

**The 60th Annual General Meeting of the Caravan and Motorhome Club
Derbyshire Centre took place on Saturday, 2nd October 2021, 14.00 hours
at Uppertown Social Centre, Collumbell Lane, Uppertown,
Ashover, Derbyshire, S45 0JF.**

Notice Convening the Meeting

The Chair (John Strutt) called upon the Secretary (Christine Long), to read the notice convening the meeting.

Chair's Welcome

A warm welcome to you all for attending this meeting of the Derbyshire Centre of the Caravan and Motorhome Club.

With no voting taking place at this meeting due to no motions being submitted or multiple nominations for committee positions, Jo and David Tunnicliffe will be acting as Tellers to verify any members validity to speak at this meeting from the current nominal roll supplied by Head Office.

Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting

The Secretary asked the meeting to accept the minutes; she offered to read them if requested. The offer to read them was declined so they were taken as read as a true reflection of the meeting.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

Chairman's Report - Opening Statement

Since our last Annual General Meeting (AGM) held under Covid-19 restrictions, events have moved on and we now have a new and different kind of normal. Let us hope for stability and common-sense decision making in the future so we can continue our chosen pastime to the full.

It is with sadness that I have to report the passing of four of our past or current members which we have been notified about since our last AGM. If we have lost someone who I have not been made aware of and therefore not able to mention, I apologise.

Roy Ashton – past Centre Chairman 1972-74
Trev Shipp
Barbara Brazier
Graham Mountain
Terry Walker

Could we all stand and reflect for a few moments our condolences to their families and loved ones - please stand (if you are able to do so).

This being my third and final AGM as the Centre Chairman, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Committee members who have served under my stewardship and who must take equal credit for keeping our Centre on an even keel. Many members have been very appreciative of how the Committee have handled the Covid-19 situation regarding the implementation of rules and regulations which meant we were able to continue rallying at the first opportunity.

I will mention my Committee:

My Vice-Chairman and Catering Officer, Jo Tunnicliffe. Many thanks for your input to the Centre and Committee meetings and your invaluable knowledge gained from many years of being a Derbyshire Centre member. Jo is standing for Vice-Chairman again this year.

Our Secretary and Rally Statistics Officer, Christine Long, is stepping down from these positions at this AGM. Chris has been an asset to our Centre with her hard work in keeping us informed of the ever-changing situation with rules and regulations emanating from HQ. We have had a very good working relationship together and have addressed all issues which arose. I think we have handled these in a business-like manner. Chris is also one of our Facebook administrators. Thank you for keeping our minutes up-to-date and forwarded these to members in a timely manner.

Our Treasurer, Simon Toplis, has been an asset to our Centre and Committee this year. All aspects of our finances have been recorded in a professional manner and are readily available when requested. Simon is standing again this year as Treasurer, and I wish him well in this position. He is also a Facebook administrator.

Our Rally Secretary, Lynn Smith, has put together a varied programme of rallies for our members, with old and new venues being used. I thank Lynn for her hard work in booking sites and having had the difficult task of contacting landowners to cancel rallies with the implementation of Covid-19 restrictions. Lynn is standing for Chairman this term.

Social Secretary – this position has been unfilled this year due to the limitations of social gatherings. Hopefully, a Committee member will take up this position.

Our Quartermaster, Kevin Curtis, has been helpful when required and has kept the storage container in a tidy manner. He is the longest serving member on our Committee.

Our Sports Officer, Pete Long, has had a frustrating time with this position over the past few years due to the limited opportunities when sports events could be run. This was due to the National being cancelled and the uncertainty of when or if the Inter-Centre Sports will resume. Pete has been a great help within the Committee and on rallies. He is standing down from the Committee after this AGM.

The Webmaster, Barry Thomas, came forward to fill this important position as a non-Committee member and has done this in a diligent and professional manner. Thank you, Barry.

It would be nice if we could have a few more members co-opted onto the Committee in the future to fill empty positions as a full Committee helps with the diversity of decision making.

As with all Committees there are always the "other halves". A big thank you to these for their invaluable help and understanding behind the scenes in helping to make the Centre tick: Margaret, Andrea, John, and David.

Since our last AGM in October 2020, here are some notable events which have taken place:

On 3rd November 2020 Caravan and Motorhome Club Headquarters (CAMC HQ) informed all Centres, Club Sites, CL's, Affiliated Sites and Regions that rallying was cancelled in England from 6.00pm, Wednesday, 4th November 2020. We subsequently cancelled our forthcoming rallies. This we thought would be short lived.

The Committee continued monthly meetings, via emails and telephone throughout November and December 2020 and into January 2021.

An interesting response from CAMC HQ on 5th January 2021 to a question about when rallying could commence: Unfortunately, this means that all Centre rallies and events are not permitted for the foreseeable future. Again, we cancelled all forthcoming rallies up to April 2021.

On Tuesday, 2nd February 2021, the first of many virtual Committee meetings was held via Microsoft Teams. We have our Treasurer Simon Toplis to thank for organising this and it certainly is the way forwards. Several dates for the commencing of rallies were intimated, with April being the earliest date put forwards by CAMC HQ.

The 12th of April 2021 duly arrived and restrictions on rallies was lifted. Sadly, on 16th April 2021 our Rally Secretary informed me the Spanish Rally had to be postponed until 2022 due to restrictions still being implemented on overseas travel.

The Rally Secretary organised our first rally after lockdown for the weekend of 16th-18th April 2021 at Cromford with twenty-four outfits attending. This marked the beginning for our late Spring and Summer rallies to commence.

19th July 2021 came with the news from CAMC HQ that all Covid-19 restrictions on rallying would cease forthwith in line with Government advice. We posted this on our website and Facebook.

Rallying continued with members keen to get out and about; I have listed the rallies:

Cromford, 16th-18th April
Bamford, 23rd-25th April
Ashover, Chairman's Rally Part 1, 30th April-4th May – 41 outfits (no activities due to regulations)
Parsley Hay, 7th-9th May
Newstead Abbey, 14th-16th May
Uppertown Farm, Carsington, 21st-23rd May – 3 outfits, our smallest rally ever, due to severe weather
Heritage Wood, 28th May-1st June – a new venue for the Centre
Fishing at Woodborough, 4th-6th June
Cavendish Park, Doveridge, 18th-20th June
Four Lane Ends, Darley Dale, 25th-27th June
Osmaston Park Polo Ground, 16th-18th July
Skegness Holiday, 17th-31st July (thank you Barry and team for a great time)
Dowell Hall Farm, 24th-26th July
Sunnyside, Tansley, 30th July-1st August
Shireoakes, 13th-15th August
Knowle Hill, Ticknell, 20th-22nd August – a new venue
Chairman's Charity, Ednaston, 27th-30th August – 46 outfits (a big thank you to all that attended and a wonderful £990.50 was raised for the Chairman's Charity, The Air Ambulance)
Inter-Centre Fishing at Woodborough, 2nd-5th September (Leicester won, Derbyshire 2nd)
Shepherds Flat, Eyam, 3rd-5th September
Mortehoe, North Devon Holiday Rally, 9th-19th September – 39 outfits (thank you to the Marshals for running a wonderful rally, much appreciated by all).
Barlow, 24th-26th September

Addendum

CAMC Derbyshire Centre Open Forum – 29th August 2021

Forum opened at 10.40 hours

Committee present: John Strutt, Chris Long, Simon Toplis, Lynn Smith, Pete Long, Kevin Curtis.

Subjects discussed:

Plaques

Question from Tilly Penn:

Do we need to offer to all members? Stated that they (Tilly and Howard) would prefer not to receive a plaque.

Question from Rob Skevington:

Could the plaques be an optional extra, i.e., a 'tick box' on the booking form?

Question from Ann Lingard:

How much do plaques cost? Response: approximately £1-£1.50/plaque. This cost is included in the rally admin fee.

Question from Rob Skevington:

Is there a minimum amount required for costing? Response: twenty-eight triangles, twenty-two rectangles. Mike Raybold gave example – marshalling Eyam Rally, twenty outfits booked on so would order minimum amount.

Question from Julie Hardy:

Suggested an App on mobile phones with a plaque photo? Response: not really viable to do this.

Brian Clarke (member of Derbyshire Centre for 50 years) stated that the issue regarding plaques has been ongoing since around 1982!!

Show of Hands Vote for Plaques: For 65%, Against 35%

John Strutt suggested that this issue ideally should be put forward as a Motion for the AGM 2022.

Bank Transfers/Rally Payments, etc

Question from Mike Raybold:

Would/is the Centre considering purchasing a card machine? Mic passed to Simon Toplis (Treasurer) – at this time, the Centre is not going forward with mandatory on-line payments. On-line payments (bank transfers) are ideal for holiday rallies, etc. general weekend rallies still accepting cash/cheques. We need to be an inclusive Centre and to consider there are still members not accessing on-line banking.

Question from Mike Raybold:

Some rallies have non-refundable deposits – should they be refunded if places are filled? Generally, the rallies that have non-refundable deposits are holiday rallies and New Year and/or Christmas Party, etc. This is to secure a pitch/booking. Refunds would be considered if a genuine reason is given, i.e., illness. Mic passed to Pete Long, who discussed Devon Holiday Rally and explained that a few bookings had been cancelled due to ill-health and because these spaces had been filled, the option had been given to refund deposits. Otherwise, deposits not returned (no point otherwise in having non-refundable deposits). Brian Clarke made the comment “what don't people understand about a non-refundable deposit?”

Facebook Page

Question from Mike Raybold:

Query why people are still on Derbyshire Centre Facebook page when deceased? Good question. After a brief time of respect, said deceased will be removed. Chris Long (Secretary) requested Mike to inform of any person(s) that he knows of that has/have passed away. Also, are there people on the Centre's Facebook page that are not registered. Chris Long confirmed that people are checked, especially when requesting to join.

Chris Long reminded everyone that they need to register with the Centre when renewing CAMC membership (especially when via Direct Debit – not renewed automatically). Maurice Stevens mentioned that when he renewed via Direct Debit, he was informed that unless requested otherwise his membership would be renewed. Chair and Committee to follow this up as we have not been informed on this process.

Comment from Barry Thomas:

If any marshal takes monies as deposit/balances that cheques must be payable to Derbyshire Centre and not personal bank account. Ann Lingard then queried paying a cheque to marshals regarding New Year Rally, this is for the Social not rally fee.

Question from Barry Thomas:

Can Chairman please explain consequences of not forming a committee. John Strutt (Chairman) responded that there would be a 3-month window up to 2nd January 2022, then the Centre would go into Hibernation.

The planned 2021-22 Rally Programme is well underway and hopefully all rallies will eventually have rally marshals in place so bookings can ensue. Without marshals these cannot run.

I would like to thank all landowners, village hall committees, commercial sites and CAMC for allowing us to use their facilities to carry out our rally programme throughout the last year. It is worth mentioning that when using their sites to rally we must adhere to their rules and regulations as well as ours. Maybe now is the time to refresh our members memories about our rules and regulations which seem to me to be slipping slightly.

The rally voucher scheme is still ongoing, and these may be redeemed against rallies attended. The new committee will hopefully continue with an open-ended date for these to be redeemed.

Statistics for 2020/2021

Since our last AGM in October 2020, we have held 21 rallies as against 14 the previous year. As with the previous year these numbers have been depleted due to the pandemic. With the Covid-19 regulations being relaxed members are again taking on the running of rallies; this is good to see. 463 Outfits have attended these 21 rallies.

A total of 59 nights have been spent under our caravan and motorhome roofs.

Visitors totalled 54 which includes 13 non-centre members. A few have since joined our Centre.

12 First ralliers have attended our rallies with several returning a second time. Well done marshals and committee members for making them welcome on our rallies for this to happen.

Six rallies have been held outside of our county at Newstead Abbey, Woodborough (fishing), Skegness (holiday), Shireoakes, Woodborough (again for fishing) and Morteohoe, Devon (holiday).

I would like to announce that the Chairman's Charity, The Air Ambulance, has had donations over the last three years totalling £1,919.70. This is a magnificent amount to achieve given the limited opportunities we have had for raising funds. I must thank all involved with donations and fund raising and especially all who contributed at the Chairman's Rally Part 2 at Ednaston, where a phenomenal sum was raised. A special thanks to my friends in Darley Dale Brass Band for getting the fund underway in 2018 with the proceeds from their Christmas Morning Carol playing. Unfortunately, a representative for the Charity is unable to attend today to collect the donation due to a prior commitment. This will be forwarded in due course. Thank you all again.

I would like to wish the incoming Committee members and their other halves all the best for the coming year in office. I am always on hand if queries need answering. I have enjoyed my six years on the Committee and Vice-Chairman and Chairman, and I am looking forward to my "retirement" and the 60th Anniversary next year of our great Centre.

John Strutt – Chairman
Derbyshire Centre, Caravan and Motorhome Club

2nd October 2021

Adoption of the Chairman's Report

The adoption of the Chairman's Report was proposed by Scott Wanless and seconded by Chris Burrows. A unanimous show of hands was demonstrated by all those in favour.

The Chairman's Report can now be discussed.

Treasurer's Report

Adoption of the Treasurer's Accounts

The Treasurer's Report was proposed by Helen Wanless and seconded by Lynn Smith. A unanimous show of hands in favour of adopting the report followed.

The Treasurer's Report can now be discussed. No matters arising from the Treasurer's Report.

Auditors' Report

You will find a copy of Phipp & Co. Independent Examiner's Report attached to the accounts. This confirms that the accounts were examined, and no matter of concern came to their attention, in accordance with the Caravan and Motorhome Club rules.

Election of Officers and Committee

The Chairman remained in his seat and announced that there being only one nominee for each of the positions of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Rally Secretary therefore:

Lynn Smith was elected as Chairman
Jo Tunnicliffe was elected as Vice-Chairman
Helen Wanless was elected as Secretary
Simon Toplis was elected as Treasurer

There being no nominations for the positions of Social Secretary and Rally Secretary, we will try to co-opt from the new committee.

With two nominations for committee positions, the following members were elected as committee members: Kevin Curtis and Julia Burkin, and three vacancies remaining.

Presentation of Awards and Milestone Plaques

The Chairman thanked his past committee for their year of service and their spouses. No presentations took place at the AGM and plaques have been or will be distributed later at a convenient time.

Jo Tunnicliffe – Vice-Chairman
Christine Long – Secretary
Simon Toplis – Treasurer
Lynn Smith – Rally Secretary
Jo Tunnicliffe – Catering Officer
Peter Long – Sports Officer
Kevin Curtis – Quartermaster

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Barry Thomas – Webmaster (Volunteer)
Christine Long – Statistics Officer

Chris Long (Secretary):

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank John for six years on the Committee, three as Vice-Chairman and three as Chairman. Chris presented a plaque, badge, and gift.

Milestone Awards

500 Rallies – John and Lynn Hall
300 Rallies – Dave and Amanda Smalley
200 Rallies – Lynn Smith & John Wint

Also achieving the milestones in the Rally Reward Scheme for paid rallies, the following vouchers are rewarded to (John Strutt to give out):

£5 for 10 rallies or over:

Susan Bacon
Colin and Anita Bell
Kevin Curtis
Sean and Sharon Gascoyne
Pete and Chris Long
Mike Raybold
John and Margaret Strutt
Ian and Sarah Woodward

Appointment of Centre Auditor

Simon Toplis (Treasurer) reminded the meeting that the Centre is required to appoint a suitably qualified Auditor whose responsibility it is to check through the Centre’s accounts; CAMC Headquarters pay for this service. The Committee recommends the continued use of the existing Auditor, Phipp & Co, who have indicated their willingness to continue. I would like to propose that we adopt the Committee’s recommendation.

At the present time, the Chairman agrees to keep working with Phipp & Co, and the meeting agreed by a unanimous show of hands.

Notice of Motions

The AGM were informed that no substantive notice of a proposed amendment to an existing motion has been received by the Secretary.

Any Other Business

John Strutt (Chairman) reminded the meeting that no decisions can be made from items discussed under "Any Other Business", however the Secretary will be taking notes and names; these notes will be taken to the new Committee for consideration.

Brian Heaps, Derby

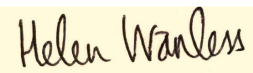
Treasurer was going to advise regarding pre-payment on rallies. Other Centres take on-line bookings and pre-paid rallies.

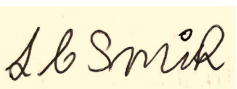
Response: Simon Toplis (Treasurer) – discussed at Open Forum (see Addendum); will be additional/supplement to other payments. Holiday Rallies, etc will be pre-paid.

John Strutt (Chairman) thanked Jo and Dave Tunnicliffe for their management of this fair and democratic process. Chief Teller, Dave Tunnicliffe, was called upon to speak: New on-line system used correctly (AGM Nominal Roll via laptop).

David Tunnicliffe (past Centre Chairman) on behalf of the members proposed a vote of thanks to the Centre Chairman and his Committee for the work carried out in the past 12 months. He thanked the AGM for a successful meeting and thanked the existing Committee members. He welcomed the new and existing Committee members.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 15.06 hours.

Signed:  Secretary: HELEN WANLESS Date: 08 / 10 / 2022

Signed:  Chairman: LYNN SMITH Date: 08 / 10 / 2022