



# Dales News



December  
2011

# Chairmans Chat

Hello to all,

By the time you are all settling down reading your new News Letter you will be thinking about Christmas and the good times ahead. Most importantly of the good times that have gone on the rally field this year. What a fantastic year it has been.

The Bonfire rally was one of the best yet with everybody enjoying the fire, fireworks and of course the “Dragons Den” (the food station) I don’t know why it was called this as the ladies running it were not too bad but I suppose the same couldn’t always be said for the men. For those that missed this rally, make sure you book it for next year as it is one of the best around.

Whilst I am writing this I am just recovering from attending our “Yorkshire Dales Dinner Dance”, what an event. Our guest this year was Mrs Janet Moore Vice Chairman of the Caravan Club & her husband Darrell, what lovely down to earth caravanning people they are. They put Pam and myself at ease straight away which always helps so that we can relax and enjoy this special occasion. For those of you that has never attended our Dinner Dance ask the new comers this year what they thought about it. I think you will be pleasantly surprised that it isn’t all pomp and ceremony and that it is put together for all adult ages to enjoy themselves. Start saving now for next year.

As this year ends and we look forward to next year rallying can I ask that if anybody can collect their brochure, at the Brochure Rally weekend they will help the clubs finances as we won’t have to post out so many. The cost of postage last year was a concern. Enough of my chat for now.

**Pam & I would like to wish all ralliers NEW & OLD**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**&**

**A WONDERFUL HAPPY RALLYING NEW YEAR**



# Centre Charity



At our last committee meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> November saw the selection of this year's Centre nominated charity. Four charities were entered for selection with the winner by a narrow margin being **Cancer Support Bradford & Airedale**.

Cancer Support Bradford & Airedale is an independent local registered charity and is the only organisation of its kind in West Yorkshire. They are not part of any national charity or the NHS.

They provide FREE support services to cancer patients in our District and their families, they support over 3000 people each year with their small team of dedicated staff and 70 volunteers.

To find out more about the charity log on to [www.bradfordcancersupport.org.uk](http://www.bradfordcancersupport.org.uk)

Please give it all your support over the coming year, I will endeavour to keep you updated.

Last year's charity The Children's Heart Surgery Fund will be presented with a cheque for £2,100 at the Children's Christmas Party on Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at Eldwick. What an achievement, thanks go to all who contributed over the year with a special thank you to our Youth Group who worked hard to raise funds.

# Poppy's Page

A new committee year is upon us, congratulations to all new & old members on their election at the recent AGM.

It's a time of change so I thought a new name for my page was in order. But why Poppy's Page I here you ask. It all started 13 years ago when granddaughter Emily was born, all granddad's on Janet's side of the family were and still are called Poppy. Being from the East Riding (where it's a term I'd never heard of) it was a bit strange for me to start with but as with most things you get used to it so I now embrace it with vigour & enjoyment.

To continue – among our group of friends within the YDCC there is another Stuart, Stuart Barraclough, so when someone shouted 'STUART' at least 2 heads turned. My good friend (I have to say that because I owe him some money) George Leacock start calling me Poppy after hearing Emily & Lucy calling me it, so at least when I hear the name I know it's me who's wanted.

It's kind of stuck so, for a bit of fun it's now Poppy's Page.

While on with sayings, recently Janet & I were staying on a CL near Scarborough. Whilst walking along the Marine Drive near the cycle & skateboard park Janet decided to 'spend a penny' (now 20p), so as I stood passing the time of day a group of young lads came cycling past, as the last one was passing & probably only 11 or 12 came the unexpected greeting of "How do".

I've not heard that for years, there's obviously still some small corners of Yorkshire left. I replied without hesitation "How do to you lad" it put a smile on my face whilst waiting for my lady.

By the time you read this issue a fair number of you will have been to the Dinner Dance at The Pavillions – Harrogate. It was a really good event with a grand meal, short & concise speeches from Harry & guests Janet & Darrill Moore, Janet is the Vice Chairman of The Caravan Club.

She had much to say about the changes coming to the Club Magazine & Web site in recognition of the major contributions made by the local centres to the Club (and about time too). The Centre Rally programme & information is being transferred & expanded to the Caravan Club website with Centre Reports taking the vacated space in the Magazine.

(I do hope it is successful knowing how difficult it is to get Rally reports from members, it provides a good forum to show the many good things that happen on our Rallies, Yes, and things that are maybe not so good, but that's how our rallying can improve).

The live band 'Pop Art' were excellent, boogying continued into the early hours. Enough of my rabbiting on, I'll finish by thanking all of you who have made contributions to this issue, please continue.

Both Janet & I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Your input to the Newsletter is greatly appreciated, please send any contributions for the next issue to any of the following:-

Email - [newseditor@ydcc.co.uk](mailto:newseditor@ydcc.co.uk) - preferably as a 'Word' attachment

Fax - 0113 2633922

Post - 29, The Stray, Idle, Bradford. BD10 8TL

With Kind regards to you all and as always, come and say hello if we are on your Rally.

*Stuart Stephenson*

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# Rally News

Forthcoming Rallies in the near future :\_

**2<sup>nd</sup>. December – Family Christmas Party at Silsden.**

There are a few places left on this rally (which is in addition to the Rally Brochure)  
At Dalesbank Holiday Park, Low Lane, Silsden. Contact Harry Ogston.

**9<sup>th</sup>. December – Relax before Christmas at Marsden Cricket Club.**

**17<sup>th</sup>. December – Children's Christmas Party at Eldwick Village Hall.**

For children 4 years upwards - Although places need to be booked for this event, I'm sure Harry could 'pull a few strings' if your child or grandchild isn't booked in.

**16<sup>th</sup>. December – Christmas at Ackwoth.**

The van limit at this rally has been increased from 25 to 28, however there were 3 vans on the waiting list so the rally is still full but a new waiting list is in operation.

**6<sup>th</sup>. to 8<sup>th</sup>. January 2012 – Brochure Rally – Skipton Auction Mart.**

This is the rally is where next year's Rally Brochure is issued.

If you can't make the rally please try to come along to collect a brochure on Saturday from 10am through to Sunday Flag at 11.00am.

It helps the Club finances tremendously by saving on the ever increasing postal charges if more brochures are collected. ***It now costs approx. £1 ea. and with approx. 800 members it adds up to a substantial cost. Please try to collect it yourself or ask friends on the Rally to collect on your behalf.***

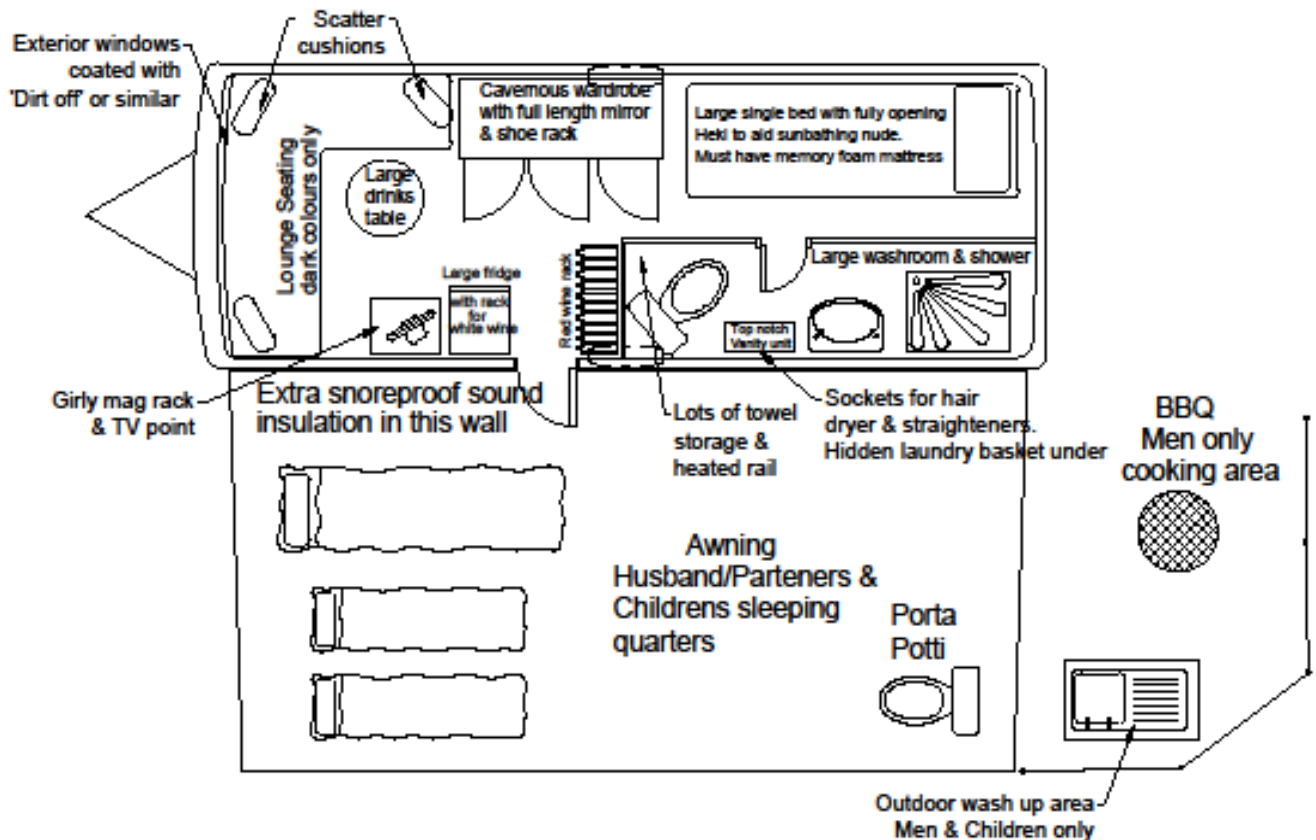
**2012 Halloween Rally – Old Earswick, York.**

George & Irene Leacock wish to advise that next year's rally will run from the Friday 26<sup>th</sup>. Oct through to the following Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>. Oct, so a follow on to the Bonfire Rally will be possible. . Bookings will be welcome just for the weekend, and choose later if you wish to stay on, but book early as this year's Rally was fully booked. Keep your eyes on the new brochure & our website.

## Gail Burnell's Ideal Caravan for Ladies

A couple of issues ago I showed a couple of caravans designed purely for men, in the following issue I thought it was only fair that you ladies have an opportunity to respond. At last we have a fine design from Gail Burnell.

Gail, this tickled my sense of humour and is worthy of a reward of a fine wine from the Sainsbury collection (Janet gets staff discount). If you let me know your preference, red, white or even rose and your next Rally I will endeavour to get it to you.



Well, Ladies & Gentlemen of the YDCC are there any more fine designs out there, maybe one that is child friendly. Now THAT would be interesting, I can see the shower & cooking facilities going for a start, maybe, just maybe I'm being a bit unfair. Come on Youth Group & our young rallier's PROVE ME WRONG!!

Many thanks in anticipation for any further contributions. At last we have a fine design from

# Committee Items

The AGM was held at Bolton Abbey on 2<sup>nd</sup>.October with the following officers, committee & members being elected to their various rolls, these are listed below along with email contact details:

We are lucky to have a full compliment this year, your support particularly by attending rallies will be greatly appreciated.

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# Youth Section

Our Youth Group continue to be very active, their efforts in raising money for the Centre Charity over the past year has been outstanding.

With their help and you, our Centre Ralliers, a total of **£2,100** will be handed over to the Children's Heart Surgery Fund at the Children's Christmas Party at Eldwick on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>. December.

I'm not sure if this is a record, if not, it must be close (come on Carl put us out of our misery – "Is or Isn't it").

Please continue to give them your support over the next year, I'm fairly confident our new Youth Liaison Officer's Carol Wooler & Sue Exley will be promoting some new ideas with our younger members.

At the recent Knaresborough Lido Leisure Rally on 7<sup>th</sup>.to 9<sup>th</sup>. October the Teenagers were set a task to create a rhyme starting with each of the letters in KNARESBOROUGH.

Here is the entry from Jade Alston which is worthy of showing to you all:-

**K**naresborough Lido Rally here we come

**N**ew venue maybe for some

**A**nd out for coffee we did go

**R**ain and wind did not show.

**E**ven Howard managed to stay at flag (very cutting Jade, but Howard has broad shoulders – ed)

**S**adly for him football wasn't in the bag.

**B**reakfast was such a shame

**O**ver the score of the England game.

**R**ally Marshall's Granville, Judith & Brenda

**O**nly have fun on the agenda.

**U**ncle David with the equipment sales

**G**athering together in rain, hail and gales

**H**ope you enjoyed your rally with the Dales

## **Bonfire Rally – Bramhope 4<sup>th</sup> . to 6<sup>th</sup> . November**

Along a similar theme the 9 to 12 year olds at the Grand Bonfire Rally were asked to make up a rhyme with the 1<sup>st</sup>. letters of GRAND BONFIRE.

Again a fine entry from Victoria Shackleton is worthy of being shown below :-

**G**olden showers fly from the rockets  
**R**iveting firework display  
**A**mazing food from the ladies  
**N**ew Ralliers come to watch all day  
**D**ining out on pie, peas and hot dogs  
**B**onfire toffee all round (I'd love to have some Tor but I think my teeth would stick together – ed)  
**O**ver excited kids  
**N**othing's going to stop us eating lots of sweets  
**F**aces glowing from the bonfire heat  
**I**nside the caravan's there's no one to be seen  
**R**ows of happy faces  
**E**veryone come along next year and have the fun we did this year.

Not to be outdone by Victoria her sister Rebecca submitted the following in the teenager category :-

**G**lint of the men's Day glow jackets  
**R**oar of the fire  
**A**mazing fireworks glistening in the night sky  
**N**ew Ralliers stand and watch in awe  
**D**azzling ladies in the kitchen "Pie and Peas – Yes chef"  
**B**oiling hot chocolate trickling down your throat (oh! I can just taste it Becky- ed)  
**O**o's and aah's are coming from the crowd  
**N**ight is coming to an end  
**F**aces are red and ready to sleep  
**I**ncredible night everyone is saying  
**R**est now mums are whispering  
**E**yes slowly shut dreaming of next year.

I think we a few budding poets in our midst, well done - newseditor.



**The Yorkshire Dales Centre Dinner Dance & Rally**  
**The Pavilions at Harrogate - 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> November 2011**



Arriving at the rally at about 2.15pm with my grandparents we were pleasantly greeted by lovely beaming smiles. After collecting our envelope from the rally office we were shown to our pitch. Once we'd parked up I jumped out of the car and went to see my Nana & Grandad. I chatted to them for a while.

Later on in the afternoon I was asked by one of the youth liaison officers if I would like to do the bonus ball for the centres charity, I said that I would. So, I went round all the caravans asking people if they would be interested in doing a bonus ball. It took me a while to go round them all.

It was then time for tea which I was having at my Nana and Grandad's caravan. We had Corned beef hash which was yummy. Whilst we were having tea my mum and dad came to see me. After we'd eaten it was time to go to flag, where we were able to see both friends old and new as well as those who we hadn't seen in a while whilst having a drink of tea or coffee if we chose to. It was also a time where people could give out Christmas cards to their friends who are in other centres which they might not see again until next year. After flag everyone went back to their caravan's, I went and spent the rest of the evening with my Nana & Grandad. The night went fast it was soon time for bed.

Saturday arrived and I was excited for the night ahead. The weather was damp and foggy however it didn't dampen my spirits. After breakfast my mum, dad and I got ready and went out to Harrogate to have a bit of retail therapy. Our time in Harrogate flew by and it was then time to go back to the caravan, have some lunch then get ready for what we hoped was going to be a fantastic night.....

By 5.30 we were all ready to go. Arriving at the Pavilions at 6.30ish we were greeted by our Chairman Harry Ogston and his wife Pam, our guests for the evening Janet and Darrill Moore, Janet is one of the vice chairman of the caravan club, we were also welcomed by the centre's Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and their partners.. Whilst everyone was coming in and been greeted it gave us a chance to talk to everyone whilst having a drink of red or white wine or orange juice. Dinner was served to us at around 7pm. All of the food was lovely. I had melon, lasagne and then white chocolate and raspberry cheesecake to finish with.

After everyone had finished it was time for a cup of tea or coffee whilst we were listening to the speeches, which were excellent. Once the formal bit of the evening had been completed it was time for the band, 'Pop Art' to play for the rest of the evening whilst we danced the night away to songs from many different eras. In my opinion Saturday night couldn't have been any better. The night went quickly and it was soon time for bed yet again.

Flag on Sunday was at 11am. Everyone managed to be up, smiling and there for it. It was mine and Lauren's job to announce the winners of the bonus ball, the winning number was 45 and the winners were Shirey Barnish and Carl Wells, congratulations to them both again.

After flag it was time for everyone to pack up and head of home or to their next destination. On behalf of everyone that attended the rally and those who went to the dinner dance I would like to firstly thank Shelia Morgan & Judith Leach ad all their helpers for all their work in organising the dinner dance and making it a fantastic night for everyone. I would also like to thank our rally marshals for the weekend George & Irene Leacock along with Lauren for running the rally and Peter Jackson & Susan Exley for assisting them.

I am all ready looking forward to next years!

Jade Alston

# HAVE YOUR NAME PUT ONTO

## THE CENTRE TABLE CLOTH

The Centre Table Cloth was started back in 1986 by the teenage committee. Mrs Joan Snell made the cloth and Tracy Todd (now White) embroidered the centre emblem onto it.

The teenagers had the table cloth as a fundraiser for their charities, it has been in and out of hibernation for a number of years after the teenage committee was disbanded in 2000.

It has now been washed and all names are now up to date. There are 249 names on the cloth and there is room for hundreds more. The table cloth is in its 25<sup>th</sup> year and our Youth Group now have it, they and are now after all the Yorkshire Dales members, whose names are not on the cloth, to have their names embroidered on.

Please come and have a look at the Centre Table Cloth and have a look for your name and maybe have a reminisce about some of our members who are sadly no longer with us.

Thank you to all our members who have paid to have there names put onto the cloth and also a thank you to Sheila Morgan for her help with the history of the Centre Table Cloth.

Your name can be added onto the cloth in the following formats and cost :-

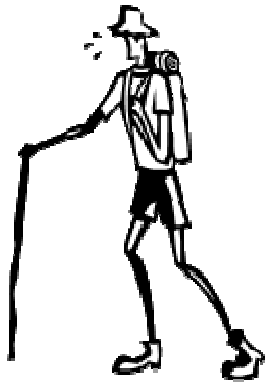
1. *A + B Awning or Ann Awning or Awning Family £1.00*
2. *Ann + Ben Awning or The Awning family £1.50*
3. *Ann + Ben Awning + Family £2.00*
4. *An extra 50p per name there after*

Please support your Youth Group with their fundraising for this year's Centre Charity – **Cancer Support Bradford & Airedale.**

Thank You

You're Youth Group

# Rally Reports



## **KETTLEWELL RALLY - 2<sup>nd</sup>. to 4<sup>th</sup>. SEPTEMBER 2011**

It was good to be hitching up to go to a rally, only the third this year, but an achievement to tow on my own, and also to be able to get away early, having just joined the ranks of the recently retired.

After a safe tow, breathing a sigh of relief, I was soon on peg, unhitched, kettle on and some welcome lunch.

Enjoyed a good walk with the dog, coming back up the river bank to the rally field and a chat with friends.

Friday evening saw most of us at the rally office enjoying Karens Punch, and jolly good it was too !! soon afterwards a group of the "girls" went to sample and judge the liquid refreshment in the local Pubs, I understood it met with their approval.

Saturday most people do their own thing, and off went the walkers and shoppers, I just enjoyed walking the dog, and more important, enjoyed being on a rally in such a beautiful part of our countryside, almost continuous rain certainly did not dampen spirits.

Sunday at Flag there was the usual banter, presenting the prizes, and all the important centre notices. Thanks were given by our Vice Chairman David Bolland in a nice relaxed manner.

Special thanks from myself to Karen, Janet and Carl for a supper weekend, it was good to be with you.

**MAUREEN GREEN PAST CHAIRMAN.**

## **SIX STAR RALLY – ELVINGTON – 15<sup>th</sup>. To 18<sup>th</sup>. September**

Susan, our grandson Joe and I have now been on this rally twice, and thoroughly enjoyed our time at Elvington.

The weekend is full of activities and remarkably good value. What we like most is that there is something for everybody.

We arrived on the Thursday, which allowed us get sorted and have a full day on Friday. We also benefited from the social in the marquee on Thursday evening – meeting friends old and new, have a drink and the inevitable Bingo.

We had a quiet Friday (apart from discovering that we were now the designated Centre representatives). However, many took the opportunity of visiting the nearby City of York, or the Yorkshire Air Museum. The social on Friday evening was very good – enjoyed by everyone, young and old. Like all the socials on this rally – it was FREE.

Saturday was fantastic. I collected a newspaper and some fresh food from the rally office/shop. These were available all week-end. There was also a hot-food van selling bacon butties, burgers etc all day.

We were blessed with good weather and were busy and entertained all day. Despite there being only five vans from Yorkshire Dales, we managed to enter every field of competition, and acquitted ourselves quite well. Being the charitable types that we are, we did allow the other centres to keep all the medals.

We really think that families need to know about this rally. It is not just about the driving skills competitions. Other events included;

- Lawn Darts and Quoits competitions, which included separate awards for the younger entrants.
- Cycling skills, from under 5s to adults.
- Quiz knockout, featuring Stan's famous buzzer!
- Remote controlled car competition.

Joe helped to referee the lawn darts and did very well. Susan did enter the novice class of the driving skills and did very well – not single penalty and not last either.

To be honest, the only way to enjoy all the events at this rally is to keep going every year

The Saturday evening social was even better than Fridays, truly a great end to the day.

On Sunday morning Joe and I visited the Air Museum. It was in easy walking distance, and a great experience. There were some concession tickets available to keep the costs down. Before the awards and closing ceremony, the Marquee held a "car boot sale".

Everyone enjoyed the awards ceremony at mid-day, and we finally left happy and tired in the afternoon.

Peter Jackson & Sue Exley

GRAND BONFIRE RALLY  
4<sup>TH</sup> TO 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2011  
MARSHALS: CAROL & DAVID WOOLLER

This was our first ever rally and we were slightly nervous as to what to expect! We needn't have worried though as we were made very welcome when we arrived, even at 8pm on a very wet, dark Friday night. We picked up our welcome pack and put our name in the window.

We settled in for the night and after breakfast went to join in with the building of the bonfire. We have two young boys Ethan (4) and Leo (2) and we all helped move the wood. Smaller branches were put to one side so that all the children could join in safely. Everyone looked out for the youngsters who all had fun plus we made some friends too.

The site was nice and easy to access. It was gently sloping with fantastic panoramic views of the surrounding area.

After lunch the boys had a sleep and then we took our offerings (Ethan and Leo's home-made star biscuits and parkin) and gave them to Margaret Jennings.

We went to see the judging of the guys. There were four of them and they looked great. They were hoisted up onto the top of the bonfire to await their fate! The fire was lit at 6.15pm and then we joined the queue for the food with our bowls ready for the tasty treats to follow. Dragons Den was really well organised and the service was first class. The food was very good value and extremely tasty. We sat near the fire and kept toasty warm whilst watching the dazzling fireworks display (thanks Dave and Arran) ☺

During the evening Harry Ogston (chairman) came to chat to us along with several fellow campers. We all had a great night and finally retired at 10pm to put both of the sleepy boys to bed.

Next morning at 11a.m. we made our way to 'The Flag'. We took our mugs as instructed and were given a lovely hot cuppa. We bought some raffle tickets and mingled with everyone who all seemed in high spirits and the sun shone too.

Harry welcomed us all and then the presentations started: kids colouring competitions and lovely verses composed about the weekend, the quiz and best guy (Osama-Bin-Laden won). The marshals were presented with a plaque and we were pleasantly surprised to be presented with a First Rally plaque and sticker along with 3 other families. The children were given some sweets after chasing Arran across the field.

Overall the club is warm and friendly and we will definitely be attending future rallies.

Thank you for a brilliant bonfire weekend

Amanda, Mark, Ethan and Leo Robson.

# Letters of Thanks



20 July 2011

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Dear Friends

Thank you very much indeed for your donation of **£72.00** towards the vital work that we do at Martin House Children's Hospice. I hope that our Spring Newsletter arrived safely and that you found it interesting and informative. Do please let us know if you think our newsletters can be improved in any way, in terms of content, size or how the information and stories are presented.

Here at Martin House, the hospice gardens are looking beautiful thanks to our volunteers and it is a delight to hear the sounds of our children and their brothers and sisters enjoying the fresh air and open spaces. Whenever a really sunny day arrives, our chef Robin takes the opportunity to put on a barbecue for the children and their families - another example of how Martin House really is a home from home.

We know that over the next 12 months we are going to have to work even harder to raise the money to enable us to continue to care for everyone who needs us. However, what is never in doubt is that we will continue to receive support from people like you, who know what a wonderful cause you are helping and long may this continue.

On behalf of all of us at Martin House, thank you once again for being so kind.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Verona Milne', written in a cursive style.

Verona Milne  
Fundraising Administrator



# Rule Reminders

With feedback from Rally Marshall's the BIG issue at the moment is Ralliers arriving early at Rallies.

**Rule 18** in your Rally Brochure states :-

*'All rallies commence at 5pm. unless otherwise stated in the brochure, and members must not drive onto the Rally Field before the stated time except by prior arrangement with Rally Marshall.'*

This issue was emphasised with reports of ralliers wanting to arrive the day before, the concern of early arrivals has been discussed in some detail. The consensus of opinion is that the final decision lies with the Rally Marshall.

It is unfair to expect Rally Marshall's to let you on to the field before it has been pegged and made ready, etc.

We must give consideration to the Marshal's and not put them under pressure to get onto the field early, the least we can do is phone them before hand to ask if it is OK if you can arrive early.

DON'T be offended if they say NO.

The Rally Marshall's decision is final so please try to arrive somewhere near to the Rally opening time at the earliest.

**Rule 26** – *'Until the Centre Brochure is out, Rallies appearing on that brochure cannot be booked.'*

What a good excuse to go to the Brochure Rally or at least go and collect one, and you will help saving the Centre postage costs at the same time. It's good to mull over what important rallies you want to attend as soon as the Brochure is available, at least it generally guarantees a place.

**Rule 14** - I think one of the most important rules we have and one to which we should ALWAYS be compliant, is good old Rule 18 - 5mph speed limit on the Rally Field. KEEP THE SPEED DOWN .....Please.  
You know it makes sense.

Are there any Rally issues you would like us to address, just drop me a line!!

# TOP TIPS

## Keeping your caravan safe over winter

If you put your caravan away for the winter here are some handy tips to help you keep it safe this winter.

- Drain all water systems.
- Clean thoroughly inside & out, including awnings.
- Inspect & clean electrical systems.
- Remove the battery, unless it's powering the alarm system.
- Store LPG cylinders in a safe place.
- Remove all valuables and documents.
- If possible, jack up & support on axle stands.
- Don't cover with any kind of sheet unless it is breathable.
- Store securely and not under trees or near anything unsafe
- Above all DON'T be tempted to economise by leaving your caravan uninsured. Even in secure storage, there is a the risk of weather damage or theft. Thieves don't hibernate.

## Tips for winter caravanning

A lot of ralliers caravan all year round, here are a few tips for winter caravanning.

- LPG – Butane is ineffective as temperatures fall to around freezing, make a switch to Propane (you will need a change of Regulator).
- Fresh Water – Outside water containers may freeze over, insulating them may well be all that is needed. An onboard tank is an ideal solution or have a second container inside into which you can transfer the water pump. (conversion kits are available eg. Truma).
- Heating – Most caravans now have balanced flue space heaters, which in theory are safe to leave on all night, always ensure the flue is free from wind blown rubbish or snow, better still fit a Carbon Dioxide detector.
- General – After each trip drain all the water systems, both hot & cold. Leave all taps open, remove the shower head.
- Toilet – Drain the header tank after each trip.
- See the manufacturers owners manual for further tips.

# The End

I hope you have enjoyed this issue, I also hope to publish the next issue sometime in May.

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*Stuart*



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