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2010 Celebration Edition

Editor **Tony Pratt**

A message from Grenville Chamberlain

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone attending the Cheshire Centre's 40th Anniversary Rally in the splendid grounds of Arley Hall. The Estate has been the family home of Lord and Lady Ashcroft's family for over 500 years and was recognised as one of the North West's finest tourism attractions in the Enjoy England Awards for 2009. I am most grateful to Lord and Lady Ashcroft for allowing the Cheshire Centre to hold this special anniversary rally at Arley and would urge you all to visit the House and Gardens during your stay.

The Cheshire Centre was formed in 1970 and is one of the largest and most active Centres within The Caravan Club. From its inception, the Centre has been organised and run by a highly dedicated, thoroughly professional team of volunteers who guide the Centre's affairs and encourage members to take part in the range of rallies and events organised. During those past 40 years many lasting friendships have been made and tremendous efforts made in support of the wonderful life that caravanning in general and rallying in particular offers.

In these times of economic turmoil it is my belief that caravanners and motor caravanners may seek to reduce their travelling time and distance for their breaks and this provides an excellent opportunity for the Cheshire Centre to continue to prosper. Rallying with the Cheshire Centre represents outstanding value for money and you will never have to travel far from your home, or chosen destination, to find a rally and make new lasting friendships.

I would like to thank everyone involved in organising this rally and also extend my gratitude to everyone who has served as Centre Officer, Committee Member, Rally Marshal or helper over the past 40 years. Your legacy has provided the foundation for the Cheshire Centre to continue to flourish.

I extend to you all my very best wishes

Grenville Chamberlain
Chairman
The Caravan Club

From the Chairman

Welcome to the celebration rally. I hope you have a great weekend and enjoy the entertainment and events put on for you by the committee here at Arley Hall. It is hard to believe that 5 years have passed since we were last here celebrating 35 years of the Cheshire Centre.

At the end of May it was the National Rally at Weston Park, with the Cheshire Centre being well represented in all the sports and non sport activities and receiving a lot of success. I am sure that the sports officer, Chris Haig, will be putting the details into the newsletter for you to disseminate.

Once again Jimmy Shaw as CLO did a great job, along with his team, of getting all 133 vans onto the right pegs in the Cheshire lines, with the minimum of fuss, and of organising a great social on our lines on the Sunday evening. Special thanks to Tom Dale for providing the music.

This year I have tried to get round as many rallies as possible to support our rally officers and to talk and socialise with as many of you as possible. I have yet to tackle a dancing rally but have no fear I will get on one soon!

Hopefully you are all now looking forward to your summer holidays and with the centre running 3 holiday rallies this year, a lot of you will be no doubt enjoying them with your rallying friends.

As you know the Dinner Dance has been moved to October 23rd and is once again being held at Christleton Freemasons' Hall, an outstanding venue for this event. Ticket sales are going very well and the rally is nearly full but there is still some space, so if dinner dances are your thing, then please book on. I would love your support and to see you there...

Have a super holiday wherever you are going and I hope to see you on the rally field soon.

Happy Caravanning

Brian

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Editor's Page

Hello Ralliers

Welcome to my third and final newsletter in my 1st year on the committee. It was way back in February when we last went to press. I was browsing over the last edition where we were thanking rally officers for all their hard work over New Year and by now all those wishing to do it all again will have applied for their selected rally. Where does the time go? We have had our Easter holidays where all the rallies were well attended. Then we moved on to the warm ups for the National where we were well represented in all sports. I had the small job of holding all those lightweights up in front of me. I always said the anchorman worked the hardest in TOW. I would just like to say well done to all who represented Cheshire and a big well done to all those who won their chosen event.

Lots of weekends and a lot of rallying and here we are at the main event of the year, the Celebration Rally commemorating 40 years of the Cheshire Centre. The committee have arranged something for all ages and for your enjoyment.

May I just say a big thank you to all those people who have sent articles to the newsletter over the past year without you it wouldn't be possible! More of the same next year please.

Finally I would like to wish you all a great summer holiday wherever you are going and look forward to seeing you on a rally field soon.

Safe towing

Tony Pratt

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club website
or call me on 07951618038

SPORTS REPORT
NATIONAL RALLY WESTON PARK

I have great pleasure in writing my report on the national rally at Weston. All our teams were a credit to the centre in their sportsmanship and conduct.

Both netball teams played very well and the junior netball won the competition. Thanks to Heather for all her hard work.

The football teams also played some great matches. Under 12's and the over 35's got to the finals and won. Once again big thanks to Matt for all his hard work.

The T O W team came 2nd place, well done lads.

The lawn darts got to the finals and won.

Boules were knocked out this year in the early stages of the competitions but well done to all who took part.

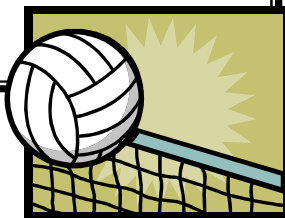
Both the open and the ladies volleyball teams won their finals. Thanks to Tom for coaching the teams once again.

Our darts team played well but got beat in the late stages.

Both relay teams came 2nd after running against some very fast opposition this year. Well done guys.

Last but not least can I give a big thank you to all the spectators for the fantastic support over the national, it was great to see and to hear you all cheering for Cheshire.

CHRIS HAIG
SPORTS OFFICER



Just something to get you thinking

1. At 7 am a train moving at 90 kph leaves Birmingham heading for London. At 8 a.m. An identical train travelling at 110 kph leaves London heading for Birmingham. Which train will be closer to London when they meet?
2. If seven people meet each other and each shakes hands only once with each other, how many handshakes will there have been?
3. Name one eight letter word that has kst in the middle, in the beginning, and the end.
4. Assuming that you are paying, is it cheaper to take one friend to the movies twice or two friends to the movies at the same time?
5. Mr. And Mrs. Jacks have five children, half of them are boys. How is this possible?
6. Which of the following words does not belong with the others and why? Father, aunt, sister, cousin, mother, uncle.
7. There is a train one kilometre long, travelling at a rate of one kilometre per minute through a tunnel which is one kilometre long. How long will it take the train to pass?
8. A man and a boy who are walking together step out with their right feet first. The boy walks three paces while the man walks two. When will they both put their left foot forward together? Explain.
9. What five letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?
10. How many times do the hour and minute hand cross each other in a twelve hour period? (start at 12:00 noon and count that as once)
11. What substance weighs more in its liquid form than in its solid form?
12. A bottle of wine weighs exactly 120 ounces. Since the bottle itself weighs exactly twice as much as the wine, how much does the wine weigh?
13. Why is a manhole cover round? (give two reasons)
14. If a plane crashes on the Italian/Swiss border, where do you bury the survivors?

Winnington Park Rugby Club Warm up Rally - Fun Run

This year we had a record number of entries 60+ (we say plus as we ran out of pre-printed certificates !!)

SO BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO TOOK PART ESPECIALLY THOSE OF YOU WHO EMBRACED THE CONCEPT of ' FUN AND RUN'- i.e. those who ran in fancy dress ☺ - (next year we will have enough certificates -anyone who did not get one and would like one please contact us)

The winner of the Child Fancy Dress Trophy -Sophie's Fancy Cup - was Ellie Kenyon - 'Alice '

The Winners of the Adult Fancy Dress Trophy-Sophie's Fancy Shield- were 'The Misery Waddles' -all three of you -well done ladies your make up was soooooooooo believable ☺

A big thank you for the Woolgar family for presenting the Trophies in daughter Sophie's name ☺

THE WINNER OF THE TERRY FAIRCLOUGH TROPHY FOR 1ST RUNNER OVERALL WAS LEWIS HUGHES

WELL DONE LEWIS -Thank you to Kath & Terry Fairclough for this New Trophy - in memory of Terry's brush with death on a past Fun Run when he was resuscitated by fellow ralliers after he stopped breathing & his heart stopped beating at the end of his race ☺

- The Sadler Trophy for girls 0-6 Won by Tracey Worth -Thank you to Heather + Ernie Sadler for this new Trophy
- The Simpson Trophy for boys 0-6 -NO RUNNERS -Thank you to Steven Simpson for this new Trophy
- The Cloud Trophy for boys 7-9 Won by Matt Crawshaw
- The Cloud Shield for girls 7-9 Won by Emily Fairclough -Thank you to Carole + Tony Morrison for this Trophy
- The Sadler Trophy for girls 10-14 Won by Rebecca Cleverley - Thank you to Heather + Ernie Sadler for this new Trophy
- The Trevor Bayley Trophy for boys 10-14 Won by Daniel Crawshaw
- The Sharon & Chris Webb Shield for girls 15-20 Won Jointly by Helena Sadler & Natalie Haig
- The Sharon & Chris Webb Shield for boys 15-20 Won by Lewis Hughes
- The Jubilee Cup for men 21-25 Won by Steve Ansell

- The Phil Egerton Trophy for girls 21-25 NO RUNNERS
- The Buglawton Bowl for ladies 26-30 Won by Sarah Mellor
- The Leisure Sales Trophy for men 26-30 Won Jointly by Matt Beeston & Tom Dale
- The Dawn & John Kinnaird Trophy for ladies 31-35 Won by Shelley Greenwood
- The Dawn & John Kinnaird Trophy for men 31-35 NO RUNNERS
- The Ron Priest Trophy for ladies 36-40 Won by Clair Williams
- The Ron Priest Trophy for men 36-40 Won by Paul Bedworth
- The Winnington Park Trophy for ladies 41-45 Won by Tracey Worth
- The Winnington Park Trophy for men 41-45 Won by Tony Pratt
- The Winnington Park Trophy for ladies 46-50 Won by Angela Patterson
- The Winnington Park Trophy for men 46-50 Won by Stu Morris
- The Winnington Park Trophy for ladies 51-55 Won by Trish Shaw
- The Kinnaird Trophy for men 51-55 Won by Steve Francis
- The Winnington Park Trophy for ladies 56-60 Won by Jackie Allison
- The Winnington Park Trophy for men 56-60 Won by Phil Allison
- The Joan & Al Wootton Trophy for ladies 61-65 NO RUNNERS
- The Joan & Al Wootton Trophy for men 61-65 NO RUNNERS
- The Winnington Park Trophy for ladies 65+ Won by Kath Fairclough
- The Winnington Park Trophy for men 65+ Won by Terry Fairclough

COULD WE REMIND ALL TROPHY WINNERS TO PLEASE TRY TO BRING THEM BACK TO THE FIRST NATIONAL WARM UP IN 2011 IN ORDER THAT WE CAN EFFECT REPAIRS/REPLACE WORN OUT TROPHIES -THIS YEAR MANY WERE RETURNED TOO LATE TO ALLOW US TO DO THIS

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT, AND REMEMBER NEXT YEAR IS THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY FOR THE WINNINGTON PARK RALLY SO WE'RE GONNA PARTY - PLEASE ACCEPT OUR INVITATION TO ATTEND-

RSVP JAN 2011 ONWARDS ☺

From

Barb & Peter Beeston & Family & Chriss Ansell & Family i.e. 'The warm up squad'

I went on my first rally when I was 12 weeks old, but cannot remember much about it! I went on my next rally when I was 12 years old and I really remembered this as it was the best thing everI've made some brilliant friends and enjoyed some great times. I loved representing Cheshire at my first National which was made even more fantastic as we won both the football and the netball. When at the teenagers rally I was presented with Sports Officer of the Year award I was ' Gob Smacked ' and want to thank everyone for having a great time, I have really enjoyed it!

I would like to thank Matt Beeston for choosing me for the football, Heather Sadler for the netball, Chris and Angela Haig for the sports and everyone else for giving up their time!!

Thank you,
Abi France.



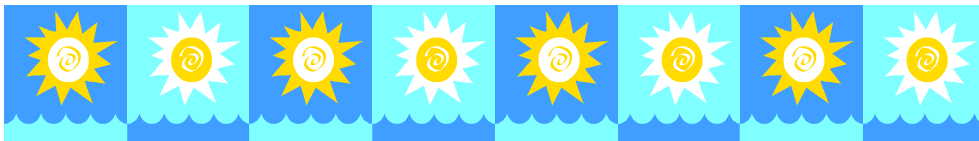
Dear Nick Becky and all the team,

Just a short note to thank you for the rally we attended at Daresbury at the week end.

The BBQ on Saturday was a real good advert for Cadac and has convinced us that when we purchase our own bbq it will be a Cadac.

Thanks again from the Astbury family.



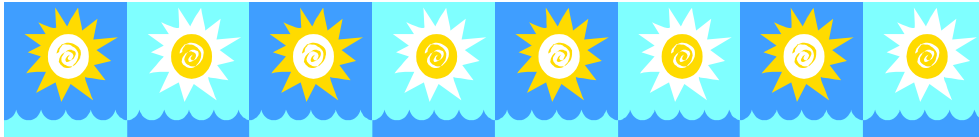


*I can't begin to express my gratitude for what you've done.
It hasn't been easy dealing with things lately, but knowing I
have friends like you definitely helps.*

*You've really gone way above and beyond the typical
meaning of "friends". Every time I think of all the kind
wishes, gifts, and cards you have given me and my family, I'm
just floored.*

*Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You've helped in
ways I can't even express. I will never forget this!*

Sincerely, John & Denise Kilty



HEY JUDE!!

Thank you - for the many beautiful cards and lovely presents
given to me for my (big number) Birthday and our Wedding
Anniversary. What Amazing Friends!

We had a FAB weekend celebrating at Siddington thanks to
YOU the Rally officers - Lynn and Brian, Carol and Steve - and
all the Ralliers.....you're all brilliant....

Love, Judith and Ged Courtney



Official Children's Sports Awards 2010

0-5 girls	Hannah Worth
0-5 boys	Bobby Kenyon
6-8 girls	Emma Crawshaw
6-8 boys	Josh Harris
9-11 girl	Amy Cleverly
9-11 boys	Daniel Crawshaw
12-14 girl	Rebecca Cleverly
12-14 boys	Steven Benson

Sports Officer Awards 2010

The Sports officers award is chosen by the sports officers and awarded to the girl and boy who have taken part in the sports throughout the year and although haven't won their age group have kept on running and enjoying the sports.

This year the awards go to:

Girl	Abi France
Boy	Jamie Cleverly

National Relay Team

I would like to say a very big well done to both the relay squads, you made me and the Cheshire Centre very proud. Despite having to make a few adjustments to the teams just before the races, each and everyone of you gave 110%. A special well done to those of you who ran longer distances than you normally run, you was fantastic. I would also like to say a big thank you to Hannah Nevson, she was a willing substitute, ready to run if needed, and although didn't get to run on the day she was every bit a part of the team. Thanks Hannah.

Unfortunately both the seniors and the juniors got beat by a very fast Leicester team, but there is always next year !!

Senior Team

Natalie Haig
Graham Hughes
Rebecca Cleverly
Steven Benson

Junior Team

Abby France
Ellis Greenwood
Amy Cleverly
Any Lea

Substitute

Hannah Nevson

Well done guys!
Angela Haig



Calling all Cheshire Centre Members

The AGM is fast approaching and any member wishing to stand for the committee needs to send their proposal form to
Phil Heaton Hon Sec by the 5th September 2010



JUNI OR RALLY

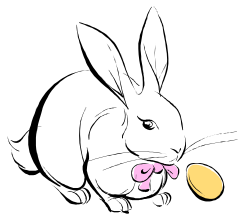
I would just like to say a big thank you to all those ralliers who supported the Junior Committee at the recent rally at Leisure Sales.

A good time was had by all, especially the big kids that had a go on the water slide (yes dad and Mr Barraclough I do mean you). Many thanks for all who helped in some way over the weekend and to everyone who dressed up on the Saturday night, beach wear isn't always suitable for a cold July night!

Thanks all for coming, hope you enjoyed yourself

Daniel
Junior Treasurer





Just a quick note to show our appreciation of the effort put in by all the rally team at Bickerton over Easter.

Although technically this was our second rally, we had attended a rally at Weston Cricket Club in November but only for 1 night, it was our first real experience of life at a rally. We only bought our caravan last year and it was our first so we are real novices at caravanning, we are learning fast but still have a lot to learn.

We found the effort that you all put was extraordinary and gave all concerned an Easter to remember, our three girls had the time of their lives and haven't stopped talking about it yet.

So from all of us we would just like to a very big THANK YOU! from the Astbury family.

We look forward to meeting you again soon, we are booked in on quite a few rallies throughout the year.

all the best

The Astburys (John, Victoria, Jessica, Heather and Sarah)

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Thank You

I would like to express my thanks to all my friends in the Cheshire Centre for the many cards and greetings I received on the occasion of my 80th birthday, they were very much appreciated.

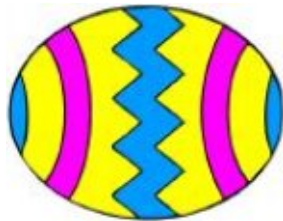
Peter and I would also like to say thank you for all congratulations we received on the birth of our first Great Granddaughter, Elin Sophia, who was born six days before my birthday, we feel so fortunate to be blessed this way.

Thanks again,

Cynth Wall



Linda and Tony Smith, Diane and Alan Vardy, would like to say a very big thank you to Barbara and Allan Beard for all the entertainment at the Easter Rally. We would also like to thank Kath Fairclough for all her gifts for a Raffle for the centre charity which we raised £105.00 thanks also to everyone who bought tickets and keys. Thank you all once again.



Linda and Tony Smith would like to thank everyone for their gifts cards and good wishes for there 44th Wedding anniversary celebrated at the Easter Rally at Penisa'r Myndd Thank you all once again. Look forward to seeing you all on the rally field at some time. Linda and Tony.



Cath and Gordon would like to thank all the good friends we have made with rallying. We are sorry to say we are now selling up and sadly finishing caravanning. We have both enjoyed the time we have spent rallying. We are finishing due to health reasons so good luck to all and safe towing.

Cath and Gordon Robinson



CHARITY RAFFLE

2009/10 is a Charity Year for the Centre.

We are supporting two charities Inscape Special School for children with autism and CAFT, the Children's Adventure Farm Trust.

We are fortunate to have had a number of prizes donated for our charity raffle at this rally. These include the following:

Signed Sportswear including football league clubs and the very successful British Olympic Track Cycling Team

Hand crafted quilts

The original painting from the 2009 Rally Brochure front cover

Holiday Accommodation in Spain

Raffle Tickets will be on sale at various points on the rally priced £1 each.

We thank you for support and wish you an enjoyable weekend



ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON PAGE 7

1. Neither. When they meet, they will be in the same spot.

2. Twenty one.
Most people would think there were 43 handshakes, but when "a" shakes hands with "b", "b" has already shaken hands with "a" and need not to do it again.

3. The eight lettered word is inkstand, "in" is at the beginning, "kst" is in the middle, and "and" is at the end.

4. It is cheaper to take two friends at the same time.
In this case, you would only be buying three tickets, whereas if you take the same friend twice you are buying four tickets.

5. The other half are also boys.

6. Cousin does not belong since all the others refer to a specific gender

7. Two minutes.
It takes one minute for the front of the train to pass through the tunnel, and an additional minute for the back of the train to pass entirely through the tunnel.

8. Never. Every second cycle their right feet will go forward together, but never their left.

9. The word 'short'.

10. They will cross each other eleven times as indicated at the times below.
1). 12:00 2). 1:05 3). 2:10 4). 3:16 5). 4:21 6). 5:27 7). 6:32 8). 7:38 9). 8:43 10). 9:49 11). 10:54.
You cannot count 12:00 twice.
If you consider several twelve hour periods in a row, the twelve o'clock coincidence occurs only once in each cycle. Therefore it is counted initially or at the end.

11. This rather popular substance is water. At 32 degrees Fahrenheit, the density of ice is .9175, whereas, the density of water at 32 degrees is .9988. When you add ice to water, you will notice it always floats.

12. 40 ounces.

13. It cannot fall though the hole like a square one could and it can be easily moved by rolling.

14. You don't bury the survivors

Committee Report, 9th February 2010

- Minutes of previous meeting were approved
- It was agreed to publicise the importance of adopting correct spacing on rally fields.
- Letter of apology sent to Centre member whose details appeared on the web site in a sales advert. It was agreed that in the future, all advertisers will be reminded that the Newsletter will appear on the web site.
- Treasurer's Report accepted. Finances remain healthy.
- Letter regarding the practice of setting dates for taking rally bookings was discussed. It was agreed that this was already established practise within the Centre.
- Watercolour painted by Alison Morris to be framed and raffled for our charity fund at the Celebration Rally.
- Team jersey, signed by the successful British Cycling Track Team at the Olympic Games to be raffled at the Celebration Rally.
- Details of temporary electric hook-ups for rally sites, circulated.
- Entry Forms for Sports Teams at National received.
- Jimmy Shaw appointed CLO at National Rally
- Total rallies run in 2009 119. Rallies in the Centre run to date 5464
- Change of Rally Officers for Woodford (28.3) formally approved.
- Change of dates for French holiday rally (33.2) agreed: 15th August to 27th August
- Regional Report noted. Committee now includes 4 non-centre members.
- Officer Reports were received.

Committee Report, 9th March 2010

- Minutes of previous meeting were approved
- Entry Forms for teams entering the National were confirmed
- Suggestions discussed for Dinner Dance Guests. Grenville Chamberlain unable to attend.
- End of year accounts now audited and signed off by the Chairman.
- Request to raise money on the rally field for a charity outside of the Centre Charity Fund was refused.
- Letter of thanks from Margaret Read in respect of the sympathy shown by Centre Members on the death of her husband, Don, was noted.
- New Rally Officers for Siddington New Year, noted by the Committee.
- Cancelled rallies 12.1, 16.3 & 17.3 all through lack of support, noted.
- Change of Rally Officers for 25.2. 26.2 & 35.2, noted.
- Report of Bonfire Sub-committee Meeting received.
- Report from Junior Liaison Officer received. It was agreed to subsidise under 10's on the Junior Trip to Cosmic Bowling and to meet half the cost of a bouncy castle on the Junior Rally.
- Agreed to replace a small amount of damaged and lost equipment.
- Agreed to investigate the purchase of new wireless microphones for the Centre.
- Agreed to write to the Junior Committee congratulating them their £150 profit, last year.

It was agreed that saving of spaces on rallies should be at the Rally Officers discretion.

Committee Report, 13th April 2010

- Minutes of previous meeting were approved
 - Matter of Dinner Dance Guests still unresolved. Alternative guest to be invited.
 - Decision to purchase new microphones, postponed.
 - Finance report received and accepted. Grant from Caravan Club paid in.
 - Request to raise money on the rally field for a charity cycle ride in aid of the Centre Charity Fund was agreed.
 - Pennant Carrier for National Rally was selected.
 - Agreed to remove Farndon New Year Rally from list of rallies.
 - Cancellation of rally 19.3 (Joey's Coat) formally agreed.
 - Concern regarding suitability of ground at Daresbury for National warm up, discussed.
 - Budget for Celebration Rally reviewed. Concern expressed regarding the low number of bookings to date.
 - Sound and lighting requirements for Celebration Rally discussed in detail.
 - Arrival time for marshals on Celebration Rally agreed.
 - Extra raffle prizes for Celebration Rally agreed.
 - Plaque order for National Rally agreed.
- Oral report of Club Question Time at Daresbury, received.

Committee Report, 11th May 2010

- Minutes of previous meeting were approved
 - Dinner Dance Guests: Hazel Havell (Club Headquarters) and Glossop Caravans.
 - Request to raise money on the rally field for Charity Fund, selling cards, was agreed.
 - Charity Raffle: Tickets to be sold at the National, Charity and Celebration Rallies.
 - Pennant Carrier for National Rally appointed (Rebecca Pratt)
 - New Director General of the Club Appointed – Nick Lomas
 - Agreed to take no action with the anonymous letter regarding spacing on New Year Rallies.
 - The requirement for visitors on Rallies to report to the Rally Officers was reiterated.
 - Security of confidential information was raised.
 - Dave Beattie appointed as fourth CLO at Weston Park
 - Eligibility rules for Junior Committee discussed.
 - Request for items for News Letter made. Publication date is the Celebration Rally.
 - Budget review for Celebration Rally deferred to planning meeting.
 - Trophy for winner of Fun Run at Celebration Rally to be purchased.
 - Purchase of Tug of War Team belts approved. Noted that such requests should be made through Sports Officer.
- Storage space for Junior Gazebos, requested.

Thanks for helping us

celebrate 40

years of the

Cheshire Centre

Have a safe tow

