

**MIDLAND CENTRE DINNER DANCE
AT DRAYTON MANOR PARK
23RD JANUARY 2010**

We arrived at the rally on Friday afternoon, after a journey in the rain. Thankfully when we reached Drayton Manor Park the rain had ceased. We had a warm welcome from Brian, the Vice Chairman and were shown where everything was, i.e. water etc. We settled down and put the kettle on and watched as everyone else arrived for the rally.

On Friday evening, we went in the small bar to meet the other ralliers, and during the evening there was a quiz. As we were visitors to the centre, the ralliers made us very welcome.

On Saturday everyone did their own thing during the day. Thankfully the weather was fine and we enjoyed a walk with our dogs. At 5.45 pm everyone met in the Hamilton Suite for the Dinner Dance. We were greeted by the Chairman Jim and his Lady and Vice Chairman Brian and his Lady. Everyone had really dressed up for the occasion, and the tables were beautifully laid out. We started the evening with Grace followed by a toast to the Queen. A few other speeches were made and then dinner was served. We had all chosen our menu in advance. The food was excellent and served promptly and cheerfully by the waiting staff.

The Committee are to be congratulated on the very professional way they had organised the event, right down to the programme and place cards. After the meal we were entertained by a singing duo, followed by dancing to "Mix and Match".

Sunday morning we had refreshments and flag, after which we all set off home.

Thank you to Jason and Mandy and the Committee for an excellent rally and a super Dinner Dance. We look forward to the next one.

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