

# "CARANEWS"



The voice of the North Yorkshire Centre  
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## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hi Everyone I hope you are now all well into the rallying season. It's hard to believe that almost half the year has gone already.

I would like to apologise to those of you who were disappointed when the "Bite to Eat" had to be cancelled, but hope you will agree that the safety of yourselves and your property is paramount.

On a more serious note, may I urge you to consider running or helping to run a rally if you do not already do so. It is not difficult and there is plenty of help and support available. Many of our current Rally Officers have been running rallies for a considerable number of years and are getting to the point where they feel they have done their share. In order to continue to provide the number of rallies and variety you are accustomed to, we urgently need Rally Officers and, indeed, new rally venues. Please give this matter your consideration. If you think you may be able to help, please speak to Angela Walsh, our Rally Secretary, or any Officer or member of the Committee.

Bernard and I are looking forward to Children's Sports at Ripon Rugby Club and also to Joint Yorkshire Centre Sports and Northern Centres. Please come along, take part if you can, and support your Centre.

Well done to Daniel Stirling and his Committee for all their hard work and the exemplary manner in which they have conducted themselves. The Centre is very proud of you. Keep up the good work.

Bernard and I look forward to seeing you on the rally field.

Best Wishes,  
Jean D'Ambrosio

## Note from the Editor

Once again many thanks to the members who have sent me all the rally reports and messages for this issue. As you can see, the Caranews seems to be increasing in size thanks to your efforts. Don't forget, if you have any special celebrations coming up, let us know. Steve and I would like to thank everyone, who has sent us cards and congratulations on our recent Silver Wedding Anniversary.

Cora Tebbs

## Obituary

Jack Mico, an elder statesman of the North Yorkshire Centre, sadly died on 3rd June 2008, at the age of 93. Jack was a former Vice Chairman of the Centre and along with his wife Edna, was Northern Centres Block Marshall for 11 years. We extend our deepest sympathies to Edna, the family and all Jack's friends.

Jean D'Ambrosio

## 2009 National Rally

The 2009 National Rally will be held at Prestwold Hall - Loughborough

## Rally Secretary

We require a new Rally Secretary for next year as Angela Walsh is stepping down. If you might be interested and would like more information please do not hesitate to contact Jean D'Ambrosio or any Officer.

Rally Marshalls are required for the 2009 Bonfire Rally. We are simply looking for people to be Rally Marshalls as on any other rally and would not expect these people to help with the catering, fireworks and bonfire. If you can help us out, please contact Angela Walsh, Rally Secretary, or any Officer. Thank you Jean D'Ambrosio

## Bolton Abbey

What a superb venue for those who haven't been before, we arrived at 4.30pm, had our tea and was just about to go over to the marshal's van for the hot punch and the heavens opened (i thought i'm not standing out in that). So we waited for it to stop hence there was no punch left but Carol gave Mick a glass of red wine and myself a glass of flavoured water (i had to have a clear head for David's walk in the morning).

10.30am Saturday morning and we set off on one of David's walks with a few geocaches on the way. It wasn't too far this year, only 6miles or so onto Barden Bridge, not as many people as last year on the walk but everyone was very friendly. As Mick said my mouth did more miles than my feet (I don't know what he means!) We got back just after 2pm so had time to nip into Skipton to do some shopping as it's market day on a saturday. Plus the chip shops open (well we deserved them). Just got back in time to do my homework for the forthcoming school disco and get dressed up.

7.30pm saw us all walking up to the village hall (what a sight!), i'm getting a bit worried about this centre with fellas dressed up as school girls. The majority got dressed with prizes for the best, i don't think anyone wanted the cane from Carol! Last song, you will never walk alone saw everyone on the dance floor, it was a brilliant night. Sorry to Bernard for popping his 'boobs' but the children dared me!

Sunday woke up to rain again so it was a wet flag, we didn't see the point in stopping in all that rain so we were straight off home

Thanks go to Carol and David for a really great rally. Just one complaint, book some better weather next year!

Cathy, Mick & Callum. (Yorkshire Pennine Centre)



## Winners of the Lawn Darts and Quoits Finals at Studley Royal

### LAWN DARTS

<b>Men:</b>	Stan Gelson
<b>Women:</b>	Janet Griffiths
<b>Boys</b>	Ben Carter
<b>Girls:</b>	Chloe Young

### QUOITS

<b>Men:</b>	Stan Gelson
<b>Women:</b>	Samantha Carter
<b>Boys</b>	Ben Carter
<b>Girls:</b>	Chloe Young

## Easingwold Rally

I have been asked to report on the new Easingwold Rally 'warts and all'. Access involves travelling approximately a mile and a half on single-track country roads and I guess the only other wart is when other ralliers become aware of this beautiful venue. I have been asked by one member to play this venue down fearing that once the word get out places will be hard to come by.

The weather was dry but a little chilly at times. Sunday gave us some sunshine.

Picturesque Thornton Lodge, Easingwold offers ralliers the most ideal spot for a relaxing weekend. There are two small lakes at your front door providing great fly-fishing for the enthusiasts and there were quite a few ralliers taking up the challenge and providing Saturday's tea. A charge for using this facility was made by the landowner. It was very therapeutic sitting in the caravan watching the skills and techniques used to land a fish.

Although the walk into Easingwold was advertised as 1 mile it probably was more like 2 but who was measuring on such a delightful walk. John and I had not until now appreciated what a lovely village Easingwold is. Passing through the village on the way to York was the norm until the bypass was opened. Even then we had never taken the time to turn off the main road to explore the village.

Most caravan folk like to find a good tearoom on their wanders. The homemade toasted fruit loaf in the one we visited came up to scratch.

While wandering through the local park/woods we observed that the 123 miles White Rose Cycle Route from Hull to Middlesbrough passes through this beautiful village.

York is approximately a 10-mile car ride away. Those fortunate enough to have obtained their bus passes (who said the ageing process brought no advantages) travelled the scenic route although this entailed visiting every village and took John and I 80 minutes to arrive in York. The journey back was shorter by using a different bus operator.

Boule competitions took place over the weekend to select those who would represent the centre at the National Caravan Rally. Congratulations to the winners and good luck.

The Grelowrey's Shield and the Humphrey Cup were also competed for. Congratulations to those winners.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our rally officers Anne and Harold, Carol and Jeff for a great weekend and hope to be top of the list next year as we did receive the dreaded 'black dot' at this new venue.

Jean and John Lowe

## Darlington Railway Museum

We had a most enjoyable weekend at the Darlington Railway Museum with 21 units attending. The Rally site was very close to Darlington in fact we walked into the centre in less than 15 minutes where there are plenty shops, pubs cafes plus a Cinema.

On Saturday morning, our Rally Officers organised a visit to the Railway Workshop where a volunteer took us into the Workshop and gave us a very interesting talk on the building of the A1 Peppercorn Class Steam Locomotive - The Tornado, Everything was spanking new and a group of dedicated men, all volunteers who give hours of their time were working on this superb steam locomotive, several of our members were steam enthusiasts taking photographs and asking appropriate questions to the delight of the tour guide. We were very very lucky to see this magnificent steam locomotive as it is very near completion and is to be moved to another Railway Museum at Loughborough within a week or two. The volunteers will be sad to see her go as they have built her to exact specifications and have every right to be proud of their achievement.

On Sunday after coffee (where I picked up the dreaded black spot) we visited the Railway Museum. It has undergone a major refurbishment at a cost of £1.7 million and thanks to our Rally Officers; entry in to the Museum was Free. An enjoyable couple of hours can be spent browsing through the memorabilia of a by-gone steam age

Our thanks go to Colin, Jan Mike and Pauline for an enjoyable weekend, this was their first Rally as Marshals and they did a grand job.

Bill and Jean Braban



## Elmford Rally (back of beyond)

Arrived early afternoon on the opening day to the sight of Brian (MacJack) running across the field to open the gate for us. This is a beautiful venue situated by the side of the River Whiteadder about 6 miles from Duns.

This is an ideal walking area with the woods just on the other side of the river, not too far away is Berwick, Eyemouth and Holy Island. The Jim Clarke Memorial Rally (cars) past by very close to the site on the Saturday.

This was a wonderful rally rounded off on the final evening with Brian organising a get together meal at the local Golf Club. Well done to Brian, Joan and Holly.

Trevor and Marjorie Hartshorne

## Richmond Meet Rally

Friday 23rd and it was time once again to go off to do another rally with North Yorkshire Centre this time it's Richmond meet with Andy and Mavis Woodcock with Peter and Margaret Cockrill

We arrived at the rally field to be welcomed by Mavis as Andy was sitting people as they arrived so after putting the legs down it was time to put up the porch awning? (What a struggle but we managed it, as was a little bit windy outside). Then we had a nice cuppa

Saturday we went into Richmond for a look around, came back, had a little snooze and then chilled out. Forgetting all about going to the clubhouse on site as we were playing a game of rummy cub.

Sunday we went down by the river and then got some supplies for Sunday Lunch which I managed to cook and it was delicious even if I do say so myself prior to lunch we watched Lewis Hamilton win the Monaco Grand Prix then later went for coffee at the Marshal's van for flag and yes you guessed it, we got pulled out first then I picked up the dreaded black spot not to be outdone, I did this rally write up straight away.

Monday we will be pulling off to go home and this time (I hope I don't get another blow out). At least the weather has kept fine for the rally with nice clear skies with just a very strong breeze. For those of you who have not been here, this is a very good flat field for a rally and not to be missed.

Well done to our marshals and assistants for such a good rally here at Richmond.

Black spot winners again (this is two inside a year)  
Colin Chambers & Jan Park

**SCOTTISH RUGBY TOUR RALLIES**  
**4 - 20 APRIL 2008**

Having joined Joan and Brian on these rallies for a number of years now we feel it is time to say thank - you. The first rally (4 - 9 April) was on the showground at Kelso (some of us with ehus) A beautiful setting on the edge of town and near the Tweed. Welcoming flag as always on the first evening with coffee, and biscuits and lots of information from the sage himself. Lots to do and places to see even if you are not a fan of the odd shaped ball. We visited Berwick-on-Tweed and Duns and Home Castle.

Closing flag - big anticipation about winning the competition - but no! On Wednesday we moved to Melrose (9 - 14 April) onto a new venue close to the town, castle and again near the riverbank. Brian and assistant Geoff were very busy getting outfits into the field (narrow lane and tricky entrance) and had a full day on their feet. The weather was wet then fine and unfortunately part way through the rally the yellow flag was flown, and it became necessary to protect the entrance, the land and make sure that when people left they could be towed off.

Saturday was a full day of Rugby 7s and the weather held for most of the time whilst a crowd of 18,000 had terrific excitement before the stroll back to the rally around 7 p.m. With the conditions being so bad Brian had to tow many ralliers off on Monday when the rally ended, the centre and the ralliers should be grateful for all his hard work. Unfortunately the assistants Geoff and Marlene had to leave on Monday. Having run rallies when conditions are bad on the field we know how much pressure is placed on the rally marshals under these circumstances - striking a balance between the landowners interests and also the ralliers. Despite all the poor weather this year we enjoyed ourselves as always in this lovely part of Scotland and our thanks go to North Yorkshire Centre and the marshals in particular Geoff and Marlene and Brian and Joan (You are lucky to have them) We look forward to joining Joan and Brian later this year and of course next April.

Enid and Peter Stewart Yorkshire Dales Centre  
PS Hope the final rally went off OK

**York Rugby Club**  
**2nd - 5th May 2008**

**Friday**

Doug and I arrived early afternoon to the usual warm welcome from the rally marshals and were sited on level ground. We love this rally location as it is within walking distance of York Centre and its many shops and attractions.

**Saturday**

Started the day with a breakfast of bacon and sausage buns cooked by master chef Geoff Gregory to celebrate Carol Gregory's birthday (won't mention her age but only that she will no longer have to pay bus fares). Walked into York along the river path, which is a favourite walk of ours, it takes approximately 30 minutes and brings you out into the heart of York. Did some retail therapy and had lunch in one of our favourite Italian restaurants.

**Sunday**

Sunday dawned bright and sunny. Had lunch in the Dormouse Pub just a ten-minute walk from the rally field (Doug was doing honours at the flag so alcohol was limited). Very popular place and worth a visit. Unfortunately the weather took a turn for the worst and poured just in time for the flag. Won lucky van prize but it turned out not to be as lucky as we also won our first 'black spot'.

**Monday**

Unfortunately we had to leave before lunch. Once again thanks to Rally Marshalls for their usual excellent venue and organisation and we will certainly be back next year.

Doug and Diane Macpherson

**EPPLEBY SUMMER BALL 2008**

We were welcomed to a cup of tea or coffee, which was very nice as we arrived. This year we had two new "KIDS ON THE BLOCK" alias Margaret and Neil Hartshorne. We were lucky with the weather sunshine and showers but mainly sunshine. Our rally marshals were busy as per usual getting ready for the Ball. To cater for that amount of people is no mean feat on the rally field.

Everyone was welcomed with a glass of wine (orange of course for Alan and myself.) The food was excellent. Numbers were drawn from a hat as to which tables went first. The village hall is an excellent venue. Helium balloons decorated the tables, which were set out to military standards. (Les had his tape measure out again.) Simon our DJ entertained us for the night. I don't think there was one dance where the floor wasn't full. We finished off with our usual we'll Never Walk Alone at about 11.30pm.

Sunday morning just spoilt itself with a heavy shower at coffee morning, but soon brightened up again.

To Alan and Phyllis Les and Judy and last but not least Neil and Margaret a very BIG THANK YOU from all the ralliers. It was great, we really enjoyed it.

Judith and Alan Skerry

## Foulden

Welcomed on site by Brian and Joan Jack to our seventh rally over several years with North Yorkshire Centre. The site had been well prepared for us by Mr John Hutchinson, the landowner. In the evening a much-welcomed cup of tea or coffee was on offer. I would certainly recommend the site for the magnificent views and the peace and quiet

The weather was reasonably kind to the 7 outfits on site, brightening up markedly by Saturday evening when, shortly after another welcome cup of coffee and presentation of prizes we, unfortunately, had to leave the rally in order to travel the 250 or so miles to Birkenhead to catch our ferry home on the Sunday. On a more personal note we would like to record our thanks to those who helped us with our battery problem - now thankfully resolved. We enjoyed the rally and loved the site and look forward to catching up with North Yorkshire Centre again in the future

William & Maureen Parry.  
Ulster Centre

## Robin Hoods Bay - 6/8 June

Arrived late Friday afternoon and settled down with a cup of coffee for a spot of 'people watching' since the rally field was next to the camping site for the Folk Festival. Later on set up our barbeque and completed the quiz - cryptic clues for types of fish. Still think our answer for Dancing part of foot (Conger 'eel! ) was better than the correct answer - sole.

On Saturday weather was pretty fair though not really hot, so did a walk over fields to Hawsker the back along the cliff top on the Cleveland Way. Stopped off in Robin Hood's Bay to enjoy some of the folk music. Later in the evening our daughter Helen joined us with boyfriend Paul for another BBQ.

Sunday was glorious sunshine but we had to be away by lunchtime therefore just had a wander into Robin Hood's Bay.

Thanks to Graham, Sandra, Harry and Angela for a well organised rally.

Brian and Julie Pidd



## Ellerton Lake

### Thursday

We arrived on a sunny Thursday morning. Had an extremely lazy day enjoying the sunshine and the scenery. It was a refreshing change to be on a longer than usual weekend rally.

### Friday

Weather not too good today, but this didn't stop people, especially the kids from enjoying themselves on the lake on their canoes and rafts etc, also saw a few young lads out there fishing! We took the opportunity to visit nearby Catterick for a bit of shopping. On the evening we went to the communal tent and enjoyed a fun game, which was a quiz with a difference combined with bingo, although we didn't have the good fortune to win anything! But I'm sure everybody there enjoyed themselves.

### Saturday

Woke up to a very warm and sunny day, the weather remained so all day, it seemed most people lazed about and enjoyed the rest, whilst the more enthusiastic ones messed about on the lake and took advantage of the good weather. Early evening most people got out their BBQ's as there was smoke billowing everywhere. Again the rally officers had arranged an excellent night of entertainment, with bingo and a game of Family Fortunes, this seemed to go down very well and was fun.

### Sunday

Unfortunately the good weather collapsed and everybody woke up to rain, and this didn't stop, it was relentless. Everybody packed up as quickly possible to avoid getting stuck on the field.

The rally again was very well organised, I'm sure everybody would like to thank the rally officers for an excellent weekend. We look forward to next year. This is our first black spot, so hope it's ok.

Kath & Mike

## Unofficial [and tongue in cheek] report on the Romanby Rally, 6 - 8 June

Deciding to ignore Stan's directions we approached the site from the opposite way on the B6271 and drove straight past and on towards Northallerton. After some panic U turning and minor domestic squabbling over whose fault it was we soon realised that Stan had cunningly only signed to site in accordance with his instructions.

We arrived to a warm greeting from Bernard while Stan appeared to be having some difficulty in connecting the rubber hose to his barbeque. Our good friends had saved us a spot on a lovely sloping pitch in the corner of the field. We couldn't have been further from the water and elsan points, but we were conveniently situated right next to the road so the traffic noise made certain we didn't lie in too long.

It rained all Friday night, suitably enhancing Saturday's traditional sport of trampling around in knee high grass searching for elusive golf balls. 18 holes of torture and innumerable sand pits later the welcoming sight of the 19th hole, and our friend John Smith, came into view where we all had our own version of the 'if only' story. Congratulations to Stan on his victory, and commiserations to all fellow sufferers.

Saturday night we had a traditional English barbeque of Chinese spare ribs, and then sat out in the fading sun chewing the cud over the day's activities. The ladies then retired together for a good old chinwag while we fellas, exhausted from our efforts, sat and watched a bit of TV at least when we managed to stay awake.

Sunday started with a steady walk around the van, then a brisk sit down waiting for the better half to surface. Following a good healthy breakfast of bacon, eggs, mushroom and tomatoes it was time to devote the rest of the day to basking in the glorious sunshine, interrupted only by flag, until scorching skin and a fast approaching departure deadline saw us all leaving for home.

Congratulations to Stan and June, Bernard and Jean for a cracking weekend, and don't forget to keep the trophy polished Stan, it's only on loan.

Chris Steel

## SPORTS REPORT NATIONAL RALLY, HOLKHAM HALL, MAY 2008

North Yorkshire once again put in a good performance at the recent National Caravan Club Rally, held at Holkham Hall, Norfolk, over the Whit Bank Holiday weekend. Thank you to everyone who took the time to represent the Centre.

We had 23 vans in attendance and from this small group we entered the following events: family lawn darts, 2 teams in the petanque competition, men's volleyball, under 15 football, 19-34 gent's football, the strongman competition, the baking competition, the inter centre quiz and the dog show. The main results were as follows:

Inter Centre Quiz	Runners-up
19-34 Football	Runners-up
Strongman Competition	Harry Walsh, runner-up
Petanque	Len Dargue and Dave Gregory Quarter-finalists
Baking Competition	BarabaraBaxter Highly Commended
Dog Show	Jasper was 2 <sup>nd</sup> in his class

All our other competitors gave a good account of themselves and competed in a friendly and sportsman-like way. Well done to you all. Let's see if we can build on our successes at Joint Yorkshire Sports and Northern Centres.

Thank you to Liam Gregory for organising the 19-34 football. Many thanks once again.

**BERNARD D'AMBROSIO**  
SPORTS OFFICER

### Thank You

May we take this opportunity to say many thanks to all present and past committee officers and rally marshals for all the pleasure and help we have had in our years of caravanning. It is with regret that we have sold our van (due to family health reasons) and now will be spending the weekends at home. Once again thanks for all the happy times we have had.

Trevor and Irene Flanders

### Northern Centres

A Football Organizer is still required for the Northern Centres Rally - Anybody interested please contact Jean D'Ambrosio or Carol Gregory



Les & Judy Warriner would like to inform everyone of the safe delivery of their grandson born on May 16th at James Cook Hospital. He weighed in at 9lb 13oz no names as yet, but mother, father and baby are all doing well

### Rallies Full

Whitby Rufc,  
Whitby West Cliff,  
New Year,

### Northern Centres Rally

There will be a Hobbies and Crafts exhibition at Northern Centres, co-ordinated by Barbara Oxberry of Northumberland Centre. Instead of just an exhibition, Barbara would like volunteers to do a demonstration or a workshop on their hobby/craft. This will take place in the Arts and Crafts marquee on the Saturday afternoon of the rally. If you would like to participate and show off your skills, please contact Barbara on 01670 814928

### Items for Sale

**NR PULLMAN AWNING** - 19ft 960-990cms 5 piece acrylic in blue and grey used approx 6 times Very Good Condition - £300 - Contact Jeff Bringloe - Tel 01287 639596 or Mob 07970 896966

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**Halfords cycle carriers** - suitable for fixing to roof bars £25 pair or £14 each - Contact Chris Bentley on~ 01642 315748 or 07768842517

### Items for Sale

**Avondale Dart 556 - 2002:** Light tow weight 1300kg. Cris registered. Front cabin converts to double bed, side dinnette converts to bunk beds and 2 fixed rear bunks. Hot/Cold blown air heating. (electric or gas powered), oven/grill/hob, centre toilet (shower, swivel cassette toilet and basin with storage area) large sunroof, fly screens and blinds, Fridge (Freezer compartment), spare wheel, gas bottle, stabiliser and hitchlock, Apache full awning. Excellent condition - £6000.00 - Contact Mr. Murphy on 0191 3750364 or 07949 260091 - or Mrs. C. Gregory on 01642 316373

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**GULL SAILING DINGHY:** Fibre Glass, Good Condition includes Trailer, Spare Mast, Beam and Sails - Ready to Sail - £600.00 ono Contact John Loughran on 603459 or 07831 588652

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**ISABELLA BUCKINGHAM AWNING:** to fit 850-awning rail Fibreglass poles with bedroom annexe - Open to Offers - Contact Geoff Cox on 07736083952



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NORTH YORKSHIRE, SOUTH LANCASHIRE, SOUTH YORKSHIRE, YORKSHIRE DALES, YORKSHIRE PENNINE,

30<sup>th</sup> Edition

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The Regions 6<sup>th</sup> Members Forum was held on March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Rheged Discovery centre, Penrith, organised by Cumbria Centre. There were 96 members in attendance including 12 non-centre members. The guest panel were Executive Secretary Brian Richardson, who gave an excellent presentation on the workings of the Club; Alan Miller and Malcolm Groves, Executive Members of the Club, and Michael Hold, Director of Airstream U.K. Nineteen caravans attended a rally organised at short notice at the Airstream Factory.

For 2009 Yorkshire Pennine and South Yorkshire Centres will be organising the forum and a rally. Details are still in the process of being finalised but should be published in all Northern Region Centre brochures.

### **Photographic Competition.**

For 2008 we are again holding a Photographic competition for the front cover of the "What's on?" leaflet the Caravan Club produces for us.

The rules are as follows:

1. Photos must be 4 inches by 6 inches.
2. Pictures to have been taken during the past 12 months.
3. All photographs must be unmounted.
4. The subject is an attractive location or local event within the Northern Region.
5. Entries must be submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> November 2008 to:  
MRS KAREN SIMMONS,  
146, NORNBURN PARK,  
WITTON GILBERT  
CO. DURHAM.  
DH17 6SQ.

Entries will not be returned unless accompanied by a suitable S.A.E.

6. Entries to be marked on the rear with name, Centre and photograph location.
7. Judging will be carried out at the November Region Council Meeting by the delegates present.
8. The winner will be announced at the 2008 Region Annual General Meeting.

A prize will not be awarded but the winners photograph will be produced on the front cover of the 5000 "What's On?" leaflets produced by the Club.

Don't forget to get your booking in for the 37<sup>th</sup> Northern Centres Rally at the new venue to Northern Centres of Sutton Park, York.