

Inspiration

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South staffs centre
Of the caravan club

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Welcome to the December's edition of Inspiration.

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Articles for the Valentines Issue by Sunday 1st February please.

I look forward to receiving more items from you.

Dave Corbett

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Chairman's chat

On behalf of the Committee can I extend a festive greeting and say we wish you a Merry Christmas and however you choose to celebrate the birth of Christ, you enjoy yourselves.

Fingers crossed you should be receiving your Rally Books shortly and my thanks to all the people concerned for getting it out before Christmas.

We have purchased a new generator for the Centre. The suppliers have told us that thieves favour this type of generator and it will become a target. We have therefore supplied a lock and chain for it to be secured during the time it is being used and we ask all users to lock the generator in the boot of the car when not in use. This piece of equipment cost the Centre nearly £1,000.00 so we do ask for co-operation.

When you receive your Rally Book please note the changes to Centre Rules, you should be familiar with all the rules anyway, but please take note.

Since we published the Committee jobs we were unsure what Andy Hosie wanted to do as he was away on holiday at the time of the meeting. I am happy to announce that Andy is our Safety Officer and will be keeping an eye on all matters pertaining to safety.

Trevor Watkins our Rally Secretary, is beginning to programme for 2010, so if you have any ideas or sites you think might improve our rally programme, I am sure he would want to hear from you. If you have submitted sites in the past and they have not been used please re-submit them. Trevor has to have his programme ready by April for members to put their names down to marshal, so the earlier you do it the better.

Sylvia and myself would like to wish Committee and Members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you on the rally field in 2009.

Terry Jones
Centre Chairman

Junior chairman's Chat

Hello and welcome to my Christmas Junior Chairman's chat.

Some of the junior committee helped at Christleton by hooking the tow ropes onto the back's of cars which saved a lot of time and getting mud into the cars. We had a very... Exciting time trying to get Mr & Mrs Myatt's motor home out of the mud. So thanks to Scott, James, Ben, Callum, Paul, Dad, Grandad, Tony and last but not least Dave! (SEE FRONT COVER)

In the New Year we will be fetching Aqua-Rolls (only because it'll be a bit warmer, hopefully!!!) I would like to thank my Mom and Dad for all of their support and helping organise the chocolate apples at the firework rally and to Tracey for getting the glow sticks and punch balloons also thank you to all who helped with the chocolate apples and selling them. We shall be running our rally Alverly near Bridgenorth with a sports theme. Keep a close eye on our web site and we will let you a bit closer to date. We hope you will come and support us and help us raise money for our charity this year which is the RNLI.

Liam Cotterill 12
Junior Chairman

Jokes

Q: Who's the Penguins favorite Aunt?

A: Aunt-artica

Q: What do Penguins have for lunch?

A: Iceburg-ers

Q: Where do Penguins keep their money?

A: In a snow bank

Q: What do mother Penguins say to their children before they go out in the dark?

A: Beak...careful out there

Q: How does a Penguin make pancakes?

A: With its filippers

Celebrations

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To our dear friend Chris Orchard – 3rd December
Love and Best Wishes
Soon be catching us up!
Mona and Gordon, Sylvia and Terry xxxx

Happy Birthday Jo, on 12th December
Loads of Love
Tracie, Martyn, Sammie, Izzy, Mazzie and George x

Happy Birthday mom, Love Kayleigh x

Happy Birthday Jo, Love Bren x

Happy 13th Birthday Samantha, on 13th December
Loads of Love Mom, Dad, Izzy, Mazzie and George xxxx

Sammie will be 13 “A TEENAGER ARRR” on the 13th December
Loads of Love
Jo, Bren, and Kayleigh xxx

Have a great 13th Birthday Sammie,
All our love Jane, Marcus, Luke, Saul and Joshua xxx

Happy “13th” Birthday Matt
Lots of Love
Mom, Dad and Storm xx

Happy 13th Matt
Liam, Scott and James

TO JULIE
WISHING YOU A VERY
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ON THE 17TH DECEMBER
WITH LOVE ALWAYS
STEVE
XXXXXXXXXX

Keith Orchard – 24th December
Happy Birthday
Love
Sylvia and Terry, Mona and Gordon xxxx

KEITH ORCHARD
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY my love on 23rd
HAPPY BIRTHDAY on 24th
HAPPY CHRISTMAS
With all my love Chris xxxxxxxx

Katherine Leek – Happy 13th Birthday on 4th January
Love Mom, Dad, Mitchell, Jordan, Nan & Grandad

HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY NEIL – 6TH JANUARY
ALL OUR LOVE KAZ, LIAM AND CALLUM XXXXX

Neil Cotterill – 6th January
Congratulations to Neil on reaching the big 40
Lots of Love
Mom and Dad (Sylvia and Terry)

Dave, Happy Birthday on 8th January
Lots of Love Lisa, Katie and James xx

Happy Birthday Izzy, 12 years on the 16th January
Loads of Love
Mom, Dad, Sammie, Mazzie and George xxx

TO MOM
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
LOTS OF LOVE
KATIE
XXXXXXXXXX

Happy Birthday Gordon – 18th January
Love
Mona, Sylvia, Terry, Chris and Keith xx

ANNIVERSARIES

Chris and Keith Orchard
Happy Anniversary 23rd December
Lots of Love
Sylvia and Terry, Mona and Gordon xxxx

Happy Wedding Anniversary mom and dad
Love Kayleigh xx

Happy Wedding Anniversary Jo and Bren
Loads of Love
Tracie, Martyn, Samantha, Izzy, Mazzie and George xxx

charities

CENTRE CHARITY 2007/2008 SCOLIOSIS
Amount raised - £3965.00

JUNIOR CHARITY 2007/2008 ACORNS CHILDRENS HOSPICE
Amount raised - £1209.83
A big Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to raise these fantastic amounts.

2008/2009

CENTRE CHARITY AIR AMBULANCE

JUNIOR CHARITY RNLI
Your support for the coming year will be greatly appreciated.

Notices

Donations

The Charity Committee will be holding a Christmas Hamper raffle at the Christmas Social, and would appreciate food and drink donations to go into the hamper, these can be given to Karen Cotterill or Anna Gibbons.

Thank you

Christmas Wishes

The Charity Committee will again be having Christmas message board for you to put your messages on instead of sending Christmas cards for a donation at the Christmas Party rally.

Canwell Caravans

March 2009 – Our Charity Auction Rally
Sort out all your unwanted items and bring them along to our auction Sunday morning.
10% to charity – book in with marshals Martyn and Tracie Hughes details in rally book

Rallies

SOUTH STAFFS MERLEY COURT RALLY

Sept 30th

We have just returned from an excellent Rally in Dorset with the South Staffs Centre. From our very warm welcome on arrival on site, through the three weeks our marshals Geoff and Lynn and Co-marshals Margaret and Jim were brilliant. They worked tirelessly to ensure everyone had a great time.

We enjoyed among many other things, quizzes, skittles, cream teas, continental breakfast, horse 'racing' and a Craplins Holiday Camp evening.

Many dressed up for the CRAPLINS evening – Bonny Babies, Glamerous Grannies, Miss Craplin etc, etc. The excellent finale to CRAPLINS was a great double act by Lynn and Jim as 'Looby Lou' and 'Andy Pandy' with Margaret reading the script – absolutely hilarious.

We would just like to say many thanks to South Staffs and the four marshals and look forward to next year.

From

Audrey and Ray Hiorns
Upper Thames Centre

MERLEY COURT NR POOLE

For the second year running we joined Geoff, Lynn, Jim and Margaret on the holiday rally at Merley Court in Wimbourne nr Poole. The weather was poor when we arrived but Lynn assured us she had ordered the sunshine and by the middle of the first week we had lovely warm sun for the rest of the holiday.

The marshals worked really hard providing us with Sunday breakfasts and Cream Teas. We were never allowed to get bored as they had arranged all sorts of games and quizzes for the whole of the three weeks.

The best night was when Merley Court changed into Craplins Holiday Camp. We started with a meal in the restaurant and then had competitions for the "Bonniest Baby", "Miss Craplin", and "Glamorous Granny". Some of the men transformed into "beautiful" women. A wonderful night of laughter culminated in a sketch with Andy Pandy (Jim) and Looby Loo (Lynn). Margaret told the

story and by the look in Looby Loo's eyes she'd had a great time in the woods with Andy Pandy.

Unfortunately the end of the holiday came all too soon and after making a lot of new friends we made our way home, but not before looking for next years rally. Thanks again you four we had another super holiday with you and look forward to September 2009.

Alan and Pat Harwood

CHRISTLETON RALLY

The weekend started bright and cold. We arrived early and were given a cup of tea by Terry and Sylvia (most welcome) before setting up and waiting for friends to arrive. Unfortunately we missed the mulled wine and mince pies on Friday evening as other friends had just arrived at that time and we were about to eat. (Jim had cooked the meal).

Saturday, we were off to Cheshire Oaks for some serious retail therapy with friends from the South Lancs. Centre. Sue and I had a lovely day in spite of the fact that Jim and Neil kept moaning about being cold....not surprising really as they would insist on standing outside most of the shops rather than entering them!! In the evening, most people had a meal in the Lodge and the atmosphere was fantastic – everyone being very friendly – what else would you expect from South Staffs?

On Sunday, the weather took a definite turn for the worse – very cold with a terrific hailstorm just as were about to go to Flag. The field became a quagmire and Terry and Neil were kept busy towing off cars. We thought we would be all right but unfortunately had to stop as another car was hitching up on the hard standing at the side. Slowly we sank into the mud and couldn't move. Never mind...along came Neil and his towrope to the rescue. Unfortunately, he too sank into the mud and we all had to be rescued by Terry. Eventually we left!!!! Finally, thanks to Terry, Sylvia, Derek and Peggy for organising such a lovely weekend (hopefully Derek and Peggy will get better at organising the weather next year and keep away from mud!!!) and to Neil, Terry and the boys (Scott, Ben, James and Liam for sorting out the towropes) for all their help.

Margaret and Jim

CHRISTLETON

Hi Ralliers,

We would like to say how impressed we were with the youngsters at this rally. We had some very high winds and some horrendous rain, consequently getting off the field proved quite a task. However a great job was done by the marshals, assisted by Neil Cotterill, Tony Hadley and another rallier, who was not exactly in our sight. I'm sure there were others unseen. The teenagers and the younger ones were dashing from car to car to help, covered in mud, but still yelling and shouting drivers on, I think they actually enjoyed themselves and it was great to see them working together to help.

We managed to get off without mishap, but poor Keith Myatt!!! Someone had locked the barrier he was supposed to leave by so he was forced to drive across the field.. as we left we saw four 4 x 4's pulling him and afterwards we were told it was five. The joys of caravanning eh! Wouldn't be without it.

Well done everyone. We had a lovely weekend, and Chester wasn't too bad either! Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to all.

From Trevor and Sylvia

THE PICTURE ON THE FRONT OF INSPIRATION WAS THE CONVOY MENTIONED AT CHRISTLETON, WITH A RED NOSE ON THE FRONT WE DECIDED IT LOOKED LIKE THE REINDEERS AND SANTA'S SLEIGH. I THINK HISTERIA HAD SET IN AT THIS POINT.

Karen

LETTERS

Dear Sylvia,

I wanted to say thanks for inviting me to attend your AGM yesterday. It was absolutely lovely to meet you all especially Emily and Katie.

Thanks again go to all your members for raising such a fantastic amount for our organisation.

I will certainly keep in touch and send you a copy of our May magazine in which you fundraising efforts will be detailed.

Best Wishes
Rachel

Rachel Hannam
SAUK/BSRF Projects Manager

Christmas messages

We would like to wish everyone a lovely Christmas and a Happy Healthy and enjoyable Caravanning New Year.
Sylvia and Terry

HAPPY CHRISTMAS to all our friends, we hope you have a lovely time, where ever you are.
HEALTH and HAPPINESS in the NEW YEAR.
HAPPY CARAVANNING for 2009.
Chris and Keith Orchard

WISHING ALL OUR FRIENDS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
HAPPY CARAVANNING FOR 2009
Mona and Gordon

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A VERY
HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
WITH LOVE FROM
STEVE, JULIE AND KATIE PERKINS
XXXXXXXXXX

To friends old and new
We wish you all a Merry Christmas,
And a peaceful New Year
Lisa, Dave, Katie and James
Ps Thanks for all your help over the year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to everyone
Edgar xx

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas
Karen, Neil, Liam and Callum xxxx

Dates to remember

Next Issue of Inspiration will be out at the Valentines Rally, please let us have your write ups by Sunday 1st February. Thank you