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Celebration Year**

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*Editor Tony Pratt*

# A message from your Chairman

Hello. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy New Year and happy caravanning throughout 2010. The New Year got off to a flying start with a couple of new year follow – ons, but then the snow came and a couple of rallies had to be cancelled. Not an easy decision to make but I am sure you will agree we have to consider the landowners, heed the advice of the police not to travel and the safety of our members.

Your committee have met several times since the publication of the last newsletter to begin to finalise the detail of the Celebration Rally. If you don't know already, the Cheshire Centre is 40 years old in 2010 and we are having a bit of a do down at Arley Hall 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July. Bookings have already started to arrive with 88 being received todate. Space is limited to 400 so get your booking in early if you wish to take part.

Not only is it a Celebration Year for the Centre but this is also our charity year. Fundraising is well underway with £2000 in the bank up to now, thanks to the generosity of you, the ralliers and the Rally Officers who have “organised” various stunts to get your money. We have also received 314 teddy bears which will be passed on to CAFT, one of our chosen charities, the other being Inscape School.

Finally I would like to draw your attention to the Centre website. Andy and Paul have put a lot of time in to get it to its current state and Andy updates it regularly. I know not everyone is computer minded/literate but it is a great source of current centre news and of course it is only as good as the information put into it - so if your rally is full let Andy know, or if you have any photos, stories etc let us have them.

Happy Caravanning

Brian



## Spot the Difference

Can you spot the 7  
differences  
Between these 2 pictures



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# Editor's Page

Hello Ralliers

Welcome to my second newsletter in my role as the editor. I hope you enjoyed the 1<sup>st</sup> issue and if you didn't then give me a little feedback and I will try to improve it where I can.

Well did you all enjoy the bonfire? What a fabulous weekend had by all; the fireworks, the stalls, the entertainment, oh and the bonfire which I was responsible for. I bet you thought it wasn't going to light. To be honest so did I. What a weekend that would have been a bonfire rally with no fire.

Then there was the little matter of Christmas for which I believe the Christmas rally was very good. Speaking of good I hope you all got everything you wished for.

On to New Year we went. Wow what a rally it was chilli tacos and a disco. Up the next morning to a full English. Evening more food followed by the wonderful Dominique for whom I happened to be 1 of her victims. Could it get any better? Fancy dress the stars turned out big style hosted by our very own Abba supported by Meatloaf, Madonna. Supremes, Take That, Spice Girls, Bee Gees and many more. All this followed by the pinnacle black tie, beautiful ladies, fabulous buffet, fireworks and dancing into the early hours. So thanks to all involved. Well here we are 2010 and what a year to come with the Charity Year and our 40<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration rally to come, where we look forward to seeing you all.

If you would like to place any articles in the next newsletter ie for sales, jokes, recipes, or just a thank you then I will do everything I can to accommodate you.

Remember the newsletter is only as good as the articles you send in.

Please note any pictures must have the permission of all the people in the picture as the newsletter is available on the website at a later date.

Happy Caravanning

**Tony Pratt**

send any contributions for the newsletter to  
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or call me on 07951618038



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Arley Hall  
16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> July 2010



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# THANK YOU

I would like to say a big thank you to 'new brooms' Ray & Jan Woolgar, Margaret & Simon Farrow, Ray & Sue Tippett and families for organising such a great New Year rally.

This was our first New Year rally and we had no idea what to expect. One thing that we did realise quite quickly though was the relentless amount of hard work the Rally Officers have to do to make a rally successful, and when you add on inclement weather conditions/family illness etc. it makes the job much harder.

I would also like to thank everyone who prepared the meals and organised the entertainment. All the food was excellent as was the Snow White pantomime, 'Abba' lookalikes and 'Cover Up', in fact a big thank you to everyone who made our New Year very memorable.

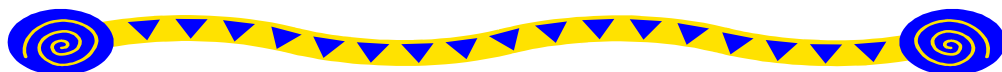
We had such a wonderful time, guess where we'll be next New Year ????

Freda and Ian Hallworth



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Phil and Dorothy Heaton would like to thank all those who send cards and messages of sympathy on the death of Phil's dad, Jack, who died following a long illness on Remembrance Sunday. Your support was very much appreciated.



### Tombola Stall At The Bonfire Rally

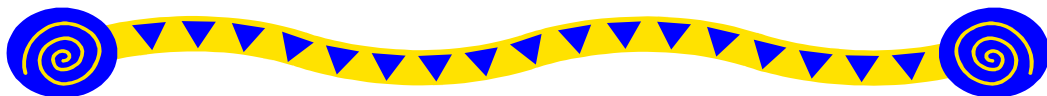
This was the first time we had taken on this mammoth task at the Bonfire Rally, so, before the rally we 'bled' Chris and Angela Haig dry of their knowledge, thanks very much but even so we weren't expecting to be working out in the cold for so long; we didn't finish until 11pm...

A VERY big thank you to our helpers, in no particular order, Ann Beattie, Paul and Jane Walls, Alex and Judith Williams, Colin Day, Janet McMurray, Ray Woolgar who helped out in the afternoon preparing and then all the evening, all in the bitter cold. And all of you who so generously gave us gifts through out the year.

Paul Clarke won the star prize, a 12 / 240 volt DVD player, although with the amount of tickets he so generously bought, it would have probably been cheaper for him to drive to the nearest supermarket and buy one from there, thanks very much Paul. The Tombola stall made a total of £676.60p for the Children's Fund.

P.S. It's so nice to have our living room, dining room and loft back....

**Andy and Andi Gibbs**



## Multi Plaque Awards Mar 2009 – Jan 2010

The following Cheshire Centre ralliers have received their Multi Plaque Awards over the last few months:

Barton B – 300<sup>th</sup> Rally Plaque presented on 13 Apr 2009  
Dave and Ann Beattie – 500<sup>th</sup> Rally Plaque presented on 1 Jan 2010  
Lin and Ralph Bowie – 200<sup>th</sup> Rally Plaque presented on 11 Oct 2009  
Barbara and Graham Carter – 100<sup>th</sup> Rally Plaque presented on 7 Jun 2009  
Pete and Jane Garster – 100<sup>th</sup> Rally Plaque presented on 8 Aug 2009  
Andy and Andi Gibbs – 700<sup>th</sup> Rally Plaque presented on 13 Dec 2009  
Alan Hardman – 400<sup>th</sup> Rally Plaque presented on 29 Dec 2009  
Phil and Liz Hughes – 100<sup>th</sup> Rally Plaque presented on 10 Jul 2009  
David and Shelia Howarth – 100<sup>th</sup> Rally Plaque presented on 15 Mar 2009  
Brian and Lyn Ingham – 400<sup>th</sup> Rally Plaque presented on 11 Oct 2009  
J Kennaird – 900<sup>th</sup> Rally Plaque presented on 20 Sep 2009  
Val and Don Ketley – 500<sup>th</sup> Rally Plaque presented on 29 Nov 2009  
John and Carol Lowe – 400<sup>th</sup> Rally Plaque presented on 25 Oct 2009  
Dave and Anthea Moores – 200<sup>th</sup> Rally Plaque presented on 1 May 2009  
Ray and Angela O'Grady – 600<sup>th</sup> Rally Plaque presented on 26 Apr 2009  
Derek and Rose Roberts – 400<sup>th</sup> Rally Plaque presented on 26 Jul 2009  
Linda and Tony Smith – 400<sup>th</sup> Rally Plaque presented on 13 Apr 2009  
Lynn and Chris Taylor – 300<sup>th</sup> Rally Plaque presented on 28 Jun 2009

Congratulations to you all.

Fast fact: There are only 4 Cheshire Centre rallying families who have attended more than 1,000 rallies!

The Cheshire Centre Statistician



On behalf of all the rally officers of smallwood new year we would like to thank the ralliers for their kind thanks and beautiful presents to us all they were most welcome and appreciated

Happy new year  
Ron and Sue Heywood.

On a personal note I would like to thank everyone for their cards and best wishes during my lengthy stay in hospital Treatment is still on going but I am feeling a lot better now and back rallying. I hope to undergo an operation in 2010 to further relieve my suffering Then I will be back leading the dancing at socials again.

Thank you all  
Susan Heywood

### CONGRATULATIONS

We would just like to say a very Happy Birthday and Congratulations to Ken Ringham on the recent occasion of his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday at New Year. All the best Ken and hope you have many more.

Julie, Mike, Charlotte and Laura- Jane



Siddington New Year 2009 - 2010

Dear Woolgar, Tippet and Farrow Families

From Siddington to Sweden via Bollywood and back to Siddington in the snow. We had a ball!

For all you panto lovers, RADA has never seen anything quite like Snow White and the Seven Vertically Challenged Caravanners (He's behind you, Oh no he isn't) in fact they probably hope they never will!

Thankyou for a great New Year.

Imelda & Andrew Lowe



### SMALLWOOD NEW YEAR

Thank you, to all the rally officers of the Smallwood New Year rally.



The food, entertainment and organisation was as always first class.

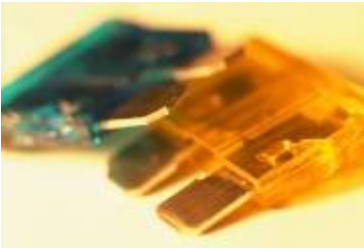


The fancy dress costumes were all great. We are looking forward to this year's and are practicing hard!



Glenis and Barry Chesterson





### **CHESHIRE CENTRE SALES**

If you need a fuse, washer, toilet fluid or many other 'essential' items on a rally, come and see us we might have just what you need!

We are also selling exclusive Cheshire centre 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration 'T' shirts.

We have a wide range of sizes and colours in both men's and ladies styles.

This limited edition shirt is only £13.

Either see us on a rally, or e-mail (see rally book for e-mail address) and we will arrange to get them to you.

Glenis & Barry Chesterson



## Rally Update

### Mayday at Daresbury II - Rally (30th Apr to 3rd May 2010)

Rally Programme is being finalised - Come along and join in the fun!

Maypole Competition - Get yourself a team together to enter in this traditional display of Maypole madness.

Dog Assault Course - New this year - enter man's best friend in this fun event.

Marquee Heating - the "warm" welcome you will receive this year will be enhanced by a blown air heating system.

Talent Night - bring your instruments and backing tracks to the marquee Saturday afternoon to rehearse for this spectacular. We are sure you will top the excellent standard set last year.

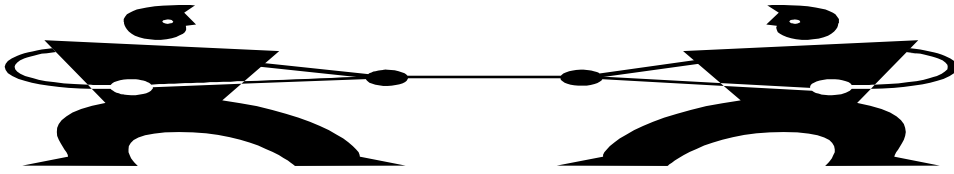
Sunday Night - Experience the excellent vocal talents of Lisa Kelsey - supported by CoverUp

Sports - National warm ups and family sports throughout the weekend.

Logistics - we are in same field as last year.  
Be careful turning into the gate and move off the main road as quickly as it is safe to do.  
The roadway at the top of the rise at the entrance to the field has been improved.

We look forward to seeing you all at Daresbury

The Rally Officer team  
John & Denise, Andy & Imelda, Steve & Yvonne



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## National Rally 2010

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If anybody is interested in representing the centre in any of the sports at the National Rally, please let the sports officer know. To represent the centre members should attend the four warm up rallies or as many as possible. The individual sports organisers will consider firstly those who have attended the warm ups on a merit basis. The squads will be named at the final warm up at Winnington Park on 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> May. If for any reason you are not on the relevant warm up rallies and you would still like to try out for the teams, a list of warm up times will be put on the website.

Many thanks  
Chris Haig  
0161 351 1389  
07711 155903





Our Thanks to Lynn, Brian, Carol and Steve for a great Christmas Rally.

All the hard work that you all put in is very much appreciated by all the ralliers both Cheshire members and our visiting centre members.

The food was great ( ask Ricky Johnson) all prepared by the lady rally officers, the entertainment was so funny, I am a little worried about Mr Ingham he is too comfortable in a frock.

As for the company, David and I were made so welcome, we could not have asked for better Christmas Company.

To Lynn, Carol, Brian and Steve a great big THANK YOU and a very Happy New Year to you all.

Love Dave & Ann Beattie

Wilmslow New Year

Thank you very much to all the ralliers for their support at the rally. We had a great time, to see so many dress up for the X factor night, singing and then all the chaps in black ties was really nice not letting the ladies down - you all looked brilliant on new years eve. Thank you all for making the rally such a nice one. Apologies for the ice rink we all know was the car park !!

Beck, Tracey, Nick & Martin and Families



## News Flash

Are you thinking of attending the Carrog Rally 25.4 in June ?

The Llangollen Railway are running a "Real Ale Train" on the Saturday evening of the rally (19th June) if you are interested it is not bookable with the rally, so make enquiries directly with the railway (tel 01978860979) or visit thier web site [www.Llangollen-Railway.com](http://www.Llangollen-Railway.com)

from RO's Cynth, Pete, Jean & Bob.



### **Junior Beach Party**

Please support the Junior Committee at their summer rally at leisure sales. It is going to be a fun filled weekend for all ages. Contact can be found in the rally book.

## SMALLWOOD NEW YEAR RALLY

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO THE RALLY OFFICERS,  
SUPERB RALLY, EXCELLENT  
FOOD AND GOOD COMPANY. WE WERE MADE VERY  
WELCOME. WELL DONE. HERE'S TO  
NEXT YEAR.  
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## CHRISTMAS AT ALLOSTOCK 2009

**We would like to thank everyone who was at Allostock for the festive period.**

**It was yet again a great Rally everybody joined in and made it a great family Christmas to remember.**

**Great entertainers Great friends Great company what more can you ask for.**

**We would like to wish everyone a Happy new year**

**Love Lynn Brian Carol & Steve**

We would like to thank Lynn & Brian, Carol & Steve for a fabulous xmas rally at Allostock. All your hard work is much appreciated. .... Lin & Ralph

Thank you to everyone at the New year rally at Terra Nova for your very kind gift. Also thanks to everybody who helped out in any way. We really couldn't do it without your help. .... Lin & Ralph

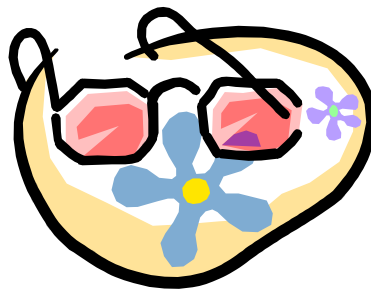


## *Thank You*

I Would Really Like To Thank Everybody Who Made My 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday So Wonderful. The Gifts And Cards I Received From My Rallying Friends Were Over Whelming. The Company Was Stupendous; The Costumes Were Head Over Heals. Thank You For The Music It Was Abbatastic. A Special Thanks To My Man After Midnight For His Serenade. The Evening Was Worth More Than Money Money Money Could Buy.

A Special Thanks Goes To The Rally Officers At Smallwood And Ralliers For Making It A Super Trouper Birthday.

Thank You Very Much  
Julie (Abba's 5<sup>th</sup> Member)



## Smallwood New Year

This year Trish and I went to the Smallwood New Year Rally and I had the privilege of being the rally chairman. We had a truly wonderful few days with some very special people and we thought we would like to express this by writing something apt.

As many of you will know I am not very articulate when it comes to public speaking so I enlisted the ABBA lyricists to help and we came up with this description of the rally!!!!

### The Rally

#### Tuesday

The paddock opens and vans start to arrive. Soon an SOS goes out, a Terracan has met its Waterloo, it's stuck in the mud. (The Land Rovers were conspicuous by their absence – must have been afraid of the mud)

In the evening : Mamma Mia – what food!!!!!! Then the Name Of The Game was a quiz or two where The Winner Takes All and then the Dancing Queens took to the floor and went On And On And On.

#### Wednesday

The rally chairman went round the caravans. At the first caravan he was heard uttering those endearing words, do you want to 'Gimme Gimme Gimme' some Money Money Money we want to get the rally officers a gift. The same reply came from every caravan 'I do I do I do I do I do'

Today is Julie's birthday and mamma mia what a party we had. The icing on the cake was a solo from James (Saddler). Julie was so moved she was heard saying 'You Rock Me, Angeleyes'. James was later asked 'Does Your Mother Know you Voulez-Vous to Julie. From the costume Julie wore she will henceforth be known as Nina, Pretty Ballerina.

#### Thursday

The dancing queens were at it again, strutting their stuff to Fernando when Glenis went Head Over Heals and shouted Honey Honey help me up. The evening went on and on and on till midnight when we all shouted Happy New Year. The party went on, the panto horses came out. One horse shouted Take A Chance On Me, Chiquita'. Next up it was Dum Dum Diddle the hats are in the middle. The rally officers had to keep an Eagle eye on things as the Tiger in everyone came out.

Friday

A walk!!!! Up the cloud (beautiful scenery & very invigorating) then it was back to the caravan where I sat wondering what I could say at flag tomorrow. I said to Trish Knowing Me Knowing You One Of Us will need to think of something quick.

Saturday

All too soon the party's over and the rally has come to a close and in The Way Old Friends Do we would like to say Thank You For The Music, I Have A Dream (I'd like to come back again) and so from every one of us you are all Super Troupers

And When All Is Said And Done we have a message (a message from Brian, our centre chairman was read out)

So to the rally officers and all our fellow ralliers we'd like to say a big **thank you** we really did have a great time

**Jimmy & Trish Shaw**



## **Need a Gazebo?**

The Junior Committee have four 9m x 3m Gazebos for hire. They only cost £10 per gazebo per weekend. If you require any further information or wish to hire one please contact Natalie Haig, Junior Secretary. (Contact details are in the Rally Book)

## Terra Nova New Year

This year once again my family and I attended the New Year Rally at Terra Nova . The rally this year comprised of a Fancy Dress evening with the theme being The Wild West, an evening meal at a local hostelry followed by a Talent Night, an evening with a live band and a full English Breakfast one morning.

On the first night there was a good turnout for the Fancy Dress with everyone turning up as Cowboys and Indians with a couple of squaws as well, this was followed by food and dancing in the hall. The second night we had an evening meal prepared for us and then into the hall for music and dancing to live entertainment. In the morning we were up nice and early to have a Full English Breakfast cooked and served to us, this stood us in good stead for the rest of the day before we put on our glad rags and all went by coaches to a local hostelry for an evening meal. After the meal it was back on the coaches and back to the rally for Talent Night. The night comprised of numerous acts from the crooners, a Hannah Montana impersonator, a comedian/comper for the evening and a Supergroup called Raindrops and Drips which I think most people will remember, especially Mike & Mike who I think were the Drips ( p.s. Mike ????? I am still waiting for the cheque for Charity, your picture could be in the next newsletter if it doesn't arrive soon ) Only joking Mike, well done to you and everyone else for having the guts to get up and do something. Who says Cheshire has'nt got Talent.

Onto New Years Eve, we had a game of skittles in the morning and then the rest of the day was free to have a rest until Party Night. The evening started off with a Gala Buffet which was well prepared and well presented by the rally officers and their team of helpers, then it was down to the hall to party the rest of the night away until the stroke of midnight which was greeted by the sound of Big Ben, balloons popping, party poppers popping, champagne corks popping and streamers being thrown.

We were at the rally for New Years Day which was free and easy until the evening where we had closing flag and a wind down evening with more celebrations this time for an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

I would like to say a big thank you to the rally officers Gill, Derek, Lin and Ralph for all the hard work they put in before , during and also after the rally for making it such an enjoyable rally, may I also thank everyone who helped them in anyway.

Thank You once again from Julie, Mike, Charlotte and Laura- Jane Wootton





# CELEBRITIES HIT WILMSLOW NEW YEAR

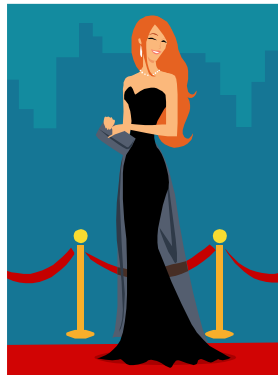
Many celebrities decided to spend their new year at a very icy Wilmslow Rugby Club this year. Not only did some of them perform quite a few also arrived wearing wellies!! Good job not too many paparazzi were about (only the clubs Debbie Higginson, who is never without her camera). There were performances by Abba, Take That, The Spice Girls, The Bee Gees, Guns and Roses, Boy George, Village People (I have never seen Gary move so much) and Meatloaf. A fantastic night was had by all.

A huge thank you goes to Nick, Becky, Martin and Tracy who yet again organised a fantastic New Year. (Keep your eye on your heels Becky I think Nick was a little bit too comfortable in heels and a wig!)

New Year's Eve was another fantastic night, and it was great to see everyone in the finest, some of us don't half scrub up well. But wellies do finish an outfit off rather well.

Thanks again for all your hard work Rally Officers

Michelle, Tony, Daniel and Rebecca



## Committee Report, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009

- Agreed to purchase 25 commemorative t-shirts for the Celebration Rally
- The purchase of new Club flags to be progressed with headquarters
- Treasurer's Report accepted. Finances remain healthy.
- Font size for new Rally Brochure agreed
- Modifications to the Rally Write-up Form agreed
- Tackeroo Rally cancelled due to closure of the site
- Carrog rally applied for on wrong weekend due to clerical error by the rally officers. Agreed to move forward one week.
- Report of Dinner Dance received. 86 members attended. The night was considered to be a great success.
- Initial Report on Bonfire Rally received. Once again the feedback was very positive.
- Officer Reports were received from the Newsletter Editor, Centre Sales and Junior Liaison Officer.
- Centre to receive increased funding from East Grinstead under new banding scheme
- Paul Walls requested that all the movement of rally equipment is co-ordinated through him.
- A third set of rally officers was approved for Wilmslow New Rally in 2010

Spot the difference answers



Don't forget to book the Celebration Rally. Booking Form and Details can be found in your Rally Book or on the Cheshire Centre Website.



# Caravan Wordsearch

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