BOC 56th AGM RALLY

Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th October 2025

The Paddock Suite, Stratford upon Avon Racecourse

Rally Marshal: Rally Co-ordinator

Assistants: The Committee

Thursday saw the majority of ralliers arriving. They were directed to their pitches by the welcoming team. During the afternoon, the Hall Team prepared for the evening gathering: Raffle table and prizes laid out, Merchandise sales tables and the furniture in the hall arranged. The Catering Team set up the tea and biscuits and the projector was set up for the demonstration of the new website.

Thursday evening was an opportunity for a catch up with other club members, welcome teas, coffees and biscuits were served

and Chris Moyses the Webmaster demonstrated the New Website and answered questions.

Friday, the remainder of the expected ralliers were due to arrive. The entertainment for Friday evening was Major Lee and the Dukes quite regulars now at the rallies.  Many of the ralliers enjoyed the opportunity to get-up on the dance floor for a bit of a dance.

During the evening there was a sale of club merchandise at bargain prices and raffle tickets sold. Photo entries for the Photography Competition were also laid out in the hall for everyone to see before the judging, which would take place later in the weekend.

Saturday morning came and the AGM was scheduled to begin at 10.30 a.m. The hall was packed, with quite a few other members travelling in specifically for the meeting. The AGM began with a minutes silence to remember those members who had passed away during the year.

The Agenda, included the announcement of committee  members elected unopposed. Chairman Alan Banister, Secretary Karl Woodward, Treasurer Liz Fry and Rally Co-ordinator Glenda Cope. Committee members for 2 years, Bev Needham and Martha McCarthy with Bryan Emary filling one of the gentleman vacancies. This meant that there were vacancies for 2 Ladies and one Gentleman position. There were volunteers from the floor, Anne Jordan and Keren Dicks and Steve Fellows and Martin Smith. This meant that the two ladies were appointed and after a ballot, Steve Fellows was appointed. Thanks were given to the scrutineer team, Brian and Mary Tolliss and Chris and Wendy Bowles

A number of long-serving members were recognised and plaques were presented by the Chair, Alan Bannister. Audrey and Eric France 20 years,

also  Audrey and Peter  Willingham who will be sent their plaque. Jan and Alan White were awarded their 30 year plaque which Alan accepted.

There was then a special presentation with thanks to Jeanette and Bernard Harvey. Jeanette has retired as Membership Secretary after 8 years looking after us. The New Membership Secretary is Martha McCarthy.

Before the Saturday evening entertainment began, Alan Bannister presented gifts with thanks to Sara Bishop and Alan McLinden who were retiring as Committee members .

The entertainment was provided by the duo “In the Mood”, a group new to the Bailey Owners Club. They were very entertaining and talented  and had the dance floor packed with ralliers.

.During the break between sets Dave McCarthy announced the winners of the Photography Competition who were Debbie Smith for Photo taken on a Rally and Chris Snelling in the General Interest category. He presented them with their prizes and congratulated all who had entered the competition.

Early Sunday morning, Ralliers crowded into the hall for Flag and after being served with teas, coffees and biscuits. Maisie collected the Childrens Sweets from Alan Bannister.

Alan Stanley as  the Wally Marshal was then called up to tell us about the exploits of our fellow ralliers who had been nominated for "The Wally". There were a few likely contenders but by an overwhelming consensus it was agreed that the winner should be Eric France  who received "Charlie", the Wally mascot, and paid his £1 donation!

Winners of the Van Prizes were Lena and Stephanie Turner, Bev and John Needham and Sara and Alan Bishop.

There was a brief update from the new Committee's first meeting; David Cartwright had been re-elected as Vice Chair, David McCarthy as ACCEO Rep and Chris Moyses as Webmaster with John Needham as Communications Manager.

The Chair, Alan Bannister, then thanked the previous committee and retiring officers for all their work. Glenda Cope the new Rally Co-ordinator, then outlined future rallies.

There was an array of prizes on the raffle tables and at the end of the meeting the raffle was drawn.

Thank you to everyone who may have donated prizes, and anyone who helped in selling tickets, folding stubs, and in drawing tickets. It was very much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and efforts in making the rally such a success.

David McCarthy