

# "CARANEWS"



## The voice of the North Yorkshire Centre

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### CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Here we are well into June and the weather being relatively kind to us, firm ground to put the caravan on and the best weather still to come.

Thank you to all of those people who attended the National rally at Sledmere House and congratulations to those people who did well in the competitions. A special thanks go to the group of people who took my awning down after the wind had broken one of the awning poles.

I am sure you will find this edition of 'Caranews' interesting and may I take this opportunity to remind you of some important events and dates. Joint Yorkshire Sports, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> July at Rufforth, York, at the moment (14<sup>th</sup> June, we only have 4 vans booked onto the rally) which would make our centre sports officers jobs extremely difficult to raise teams, this year there will be an outdoor social happening.

Northern Centres is at Grange Park, Wetherby, over the August bank holiday period and the price goes up on 11<sup>th</sup> July to the higher rate. A full sports and entertainment programme is in place. Last year, thanks to your continuous support, we were successful in both of these rallies, please come.

Of course, our own 3000<sup>th</sup> Celebration rally takes place next Easter at Aske Hall, Richmond, with a full programme of activities and entertainment and the Vice Chairman of the Caravan Club, Mrs Janet Moore has agreed to open the rally. Booking slips are in your handbook or available from any committee member. June and I look forward to seeing you all on the rally field, throughout the rest of this year.

Stan Gelson

### Race Night

Thank you to everyone who supported the Race night at the Dormans Club; I hope everybody enjoyed the night and we managed to raise £346 for the Celebration Fund!! I think that everybody enjoyed their little flutter and lets us hope that we could do it again next year and help swell the coffers of the Celebration Fund for the 3000th Rally even further.

Thanks again  
Linda and Ian Innes alias Ladbrokes for the night.

### Race Night

A night out with a difference "Race Night". We'd never been to one before so were unsure what to expect. We were warmly welcomed at the Dormans Club by the race stewards Linda, Ian, Sally and Ron and given a race card. We had all chosen our own horses names, Andy had "Tesco" (we know where he does his shopping!!) The bets were laid for the first race and then the fun started with a run down of each horses history, good and bad, this horse is a good jumper, pity this race is on the flat! Half way break for delicious pie and peas before some more racing. Throughout the evening there were spot music prizes. It was an entertaining evening with lots of laughter and our thanks go to Linda Innes for raising the idea and organising the event, helped by Ian, Sally and Ron. Proceeds going towards the Celebration fund.

Mavis Woodcock

## Six Star Rally Update

This year the rally will be opening on Thursday 15 Sept as an extra day @ £7

To enable friends to be sited together you can send Rally Slips and rally fees together in one envelope

Great Days Out Vouchers will enable ralliers to get discount to go to Yorkshire Air Museum on site also for parties of 8 and over there is also a discount

The more people enter the competitions  
**THE MORE CHANCE YOU HAVE OF WINNING**  
“ THE EVENT CHAMPIONS TROPHY “



## Broadings Farm, Whitby August 2012

Due to other commitments the Rally Officers are unable to continue running this rally. We are therefore looking for Rally Officer to take charge of the rally. The current assistant rally officers ( who cover one week each ) are willing, if needed, to continue to assist but are unable to commit to the full time of the rally.

Anyone interested in running this rally and would like some more details can contact either Geoff & Carol Duke or Merve Griffiths, Rally Secretary.

## Manfield 50 / 50 Dance Weekend

The weekend started off fine  
The absence of Linda, there was a shortage of drinking white wine  
Friday afternoon we arrived on site  
Weather fine, the sky blue and the sun shining bright

Greeted by rally marshals, one two, three and four  
Tea or coffee we were asked, even before we opened the caravan door

Stepped out on to the old, compact, green school field  
Beautiful day, no wind from which to shield

Legs down, admire the view  
This is caravanning through and through  
Meeting friends old and new  
Espying the village pub, not 200 metres, not to far to struggle too

Manfield village hall 25 meters to our right  
Where the dance was to be held on Saturday night  
Saturday dawned, again beautiful and bright  
After a very peaceful sleep Friday night

Off to Bowes museum near Barnard Castle  
Only a few miles away, so travelling was no hassle  
A good history lesson, we were taught  
Glancing here and glancing there, at an easy pace, we did not get fraught

Returning to the Manfield site  
Sun still shining, sky still bright  
To ready ourselves for the dance and community buffet that night  
7 pm soon arrived, all dressed up and shoe laces tight

Andy and Arkwright (Alan) as our DJ's  
Our dance tutors, Ian and Joy at the ready, what more can I say  
The music played and we all danced the night away  
11 pm came round too soon, time to stop our dance and sway

The hall was cleared, time for bed  
Return to our caravans for a well earned rest, ah enough said  
Sunday morning sun shining bright  
Time to reflect on an excellent night

Flag at eleven and discuss the previous night  
Amazingly we were all cheerful and bright  
An excellent night had by one and all  
An excellent venue is Manfield Hall

Look forwards to next year's event  
So come on members, next year, do not be absent  
Thanks to Andy, Mavis, Neil and Margaret  
Alan and Phyllis,

Ron and Sally Danks

Are you taking booking for next year YET.

## Lockton and Snainton Rallies

Thursday, no work, what shall we do. First stop Lockton rally. Arrived mid-morning to a very warm welcome from rally marshalls Brenda, Roy and Dan Stirling, Jeff, Jayne, and Gemma Bringloe. Time for a relaxing cup of tea and sandwich - hurrah holidays start here!  
That is once the marquee from the caravan club had been erected. Lockton for those of you who don't know is a fantastic walking area. Dalby Forest is at the bottom end of the rally field, Pickering a short drive away. Sunshine and friendly ralliers set the seal for a very good weekend. Bacon butties on Saturday morning, profit going to celebration/teenagers fund. Quizzes and bingo in the marquee for those who wished or just sit and watch the sun set. Monday came round all too quickly but huge thanks to the aforementioned rally officers who did a "Stirling" job. Thank you all so much.

We moved on to a secret CL and spent a lovely few days getting away from it all (details of this hidden gem are not to be revealed). Next stop was to Snainton, another warm welcome. The sun shone for the rest of the time. Bingo and quizzes in our hosts, Elsie and Gordon's, barn, bacon butties for late breakfasts. This is an ideal venue for Dalby Forest, Pickering and Scarborough. The last was where we went on Bank Holiday Monday, look round the shops, chips on the beach (this is the ex-treasurer's idea of a meal out!!) It was then time to head home and then that dreaded word "WORK". Our thanks to our lovely rally officers Ged, Andy, Lucy and Joe Futcher, Jon, Ros and Daniel Loughran.

Mavis & Andy Woodcock

## Snainton Mayday

Having almost learned our lesson at Ripon we again tried to put up our awning only to be thwarted by gusty conditions attempting to remove our fingers in scissor like awning poles, I am convinced Elsie and Gordon have a wind machine installed at the end of the field "Quick Gordon, switch the Acme wind machine on, someone is trying to put up an awning and I need a laugh" however after threatening to burn it, chop it up or throw it away we eventually put the awning up on the non door side of the caravan away from the wind.

Dave Young and "Our Dan" made a brave effort trying to dig to Australia, only stopping when they hit the electric cable supplying the wind machine at the top of Elsie's field, never mind lads there is always next year.

Ian get the television ready the Royal Wedding is on!!!, I would if I had thought on to put it in doh, never mind we will listen on the Radio and paint pictures in our minds, yes dear, no dear, it won't happen again dear..... Dave Y to the rescue again with a mini television.

We all enjoyed the Bacon Butties on the Saturday morning, expertly prepared by our rally marshal team, then off for a look at the newly restored station roof in Pickering



Guess who had a 60th birthday whilst he was away, still got a fine head of hair as well!!! (Even puts Matty Daikin's award winning locks to shame)

"Davy, what sort of shampoo do you use to keep your hair looking so thick and full of vitality, mine is so dull, limp and lifeless!!!"

Bingo and a quiz in the barn was helped along with a liberal application of punch and some Royal wedding cake which tasted so nice I am going to ask Andy for the recipe.

Really enjoyable weekend, plenty to do and we were well looked after by Andy, Ged, John, Ros, Dan, Lucy and little Joe.

Ian, Joy, Bethany and Katie Worthington

## National Rally Sports

Andy and I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who competed and represented the Centre at the recent National Rally. We entered teams in: petanque - 2 teams, volleyball, bar darts, tug of war, family lawn darts, junior football - 12 and under, and a quiz team.

The principal results were as follows:

Quiz Team - quarter finalists  
Family Lawn Darts - semi finalists  
Junior football - Runners-up.

Evan Muir won a silver, 2nd place, medal in the Children's Sports. Lucy, Joe and Andy Futcher and Hannah Walsh completed the Fun Run. Joe was the youngest competitor to complete the Fun Run. Well done.

Luca Stephenson won his age group in the Fancy Dress as Igglepiggle from In the Night Garden.  
Craig Martin won 1st place in the Baking Competition with his viennese fingers and Anne Morigan gained 1st place with her pilchard pizza.

Well Done and Thank You to you all.

Bernard and Andy



## Regional Forum at Askham Bryan, York in April.

Above shows the panel which included:  
Mr Grenville Chamberlain, Chairman of the Caravan Club and Jim Hibbs, Managing Director of Coachman Caravans.

## Ellemford

A total of four vans arrived at this beautiful location and interest was centred on the Jim Clark Rally which started a short distance from the site. Cars of every description were taking part in the rally from the supercharged cars to the old Escorts, Minis and Hillman Imps. A Special Stage was held a short distance from our field but they had to travel past us to the stage and afterwards when the stage was over. They had to drive normally and we would sit on a roadside seat and wave to them as they passed. Their response was a tooting of horns, a wave and a flashing of headlights as they passed.

The weather was good, mostly fine and sunny. On the Tuesday we were asked to move the caravans to the other side of the field as they were going to use the river to make a film. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to move the caravans. That afternoon the film started to arrive with three very large vans parked on the roadside with police involved with controlling the traffic. Other vans and people carriers arrived with the film personnel and shooting took hours for a thirty second scene in the film.

Brian Jack



Some of the Filmcrew

## Streatlam Rally - 1st/3rd

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the rally at Streatlam has been cancelled.



## Rally Information - Shutt Nook Farm

This rally, running from the 10th to 14th July, is being held to coincide with the Great Yorkshire Show which opens on the 12th July. The showground is approximately 15 minutes away by car and a free shuttle bus service operates at 20 minute intervals from Harrogate bus

## Spalding Tulip Festival Rally April 28<sup>th</sup>- May 5<sup>th</sup>.

We arrived late on Thursday night to be greeted by Alan and Phyllis and once we had the legs down we were provided with a welcome cup of tea and some biscuits.

At 10.00a.m. on Friday morning, the clubhouse was open for all the ralliers to watch the Royal Wedding on the big screen. The bar was open at 10.30a.m. for anyone wanting to toast the royal couple; Ian enjoyed a pint of the local brew; there was no sign of Kiss me Kate or Will's Crown Jewels on draught!!

The committee of the Cricket Club put on a meal for us on Friday evening which included pork chine, which is a Lincolnshire dish along with salad and potatoes and then a selection of desserts. The meal was absolutely delicious. On Saturday we went into Spalding to watch the Flower parade and for anyone who has never seen this, it is definitely worth going to; it must take hours to pin all the flowers onto the floats. We also visited some of the local churches which were also decorated with beautiful floral displays.

Sunday night wine and cheese was provided by our rally officers and Judy organized a game of Chinese Bingo, while our host, Alan was our compere for Play Your Cards Right.

On Monday Ian and I went to Sandringham, where the Queen was actually staying after the Royal Wedding, not in the house but elsewhere on the estate. I do like to be in good company!! Monday evening the locals challenged the caravanners to a game of indoor carpet bowls; Alan had bought a trophy for the winning team. After a nail biting ninety minutes, the caravanners lost out to the locals, who said that the trophy would have pride of place in the cricket club and hoped that we would play them again next year.

On Tuesday, Ian and I had to head for home much to Ian's dismay because we would miss afternoon tea and a sausage and mash supper on the night.

Our thanks go to Alan and Phyllis, Les and Judy and Neill and Margaret for a superb rally. We loved every minute of it and to anyone who has never been to this rally, you should give it a try; it certainly is worth the three hour journey down there.

Linda and Ian Innes



## Lawn darts and quoits results from Studley Royale

Lawn Darts	Girls	Lauren Dakin vs Olivia Dakin	Winner - Lauren Dakin
	Boys	Joe Futcher vs Matty Dakin	Winner - Matty Dakin
	Ladies	Janet Griffiths vs Anne Gibson	Winner - Janet Griffiths
	Men	Paul Smith vs Keith Charlton	Winner - Paul Smith

Quoits	Girls	Lucy Futcher vs Olivia Dakin	Winner - Lucy Futcher
	Boys	Craig Slingsby vs Alex Smith	Winner - Craig Slingsby
	Ladies	Caroline Smith vs Karen Young	Winner - Karen Young
	Men	Keith Carter vs Keith Charlton	Winner - Keith Charlton

All qualify for the finals at Catterick in September

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### Competition for the Centre Boule Trophies at Asenby

#### Finals for The Humphreys Cup

Keith Carter/Karen Young v Tony and Maureen Wilkinson.	Winners	Tony and Maureen Wilkinson.
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#### The final for the Grelowrey Shield

Ben/Keith Carter v Steve/Diane Dakin	Winners	Steve/Diane Dakin
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The winners will receive their trophies at the AGM in October

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### 1st round results of Lawn darts and Quoits at Ripon Racecourse:

#### Lawn Darts (final)

Girls	Katy Worthington vs Chloe Young	Winner	Katy Worthington
Boys	Ben Carter vs Connor Danks	Winner	Ben Carter
Ladies	Karen Young vs Ros Loughran	Winner	Ros Loughran
Men	Merve Griffiths vs Len Dargue	Winner	Len Dargue

#### Quoits (final)

Girls	Katy Worthington vs Chloe Young	Winner	Katy Worthington
Boys	Ben Carter vs Connor Danks	Winner	Ben Carter
Ladies	Linda Innes vs Karen Young	Winner	Karen Young
Men	Merve Griffiths vs Keith Charlton	Winner	Merve Griffiths

All qualify for the finals at Catterick Racecourse on the 17th September 2011.

## Ellerton Lake

The smell of the greasepaint, the roar of the crowd. I was thinking about the great comedy duos the other night, Morecambe and Wise, The Two Ronnie's, Young and Loughran, names that will live forever in the annals of comedy, what a laugh Dave and John gave us during two splendid live performances of "The Two Wallies" they even did most of the second performance in the dark, carrying on like seasoned professionals. They cleverly installed a cellar in the marquee; it must have taken them days to dig it out!!! And had a fantastic assortment of Ball Hitch Locks (I think that's what they called them) and other useful caravan accessories, well done to all involved.

Ellerton Lake was a really good Rally hosted by the very hardworking Rally Marshal team of John, Dave, Andy, Ros, Karen, Ged, Our Dan, Chloe, Lucy and Little Joe, with plenty of activities to do, I even tried my hand at Underwater Quoits (my excuse is that I was only washing them)

The highlights for me were the walk to the Pub on the Thursday, the Round the Lake quiz and the most competitive pop quiz ever, Keith diplomatically deciding that a draw was the fairest result and joining the exclusive "Tie Club". We even managed to catch the two sunny days of the British summer on the Thursday and Friday so we cannot complain too much about the weather

Splendid stuff, book early to avoid disappointment next year.

Ian, Joy, Bethany and Katie Worthington



## Boiler Regulators

Regulators appear to have gone missing. If rally officers have a regulator which has not been returned with the kit, could they please return them to the equipment officer Andy Muir or to any Committee Member.

## The Centre Golf Championship

Took place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June at Romanby Golf Club, Northallerton. 10 players competed for the Feathers Golf Trophy. The winner, this year, was Trevor Plews. Well done Trevor. Trevor has competed in every North Yorkshire Centre Golf Championship since its inception 17 years ago. Thank you to Stan Gelson for organising the competition. Stan has organised the competition for the past 17 years

Bernard D'Ambrosio

## Bonfire Rally

After 17 years of being associated with the bonfire rally, from rally marshals to chefs and fireworks technician, Judy and Les Warriner have decided to stand down from the team which help make the bonfire rally such a success. I think it only fair that the North Yorkshire Centre's thanks and gratitude are passed on to Les and Judy for all of their hard work and dedication over the past 17 years.

Anyone who would like to be involved on the catering team, please let me know. Without an extra family involved the catering will have to be slimmed down and as the food subsidises the fireworks either the cost of the rally will have to rise or the amount of fireworks reduced. None of us wants this to happen.

Stan Gelson

## Should we stop printing the events program?

The biggest expense that the Centre has to meet is that of printing and distributing the events programmes to over 1500 members, other centres and various miscellaneous recipients. The audited accounts for 2009 show that of a total expenditure of £6835 the events program accounted for £2351 after income from advertising and sales of books to non-centre members. That is 34% of our total expenditure. With expected postage increases this figure is likely to rise and, unless we take some action to reduce these costs, will inevitably lead to increases in the admin fees we need to charge and the resulting increase in rally fees.

So what can we do about it. One suggestion is not to send out printed books to everyone. In place of the hard copy we could start by sending out copies of the programme on CD which are not only cheaper to produce but also incur less postage. Anyone wishing to receive their programme via e-mail could also do this by providing a suitable e-mail address prior to programme distribution. I realise that a small number of people do not have access to a computer and some will still want to have a printed copy and these would be made available at a small charge. Centre members who order and pay for a printed copy would receive with their book a credit note to the value of the amount paid which could be redeemed against any North Yorkshire rally during the year so they would not be out of pocket.

I am looking for feedback from the members on what your thoughts are on this idea and if you would be happy for it to be brought in or have any strong opinions against it. I would appreciate it if you could give your reasons for either when you reply. I am also interested if anyone would like to act as guinea pigs to trial a cd version so that I could identify any potential problems.

If you wish to comment on this idea, either post it on the message board on the website or telephone me on 01325 314344. I will be pleased to hear from anyone. If you would like to take part in a trial please give me with your details.

Andy Woodcock