The Marilyn Allen Rally Report

Lying on the bed having a nice doze knock knock on the door and along comes Glenda disturbing my peace, Pat she says all coy like, would you mind doing the rally report, well I thought ……., but how could I say no.

We arrived on Thursday evening after a five-and-a-half-hour journey from Portsmouth. We had done the Costco shopping for the rally and needed to get some stuff to Glenda.

Friday we woke to a beautiful day, Chris and I popped up to the butchers in the village great little shop, by the time we got back ralliers had started to arrive, Glenda, Sue, Pete and Stevie boy, busy seeing everyone in. The evening, we had the normal meet and greet collection of dues and a general chit chat and catch up.

Saturday A few of us went up the pub, most ate off the Recycled Teenager's menu what great value that was. The evening was very relaxed and most sat outside the marquee until those pesky little midgies came round.

Sunday, Chis and I went off to see my 98 yr old Aunty who lives about 10 miles from the site and then shopping in Norwich great shopping centre, Some Ralliers went up the pub for a carvery. in the evening we had couple of games of card bingo Brian Allen doing the calling, great to see him on the rally field, games were won by Julia Stanley and Paul Ede. Then a game of Left Right and centre with Grayson and Pete running around with the dice, that game was won by Lesley Cameron

Monday. Mooched around in the morning and did a little shopping, the afternoon was the great caravan bake off . The Scone mixture Steve had prepared all the ingredients beforehand we all had our little packets, all that needed adding was milk. 4.30 and Brian and his Son Sean did the judging, 3rd place was Grayson, 2nd Place Tony Ancliffe and our first place winner was Julie Walker. Brian was extremely chuffed so many took part in memory of Marilyn. The evening was free and easy

Tuesday. Dawned to another beautiful day, some of the rallies' headed off to the Radar Museum, other to Fellbrigg Hall NT and also Norwich Cathedral , Chris, Glenda, Steve and I had a very relaxing day heading off later in the afternoon down to Womack Water for ice lollies.

Wednesday We started off the morning with Pancakes, yoghurt and fruit breakfast at 9.30 delicious and very nice for a hot day. Later Chris and I headed off to Norwich I wanted to walk but needed the air conditioning of the shopping centre. On the way back stopped at Wroxham, Others went to Caister were they saw the lifeboat being launched. Stevie Boy, Glenda and I went for dinner at the local pub, we found that it had basically been taken over by our ralliers for dinner I counted at least 22 of us with more arriving as we were on our way home.

Thursday. Free and easy day, ralliers visiting various place, Chris and I went to the museum of The Broads, Fudge having a brilliant day getting himself covered in mud rather than looking a Beautiful golden colour it looked like Rona had swapped him for a black Lab. Well, what a night, the heavens opened and we had a deluge of rain our canopy collapsed with the weight of water, someone else had a pole snap, Awnings sagging badly under the weight of water. The rain only lasted for about an hour. surprising what damage rain can do.

Friday A beautiful fresh day after the rain, people heading off for Boat trips, shopping at Lathams, visiting Caister, Norwich Cathedral , Paddington Bear or just walking and sightseeing. For the evening the rally Marshalls had organised COP(E)ious amounts of wine, soft drinks and nibbles very tasty we had 2 quizes the first won by Grayson's Team and the second by Danno's team

Saturday Again a beautiful morning a short walk up Lovers Lane with Glenda, Freda and Brian meeting Chris and also Barry walking there waggy tails. The rest of the day ralliers talking it easy, going for walks (to the pub me thinks) others visiting the 100th Bomb Group Memorial Museum.

Sunday We woke to the sound of what seemed like a herd of Elephants marching across the roof, we can now sympathise with all the others who have been moaning all week who had pigeons and crows marching across their roofs in the early mornings.

Flag was 10.30 Ooh little cakies that as a treat for everyone. Graham the site owner said a few words and mentioned he was a little amazed at the amount of times he had to visit the bottle bank.

Wally Tony Ancliffe

Van Quiz Liz & Mike Fry

Childrens quiz Grayon

Van Prize 1st Lesley & Jim Whittaker 2nd Liz and Mike Fry

Chris and I left on Sunday after flag, I believe some are going to the Pub for a Carvery, other mooching around the area for the day, or just sitting In the sunshine relaxing, others on their onward journeys most are on their journeys home tomorrow

Its been a very enjoyable relaxing week there have been some interesting things, like that blimin dog barking all the time, only to find out it's a muntjak deer in the woods nearby. Ants, Ants and more Ants some vans had a invasion of them, few midgies around, so needed the insect spray, pesky little things all over the place.

The Butchers just a short walk from the site is really great. Pub and little shop in walking distance. Also a very nice little Bistro walkable for some Glenda managed to get her coffee and cake.

The weather has been really warm, great Rally field, Steve and Glenda together with Sue and Pete did us proud. At flag Glenda announced that it wold be run again in 2028

Lastly and by no means least my thoughts go back to Marilyn, I do miss her, lovely lady.

Lets all raise a glass or cup with whatever you fancy, to "All our absent friends and loved ones , we miss seeing you all on rally fields"

Take care everyone Happy Rallying safe journeys where every you go,

Chris and I look forward to seeing you all at the Works and AGM important dates in the Clubs Calander

Cheers

Pat Moyses