

Newsletter

CHAIRMAN'S BIT

A belated Happy New Year to you all, I hope you and yours all had a good Christmas and New Year wherever you were. Sharon and I didn't attend the Christmas rally at Calverton this time but by all the comments I've received we missed an excellent rally, thank you to Pete, Maureen, Noel, Joyce, Graham and Heather for taking this rally on when initially there didn't look like being one. We did however attend the New Year rally at Newark and thoroughly enjoyed it, this was the fourth and final year for Richard, Gill, Paul, Lisa, Paul and Nicky and they received a well deserved standing ovation at Flag for all their hard work. Good luck to Jane and her team this year.

By the time you read this you should have received your new rally book and I'm sure you will agree that John has provided a varied and attractive programme yet again with several new venues, thank you John. I'd also like to thank Kay who has worked hard to gain much needed revenue through advertising, don't forget if you use any of the advertisers please tell them where you saw the advert.

Thank you to all of you who volunteered to be marshals, without your support we wouldn't have any rallies to attend. For those of you wishing to attend rallies please remember to book on as early as possible to enable your marshals to organise the social events in plenty of time.

Finally, I sincerely hope you enjoy your rallying in 2010/11 and Sharon and I look forward to seeing you on the rally field.

*Best wishes
Phil*



Notts Centre Press Officer – Jane Tomkinson

Your next Newsletter will be April 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

New Year Rally

Newark Showground - 28th December to 1st January

Marshals: Richard & Gill Hitch, Paul & Lisa Hickling, Paul & Nikki Wright

Reports by Jackie Carlile - Photographs from numerous people

28th December - Party Night

The rally got off to a terrific start with party night. After a meal of chilli and rice and nachos we all boogied to the fabulous 60's band followed by DJ Dingle until the early hours.

There were a few sore heads the following day but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.



29th December - Cinderella's Ball

We were all met by the cast of Cinderella at the door, with their footmen and were given a glass of bucks fizz and all ladies were presented with a presentation wine glass filled with Chocolate buttons!! Everyone looked fantastic in their finery. A supper of pork loin in a cream and mustard sauce with vegetables was served and we were treated to a performance from motown group the Sensations. The night continued with DJ Dingle and everyone had a good time.



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30th December - Pirates Night

Well my hearties!!! What a brilliant night - the fancy dress was superb. We even had a ship in the corner of the hall!!! We were treated to a supper of jerk chicken with rice, followed by fantastic group "The 80's Affair" who had everyone rocking and of course followed by DJ Dingle. Everyone enjoyed themselves that much that Richard had to kick everyone out at 1.30 a.m. as he wanted to make sure everyone would be fresh for the following evening's festivities.

Well done to fancy dress winners Brian, Carol, Jack and Holly.



New Years Eve

Where did time go it was the fourth night already. The Centre Flag was an emotional affair, the current marshals had overseen the New Year for four years and were stepping down. After his thank yous to the ralliers who had helped the team were given a standing ovation by everyone in the hall.

A full carvery meal was served and then it was time for our own acts - there wasn't a dry eye in the house once the children had sung and then our Vice Chairman Sandra Purdy managed to get one back on the male marshals with her version of its in his kiss!!!!

The centre had been donated a ticket to go and watch Nottingham Forest and to sit in an executive box with all proceeds going to the Chairman's Charity. It was decided to raffle this and the raffle made a staggering total of £185.00 - the winner of the raffle then proceeded to hand it back for auction - the ticket finally went for £200.00 - which made a fantastic £385.00 raised, a signed Nottingham Forest Football then raised another £80.00 and the Calendar Girls poster was auctioned to raise another £50.00 - thanks to everyone for their support.

We then saw the New Year in our own inimitable fashion until the early hours.

Thanks to marshals Richard, Gill, Paul, Lisa, Nikki and Paul and good luck to new marshals for next year Jane, Paul, Anne, Adrian, John and Jennie who have an hard act to follow!!

New Years Eve Cont..



Christmas Social - Dunham on Trent 11th to 13th December 2009

Marshals: Nottinghamshire Committee Report & Photographs: Jackie Carlile

What a lovely weekend. The weekend started off with a quiz, disco and the usual carol singing on Friday evening. Saturday lunchtime the children enjoyed themselves at their Christmas party and had lots of fun with games, food and a visit by Santa Claus. Saturday evening we were treated to a four course Christmas Dinner followed by entertainment by Craig Deegan who soon had everyone up dancing, and the night finished with DJ Dan to entertain us.

A fabulous weekend and thanks to everyone who helped over the weekend it couldn't be done without a lot of help.



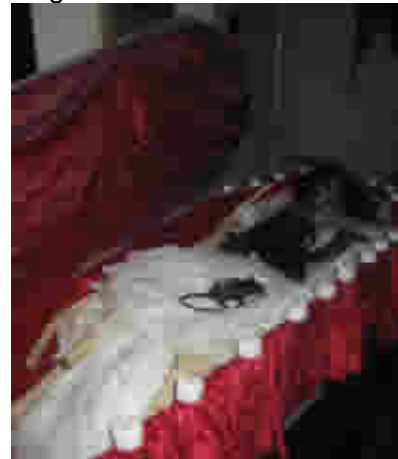
Halloween – Harby, 30th October - 1st November 2009

*Marshals: Sandra, Mark & Savannah Purdy and Paula & Ivor Winter
Report and Photographs: Mark & Sandra Purdy*

Friday evening we gathered in the sports pavilion with crafts for the children from 7.30 until 9. They did some lovely items, glitter and glue all over, but they had fun which is what it is all about. We then played a few games of sticky fingers after having our hot dog supper.

Saturday we moved to the Village Hall a 2 minute stroll away. The effort that went into the Goths and Ghouls fancy dress was amazing - well done guys. We must mention Lucy and Holly Wright - Lucy stayed in the coffin in the entrance until all had arrived, and waited until the entrance hall had a few people in when she casually popped up and screamed. At the same time Holly and Abby were hiding under the coffin tickling people's ankles as they arrived - it was hilarious and set everyone off in the right spirit!! We had our meal of chilli chicken, baked potatoes and salad, washed down with some good old witches brew, followed by apple crumble and custard. Everyone seemed to enjoy the meal and thanks to everyone who helped in the hall and food preparation - it was most appreciated.

We then followed with some silly games, the smarties in the icing sugar certainly caused a few laughs as did the donuts on the string competition. Apple bobbing produced a very competitive atmosphere for the children, but the adults did not get to have a go as the kids ate the apples after their go!!



Photographic Competition - 10th October 2009

Congratulations to the winners in the photographic competition - it was quite strange this year as John Shipley didn't win anything - mind you Chris his wife was very happy as she won two of the trophies!!!

The competition for Rally Book Cover was won by Chris Shipley – which by now you should have all seen – we hope you like it.



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The winners this year

Category 'A' - A Scene - Chris Shipley

Category 'B' – Portrait or Group – A draw

Sue Bridges/Phil Rookes



Category 'C' - Animal or Bird & Harry Ford Plate

Category 'D' - Rally Scene - Phil Rookes

Phil Lloyd - and also the winner of the Harry Burrows trophy for the overall winner

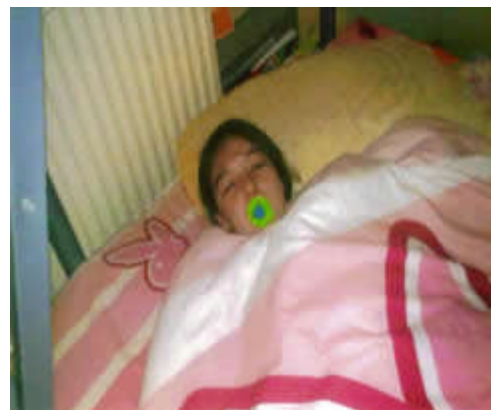


Category 'E' - Open Section

Children up to 16, John Shipley Trophy

(The Sue & Malc Bridges Trophy) Ian Rae

Lauren Pattinson



Rally News



11th to 13th February - Hose Village Hall Valentines Rally

Back to one of our favourite venues for Valentines - why not come along and celebrate with your loved one!!!
Friday evening games, quiz and disco, Saturday evening - 3 course evening meal and disco

Please send slips to Jackie Carlile as soon as possible.

5th – 7th March – Long Clawson

Join us on the first venue of the 2010 programme and you want be disappointed. Friday night will be a chance to catch up with old friends, a quiz followed by a disco. Enjoy a 3 course meal on Saturday night, followed by a New Music Quiz all the way from Tenerife and a disco.

Please send slips to Jennie Guest or Jane Tomkinson

12th - 14th March - Polish Scout Camp, Torksey Mothers Day Rally

Get together and natter with nibbles on Friday night, along with maybe a quiz or two. Saturday dress up and dazzle as we serve a 3 course meal to your table. The emphasis is to treat our mums on their special day. There will be craft activities for the children during the weekend, and then a disco after the meal on Saturday night. Please book early!!

Booking Slips to Sandra Purdy or Liz Caldbeck

2nd – 5th April – Tudor Caravan Park, Gloucester, Easter Rally

Please note that if you are booked on this Rally and wish to stay extra nights you can do so at the Rally Fee rate (up to Sunday the 11th after the Rally)

9th - 11th April - Rock 'til you drop weekend – North Muskham

Friday night we have secured a booking with a fabulous band called the Platforms. They specialise in music from the 70's to the present with everything from the Bay City Rollers to modern day rock classics. Rock fancy dress if you wish to get you really in the mood.

Saturday night will be our games with a twist evening so be prepared- nothing too strenuous but you may want to watch Never Mind The Buzz cocks and practice your air guitar moves. There will be competitions for all from the youngest to the young at heart.

All proceeds from this rally are going to the Chairman's Charity - the Notts/Lincs Air Ambulance and Portland College Mansfield - so please support us and help the marshals to swell the coffers for Phil's charity. There will be some classic games such as rolling the coin for the whisky bottle etc so bring your wallet and some dance moves for a slightly alternative weekend.

**Places are a little limited on this rally.
Please get your slips to Sandra Purdy or Sara Calcutt as soon as possible.**

PLACES, BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES

“Dunham on Trent” – Do you know the history behind the Dunham Toll Bridge?

Dunham Toll Bridge carries the A57 over the River Trent between the villages of Newton on Trent and Dunham on Trent, crossing the border between the counties of Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire. In the 1830s a group of Lincoln businessmen built the original cast iron bridge.

The superstructure of the bridge was re-built in steel to trunk road standards in 1975/76. However, as it still stands on the original piers and abutments a fund is being set aside for its eventual reconstruction.

In 1994 a new toll plaza was constructed. The extra booth expanded the toll collection facility from two lanes to four and has virtually eliminated traffic queues. Free passage over the bridge is permitted on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Three wheeler disabled vehicles (only) also enjoy free passage.

The bridge was built under the powers conferred by the Dunham Bridge Act 1830. This Act, as amended by the Dunham Bridge (Amendment) Act 1994, forms the Company's constitution. The Dunham Bridge (Amendment) Act 1994 and Company Constitution can be found at www.opsi.gov.uk

Dunham Bridge Company is a private company with 71 shareholders, five directors and a company secretary. There is currently no legal obligation to file the company accounts at Companies House

Bridge tolls are regulated by the Department for Transport. Dunham Bridge's last toll increase was approved by the Department with effect from 1st March 2007, after a full Public Inquiry held on 17th October 2006.

Phillip Lloyd

If anyone else would like to report on places, buildings or Structures that may be of interest to our members then drop me a line and we can have a regular section

Birthdays



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| 5-Jan | Heather | Mountain |
| 11-Jan | Lorraine | Austin |
| 21-Jan | Tom | Mead |
| 27-Jan | Alex | Pass |
| 3-Feb | Sian | Storer |
| 3-Feb | Pete | Ward |
| 5-Feb | Carol | Needham |
| 13-Feb | Jackie | Carlile |
| 13-Feb | Sam | Hickling |
| 15-Feb | Sam | Yeomans |
| 18-Feb | Richard | Hitch |
| 23-Feb | Franz | Hohmann |

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Wedding Anniversaries



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| 23-Jan | Ken & Sylvia | Redgate |
| 31-Jan | Brian & Lynne | Ellis |
| 8-Feb | Alan and Carol | Needham |
| 14-Feb | Paul and Nikky | Wright |
| 19-Feb | Edwin & Jayne | Young |
| 5-Mar | Pete and Maureen | Ward |

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

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

Note to All Rally Marshalls – Ordering Plaques

Could all marshalls please note that rally plaques must now be ordered from Vice Chairman Sandra Purdy. *Please ring Sandra with your order or email vicechairman@nottscentre.com*

You will need to let her know the colour, motif number and the amount of plaques required. Please do not over order.

New Club Equipment

The Centre has now purchased a small gazebo to be used on rallies by marshalls. The gazebo is 3m x 3m and is very simple to put up. Please let Chris Norman know if you would like to use this gazebo on your rally.

GREENHILLS HOLIDAY PARK – 10% Discount Offer for 2010 Season

Greenhill's are offering a 10% discount on bookings made between January 7th to February 28th, for any dates in the 2010 season (Not valid for Bank Holidays). Normal booking conditions apply, a £20 deposit per pitch is required to secure the booking and in the case of cancellation deposits are non-refundable or transferable.

Please Quote Code: 'New Year Offer' when booking. One voucher required per pitch. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or discount.

CALLOW TOP HOLIDAY PARK – Special Offers

6th – 29th April – Special Half Price Offer, with pitches starting from just £8.25 per night.

24th April – May 9th – Peak District Walking Festival

18th July – Ashbourne Highland Gathering

24th Sept – 4th November – Special Half Price Offer, including October Half Term and Halloween.

For more events visit our website at: www.callowtop.co.uk

Shropshire Centre Need our Help

They are looking to compile a list of the most popular games played at socials, so if you would like to email me your favourites I will pass them on.

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Rhein in Flames – Saturday 3rd July



Anybody interested to see the “Rhein in Flames” (Fireworks) on Sat 3 July at camping Suleika situated between Lorch and Assmannshausen near Ruedesheim a/Rhein Germany.

You will see a series of mind-blowing pyrotechnical spectacles staged in the picturesque Rhine Valley. Rhine in Flames attracts locals and tourists alike. All this from the campsites vineyards while enjoying a BBQ with a glass of wine or two.

I can book you in for the times you want to be there, but you have to make your own arrangement for Ferry- booking and stopping anywhere else.

At this time 4 Notts members are booked on. For further details or booking please talk to Franz.

28th May – 1st June The National Rally – Weston Park, Shropshire

Don't miss the most exciting Club event of the year! Experience this spectacular rally from the grounds of Weston Park, Shropshire. Exciting activities for all the family with over 10,000 caravanners expected to attend with Star Studded evening entertainment.

You should have received a booking form in the post from the Caravan Club and if you want to be sited with your Notts friends then you can give your completed form to Jackie Carlile by the Valentines Rally at the latest and she will send them in together to ensure we are all sited near each other.

20th February – Ice Hockey Nottingham Panthers –v- Coventry Blaze

.Have you put your name down for the above event?

If so can you please ensure that ALL monies for your tickets are given or sent to Paul Hickling (0115 9462203) or John Shipley by 30th January at the very latest in order that the tickets can be purchased.

Can everyone meet in the Bunkers Hill Public House which is next to the Ice Arena.

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Special Events in 2010

Party in the Park Clumber Park

The Centre will be holding its 2500th Rally at Clumber Park from the
27th to 30th August 2010

The rally will coincide with our Chairman's Charity rally.



A fun packed weekend is currently being planned which will include live acts and entertainment during the day.

The price will be £39.95 for the weekend.

***The Rally will be prepaid and all cheques should be made payable to
Notts Centre Caravan Club and sent with a booking slip to Jackie Carlile
(address in the rally book)***

Otherwise email nottscentrepres@yahoo.co.uk for details.