

"CARANEWS"



The voice of the North Yorkshire Centre

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Chairman's Chat

Hi Everyone,

I Hope you are now well into the rallying season and have been enjoying our recent good weather.

Thank you and well done to all our members and families who supported and represented the Centre at the recent National Rally, the Centre Children's Sports and Joint Yorkshire Centre Sports.

It's hard to believe that we're half way through the year already and that I have almost completed my 3 year term as Centre Chairman. I have very much enjoyed serving as your Chairman and thank you for giving me the opportunity. It's fast approaching that time of year again. Several members of the current Committee have indicated that they will be standing down in October, so could I please urge you to consider standing for Committee. It is a very rewarding experience and DOES NOT MEAN you have to go to every single rally!! Remember many hands make light work. At this point in time the Centre is also looking for a Vice-Chairman for the new season.

Wherever you go and whatever you do, Bernard and I wish you a fantastic summer and look forward to meeting friends, old and new, on the rally field.

Jean D'Ambrosio
Chairman

From the Editor,

Many thanks for all your reports and photographs that have been sent in to me for this edition and the website.

Unfortunately we have been unable to rally for a few weeks as our van has had to go back to the factory. We hope to be back on the rally field soon.

Rallies Full

Old Earswick
Alnwick
Whitby Westcliffe
New Year

The following rallies require rally officers for 2010.

The National Rally CLO (Weston Park) 27 May - 1 June.

The CLO is the same as a block marshal and is responsible for the siting of caravans on the North Yorkshire Centre lines. Those wishing to be considered for this should apply in writing to the Centre secretary, Dave Gregory.

Runswick Bay 16 - 21 July
Port Mulgrave 21 - 25 July

The Runswick Bay and Port Mulgrave rallies have been run as a 2 site holiday rally, but they could be run as 2 separate rallies.

Anyone interested in running the 3 rallies above please contact the Rally Secretary Merve Griffiths.

Snainton (1st May to 4th May)

We are new to caravanning and this was our first rally, not really knowing what to expect, a great time was had by all of us.

We arrived early Friday morning, there was already a few vans setting up but we were quickly dealt with by the rally marshals who were friendly and well organised. It was also the first time we had put the full awning up and to their credit I think they only watched us for 5 minutes whilst we made out attempts to put it up, after 10 minutes of their help it was up and secured and I thank them again for their efforts, especially with regards to taking it down seeing as the wind had become very strong, I might have still been hanging onto the end of it if not.

This organisation was to continue throughout the weekend as they had organised everything, we were treated to bacon/sausage sarnies on the Saturday morning washed down with hot drinks, and then there was volleyball and crazy croquet competitions throughout the afternoon. They had also arranged a bingo and quiz night for Saturday and Sunday night in the land owner's barn which was entertaining.

On the Saturday morning we were greeted by Andy Woodcock, the treasurer and a committee member of the North Yorkshire Section, again he was very friendly and made you feel really welcome, he made the mistake to ask me if I had any questions feel free to ask, well I had a right old list of questions that I fired at him. We then went to Levisham to see the new steam engine the "Tornado", lucky we did as it broke down Saturday night so was not running on the Sunday. We went for tea at the Denison Arms in West Ayton on Saturday night, having been there before we had already booked a few days before as the food is fantastic and servings are plentiful so your chances of walking in and getting a table anything after 5pm are slim.

On the Sunday we went into Scarborough to Peasome Park which was a nice walk, we also took the little one on the train from Peasome to Scalby mills, not quite the 25 minute ride it promised but was nice 5 minute ride all the same. We got back on site for a half hour sit down before attending the flag a 5pm. During the flag we was presented with a first rally plaque and Kai won a prize for his drawing competition entry, things were going well as we were then the first van pulled out for the lucky van, I had heard mention a black spot prize but was not sure of its significance until I picked it straight out, my joy was short lived once I found out what it meant.

This was a lovely site, level ground with lovely views that was close to Pickering and Scarborough as well as the Dalby forest. We had good weather on the Saturday and Sunday which was spoilt a bit on the Monday as we had some rain and wind. I did learn to keep an ear out for the weather forecasts as when I woke Monday morning the first thing I notice was that most of the vans had taken down there awnings. Will remember that for next time.

We really enjoyed all aspects of this rally and would recommend it to anyone, thanks again to everyone involved, we hope to attend more of these rallies and be back next year.

Jason, Rachel, Sue and Kai Zico Johnson

Snaiton Rally

Apologies for the delay, its true I almost forgot
That on Sunday we picked out the dreaded "black spot"
What a weekend, what a fabulous time
(See it's not that difficult to make things rhyme!)
The weather was kind we saw lots of sun
There were loads to do and lots of fun
We were fed with a barbecued sausage or bacon sarnie
and at flag, we were rewarded with a scrumptious cream tea
Entertainment abounded with Crazy croquet and volley ball
and bingo and quizzes in the adjoining village hall
(Poetic licence I know it was only a barn!!!)
Our marshals as always made our weekend swell
Providing an excellent time so it's easy to tell
We had a great time and we would like to say thank you
To Andy Ged Lucy and Joe and John Ros and Daniel too!
A supreme effort and one which we appreciate
And were looking forward to the next rally date!!!

Leigh Wildridge

Darlington Railway Museum

We arrived on Friday night, last again I might add!
Looking around the lovely site and a warm welcome by
our hosts Paul & Margaret. We met at the Rally
Marshall's caravan for hot soup and crusty bread, which
was a welcome sight as we hadn't had any chance for
any tea. We slept so well Friday night, even
though apparently there was a suburb thunderstorm,
but as me and Joe slept the parents were covering
round a bottle or two!!!! A rallying family who live
minutes away came a calling and whisked us away for
the day. Unfortunately leaving the parents alone, time to
wander to Morrison's and drink endless cups of coffee
waiting for us to return. Meeting up further in the
afternoon for lunch and then to find the wonderus
delights of Darlington, we had an excellent tour guide in
Karen Young. After coffee on Sunday, which we to find
that Joe and I had won the competitions, and the
parents to win the Adult competition (fix I here you
shout). Mum is mad on James Bond so that helped. We
went to the Head of Steam which we enjoyed. The venue
was excellent and so close to town, pity that there were
only eight vans but it was exclusive and we felt spoilt.
Thanks again Paul & Margaret well done coping with us
all. Many thanks to Karen, Dave & Chloe for the peace
you gave me and Joe from the parents. It was really
good.

Love Lucy & Joe xxx

Congratulations

Stan and June Gelson would like to
announce the birth of their first
grandchild, Chiara, born in Italy at 30th
June weighing 6lbs 2oz. Both mother
and baby are doing well.



Thornton Lodge, Easingwold

First of all we would like to congratulate the rally officers on the excellent signing to the rally field which made our journey so much easier. On arrival we were given a pitch overlooking the lake where we were able to watch some of the ralliers fishing. John Davies won the prize for catching the largest Trout. Apart from numerous geese and a couple of Moor Hens we were pleased to hear Tawny Owls hooting and to see Sky Larks which are not very common these days. This is certainly a rally to look forward to in future.

Maureen & Tony Wilkinson.

Spalding Tulip Festival - 7 Day Rally

We arrived at North Yorkshire's Spalding Rally and were received with a warm welcome by the North Yorkshire Centre's very good Rally Officers. The field was like a lawn.

Friday was a free day so we toured round the local beautifully decorated churches, in the evening the Rally Officers put on a quiz in the club. Saturday we went to Spalding to see the excellently decorated floats and the Parade. Sunday evening there was cheese and wine in the club followed by dancing. Monday evening we were invited into the club to play carpet bowls with the locals, sorry to say we lost. On Tuesday we went into the club and had a sausage and mash supper, the men had 3 sausages and the ladies had 2 followed by apple pie or trifle and to complete the evening we had a good dance to our rally marshal's music. Wednesday was the marshal's day off which we think they greatly deserved.

The rally closed on Thursday and we must say it was a fantastic rally well done North Yorkshire, Alan, Phyllis, Les and Judy.

Derek and Edna Bailey - Hampshire Centre



40 YEARS MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to George and Dora Little who completed 40 years membership of the Caravan Club in June 2009. George and Dora were originally members of the Durham CC group for the first few years of their membership after which they transferred membership to North Yorkshire CC and have remained loyal to the Centre ever since attending numerous rallies every year. We wish them many more enjoyable years rallying in the future.

Doug and Diane Macpherson

Caldwell 15th – 17th May

Caldwell rally went ahead this weekend despite its lack of support.

It is a really excellent rally site though and one that needs keeping.

We were made very welcome by our hosts and our pitch enjoyed wonderful views of the South Durham and North Yorkshire countryside from our front window.

The surrounding countryside has so much to offer with some lovely walks along the upper Tees Valley which is only 1 mile away.

If the weather turns there are plenty of things to do with Barnard Castle and the Bowes museum only ten miles away. You are only 10 miles from Richmond as well.

There is also Whorlton Lido 5 miles west which is a good family picnic spot.

We had to go to Catterick market and pick up some supplies from Ropers which is 15 miles to the south.

If you have a special occasion to enjoy there are three pub restaurants within a two mile radius.

So Caldwell really has a lot to offer.

Peter & Pauline Hale

Stokesley Quiet Weekend - 10th Year May 29th-31st

This venue as anyone who has been will tell you is a great venue, within walking distance of the town, with its shops, eating places and pubs, and lots of great places to walk right on the doorstep.

On Friday evening after settling in there was a get together to celebrate Alan, Hilda, Kevin, Margaret and Daniels 10th year as Rally Officers for this Rally, a cake had been made for the occasion, and a glass (or two) of wine available to toast the occasion.

Saturday weather was fantastic and a lazy day for most, Saturday evening a get together where most people enjoyed a BBQ was followed by Bingo and a most entertaining quiz. After which we went back to our van and had a couple of drinks and a chat with friends.

Sunday dawned only too quickly but another glorious day. Flag was held as usual, after which cards thanking Alan, Hilda, Kevin, Margaret and Daniel for the past 10 years of organising this rally were handed over, one of which had been signed by everyone attending the Rally. A few tears were shed as not only was this the 10th year but it will be the last time Alan and Hilda will be Rally Officers due to Alan's ill health.

I and I am sure everyone who knows Alan and Hilda wish them both the very best for the future.

THANKS for the last 10 years to you all, for the effort and work you have put in, it REALLY IS APPRECIATED

Dave and Gwen

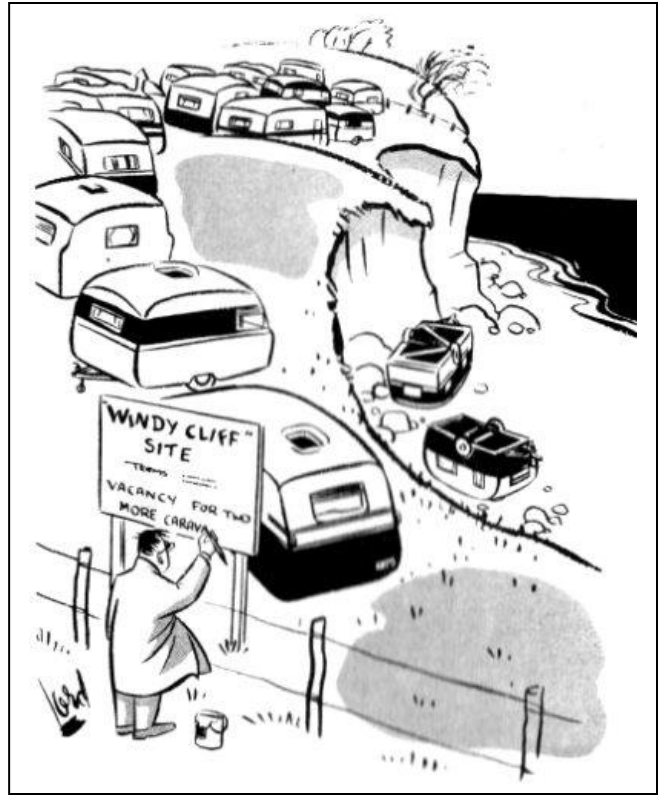
Ellerton Lake, Scorton May 28th – 31st
 With John, Ros & Daniel - Roy, Brenda & Daniel

What an excellent venue once again. The days were free to do as you pleased. There were plenty of places to visit nearby, or instead stay on site, relax and enjoy the tranquil picturesque lake and scenery together with the glorious weather. Alternatively for the sportier - water activities on the lake.

Hot dogs were served Friday evening at the rally officers, giving every one chance to chat and socialise. The family entertainment on Saturday evening 'The Price Is Right' proved to be great fun allowing everybody to get involved, either by audience participation or actually being a contestant. This followed by Toss the Caber competition provided a brilliant social evening which was most appreciated by all. Many thanks go to all the hard work of the rally officers. Sunday was a great chance to visit Catterick market.

To conclude, this was a superb, full, fun pact long weekend and we would recommend this rally most highly for next year.

Chris, Julie, Kelly and Sian Gray



Crakehall

A new venue for our centre "Summer Ball" and it can only be voted an outstanding success. We arrived Friday evening to a warm welcome from all the rally Marshalls. It was a lovely summer evening so it was very nice to bbq and eat outside. Plenty of places nearby to fill everyone's time on Saturday. Saturday evening and we were all dressed up for the short walk to the village hall. The evening was started by a super buffet provided by Gordon Ramsay alias Alan Gilbert and his team of helpers. A variety of dance music provided very efficiently by Simon (Alan's grandson), the dance floor busy for the remainder of the evening. Sunday was a relaxing day, coffee as usual at eleven o'clock and time to sit in the sun. Here's to next year. Thank you to Alan, Phyllis, Les, Judy, Neill and Margaret for all your hard work.

Redcar

A return to Redcar Rugby Club for our children's sports. Time to wander round the shops in Redcar on Saturday morning or for some a trip to the races. The weather stayed dry for most of the children's sports, everyone entering into the event with enthusiasm and a fun time was had by all. The teenagers worked hard with a variety of stalls and cream teas to raise money for their charities. Sunday and the trophy and medal presentation, the children delighted their efforts were rewarded. A good weekend and our thanks to Derek, Julia, Keith, Gill and Ben. Thanks also to Karen, Dave, Chloe and the teenagers and their parents for all their hard work. Make a date in your diary for next year.

Thank you from Mavis and Andy Woodcock

Children's Sports

The Teenagers raised £264 for their Charities. They would like to thank everyone who helped and supported them and in particular Bernard and Stan for making breakfasts. June, Mavis and Margaret for baking. Andy Woodcock and Andy Futcher for the erecting and loan of Gazebos which offered protection from the rain!! All those that loaned tables. Jane, and Gill and mum for manning the stalls. Special thanks to Phyllis and Alan Gilbert for attending the Rally especially to run the lawn darts competition. Keith for running the Penalty Shootout and Ben for being an admiral goal keeper.

We had a great day and thanks again all who supported the breakfast, cream tea and all the stalls.

Chloe Young
 Teenage Chairman

Boule Competition

The competitions for the Centre Boule Trophies took place at the Thornton Lodge Rally of the Weekend of the 15th – 17th May. The results were as follows:-

Humphrey Cup 2009 Winners	Len and Cath Dargue
Grelowrey Shield 2009 Winners	Stan and June Gelson

The winners will be presented with their trophies at the AGM. Many thanks to Jeff Gregory and Austin Elliot for organising and running this competition.

Bernard D'Ambrosio and Andy Futcher – Sports Officers

NATIONAL RALLY SPORTS REPORT

At the recent National Rally held at Prestwold Hall, Leicestershire, North Yorkshire entered teams in the following events:

FAMILY LAWN DARTS
BAR DARTS
PETANQUE – 2 TEAMS
FOOTBALL – 12 AND UNDER
FOOTBALL – 35 AND OVER
VOLLEYBALL
INTER – CENTRE QUIZ
STRONG MAN

Petanque – A Team	Jeff Gregory and Austin Elliot reached the 3 rd round of the competition
Bar Darts	Cora and Steve Tebbs reached the quarter finals and missed out on a very narrow margin
Football 12 and under	Our young footballers were semi-finalists – Well done lads
Inter-Centre Quiz	Our quiz team: Stan Gelson, Jean D'Ambrosio, John Lowe and June Gelson were runners-up

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who competed on behalf of the Centre. It is very much appreciated

Many thanks must also go to everyone who helped me in any way with the sports at the National

Bernard D'Ambrosio – Sports Officer

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CHILDREN'S SPORTS RALLY 19TH – 21ST JUNE

Our annual Centre Children's Sports took place at Redcar RUFC on Saturday 20th June. This is the event where the children compete for the North Yorkshire Centre Children's Sports Trophies.

From a personal point of view it was a welcome return to Redcar Rugby Club. It is a super venue for the Sports – it is just a pity more people did not support it. Many thanks to both the parents and grandparents who took the time and trouble to bring the children along.

The weather of Saturday could have been better; we just about managed to complete the races without getting wet!

The children were absolutely fantastic, very keen and enthusiastic – and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Well done to you all.

Andy and I would like to thank our willing band of helpers, you were superb as you always are. Thank you, it makes our job so much easier.

The results were as follows:

HINDERWELL CUP (11 & 12 Years)	Ben Carter
PARADISE CUP (8, 9, & 10 Years)	Ross Morrigan and Lauren Dakin
BURTON CUP (5, 6 & 7 Years)	Connor Ryder
BALDERSBY CUP (Under 5's)	Gemma Smith and Jamie Staley

The Children received their medals and trophies at Coffee Morning on Sunday, 21st June

Once again thank you and well done to all the competitors and their supporters.

Bernard D'Ambrosio and Andy Futcher – Sports Officers

Ripon RUFC-

The week end started off well with every one putting legs down and setting up etc, we were one of the last. The weather on the Friday was over cast but still warm, most of the adults went that night for a drink at the cricket club. Saturday started well, over cast for a short time, a good number of us entered the lawn darts and quoits. Good fun for all! The weather in the afternoon stayed favourable so enjoyed a walk into Ripon. The evening turned from cloud to drizzle. The raffle and book stall did exceptionally well. Thanks to all who supported us. On the Sunday at the flag the raffle was drawn and it turned out that the teenagers had made £140 for our charities. The rally closed with glorious sunshine around 6 o'clock, last few leaving about 5. I think everyone had a good time. Thanks to Merve and Janet Griffiths, Dave and Debbie Gregory, and everyone who helped and joined in the competitions.

Matti Dakin

Robin Hood's Bay

Our grandchildren look forward so much to this child friendly rally and this year certainly didn't let them down. We all had a great time. Weather was perfect and although I am not a sand lover, to see the children play with a polystyrene fish and chip container on the beach and in the streams for 2 hours was brilliant. It cost nothing and was a very easy way of having lots of fun.

Robin Hoods Bay is an easy walk from the rally field either over the fields or via the road and down Bay Bank. Be prepared for the bank as it's a 1:4.

This venue is beautiful and our rally officers could not have been more hospitable from entering the rally field to leaving there was a sense of friendliness. Very sensibly 'the flag' was held at 6pm on the Saturday evening leaving Sunday free for more fun. Flag was followed by a communal BBQ with no pressure to join in if you were not a BBQer.

The children loved the opportunity to paint plaster of Paris figures and models. The choice was endless and the Rally Officers girls very kindly guided the younger ones with their 'works of art'.

Many thanks to all of the team for a brilliant weekend.

Jean Lowe



JOINT YORKSHIRE SPORTS – DONCASTER

The weather was kind to us for once, the venue was brilliant with use of facilities including showers & toilets and a licensed BAR & a social on Saturday evening.

However, the highlight of the weekend has got to be despite only having eleven North Yorkshire vans in attendance and with only seven participating families we managed to make up teams and covered all of the events & competitions. The nifty nine kids we had between us managed to out-run, out-jump & out-play throughout the competitions. They won the netball, the relay, many races, were runners up in the volley ball & football and managed between them to WIN the HENRIETTA SPIVEY CUP awarded to the centre with the most points for children's sports – WELL DONE you were all a credit to the NORTH YORKSHIRE CENTRE! The VICTOR LADOURUM CUP was retained once again by our centre and was awarded jointly to Matthew Dakin & Joseph from East Yorkshire.

The adults gave their all & played football, volley ball, won the lawn darts, were runners up in the quoits, & boules. & were only a couple of points from being the overall winners. The fun run on Sunday morning was once again won by Daniel Loughran despite tough competition. Thanks must go to Bernard our sports officer and to Keith & Gill for keeping us organised!

SO WELL DONE THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN: Bernard & Jean, the Carters, Youngs, Grays, Hutchinsons, Dakins & Loughran families.

JOHN, ROS & DANIEL LOUGHRAN.

VOLLEY BALL JOINT YORKSHIRE SPORTS.

The gents volley ball team: Keith, Chris, Paul, Dave, John & Daniel – we held our own in the competition winning one & losing one (losing to the team that were the eventual winners) We progressed no further but will come back stronger for NORTHERN CENTRES.

The mixed teens team: Kelly, Sian, Chloe, Ben, Liam & Matthew were in the final facing a team of mostly big strong 6' lads from south Yorkshire. We played with good technique, well disciplined & with good serving. The match was very competitively played with us coming within a couple of points of victory. If the match was won on skill we would have been first. The practice in Stewarts Park is certainly working as the standard of play has been raised tremendously, we need more players so come & join us at 7p.m.on Thursdays.

JOHN LOUGHRAN
VOLLEY BALL CO-ORDINATOR