# Rally Report

**Barnestones Winter Rally**
16th to 22nd February 2026
**Rally Marshals** - Ann Jordan & Steve Fellows
**Assistants** - Helena & David Enser

The BOC returned to Barnstones with Ann Jordan and Steve Fellows running their first rally as Marshal's (although they were assistant marshal's last year) and assisted by Helena & David Enser for our first BOC rally of 2026.
Sadly there were quite a few cancellations for various reasons, a few places were filled at the last minute. This site had electric hook up (10 amps) however some of our members had a few problems with overloading the system!

**Monday**
We were greeted by the Marshalls and given our information pack with Steve
and Dave siting everyone. That gave us all chance to set up and get our vans or motorhomes warm and toasty, fetch water etc.

**Tuesday**
The day started off dry but very cold. Some members headed to the NEC for the
Caravan & Motorhome show in Birmingham. Others visited various attractions in the area during the week, National Trust properties, Banbury Recreation Centre, Banbury Museum, Coventry Motor Museum & Gaydon to name but a few.
Unfortunately our TV decided to pack up so Tuesday saw us along with Liz and Gary Chequer's visiting 'Venture Caravans' & 'Spinney' in Rushden to purchase a replacement.

**Wednesday**
In the morning Liz & Garry Chequers organised a dog walk in the grounds of
Stowe House, (which they do regularly) to see the wonderful snowdrops and spring flowers. We all met in the carpark at 10:00 for a 10:30 start. Our walk lasted about 1½ hours and took us all around the grounds. This gave us a chance to see views of the house and the many statues within the grounds along with the Chinese house. Lucky for us it was dry but there was a bitter biting wind blowing so it was hats & gloves. Some of us then had lunch in the café before calling in at "Stork Workwear" a few miles away (the official supplier of BOC clothing), on our way back to see Jacquie & Mark , the owners.
Stork Workwear had a sale at the weekend so I was fortunate to purchase a waterproof coat & walking trousers along with some high vis vests before heading back to the site.

**Thursday**
We had the chance to catch up with some members for coffee and a chat. At 5pm we assembled outside Pat & Chris Moyses Motorhome with bowls/cups in hand for her 'Soup Kitchen' Potato & Leak, Tomato or Sweet potato & butternut squash soup,
along with hot rolls of bread. This was a very welcome treat. Pat had made the soup for "The Tangley Rally" but unfortunately this rally has been cancelled due to the site being too wet to use.

**Friday**
Unfortunately we awoke to the sad news that Jan White had passed away.
At 7pm we gathered in the village hall opposite the site – unfortunately, the heating had broken earlier in the week but they managed to find a heating engineer who sorted it before

we arrived. Once we were all seated Steve welcomed us all on behalf of the Marshalls and our Chairman stood and suggested we had a minutes silence to remember Jan White.
Pat Moyses (our resident chef for the rally), had been busy preparing a two course meal for us, Chilli or Chicken Supreme followed by Bread & Butter pudding or Apple Crumble with Custard. Each table had a bottle of red & white wine, supplied by our marshals along with beer and soft drinks. This was a chance to catch up with friends old and new.

**Saturday**
We had bright sunshine, and it was noticeably warmer. Some members took the opportunity to walk into the village while others took a short drive to The Wharf for lunch in the local pub. Others ventured to Tesco's to top up with fuel as these were the lowest prices we had seen!
At 7pm we gathered in the village hall for Flag, Steve welcomed us all, and, as it was Helena's birthday. We all joined in with singing "Happy Birthday", we had all signed a birthday card. Ann then gave a summary of the rally with a vote of thanks to Pat for organising our Friday meal,
No traditional raffle was provided, but instead we had a bottle of whiskey and gin with 'labels attached', these were sold for £5 for 6 tickets, or £1 a ticket.
The lucky winners were Helena for the Whiskey and Rona for the Gin.
Winners of the van prize were Jim & Lesley Whittaker and Jackie & John Patterson.
The quiz supplied in our rally packs was won by Dillwyn & Heather Lewis.
Tony Ancliffe was our Wally Watcher. Garry Chequers won the 'Wally'.

On Tuesday during the dog walk at Stowe he was being very friendly and chatting to different people and spoke to a lovely couple, who, during the conversation said they had a Bailey Motorhome, to which Garry asked "have you thought of joining the Bailey Owners Club, to which they told him they were already members and were on the Barnstones Rally!……Bless him.

Our Chairman Alan welcomed new ralliers Maureen and Andy Sutton from Freshwater on the Isle of Wight and presented them with a 'First Time' Rally plaque.

They thanked us all for being so welcoming, and were already booked on the Easter Rally. Andy advised they would be looking into holding a rally on the Isle of Wight for the BOC in the future!

This was followed by the presentation of Rally Marshal plaque to Ann Jordan, and Steve Fellows along with Assistant Rally Marshal Plaque to Helena & Dave Enser.

Steve then presented a bouquet of flowers to Pat Moyses for all her hard work preparing our food. We finished the evening with a quiz, which was won by 'Food and Flowers team – tins of sweets were shared among the tables by the winning team. Before we left the hall we were given a bottle of red and a bottle of white wine from the rally marshals. Most appreciated!

**Sunday** – once again it was a lovely sunny morning, sadly it was time for us to pack up , say our thank you's and goodbyes.

Rona & Danno Boyles