field with a Bull (BIG FELLOW) and cows we kept our distance, as the bull was very amorous towards one of the cows, I for one was pleased when I was over the style into the next field. Thank you guys for waiting until all the ladies were safely through **all** the gates. We stopped for liquid refreshments at a pub in Broughton on the Hill, very welcome cold drinks in the garden. A quick stop and it was time to continue, I struggled towards the end of the walk – that's down to getting older! Thank you Dylan for your company – I was at the back and it was your chatting that kept me going.

In the afternoon lots of folk went off to try and finish the Treasure Hunt, and in the evening we all gathered in the party tents for a quiz night, a good evening was had by all.

Monday – Flag and the usual competition results, rally news and thanks to the marshals. The raffle raised £92 for the Chairman's Charity, the rally closed on Monday.

Ten Vans stayed another night; four of us went out for a meal in Moreton which rounded the week end off nicely. We had breakfast in the farmhouse on site on Tuesday then set off to the market to find some bargains (which we did).

Thank you Jackie and Andy, Judy and Alan for an excellent Bank Holiday week-end, we know a lot of planning and work goes into making it all come together.

Well done!!!

Pauline

Look out for next years rally book!

Maybe the competition on the next Haigh/Barber Rally will be

DYKE JUMPING or BOGG SNORKLING



Although maybe under the influence of the amber nectar Andy found a new past-time



And this only occurred because the marshals went out to find out if all the clues for the Treasure hunt were still there as they had prepared it a few months earlier.

The new motto must be 'Please have a wee before leaving the pub'

Sports Talk

Bitteswell – Firstly I must thank all parents and grandparents for bringing the children to the rally, Saturday morning the football, netball and volleyball pitches were set out and it wasn't long before the children wanted to get some teams together. The marshals had also got into the flow of the sports theme and put on a lawn darts tournament, so it seemed that things were going off everywhere, in the afternoon the children's sports took place and out of 27 races we had runners in 23 of them. Unfortunately the weather changed on Sunday so we were unable to continue with the sports practices for the teams going to the national. Martyn had fetched the motor sports caravan over for practise for the Inter Centre although we would not be actually entering a team due to the distance and Martyn having to make 6 journeys up to Epworth and back. Quite a few people had a go at the manoeuvring that took place after the children's sports which provided some more entertainment for onlookers. Again I must apologise to everyone for the plaque situation.

National – This is the job that on this particular rally I can not do single handed and I would like to thank my assistant Martyn Stevenson, and Team Managers Paul Ottey (Football), Bev Howell (Netball) and Paul Bushell (Volleyball) for all their help. Without them being Sports Officer would be a very difficult job not only organising the teams and being with them while they are playing but also keeping record of their achievements. My thanks now must go to everyone who entered in the teams, and to those who were there to support our Leicestershire Teams.

Lawn Darts – Arthur Goddard, Liz Garnham, Jessica Rosen and Jack Pegg

Petanque – Martin Garnham, Andy Haigh, Kev and Sharon Taylor

Junior Cycling – Alex Goode

Pub Darts – Alastair Lomax and Anne Knott

Netball (Ladies) – Jenny Lewendon, Sharon Taylor, Bev Howell, Steph Hodson, Jackie Brand, Louise Davis, Lynn Adcock, Louise York, Lisa Bushell.

Netball (under 16's) - Megan Howell, Jodie Rosen, Hannah Bushell, Louise Durham, Kirsty Ottey, Jodie Davis, Jayde Rosen, Abbie York, Jessica Rosen, Charlotte Wright, Chloe Wright.

Harris and Barrett Cup (Driving) – Nick Barber and Martyn Stevenson

5 A-Side Football under 15's – Jacob Hibbert, Sam Howell, Elliot York, Dylan Beadman, Josh Wills, Ryan Davis, Simon Lamming, Richard Lamming.

5 A-Side Football under 19's – Callum Ottey, Mark Simpson, Ashley Davis, Ross Crane, Ben Wheatley, Chris Baker.

Volleyball (Open) – Paul Bushell, Andy Howell, Phil Hodson, Ashley Davis, Ross Crane, Pete Sutton, Nick Barber, Stu Crane, Roy Wills, Paul Wills.

Volleyball (Ladies) – Lisa Bushell, Louise York, Krysta Stevenson, Rosie Gwynne, Jude Rosen, Andrea Barber, Nicky Wills, Jayde Rosen.

Top Centre Quiz – Andy Haigh, Sharon Taylor, Jenny Lewendon, Lily Parrington

Lost to North Yorkshire in the final

Photographic - Tony and Gina Hooper, Andy and Jackie Haigh

Baking – Mandy and Kirsty Ottey, Simon and Richard Lamming, Gina Hooper, Alex Goode.

Relay Races (4 x 100 m) – Jodie Davis, Jacob Hibbert, Sam Howell, Megan Howell.

2nd in Final

(2 x 220 m & 2 x 100 m) – Ross Crane, Kirsty Ottey, Louise Durham, Jack Pegg.

Children Sports - Joe Barber – 6th in final, Kerys Stevenson, Eryn Stevenson, Megan Bushell – 3rd in final, Izzy Lanning, Alex Goode, Sean Nealon – 4th in final, Ryan Davis, James Hibbert, Elliot York – 3rd in final, Sam Howell – 2nd in final, Abbie York – 3rd in final, Sinead Nealon, Hannah Bushell, Simon Lamming, Jacob Hibbert – 3rd in final, Louise Durham, Jodie Davis – 4th in final, Megan Howell – 3rd in final, Kirsty Ottey – 1st in final.

2nd in the over all races

Fun Run – Paul Nealon 14th, Elliot York 18th, Ross Crane 21st, Ryan Davis 50th, Jodie Davis 63rd, Abbie York 83rd, Sinead Nealon 93rd, Carole Nealon 144th, Hannah Bushell 189th. 244 Runners in all

Well done to everyone – You are the Leicestershire Centre!

Only men would be so greedy!!

A woman and a man are involved in a car accident; it's a bad one. Both of their cars are totally demolished but amazingly neither of them is hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the woman says, "So you're a man. That's interesting. I'm a woman. Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but we're unharmed. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace for the rest of our days".

Flattered, the man replies, "Oh yes, I agree with you completely, this must be a sign from God!"

The woman continues, "And look at this, here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished but this bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune." Then she hands the bottle to the man. The man nods his head in agreement, opens it and drinks half the bottle and then hands it back to the woman. The woman takes the bottle and immediately puts the cap back on, and hands it back to the man.

The man asks, "Aren't you having any?" The woman replies, "No. I think I'll just wait for the police...."

MORAL OF THE STORY: Women are clever, evil witches. Don't mess with them.

Women's Issues

PREGNANCY Q & A (& more!)

Q: Should I have a baby after 35?

A: No, 35 children is enough.

Q: I'm two months pregnant now. When will my baby move?

A: With any luck, right after he finishes college.

Q: What is the most reliable method to determine a baby's sex?

A: Childbirth.

Q: My wife is five months pregnant and so moody that sometimes she's borderline irrational.

A: So what's your question?

Q: My childbirth instructor says it's not pain I'll feel during labour, but pressure. Is she right?

A: Yes, in the same way that a tornado might be called an air current...

Q: When is the best time to get an epidural?

A: Right after you find out you're pregnant.

Q: Is there any reason I have to be in the delivery room while my wife is in labour?

A: Not unless the word "alimony" means anything to you.

Q: Is there anything I should avoid while recovering from childbirth?

A: Yes, pregnancy.

Q: Do I have to have a baby shower?

A: Not if you change the baby's diaper very quickly.

Q: Our baby was born last week. When will my wife begin to feel and act normal again?

A: When the kids are in college.

"ESTROGEN ISSUES"

10 WAYS TO KNOW IF YOU HAVE

"ESTROGEN ISSUES"

- 1. Everyone around you has an attitude problem.**
- 2. You're adding chocolate chips to your cheese omelette**
- 3. The dryer has shrunk every last pair of your jeans.**
- 4. Your husband is suddenly agreeing to everything you say.**
- 5. You're using your cellular phone to dial up every bumper sticker that says: "How's my driving-call 1- 800-"**
- 6. Everyone's head looks like an invitation to batting practice.**
- 7. Everyone seems to have just landed here from "outer space."**
- 8. You can't believe they don't make a tampon bigger than Super Plus.**
- 9. You're sure that everyone is scheming to drive you crazy.**
- 10. The ibuprofen bottle is empty and you bought it yesterday.**

TOP TEN THINGS ONLY WOMEN UNDERSTAND

- 10. Cat's facial expressions...**
- 9. The need for the same style of shoes in different colours.**
- 8. Why bean sprouts aren't just weeds.**
- 7. Fat clothes.**
- 6. Taking a car trip without trying to beat your best time.**
- 5. The difference between beige, ecru, cream, off-white, and eggshell.**
- 4. Cutting your bangs to make them grow.**
- 3. Eyelash curlers.**
- 2. The inaccuracy of every bathroom scale ever made.**

AND, the Number One thing only women understand:

- 1. OTHER WOMEN**

Husband Mart

A store that sells husbands has just opened in Ottawa where a woman may go to choose a husband from among many men. The store is comprised of 6 floors, and the men increase in positive attributes as the shopper ascends the flights.

There is, however, a catch. As you open the door to any floor you may choose a man from that floor, but if you go up a floor, you cannot go back down except to exit the building.

So a woman goes to the shopping centre to find a husband.

On the first floor the sign on the door reads: Floor 1 - These men have jobs. The woman reads the sign and says to herself, "Well, that's better than my last boyfriend, but I wonder what's further up?"

So up she goes.

The second floor sign reads: Floor 2 - These men have jobs and love kids.

The woman remarks to herself, "That's great, but I wonder what's further up?" And up she goes again.

The third floor sign reads: Floor 3 - These men have jobs, love kids and are extremely good looking. "Hmmm, better" she says "But I wonder what's upstairs?"

The fourth floor sign reads: Floor 4 - These men have jobs, love kids, are extremely good looking and help with the housework. "Wow!" exclaims the woman, "very tempting. BUT, there must be more further up!" And again she heads up another flight.

The fifth floor sign reads: Floor 5 - These men have jobs, love kids, are extremely good looking, help with the housework and have a strong romantic streak. "Oh, mercy me! But just think... what must be awaiting me further on?"

So up to the sixth floor she goes.

The sixth floor sign reads: Floor 6 - You are visitor 3,456,789,012 to this floor. There are no men on this floor. This floor exists solely as proof that women are impossible to please.

Thank you for shopping Husband Mart and have a nice day.

Chairman's Chat

A quick chairman's chat to-day to thank every-one who entered the sports and other events at this years National enabling us to come 2nd out of 72 centres. A great achievement! Thanks also to Nick for his (and Jude's) work at the National and the Inter Centre where we won the men's volleyball and got runners up in the ladies. More thanks to every-one attending Prestwold Hall this weekend. You know we are after your money and still you come. Enjoy your weekend SPEND! SPEND! SPEND! find some bargains and have some FUN

SHEILA

Inter – Centre Epworth showground **15th – 17th June 2007**

Just before we were ready to hitch up, down came hailstones as big as marbles accompanied with thunder and lightening. So when this finally passed we went on our long journey to North Lincolnshire with our picnic to eat on the way!

What with the weather and journey finally we arrived 3 hours later greeted by our block marshals Pete & Jenny who had driven from home (High Wycombe) Thursday night. When all 8 vans arrived safe and sound, Jude handed everyone their Leics. tops and we enjoyed a night cap to celebrate Krysta and Martyn's new caravan.

The men had their 1st volleyball match at 8.40am, just as the rain decided to arrive, fortunately it only lasted ½ hour and then we were lucky for the rest of the day with the sun shining down on us. With the men winning their 1st match it must have been a good omen for the rest of us for the weekend. It was a busy morning the men continued with another 2 matches, what with Andy's spiking, Pete's scooping, Nick B's serving, Stu's swearing, Ross's superb setting and Nick R's gammy leg they became the **WINNERS** of the men's volleyball! **Well done chaps you were great!**

Mick Gwynne and Martyn with their well polished silver balls played some cracking petanque, unfortunately didn't win but now they know the standard I'm sure we'll see them on future rallies polishing and playing with their balls! **Well done both, you were great!**

Now on to the ladies volleyball, one match in the morning and 2 in the afternoon. The 1st match against Derby's was close at times but us ladies went into overdrive and beat them. The 1st game of the afternoon was against Lincs, unfortunately 2/3rds of the team had been to the reception buffet at lunch, so were full up and had had a couple of wines so being a bit too relaxed Lincs won. Back into overdrive for the last match we all managed to get a lot of serving practice! The 3 matches were enjoyable with Jude's team building, Jodie's deep digs, Krysta's off the net play, Rosey's tennis shots, Andrea's serves, Anita's setting and Leah's subbing, the ladies were the **RUNNERS-UP** of the ladies volleyball! **Well done girlies, you were great!**

Before the children's sports there was time to watch Sam Howell play football with the N & R's. They came **RUNNERS-UP** in the 12-14 years. **Well done Sam you were great!**

The children's sports began late afternoon we were all taking part with Pete, Jenny & Andy being catchers, Nick B playing chairman, Jude playing chairman's wife and Nick R and Andrea in the pen. Everyone else decided to sit in the pen as we only had 6 kids running! Kerys & Eryn were the first to run with Kerys winning **1st** place. Kerys also won the hoops race and came **2nd** in the potato & pail. Joe came **4th** in 2 of his races and **3rd** in the potato & pail. Shaun Slawson and Sam Howell did well coming **2nd** in their races and Megan Howell ran well in the girls race. **Well done kids, you were great!** Next year when we have more vans in attendance, we'll get that Alf Chapman cup back!!

With everyone finished for the day we all returned back to the vans for showers and barbies and a communal demonstration of GHD's!! Later into the night we all huddled around the braziers for a night of reminiscing and giggles! (That was after timing Mr Rosen emptying his toilet!).

Sunday morning, fathers day, but 3 of the fathers were up and gone early to marshal the motor sports. Martyn, Nick & Mick went off with their fluorescent jackets and stopwatches.

1.30pm – Time for flag. With scones, cream & jam provided by Jude for all the vans (yes 8 of us), we don't normally get this treatment! All of us in our pow wow ring listened and mimicked Nick our acting chair! There were even sweets for everyone. Thanks again to Pete & Jenny for coming from High Wycombe to marshal the rally!!

2.30pm was the closing ceremony. With the volleyball teams in centre strip ready to receive their winners plaques, Jude realised we had no pennants to give, so Nick R took down the Leics flag and we presented that. There may not have been many of us but we had the biggest pennant and loudest Oggy! Oggy! Oggy! It was also announced that we had come **4th** in the Bill Peck trophy.

Finally it was time to pack up and go home, it had been a hectic weekend but the 8 vans that went took part in everything they could. It seemed as though we were all one big family everyone supporting each other in everything we did. A big thank you to Nick & Jude for all the sports, Martyn & Krysta for the motor sports, Pete & Jenny for marshalling, all competitors and all supporters (thank you Julia, Bev and Pete C) it made such a memorable Inter-centre.

Nick, Andrea & Joe x

Quorn Lodge
8 – 10th June 2007

Happy birthday to you!

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For those of you who do not read your rally book – guess what?

It was John Jarvis's **60th** birthday this weekend, and we had a brilliant time.

We were rallying at this venue for the first time, and what a lovely site it is too!

We arrived at about 5pm on Friday, it only took us approx 15 mins in the rush hour traffic, the kids wanted to know how far we were going, I said "not far!"

Right next to the train track for the steam trains, which initially we thought would be a bit of a pain, but they stop running at about 7pm. The kids loved it waving to the train drivers and passengers.

Tea and Coffee on Friday night turned out to be quite a social evening everybody having a good laugh at the FNQ which were photographs of regular ralliers as babies, apparently Tony Tyler got a few people guessing and it wasn't him it was Brian Ray!

Saturday some people went off for a walk into Quorn, others into Loughborough to do a bit of shopping. The 4 vans at the bottom of the field, just slobbered in the sunshine.

Martyn nipped home to get the children's bouncy castle which kept them amused all afternoon. Nick B and Krysta had a water fight which was started off with the small kids and ended up with the big ones joining in. No sign of Nick R at this point – he doesn't do water, but don't tell him I told you!

Saturday night Shaz and Dave got out their gear to entertain us for the evening, obviously the marshals had been very busy, when we got to the party tents there was a wonderful buffet. Karaoke was the evening entertainment with a variety of performers, some **very good** (John Weale), some not so good (no names) but we all had a brilliant time, and I think John J did too!

Sunday morning a little overcast compared to Saturday, perhaps that was just as well as a few were suffering with delicate heads – perhaps it was sun stroke from the day before or was it a bad grape Andy!!!

Thanks to our marshals for a brilliant weekend – John, Jill, Arthur and Chris.

Jude