

"CARANEWS"



The voice of the North Yorkshire Centre

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Chairman's Chat.

What a year it has been, on June 30th this year we became very proud grandparents to Chiara, as you can see from a photo at the christening, in Italy last month. Then on top of that, at the AGM you allowed me the privilege of becoming your Chairman. I can only say how proud I am and that I will do my very best to represent the centre, in every aspect of caravanning, as well as I can. If you have a concern, a point of view or a suggestion please come and talk to me, or any member of the new committee.

Your new committee has already met and the various responsibilities allocated. Bernard D'Ambrosio and I will be representing the centre at Northern Centres meetings, the first of which is in the middle of November, whilst Andy Woodcock and myself will be the centre representatives on the Northern region committee, our first meeting being the second weekend in November. All other responsibilities are shown on the centre website.

For those people who attended the AGM social, a thank you to you all for taking part in whatever we threw at you, Mike Horner, Edward and myself had a fantastic night seeing everyone, taking part, more of the same next year?

Andy Futcher became this year's recipient of the Radiator Trophy, a well deserved Honour for all of the work he does and the help he always willingly gives to anyone for any event, well done Andy, even if I do say he was 'gobsmacked' when his name was read out, yes Andy it really did happen and it is well deserved.

For those events that are left this year please support them, The Christmas Carols at Marton Methodist Church, I hope the children enjoy their Christmas treat. Before the caravan season starts again, in January there is still the handbook distribution night at Middlesbrough Golf Club, Burns Night with Paul and Margaret Cockrill, and the winter walk to keep you involved.

To Jean thank you, from all of the centre members, for all of your hard work representing the centre, as chairman, over the last three years. To Chloe and her teenage committee, good luck. To anyone who has done anything for the centre, this year, thank you, I hope you will all stay involved with centre activities next year, without you the ralliers, we would not have a centre. To the new committee I wish you all well and thank you in advance for all of your hard work.

Finally from June and myself I hope you all have a very merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Stan Gelson

From the Editor

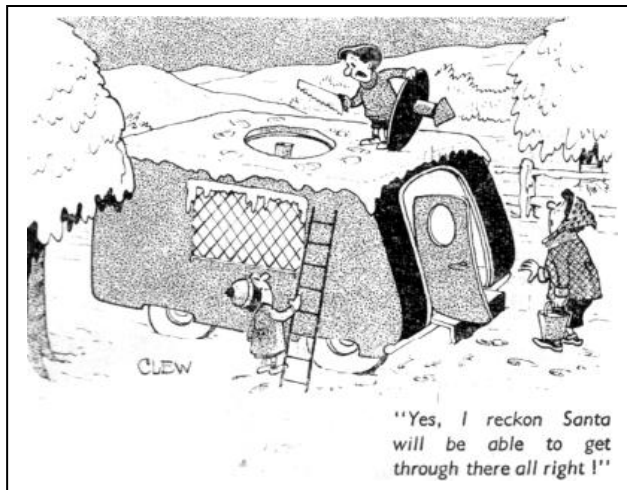
I would like to thank everyone for sending in your articles, photographs etc. for the Website and Caranews throughout the season. I look forward to receiving your news for next year's editions. I would also be nice to see the younger members send in their drawings, maybe those that have been made on the rallies.

Unfortunately, our rallying has once again been halted, as our new caravan was stolen last month. We are devastated. We hope it won't be too long before we get news of our replacement van.

Steve and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy 2010

Please can I thank the rally marshals of Runswick Bay rally
 We took our granddaughter for her first rally
 She very carefully did her painting competition of a scarecrow
 And she won
 Then she got a birthday card and a present
 Then she went to collect the lucky van prize that we won
 I think we have a new rallier she loved it
 A big thank you also to The teenage chairman who was next door
 and kept getting pestered she was very patient and also a big
 help flying a kite
 Friday was a rotten day our exhaust blew and it rained all day
 The garage managed to weld our exhaust and we got to the rally
 on Saturday
 Thank you to all who cheered us up and made our weekend

AUDRIE NORMAN AND SOPHIE LEAF



BEADLAM GRANGE HELMSLEY

4-6 SEPTEMBER 2009

We received a warm welcome despite the weather being cool and drizzly.

After getting set up we ventured into Helmsley for a Cream Tea and a browse around the shops. Richard and James said I seem to find more shops each time I visit.

When arriving back on the Rally Field we had a wander in the lovely Farm Shop & Tea Room. Roy the Rally Marshall then came around and said that due to the unpredictable weather, he had arranged with the Farmer to use the Barn for a get together on the Friday evening.

Quite a lot of the Ralliers descended on the Barn for a Beetle Drive and a Family Quiz. We would especially like to thank Daniel for the excellent quiz which he not only devised himself, but he asked the questions and gave the answers. The other Martins were there usual competitive selves with Carol (The Favourite Sister-in-Law/Auntie), winning the Beetle Drive. By the way we still haven't had a chocolate Carol.

We woke on Saturday to a warmer brighter day and we ventured out on our bikes. Some of the others were brave enough to visit the Open Air Swimming Pool, go walking, or just browse around Helmsley.

Saturday Evening we gathered around the flag for coffee/tea and biscuits. The Adult Quiz was won again by the other Martins and our Nephew Craig didn't let them down either by winning the word search.

Oh and by the way we won a lucky van prize, a lovely half dozen eggs - the black spot variety. No hard feeling though, they were much appreciated.

It was then Back to the Barn for Bingo and Play Your Cards Right which again got a lot of ralliers out of their vans to enjoy a relaxed and friendly get together.

Sunday was a free day to do as you pleased and we just relaxed.

We would really like to thank Brenda, Roy, and Daniel. Along with Geoff, Jayne & Gemma and all the others who made this a lovely weekend. Beadlam Grange is a lovely rally and we would certainly recommend it to anyone.

Thanks again for all your efforts.

Karen, Richard & James Martin

The finals for the Centre Lawn Dart and Quoit Trophies took place at Catterick Racecourse on Saturday, 19th September.

LAWN DART TROPHY WINNERS:

Gents: Stan Gelson
 Ladies: Chris Birkby
 Girls: Chloe Young
 Boys: Ben Carter

QUOITS TROPHY WINNERS

Gents: Len Dargue
 Ladies: Jean D'Ambrosio
 Girls: Chloe Young
 Boys: Daniel Stirling

JYSSR RESULTS

The results achieved by the North Yorkshire Centre at the recent 6 Star Rally were as follows:

Quiz Winners: The team was Stan Gelson, Jean D'Ambrosio, Chris Gray and June Gelson.

Lawn Darts: Winner – Keith Carter, Runner-up – Bernard D'Ambrosio

Quoits: Under 12 Winner – Lucy Futcher, Gents Runner-up – Dave Young.

Kick Start: 9-12 Runner-up – Ben Carter, 13-18 Winner – Matthew Dakin.

Remote Controlled Cars: Under 6 Runner-up – Joe Futcher

Easby (Kildale Show) September 4th – 6th

We arrived at Easby Grange Farm on Friday morning in the worst rain that we have seen for ages – thank heavens the rally signs were bright orange – or we would have missed them! The windscreen washers couldn't shift the rain quickly enough!

Now at this point we should explain that under any other circumstances a drop of rain isn't usually a problem – BUT when you've been on the road since 3am, you are in an area of the country that you don't know and your following a map and rally directions it all adds to the 'atmosphere'!!

To add to that we got stuck trying to get on the peg and needed the able assistance of Brian and Jack to help get us pitched. Once finally sited - we slept!!!

We awoke mid afternoon to sunshine and the beautiful views of Roseberry Topping and Captain Cook's monument – wow!

Saturday is the Kildale Show, not too far from the rally field – a wonderful local show, full of interesting competitions, exhibits and people, a very traditional country show. The tea tent serves a lovely cuppa too! Sunday morning was Coffee time and we finally had a chance to meet and chat with others and be very warmly welcomed by Brian and Joan, Shirley and John and Robert, the farm owner. We even won a prize in the lucky van draw!

The Lion, Blakey Ridge. September 7th – 11th

We moved on to The Lion Inn on Blakey Ridge and in our opinion had the best pitch on the field – the views are **BREATH TAKING**.

We were so lucky with the weather, one morning of fog and one night of high, van rocking winds and by day sunshine. We have seen the photos in the Inn and have heard the stories regarding how quickly the weather changes, and how bad it can be, but for all of that this site is rustically fabulous. The sheep stare at you, falcons fly over you and the rabbit holes are there to catch you out!

We all battened down the hatches on Wednesday and Thursday as we were informed that the Air Ambulance/ Mountain Rescue helicopter would be landing close to the rally on an exercise, it did, but it wasn't quite the Sea King we were expecting – we didn't get blown away! Good photo opportunity though! (Shame they didn't stay for coffee!).

We went for the meal that was arranged for anyone that wanted to attend on the Wednesday evening. Huge portions of fabulous food – no wonder the Inn is always busy. Thursday morning was the last coffee time and again we won a lucky van prize, I don't think it was fixed! Friday morning was moving on day, difficult to leave such a lovely place.

If you haven't ever attended either of these rallies, you should give them a try –

We enjoyed them so much and still have lots to see and do we've booked (with the same pitch!) for next year! Thank you to everyone that we met for making us so welcome. We didn't want to leave you and come home....

Elaine & Colin Baker & Havoc the dog!
(The Wiltshire Centre)

Black spot report for Catterick Races 18th -20th September 2009

Thanks again for another enjoyable racing weekend. The weathermen got their forecast the wrong way round, Saturday was cloudy but dry, and we were all confident of taking the bookies to the cleaners. But before that though, the lawn darts and quoits had to be contested with the normal enthusiasm and competitiveness.

At 1.30 it was time to carry our chairs down to get a good spot near the winning post. A £2 bet on a 6 race accumulator could win you a £1000 but when our horse came 5th in the first race that was the end of that dream. Sunday was really sunny and everybody sat out and soaked up the rays because there won't be many more opportunities. A quick nip over the course to Catterick market to stock up on the BBQ meat, then sadly hitching up to leave the rally for another year. Thanks go once again to the rally officers Nigel, Jayne, Lucy and Becky and Alan and Phyllis. It is a great venue. See you next year.

Richard and Chris Birkby

To Brian and Jack – Congratulations

Well done for running Danby Rally for 35 years. It really is half a life time. It was nice that Jeff Bringloe did the honours for you as he was on the first ever Danby Rally.

Brian and Joan celebrated running 200 rallies at Snainton this year. Well done to you both. It's always a pleasure to come on your rallies.

Best Wishes
Judith and Alan Skerry

QUOITS

To raise the standard of play in the centre we are starting an individual's league played throughout the year at rallies.

We have collected names already but if you wish to be included please contact:

John Loughran ASAP - 01642 603459

CRAKEHALL (Sept Autumn Rally)

We arrived early afternoon about 1pm with the sun nice and warm, and received a very nice warm welcome from the rally marshalls who over the weekend done a fantastic job.

We put our legs down put the awning up took the dog (Charlie) for his walk and then settled down for a well earned cuppa and enjoyed the rest of the afternoon getting a bit more of the sun (more than we got over the summer) and waited for our friends to arrive the Rudd family, at 6pm Isobel went and bought some cakes and scones from the rally office and yes we indulged and ate some of the cake which where delicious.

We went to the local pub in Crakehall on Friday night to relax and to get to know the local residents and landlord of course and to taste the local beer Blacksheep which was very nice to say the least and then after one or two ! headed back to the van for a nightcap.

Saturday morning up with the Lark and cooked a full english breakfast, some of the children went to Lightwater valley, and then we headed to Masham fair, the day was really hot, even had shorts and shortsleave shirt on. What a wonderful day we had, looking at the animals, watching the sheep dance, nice cool ice cream, looking round the stalls, and watching the sheep dogs do their work with the geese.

Saturday night we ended up in the barn for cheese and wine, I have never seen so much cheese in my life, but 'wow' I really enjoyed tasting the different cheeses and of course the wine. We then started on the quiz, which went on and on and on and on, but 'hey' so what it was so much fun and in a couple of hours it would be morning ha ha, then we had bingo (never won anything though), what a great night had by all.

Sunday was a dry and sunny morning, 11pm was the flag and of course I won a prize which had the dreaded blackspot, hence me writing this report, but even if I did not get the spot, I would have written this report as we had a fantastic weekend, with the help of the rally marshalls, the lovely weather and location, and most of all meeting friends that we have not seen for a while, we left the rally at around 1pm (after thanking the marshalls for their work) for our long journey home (it's only takes us half an hour) as we had caravans on our own CL site) and had to make sure everything was ok with their weekend.

So once again I would like to thank the rally marshalls, John & Jean Davies, Les & Sylvia Fryer and Dave & Janet Routh for the wonderful weekend they put on for us and the time that they give up so we the ralliers can enjoy ourselves. Thanks a lot

John & Isobel Murphy and Charlie (the dog)

Teenagers Treat

I would just like to say thank you for the teenagers day out to Lightwater Valley. I would like to thank the committee for helping with the cost, Karen Young for organising the day for us and Dave and my mum for looking after us. Thanks to you all.

Ben Carter.



2010 Handbook Social

The 2010 handbook will be available from 7:30pm to 9:00pm on Tuesday 12th January 2010 at:-

Middlesbrough Municipal Golf Club,
Ladgate Lane,
Middlesbrough.
TS5 6YZ.

Come along and get your handbook and maybe stop a while to chat and book some rallies.

The bar facilities will be available for the evening.

Thank You

We would just like to thank Andy, Mavis, Harry, Angela, Paul & Margaret for a great weekend at Eden Camp, the show was excellent especially "Jonesy". It was a great weekend start to finish very fun and entertaining as always at Eden Camp. We look forward to next year's already to what it may bring. Thank you very much.

Barry & Christine Kay

Thank You

Very many thanks to all the people who have bought cards from me over the last year. Once again I have been able to pass on to the Teenage Charity £200.00
Thanks to Janet Taylor for giving me some of her cards to sell.

Please keep your old Birthday and Christmas cards so I can continue to make cards for our next year's Teenage Charity.

Many Thanks
Judith Skerry

Eden Camp Rally



Cpl Jones & Mrs Fox

A very big thank you to all the ralliers who attended our rally at Eden Camp, without the support of you all the rally would not happen. Special thanks go to all those who helped site the vans on Friday evening and to all those who helped in a variety of ways on Saturday preparing for the social. A very big thank you to Paul and Elaine Hutchinson, Matthew Dakin, John Loughran and Andy Newman for taking part in our remake of Dad's Army. We think some Oscar nominations should be heading our way. Thanks to all those who went to a lot of effort to dress up with a war time theme, Jenny Smith taking the prize for the best outfit. Well done to all the children who were very well behaved all weekend. We, as rally marshals enjoyed the weekend very much and look forward to next year's weekend of nostalgia. Maybe this time the quiz questions will still be where they were when Andy sets the quiz!
Thank you all from Mavis, Andy, Paul, Margaret, Harry, Angela, Hannah and Rachel.

2009 A Year to Remember

2009 has been a very special year for Joan and I.

In April at Kelso we celebrated the 100th rally run in Scotland. The first was run at Coldingham in 1976.

Our second rally of note was in September at Danby. This was the 35th year of running rallies at Castle Houses and our most sincere thanks go to the Tindall families for continuing to welcome us every year.

Fittingly it was Jeff Bringloe who was the Centre representative at flag. He had attended the very first rally here in 1975 when we had 114 vans in attendance and the very first rally we had run. We had the help of Ann, Jim, Debbie and Sue Humphrey together with our family of Mike, Rod and Heather.

After the usual patter and the cutting of the cake Jeff did the honours with presenting the Rally Officers plaques to Jack and Dot and to Joan and I. Jack and Dot were then presented with their five year plaque.

We did not receive the usual mounted silver plate stating that you had run the Danby rally for 35 years, but a gift, which surprised Joan and I and left me gob smacked. Jeff then presented Joan and I with two engraved whisky glasses on a plinth. Sadly, as someone remarked, there was no bottle to celebrate the occasion but then perhaps in another 35 years this may be rectified.

We would like to express our most sincere thanks to the Officers and Committee for their surprising but most appreciated gift. It will occupy pride of place in the van and hopefully it will travel many miles below and above the Scottish Borders.

The final celebration was at Snainton in September. The cake came out again as we celebrated the running of our 200th rally for the Centre.

We would like to thank the past Officers and Committees, our Centre members and visiting members for their support over the years.

Joan and Brian Jack

Thank You

I would like to thank all the Ralliers on behalf of The Teenage Committee for all their support over this last year.

Without your support we could not have done as well as we did. We must thank everyone from those supporting the Bonus Ball, donating and buying books, making cakes and buying cakes, for providing raffle and tombola prizes and buying raffle tickets. Special thanks also to Mrs Judith Skerry who sold her hand crafted cards.

It is with this kindness and generosity that we were able to donate £1000 each to Great North Air Ambulance and Butterwick Childrens Hospice.

THORNTON LE 'MOOR (behind the Black Swan pub)

We arrived early afternoon to a very warm and friendly welcome. The caravans were sited with perfection – I think Keith and Dave had measured between the pitch markers with precision. It was the first time we had visited this lovely village so we had a wander and returned in time to watch the last caravan arrive. The rally officers had arranged a special priced meal & menu for the pub, and asked everyone if they would like them to book a table for them – NOTHING WAS TOO MUCH TROUBLE! On Saturday the weather was glorious so most of the kids and adults on the rally enjoyed a game of volleyball (last practice before Northern centres).

On Saturday evening the rally officers had arranged a social for us - a quiz (with Chris Tarrant aka Dave) and bingo (with a professional caller Keith who spent more time picking up bingo balls) complete with nibbles and home-made quiche! We had a really good NIGHT but had to call it a DAY when it got too dark even using the cap-lamps that had been provided to finish the quiz.

We would highly recommend this rally and look forward to the next one.

BIG thanks to the CARTER & YOUNG TEAM.

JOHN, ROS & DANIEL LOUGHRAN

For Sale	Tom Tom One	UK and REPUBLIC OF IRELAND maps recently updated. Boxed and as new. Complete with software, window attachment, 12 volt connector and USB lead	£60.00	Contact Stan Gelson 0191 3886379
For Sale	Bradcot Full Awning	In Acrysol Super Material. Colour - Light Brown. Size, original 825cm, extended to 850 cm. would easily be reduced to original size if desired. Good condition	All reasonable offers considered Items can be viewed	Austin/Chris Elliott 01740 630649
For Sale	Bradcot Full Awning	Model - Active in green acrylic finish material. Size 960, 5 piece design. Excellent condition	All reasonable offers considered Items can be viewed	Austin/Chris Elliott 01740 630649
For Sale	Dorema Panorama Sun Canopy	Model - Active in green acrylic finish material. Size 960, 5 piece design. Excellent condition	All reasonable offers considered Items can be viewed	Austin/Chris Elliott 01740 630649
For Sale	Ventura Awning	Full Awning -Blue will fit family 4 berths with end bathroom, single axle. (eg bailey pageant, sterling eccles etc) complete with all poles and curtains Used once a year for last 5 years	£125 ono	contact Harry Walsh 01642 750453

Jervaulx Abbey

We arrived on Friday morning to be welcomed by our early officers Mavis & Andy and Freda & Mac. We were given coffee and fresh homemade scones with jam and cream, also some homemade cake, which was all very nice. The weather was lovely.

On Saturday night we congregated once again and were served soup and tiger bread which went down a treat.

Sunday Andy organised a walk which we missed owing to us having a ride on the vintage bus that took us up the dale to Hawes.

The area up and around Jervaulx is very good indeed. We also found time to visit Brymore ice cream parlour and yes we did indulge. I can really recommend it.

One of our ralliers decided to get the bus to Ripon, but got on the bus on the wrong side of the road. They ended up in their own town of Richmond!! After having coffee they then got the bus to Ripon which they enjoyed, the only trouble was when the four of them returned it was pitch black, and you can imagine the party trying to find their caravans.

Wednesday we were invited to mulled wine and nibbles, which was very acceptable.

Thank you to all our rally officers for an excellent week, we will certainly be back again all being well.

Judith and Alan Skerry.

Catterick Caravans Expansion

Catterick Caravans have just announced they have completed the purchase of the Yorkshire Water site next door which will increase their site area from 5 to 8 acres. Phase 1 of the development of the site will see the addition of a new caravan showroom enabling them to display an additional 20 and 30 caravans indoors. It will also provide additional customer parking. They are currently stockists for Buccaneer, Elddis, Lunar, Sprite, Sterling, and Swift but have also announced the addition of Lunar Caravans to their range. As always they would also be happy to supply any brand of caravan to order

