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23-28 February 2016

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23-28 February 2016

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## EDITORIAL

### 2016 HAS STARTED WITH SPRING LIKE WEATHER BUT IS WINTER STILL TO COME?

Well, for once the sun is shining and it looks as tho' the solar panels will be working for a living once again! The hens are happy too and are scratching about in the paddock instead of rushing under the trees to find a dry spot. A couple have become very adept at flying up onto the branches, as our late lamented cockerel was wont to do!!

We have also taken the opportunity to do a bit of trailer and engine moving while the sun is out so that a few running repairs can be done before the show season begins.

We have already booked for the **CCNR at Weston Park over the Spring Bank Holiday Weekend**, which is using the occasion to celebrate The Queen's 90th Birthday. This is such a lovely venue, and given some sunshine (!) it should be a really good rally.

There are a number of show's to think about attending - Event City Caravan and Motorhome Show in Manchester which will take place during January. In February - 23-28 February, The Caravan and Camping Show at the NEC, Birmingham and Travelworld's Open Week at Telford.

For those of you who remember Eric Calcraft and Jean Hill will be pleased to hear that they are quite well and we went over to see them last weekend and spent a pleasant afternoon reminiscing. Eric was delighted to show us his tub of daffodils that were in full bloom! I have snowdrops and dog violets out with quite a few primroses in bud. Don't know what this current cold snap will do to them all.

I was cooking some of my stored apples the other afternoon and half listening to the radio, when the words Wassailing and Old Twelfth Night were mentioned, the date being 16th January, when the Calendar was changed, Twelfth Night, still 12 days after Christmas, was now 6th January, but 16th January remained the date for a big party (in the old days) among the apple trees to ask for a good harvest in the coming year! It sounded like great fun and, perhaps one we could think about resurrecting!

For the rest we hope this year will be kind to you all and that you will travel safely wherever your wheels take you.

Jeni Rees - Editor