

# "CARANEWS"



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

Where has the year gone? Here we are after another full season of rallying and not far off Christmas. Rallies in the middle of the year continued to be well attended and holiday rallies at Whitby, Scarborough, The North Yorkshire Tour and Studley Royal all went well.

Northern Centres at Carlton Towers, Selby, we had 38 caravans attending on what turned out to be a very successful weekend with Childrens lawn darts, Volleyball, men's quoits, quiz and TOW teams all appearing in finals and to cap it all the centre won the Campbells Trophy for only the second time in the Arts & Handicraft competitions Thank you to all who attended and took part and thanks again to the working party members who spent a week beforehand preparing it all for you.

The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Six Star Rally was also a big success with North Yorkshire again gaining trophies in driving, lawn darts, cycling and the quiz, again thanks to everyone who supported the centre. A new milestone was achieved by a family in July, that of attending 1300 caravan rallies, congratulations go to Brian & Honnor Colley, a wonderful achievement! Catterick Races goes from strength to strength, Little Crakehall remains a well hidden secret and Eden Camp put on its usual funny sketch.

The AGM social seemed to be enjoyed by all and the teenagers presented fantastic sums of money to their two chosen charities, a fantastic effort. Good luck Chloe and your committee for next year. The AGM meeting went better than the weather, with horrendous wet conditions prevailing on the Sunday and we are having to make some alternative arrangements for next year's rally and hopefully will be on hard standing. One of the committee's concerns throughout the year has been the fact that we were short handed and I have to thank those people who held position on last year's committee for their effort and work. A special thanks to Dave Gregory for his work as Secretary over the last three years. As everyone knows we did not have a nomination for Centre Secretary at the AGM and after following advice from The Caravan Club this matter was resolved at the first committee meeting, where Mrs Karen Young was appointed as the Centre Secretary, Good Luck Karen. The Celebration sub-committee met for the first time in October to consider a budget for the rally and a rally fee. This was achieved with details and a booking form appearing in your new handbook in January.

This year's Children's Christmas treat will be held at The Railway Museum at Shildon, with Santa's Christmas Special leaving at 1pm. Why not look around the museum before you go. Please meet at 12 o'clock midday, at the Museum entrance.



The Bonfire rally is ready to go, the Dinner Dance is eagerly awaited and both are full. Finally can June and myself wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and rewarding New Year.

Stan Gelson

## SPORTS REPORT FOR NORTHERN CENTRES RALLY

Northern Centres was held at Carlton Towers over the August Bank Holiday weekend and proved to be an extremely enjoyable and successful rally for North Yorkshire. Andy and I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who competed and also to those who supported our teams and individual competitors. Thank you also to the team managers and coaches for your hard work and support. It is very much appreciated.

North Yorkshire did exceptionally well in the Arts and Crafts Competition, culminating in the Centre being awarded the Campbell Trophy. This trophy is awarded to the Centre gaining the most points in the Arts and Crafts Competition. In total we had 8 winners and 5 Runners-up, congratulations and very well done to Andy and Mavis Woodcock, the Martin Family, Elaine Drury and Stan and June Gelson.

Evie Padgett won her age category in the Children's Fancy Dress Competition.

The Quiz Team, John Lowe, Stan and June Gelson, Geraldine Futchter and Harold Johnson, won the Dick Blacklock Cup as overall winners in the Inter-Centre Quiz competition.

The principal results in the sporting events were as follows:

Gents Tug of War	Winners
Gents Quoits	Winners 1st time ever
Junior Lawn Darts	Winners
Gents Volleyball	Runners-up
Junior Tug of War	Runners-up

Daniel Loughran was winner in his age group in the Fun Run and 2nd overall.

This year's winner of the Keith Gell Memorial Shield, awarded to the most promising young footballer at Northern Centres, was Joe Cairns. Well done Joe.

Once again a big thank you for your help and support.

Bernard D'Ambrosio  
Andy Futchter



### Annual Carol Service

Due to circumstances beyond our control I have had to amend the date of the annual Carol Service. This will now be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The time and venue remain the same i.e. 7.30 pm at Marton Methodist Church. Tickets price £1 will be on sale from October. This event will now be held on the third Friday in December each year.

Margaret Cockrill".

### Head of Steam Rally

We arrived on Friday afternoon to a warm welcome from Margaret, Paul and David. The flat field of short cut grass with gates locked at night provided us with a lovely quiet and secure venue right next door to the railway museum.

On Friday night Margaret did soup and crusty bread which was very welcome in the evening's chilly air.

Saturday came and a free guided tour of the museum gave us chance to find answers to our quiz based on steam railway history. A quick lunch and then it was off to the Civic Theatre for an enthralling 2 1/2 hour guided tour behind the scenes by the House Manager. The day was rounded off with a fun games evening.

Sunday morning saw some of us visiting the Tees Cottage Pumping Station with the original beam engine in operation.

This rally is run during Darlington Heritage Weekend and there are all sorts of free events on throughout the town to suit all tastes and ages.

Thanks again to Paul, Margaret and David and we look forward to next year's rally.

Judy & Brian Green

### NORTH YORKSHIRE CENTRE GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW

The centre is running a Christmas draw this year and all profits will go to the celebration fund for the 2012 celebration rally. Tickets will be £1 each and available from all committee members. Because the centre now has a small lotteries and gaming special licence it means we can sell tickets to non caravan club members. Any member who would like to sell these tickets on behalf of the centre please let any committee member know. Similarly any donations of prizes along the Christmas theme e.g. a bottle of spirit, wine etc: would be greatly appreciated. The draw will be made at the monthly committee meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2010. Please support this activity

Thanks

Stan Gelson

### Winter Walk Sunday 23rd January 2011.

Meet at 10.00am at Clay Bank car park Grid:572035 for a circular walk along part of the Cleveland Way. As this is a high level walk please ensure you have a Waterproof/Windproof Coat, Walking Boots or Wellingtons, No trainers. There will be a coffee break en route.

The nearest hostelry/toilets are in Great Broughton or Chop Gate.

For further details contact Mike Horner, Tel: 01325 463148.

## Pickering

Following a great 9 days running Scarborough holiday rally the fun continued through to the weekend at Pickering. I never thought I would be celebrating my 16<sup>th</sup> birthday in the caravan but I have to say it was the best birthday I have had in ages. It was to my surprise that everyone seemed to already know it was my birthday – I wonder who told them – Ros!!! Throughout the day I was greeted with birthday wishes, cards and presents from all the ralliers. I was overwhelmed by how kind and generous everyone was. Little did I know at the time, while Lucy, Sian and I shopped around the nearby village, my family and friends helped to prepare a surprise party for me that night. So I've heard, it only started out as one gazebo but grew dramatically from the involvement, lending windbreaks and alternatives to shelter us from the rain. I have to say we did it caravan style.

The fun continued onto the Saturday with the famous 'Crazy Bag Beetle' courtesy of Barbara. What a night we had. A brilliant family game for young and old, which proved to be enjoyable for all involved.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the rally officers, my parents and all the other ralliers for their hard work and making my sweet 16<sup>th</sup> soooo special!!! Thank you so much!!!

Kelly Gray

## Scarborough Holiday Rally 2011

Next year the centre's Scarborough holiday rally will not be at the usual Olivers Mount location. We have had to move and now have a choice of 2 locations, Olivers Mount or Irton Mount. We do not have rally officers and so we need 3 or 4 families to run the rally, the location will be the choice of the rally officers.

The rally could start on Friday 29th July and will run for a minimum of 10 days; again the start and length of the rally will be the choice of the rally officers.

Anyone interested please contact the Rally Secretary, Merve Griffiths for more details.

## Little Crokehall Rally

We would like to thank the ralliers for their generosity raising £145 for the 2012 Celebration Rally. We held a cake stall, raffled a bottle of malt and held a quiz on Saturday evening. The caravan club provided the marquee which was a great asset.

John and Jean Davies, Les and Syl Fryer

## RALLY OFFICERS REPORT: AGM

It was the first time we ran the A.G.M. Rally and the first time we wished we were at home instead! The weather was appalling with continuous rain but despite the bad weather we had an excellent turn out, with all vans sited by 8.30 p.m. on Friday with the exception of a couple of vans arriving on Saturday morning. We did however, like everyone else enjoy the weekend, especially the excellent social in the school hall on Saturday evening. The venue is ideal - only a short walk to the high street with its many shops, restaurants and pubs. We were helped by Carol and Jeff (who kindly informed us that it was the first time they can ever remember it raining at an A.G.M. Rally) just our luck! On Sunday the conditions weren't good - but in true North Yorkshire spirit everyone pulled together (and pushed) until the last caravan was off the field.

We would like to thank Karen, Dave & Chloe for helping us run the rally - Carol & Jeff for all of their help - Dave Stephenson for helping site the vans.

Also a BIG thank-you to the BRINGLOE, DANKS, WORTHINGTON, FUTCHER Families & Dave Rock for staying back with us to ensure all the vans were safely off. We promise when you book for next year we will pray a little harder for better weather!

JOHN, ROS & DANIEL LOUGHRAN.



## Thank You

Now that we have both got over the initial shock of winning the Radiator trophy, both Keith and I would just like to say what an honour it was to receive it. I'm glad the AGM isn't televised because the look on both of our faces when our names were announced must have been a picture! It's nice that Keith and I can compete with Ben with who has the most impressive trophy. A big thanks goes to everyone who nominated us for the trophy. Thanks again.

Gill and Keith Carter

## Centre Membership Renewal

The Caravan Club now provide a service allowing you to renew your centre membership online.

You can also check when your centre membership is due for renewal.

## Thank You

I would like to thank the teenagers and the committee for nominating me for the teenager of the year award. I was very surprised but very pleased to receive this award. Thank you very much and I am looking forward to another year on committee and seeing you all on the rally field.

**COME ON NORTH YORKSHIRE!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Ben Carter.

## Eden Camp

Arrived friday night, last to arrive, but were welcomed by Paul and Maragaret Cockrill and then sited by Harry Walsh. Although we didn't make it, there was bingo on in the huts, which we are sure was enjoyed by all. saturday we went round the huts to find the answers to the quiz and saturday night was the social. Games, fancy dress, bingo, sketch performed by rally marshalls and extras, made for a very enjoyable evening by all. Participation in the fancy dress competition was a bit disappointing, however this didn't spoil anything. Very well done Andy, Mavis, Paul, Margaret, Harry, Angela and girls for another great year at Eden Camp, one of our favourites!!!

Andy, Allison and Lucy Newman.

## Thank You

Our chosen charities for the year were Headway and Cystic Fibrosis and at the AGM on 2nd October we were able to present a cheque for £1,500 to each Charity. I would like to thank everyone who helped with the fundraising events throughout the year. All our events were well supported, thank you. Special thanks go to Daniel Loughran who also raised funds for us when he ran a marathon and to Judith Skerry who has given generously, again this year, from the sale of her hand crafted cards.

Congratulations to Ben Carter who received the Teenager of the Year Award. Well done Ben!  
We hope we can count on your continued support this year in all our events.

With many thanks

Chloe Young  
Teenage Chairman

## Chestnut Caravan Park

This rally at Chestnut that was fine and dandy. It is just off the A19 which for us was very handy. The park at Thornton Le Moor is behind the pub, which serves totally marvellous grub.

You can go shopping or stay and relax in the sun, we played lots of games and had lots of fun.

We'd recommend this rally to all you out there, because the rally marshalls do care.

There's Dave and his musical quiz, bingo from Keith and crisps, snacks a plenty, to stop you drinking on empty.

We thank you so much and enjoyed it so much  
Love from the Family Futch.

Thanks again for a great weekend  
Gill, Keith Ben Dave, Karen and Chloe  
always a pleasure to be a part of your rallies



## Road Race

Daniel completed the Tees Pride 10k road race in a tag time of 44 minutes, which is not his personal best (too many late nights during the summer holidays) but out of 5,000 entrants, including international runners, he came home in the top 300 which is a fair achievement. The most important achievement was the £200 worth of pledges for the teenage charities. A big THANKS to everyone who sponsored me, your support is greatly appreciated.

Daniel Loughran

## THE GREAT NORTH CARAVAN SHOW 2010

Firstly, a big thanks you to everyone who supported our recent Great North Caravan Show!

Thank you also to everyone that found the time to email us letting us know what your thoughts were, whether they be good, bad, or just okay.

Your voice is important to us so if you have not already done so please give us feedback by emailing [feedback@caravan-shows.co.uk](mailto:feedback@caravan-shows.co.uk) and let us know your thoughts.

Please let us know what you liked and didn't like, and please also let us know what you would like to see at the next Great North Caravan Show.

Thank you for your time.  
With our best wishes,

Chris and Matthew Kinsell  
Catterick Caravans

## Craken House Farm - Leyburn

I would like to thank Ian and Linda Innes and Derek and Julia Gibson for an excellent weekend. This is the first time Ian and Linda have run a rally, and they did really well. They said they had enjoyed the experience. The venue was great looking out over towards Middlam Castle, the vintage bus goes from Leyburn up to Hawes which is a lovely ride out for the day. So come along all you would be Rally Officers, take the plunge as Ian and Linda did and see for yourselves how much fun you have.

Once again thank you

Judith and Alan Skerry

