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2015 CARAVAN CLUB NATIONAL RALLY - Cornbury Park, Oxfordshire - reserved area for American motorhomes - book online at www.caravanclub.co.uk

EDITORIAL

THE SUMMER IS ON THE WAY AND THE SUMMER OUTDOOR SHOW AND RALLY SEASON HAS BUGUN

The beginning of May has not been wonderful in comparison to the many beautiful warm days of April. This April had about a third more sun, according to our solar panels, than on April last year, but we seem to be paying for it now! We have had some tremendous winds on top of our hill, and in town one lunchtime had to help rescue a number of outside tables and chairs, belonging to one of the coffee shops, when a sudden, vicious gust of wind swept at a rate of knots down the High Street!!

There is, as yet, very little May (or Hawthorn) blossom on the bushes and 'Springwatch' was asking viewers to report when they first see it.

I was interested to come across this verse relating to it written by Geoffrey Chaucer in the mid 1300 's.

Among the many buds proclaiming May
Decking the fields in holiday array,
Striving who shall surpass in braverie,
Marke the faire flowering of the Hawthorne tree
Who finely clothed in a robe of white,
Fills full the wandering eye with May's delight.

Amazing to think that almost 700 years ago people were looking out for the blossom and celebrating a holiday!! Mind you we have a wonderful crop of daisies and dandelions studding the verges which are adding a splash of colour since the daffodils went, and I am loathe to mow them off since a plea on the radio to leave them for the bees as there are few other sources of food around for them. They have certainly been busy on my bravely flowering violets!

We were pleased to hear all went well at Peterborough, and sorry that dates clashed with our visit to Wales, which was wall to wall sunshine for three days. There will be a report and pictures on the Peterborough next month.

We are crossing everything possible in the hope that the weather picks up for the CCNR over the Spring Bank Holiday. The last time it was held at Cornbury we had rain for much of the time, and it would be good to see it in sunny weather!

For the rest, we hope Newbury goes well, and if it's not getting too far ahead, we hope to see some of you on our visit to Stratford.

Fingers crossed for fine weather from now on, travel safely and enjoy wherever your wheels take you.

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Jeni Rees Editor