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#### THE CARAVAN AND CAMPING

SHOW 2016 - NEC Birmingham

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## EDITORIAL

### HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE - SHOW AND RALLY SEASON WILL START IN FEBRUARY WITH THE ANNUAL NEC INDOOR SHOW

I had been sorting through our almost finished stock of stored apples, a pile of rather wizened ones ready for chopping for the hens and wild birds, other bags to take to friends and a few 'gone over' ones for the compost heap!! We had given our cooking apple tree quite a major pruning a few weeks ago, and I idly wondered whether I ought to go and 'Wassail' it as Paul is predicting that there will not be a good crop this year as a result! Back in time farmers would wassail their apple trees to ensure a good harvest of cider, cooking and eating apples. The ceremony consisted of wedging a thick piece of bread, soaked in cider, in the branches of a tree - food for the birds the following morning - and a jug of cider poured over the trunk of the oldest tree. The Wassailing Song was then sung:

*Old Apple Tree, Old Apple Tree - We wassail thee and hope thou wilt bear - Hat fulls, Cap fulls, three bushel bag fulls - And a little heap under the stairs!*

That aside, I hope those of you who celebrated Burn's Night all had a jolly time. We must now look forward to Valentines Day and Shrove Tuesday.

Here on our hill we have succumbed to the seasonal ailments of rather unpleasant coughs and colds, and I, for one, can't wait to feel 'normal' again!!! The weather has been very variable too we had a morning of snow followed by days of rain, fog and very low temperatures — but, as we keep reminding ourselves it is only January.

Looking forward to warmer days I hope you all got your bookings in to the Caravan Club for the National Rally at Sandringham, we hear it is now fully booked and a waiting list in operation. Being the 90th celebrations and at Sandringham it was always going to be popular.

Before that we have the annual Caravan and Motorhome Show at the NEC looming and then a look forward to the first Outdoor Show, The Warners' National Motorhome Show on the Peterborough Showground; and a few prayers to the rain gods that it won't rain as it did last year!!

I have been hearing from a number of you that the weather has not been great recently in various parts of Spain and Portugal a whip from the tail of the very cold weather that central and northern Europe has been experiencing, hope that it improves soon for everyone over there.

For the rest, travel safely if you are on the move and keep warm and dream of sunnier days to come if you are at home.

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