

My third report to you as Rally Secretary follows a year that began completely normally, with a planned programme full of rallies providing something for everyone, from free & easy to full-on, catering for all ages. A programme enabled by a wonderful team of rally officers, enjoyed by the whole Centre and beyond.

The final quarter of 2019 saw 24 rallies including two new venues and a revitalised bonfire rally in the safe hands of a new Rally Officer team, this rally is expected to run again in 2020 and is now the subject of our trial of online bookings & payments. Altogether seven rallies celebrated Christmas and New Year.

The 2020 Rally Handbook went live on the website in early November 2020 and bookings opened, the paper copy was available as planned on week 49, the Family Christmas Party weekend. Included in the programme of ninety-eight rallies was a rally to support the Caravan And Motorhome Club AGM at Chester Racecourse.

Unexpectedly and after just twelve rallies had run the Cheshire Centre, along with all Centres of the Caravan And Motorhome Club suspended their activities in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. The suspension lasted for almost five months before being lifted, Coronavirus has cost the centre sixty rallies to date and continues to threaten more.

The lifting of the suspension in August came with conditions. We have to put covid-secure measures in place to protect our ralliers and a risk assessment for each rally that includes both covid-secure measures and venue specific risks must be submitted to CAMC in advance. The risk assessments are being returned in time for the Rally Secretary to submit them to CAMC and we are currently up to date for rallies throughout September.

From the start of the suspension of activities in March until today, faced with the additional preparation required for each rally, every single rally officer has accepted the situation and all Committee requests without question and I would like to thank each of you for your support and co-operation throughout.

Although the unique situation that has affected our rallying for the majority of 2020 has denied us our usual trips throughout Cheshire and further afield, the return to rallying has arrived. It won't be a fast transition but it's here. On your behalf I've sent 4B requests to other Centres in respect of eighteen 2021 rallies and received several from other Centres as well, and although normality as we know it is a long way off, my belief is that confidence is returning and my discussions with Rally Secretaries from other centres suggest that they feel the same.

Despite a combination of Coronavirus issues, unavoidable venue loss and natural decline, as of midnight on 8th September the Cheshire Centre has seventy-three rallies submitted to the 2021 proposed list,

Our rally officers work hard to provide the programme that we each enjoy and are indeed the pride of our centre, they are rewarded with a gift after running their first rally each year in appreciation of their hard work. The Committee recognise that much of the work is preparation and takes place prior to the

rally, therefore those rally officers whose rallies were lost due to the awful Coronavirus pandemic will still receive their gift for 2020.

Multiple rally plaques are available to those ralliers who have completed multiples of 100 rallies or more. Whilst there have been no multi rally plaques claimed during 2020 due to reduced rallying this initiative remains in place and your attendance still counts toward your plaque

I hope that we can all look forward to a brighter year in 2021, your rally officers are preparing a programme which is filled with your favourite venues and offers the variety that we have all come to expect. Please support the 2021 programme, our Rally Officer teams meet new challenges in these difficult times but continue to strive to deliver a superb programme for which the Centre is very grateful.

Rob Daniels
Rally Secretary
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