

After the Suffolk Rally

To everyone who came to the Suffolk rally, we would like to say thanks for coming. Despite the many rain showers, we did have fun and we thank you all for supporting us. We say this as it was the last rally for us to organise. It was our 14th rally and we feel it is now time for us to just sit back and enjoy being part of the group – rather than being the organisers.

We remember only too well our first rally in Nottinghamshire in 2003 where we were anxious to get everything right. Since then, we calmed down and let things happen on a day to day basis – wherever we've been. That approach has suited us – and seemingly, all of you who have come to our rallies over the years. Thank you for accepting our way of doing things.

Come on some of you members – both new and old – who haven't tried running a rally before. Really, it's good fun and there's nothing hard about it at all. You can re-visit some tried and tested places and get advice from existing rally organisers. Once the venue has been found and the costs agreed, the very worst part is waiting to see if anyone is interested in joining you!

Believe us, you won't be disappointed. One of our rallies was attended by just 6 vans – admittedly that was in Ireland – but there was just as much fun and laughter there as there was with our largest rally where 21 vans attended in Somerset (These numbers do not include the AGM rallies when Derek was chairman). Rallies are the lifeblood of the club as it has been said many times before.

We have made friends from all over the country (and abroad), through going to and organising rallies and many of those friendships will continue when it is our turn to leave the club. Please continue this trend and give our brilliant little club a happy future.

Angela and Derek Ward.