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15th Longleat Mobile Rally 25th JUNE 1972

From the Bristol Group Chairman . . .

The Longleat Mobile Rally is now one of the largest in the country and the Bristol Group is justifiably proud to have initiated it. Its venue is unrivalled yet informal and its standards have been consistently high over the last 15 years.

I recall the first meeting of the founders of the Longleat Rally including Tony Blackmore, G3FKO, Vic Newport, G3CHW (now, alas, no longer with us) and Cyril Chapman, G2HDR. The first Rally was run "on a shoe-string" — we had a sponsored raffle, two tents 10ft. square and some competitions. A highlight was Vic's Concours D'Elegance in which the mobile gear, its stability and safety were judged, rather than the splendour of the vehicle. Later years produced bigger attendances, the ubiquitous Raffle (which still grows in size), ever more volunteer helpers, hams travelling quite amazing distances and some astonishing mobile aerials. Most eye-catching was G3GYQ, Chris Spackman's double cloverleaf which subdued all who saw it. We had the greater part of the R.S.G.B. Council, including Gerry Marcuse, at one of our earlier Rallies and have had several of the "top brass" visit us since.

I have been pleasantly surprised and encouraged by the many people who, during a QSO, have said "See you at Longleat, Ted" when informed that the QTH was Bristol. That reminds me — QSP from Keith Orchard, ZD8KO, ex-G3TTC, on Ascension: "Greetings and 73 for another great rally at Longleat this year — wish I could be there". Well, maybe Keith will get through on 15m

during our DX Contest via G6YB/P.

I am sure you will enjoy the Rally again this year and hope to see you at our

next — the last Sunday in June, 1973.

Ted Halliday, G3JMY.

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From the Rally Organisers . . .

On behalf of the Committee, welcome again to Longleat. The Rally has reached its present size and popularity thanks to your support and I hope you have an enjoyable day.

A few points of interest . . .

The Rally is financed from Bristol RSGB Group funds. We receive no admittance fee and make no profit from trade stands but rely entirely on the raffle, bookstall and junkstall to remain solvent.

We attempted to install toilets on site this year, but as they must be of a very high standard in this environment, the cost is truly prohibitive. We regret any inconvenience caused by the trek to the house.

A list of visitors will be displayed so that you will know if your friends are here. Use the notice board to arrange rendezvous.

Longelat House has two new attractions this year. The celebrated costumes of BBC TV's "Six Wives of Henry VIII" are on view, and some baby African elephants can be seen in the game park.

The Red Cross attend voluntarily and will be making a collection which we hope you support.

Suggestions to improve the Rally will be welcomed by any committee member (wearing badges).

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73,

Tony G8CKJ

HAROLD LEONARD, G4UZ Region 9 Rep.

is in attendance and available to meet members to discuss problems and suggestions

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