

# "CARANEWS"



## The voice of the North Yorkshire Centre

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### Chairman's Chat

Welcome to another year of caravanning, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. To those people who organised events outside of the caravan season, Children's Christmas treat, New Year rallies, Burns Night, the Winter walk and the quiz night, all of which were successful and enjoyed by those attending, despite the weather, thank you for your work. As for the teenagers and their supporters having been involved in a supermarket bag pack and the Boxing Day dip, at Redcar, well done all for a very good cause, The Cleveland Unit at James Cook hospital, the teenagers charity for this year.

As most of you know June and I were fortunate enough to be able to visit New Zealand during January and February and what a fantastic time we had. How lucky we were, in that we were staying in the hotel 50yds behind the cathedral in Christchurch and as you all saw from the news the cathedral was severely damaged by an earthquake. We missed all this by a few days, including the main Christchurch airport being closed. It makes you realise sometimes that luck can be on your side.

However, back to cold old England and now that we are reacclimatised we are ready for a new caravan year, my second as Chairman. Your committee have over the winter organised a Christmas draw in aid of the Celebration fund and thanks to the committee and your generosity we raised just over £700. We will be running a similar draw this year.

The Celebration sub-Committee, comprising the centre officers and the rally marshal, Mr Edward Baxter has met to further arrangements for our celebration rally in 2012. As you have seen on the centre website we are asking for volunteers for the celebration rally working party. If anyone is interested you must be available from Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 until Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April to help prepare the site and during the rally to carry out duties as necessary. Please apply in writing to the secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012. A further site visit will be carried out during late March/early April. Whilst I am on the theme of the Celebration rally, the centre is holding a race night at The Dormans Club, Oxford Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough. Tickets are priced at £6 each, which includes your racecard and a pie and pea supper, tickets are available from Ian & Linda Innes, children are welcome.

Northern Centres this year will be held at Grange Park, Wetherby and will be hosted by the Northern Centres committee. Our centre has 5 volunteers for the working party and we really need 6. Anyone who is interested please contact either of the 2 Northern Centres reps, Stan Gelson or Bernard D'Ambrosio.

The programme this year is, as usual, of high quality and varied and I can only thank the committee and the members who give up their time to make these events happen and the landowners for allowing us to use their land. It is always good to see rallies filling up early, a healthy sign.

I am sad to inform you that the eldest son of Paul & Elaine Hutchinson, Dean, a soldier with the British army in Afghanistan was killed in the early part of February, I am sure I speak for us all by giving our support and sympathy to the whole family. I have sent a card on your behalf, to the family.

Please support our sports teams, Bernard and Andy would love to see you all there at the Joint Yorkshires and Northern centres rallies.

Lastly, you will notice that this year there is no members' forum in the handbook. We have replaced it with a message board on the centre website, it is intended for all members to ask questions of any kind to do with the centre or caravanning. Please use it and if you can help anyone by answering a question for them please do. It is there so that every member has a voice, your committee will take notice.

June and I look forward to seeing you all on the rally field during 2012.

Thanks

Stan Gelson

### Important notice for Wensleydale Rally RUFC 15th - 19th July

The marshall running the above rally have recently been made aware that the 40's Wartime Weekend will not be the weekend of the rally but two weeks later. The rally will however go ahead.

## Jervaulx Abbey

We arrived on Friday morning to be welcomed by our rally officers Mavis, Andy, Freda and Mac. We were given coffee and fresh homemade scones, jam and cream which was all very nice. The weather was lovely.

On Saturday night we congregated once again and were served soup and tiger bread which went down a treat, we also enjoyed a quiz. On Sunday Andy organised a walk which we missed owing to us having a ride on the vintage bus that took us up the dale to Hawes.

We all enjoyed hot dogs and a game of bingo on Wednesday evening. Thursday was flag. After which cheese and wine was served.

The area up and around Jervaulx is very good indeed. We also found time to visit Brymore ice cream parlour and yes we did indulge. I can really recommend it.

The Centre Marquee was well used along the fairy lights and Andy's fire. Thank you to all our rally officers for an excellent week we will certainly be back again all being well.

Judith and Alan Skerry

## CHRISTMAS TREAT AT SHILDON RAILWAY

We would just like to say thank you to everyone and especially Stan & June for a fantastic day at Shildon Railway. We have had such a lovely time which included a train ride to the Railway Museum, listening to a brass band, arts and crafts, a fantastic magic show and of course a visit to see Father Christmas. The staff there, were very friendly and kind, the whole atmosphere was lovely and the presents the children got were brilliant.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year  
Steve, Marion Aaron & Gemma Smith



## For Sale

2 blue deckchairs, recliner, with extension piece. Good condition - £50 for two.

remote control helicopter, boxed. - £20

Awning canopy / extension set with poles and pole bag. no instructions. - £65

Caravan electric cable extension lead - £25

Thomson caravan 12 v television 10 inch screen. - £70

Contact Harry & Angela Walsh

## NEW YEAR RALLY - BELATED THANKS

Audrey and I would like to say a big THANK YOU to everybody who was involved in the running of a brilliant rally at The Snooty Fox.

We had a great time! -  
Thanks again  
Graham Evans

## Burns Night Supper

O thou, my muse! guid auld Scotch drink!  
Whether thro' wimplin worms thou jink,  
Or, richly brown, ream owre the brink,  
In glorious faem,  
Inspire me, till I lisp an' wink,  
To sing thy name!

R.Burns 1785

Can I thank our generous hosts Paul and Margaret Cockrill and the many helper's who made the recent Burns Night Supper such an enjoyable evening, think "Come Dine With Me" the channel 4 program but on a much larger scale, haggis neeps and tatties, the swirl of the pipes and Dave Young's tartan pyjama's and you would be somewhere near.

Good company good food and plenty of craic, thanks again.

Ian and Joy Worthington

## Rallies Full

Whitby Westcliffe	18 - 20 March	Waiting list
Upper Car	25 - 27 March	
Studley Royal	6 - 8 May	
Beacon Farm, Sneaton	13 - 15 May	
Ellerton Lake	31 May - 5 June	
Whitby Westcliffe	9 - 11 Sept	Waiting list

## New Year at the "Snooty Fox"

The ralliers were all given a warm welcome by the rally team with mulled wine, mince pies and shortbread. Later we had delicious pie and peas in the Snooty Fox, prepared by John and Ness the owners, a quiz and laughter followed. Thursday we had bacon butties in our PJ's, also lovely porridge! Evening entertainment with the theme Doctors and Nurses, some very dodgy medical staff were on duty that night! Dr Feelgood (Andy) managed to win for our table by making a bed from drinking straws. New Year's Eve and we all enjoyed a first class meal and then some brilliant family games and welcomed in the New Year, dancing to DJ Dave Wooleer. We had a fantastic few days, with excellent company, visiting Bridlington, Scarborough and Malton. Other ralliers went to York, Filey, Driffield and more, all within driving distance of the site. A great start to our rallying year, huge thanks must go to Roy, Brenda and Dan; Andy, Ged, Lucy and Joe; Steve, Marion, Gemma and Aaron for all their hard work before and during the rally.

Thank you Andy and Mavis Woodcock

## Boxing Day Dip 2010

Long walks along the seashore, waves gently lapping at your legs as you look for the perfect spot to lay out the picnic blanket "WRONG!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" snow and ice on the ground, shivering seagulls, and not a donkey in sight, just the weather for a swim in the sea then?



Redcar Boxing Day Dip has become a bit of a tradition for the North Yorkshire Centre fundraising teenagers; the 2010 dip saw Chloe Young and Lucy Futchter brave the extreme temperatures for an invigorating soaking aided and abetted by Joy Worthington and Andy Futchter

A hardy band of NYC members turned out to support the kids splendid effort in the difficult conditions, Andy Futchter even demonstrated the perfect underwear to prevent frost damage to the extremities, available in silver or gold from Ann Summers outdoor survival shop on Linthorpe Road. After a quick skirl of the pipes (I was full of cold) the dippers went down the slipway in front of Redcar Lifeboat station and proceeded to get wet, shout a lot, get cold, shout even more and a good time was had by all.

The NYC dippers then returned to a heroes welcome, dry towels and clothes and they even made the Evening Gazette Live pages so check them out.

Ian Worthington

## Boxing Day Dip

It was a very cold Boxing Day morning but, despite the ice & snow four members of the North Yorkshire Centre took part in the annual boxing day dip at Redcar. Well done to Chloe Young, Lucy Futchter, Andy Futchter and Joy Worthington for your brave efforts in aid of charity. Rather than me and they thoroughly deserve all the sponsorship money.

Andy Woodcock



### Thank You

On behalf of Debbie and myself I would like to thank whoever took the time and effort to nominate us for the Rose Bowl Trophy. It was an honour and privilege to be presented with it at the Centre Dinner Dance.

Once again many thanks  
Debbie and Dave Gregory

### Thetford Fridges

As you know there have been a number of problems with Thetford fridges. Some to do with sooting up the flue and discolouring the outside of the caravan, some to do with fumes in the caravan and in one severe case the fridge actually caught fire.

I have had some problems with my Thetford fridge and have taken them up with Thetford, trading standards and through the Northern region committee have tried to coordinate how many people have had fridges that have caused problems. The advice given by trading standards is as follows: When buying a caravan always register the fridge with the maker, make sure the caravan is set up level, for safety have a carbon monoxide detector fitted in the caravan and have your fridge serviced annually, as per makers recommendations.

If you do have any issues about Thetford fridges then you should contact Trading Standards, Sheffield office who have taken up this issue on behalf of all members in the Northern Region who have had problems. You should contact David Reid, Trading Standards Enforcement Officer, Sheffield. Tel: 0114 2736286.

I can say that following a meeting with David Reid and Thetford; Thetford supply and sell 70,000 units annually and the reported problems are low. As for the fridge units they meet all directives necessary to be accepted as a safe, suitable for use appliance.



### Halloween at Catterick

Boo, well it was Halloween, we were warmly greeted on Friday by Andy, Ged, Lucy, little Joe, Edward, Emma and Anya our rally marshals, after a windy tow down the A1, no it was not me!!!! It was something to with the high pressure, never mind, on with report, drop down the legs and relax, after a Curry from the Ghurkha takeaway (I kid you not) and a night of top class entertainment (Coronation Street, Emmerdale etc) it was off to sleep eventually, because of the strong gusts of wind rocking the caravan!!! remember the high pressure.

Saturday morning weather was very good so we made the most of it and had a nice walk around the charming town that is Richmond, after some excellent fish and chips (I think the shop is called Barkers) and purchasing half the Halloween stock of the Yorkshire Trading Company it was back to the Racecourse, folks were busy dressing up the vans in a spooky fashion for the "Spooky Van" contest so we got to work with our display, we had a good laugh walking around the other vans and pinching their ideas for next year, after a flurry of face painting, quiz questions and knocks at the Caravan door from the trick or treat'ers it was off to the ball.

Blooming heck, the amount of hard work put in by the Rally Marshall team and a few more helpers really paid off as they turned an uninspiring bar into a fitting venue for any Halloween party, a really good Buffet with some witches brew, sorry pumpkin soup, and party games followed. I was robbed of a famous victory in the Musical Chairs Fancy Dress World Final by the smallest of margins but I did not let it spoil my night.

Music was provided by DJ Andy who was as surprised as anyone when a couple of Corpses and an Undertaker and his wife started dancing the square tango to "Don't Fear the Reaper by Blue Oyster Cult", surely a first for North Yorkshire Centre, or maybe not?

Getting to Flag on time was a tricky affair with all that clocks going back malarkey, what time is it now Katie man, have you took the hour off, this time yesterday it was 12 o'clock ~ party nights and time warps.

The wonderfully entertaining and delightful Catterick market was drawing us over the course, "yes love", that ornate plastic clock shaped like a shell would look lovely in the caravan???? what do you mean it does not self adjust for daylight saving in the autumn or spring, put it back and I will get on to the team of scientists at Greenwich to see what they can offer for £1.99, further along "as many chicken feet as you can carry for no, not £30, not even £15 not even £10, £5 yes £5", only the thought of my knees buckling and my nose weight (not that nose) kept my money in my pocket.

All too soon we were saying our goodbyes to all our friends old and new after a very enjoyable weekend, another one for the calendar next year me thinks!!

Ian, Joy, Bethany and Katie Worthington

