Rudesheim 2025 Rally
Campinplatz an Rhein
10th August to 24th August 2025
Marshals: Martha & David McCarthy
Assistants: Sara & Alan Bishop, Lana & Alan Deakin

Sunday 10th August

On arrival at the Campsite we were all greeted by our lovely Hosts David and Martha McCarthy, Alan and Sara Bishop and Alan and Lana Deakin, given our Rally packs which included a lovey Wooden fridge magnet of the Campigplatz as well as our Rally Plaque, and shown to our pitches.

After we had all arrived (apart from Pat and Chris Moyses who broke down and hope to arrive) There was a drop by in the afternoon at the Marshal's Terrace for hot drinks and biscuits. The official welcome was at 7.30 and wine and nibbles were on offer when David welcomed us all and gave a breakdown of the first weeks events and other local information.

Julie Houghton and Andrew Smith were welcomed into the fold as the only newcomers to Rallying with Bailey Owners Club.

We also passed congratulations onto Rachel and Andrew Payne on their 46th Wedding Anniversary

Unfortunately Pat and Chris Moyses were unable to get their van repaired and returned home. Also Jon and Kim Saunders were unable to join us. Missed by all.

Vicky and John Glasgow and also Sheila Hone stayed at the Hotel Post in the town and joined us every day

MONDAY 11th

10.30am Meet up with David and Martha for a stroll into Rudesheim which was very interesting and informative including the location of the recommended ATM. Suggestions for food and drink and places of interest were pointed out. We split up and made our own way back.

7.30 saw us back at the Marshal's Terrace for Lana's Quiz. We had five teams all determined to win as the excitement grew. The main part of the Quiz was won by 'Girl Power' and the 2nd part by 'Happy Campers' celebratory chocolates were enjoyed. Good fun!

TUESDAY 12th

10.00 Meet at the campsite entrance to get the Winzerexpress Road Train trip that took us up through Rudesheim and into the vineyards. Lots of information as to how and when the vines were first grown there and what growing vines entails. We stopped and got out at an amazing view point with a view across the valley and the Rhine. Of course this was an opportunity for a group photo .

At 7.30 our evening get together was a very special occasion ….. it was Michael Fry's 80th Birthday. Liz provided us all with drinks and nibbles and Michael was duly toasted and sung to. As Michael was the man of the evening Sara asked him to pick out the tickets to choose who plays against whom in the first round of the boules to be completed by Thursday. Martha had put us all into a Whatsapp group so we will all know what is happening and can contact each other. It was a lovely evening and another opportunity to chat with fellow campers.

WEDNEDAY 13th

Those going on the Asbach Distillery met up at 10.30 to walk to it. After a quick look round the shop we were treated to an introductory video and a tour of the Distilling room with a very knowledgeable guide. This was followed in the tasting room with samples that were enjoyed by all. Then back into the shop where it seemed plenty of bottles were purchased.

The evening saw the start of the Boules competition, some of the teams have been getting together and starting the matches and practising. The competitive spirit is growing.

THURSDAY 14th

We had a clear day to feel free to roam or stay on site, quite a bit of boules was happening. The evening saw our Bailey Rally BBQ take place. We had permission to set our tables along the road for a few hours so we could all sit together and BBQ our dinners . We wined, dined, nattered and laughed until after sun set for some of us. A fun evening.

FRIDAY 15th

10.15 meet up for the walk along to DOCK 8 for the Loreley Cruise leaving at 11.00am.
It was really great to see the area from the river and surprising how much traffic by way of commercial and tourist. We went as far as the town beneath the Loreley Rock, St. Goarshausen. We all just stayed on board and returned still enjoying magnificent Castles and Churches and all the habitations, not to mention vineyards and drinks and food .
On our return to Rudesheim many of us strolled into town to enjoy the Weinfest festivities.

SATURDAY 16th

Everyone is enjoying free time out and about or relaxing in camp, some meeting in the evening in the town to enjoy Weinfest food,drink and music.

It became very noticeable that there was a constant clinking of Boule balls, it would appear that the competitive spirit was growing.

SUNDAY 17th

More boules matches played and moving on to the semi finals, 4 pairs to play.
More time for relaxing and, of course, more time to enjoy Weinfest.

MONDAY 18th

At 10.00 a group of energetic campers went to the pool to enjoy the facilities and had a lovely time.
Boules semi finals were played and Julie and Peter and Alan W and Anthony are now in the finals, well done!
Last night of fun at the Weinfest and a bit more dancing. It was agreed by many that the visits to the Wiefest had been excellent, what with samples of the local wines, excellent food stalls and a fantastic atmosphere.

TUESDAY 19th

We all met at the cable car office at 10.30 and set off on our Ring Trip adventure. The first part was Cable car to Niederwald flying us over the vines.

We took in the views from the Niederwald Monument and Temple

and of course an ideal spot for a group photo.

We then split up to either walk through the woods or taxi across to the Agdschloss Hotel. We all took various routes and seemed to get a little lost but by some miracle we all arrived at the alloted place at about the same time,Very nice place and food.

We then strolled to the chairlift and glided down to Assmannshausen

where we picked up the boat that took us back to Rudesheim.

In the evening we all met up to discuss the trip on the train to Koblenz on the following day. Martha and David had just met up with the owner of the site and negotiated an amazing reduction for us all on our pitch fees, which of course we were all thrilled to bits with and very grateful.

WEDNESDAY 20th

Those wanting to go to Koblenz by train met at the station with plenty of time for Martha and David to get our tickets with a reduction as a group. On arrival we split up and wandered around and enjoyed the meeting of the rivers Mosel and Rhein. We ate and strolled and did our own thing, meeting up for the return journey.

The evening was spent enjoying a giant game of LEFT RIGHT and CENTRE, great fun. Thankfully we managed to finish just before darkness fell. Vicky Glasgow was the winner.

THURSDAY 21st

Site fees to be paid at 10.30, an orderly queue was formed and we handed our van competition forms in at the same time and some took advantage of another opportunity to buy some more raffle tickets.
The final of the Boule competition then took place between Peter and Julie W and Anthony B and Alan W. it was finally won by Anthony and Alan who were presented with their prize by Sara.

We all met up in the evening at the Gasthaus Winzerkeller and enjoyed a very nice meal together. Martha was presented with a gift voucher, to Kathe Wohlfahrt the Christmas Shop, from us all for the work she has put in to this wonderful Rally.

FRIDAY 22nd

Free time today

6.00 Farewell Party with the German flag colours as our theme. It was suggested that we could dress in the colours of the flag, being black, yellow and red and most of us made a valiant effort, it made it all look even better as the Marshal's awnings and vans had been adorned with German flags and balloons and bunting making it feel very much a party and celebration of a memorable holiday. We were offered food and beverages in a German Theme and once again enjoyed the opportunity to chatter with our fellow campers.

We were joined by some German members of the club, Hans and Jutta Ferres and friends of Martha and David and their daughter Ales and boyfriend Daniel. They very kindly made some lovely plum cake for us to share. Very thoughtful and very tasty.

SATURDAY 23rd

Free time today and most of us have used the time to start packing our vans and cars to prepare for our departure on Sunday

7.00 we met up at the Marshal's terrace for the last time for Flag. It was a busy evening and whilst so much was going on we were invited to eat, drink and be merry with all the goodies that were left over from the night before.

The Van Prize winners were announced, being Jenny and Mark Coleby and Glenda and Steve Cope and we were presented with a prize each.

Rachel and Andrew and Alan and Lana were joint winners for the Van Picture Competition and again received their prizes.

Anthony Bootham was given the honour of being Rally Wally Marshal and had received numerous very funny incidents that had been happening throughout, and even on the way to our time in Rudesheim. The two who became joint winners were Martha McCarthy and Alan Deakin for outstanding incidents !!.....'What happens on Rallies stays on Rallies'!.....

David thanked Sara and Alan and Lana and Alan, for all their work over the Rally and presented them with their Assistant Marshals plaques.

Liz Fry thanked , on behalf of the Ralliers and the Club, all the Marshal's for their work and Martha and David for the excellent organisation and all the things they had arranged. She presented them with their Marshals Rally Plaque. She said that the Rally had been thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Martha thanked us all for her gift and David wished us all a safe journey onwards.

David thanked all the Ralliers who had contributed and the Raffle tickets were now drawn and all the prizes gradually vanished. Thank you Martha and Sara!

Now was Sara's Quiz, we all formed into teams and enjoyed the fun and testing until unfortunately the light faded into dusk and the proceeding were halted and the winners , being team 'Hands Across the Sea' were presented with their prize.

SUNDAY 24th August

Come Sunday morning we all said our goodbyes and left for separate adventures. This wasn't as sad as it could have been. We were on a group WhatsApp for the duration of the rally which we all found very useful to keep up with what was happening. Martha said she would leave this open until the last people were home. It has been wonderful to hear where we all went and the adventures that continued over the next few weeks.

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