

"CARANEWS"



The voice of the North Yorkshire Centre
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Bernard and I would like to wish all our members a Happy New Year and a successful rallying season. By the time you read this, several events and rallies will already have taken place – the Handbook Social, the Winter Walk, Burns Night, Hillside Caravan Park, Knayton, and the Valentine's Rally at Thirsk. My grateful thanks to everyone involved in these events.

We are now looking forward to the rest of the rally season and hoping for some good weather – it just seems to help things along a bit if the sun shines!

Please don't forget that North Yorkshire Centre is hosting the 37th Northern Centres Rally over the August Bank Holiday weekend, I do hope as many of you as possible will support the Centre in this event. There will be something for everyone to enjoy and we'd like to see lots of North Yorkshire entries in the Arts and Crafts competition. Have a look at the categories and give it a go!! After all someone has to win.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the venue for the Dinner Dance has been changed to Hall Garth Hotel, Golf and Country Club, Coatham Mundeville, Darlington. I'm sure it will prove to be an excellent venue, offering us a larger room and a choice of menu. Please do consider supporting one of the Centre's premier events.

I would like to congratulate the Teenage Committee on all their hard work and support so far, and am sure you would want to join me in wishing them every success in the coming season – just don't forget to have a fun time in the process.

Finally Bernard and I look forward to meeting our friends old and new on the rally field.

JEAN D'AMBROSIO
CHAIRMAN

Happy New Caravanning Season to you All

I look forward to receiving all your news, photographs, fun items and any other information this coming season for addition to the Caranews or Website.

They can be given to me on the Rally Field, e-mailed or posted

I will also try and publish more issues of the "Junior Caranews" to contain drawings, photographs, jokes, stories, etc.) to get the children more involved.

Cora Tebbs - Editor

Nawton, Hemsley - Easter

There are no more electric hook-ups available for this rally

Handbook Amendments

Due to a change in the site fee the price of the Runswick Bay rally (25th – 30th July) has been increased from that published in the events programme. The price is now £28.00 for the full rally or £6.45 per night. Port Mulgrave (30th July – 3rd August) is also increased to £23.30 for the full rally or £6.45 per night.

The venue for our annual Dinner Dance has changed.

THE DINNER DANCE WILL NOW TAKE PLACE AT HALL GARTH HOTEL, GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB, Coatham Mundeville, Darlington on Saturday 15th November 2008. The rally will still be at Hargill House Caravan Club Site, Gilling West. The site is approximately 14 miles from the hotel. We will be organising coaches from the rally to the hotel.

Hall Garth Hotel offers us a substantially larger room, with its own bar, and a choice of menu.

The Officers and Committee invite you to join them at one of the Centre's premier events. To book dinner dance tickets; please contact either Edward Baxter or Stan Gelson. Edward is also taking bookings for the rally.

What a great start to 2008

We arrived at the New Year Rally at the Snooty Fox Pub near Malton for our 5 day celebrations, and from opening our itinerary, we knew it was going to be 5 excellent days. It was like a magicians hat so much put into a small space, as for us so much planned to do in a short time.

Saturday 3pm on the field mulled wine and shortbread, very tasty. Then at 7pm in the pub for pie and peas. We had a great night in the company of Anona, Michael and Mary and Sid

Sunday 10.30 We all met in the pub for bacon buns and coffee, dressed in PJ's, nighties or for some little as possible, a great display of bedwear, Mary and Brian your secret is out. Then later a short walk was arranged.

7.30 pm, we all put shorts and shades on and met in the pub for Murder on the Rally Field, what a lot of talent we have in the centre, those chosen for the main parts really took it serious, we were in the company of a main suspect in the murder, Honor-Tu-Ra alias Eileen Joppling, but as usual she gave an excellent account of herself, after great investigations, lots of accusations and a lora lora laughs the Murderer was none other than Stan Harding alias Andy Woodcock who's motive for murder was money.

Monday a free and easy day then our Big Party started at 7pm, as we entered our names were called and photo was taken, the main room was set out lovely. All the tables were decorated, we were shown to our places, the room was an array of sparkle, glitter, best bib and tucker, the woman looked fab too. The three course meal was excellent followed by games to suit all ages, dancing and at 12 o'clock, the champagne corks popped, and the cake was cut. Now it's 2008 time for changes and resolutions, the atmosphere, the company and the organization was second to none.

Tuesday afternoon we had flag and prize giving. We were all given a wrapped present, which was a framed photo taken the evening before. What a lovely thought. Our lady Chairwoman Jean, thanked the rally marshals and their sons, for all their hard work time and effort in organizing such a great 1st New Year Rally. Thanks also went to John and Ness, Pub owners for their hospitality. Jean also took great pride in thanking the children of all ages for their excellent behaviour and the friendly way they all got on together.

The rally was a fantastic success and to show our appreciation the Rally Marshals were given a standing ovation. To end the rally a quiz night was arranged for those who wanted to join in. Grateful thanks to Brenda, Roy, Daniel, Ros, John and Daniel.

Happy and a prosperous New Year to everyone.
Jim and Geraldine Coyne



Suspects (left) and Murderer

New Year

Happy New Year to all my four legged friends and their adults (can't forget those can we, no walks, no food, no baths) I've just come home with the mobile dog kennel from our Centre New Year rally, a new venue at The Snooty Fox near Malton. It was blowing a real gale when we arrived but the site was surrounded by a man made bank. Heaven for me as it is home to a lot of invisible rabbits, I never saw one, just lots of holes! The adults enjoyed a warm welcome of mulled wine and shortbread, followed in the evening with pie and peas in the pub. Food played a major part as next morning they were off for bacon butties, some wearing their PJ's and nighties (some not even those!) I missed the family walk as my vet says it is too much for me these days, I'm better on short walks but I hear Jasper went for a swim in the pond (I'm no good at that with my short legs, if I was supposed to swim I'd have webbed paws wouldn't !!)

Shorts and sunglasses came next, a murder mystery evening, I hear my adult could soon be doing time behind bars and not in a pub! I'm glad I never drink from our aqua roll. For those not lucky enough to be at this event apparently my human, Stan Harding poisoned his boss after cooking the books!

Food again for my adults on New Years Eve, and an excellent meal and entertainment for everyone, this time everyone was suitably dressed.

I think we all had a good sleep next day, I did as it rained a lot. Flag when everyone woke up and then an evening quiz to round off a brilliant rally. Back home on Wednesday for something my humans call WORK, not quite sure what it is but they say it interferes with caravanning but without it we can't go.

Anyway great big thanks to Roy, Brenda and Daniel Jon, Ros and Daniel for all their hard work before, during and after the rally.

Well done.

Brodie Woodcock - Your four-legged roving reporter.

Canvas Farm, Knayton – February 1st – 3rd

We set off in a high wind and snow flurries to Canvas Farm, Knayton. Arrived safely and Trevor helped site the caravans whilst I sat snug in our caravan doing the quiz. What a lovely site overlooking the hills. Excellent facilities with helpful landowners. Woke up next morning to a pleasant day. (No snow). Visited Thirsk and Northallerton as both are just a short distance away. Sunday after coffee and collecting the black spot, we had an enjoyable walk up the country lanes before leaving.

Jeff, Jane and Jemma found us a very good new venue and made us all very welcome. We shall look forward to returning.

Marjorie and Trevor Hartshorne.

Important Information

Members of the North Yorkshire centre should be aware that no more than two rally officers are allowed on any normal weekend rally. There are circumstances where a special rally can warrant extra rally marshals. Permission for this can be sought, in writing, from the committee, well in advance of the rally and preferably before the rally book goes to print.

The Officers and Committee would like to remind members that the opening time published in the events programme must be adhered to at all times and the only caravans permitted on site prior to the start of the rally are the rally marshals. With the exception of the rally marshals, the following applies:

1. Anyone on site prior to the first day of the rally is not insured.
2. Anyone on site prior to the first day of the rally breaches the conditions of the Club's exemption certificate. This gives any neighbours who do not like caravans an excuse to get the rally stopped.
3. We have received numerous complaints in the past where members have turned up at the appointed rally opening time to find several caravans already on site. Allowing people to turn up early (especially the previous day) without good reason is unfair to the other members and is not acceptable.

Whilst there may be occasional exceptions where it is reasonable for someone other than the rally marshals to arrive early, we ask rally officers to ensure that the opening times are adhered to. Would members please not arrive (or ask permission to arrive) before the rally opening time. In this way we can protect the ralliers, ensure we avoid complaints from people in neighbouring properties and ensure every member is treated fairly.



Handbook cover

The winning photograph for the 2008 Handbook cover was taken by Chris Bentley

Midsummer at Balk - 27th - 29th June

York House Holiday Park, Balk, Thirsk

This rally was a late addition and had to be added to the back of the handbook as "stop press". The telephone number for the Rally Office is incorrect and should be - 01642 654175

Rally Officer requiring plaques can now view samples online.

For Wharfedale and Bowies plaques, please visit www.wharfedaleandbowies.co.uk W&B will accept final numbers only 5 working days prior to the delivery date but FM Tags require 10 days. Orders must still be made through Anne Johnson

A Bit of Fun

I know we have had a lot of rain lately, but is this taking it too far?



The Rose Bowl Trophy

Mavis and I were thrilled to receive the Rose Bowl trophy at the dinner dance. As Centre members, Mavis and I have met a lot of people whom we are proud to call friends and we would like to thank all of them for their support. We would especially like to thank the committee and whoever nominated us for the honour of being awarded the Rose Bowl. We look forward to continuing to work towards the success of the North Yorkshire Centre and meeting many more friends in the future.

Andy & Mavis Woodcock

Congratulations

Delighted grandparents, Shirley Broere and Sue and Ray Dickens are pleased to announce that Karen and Chris, are now the proud parents of triplets Freya, Fearne and Will. They are now home and doing well

Northern Centres Rally 2008

The Rally will once again be holding a hobbies and crafts display. Anybody interested in taking part please contact Barbara Oxberry (Northumberland Centre) on Tel. 01670 8145928

Incorrect telephone number

Andy Woodcock's telephone number is incorrect in the handbook under the Jervaulx Abbey rally. It has a 3 in place of a 4. Please use the number listed at the front of the book, under Richmond or Eden Camp.

(Bit of fun) BBQ RULES

We are now approaching BBQ season, therefore it is important to refresh your memory on the etiquette of this sublime outdoor cooking activity, as it's the only type of cooking a 'real' man will do, probably because there is an element of danger involved.

When a man volunteers to do the BBQ the following chain of events are put into motion:

ROUTINE

- (1) The woman buys the food.
- (2) The woman makes the salad, prepares the vegetables, and makes dessert.
- (3) The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces, and takes it to the man who is lounging beside the grill - beer in **hand**.

Here comes the important part:

- (4) THE MAN PLACES THE MEAT ON THE GRILL.

More routine....

- (5) The woman goes inside to organize the plates and cutlery.
- (6) The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is burning. He thanks her and asks if she will bring another beer while he deals with the situation.

Important again:

- (7) THE MAN TAKES THE MEAT OFF THE GRILL AND HANDS IT TO THE WOMAN.

More routine....

- (8) The woman prepares the plates, salad, bread, utensils, napkins, sauces, and brings them to the table.
- (9) After eating, the woman clears the table and does the dishes.

And most important of all:

- (10) Everyone PRAISES the MAN and THANKS HIM for his cooking efforts.
- (11) The man asks the woman how she enjoyed "her night off." And, upon seeing her annoyed reaction, concludes that there's just no pleasing some women....

Peacock Hall

The holiday rally at Peacock Hall, Norfolk from the 9 - 17 August is now full.

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Bolton Abbey

Bolton Abbey Rally, 25th-27th April is now full.
A waiting list is in operation

