

August Bank Holiday Rally at the Army Flying Museum

We haven't been on any rallies this year but thought we couldn't refuse to try "Crash Bang Wallop", and it turned out to be a brilliant one.



Arriving on Friday after four good days at Banham Zoo in Norfolk with two grandkids we were impressed by the Museum position with 19 vans sited up, the friendly atmosphere and children up and having fun.

Watching the flying display on the first day was a good start – not quite the Red Arrows, but they were learner pilots, a few of us had our hearts in mouths with some of the approaches to landing.

The Friday meal was excellent as was Steve and Jeans "Quizgo" – where do they get these ideas from its so innovative and "Bunko" on Sunday was a clever one. *Think they could run a TV programme better than Eggheads.*

As it was so hot the Boules competition was played later in the day, shame there was no floodlighting but several people came to the rescue with phones and torches, it was then decided to play the final the following day.

We, as most others, did visit places nearby like Stockbridge and Andover (thank you Bob and Marion) and liked the mix of old and new English towns and had a lovely Sunday meal in the George Inn nearby. The rolling hills of the Test Valley were appreciated on trips and the BBQ session was great fun.

On a more sombre note the Memoriam was impressive in its way and made you think of Ypres, Pearl Harbour and Washington memorials. At least there were no Japanese tourist taking Selfies!

Thanks to Steve, Jean and their support team. With brilliant weather and happy children to watch it turned out to be a fabulous rally. We never went in the museum so that's a reason for going back if another rally is held there

Even the nearby road proved entertaining doing the caravan-vs-motorhome competition – made you think English holidays are great since you enjoy yourself without going to Airports and getting in constant queues!

Alan Leeds

P.S. Thanks to Len for sorting out our awning and making it useable.



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