

Inspiration

April 2008



Yoxall Lodge

South staffs centre
Of the caravan club
Editor's voice

Welcome to the April edition of Inspiration.

This month's cover page was designed by Terry Jones.

We are now starting to build up the Web site, take a look we have photo's, information on rallies, for sale items and much more.

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Articles for the June Issue by Sunday 15th June please

I look forward to receiving more items from you.

Dave Corbett

Chairman's chat

Hope you all enjoyed your Easter break and you were able to enjoy some relaxing time in the caravan.

Committee decided at their March meeting to simplify the holiday allowances to Marshals for Holiday Rallies of one week or more. With immediate effect the allowance will be £1.50 per van per week, thus removing the need for Marshals to make application to increase the allowance for rallies that are over one weeks duration.

At the same meeting your Committee also agreed to increase the Easter Egg allowance to £1.50 per van for the young people attending an Easter Rally.

If you wish to book for any Winter functions you will be required to give the appropriate person a rally slip, marked social, and a minimum of £2.00. Full payment will be required before the event.

We still need, at the time of going to press, a C.L.O. for the National Rally. If you feel you are able to help us please contact Richard Davies or Derek Tomlinson for more information.

Please note that Bakewell Carnival is on at the same time as the Chatsworth Rally which is the 4th to 7th July, it should be a good weekend.

Your Committee is concerned that the budget will effect our caravanning, with the increase in the cost of fuel and the road fund license due to increase. We may well have to look at keeping more rallies local and moderate the number of holiday rallies, what do you think, talk to me through the web or newsletter, lets hear your thoughts.

Enjoy your caravanning, we cannot allow this government to take all our pleasures away and I look forward to seeing you on the rally field and hearing your comments.

Terry Jones
Chairman

Junior chairman's chat

Just got back from the Junior Rally at Tackeroo, Cannock Chase.

Everyone had a good time.

Friday night we did tea, coffee and hot chocolate.

Saturday Neil did a bike M.O.T. ready for the sponsored bike ride. After the M.O.T. all the children and adults were eager for the bike ride to begin. This was well supported with about 40 children.

After about a minute of starting off, it started to hail and got very cold !!!!! Then it started to rain, then we got muddy and soaked after we went through the water splash – and some people fell off – mentioning no names. (Isabelle and Millie). By this time we forgot we were cold and started to enjoy it. We carried on up loads of hills, round pools saw two deer that I could almost touch and arrived back about 1 hour to 1 hour and half later, where there was juice, tea, coffee and hot chocolate waiting for us.

Thank you to everyone who has taken part this weekend in raising money for **Acorns Children's Hospice**. Thank you to everyone who helped marshal the sponsored bike ride, without them we wouldn't be able to have done it. A BIG Thank you to Neil for organising it and sorting it all out.

Well done Katie for raising a massive £104.00

Well done Callum for winning best decorated bike – robot.

Thank you to the Hughes' for making cakes and raising £10.30

The money we raised this weekend was:

Cakes - £10.30

Aqua Rolls - £2.50

Breakfasts - £39.00

Bike ride - £498.90 plus more, as there are more sponsor forms to be handed in Giving us a total of £550.70.

Finally thanks to the Junior Committee, Karen, Moms and Dads.

Matt Round
Junior Chairman – Aged 12

Celebrations

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APOLOGIES

We would like to apologise to Andy and Will as the following should have gone in the February edition of Inspiration but were missed. Sorry.

Andy Dunn – 27th January 2008

Happy Birthday Andy for 27th January 2008 lots of love Jo xxxxxxxxxxxx
Happy Birthday Dad – lots and lots of love Wills and Ollie xxxxxxxxxxxx

William Dunn – 18th March 2008

Happy 9th Birthday Will lots of love Mom and Dad xxxxxxxxxxxx
Happy Birthday Will lots of love and hugs Ollie xxxxxxxxxxxx

TO KATIE

WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY 14TH BIRTHDAY
ON 21ST APRIL
WITH ALL OUR LOVE ALWAYS
MOM, DAD, CHRIS AND TOBY XXXXXXXXXX



Happy Birthday Anthony – 2nd May
Lots of Love Jane, Scott and Ben

Happy Birthday Tony – 2nd May
Have a good one Karen, Neil, Liam, Callum, Anna and Rich.

Happy 13th Birthday to James for 3rd May. Love from Mum, Dad and Big Sister
Katie.xxxx Oh no.....stropky teenager.

Happy Birthday to Mona Clemson – 26th May
From Gordon, Sylvia, Terry, Chris and Keith

Happy Birthday Sylvia Jones – 19th June
From Terry, Chris, Keith, Mona and Gordon
Karen, Neil, Liam and Callum xx

ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary Karen and Neil 26th June
Love Mom and Dad xx

Thank you

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BIG THANK YOU

**TO EVERYONE WHO BROUGHT
CAKES AT THE NEC RALLY
£39.16P WAS RAISED FOR
THIS YEARS CHARITY
SCOLIOSIS ASSOCIATION UK
THANK YOU AGAIN JULIE & KATIE**



Dear All,

It's 10.00pm on the Sunday evening after the Dinner Dance. I'm just reflecting on the end of my first yearly cycle of 'winter functions'. I'm not one to take the microphone at functions, but I want to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have helped me – I couldn't have done it without you. So whether you've helped decorate the rooms; got tables out and put them away afterwards; laid tables; folded napkins; advised me about menus; peeled potatoes; carved meat; cooked roast potatoes; helped to dish up; directed 'front of house'; collected dirty cutlery; filled black bags; washed and wiped up; swept floors; transported equipment; loaded and unloaded cars; fed and looked after our children; etc,etc. I would like to say a GREAT BIG THANK YOU. I am sure to have missed someone out so please accept my apologies too. There are of course two extra special helpers that deserve a big thank you from me personally, and that's Dave and Katie – my support at home and personal accountant!

As always, if you have any comments/suggestions about any function past or future, please come and have a chat.

Going to turn in now – shattered but happy! THANKS AGAIN.

Lisa XXX

THANKYOU

I would like to say a big thank you to Promoprint for supplying and donating 21 Hi Vis Vests with printing, and to Halfords for donating prizes for the Junior's rally at Tackeroo.

Also I would like to thank Peggy and Derek for drying out the Junior's tent after a weekend of all seasons.

Thank you all very much

We do have a few South Staffs Hi Vis vests for sale at £3.00 all money going to the Junior's if anyone would like one, please see Neil.

Neil and the Junior Committee.

Notices

NORTH STAFFS CENTRE 1500TH RALLY

The North Staffordshire Centre will be celebrating its 1500th rally during April 2008. To mark this special occasion a rally has been organised at Uttoxeter Racecourse from 25th-27th April 2008.

We are hoping to have a full programme of entertainment over the weekend including stalls, a race night, live band and food.

The fee for the weekend is £30.00

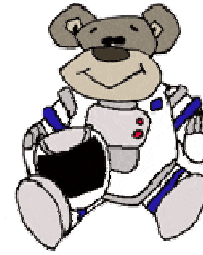
RALLY AT GOLDEN CUP – YOXALL 12TH-14TH SEPTEMBER 2008

It has been decided by the Marshals of the above rally, that due to the escalating cost of fuel, the proposed Treasure Hunt by car should be cancelled.

Usual weekend competitions will be arranged.

Steve and Pat
Alan and Karen

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGES IN YOUR RALLY BOOK, FOR BOOKING ON RALLIES, THIS IS DUE TO PLAQUE ORDERS.
IF YOU WANT A PLAQUE FOR THE RALLY YOU ATTEND, YOU HAVE TO SEND YOUR BOOKING SLIP IN TO THE MARSHAL 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE RALLY, TO ENSURE A PLAQUE.
ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT
TRACIE HUGHES
TROPHIES AND ENGRAVING SEC
PLAQUE OFFICER



Teddy Bears Picnic
Bangley Park Farm
13th - 15th June 08

Come and join us at this safe venue and let us entertain your kids for the weekend. We have competitions, Arts and Crafts, Bouncy castles and we even feed every child who attends on the Saturday lunch time + lots more. We also have Eddy the Teddy who comes to give us a visit.

We have a different theme every year and this year will be outer space so bring some things to decorate your caravan window (Must include Teddy bears).

£15.00 for the weekend
Send slips to Neil Cotterill



DONATIONS

The Charity committee would like to ask if anyone could donate the following please:

Any bottled items

Tombola and Bric- A -Brac items

Food, drink or holiday items for hampers and any raffle donations.

All these will go towards raising money for our Centre Charity – Please see Sylvia.

Thank you

CHARITY

Once again I am asking for your help in making the Tombola a success by donating any prizes you think suitable for the stall. Thanks to all who have donated so far, and thank you in anticipation for any more I may receive.

Mona

June 27th – 29th Bric-A-Brac required. Please let Jim have your unwanted items to sell.

2000th and Charity Rally – Catton Hall

It has been decided that at this rally we would again hold a “**Miss Male South Staffs**” Competition.

This will take place at around 9.00pm on the Friday evening when the rally starts.

The winner would then open the proceedings on Saturday afternoon at 2.00pm.

So come on all you men get your best dress out of the wardrobe and lets have some fun.

Centre Charity Raffle Scoliosis

Win a hand made Wishing Well

Any wishes made into this we are sure will come true or perhaps that's what we would like to think.

If it doesn't make your wish come true then just think for a £1.00 you could help someone else's wishes come true by helping them beat this condition.

£1.00 will buy you a strip of raffles tickets.

The draw will be taking place at the Chairman's forum Rally @ Colton village hall near Rugeley 10am prompt on Sunday 13th April.

Raffle tickets available from
Sylvia Jones.

Chatsworth House Rally 6th-9th July

Saturday 5th July is Bakewell Carnival Day. The whole town comes to a standstill as a procession of decorated floats; bands and musicians, fancy dress characters and carnival queens make their way through the streets to the sound of singing, brass and steel bands. Bakewell band is one of the oldest in the area. There is also a fun fair with the Waltzer to stir the stomach and bring back the memories of courting days and cuddles for anyone up to 65, or older.

So not to miss a magical day, book in with Margaret and Jim, who will have the itinerary for the day.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Pre-booked tickets for social events must be paid for by the dates stated by the social organiser.

South Staffs Committee

NATIONAL RALLY 2008 – HOLKHAM HALL, NORFOLK

Regrettably Jo and Pete Chambers are no longer able to be CLO for the South Staffs at the National Rally at Holkham Hall, Norfolk – 23rd – 27th May 2008.

If anyone is interested in being CLO please contact
Derek Tomlinson – Hon Secretary.

CLUB EQUIPMENT

FOR SALE

SEE ANNA GIBBONS

ELSAN BLUE

ELSAN PINK

FENWICKS CARAVAN CLEANER

CARAVAN CLOCK BATTERIES

RALLY BOOKS

2008 YEAR POINTERS

SSCC PENNANTS

TIN FOIL

CLING FILM

PLUS MUCH MORE.

***EQUIPMENT WILL BE OUT AT ALL RALLIES
WHERE POSSIBLE***

***YOU CAN ALSO CONTACT ME BY PHONE ON
01902 835357***

FOR SALE

“Cooly” Family Cooler Box

12 Volts DC
22 Litres

As new- only used 3-4 times

£20.00

Graham Bradley
01902 342718
07875 529643

Dorema Calypso Awning

Green Size 10
Excellent condition
Includes curtains and tie down straps

Bargain at £175.00 ONO

Contact Steve and Pat Kerr
01902 823837

For Sale:

1 Double air mattress (still in box, used twice)
1 Large air pump (for air mattress, childs paddling pool etc.)(pumps air in and sucks air out)(In box)
£15.00 for the two

Contact Chris and Keith Orchard 01543 509171 – 07790 149989 – X92 LBO

Junior's

Would you like to help raise money for the JUNIOR COMMITTEE CHARITY – ACORN'S CHILDRENS HOSPICE?

We are able, at present to obtain propane gas at cheaper than normal prices.

6kg - £6.00 + £1.00 for Junior Charity = £7.00

11kg - £6.50 + £1.00 for Junior Charity = £7.50

19kg - £9.00 + £1.00 for Junior Charity = £10.00

If you would like to order gas please call Jane on 01902 659309 or speak to Jane or Tony on the rally field. If gas is required for a weekend it needs to be ordered by 9.00am on the Wednesday prior.

You will have to collect the gas from Unit 5a Delta Trading Estate, Bilston Road, Wolverhampton.

Please note these are current prices and may change subject to suppliers price review.

South staffs rallies

NEC RALLY

We would like to thank Steve and Julie, Richard and Sharon and Katie and Jack for marshalling the rally and making it such good fun for everyone to enjoy! On Friday we all went into the Hall and had Soup and a roll, and loads of laughter and fun!

Julie and Katie had been busy making cakes and these were on sale over the weekend for the centre charity and raised nearly £40.00 well done!

We all had a good natter and a few drinks before we made our way home. The Shroppies stayed till the end!!

Saturday was a busy day as most of the ralliers were off to the show.

We were there for 10 o'clock and had a very tiring but enjoyable time as there was loads to see and buy there.

We saw some lovely caravans but didn't buy one, but there's always next year!

We arrived back exhausted but after a bit of a rest we were washed and changed and off to the Social. It's a shame the marshal's haven't time to go to the show as they are too busy cooking us an excellent meal roast beef dinner followed by desert.

Thank you for all your hard work!

Later we had a Chinese auction and it was a good laugh and I think most people were pleased with the present that they ended up with. I certainly was!!

Then it was MAD Bingo! I keep hoping that Richard will get better at calling, more experience he has but NOT A CHANCE!! Ha ha

Sunday was another lovely day and all too soon it was time to pack up and come home.

Thanks once again for a lovely weekend!

Mona and Gordon Clemson

VALENTINE RALLY

We would like to thank the Marshal's Chris and Keith and Sylvia and Terry for a really great weekend! Everyone had a good time. It might have been cold during the night but we had lovely sun during the day!

We could use the hall Friday evening and it was good to have a drink and a natter in the warm!

The fun quiz was different and it was nice to see the kids enjoying themselves making cards with loads of arty crafts supplied by Sylv.

Saturday morning was busy with people helping to decorate the hall and tables while others prepared the vegetables to help Lisa and Dave.

The social was a great success!! Thanks to Lisa for a lovely meal! (and her helpers).

The singer was very good and I enjoyed all his songs and he had everyone up and dancing which was great to see.

Thanks once again for a lovely weekend.

Mona and Gordon Clemson

DINNER DANCE

Dear Lisa,

Just thought I would send an email to wish you luck with your event Saturday. I hope all goes well and I'm sure everyone will enjoy themselves! Once again, I'm sorry that we did not manage to get a representative to attend but sincerely hope we will be at one of your other events this year.

I must express our gratitude to your organisation for choosing our charity to raise funds for – as a small charity every penny really does count towards our work. If your two young members who have the condition require any support please do put them in touch.

Many Thanks
Rachel Hannam
SAUK/BSRF Projects Manager
Scoliosis Association UK

We have just returned from a lovely weekend at Barton Marina and would like to thank the marshals Graham and Joan Bradley and Jim and Margaret Gittins. It was a great venue and we had a lovely walk on the Saturday before we got ready in our glad rags for the evening!

Our thanks to Lisa and Dave for all the hard work and effort put in to make this a very special night it was great from start to end, the venue, meal, and entertainment were all first class, many thanks!

Looking forward to more enjoyable rallies.

Mona and Gordon Clemson

This year the dinner dance was held at Barton Turn Marina. This was a very good venue for both the rally and dinner dance. The meal and the service was excellent and everyone enjoyed the evening. I am sure most people attending would, as we do, hope for a return visit next year.

Thank you to Lisa, for organising a great evening.

Margaret and Jim

FAR FOREST

We would like to thank the marshals Derek, Peggy, Lyn and Eric for a lovely weekend. We were lucky to be able to arrive on Thursday, and we had an enjoyable time meeting up with old friends from other centres that we had not seen for a while.

Friday, we had a good day visiting Tenbury Wells and enjoyed mooching around the shops in Leominster.

In the evening, we were unable to attend the social gathering at the marshals van as we had booked a meal at the local pub. What a lovely meal we all had. On Saturday we were off to Bewdley, but the rain came down so we didn't stay too long. It rained and it rained but we all went to the social and it was a great night. Thank you to Derek for doing the music!

It was bitter cold while we had flag. (but no snow)

We had a ride into Stourport on the Sunday, and we all enjoyed the "Dancing on Ice" final on the TV in the evening!

It was a beautiful day on Monday so we slowly packed away, to come home.

Thanks once again to the marshals for another great rally.

Mona and Gordon

Funny page

THE BBQ

(A Ted Budgen Dit)

It is almost barbeque season. Therefore it is important to refresh your memory on the etiquette of this sublime outdoor cooking as it is the only type of cooking a real man will do, probably because there is an element of danger involved. When a man volunteers to do the BBQ the following chain of events are put into motion:

Routine

1. The woman buys the food.
2. The woman makes the salad, prepares the vegetables and makes deserts.
3. The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces and takes it to the man who is lounging beside the grill – beer in hand.

Here comes the important part:

4. THE MAN PLACES THE MEAT ON THE GRILL.

More routine

5. The woman goes inside to organise the plates and cutlery.
6. The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is burning. He thanks her and asks if she will bring another beer while he deals with the situation.

Important again:

7. THE MAN TAKES THE MEAT OFF THE GRILL AND HANDS IT TO THE WOMAN

More routine....

8. The woman prepares the plates, salad, bread, utensils, napkins, sauces and brings them to the table.
9. After eating, the woman clears the table and does the dishes.

And most important of all:

10. Everyone PRAISES the MAN and THANKS HIM for his cooking efforts.
11. The man asks the woman how she enjoyed “her night off” and, upon seeing her annoyed reaction, concludes that there is no pleasing some women !!

Supplied by Margaret and Jim Gittins

Down at the day centre, two old men have been playing bridge together for years. They are starting to get a bit dodder. During a hand, one man looks up and says “I realize we’ve know each other a long time, but I can’t for the life of me remember your name. “What is it again?” There was a long embarrassed silence, then the other man says, “How soon do you need to know?”

Still groggy from an operation, the patient was in an agitated state. “Nurse,” he moaned, “I heard the surgeon use a four letter word and it caused me great distress.” “What did the surgeon say?” asked the nurse. “OOPS”

Two Irish engineers, Patrick and Seamus were standing at the base of a flag pole looking up. A blonde woman walked by and asked what they were doing. “Were supposed to find the height of the flagpole” said Patrick “but we don’t have a ladder”.

The blonde woman took a wrench out of her handbag, loosened a few bolts, and lowered the pole to the ground. She then took a tape measure from her pocket measured the pole and announced “5 metres” and walked away.

Seamus shook his head and laughed “ain’t that just like a blonde!” we asked for a height and she gives us a length!!

Very much the worse for wear, a drunk stumbles across an evangelical mass baptism service by a river. He wades into the water and stands next to the preacher.

“My son are you ready to find Jesus?” “Yeah, sure” says the drunk.

The minister dunks him under the water and pulls him back up. “Have you found Jesus?” “No I didn’t,” says the drunk.

The preacher dunks him under for a bit longer. “Have you found Jesus?” “No I have not Reverend.” The preacher holds him under for more than 30 seconds.

“By all the saints,” he says. “Have you found Jesus this time?”

The drunk, splutters, wipes his eyes and says “Look, are you sure this is where he fell in?”

MALONEY was terribly overweight, so his doctor put him on a diet. “I want you to eat regularly for 2 days, then skip a day, and repeat this procedure for 2 weeks. The next time I see you, you should have lost at least 5 pounds.” When the Irishman returned, he shocked the doctor by having lost nearly 60 POUNDS!

“Why, that’s amazing!” the doctor said “Did you follow my instructions?”

The Irishman nodded....”I’ll tell you though by jaesuz, I t’aut I were going to drop dead dat 3rd day.”

“From hunger you mean?”

“No, from de damn skippin’!!!!!!!”

Supplied by Dienny Freeman

Dates to remember

THE PRESERVATION OF MAN

The horse and mule live thirty years
And nothing know of wines and beers
The goat and sheep at twenty die
With never a taste of scotch or rye
The cow drinks water by the ton
And at eighteen it's mostly done
The pig on skim will fatten fast
But all to soon will cease to gasp
The dog at sixteen crashes in
Without the aid of run or gin
The cat in milk and water soaks
And then in twelve short years it croaks
The modest, sober, bone-dry hen
Lays eggs for noggs, then dies at ten
All animals then are strictly dry
They sinless live and swiftly die
But sinful, ginful, rum-soaked men
Survive for three score years and ten
And some of us, the mighty few
Stay pickled till we're ninety two
But if throughout your life you've been
A real farm cider drinker keen
You'll beat the rest of them with ease
And clock the hundred – on your knees:

Next Issue of Inspiration will be out at Catton Hall – Charity & 2000th rally –
June 2008

All items for June's Inspiration need to be in by June 15th
Thank you