

"CARANEWS"



The voice of the North Yorkshire Centre

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Chairman's Chat

Happy New Caravanning Season

I'm sure we've all been sat at home thinking, when is this snow and bad weather going to improve. If global warming is happening why is it still so cold, but that is another matter. At this time last year June and I were lying on a beach in Egypt in temperatures of 25+C, this year I don't think I have seen temperatures over 4 or 5C. And I'm absolutely freezing. Still now that the car and caravan are serviced we are ready for the road.

Centre members have been involved in the Boxing Day dip at Redcar raising money for the teenager's charity, the Winter walk, and a superb Burn's Night Supper.

Your committee has put together a varied programme of rallies for the coming season, some old, some new and all of the popular ones. Rallies only happen with the hard work of the rally marshals and the cooperation of the landowners, I'm sure we are all grateful for their efforts.

Throughout the year your centre will need your support at certain rallies for many reasons, sport being one reason. Bernard will be our sports officer this year and anything you can do to help please let him know. We will need adults and children alike at rallies such as The National rally, at Weston Park, Shropshire over spring bank holiday, Joint Yorkshire sports at Rufforth, York, early July and Northern centres at Carlton Towers, Goole, only an hour and a bit down the road over the August Bank holiday weekend. All details of these rallies are in your handbook.

Your representatives for the Northern Region this year are Myself and your Vice Chairman, Andy Woodcock and for Northern Centres rally, Myself and Bernard Dambrosio. As a matter of interest our centre is one member short for this year's northern centre's working party. A lot of preparation goes on beforehand to make this rally happen.

If you are celebrating a special rally please let the committee know so the necessary arrangements can be made. A small number of our rallies are already fully booked; don't leave it too late before you book.

Would all rally marshals please be careful when making out your rally plaque forms as the printing on the plaque should now only be in one colour. The cost of plaques is rising and your committee is only too aware of its financial responsibilities. To this end a new style of rally plaque is available in the form of a credit card, anything that can be designed on a computer can be printed onto these rally plaques, the Chairman has some samples and these plaques are cheaper than the traditional ones.

June and I look forward to seeing you all on the rally field I hope the weather allows us to enjoy our pastime.

Stan Gelson
Chairman

Christmas Carol Concert

I would like to thank Margaret and Paul Cockrill for organising the carol Concert this year, along with all their helpers. We really enjoyed it. The Salvation Army were once again on top form as always. It really is the start of Christmas for us. If you missed the event this year we can strongly recommend it for next year. Best wishes to you all for 2010 and happy caravanning.

Judith and Alan Skerry

Children's Party

To everyone who attended The Teesside Princess Santa Cruise, thank you all for attending and I hope your children or grandchildren all enjoyed the trip, along with yourselves of course. I would also like to thank my wife June for helping to organise the day.

Stan Gelson

The Cream on the Cake.

After what was for us an exceptional caravanning year it was an honour and with great pleasure to be awarded The Jim Tyreman Rose Bowl. We would like to thank Stan, his Officers and Committee in deciding that we would be worthy recipients of the Bowl. It will have pride of place in the caravan and will travel with us wherever we go. Joan and I would like to thank the nominee who proposed us for the Jim Tyreman Rose Bowl.

Joan and Brian Jack.

**CHANGE, ADDITION & AMMENDMENT
TO
NORTH YORKSHIRE CENTRE
2010 PRORAMME**

CHANGE TO VENUE

OTTRINGTON PARK Caravan Site - May 14th – 16th

Station Farm, South Otterington, Northallerton. DL7 9JB.

Route: From Northallerton take the A167 to South Otterington, then follow NYC signs.

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Sips to:- J Bringlee. 4 Woodland Rise, Tocketts Mill, Guisborough. TS14 6QA.

Tel: 01287 639596. Mobile: 07970 896996

Rally opens at 12:00 noon.

Rally fee: £10.50

Mostly hard standing. Heated amenity block with free showers.

Hot tub available at £3.00 per person per hour.

Electric hook up available at £3.00 per night.

. Limited to 25 caravans

ADDITION TO PROGRAMME

BROADINGS FARM - August 16th – 30th

Broadings Farm, Whitby, YO21 1TL.

Route: A171 Guisborough to Whitby road 1 mile from Whitby after passing Shambles Restaurant watch for rally signs site on right From York Pickering after leaving Sleights follow the road to roundabout turn right then as above after Shambles Restaurant.

Slips to:- Carol Duke 30 Iburndale Lane Sleights Whitby North Yorkshire YO22 5DP.

Tel: 01947 810784.

Rally opens at 10:00am. Limited to 100 caravans.

Rally Fee: £9.00 per night or £117.00 for the full rally (14 nights).

Whitby Regatta and Folk Week will run during this rally, we will be arranging various evenings on site - Details will be issued to all who book.
(Please provide email address if possible)

AMMENDMENT TO RALLY FEE

BONFIRE RALLY - November 5th – 7th

CORRECT RALLY FEE IS: £18.70 (not £18.00)..... FULL FEE WITH SLIPS

Cheques made payable to Caravan Club, North Yorkshire Centre.

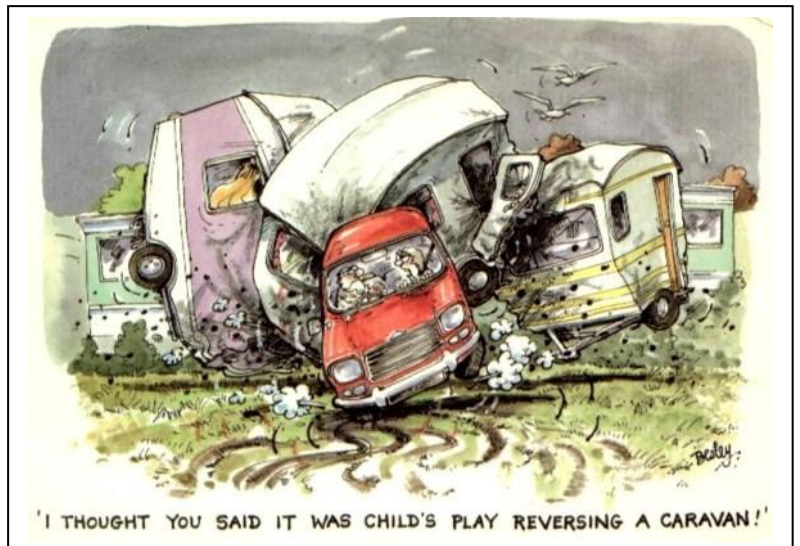
*£3.20 for Electric Hook Up - payable now or on arrival.

Sequence dance practice nights
will take place on the following dates:

11 March	25 March
15 April	29 April
13 May	

Practices are held at Hurworth village hall and start at 7.30pm. The cost is £1.25 per person.
For more details contact:

Andy Woodcock on 07780 697345





Fund Raising

Jean Davies will be running fund raising events for the 2012 Celebration Rally. Once again the fabulous bottle game will be held at several ralliers in the coming season starting at York RUFC. All contributions will be gratefully accepted and can be given to any members of the committee or Jean and John on the rallyfield.



New Year Rally 2009/2010

Come on everyone "Stand In Line"
To give thanks for the celebrations ending 2009
What a Rally, it ticked every box
On the Scarborough Road, at the Snooty Fox
With beautiful party frocks, suits and even fancy dress
With quizzes, questions and answers to guess
As the New Year charmed, we gave kisses and hugs
We received commemorative celebration mugs
We had such a great time in so many ways
On each of the rally's 5 memorable days
All this fun though, doesn't just occur
It's down to the hard work put in throughout the year
So much effort and work The Sterlings have done
To ensure we all had this endless fun
They had some help, from just a few
Including rally Marshals who were brand new
Andy, Ged, Marion and Steve
They did well; you had to be there to believe
Let's just hope they will do it again
To bring in the end of 2010

We had a fabulous time and thank you all very much,
David Karen and Chloe xxxxx

Halloween Rally 30th-1st

The Halloween rally was once again a superb rally. Friday afternoon we arrived on the rally field to a very warm welcome from the rally officers and fellow helpers. we got set up whilst the kids met friends old and new in the park. Saturday we all decorated our caravan HALLOWEEN style (there was some good ones). Saturday was the halloween social, it was a fantastic turn out, many dressed in their halloween costumes and some dodgy makeup from the ladies. It was later followed by a lovely supper, a dodgy quiz from Nigel and his brother (haaa), disco, costume judging and drinking :). We all enjoyed the evening and I'm sure many others did too. Sunday was a cold and wet day but never spoilt a minute. We all arrived at coffee morning in our wellies and rain coats. The lucky van prizes were called and we were left with an option of two prizes and obviously Andy picked the dreaded BLACK SPOT! We are very sad to hear that it was the last year for the rally officers of 9 years. They have done a brilliant job and we wish them well. Also good luck to Andy, Ged, Lucy and little Joe Futchter for next year.

Once again a big thank you to Nigel, Jayne, Lucy, Becky, Alan and Phyllis for a wonderful rally!



To all rally officers

When your rally is full can you please notify the Rally Secretary (01642 561351) as soon as possible. I give information to ralliers from other centres and so need up to the minute information as I would not wish to inform a rallier that there is space on a rally when it is full.

Thanks
Merve Griffiths

Correction

Sally Dank's email and telephone are incorrect in the handbook.
Corrected tel. nos are:

Home number 01642 517061
mobile 07768351061
and email
sally_danks@yahoo.co.uk;

Boxing Day Dip

Congratulations and very well done to Chloe, Jemma, Lucy and Ben from the teenage committee who took part in the Boxing Day Dip at Redcar this morning. They were very ably led by Karen Young, the Teenage Liaison Officer, and supported by 2 of the more hardy (perhaps it should be foolhardy) members of the adult committee, Bernard D'Ambrosio and Andy Futchter. They took part in this venture to raise money for the teenagers' chosen charities, Headway and Cystic Fibrosis. Once again congratulations and well done to you all. Thank you also to everyone who turned out to support and cheer them on and also to those who have so generously sponsored them.

Jean D'Ambrosio



Message of Thanks

It was very unfortunate that in February Bob Allen passed away. Members of the committee and the centre attended the funeral at Greatham. Our Chairman received a card from Terry which said the following:

“Would you please pass on my sincere thanks to all in the North Yorkshire Centre for all of their cards, letters and flowers and for so many of you attending the funeral of my dear Bob. Your warmth and kindness meant a great deal to me and helped me to cope at this very sad time.”

Volleyball

At the rainbow centre has now finished on Saturday evenings due to the start of the rally programme. We have enjoyed these useful training sessions which have been well supported every week. We will continue training in Stewarts Park on Thursday evenings after Easter when hopefully conditions will be favourable. These training / fun sessions are free and open to anyone who wishes to join us.

For further details contact John Loughran.

THE CARAVAN CLUB NATIONAL RALLY 2010

CARNIVAL PROCESSION

The Closing Ceremony at the 2010 National Rally at Weston Park will be preceded by the Carnival Parade. The theme is 'The Circus comes to Weston'.

A band will lead the procession from the designated assembly point to the main display arena.

GUIDELINES

- The Carnival Parade is open to everyone - individuals and groups - so the more the merrier
- Each entrant needs a title that will be announced as they enter the arena
- Vehicles entered into the Decorated Vehicle Competition will be allowed to lead your entry into the arena but will have to park in the centre of the arena due to safety considerations
- Small floats will be allowed but they cannot be motorised and must not have dangerous surfaces or projections
- Motorised wheelchairs or buggies are more than welcome provided they are driven by a person with a disability
- Entrants will have the opportunity to give a short performance once they enter the arena - 2 or 3 minutes in length. Please indicate on the form below
- If entrants wish to have sound to accompany their act the music needs to be pre-recorded so that it can be played via the arena PA system. Please advise the organiser in advance
- NO pyrotechnics, water pistols or projectiles permitted



Handbook Cover Photo

The winning photograph chosen by the committee go on the front cover of your Rally Handbook was taken by John Lowe.

Rallies Full

The following rallies are full:-

Upper Carr (Darts & Dominoes)

York RUFC

Studley Royal

Chestnut Caravan Park

Beacon Farm Rally -Sneaton

For Sale	Sterling Elite Searcher 2007	Sterling Elite Searcher 2007, 4 Berth Twin Axel. £3,000 Worth of ADDED EXTRAS (Truma Motor Mover, Full Sized Bradcot Awning With Quick Fit Alloy Poles, Rear Bike Rack For 3 Bikes) L-Shaped Lounge, Fixed Double Bed, Full Sized Fridge/Freezer, Full Sized End Bath Room with Separate Shower, TV Aerial, ALKO Stabilizer, Alloy Wheels, ALKO Wheel Claps, Remote Alarm, Electric/Gas Fire, BBQ Outdoor Point, Microwave Oven, Gas & Electric Hob With Gas Grill and Gas Oven, Remove able Carpets, Well Looked after Caravan, Pet and Smoking Free Environment. Part Exchange Welcome on Single Wheeler of Similar Layout 2007+,	£12,995	Call Jon or Pauline, Tel: 01287-653576 Mobile: 07976-700122
	Inaca Sands awning	Originally 950 but professionally extended to 975, used regularly but still in good condition. OK on my Abbey 418 but won't fit my Oklahoma. If you are interested give me a ring and we can arrange a time to pick it up. If this is still in my garage by the end of March it is going to the tip!	FREE OF CHARGE	Graham Evans 01642 497853

Photographic Competition

I hope you all have a great rallying season in the coming months. Some of you may like to record memories of the places you visit by taking photographs. Why not share some of those photographic memories by entering them into your Centre competitions.

The photographs you need are sized 6inches by 4inches.

There are two categories of photograph: colour print and colour comic prints. With individual winners in age groups: Adult, Teenagers and children under 13 years. There are 2 Trophies for overall winners in each category.

You may admire the front cover of your Rally Hand Book. This too is a competition. All entries need to be handed to Karen Young or any member of the Committee by the 26th September 2010. All entries will be displayed, and the winners will be announced, at the AGM except for the Front Cover for 2011 and this is chosen at the first meeting of the New Committee in October 2010.

Why not enter you could be a winner!

Further details can be found on page 68 of the Handbook.

Karen Young



Guide Dogs needs volunteer drivers in Middlesbrough

Guide Dogs is appealing for volunteer drivers in Middlesbrough and the surrounding areas who have experience of towing, such as a caravan or horse box. These volunteers are crucial to ensuring local people who have a visual impairment can benefit from the services provided by Guide Dogs.

Volunteer drivers are required to transport equipment to events, sometimes driving a Guide Dogs transit van towing an exhibition trailer to various shows or fairs, to assist with much needed fundraising efforts.

Rebekah Shepherd, Regional Volunteer Coordinator for the North, said: "Volunteer drivers are vital to the everyday running of the Guide Dogs service. "Volunteering as a driver is fun and rewarding – you know you are helping to make a real difference to the lives of blind and partially-sighted people. "It is a chance to get out and about and meet people from all walks of life."

To be considered for the role of volunteer driver you need an ordinary driving license and have previous experience of towing, but additional training will be provided.

Further information on becoming a volunteer driver is available by phoning Guide Dogs National Volunteer Office on 0845 371 7771 or emailing volunteer@guidedogs.org.uk

North Yorkshire Centre Come Dancing

Must say how much we have enjoyed the Come Dancing organised by Andy, Mavis, Alan and Phylis. Anyone who can manage to get myself and Gwen up and dancing deserves a medal (I use the term dancing loosely). No seriously we have not had so much fun for ages, everybody joins in no matter what ability there's no pressure and a good laugh is had by all. Can't wait for a Dinner Dance now to try out what we have learnt already in the 2 weeks we have been going.

There is a break half way through for a cuppa and biscuit before hitting the floor again, and all this for £1.25 each. At the end of the night for those that want to several of the group walk to the local pub for a well earned pint.

**So if you have ever thought about giving dancing a go, I suggest you come along, I promise you will have fun, Dancing currently takes place alternate thursdays for full details contact Andy Woodcock or look at the Latest News link.
Thanks to all concerned**

Dave and Gwen Sanderson