

## Members Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> September 2024, Alveley Sports and Social Club

Alveley, WV15 6LN at 12.05pm

### Committee members present

Chairman- Phil Care

Vice Chairman – Anthony Barnsley

Secretary – Gail Cole

Treasurer – Andrea Care

Committee member – Janet Emeney

The meeting was formally opened by Chairman Phil Care, committee members introduced and stated that we will carry on the loyalty scheme and new equipment will be purchased for the Secretary.

Tony explained the Chairman's board and its meaning.

The Chairman threw open the floor to all 30 group members present and stated it was their club if they wanted to offer any suggestions to improve Rally experiences or any ideas that people may have and stated we need hosts.

John Kirby would like to see longer Rally events, feels two nights too short, the Motorcycle club hold rallies over five days and maybe this is something we could do in the future and agreed we need more people hosting.

Chairman's response, we are holding a five-day rally next year at The Hill centre YMCA Upton on Severn for the Upton Blues Festival. Bourton on the Water will also be a five-day rally at the end of July / Beginning of August. We need people to do the hosting.

Chairman has made enquiries about new venues but is waiting to hear back from them.

John Kirby asked if Hereford Rowing Club would be open to extending the next rally? Phil would enquire and get back to John, Pat and John Kirby would open and host the rally on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September when Tony and Ann would host over the weekend.

Chairman said he had a printed provisional rally list and dates for 2025, if anyone is interested can they put their name down against the rally they would like to host, this will be available at Hereford rally also. If people are worried about hosting, they can always help out with booking in and parking, to free committee members to do other duties. There will always be a member of the committee to hand who will answer any questions or help with entertainment.

The Chairman stated we will not be going to Newlands Meadow next year due to price increases for use of the showers and toilets. The Newlands Rally in September has now been changed to Hereford Rowing Club He asked if anyone had any ideas for new venues, he did enquire about the Onion Festival in Newent but was too expensive.

Jodie and Jason Carter mentioned the Stourport Festival is on this weekend.

Chairman asked if members would like to see at rallies? We have had Bingo nights and games nights.

This could be tuition/ workshop about IT, Phil has a teaching qualification.

Pat Kirby suggested activities could be done during the day if we had a hall but no facilities on site.

Beryl Staite asked if we had booked a holiday for next year, nothing is booked as yet, but is looking at various locations, reasonably priced with entertainment She also asked if anyone would be interested in a whist drive.

Gail Cole suggested a table with a book swap where members could recycle their books to each other.

Phil mentioned there is a For Sale on the website for items people no longer want, who other people may be interested in.

Pat Kirby suggested a table top sale of items that might be of use to other members.

Phil welcomed any members suggestions or ideas would be most welcomed.

He told members who weren't there about Orleton Village Hall where the Banana game was played of those who won the bingo, it was a hilarious fun evening which everyone enjoyed.

John Kirby ran the Bluegrass Festival for four years and asked if anyone would be interested in attending these rallies but no dogs allowed. Phil has pencilled it the

calendar and asked members if they would be interested but no dogs allowed will put some members off. He will put it on Facebook and Website to see if anyone is interested. The reason for no dogs is people were allowing their dogs to foul on the grass, but it was not the members dogs. Phil said it was the same at Ledbury Rugby club.

Lickhill Manor had to be cancelled due to lack of interest as they require a minimum of 10 vans to make it viable. Andy and Phil did go and see the site and negotiated good pitch locations and Marquee, Pat Kirby asked if this was a bookable rally to which Phil replied yes due to a minimum number of vans needed to make the rally viable.

Derrick Harrison said he had stayed at Lickhill Manor with electric hook up this week and suggested it may be worth looking at again.

Pat Kirby asked if rallies need to be bookable as not everyone wants to book a rally in advance. Chairman responded by stating we only make rallies bookable for catering event or need a specific number of vans for the venue to make it feasible. Members can book through Andrea (email on the website).

Pat Kirby appreciated where Phil was coming from but a member may not know if they want to attend until just before a rally, Andrea commented they can always ring her to check availability. John Kirby asked if we can take it a stage further by putting on website and state what is going on at the rally. Phil said even at bookable rallies a member can book the day before and John Kirby asked if it can be advertised on the Website. Phil stated the buffet menu for this rally is on the website and Facebook. John Kirby apologised as he has not looked at the website.

John Stated Ethos of the club was never having to book a rally which is difficult for the rally officer but Phil stated that more and more a lot of venues now want specific numbers of vans.

Phil stated Derrick Harrison mentioned a lot of members don't want to go in to a field, they want more facilities.

Its not just our club others are struggling on attendance, the Chairman for Motorhome and Caravan club has had poor numbers too.

No other business was discussed so meeting was closed at 12.45pm.

John Kirby asked all members for a round of applause for the Committee.