

Newsletter

CHAIRMAN'S BIT

As it is only two months since the last Newsletter and there aren't many rallies during February and March I thought of suggesting this should be the Vice Chairman's Bit! However quiet season or not we have had some very enjoyable times since New Year. The Early Bird and Rally Marshal's Social Rally at Dunham on Trent was well attended and Paul Hickling's version of Bulls-eye kept us all entertained on the Valentine's rally at Hose. The first rally in the new Rally Book at Long Clawson saw a new quiz introduced by the marshals which saw us all literally jumping off of our seats to get the answers. Although not a rally, Paul along with John Shipley organised an excellent night out at the ice hockey in Nottingham with over a 100 of us cheering on the Panthers. It's the first time I've attended an ice hockey match and thoroughly enjoyed it as everyone did and judging by the comments I've heard since, many of you are looking forward to this event being arranged again. Sandra and Mark Purdy along with first time marshals Liz and Shane Caldbeck treated us all to silver service for our Saturday evening meal at The Mother's Day Rally at Torksey Scout Camp and it looks as though the Big Quiz rally at Collingham, which just seems to get bigger has produced a new quiz team for the National Rally at Weston Park. So if these few rallies are a taster of what is to come then there are many good times ahead and Sharon and I look forward to being part of that in the coming months.

This leads me to remind you to book on early for the Centre's 2,500 rally and my last Chairman's rally at Clumber Park during the August Bank Holiday weekend. We have two live acts on both Saturday and Sunday evening along with a host of other events planned throughout the rally.

Best wishes
Phil



Notts Centre Press Officer – Jane Tomkinson

Your next Newsletter will be July so if you want anything featured then please contact me as follows:
email: janetomkinson@raleigh.co.uk, **Tel:** 07976897114 or hand any hard copies to me at any Rally I attend. PS: Don't forget to send in your Rally Reports

All Newsletters are posted on the Website in downloadable PDF format

Valentines Rally

Hose Village Hall - 12th to 14th February 2010

Marshals: Jackie & Andy Carlile and Paul & Lisa Hickling

Report and photographs by Jackie Carlile

We returned to one of our favourite venues, Hose Village Hall, for the Valentines rally. Forty vans braved the weather.

Friday evening we were all treated to Chilli Beef Nachos thanks to Edwin and Jayne Young, Edwin was celebrating his 65th birthday and they were both celebrating their wedding anniversary. We all danced to DJ Dingle and had a great time.

Saturday evening we were all treated to a three course hot meal and Paul's version of "Bulls eye" which we thought would never end but provided plenty of laughs - well done to our contestants Dave and Nicki Wakelin, Justin and Andrea Wallhead and Dave and Helen Pickering for taking part. We finished the evening off with a disco by DJ Dingle.



Long Clawson Rally

5th – 7th March 2010

Marshals: John & Jenny Guest and Jane and Paul Tomkinson

Report by Jane Tomkinson

The first Rally of 2010 got the season off to a good start with 19 vans attending. Friday evening was very informal with a chance to chat and catch up with old friends in a very relaxed atmosphere with a picture and numbers quiz done at leisure throughout the evening.

Saturday started with a 3 course meal with some members only managing the first course after consuming 2 bowls of Paul's home made Leak and potato soup. Then we had John's new music quiz which had everyone involved racing against each other to guess the answer and collect a red card to take them through to the final. The winner was Sam Yeoman's. The evening continued with DJ John and Jenny and Ian Pilgrim trying to hang onto him Barcardi and Coke.

Ice Hockey

Nottingham Panthers v Coventry Blaze

20th February 2010

For our winter event this year Paul Hickling and John Shipley decided to organise a trip to see the Nottingham Panthers to see if a few members would be interested in attending. Well 95 members of all ages met up in a Public House near the Ice Arena ready for the game!!! We all enjoyed ourselves and soon learned the relevant hand signals - everyone had a great time which helped as the Panthers were victorious by 7-2. A few ralliers carried the night on afterwards and all had a good time.



Collingham Cricket Club

The Big Quiz Part 3 - 19th to 21st March 2010

Marshals: Ian & Andrea Pilgrim, Andy & Jackie Carlile

Report and photographs by Jackie Carlile

It was a return to Collingham for the Big Quiz part 3 - this rally is proving very popular. Friday night it was great to have a get together which was not quiet!!!

On Saturday night 29 teams (including five children's teams) took part in the quiz. This was five more than the previous year so space was tight! We also had a raffle and a game of stand up bingo and well done to Caren North who won £40.00 for the adults prize and Zoe Glasson who walked away with £20.00 children's prize.

Things were very close at the end of nine rounds it was anybody's game but then the final round saw "Piston Broke" have a fabulous round and win by two points - well done to Adrian & Tracy Beasley and Gary & Caren North.

Runners up after a tie break were "Nearly a Nicker" (Tom & Dallas Mead and John & Sandra Hollingsworth) who narrowly beat "The One and Only" (Simon & Jo Roberts, Pete & Jan Glasson).

The victorious younger team were "Boyz in Da Hood" - Jordan Austin, Josh Strorer, Thomas Wakelin and Christian Pass.

Thanks to everyone who took part and made what we hope was a successful evening. Our thanks also must go to Roy and Jill Taylor who very kindly donated a trophy to be given to the winners each year. We look forward to the quiz next year!



Boyz in Da Hood the Young winners - Jordan, Josh, Christian and Thomas
Quiz Winners - Adrian, Tracey, Gary and Caren

Rally News



New Rally Added to the 2010 Programme

West Cliff Primary School, Whitby, YO21 3HT.

**Halloween – Mid week Holiday Rally - Monday 25th – Friday 29th
October 2010**

Rally Opens at 10.00am – All hard standing, no awnings – Vans to be sited on arrival, arrive together if you want a pitch together. Social activities to be arranged. Rally Fee TBC.

Rally Marshall: Kay Lloyd, Co Marshall: Ken Redgate.

Annual Dinner Dance 2011

**In a change with tradition our Annual Dinner Dance weekend
will be held on the weekend 11th – 13th March 2011.**

The venue is the “John Fretwell Sporting Complex” Sookholme Road, Sookholme, Mansfield. If you would like further details then please contact the Rally Secretary John Guest. Once we know more details these will be posted on the website.

Greenhill’s Holiday Park, Bakewell

17th to 19th September

Please note the price of this rally is £24.90 and NOT £32.90 as printed in the rally book. This is a limited rally with only 20 places. The price includes electric hook up.

Harby Village Hall – St. George’s Day Party

23rd to 25th April

Come and join in the Street Party type social on Friday night with Lords V Ladies, food and a disco followed on Saturday night with a social in the sports pavilion with supper.

Spaces still available – Contact Sandra Purdy

Outwood Farm – Weston 1st to 6th June

National Rally Follow-On

Relax after the National and while there treat yourself to a day out at Alton Towers. Phil Pattinson has a limited number of **½ price tickets** so if you are booked on the Rally and want to take up this offer contact Phil asap.

Torksey Polish Scout Camp

Warning Notice - From south Yorkshire Centre

They recently ran their Valentines Rally at the above venue and on the Friday night a caravan was broken into and a car stolen using the keys taken from the caravan. They had tried to get into 3 more vans too. One rallier also stated that that they had 2 vans broken into at Tattershall village hall. Both of these episodes were whilst most people were in the social.

The police did say there were quite a lot of travellers in the area at that time.

The reason for reporting the above is that we use this area frequently and its better to be aware of what's gone off so we can look towards being more vigilant.

Birthdays



26-Mar	Sandra	Hollingsworth
26-Mar	Paul	Wright
10-Apr	Katrina	Guest
13-Apr	Jane	Young
21-Apr	Jane	Tomkinson
21-Apr	Ivor	Winter
22-Apr	Paul	Hickling
25-Apr	Amy	Pilgrim
29-Apr	Christian	Pass
1-May	Matthew	Davies
4-May	Malc	Bridges

Wedding Anniversaries



25-Mar	Graham & Heather	Mountain
29-Mar	Dave and Ann	Wharton
11-Apr	Colin and Edna	Chapman
20-Apr	Paula and Ivor	Winter

Congratulations and Best wishes to everyone celebrating their birthday or Anniversary.

If I have missed you off then please contact me with your details so I can update my list

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Notice Board

Valentines Rally – A Message of Thanks

I had my 65th Birthday just before the Rally, so to celebrate I asked Jackie & Co what I could do for the Friday evening. They suggested Chilli which they would get and Jane and I would prepare. On arriving Friday morning the food was already done but they did make us help with serving. Washing up was done by the 'Brats' & Co. During the weekend a collection was done and I brought myself an E.W.S Class 08 Shunter for my model railway.

So once again thanks to the 'Brats' & Co and to everyone who contributed to the collection

Edwin

2011 - 2012 Rally Programme – A Message from your Rally Secretary

John has commenced organising the rally programme for the year 2011/ 2012.If there are any venues that you would like to see on the programme then please let him know by the end of March and he will do his best to fit it on to the programme. (certain dates are excluded)

John Guest

“The Motortorpedo-boats in the last War” – To whom it may concern

I have lent the above book to a member but cannot remember who – if you have it can you please return it to me asap

Thanks Franz

CARAVAN CLUB – Driver Training Courses – New Venue at Newark

The Caravan Club run a number of driver training courses designed to help all members whatever your driving skills. 6 Notts members recently took part in a pilot scheme to jump start the new venue and the feedback was very positive. All members felt they learnt something and would recommend the course to others – they have also saved 5% on caravan insurance just by attending the course. If you want to find out more about where and when these courses are run then go to www.caravanclub.co.uk/courses

Or talk to one of the Guinea Pigs who attended the pilot programme – John & Chris Shipley or Anne Newcombe.

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CAN YOU HELP ?

Guide Dogs needs volunteer drivers in Nottingham

Guide Dogs is appealing for volunteer drivers in Nottingham 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 one of our transit vans towing an exhibition trailer to various shows or fairs, to assist with our 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 licence 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





HARLYN BAY CARAVAN PARK TREVOSE HEAD, PADSTOW, CORNWALL

GRID REFERENCE 866757

Marshals: Richard & Gill Hitch, Paul & Lisa Hickling

The rally is being held on the Beach Field at Harlyn Bay Caravan Park, a commercial site situated 3 miles west of Padstow and 14 miles north of Newquay. Site website: www.harlynsands.co.uk



The site has direct access to a golden sandy beach and the coastal path (for those of you who enjoy walking) and there are several other beaches within short walking distance (Boobys Bay and Constantine Bay are just two). The site and the surrounding area has much to offer, therefore the main theme of the rally is 'free & easy' with only a two planned rally events at the start and end of the rally, leaving you plenty of time to enjoy your holiday.



Site facilities include:

- Club (*with entertainment programme*)
- Indoor fun pool (*extra charge – family ticket £20 per week, pre-booking is preferred, indicate on booking form*)
- Snack Shack (*eat in or takeaway*)
- Showers (*20p operated coin slot*)
- Shop (*selling newspapers, milk, bread, beach goods, and other basic essentials*)
- Toilets/wash basins
- Laundrette
- Kids Club
- Play park & adventure playground

Other information:

- Each pitch has a 6 amp electric hook-up (sufficient to run basic equipment such as lights, battery, fridge – please do not overload)
- Dogs are permitted on the site and on the beach (maximum of 2 per unit). There is an additional charge of £1 per night per dog. The site does not permit any other pets.
- One 'pup' tent is allowed per outfit.
- Outfits are not permitted to arrive before 10am on the first day of the rally (Saturday 7th August)
- Please note that the rally is within the site and as such is subject to Harlyn Sands rules (available on their website)
- Due to the narrow lanes, all outfits must approach the site via Trevose Golf Course

The rally is limited to 40 vans.

The cost of the rally is £345 per outfit (2 week bookings only)

To book, please see Richard Hitch on the rally field car reg: H17 CHR or telephone 07815760841 to request a booking form.

Please note: a deposit of £35 (only returnable in the event of a cancellation if place is filled) is required with a completed booking form to secure your pitch.

Balance must be paid by 25th June 2010. All cheques should be made payable to 'Notts Centre Holiday Rally'

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SUMMER BALL

Long Clawson Village Hall
9th—11th July 2010

Marshals: Richard & Gill Hitch and Paul & Lisa Hickling

Join us for a great weekend at this lovely venue. We have a full programme planned for your enjoyment on Saturday evening to include:

5 course meal & live entertainment
from the **Trinity Swing Band & Richard Comfort**



Friday night is free and easy.

The dress code for Saturday evening is 'Dress Your Best' a chance to dust off your ball gowns and dinner suits and dress up in the summer for a change. Don't forget to bring your favourite drinks with you as there is no bar on site.

Unfortunately, we are not able to provide any facilities for children on the Saturday evening so this is a good opportunity to arrange a babysitter and come and let your hair down without them!

To book: please see Richard Hitch on the rally field car
reg: H17 CHR or ring 07815 760841 for more info.
Please note, bookings can only be accepted with £10
(non-returnable*) deposit

**Due to several non-arrivals last year, which resulted in the marshals being out of pocket, we have decided to charge a small deposit to ensure that this does not happen again.*



Nottinghamshire Centre
Are Celebrating their
2500th Rally
at Clumber Park

August Bank Holiday weekend ~ 27th to 30th August 2010



The rally coincides with our Chairman's Charity rally with profits being donated to Notts & Lincs Air Ambulance and Portland College in Mansfield.



A full programme of events is planned for the weekend including: Dog Agility, Fun Run, Kids Treasure Hunt and the Air Ambulance Helicopter.

Evening Activity Over 2 Nights is

Party in the Park



Switch - Disco, Pop Favorites
& Dance Floor Hits

Sinergie - Fabulous Girl Vocal Cover Band

The 80's Affair - Superb Five Piece Band

Side By Side - Motown, Reggae, Disco, Pop & Soul

Bring your chairs, tables, candles, rugs, drinks etc. and enjoy our open air concert.

This is a pre-paid rally so please send all bookings **with payment to:**

Cost of Rally
only

£39.95

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Nuthall, Nottingham, NG16 1AH
Please make cheques payable to
'Notts Centre Caravan Club'