

Inspiration

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South staffs centre
Of the caravan club

Editor's voice

Welcome to the July's edition of Inspiration.

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Articles for the October issue by Sunday 20th September please.

I look forward to receiving more items from you.

Dave Corbett

Chairman's chat

Well it looks like being a better summer this year, I hope those that have already had their holidays enjoyed them and those of you still to have your summer break get fine weather and you enjoy yourselves wherever you may go.

I was thinking the other day that we have not held a Competitions Rally for a number of years, in fact I wonder if some of our newer members know what I'm talking about. I used to enjoy showing my skills or not as the case maybe. Is it time we resurrected this rally again, or the Soap Box Derby, what do you think?

In order to encourage members to rally more there is a proposal before Committee to try and do this.

1. That members and visitors be issued with an attendance card on request.
2. That members who have attended nine (9) weekend rallies the tenth (10) weekend rally would be free.
3. All Social and extra activities during the weekend to be paid for by the member.
4. On completion of the card. The card would be retained by the Marshal and submitted with returns. Members would need to request a further new card.

This would replace the Active Members Presentation Spoon and would only apply to members who do not receive other benefits.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREAT

1. A child must be under thirteen (13) years of age
2. Only children of South Staffordshire members will be admitted
3. There will be no charge.
4. For members children to qualify for the Children's Christmas Treat parents would have to attend ten (10) rallies, including Centre Holidays and Bank Holiday rallies and complete an attendance card. Application and proof of attendance to the Social Secretary not later than 12 noon on Sunday nearest to 1st November 2010.

You may have noticed that we have had use of the Clubs Marquees recently, this facility is available to Marshals and can be ordered through the Chairman. We would suggest that it be used for special occasions rather than every weekend.

If you have any comments to make, talk to me or any member of Committee.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all the well wishers and cards I have received since I broke my arm, for the offers of help to take my van to rallies but in particular to Brian who drove my car and caravan to the Charity rally and Neil who has been taking me ever since. Without those breaks I would be divorced by now or crawling up the wall. I really do appreciate the good wishes and massive thank you to Sylvia for seeing to my every need, she has had to put up with a lot over the past weeks and still does.

At the moment and for the past months The Caravan Club have been installing a new Computer system and as a consequence we have no idea who has joined our Centre or who has cancelled. If you know of any new members who have joined the Centre get them to ring the Secretary to inform him and he will contact them.

Terry Jones
Chairman

Junior chairman's Chat

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who have donated Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers to us we have raised over 1000 vouchers, so thanks to all who have helped us out with that. We will be looking for things that we can get for the centre with the vouchers.

Since the last inspiration I've been on a lot of rallies that I have enjoyed, just some of these include; 'The Teddy Bear's Picnic, Bangle Park Farm', 'Twycross Zoo, Willows Farm, Warton, Tamworth' where we had the children's sports, we had it there because at Riverside Caravan Park in Bridgnorth where it was supposed to be, it rained so much and it was too dangerous to do anything because it was to slippy. I hope that I catch some whoppers at the fishing rally... but I doubt I will anyway.

I hope to see you on the rally field some time soon.

Liam Cotterill Age 12

Best wishes

To Mona,
Sending you our best wishes after your operation,
Glad everything went well, wishing you a speedy recovery.
Sylvia and Terry, Karen, Neil, Liam and Callum xx

Celebrations

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TREVOR MCGOWAN

Happy 60th Birthday for 10th July

All my Love Janet xxx

Happy 60th Birthday Dad for 10th July,

Love from Lisa and Mark xxx

To our Grandad who is 60 on 10th July

Happy Birthday Love from Liam and Thomas xxx

To Dad Happy 60th Birthday

Love Ian and Bec xx

To Dad Happy 60th Birthday

Love Lee, Helen, Lewis and Sian xx

Also David and Emily xx

SUE MYATT – 20th July

Happy 50th Birthday

Love from Janet, Trevor and Family

LISA PINSON – 21st July

To Lisa

Happy Birthday

Love Mark xxx

To Mom,

Happy Birthday

Lots of Love Liam and Thomas xxx

To Lisa,

Happy 36th Birthday

Love always Mom and Dad xxx

To Lisa
Happy Birthday
Love
Ian, Bec, Lee, Helen and Kids xxx

ALEX TRUBSHAW – 31st July
Happy 8th Birthday

JANE HADLEY – 9th August
Happy Birthday Jane, only a year to go xx
Lots of Love Kaz, Anna, Neil, Rich and kids xx

LIAM COTTERILL – 10th August - **TEENAGER**
Happy 13th Birthday Liam
Lots of Love Always
Mom, Dad and Callum xxx

Happy 13th Birthday Liam - **TEENAGER**
Lots of Love Nan and Grandad xxx

JOE DUNKLEY – 10th August
Happy 15th Birthday Joe
Lots of Love Auntie Kaz, Uncle Neil, Liam and Callum xxx

ANNIVERSARIES

Peggy and Derek – 21st July
Happy Anniversary

Tina and Craig Dunkley – 7th August
Happy Anniversary
Lots of Love
Kaz, Neil, Liam and Callum xxx

Sylvia and Terry Jones – 19th September
Happy Anniversary Mom and Dad / Nan and Grandad
Lots of Love
Kaz, Neil, Liam and Callum xxx

Notices

RALLY MARSHALS

Please remember to get your plaque requirements in three weeks before your rally, and final numbers in two weeks before your rally.

Many Thanks
Tracie Hughes
Hon Plaque Secretary

SOUTHAMPTON – VICTORIA COUNTRY PARK

7th-23rd August

It's not too late to book in to this lovely park set along the shores of Southampton Waters.

If you wish to join us contact Sylvia and Terry or Karen and Neil

For sale

DOREMA SUN CANOPY

Colour : Blue with sides that can be zipped out – Size 15, 1000 – 1025cm
Extra's included quick lock pads, and safe lock system.

Cost New £326.00, will accept £150.00 o.n.o.

See Joan and Graham Bradley

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FOR SALE

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ELSAN PINK

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TIN FOIL

CLING FILM

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WHERE POSSIBLE**

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

Junior's

**Would you like to help raise money for the JUNIOR COMMITTEE CHARITY
– R.N.L.I ?**

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

6kg - £7.50 + £1.00 for Junior Charity = £8.50

11kg - £8.50 + £1.00 for Junior Charity = £9.50

19kg - £12.50 + £1.00 for Junior Charity = £13.50

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.

An empty bottle must be given back for each full one supplied.

Thank you

Thank you

Can I just say thank you to all those who attended Richard's funeral as I know I didn't get round to speaking to you all on that very sad day – but thank you for being there.

Richard has left such a huge hole I am finding it difficult to adjust to life without him but the support from family and friends is fantastic and very much appreciated helping me through these early days of re-adjusting to life on my own.

I would also like to thank everyone including the Centre for their very generous donations which amounted to just a little short of £1000, which as we all can appreciate reflects the high esteem in which Richard was held by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Severn Hospice are using their share of the proceeds to help in providing a very special place for those whose life is precious but limited, where every individual is valued and provided with special personalised care, enabling them to do all in their power to alleviate pain, both physical and emotional for patients and families.

I go along to Bereavement Group meetings and find them to be very helpful, we are all in the same boat and each has a different struggle to overcome and we talk things over between us then go to the pub for a meal – this is good someone else at the table.

Bridgnorth Medical Practice was the other charity chosen by Richard – this is our local medical practice and is committed to the training of doctors specialising in General Practice.

As a Practice they will be offering additional educational posts for doctors completing their specialist training and for medical students from Keele University completing the General Practice element of their studies.

To enable them to carry out consultations, home visits etc. they need to be supplied with a range of basic equipment and they are therefore planning to use

the money to purchase and equip 2 doctors bags that will be used for training purposes.

I feel sure that Richard would be well pleased with this and trust you feel that your donation is going to be well spent.

Thank you all
Jenny Couchman

Charity Rally. May 09

I would like to thank the Charity Committee and everyone who worked so hard to make this Rally a success. As those of you who attended know our theme was Circus. We had two marquees for our Big Top and the stalls on Saturday were duly decorated and the stall Holders dressed for the occasion.

The winner of Miss Male South Staffs with her attendants opened the proceedings and everyone came and spent their money in spite of the weather. Early evening Hot Pork Baps were sold and the entertainment in the Big Top by a Couple of Clowns was superb. The Trophy for the Cyril Parr Cup to design a Clown Mask was judged. Hot Dogs and Burgers were served outside the marquee and it still rained.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event with giving of their time, donating prizes for Raffle, Tombola, Bottles, Bric-a-Brac etc. and Edgar for donating a New Folding Bicycle. This weekend we raised the tremendous amount of £1,338.38. Well done and thank you to everyone.

On a personal note my grateful thanks go to Brian Humphreys who drove our Car and Caravan to the Rally because Terry had broken his arm and could not drive. To all our friends and people who helped put up our awning and took it down again, and helped me get through the weekend. Without your help it would not have been possible.

Sylvia

Children's sports WINNERS

0-5 GIRL - NO ENTRIES
0-5 BOY - WILLIAM LIGHTWOOD – NON CENTRE MEMBER
ALEX POPE – SSCC

6-8 GIRL - HARRIET EDWARDS – NON CENTRE MEMBER
JEMMA POPE – SSCC
CHLOE CHADWICK – SSCC

6-8 BOY - LUKE KIDSON – SSCC
GEORGE HUGHES – SSCC

9-12 GIRL - ISABELLE HUGHES – SSCC
9-12 BOY - JAKE DUNKLEY – SSCC

TEEN GIRL - SAMANTHA HUGHES – SSCC
TEEN BOY - SCOTT HADLEY – SSCC

OVERALL WINNER – SCOTT HADLEY – SSCC

WELL DONE TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART IN THE SPORTS, IT WAS VERY WELL SUPPORTED ESPECIALLY AS WE HAD TO CANCEL AT BRIDGNORTH.

WELL DONE KIDS!!

NEIL

Rallies

The Junior Rally at Alveley

The Junior Committee only had five members attend but they set about looking after us by fetching our water and booking us in. We visited Bridgnorth on Saturday for the market and a bite to eat in Weatherspoons. Evening came and we all went over to the Social Club where we had an American Table, there were competitions and Horse racing to raise money for the Junior Charity. Sunday morning breakfast was cooked and served by the juniors with a cup of tea. At flag they announced that they had that weekend raised altogether with donations £210.00 for their Charity. They may have been few in number but they worked hard and did very well to raise such an amount of money with so few vans. Thanks to everyone who attended for giving so generously and the donations of those who were unable to attend.

A big thank you to our Marshals Liam, James, Scott, Mathew and Callum.
Sylvia & Terry

Tackeroo in Cannock Chase started badly, the wrong key for the gate was given to the Marshals so when they arrived on Thursday evening they had to return home. Friday the Marquee's arrived which had to be erected. Tea and Coffee was provided in the evening. Saturday afternoon the Marquee's were decorated with banners and balloons. Richard and Neil played music but it was a bit too crowded for dancing, the heaters helped to warm the Marquees but it did go cold as the night progressed. Karen & Neil had a joint 40th birthday party which they wanted to share with the ralliers. Sunday was Mothers day and all the Moms at flag had daffodils and a plaque. Our Marshals did us proud and the weather was good. Thanks to Anna & Richard and Karen & Neil for a good weekend.

Sylvia & Terry

Sylvia and myself were invited to the Shropshire Centre's Dinner Dance at the Wroxeter Hotel, and we actually had our vans on the lawn in front of the hotel. From our caravan window we could see the Wrekin so after we had set up we had a drive around it, we had not been there for years. Saturday we went to Shrewsbury Town on the Park & Ride and on our return called at Atcham Park. In the evening we attended the Dinner Dance, the meal was superb, 32 guests attended including the Regional Chairman and John Page from the Executive Committee of the Caravan Club. The band was very good and we had a very enjoyable evening. Our thanks to Margaret & Ted Perry for looking after us the whole of the weekend.

Sylvia & Terry

A rumor that the approach to Dunston Heath Farm was difficult had put a number of ralliers off attending this new venue. I found no difficulty whatsoever getting to and from the site. It was out in the sticks, very quiet apart from the owl and we had a nice relaxing weekend. There was fishing available for the energetic, otherwise you could spend your money at the market or garden centre or just laze in the sun. 19 vans booked, 18 arrived. We had four twin axle vans, visitors from the Cheshire Centre, our thanks go to Marshals Lisa & Mark and Janet & Trevor who looked after us.

Sylvia & Terry

Charity Rally

Our Charity Rally at Park Farm. Firstly can I say a big thank you to everyone who helped, assisted, drove Sylvia and myself this weekend, I was unable to work as I would have wanted to work, but at times like this you find you have a large number of friends.

With the usual South Staffs efficiency, in absolutely foul weather, caravans were put on pegs, two large Marquees erected and the whole thing prepared for Saturday afternoon. Friday teatime our Social Secretary provided cobs and sandwiches for anyone, always very welcome when you are busy. In the

evening there was a keen contest for Miss Male South Staffs, a bit of cattiness started to appear this year between the eleven contestants.

The Fete was opened by Miss Male South Staffs, Mark Pinson. Because of the weather, expectations were not very high for raising money, or at least not as well as last year. But people did turn out and supported the stalls and the Charity.

After eating pork baps. Folks gathered in the Marquees to listen and dance to a right Couple of Clowns, Marquees were so full for the first part no one could dance. But I think everyone who went enjoyed the evening. People were able to purchase hot dogs and burgers whilst the social in the Marquee was in progress.

Sunday morning breakfast was provided for those that had ordered it when arriving by yet another group of volunteers. As you would anticipate Flag took quite a while to get through, the sun came out and people were able stand outside. The different winners of the stalls were given prizes, raffle prizes were drawn and the raffle for the bike, donated by Edgar, was drawn.

After Flag the big clear up started, Marquees were taken down and bagged, signs taken in and cleared by most efficient South Staffs volunteers.

The Charity Rally cannot go on without people working very hard and I can not sing their praises enough, so a big thank you to everyone who helped. A special mention to Chris & Keith and Sylvia who carried me throughout the weekend, to Mona & Gordon who stepped in to help because of my incapacity and Brian & Pauline who drove us and the caravan to the Rally and back home again.

Money raised was £1338.38 thirty pounds more than last year.

Sylvia & Terry

Blythe House Farm was the local Spring Bank Holiday Rally, completely opposite to the Charity Rally, nice weather, relaxing and I think everyone chilled out. Thanks to our Marshals Liz & Mick and Jan & Steve 35 vans enjoyed the sun, bit of fishing; we also had visitors from Midlands and Worcester.

Sylvia & Terry

Riverside, Bridgnorth was a washout with torrential rain from Friday evening through to Sunday afternoon. The Children Sports had to be cancelled to be staged at a later date because it would have been unsafe with the water logged ground. 35 vans attended the rally, I was disappointed that more than half left before Flag, I do not count rain as an excuse. A big thank you to our Marshals who battled on despite the weather Jane & Tony and Anna & Richard.
Sylvia & Terry

We were able to attend the Teddy Bear Picnic Rally thanks to Neil driving my Car and Caravan, We managed to set up in our usual spot and were able to watch the children play and have a fantastic time. We had a brand new Eddie the Teddy this year and the weather was kind to us as well. The big Marquee was erected for the weekend, along with two Bouncy Castles, Wally Wombat entertained on Saturday and a picnic lunch was provided what more could 86 kids want. The Marshals, who dressed appropriately, entertained and looked after the children and the rally all weekend what a fantastic job. The children were all given a gift at flag. The amount of preparation that is done prior to the rally must be a year round job. Well done Marshals Karen & Neil, Sue & Mick, Cheryl & Andy and Tina & Craig, a good team working well together.
Sylvia & Terry

My first drive to a rally and I could not have chosen a better venue. Willows Farm is about 4 to 5 mile from Twycross Zoo on the edge of the village of Walton in lovely country side. The weather was kind and to top it all we had electric. Saturday we drove to Atherstone to the shops through lovely country. Sunday morning the Children's Sports were held and the adults were able to sit outside and watch the children. Thanks must go to Karen & Neil for organising the sports and bringing the equipment. Also a thanks to Tracie Hughes for organising the trophies and medals in the absence of the Trophy Sec. Flag followed the sports and we able to thank our Marshals Anna & Richard and Jane & Tony for a great weekend. On the way home, along the A5 at Tamworth my motor broke down. Thank you to all the cars and caravans of the Rally that stopped to help, we finally got home at 9.30pm on a transporter.
Sylvia & Terry

Funny page

One Summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her son into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, 'Mummy, will you sleep with me tonight?'
The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug.
'I can't dear,' she said 'I have to sleep in Daddy's room.'
A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice:
'The big sissy.'

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him 'How do you expect to get into Heaven?'
The boy thought it over and said, 'well, I'll run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!'

'Some plants,' said the biology teacher, ' have the prefix 'dog'., for instance, there is dogwood, the dog violet. Who can name another plant pre-fixed by 'dog?'
'I can, shouted the little boy in the back row, 'How about 'Collie flower'?'.

Recipe

KAREN WILD'S FRUIT CAKE

40oz MARG
1 CUP MIXED FRUIT
1 CUP BROWN SUGAR
1 CUP MILK

MELT ALL TOGETHER IN PAN AND ALLOW TO COOL
ADD
2 CUPS OF SELF RAISING FLOUR
1 EGG
MIX WELL , LINE 2lb LOAF TIN
BAKE 140 FOR 1 AND A QUARTER HOURS

Dates to remember

Next Issue of Inspiration will be out at the AGM, please let us have your write ups by Sunday 20th September. Thank you