

"CARANEWS"



The voice of the North Yorkshire Centre Issue 1 - March 2009

Chairman's Chat

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 running these events.

We are now looking forward to the rest of the rally season and hoping for some sunshine along the way.

I'm sure all our members would like to join the Officers and Committee in congratulating Catterick Caravans on their 25th Anniversary. I will, on your behalf, be presenting them with a plaque to commemorate the occasion.

Whilst planning your rallies, please remember the inter-centre rallies, namely, the National, Joint Yorkshire Sports and Northern Centres. Joint Yorkshire Sports was a particularly successful rally for North Yorkshire last year, let's make an effort to attend and try to retain the trophies we won. I understand rumours are circulating that Joint Yorkshire Sports is too far away. It will be held at Doncaster Deaf School, yes, it is a little further than York, however, and most of our members should be able to complete the journey in about an hour and a half. In the past it has certainly been much further away. Your Sports Officers would appreciate your support.

North Yorkshire is hosting the 6 Stars Rally in September at Elvington Airfield. This rally is no longer just about the track tests; there is something for all the family to do. Please consider supporting this event and our 6 Star Reps would be delighted to see you supporting them in the Clubman's Competition.

The Dinner Dance will be held at the Hall Garth Hotel, Golf and Country Club, Darlington. Preparations are well under way. Dave Lee Michael, the vocalist who entertained us so well at our Celebration Rally, has been booked to entertain us at the Dinner Dance. If you have never come to our Dinner Dance, why not give it a try?

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

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

**JEAN D'AMBROSIO
CHAIRMAN**

Message from the Editor

Welcome to the First Edition for 2009. I shall look forward to receiving your reports and news. If you can think of any new features I can add to this year's edition, please contact me.

I would like to thank members for their get well cards and phone calls for my latest stay in hospital. They were very much appreciated when you're feeling down.

WENSLEY RALLY (Thurs 28th May - Mon 1st June 2009)

The Rally Officers of the Wensley rally would like to let ralliers know that it is possible to book for the week- end only. (2 nights Fri & Sat).

The Thursday and Sunday nights are available as extra nights and can be booked separately. Please send a £2 non-refundable deposit when booking the weekend.

Looking forward to meeting you all there.

Jackie, Geoff, Frank & Barbara.

NEW YEAR RALLY

A brilliant end to 2008 and an even better start to 2009. We arrived at the Snooty Fox to a welcome from the rally marshals and punch and shortbread. The rally entertainment started with an evening in the pub with fun games and delicious pie and peas. Tuesday morning was bacon butties in our PJ's where a new rallier by the name of Gloria Futcher put in a brief appearance. This was followed by a short walk. In the evening it was "Vicars and Tart's" race night. Gloria Futcher was upstaged by another new rallier Andrea Woodcock. New Year's Eve provided a chance to get all dressed up for a lovely meal provided by John and Ness from the Snooty Fox. The tables were beautifully laid out with place names, crackers etc. After the meal and a quick bit of furniture removal, we danced our way into 2009 with music from DJ Dave (Wooler). New Year's Day arrived with time to recover for flag and more entertainment to round off a brilliant rally.

We understand that some person or persons removed a valuable item from the flag pole but left their underwear behind! DCI Stirling was soon on the case and the stolen item was secretly returned under cover of darkness. He is now awaiting DNA results and scanning close circuit TV footage from the Snooty Fox and is confident the culprit will be identified and brought to justice!!

Our thanks go to Roy, Brenda, Dan, John, Ros and Dan for all their hard work before, during and after the rally. Also thanks to all those who helped along the way.

Andy and Mavis Woodcock

Can we just add our thanks to Brenda, Roy, Daniel, John, Ros and Daniel for another fantastic New Year rally. I don't think anyone wanted to go home! We had such a brilliant time and laughed so much we cannot wait till next year!

Again thanks

Steve, Marion, Gemma and Aaron X



NYC children with Santa on board the "Teesside Princess" for the 2008 Christmas Party

Christmas on the Teesside Princess

I would just like to thank everyone who was involved in organising the Santa special for the children Saturday on the Teesside Princess. The atmosphere was lovely and I know all the children (and us grownups) really enjoyed ourselves. There was even some kissing with Santa but we won't mention names (Mrs Futcher)

Steve, Marion, Aaron & Gemma Smith

New Year Rally 2008/9

Hurry up, Hurry up, you just can't dally
You have to be quick to get on the New Year Rally
If you don't make the "List", you will surely cry
And it won't take you long to realise why
It's the Marshals, Daniel Ros John, Daniel Brenda and Roy
Who do so much to make your week an absolute joy
They organise everything, there's just so much to do
And the Snooty Fox venue, provides a beautiful view
It's easy to see from their efforts that their number one aim
Is to ensure we all enjoy every day just the same
At the Vicars and Tarts Night, we had so much fun
Blokes dressed as women, with monks vicars even a nun
Every evening into the pub we would go
Playing Mr and Mrs, Play your Cards Right, enjoying a disco
With Ros as Ann Robinson equipped with quips and the wink
There was the Caravan Ralliers version of the Weakest Link
Following that we had a fantastic Race Night
And a spectacular version of the Price is Right
There was a bit of controversy when someone played a gag
When they stole the coveted "North Yorkshire" Flag
But it was ok, it was put back in its place
So now you won't have the Committees' WRATH to face
Leaving the most important thing to do
Which is to say a MASSIVE THANK YOU

Karen Young

Winter Walk 16th January 2009

Sunday morning dawned bright, dry and sunny with a light cold wind. A group of about 35, plus 1 dog gathered at the Cod Beck reservoir car park above the lovely village of Osmotherly. We set off over the footbridge and up a steep bank out on to the moor top; nice easy walking, not too muddy! Lovely views across to Thirsk, then we dropped down again to Upper Carr water works and a well earned coffee stop, out of the wind and in the sunshine, we could easily forget it was January. Next came a steep walk up a farm road then a climb back up the top via a very muddy track. There were lots of laughs along the way as we slithered and slipped, Lucy Fitcher almost fell in it while little brother Joe hitched a ride on Dad's shoulders. We were soon back down to the reservoir and enjoyed an almost flat walk back to the car park, once we had all scrambled across the beck. A welcome drink was had in the Blacksmiths Arms in Swainby before heading home. An enjoyable day out. Our thanks go to Mike and Jacquie Horner assisted by Ken and Margaret McKie on their 1st winter walk.

Andy, Mavis, Richard and Stef

2009 Northern Centres

The Northern Centres Rally committee will be meeting on 7th March 2009 to finalise the decision on entertainment for this year's rally at Beckfoot Park, Kirby Lonsdale. It is proposed to have live entertainment in the marquee, possibly on two nights. This, of course, will involve an extra cost to those who wish to attend but it is hoped that it will attract more ralliers who are not interested in just sport and increase the numbers attending the rally. What do you, as a North Yorkshire member think?

Which nights would be most suitable to hold the entertainment?

If it is held on the Sunday evening it gives our centre a problem. What do we do about our centre social?

Do we still want one or do we cancel it even though it is published in the events programme?

Do we want to hold it on another night?

What kind of activities do you want?

Who would be willing to run it?

The likelihood is that Northern Centres will provide entertainment on both Saturday and Sunday evening inside a marquee. Without the support of those attending the rally it may not be viable in the future.

As you can see there are a number of issues to think about. The Chairman and Vice Chairman are your representatives on the Northern Centres' committee for 2009. Please let them know your opinions by Thursday 5th March so they can take these into consideration in preparation for the Northern Centres Rally committee meeting on the 7th March.

Hand Book Social

On behalf of the Teenage Committee may I thank everyone who donated prizes, bought tickets and helped with their sale and folding. We raised a fabulous £198. Thank you for your continued support.

Chloe Young
Teenage Chairman

Obituary

It is with great sadness and regret that I have to inform you of the death on Wednesday, 4th February 2009 of Andrew Gibson, son of Billy and Anne, and brother to Gemma. Some of you will know that Andrew was involved in a very serious car accident in Dubai in July and was finally transferred to the UK in September. Andrew has come through many battles and the hope was that with time he would pull through. Sadly that was not to be. Following an operation on Monday, which was deemed a success, Andrew's lungs stopped functioning and his brain was deprived of oxygen. Our thoughts and prayers are with Billy, Anne, Gemma and all Andrew's family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Jean D'Ambrosio
Chairman

I would like to say a Big Thank you to all those who have sent get well cards and phone calls during my spell in hospital. I now have photos of Alan doing the house work, cooking and ironing for all to see. Once again many thanks.

Judith Skerry

I would like to thank the ralliers who have bought cards from me for the Teenage Charity, Children with autism and special needs and Children's heart unit fund. I was very pleased once again, to pass a sum of £200.00 for these charities. Many thanks also to Janet Taylor who passed on cards for me to sell.

Please can you pass all unwanted cards so I can carry on making cards for next year's Charity.

Many Thanks - Judith Skerry

To all rally officers; PLAQUE ORDER FORMS

Can the following please be adopted when completing plaque order forms for your rally.

Where it asks for the "Quantity" of plaques to be supplied, please mark the number as "provisional".

Unless you are ordering a "final" number.

Then 10 days before the start date of the rally and before 10am contact the plaque supplier with the "final" number or plaques required.

Failure to contact the plaque supplier as above will result in the quantity on the order form being supplied.

Thank You - Merve Griffiths

SPORTS INFORMATION AND DATES FOR THE 2009 SEASON

Happy New Year to you all. Andy and I would like to build on our sporting successes last year, however, in order to do this we need **YOU!!**

Firstly we require a football organiser for the 2009 season. If you think you can help please contact either Andy Futcher or myself.

We would like to see as many people competing for the Centre as possible, so please come along to the major Sporting Rallies: the National Rally, Joint Yorkshire Centre Sports Rally and the Northern Centres Rally.

Volleyball practices are taking place on a regular basis during the winter season at the Rainbow Centre, Coulby Newham. Please contact John Loughran, Keith Carter or Steve Tebbs for details.

The lawn dart and quoits qualifying tournaments will be held at the following venues:

Ripon Racecourse	27-29 th March
Studley Royal	8-10 th May
Ripon RUFC	26-28 th June
Whitby RUFC	10-12 th July

The Final for the Centre Trophies will be held at:

Catterick Racecourse	18-20 th September
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The Boule Competitions for the Centre Trophies will be held at:

Thornton Lodge Easingwold	15-17 th May
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A competition will also be held at this rally to find 2 teams to represent North Yorkshire at the National Rally. The Centre Golf Championship will take place at Romanby Golf Club on Saturday 6th June 2009. A rally to coincide with this event takes place at:

Parklands, Romanby	5-7 th June
One last date for your diary: Centre Children's Sports – Redcar RUFC	19-21 st June

Sports, within the Centre is **NOT** a closed shop!! Everyone will be made welcome. If you need any further information, please feel free to contact Andy or myself. We look forward to seeing you on the rally field.

BERNARD D'AMBROSIO
ANDY FUTCHER
CENTRE SPORTS OFFICERS

HILLSIDE CP, KNAVYTON. - February 6TH-8TH.

We arrived on site just after lunch and we quickly had everything set up. It was dry but very cold however with the unusual luxury of electric heating (super pitches) we were soon warm and snug. Caught up with some friends and then had a short walk before tea. It is in a beautiful setting surrounded by low hills which looked even more wonderful with the snow on them.

Next day we went to Thirsk then Northallerton however some hardy souls stayed on site and used the conditions to enjoy some sledging with a variety of "sledges", good fun was had by all. Sunday was dry and bright and a few degrees warmer for coffee morning. Lunch then another short walk before we packed up to leave. Jeff, Jayne and Jemma thank you very much for a really good start to this year's rallying and hope to return next year

Marjorie and Trevor

Items for sale	Price	Contact
Apache Madrid Porch Awning Size 2.75/2.50 Burgundy and grey light weight frame - plus tall annex all as new	£300 ono	R Stirling – Tel. 01287 651230.
Complete Set of New Curtains For an L-Shape Caravan. were made for a Stirling Caravan never used Gold with nets attached - Factory made	£60.00 ono	L. Coates - Tel. No. 01642 476135
Electric Hook-up Cable 25 Mtr Long Brand New	£15.00	Paul Stanton – Tel 01642 317001
Panasonic 10" colour TV Mains or 12V dc Multistandard (Works anywhere in Europe)	£60ono	Barry Spryon - Tel. 01642 760334
STATUS 530/5 Direction TV Antenna and Mast compatible with Digital Terrestrial Reception New Plastic Step	£90.00 £5.00	Chris Callaghan – Tel. 01642 276920

“NEW RALLY”

**Northern Centre's follow on
1st – 6th September**

Herdwick Croft,
Bassenthwaite Lake,
Cumbria CA12 4RD

Rally Officers: Trevor & Marjorie Hartshorne
Neill & Margaret Hartshorne

Route: A66 about 6 miles after Keswick you will pass through a winding dual carriageway. On the exit of this carriageway after 1/2 mile there is a turning right to Bothel. Follow the signs for the Castle Inn (right again) and when you reach the small bridge over the River Derwent, cross over and Herdwick Croft is immediately in front of you.

Slips to: Trevor Hartshorne,
6 Seaham Road,
Sunderland SR2 0NR

Nightly Fee: £10.00, Full fee with slip
Rally opens 12 noon – 25 van limit