



**Merry Christmas**



# **INSPIRATION**

**December 2007**

**SOUTH STAFFS CENTRE OF THE  
CARAVAN CLUB**

## **EDITOR'S VOICE**

**Welcome to the Christmas edition of Inspiration. I must start by saying a big thank you to Karen who has put this edition together, without her support I would be struggling to meet the deadlines.**

**So THANK YOU Karen.**

**Since the last edition in November the centre website has been re-launched and although not complete I am pleased to see members and visitors are now looking at it for information. I hope to have the full 2008 rally programme up there soon so take a look – [www.sccc.org.uk](http://www.sccc.org.uk) – and let me know what you think!!**

**I am particularly interested in articles and pictures from rallies and Marshals, if you are doing anything 'special' you want publicising then let me know preferably electronically.**

**So that only leaves me to say from the 'Team'  
Have a Merry Christmas & Good New Year.**

**Dave Corbett**

*Best Wishes  
for a  
Merry Christmas*

## **CHAIRMAN'S CHAT**

**Here we are once again coming towards the Festive season and the end of another year, where does the time go?**

**I reported that the Amsterdam trip may have to be cancelled, Sylvia has negotiated a deal with the coach company and they have agreed to run the trip on the 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> January 2008 with the numbers we have, so it is back on. If anyone else does want to go at this late stage contact Sylvia there are some seats still available.**

**Have you seen the South Staffs Web Site yet? If you have not, then log onto [www.sccc.org.uk](http://www.sccc.org.uk) and have a look. Loads of information available and we would value your opinion before connecting to the Caravan Club Web Site.**

**I can report that the Rally Book information is with the printers and we are still hopeful that you will receive your Rally Book before you start the New Year. Thanks must go to Richard and Derek for the hard work of putting the Rally Book together, unfortunately not every Rally Marshal has sent in their write ups for the book which has delayed the process of getting it to the printers. All the stops are being pulled out.**

**As our 2000<sup>th</sup> Rally takes place next year we are combining it with the Charity Rally and changing the venue to Catton Hall, this will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2008. We hope to see as many of you**

**there as possible. Plans are already being made for a super weekend.**

**If you are running a rally that you think may have been allocated a special plaque please check with Tracie Hughes and she will be able to confirm this with you, she has a full list of approved rallies.**

**The winter functions are doing really well and I understand that there are waiting lists for some events. Over 70 of you have indicated that you wish to attend the Dinner Dance next year at Barton Turn Marina. You can hear the duo booked for the occasion on our web site if you wish.**

**Finally can I wish you all, on behalf of Sylvia and myself, a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year, come and enjoy caravanning with your Centre and make 2008 a good year. We look forward to seeing you over the Festive season and in the New Year.**

**Terry Jones  
Chairman**



## **JUNIOR CHAIRMAN'S CHAT**

**Firstly I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

**I would like to let you know what has been happening over the last couple of months.**

**At the Halloween rally the Juniors raised just over £16.00 by filling aqua rolls up. I would like to thank everyone who helped me and Will – (Adam, Kieran, Lee and Dan), and thanks to the girls who kept us company walking back and forth.**

**We had a great rally, at the social we played loads of games like make a mummy out of loo rolls, gloop, and apple bobbing. Here are some photo's.**



**At the Bonfire rally the kids all made chocolate and toffee apples to sell before the fireworks, for the Junior Charity "Acorn's Childrens Hospice. The fireworks were brilliant thanks to Richard, Neil and Tony.**

**At the Christmas social, the Juniors will be entertaining you briefly.**

**Look forward to seeing you in the New Year.**

**Matt Round  
Junior Chairman  
Aged 12 on 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

## **JAN-FEB 2008 RALLY PROGRAMME**

**(Provisional)**

### **January**

<b>4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Rally</b>	
<b>11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Outwoods Farm (Cheese &amp; wine)</b>	<b>Brian &amp; Pauline Humphreys Keith &amp; Sue Myatt</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Rally</b>	
<b>25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Amsterdam Trip</b>	<b>Terry &amp; Sylvia Jones</b>

### **February**

<b>1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Outwoods Farm (Tramps Supper)</b>	<b>Peggy &amp; Derek Tomlinson Steve &amp; Liz Higgins Tony &amp; Rosa Clifford</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Rally</b>	
<b>15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Cannock Wood (Valentines)</b>	<b>Keith &amp; Chris Orchard Terry &amp; Sylvia Jones</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Gaelic Athletic Club (NEC-Caravan Show)</b>	<b>Steve &amp; Julie Perkins Richard &amp; Sharon Higginbotham</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Barton Turn Marina (Dinner Dance)</b>	<b>Graham &amp; Joan Bradley Jim &amp; Margaret Gittins</b>

# **CELEBRATION'S**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> December – A big “0” birthday for Steve Higgins.  
Best wishes from all your friends on the Rally field.**

**Chris Orchard – Happy Birthday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
Love and Best Wishes  
Keith, Sylvia & Terry, Mona & Gordon**

**Samantha Hughes – Happy 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Loads of Love Mom, Dad, Isabelle, Meranda & George.**

**Matthew Round – Happy 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Lots of Love Mom, Dad & Storm xxxxxxxxx**

**Isabelle Hughes – Happy 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 16<sup>th</sup> December  
Loads of Love Mom, Dad, Samantha, Meranda & George.**

**Scott Evans – 20<sup>th</sup> December  
HAPPY 40<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY SCOTT  
Lots of Love Lisa, Connor, Bradley & Harry xxxxxxxxx**

**Scott, Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Love Joan & Graham**

**Keith Orchard – Happy Birthday 24<sup>th</sup> December  
Love and Best Wishes  
Chris, Mona & Gordon, Terry & Sylvia**

**Neil Cotterill – 6<sup>th</sup> January  
Happy Birthday  
Lots of Love Kaz, Liam and Callum xxxxxxxxx  
Also from Sylvia, Terry and all your friends xxxxxx**

**8<sup>th</sup> January – Dave Corbett  
Happy Birthday ‘Old Un’  
Love from the gang xxxxxxxxx**

**Andy Tomlinson – 14<sup>th</sup> January  
Happy Birthday from all your family and friends xxxxxxx**

**We would like to wish Hannah Webb a Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday -  
15<sup>th</sup> January, and good luck in her new school.  
Lots of love Mom, Dad & Adam xxxxxxx**

**Gordon Clemson – 18<sup>th</sup> January  
Happy Birthday  
Love and Best Wishes  
Mona, Chris & Keith, Sylvia & Terry**

**Vicky Webb – Happy 39<sup>th</sup> Birthday , 31<sup>st</sup> January  
Lots of Love Shaun, Hannah & Adam xxxxxxx**

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

**Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to my loving husband (Keith Orchard) on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Love Chris xx**

**To my wife (Chris Orchard) wishing you a happy 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Love Keith xx**

**Happy Ruby Anniversary to a special couple Chris and Keith on 23<sup>rd</sup> December.**

**All our Love**

**Sylvia & Terry**

**Mona & Gordon and all your Friends.**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

## **NOTICES**

### **THANK YOU – THANK YOU**

**Thanks to everyone who brought or donated anything to the Book Stall for the last years charity. You helped raise £395.00 which was excellent. Please be as generous this year for your new elected charity which is Scoliosis Association (UK).**

**Thank you all again**

**CHRIS, MONA AND SYLVIA**

### **NEC RALLY FEB 08**

**Anyone who has booked into the NEC rally Feb 08, please bring a gift, wrapped to the value of £2.00, for a Chinese auction on Saturday evening. Thankyou.**

**From**

**Steve, Julie and Katie**

**Rich, Shaz and Jack**

### **CENTRE EQUIPMENT**

**Centre Equipment will be available on most rallies, for your caravanning needs. Items include Toilet Blue and Pink and many other lines. Please make the most of this facility. If anyone has any new ideas for lines to sell please let me know.**

**Anna Gibbons**

## **WINTER FUNCTIONS**

### **Cheese and Wine**

**NOW FULL - Waiting list applies  
Balances due by 15<sup>th</sup> December please**

### **Valentines**

**Very limited spaces £7.50 Adults £4.50 Children  
Balance due by 1<sup>st</sup> February please**

### **Dinner Dance – 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**Spaces Available  
Outstanding deposits by 8<sup>th</sup> December please  
Full balance payments by 8<sup>th</sup> February please**

**Please note if you have not paid for winter functions by the dates above, then your place will be forfeited and offered to those on the waiting list.**

**Lisa Corbett – Social Secretary  
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Pattingham,  
Wolverhampton  
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## **SOUTH STAFFS RALLIES**

### **BONFIRE RALLY**

**Arrived Saturday morning surprised to find field empty and signs to another field. Everyone was pushed in tight, a very cosy rally, guaranteed to make friends with your neighbours, close enough to pass drinks from caravan to caravan.**

**We were offered 2 pitches.**

- 1. In the middle of field, blocking everyone in. We don't get up early so everyone would have to wait until we were ready to go home.**

**OR**

- 2. A prime location with built in natural awning and summer house at no extra cost.**

**As you can see from the picture below we chose option 2.**

**The motto to this story.....**

**BOOK EARLY, ARRIVE EARLY, OR ASK SOMEONE TO PUT A BUCKET OUT FOR YOU!!!!**

**Thank you to the marshals Richard & Anna, Neil, Karen & boys, Tony, Jane & boys. We had a brilliant weekend xxxxxxxx**



## **PHOTOGRAPHIC RALLY**

**A very good weekend enjoyed by everyone who attended. The entries for the Photographic competition were fantastic we were spoilt for choice and it was a very hard decision, this was judged by everyone on Saturday evening. The marshals arranged for a Jacobs table which as always there was more than enough for everyone. Thank you to Neil, Richard and Liam who did the music, we danced the night away finishing with of course the hokey cokey. A big thank you to the marshals Chris, Keith, Mona and Gordon.**

**The winners are as follows:**

**Doreen Davies Trophy for the best print taken on a South Staffs Rally since November 2006 is – Sylvia Jones**

**Butler Trophy for the best print in any subject taken since November 2006 – Neil Cotterill**

**Wharfdale Trophy for best humorous print taken since November 2006 – John Drover**

**Hucker Shield for best print in any subject taken by a child under 16 years of age since November 2006 – Jenny Pope**

**There were no entries for the Ratcliffe Cup for best related video**

**WELL DONE**

## **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 Magnum 390**

**Bought 3 weeks ago and only used once. As new bought for £199.00 plus £34.00 for the ground sheet.**

**Will accept £150.0**

**Mrs Lesleyann Pope  
24 Mercia Drive  
Perton  
Wolverhampton  
WV6 7NE  
07979 242238**



# FUNNY PAGE

**Q** Why did the nurse take a red felt tip pen to work with her?

**A** Because she wanted to draw blood.

**Q** What did the toothbrush want to be when it grew up?

**A** A broom!

**Seen on a blackboard in doorway of pub in Frome:**

**Crèche for Husbands**

**Leave your Husband here, we will look after him while you shop or have your hair done.**



**Ha Ha**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE KIDS WHO WERE BORN IN THE 1940'S, 50'S, 60'S and 70'S

**First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they carried us.**

**They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a tin, and didn't get tested for diabetes.**

**Then after that trauma, our baby cots were covered with bright coloured lead-based paints.**

**We had no child proof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets, not to mention the risks we took hitchhiking.**

**As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags.**

**Riding in the back of a van – loose – was always great fun.**

**We drank water from the garden hosepipe and NOT from a bottle.**

**We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.**

**We ate cakes, white bread with real butter and drank pop with sugar in it, we weren't overweight because.....**

**WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!!**

**We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the street lights came on.**

**No one was able to reach us all day. And we were O.K.**

**We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.**

**We did not have Play stations, Nintendo's, X Boxes, no video games at all, no 99 channels on cable, no video tape movies, no surround sound, no cell phones, no text messaging, no personal computers, no internet or internet chat rooms.....WE HAD FRIENDS and went outside to find them.**

**We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no law suits from these accidents.**

**We played with worms and mud pies made from dirt, the worms did not live in us forever.**

**Made up games with sticks and tennis balls and although we were told it would happen, we did not poke out any eyes.**

**We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door, rang the bell or just yelled for them!**

**Local teams had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with the disappointment.  
Imagine that!!!**

**The idea of parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!**

**This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever!**

**The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.**

**We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility,  
AND WE LEARNED**

**HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL**

**AND YOU ARE ONE OF THEM!!**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**You may want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers and the government regulated our lives for our own good.**

**And while you are at it, forward it to your kids so they will know how brave their parents were.**

**Kind of makes you want to run through the house with scissors, doesn't it?!**

**Keith Orchard**

# **CHRISTMAS WISHES**

**We Wish All Our Friends A Very Happy Christmas and  
A Merry New Year From  
Keith and Chris Orchard  
Happy Rallying For 2008**

**We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas  
And a very Happy New Year  
Love Annette, Terry and Sacha Hughes xxxx**

**To all our friends on South Staffs rallies we would like to take this  
opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a  
Happy and Prosperous New Year,  
And a great time rallying in 2008  
Love and Best Wishes  
Mona and Gordon Clemson xxxx**

**Wishing all our Friends a very Merry Christmas  
Best Wishes for the New Year.  
With Love from  
Steve, Julie, Katie and Chris Perkins  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX**

**Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year  
Happy Rallying in 2008  
Love and Best Wishes  
Lisa, Dave, Kate and James Corbett  
XXXXXXXXXX**

**We would like to wish every one of our friend a  
A very Merry Christmas and a Cracking 2008  
Vicky, Shaun, Hannah & Adam**

**Hello everyone  
We are not sending Christmas cards but are donating to  
Scoliosis U.K which is our Centre Charity for this year.  
We would however like to wish all the Members and our friends  
A very Happy Christmas and a Good New Year.  
Sylvia and Terry Jones**

# Merry Christmas

**Once again it is time to wish all of our friends in the Centre a very  
Merry Christmas.**

**As usual we are donating the money we would have spent on  
cards to a very worthy charity. We are sure you will agree that the  
long term effect of money given to help others, outweighs the  
short term of displaying a card.**

**Therefore have a great time at Christmas and the New Year, but  
spare a thought for those who are not as lucky as we are.**

**Best wishes**

**Lyn & Geoff Nicklin**

# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**8<sup>th</sup> February – Deadline for Inspiration articles  
(Next issue due out at Valentines Rally)**



**Could I just remind people who have not yet given me their charity donations for the Christmas Wishes in this Inspiration please let me have them at the Christmas Rally. Thankyou for your support.**

**Karen Cotterill**