

# "CARANEWS"



## The voice of the North Yorkshire Centre

Issue No 4 – November 2008

### Hi Everyone,

I can scarcely believe that this is the start of my third and final year of office; I just don't know where the time goes to. I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your help and support. It is very much appreciated.

I'm delighted to report that once again we have a full committee, both Officers and committee members, and I look forward to working with them all.

I would like to wish Chloe Young and her teenage committee every success in the coming season. They are a very young committee and I would urge you to give them your wholehearted support. I also hope Chloe and her committee enjoy themselves and don't become bogged down by fundraising for their chosen charity.

To Daniel Stirling and his committee from last year, well done, you did a magnificent job raising £2,100.00, which was split between Daisy Chain and CHUF (Children's Heart Unit Fund at Freeman Hospital).

Last year we encountered a few problems, largely due to some pretty awful weather, which led to the loss of a number of rallies. Let's all hope that the weather is kinder to us in the 2009 season.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the few rallies and events, which are left this year. Finally Bernard and I would like to wish each and every one of you: A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

Jean D'Ambrosio  
Chairman

### BONFIRE RALLY 6th – 8th Nov 2009

At this moment the centre does not have rally officers for the 2009 Bonfire Rally.

We are looking for three maybe four rally officers, depending on predicted numbers attending. The duties for the rally will be the same as all normal weekend rallies.

The fireworks, bonfire and catering will not have to be done by the rally officers as there is a team who are willing to do this for the rally. Any rallier who is willing to run the rally or needs more information please contact myself or any of the centre officers.

This may be an ideal opportunity for those ralliers thinking of running a rally, but who want a closer look at the workings of a rally before making that commitment, to be part of a team and observe firsthand what is involved.

Rally Secretary, Merve Griffiths.

### Message from the Editor.

Unfortunately, because of the cancellation of the Northern Centres Rally, and having been in Hospital, the August edition of the Caranews was not published.

Hopefully I have managed to squeeze everything into this issue.

Many thanks to the (un)lucky people who managed to pick up the black spot throughout the year.

Your rally reports have been very much appreciated by all members.

If you have any information you would like to see in the Caranews or on the Website, please Email me, send it in by post or see me on the rally field

**Children's Christmas Party**  
**Saturday 13th December**

to be held at the Marton Methodist Church, The Grove - Marton.  
2.00pm to 5.00pm  
for Children aged 4 - 12 yrs

Names must be in by the  
**10th November.**  
This event is subject to numbers



**Thank You**

Can we say a big thank you to Brian and Joan Mc Jack for a lovely 5 days at Alnwick although the weather was not so great we did manage to get out and about. As always we got a great welcome it was a friendly rally and nothing was too much trouble for the MacJacks good luck with the Yorkshire tour -  
Linda and Steve Coates

**Grateful Thanks and Appreciation**

On behalf of all the family and myself may I extend a Big sincere Thank You to all Club members concerned for the many letters, cards and messages of Sympathy received following our major loss of a beloved Wife, Mum and Grandma and my "Best Mate"

Please be assured the numerous messages received have been a real comfort, indeed the sentiments expressed have not only give us comfort and support but also pride in the standing that Agnes had achieved amongst those she had the pleasure to get to know and regards as "Friends"

We will be eternally grateful to each and everyone for your kindness. Also including all those who so kindly attended the funeral service. The time involved and available makes it almost impracticable to reply to you all individually. I hope therefore you will understand and accept my sincere apologies for this.

Thank You all and may God Bless you  
Harry Goulding and family

North Lancashire Centre/Northern Centres

**Tuck Shop**

The Centre needs "Tuck Shop Organisers" for next year. Anyone interested could they please contact Jean D'Ambrosio or Dave Gregory

**North Yorkshire Tour 2008 September 5th to 19th**  
**Marshals Brian & Joan Jack**

The tour consisted of four venues Easby, (for the Kildale Show), The Lion Blakey Ridge, Danby (for the Castleton Show) and finally The Howard Caravan Club site in Rosedale. On the day we were due to set off for Easby, the rain was siling down like a monsoon, and I really didn't feel like towing the van in weather like that, so we phoned our apologies to Brian and Joan and said we would see them at "The Lion". We set off for Blakey Ridge and joined the vans already sited. There was a lot of water standing and we got on to a peg by the kind assistance of the rally marshal who towed us across the worst of the mud! During the night the wind had got up and the viz. wasn't very good either. We were 400 metres above sea level, and it sound worse if that is translated into 1400 feet! We settled down to keep warm in the van, but the weather only got worse. I remember someone saying a few years ago that they had been to The Lion at Blakey and were in clouds all the time, they never saw any of the spectacular views while they were there. I felt that this was going to be a repeat of that experience. On the Wednesday evening all the ralliers went in The Lion for a meal. We had a room to ourselves which was very pleasant. That night the wind increased, and because we were in the clouds, the turbulence was quite frightening. I thought someone was trying to pull my bedclothes off me!! We made tea, and sat drinking it before we decided to try going to sleep again as it was 4a.m.

We discovered that the rain had got in a locker which opened into the space under one of the bunks in the caravan. We mopped up the spray which was on the floor, but fortunately hadn't wetted the bedding which we keep in that locker. There was a hole for an electric cable to connect in to a 3-pin plug inside the locker which I made waterproof with a large lump of Blue-tack. We should have been travelling on to Danby on Friday, but the show had been cancelled and the farmer didn't want us to use his site because of the ground conditions, so we stayed on Blakey Ridge. We went for another meal to pass another evening. Eventually we set off for the final rally at Rosedale. A large part of the site was roped off as not surprisingly, the ground was very soft. It wasn't until the last complete day of the rally that the weather improved enough for us to get the chairs out and sit in the sun, which was a real pleasure. There was some debate for those going south on the final day as to whether it would be wise to travel down the road from Pickering to Malton as the Northern Motorhome Show was being held on the Pickering Showground. In the event, the traffic wasn't too bad and we got home safely. Our thanks go to Brian and Joan for the rallies which were held under very difficult circumstances, and we look forward to attending some more of their rallies next year.

Jean Simpson

### Plaques

Could Rally Marshals requiring plaques please contact Dave Gregory not Anne Johnson due to illness

### Rally Report for Pickering

John, Roz and Daniel always amaze me with their unfaltering dedication to running rallies and this one was no disappointment! Thank you so much for another lovely weekend (the British weather will NEVER get the better of US!)

Rally officers Alan and Barbara Rudd arranged the "Beetle drive" game which was great fun and hilarious. Alan had stated that if it wasn't a success, Barbara's punishment should be a climb up the flag pole! ( I, for one was secretly looking forward to that!)

No wonder this rally is always full - the location is a 5 minute walk from Pickering village centre and the Rally officers make sure everyone is made to feel very **welcome**.

Thanks Again - looking forward to next year!

Liz and Harry Lane (aka. U2 and Harry)

### Teenager of the Year 2008

It is a great privilege to be the North Yorkshire Centres 'Teenager of the year'.

I would like to thank all of the teenagers who voted for me, and promise that as always I will do my best for our centre.

### The new Teenage Chairman & Committee

I would like to congratulate Chloe Young on becoming our centres new Teenage Chairman, and wish her and her committee the best of luck for the coming year.

Daniel Loughran.

### Birth Announcement

Paul and Tricia Stanton are proud to announce the birth of their first grandchild Daniel Neil, born 13th Sept. 08 and weighing in at 8lbs. Parents Adam and Laura, and baby Daniel are all doing fine. Thanks to everyone who have sent their best wishes.

### Catterick Races Rally - 19<sup>th</sup>/ 21st September 2008

We're not exactly what you would call horse racing fans, but a weekend at Catterick Races has become one of the highlights of the year for us, and believe me , being visitors to North Yorkshire Centre from the Yorkshire Dales that's very difficult to admit to.

This was our third year attending and whilst the rally gets bigger each year it also seems to get better.

Of course, the whole weekend revolves around Saturday afternoon racing but there are a lot more things to do. Anybody fancying a new caravan or more accessories can take a look at Ropers or Catterick Caravans or visit one of the local hostleries for a drink and a bite to eat – highly recommended. A party of 14 of us did just that on Friday evening and had a real good time. With Northern Centres being cancelled we had a lot to catch up on. Saturday, the weather was great and it wasn't long before we were claiming our pitch at the rails ready for the sport and more importantly trying to hang on to our wallets. The racing was good, the fun and banter was terrific – some won a few quid, some broke even and some lost but overall I think everyone enjoyed their afternoon. After a leisurely barbecue we attended the very well organised social evening for bingo, quizzes and various other bits and pieces designed to entertain us.

Sunday seemed quite quiet with most of the teenagers' away paintballing as a reward for a committee year of hard work fund raising. And so to the lucky van draw and the black spot!!!

How on earth did I get it? It's well known by a number of us visiting regulars that you don't even put us in the draw never mind get a prize with the black sticker on. I'm sure I must have been stitched up but no way could I get the proof. Only joking of course and I must say it's a pleasure to write a short report thanking a bunch of people for giving us a great weekend.

To Nigel, Jayne, Lucy, Becky, Alan, Phyllis and all who helped at the social, thanks for a super time and I just hope that I've said all the right things to help me get booked on next year.

Andy & Lorraine

### Little Crakehall Rally

Arrived at this lovely spot on Friday night to be greeted by our marshals who remembered that we had attended their rally last year!!!

The sun shone all weekend and we took advantage of the fine weather to go for a walk into Bedale and round the surrounding countryside on the Saturday. I believe some of the other ralliers went to Masham to the sheep fair.

Saturday night and the farmer had very kindly let us have the use of one of his barns (It was very cosy when we were all in!!)

A fun evening with lots of cheese & nibbles, wine & sangria was enjoyed by all. A general knowledge quiz and bingo kept us entertained!!!!

Another sunny day on the Sunday and after flag (at which I managed to get the black spot!!!) we went for a short stroll around the village before reluctantly packing up to come home. On behalf of all the Dales members on the rally I would like to thank the rally marshals for a lovely weekend and for making us so welcome.

Lynne & Clark Turton (Yorkshire Dales)

### Cracken House farm - Leyburn

We decided to set off early on Friday so we could have the full day ahead of us, when we passed through Northallerton the road was blocked off due to an accident, the detour took us through Scorton and then through Carterick,. On arriving at the rally field we were quite surprised to find there was only one other person there before us. The rally marshals gave us a warm welcome and asked if we would like to go on the first row, we had a wonderful view over Middleham. The venue was ideal for a short walk into Leyburn and a walk round the town.

Saturday we had a run out to Bedale and Masham, on Saturday evening there was a wonderful fireworks display which Harold and Ann said Jeff Gregory had organised it and paid for as he was about to receive his old age pension, (believe that if you can)

Mary and I had a good weekend meeting friends we had not seen for quite a long time, thanks again to the rally marshals for a lovely weekend and hope to make it next year.

(Hope the people in the house near the Pheasant Inn have the fire display works next year)

Mary and Brian Savage

### PEACOCK HALL

We arrived early afternoon to a welcoming cuppa and cake in the evening a get together to introduce everybody and unveil the weeks programme.

Sunday was a free day. On the Monday an optional excursion, a trip on a steam train followed by a 1½ hr cruise on the Norfolk Broads followed by lunch and a browse in Wroxham before catching the train back. In the evening a communal BBQ followed by bingo.

Tuesday was a free day returning at tea time for cream tea homemade scones by Gill, followed by lawn darts & quoits. Wednesday brought us a full English breakfast, then the rest of the day was free as was Thursday until the evening. This was the night for a murder mystery evening with an Italian twist, preceded with an Italian meal cooked by our rally marshals. On the Friday j

John took an optional excursion to the Thursford Collection of fairground rides and organs, the rest of us had a free day with a short stroll to Mundesley in the afternoon. Saturday was free day rounded off in the evening with a hog roast followed by bingo then entertainment by the dynamic duo John & Chris. This was a rally with the right mix of events and free time and an awful lot of hard work by the marshals Chris & Gill, John & Ann assisted by Trevor & Pat. Thank you all from ourselves and all the ralliers for a very enjoyable holiday,

TREVOR & MARJORIE HARTSHORNE.

### Beadlam Grange Rally, Helmsley

Another well run rally by marshals and Co, - Roy, Brenda and Daniel Stirling, John Roselyn and Daniel Loughran.

Lovely venue, nice dry large field. Ideal for visiting Helmsley, Pickering, Kirbymoorside or enjoying the views over Bransdale (walking or driving) Another venue to return to in the future.

Doreen and Mike Godliman

### JERVAULX ABBEY RALLY

**NOT A DULL MOROSE FACE,  
ON THE JERVAULX "NORTH YORKS" RALLY,  
REALLY ALL SUCH GOOD COMPANY,  
THE WHOLE CROWD VERY PALLY.  
HIGHLIGHT OF THE RALLY WAS A PIE AND PEAS  
SUPPER,  
YOU WILL HAVE A JOB TO BEAT THAT,  
ONLY DAMPENED BY THE WEATHER,  
RAIN, MORE RAIN, WE COULD HAVE BEEN  
DROWNED RATS!  
KNOCKED OUT BY YOUR OVERWHELMING  
KINDNESS, YOU COULDN'T HAVE DONE MORE,  
SUCH A GOOD SET OF MARSHALLS – ALL FOUR**

Norman & Maureen Le Grys (Suffolk Centre)

### Wold's Vintage Rally

Marshals - Trevor and Margorie Hartshorne  
Co Marshals - Neill and Margaret  
Hartshorne

Well guess who got the Black Spot, Noah's Ark, sorry I mean the RUDDS. The sun was shining when we got there, to go with the warm welcome from the rally marshals Trevor, Marhorie, Neill and Margaret. We had wonderful weather the whole weekend, the Steam Show was excellent. There were various Exhibitions and stalls to walk around. In the evening we sat outside the bar with all the ralliers and listenend to live music. All the girls were entertained and had a really great time, another successful rally thanks to the rally marshals

Allan, Barbara, Abigail, Catherine, Melissa,  
Jemima. Imogen and Madison

### Eppleby Gala Rally (rally officers Alan and Phyllis Gilbert)

Arrived Thursday 14th August to a very wet field, but got a very warm welcome from Alan and Phyllis. Friday was a sunny day so we relaxed and had a few drinks. On Saturday we went to the Dolphin centre in Darlington as it is only 15 minutes away from Eppleby, when we got back the children and several adults played volleyball thanks to John Loughran. At 6 pm a game of bingo was announced, which we played, had no luck, but still enjoyed playing.

Sunday came around very quickly, the flag at 11.00 am and Eppleby Gala at 2 .00 pm, the gala had several stalls, one of them run by Alan and Phyllis, there was a dog show, tombola, cake stall and a few other stalls.All the children on the rally got on well and played for hours.

We all enjoyed our stay at Eppleby Gala Rally- thank you to Alan and Phyllis and all involved in it.

Dave, Anne, Claire, David and Bradley Simpson

### 18th-20th July Knayton Rally aka Glastonbury

Arrived Friday evening just after a down pour. The site is approached through an electric gate which the children were operating and escorting the vans to the rally field like true future rally officers. The adult officers then took over and guided us to our pitch on a very wet and muddy field; fortunately the mud was quite shallow as the ground below was fairly solid. Legs down and tea and drinks with friends followed.

Saturday a walk had been organised around the local area which fortunately finished seconds before the rain came down again. Saturday evening and Chris and Pat Cook (the landowners) had cleared a barn for our use where we were greeted with wine, cheese and biscuits, flag followed, van prizes were drawn with almost everyone receiving something. The few unlucky ones were put in a hat and one lucky winner was pulled out, the prize a black spot, hence we are writing this report. The landowner was very apologetic about the state of the field but had been very helpful in getting vans on and off the field; in fact nothing seemed to much trouble. Several games of bingo followed, then back to the van.

Sunday always arrives too early and so time to pack up and leave.

The rally officers Jeff and Jayne Bringloe, Bob and Jackie Lownsborough including the children were great, thank you all for a fabulous weekend despite the weathers best efforts to spoil it.

Dave and Gwen Sanderson

### PROSPECT 5, HUTTON LE HOLE, JULY 8-13th

Arrived Tuesday afternoon, to be welcomed by Alison & Richard to this gem of a site in the National Park. In the evening they had a get together, with drinks and nibbles, where we met friends old and new.

This a beautiful area of North Yorkshire to explore with Pickering and the steam railway, Danby with its visitor centre and Helmsley market only a stone's throw away. There are also some lovely drives through Bilsdale and Farndale. Also next door to the rally field is the Rydale Folk Museum which is well worth a visit. Alison said the weather was not as good as usual because they had committee members on the rally and she was thinking of baring them next year, I think she was joking.

Thanks for a great rally, Trevor and Marjorie Hartshorne.

### Sutton Park

We arrived in the pouring rain on Friday evening and wondered why we had not just stayed at home. However the next morning the rain had finally stopped and we realised what a lovely venue Sutton Park was. The rally field is adjacent to the gardens of Sutton Park and the ralliers have free access to them.

York is not far away and there are some nice pubs nearby. On Saturday night a wedding was being held in a marquee in Sutton Park and the music was quite loud although it did not bother us too much.

Thanks to the rally officers Alan, Patricia, Scott, Merve and Janet.

Dave and Gill Fish

## SPORTS REVIEW 2008

2008 has been a strange year on the Sporting front with the Northern Centres Rally being cancelled and the Children's Sports venue being changed at a late date.

I would like to begin by thanking my fellow Sports Officer, Andy Futcher, for all his help and support over the past 12 months. I would also like to thank the team managers and coaches for all their hard work. The volleyball training, in particular, seems to have gone down really well. Thanks very much to John Loughran for organising this.

Four heats have taken place on rallies during the year for Lawn Darts and Quoits, culminating in the Final for the Centre Trophies, which will take place at Catterick Racecourse on Saturday 20th September. Many thanks to Stan Gelson and Keith Carter for looking after the Lawn Darts and Quoits so efficiently.

A huge thank you must also go to Keith, Gill and Ben Carter for running the Lawn Darts and Quoits competition at the Joint Yorkshire Six Stars Rally.

The Boule competitions for the Centre Trophies took place at Thornton Lodge, Easingwold in May. The winners will receive their trophies at the AGM. Thank you to Jeff Gregory and Austin Elliot for running the boule competitions.

North Yorkshire once again put in a good performance at the National Rally at Holkham Hall, Norfolk, over the Whit Bank Holiday weekend. Thank you to everyone who gave up his or her 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 and the inter centre quiz. 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

I would also like to thank Liam Gregory for organising the 19-34 Football

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The Children's Sports took place at Ripon Rugby Club on Saturday 28th June 2008. Andy and I would like to thank everyone who assisted us in any way and a special thank you to June Gelson for collating the results.

### The Trophy Winners were as follows:

Hinderwell Trophy – Melissa Cook

Paradise Cup – Ross Morrigan, Becky Newbiggin, Taryne Stephenson

Burton Cup – Adam Hutchinson

Baldersby Cup – Madeleine Joynes

The Joint Yorkshire Centre Sports took place at Rufforth Playing Fields, York, and the first weekend in July. North Yorkshire had a fantastic weekend on the sports field and came away with some fine silverware – The Henrietta Spivey Trophy, awarded to the Centre with the most points in the Children's Sports, and the Mike and Viki Tripp Trophy, awarded to the Centre with the most points in the team sports. Jean was delighted to accept these trophies on your behalf. Thank you to each and every one of you.

Well done to Daniel Loughran on winning the Victor Ludorum Trophy for the 2nd year in succession. Daniel was also the first male home in the Fun Run. Little Joe Futcher did an excellent job in completing the Fun Run. Well done Joe, I think that's quite an achievement for a 3 year old.

### Sports Review Continued

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Bernard D'Ambrosio

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[A Centre Football organiser is required for next year. If you are interested, could you please contact Bernard](#)

### The main results at Joint Yorkshire Sports were as follows:

Football (12 and under) – Winners  
Football (13-16) – Winners  
Football (17 and over) – Winners

Volleyball (Mixed Teenagers) – Winners

Netball (14 and under) – Winners

Tug of War (14 and under) – Winners  
Tug of War (Gents) – Winners  
Tug of War (15-19) – Runners-up

Mixed Quoits – Runners-up

Centre Relay – Runner-up

### Christmas Carol Service

Marton Methodist Church, - 12th December  
at 7.30pm.

Tickets are now available from  
Angela Walsh, Tel. 01642 750453 at 75p each  
Any cake donations will be greatly appreciated.  
We are looking for volunteers to help out with the  
coffee and teas afterwards



### Alnwick Rugby Club

We had been to an Owners Club rally in Wensleydale and by using the C.L. at Guyzance for three nights we were only a short distance from Alnwick. The days at Guyzance were wet to say the least and we were wondering what the ground conditions would be like at the Rugby Club. When we arrived at the site we had to enter by a different gateway, as the pitch which we would have used was waterlogged and we had been offered the Practice Pitch. We soon got set up and made ourselves at home. Saturday morning was fine and sunny, so we decided to walk into Alnwick. On the way, my phone rang, and it was a caravanning friend from Edinburgh who told me that he was on a pitch on the other side of the rugby field! There had been a bit of collusion between our daughter and John Ranger, because not only was it John's birthday, it was going to be our Diamond Wedding anniversary on 19th August. While we were in Alnwick we visited a jeweller where I became the proud owner of a very pretty ring. We had intended to visit the Alnwick Gardens, but we ran out of time that day.

Sunday turned out to be very wet again, so we didn't go very far at all. We thought that we would go to the Garden the next day, but it would be no pleasure walking around in the pouring rain. On Tuesday, Joan Jack came up to our van with a Diamond Wedding card from all the ralliers, which was a very nice gesture. In the evening we went to Blackmore's of Alnwick for a really super meal, to celebrate our sixty years of marriage, and when we returned to the Rugby Club we sat yarnning to Brian and Joan in their van. We were sorry to hear that due to a waterlogged site the Northerne Centres rally had been called off, which was quite upsetting.

Thanks to Brian and Joan Jack for another super rally. They could do nothing about the weather, but their cheerful disposition made us think that the sun wasn't very far away!

Jean & John Simpson

## Pickering - -Tar Very Much!

Following on from Scarborough rally we arrived at Pickering 'all tarred up' from road surfaces on route. It was reassuring and comforting to know, that with the support from the rally officers, somehow we would be able to make good again. Barbara and her wisdom of stain remedies proved that margarine was one effective way of breaking down the tar followed by the bloke's cure of diesel. John & Alan went over and above their call of duty for hours cleaning it all off. Thanks also to fellow ralliers, who throughout the weekend also pitched in with advice and finishing potions. Restoring the van back, very close to normal. The caravan has never had so much TLC and been such a topic of conversation.

With all the worry gone the kids had a great time playing volleyball and though the weather wasn't at its best, the beetle drive (with a difference) on Saturday night, proved to be great fun. An excellent social event, for breaking the ice. Though some were more competitive than others, without mentioning names, Ros! The location was superb just a short walk in to Pickering with many pretty villages just a short drive away. Alternatively a ride on a steam train to Goathland or Whitby, the station being right on the doorstep.

Overall the venue was brilliant; we would highly recommend this rally. Although the weather, on this occasion was against us, the weekend was a great success. It's on occasions like this, that makes you realise, through thick and thin, you're never on your own, on a caravan rally.

We would just like to say Tar Very Much to John, Ros & Daniel, Alan, Barbara & Girls for all the hard work and effort they put into this rally.

Chris, Julie, Kelly & Sian

## Eden Camp 10th - 12th October

Another excellent rally for this time of the year, with hard standing for all vans and plenty to do all weekend, either browsing around the museum, huts or visiting the shops and market in Malton.

Entertainment on both nights, if you wanted it including. The Rally Officers version of Allo, Allo, was excellent, followed by a very welcomed wartime supper. Our Teenage grandson comes with us every year and looks forward to it from one year to the next.

We ended the rally by going to the NAFFI for our Lunch.

Maureen and Tony Wilkinson

## Teenage Treat

All the teenagers attended at a Paint Ball day from the Catterick Racecourse Rally. What a fabulous time we had.

It was a lovely treat as a reward for all the hard work the Teenage Committee had done whilst fund raising during the year but the trip was open for all the teenagers.

We travelled to Point Blank near Darlington. We were kitted out with overalls and protective headwear. We were altogether as a team but there were other teams too. John Loughran accompanied us and had almost as much fun as us (possibly even more!!!). The paint balls hit you at some speed, if you were not quick enough to get out of the way. We went through different challenges and had a thoroughly great day.

Thank you to John for chaperoning us and to the Committee for the treat.

Chloe Young

## Halloween 31st / 2nd November.

Thanks to my daughter Gemma for picking the parcel with the black spot but never mind it gives me chance to say thanks to all for another great Halloween with lots of fun.

It was legs down on Friday and a chance to say hello to everyone and start decorating the caravans for the competition.

Saturday brought a few showers but never mind we wouldn't go anywhere would we if we were concerned about the weather and we had a run into Northallerton and to see some friends in Bedale. The twins were really excited about the social on Saturday night.

We began with a fancy dress competition which was well attended and then for the all important Donkey Derby.

This was then followed by some gorgeous pumpkin soup, pasties and beans.

Alan had us up dancing and playing party games to end a great night.

Thanks again the Nigel, Jayne, Lucy and Becky and not forgetting Phyllis and Alan for another great weekend.

