

RILLINGTON

Site Owner: Stuart Elvidge SITE DIRECTIONS:

Travelling from Scarborough on the A64 turn right at the traffic lights in Rillington. Site on right in approximately 1 mile. Watch for EYC signs.

ATTRACTIONS/ACTIVITIES: Scampston Gardens in walking distance, pubs 1 mile away, with Scarborough, Malton, Pickering and the North Yorkshire Moors within easy driving distance.

SOCIAL: On Saturday evening, we will have live entertainment from Meesha, (she entertained us at the Chairman's rally in 2022) so we are guaranteed a great nights entertainment.

Sunday evening we will have Neil Baker, a superb vocalist who has appeared for us before at Brough Easter rallies, so again a great night is promised.

We will have games and quizzes on other nights and all the entertainment will take place under cover in our tents.

LIMITED: 40 Caravans

On Saturday morning we will have the Centre Sports for adults and children - lawn darts, bowls, quoits and children's races.

Saturday evening - Entertainment from Meesha.

Sunday evening - Entertainment from Neil Baker.

Charity Fundraising, and lots more during the rally.

DESIGNATED AREA FOR GAMES: Yes
RALLY OPENS: noon Friday 26th CLOSES: noon Friday 2nd
RALLY MARSHALS: John & Sue Holroyd
CO-MARSHALS: The Committee
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RALLY FEE: £40.00 for 3 nights incl. £2.00 non-returnable booking fee. £8.40 extra nights. Please indicate on slip.



THE EAST YORKSHIRE CENTRE MAGAZINE



DEADLINE FOR THE SUMMER ABOUT IS MONDAY MAY 15th

EDITORIAL.

Hi Again Everyone,

Well we have put the clocks forward and the nights are getting so much lighter. All we need now is for it to get warmer, so that we can all sit outside our caravans in the sunshine.



As usual I would like to thank everyone who has sent articles in for this edition. However I was very disappointed that not all of the rallies had something sent in about them. People seem to manage to write something and put pictures on Facebook but it seems to be too much trouble to send me an email. As I have said before if people don't send things in there will be no About. There are many great rallies coming up, so lets see if we can have a really good Summer edition.

We have only been on one rally ourselves this year which was Wykeham. This was partly due to Tim not being very well. You can read about what happened later in the magazine but I would just like to say a very big thankyou to everyone who helped me and also for those people who offered help, both who were on the rally and those members who were not. It goes to show how good it is to be on a rally when something like this happens. If we had been on a site on our own it would have made it an even more frightening experience.

I hope you all have a good summer rallying and the sun shines on us all. I look forward to hearing about the things you have been doing. Don't forget to send your articles in by MONDAY MAY 15th to about@eastyorshirecentre.co.uk

Tim and I also look forward to seeing you on a rally field soon.

Bist Woshes June.



Disabled pitches may be available on some rallies. Speak to the rally marshals.

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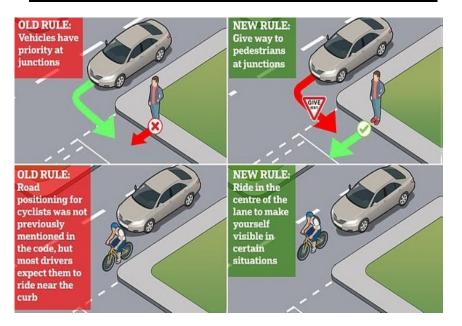
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- What goes in stews and soups is NOBODY'S dam business.
- If you must sticke your finger in something stick it in the garbage disposal.
- DON'T CRITICIZE the coffee, you may be olde and weak yourself someday.
- ANYONE bringing guests in for Dinner without PRIOR NOTICE will be awarded three thwacks on skull with sharpe object.
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This is my KYTCHEN. If you don't believe it, START SOMETHING

FIVE REASONS WHY SPRING IS THE SEASON OF LOVE

- 1)There is more sunshine. Sunny days are good for our health, more vitamin D leading to healthy bones and generally help us to feel happier
- 2) Less Melatonin. This is the hormone produced during the dark days of Winter that promotes sleep and lethargy. Increased sunshine boosts the energy levels!
- 3) More Serotonin. Sunshine increases the production of the hormone Serotonin which regulates mood and energy levels which in turn increases romantic feelings.
- 4) Less Flu. Nothing puts the breaks on a romantic evening than sniffles, sneezes and the spreading of germs.
- 5) More flowers, the timeless symbol of love. Spring generally means more flowers. Studies have found that flowers make people feel good, give us a mental lift and increase positive emotions!
- SO There you have it! Spring is the Season of Love! So enjoy it!

New Highway Code changes regarding bikes & pedestrians.



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

At this time of year we are all starting to look forward to the new rallying season getting into full swing. We have lots of interesting and varied rallies this year to look forward to and with the lighter nights and hopefully warmer weather coming it will be a year to enjoy.



The early rallies have been well attended and bookings are going very well for most of the other rallies, so if you are thinking of booking something, please do it soon to avoid disappointment.

Whilst talking about bookings please make sure that you fill in the rally slips clearly, accurately and completely. You would be surprised how much trouble it causes the marshals when the form isn't filled in completely accurately.

There are still some places left on the Chairman's Rally, which is at Rillington, a few miles outside Scarborough, on a level grass paddock with 2 nights live entertainment under cover.

In this year's rally book is a form for you to fill in to request a 2024 brochure, please complete this and return it to Sue, the Secretary during the next couple of months.

Sue and I look forward to seeing you on the rally field in the near future.

John Holroyd

SUE'S SCRIBBLINGS:

There has been a lot going on since my last scribbles, we had the Killerby Hall rally and the follow-on at the Vale of Pickering, Pre Christmas rally, then the fabulous New Year Rally at the Rix Pavilion. A big thank you to the marshals. The New Year Rally was the 25th one, run by Chris and Denis Brennan and co marshals, (we managed a write up in the CAMC magazine too.)

We missed the Barn Dance, which we were told, was a great success, with a lovely supper, done by June and Tim Norris. Straight after the New Year we drove down to Portsmouth to sail to Santander, to attend a CAMC rally, which was being run at Alannia in Southern Spain. This was very enjoyable, the 3 sets of marshals worked very hard, it was a great venue, with a club house, just for the rally members.

Then it was back to England on the 2nd March, home on the 3rd March, and back to reality with a committee meeting on the 6th March. There was lots to discuss and things to arrange for the centre. Just a quick reminder there is the Chairman's rally at the end of May, with entertainment on two evenings. Also in your brochure you will see a form to fill in, this is to request a brochure for 2024, please complete and give to me or John. The weather is improving as I am scribbling here, so let's hope we are in for some lovely weather for all our great rallies.

Take care Sue

Flying Scotsman

24 February 2023 marks 100 years since *Flying Scotsman* entered service.

To celebrate, there will be an unmissable programme of events featuring the locomotive on the tracks, visits to heritage railways and lots of *Flying Scotsman* fun at our museums.

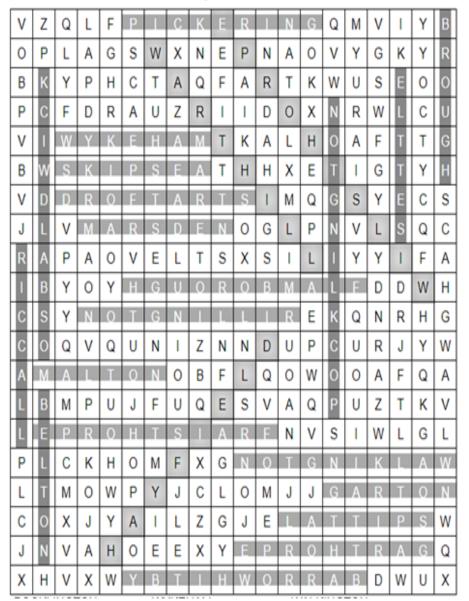
Discover new stories about *Flying Scotsman* in our centenary exhibition and travel through time and share the engine's greatest moments in our brand-new cutting-edge VR experience. Explore the centenary calendar at the National Railway Museum website to find out what's on and sign up to the Flying Scotsman newsletter to keep updated.

Adult Quiz Answer

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Young Ralliers competition. Answers



APRIL

8th DEREK BRADY
11th JEN AKESTER
13th JACK POOLE
17th NEIL MARCHANT
18th DEREK BRICE
20th DAVE YOUNG
22nd DAVID BAKER
25th MARGARET DANBY
30th STEVE COWELL

MAY

8th IAN BRABINER 80 (2022)
9th GARY RHODES
11th LEWIS FIRTH
18th BRIAN DANBY
22nd JOHN BLOOM
23rd DON TOMLINSON

DENIS'S DOODLINGS

Hi All,

Chris and I, Wish you all safe journeys for the new season have a good time where ever you are. We look forward to seeing you on a rally field this Year. Below is a list of rallies up to the 2023 Chairman's rally. Anyone finding a possible new venue for a future rally, or if you are willing to run/help run a rally please get in touch. **Denis**

DATE	VENUE	MARSHALL
13th to 16th Apr	Spittal	D Brennan
20th to 23rd Arp	Drax Socal Club	S Wright
28th to 1st MAY	Wilsthorpe	P Aconley
28th to 1st MAY	Belton	K Andrews
28th to 1st MAY	Bishop Wilton	R Warner
3rd to 7th May	Riccall	J Holroyd
12.to 19th May	South Cliffe	J Holroyd
18th to 21st May	Garthorpe	Dave Young
26th to 2nd Jun	Rillington	J Holroyd

Raffle of Caravan steps for the Centre Charity.



This is a picture of the superb caravan steps Paul Aconley has donated for the purposes of fund raising.

The raffle tickets are being sold at the rallies between now and the Chairman's Rally at 50p for a strip of 5.

The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the Chairman's Rally.

Ron Warner Charity coordinator.

Killerby Rally 1st to the 7th December 2022.

Killerby Rally started on the Wednesday, we arrived and set up. The Flag was later with mince pies to put us in the Christmas mood.

Thursday we caught the bus into Scarborough, had a nice day, our favorite cafe was closed, but we managed, did some shopping and had dinner at

Weatherspoon's. There was a gathering in the Barn on the night, played Bingo, and had a couple of drinks.

Friday we walked up to Cayton Bay to the Tow Bar for a coffee, then afterwards a bit of retail therapy at the Seamer road shops. Then in the Barn for our Pizza we had ordered on the evening, then a famous John Dale Quiz.

Saturday morning you could have a breakfast cooked on site or bacon butty. A few of us walked up to the Stain Glass shop and Cafe, for a coffee and cake. Then we went for an early meal at the Tow Bar, so we could be back for the entertainment in the Barn. It was Danny Firth, he was good, played the music for our age group.

Sunday was closing Flag inside the Barn, with the usual Raffle and prizes for the winners of the completions.

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A Great few days even if the weather was cold.

Thanks very much to Joan, Sue and John for a great rally.

Sue Holroyd

Pickering Lights. December 7th to the 11th 2022.

We joined the Rally after the Killerby Rally on the Wednesday, coffee on the Wednesday evening. It was very Christmassy with all the lights.

Thursday we had a walk, but it was cold -2c first thing, so did some computer work.

On Friday we had a ride up the coast. And on Saturday we went to Filey for a walk round, it was cold and windy. In the evening it was the meal in the





Coachman, it was, very nice ,we had the room to ourselves, so Denis did a Christmas music quiz.

Sunday coffee morning at 11am, then time to pack up and drive home.

Very good rally thanks to Joan, Chris and Denis, well done.

Sue Holroyd



Janet Wilson 13.05.1946 –07.02.2023

A celebration of Janet's life was held on Monday 27th February at Chantlerands Crematorium. Ian and the family would like to thank everyone who sent cards and attended the service.

William (Bob) Eaton.

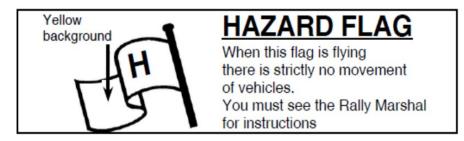
It is sad to report that Bob passed away on 1st January 2023. I'm sure many of the older members will remember him and Jackie and Paul who was always amongst the teenagers years ago.

Talking to Jackie after the funeral, she was asking after the people who rallied with them back in the 80's. Paul reminded Dave of how he enjoyed him teaching him to drive round the test course with the old caravan and how he competed in the competition with his Dad and won a cup. Memories are wonderful things and we look back on them with smiles on our faces.

Our thoughts are with the family.

Kath Young





The site itself is difficult to fault, toilet blocks were modern, clean and warm, all the site was clean and well maintained with a bar serving food, all in all, excellent.

There were many places to visit with a short driving distance of the site, Alicante, Murcia, Cartagena to name a few of the larger places but so many smaller villages and small towns that it would take months to visit them all. Catral is the nearest village, 5 minute drive, which has several supermarkets with one in particular selling British goods, I even bought a Warburton's loaf at the onsite shop. There were many restaurants in Catral, some of them British owned where good and reasonably priced food could be had.

As with all rallies the atmosphere was very friendly and everyone so helpful if you had a query or a problem, and you cJanets was held on Monday tould join in with the activities if you wished or just do your own thing if that was what you wanted.

The weather until the end of January was generally sunny, although sometimes windy and sometimes the nights were freezing. When February arrived there seemed to be a change in the weather, we didn't see too much of the sun with a lot of days cloudy and overcast but at least the only snow we saw was in the

Northern mountains.



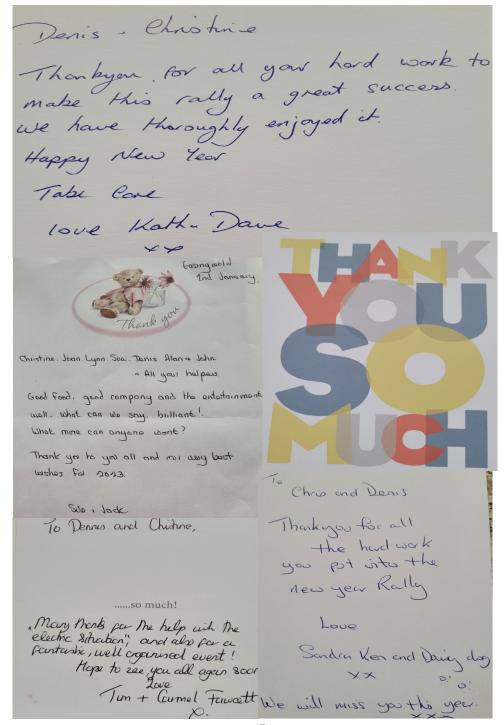
Eventually, all good things must come to an end and we started to make our way back, we started the journey back by driving back to Camping Aranjuez International for just one night and then the 290 miles drive to Camping Vergin Del Mar at Santander for three nights. We had a little look around Santander and the surrounding areas before leaving for the ferry on the 2nd. March. The ferry was called Santona and it was its

maiden voyage which was quite exciting. We sailed at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and had a much calmer crossing than sailing out, we managed to upgrade our passage with entrance to the Commodore Lounge on our trip back, a private lounge and masses of food and drink included, a very nice way to end the holiday.

This voyage only had one night on board so we landed in Portsmouth at 8.30 p.m. on the 3rd. March. We had booked a site just outside Portsmouth for the night and then drove home on the following day.

All in all a very good experience, the downside being the driving but you get away from the British climate for a couple of Winter months and experience something different.

John and Sue Holroyd



New year rally 2022 /2023.

We attended the New Year Rally again this year at the Rix Pavilion in Driffield. It was the 25th anniversary of the Rally, run by Chris and Denis Brennan and co marshals. It is a great venue and you can walk into Driffield easily. There is two nights of professional entertainment and food on three nights. It is optional if you want to stay on to the 2nd January making it a four night rally.

DJ Denis is there to keep you entertained as well, a cooked breakfast one morning, done by Sandra and her great team. The marshals work very hard to make it a great success for everyone.

Sue Holroyd

Barn Dance 28th January.

Just a short note to say how much we enjoyed the annual barn dance. It certainly turns into a bit of a workout with lots of laughter when it all goes wrong and it does. The caller in our opinion adds to the fun on the night with his laid-back attitude and judging by his expressions when it goes wrong adds to the laughter.

It appears to us that there is a shortage of men, this complicates things further when two ladies dance together. Maybe it's time to ask the man / woman to wear a blue tabard with a big M on it. Not sure if they need to go up the transgender route but just wear the tabard and become a man for the night. Our thanks go to June and Tim for the lovely supper all prepared and cooked at their home and brought in nice and hot.

As usual the motorbike club members joined us. Numbers were slightly down this year. They all enjoyed themselves and always say its unbelievable value for their money.

Sue and John Dale

DRIVING What DO I NEED IN EUROPE LEGALLY?-

Every country has different laws about the kind of kit you need to carry with you. . However, for all countries in Europe:

NO International Driving Permit (IDP)

Yes Full, valid photo driving licence (if 'old' paper licence, take an IDP to support it) NO Green Card proof of insurance (though check with your insurance provider that you have European cover, and if towing a caravan or trailer)

Yes Insurance documents

YES V5 registration document

YES UK (not GB) sticker

YES Blind spot (Ángles Morts) stickers (for vehicles greater than 3,500kg)

After setting up we went to Lidl, because of import restrictions we had very little food.

The thing that amazed me was that the Spanish do not celebrate Christmas as we do. Their main celebration is 3 Kings day which was the 5th January, which was the day after we arrived. As we walked round Lidl there were Christmas carols and Christmas songs playing all in English, very weird.

We stayed at Burgos for three nights and found what a lovely place it is, with an outstanding Cathedral, for a small town to have the third largest Cathedral in Spain is amazing.

The weather was generally sunny but cool, but with the sun shining it was very pleasant although at night it got down to - 4 degrees Celsius.

On the Saturday we set off for the 180 mile drive to Camping Aranjuez International which is about 20 miles South of Madrid. This was the reason for staying in Northern Spain, never having been to Madrid and being a place we wanted to see we took the emperturity.

wanted to see, we took the opportunity. We found the site with ease and set up and settled in, during the next few days we explored the area and spent 2 days exploring Madrid which is a beautiful city with some magnificent buildings. We went by train from Aranjuez which was relatively painless and we enjoyed the experience.

We left the site on the Friday to head for our main destination in Spain, the rally at Alannia Costa Brava.

It was a 250 mile drive to Alannia which was a reasonably comfortable journey with just 12 Euro toll charge.

We checked in on site and were given a pitch number but told if we didn't like it to choose another pitch and let them know. When we got down there we found a lot of ralliers already there, but the Caravan Club had 200 pitches reserved for them and any which didn't have anything on it we could use, so we picked a South facing plot near the toilet block and that was it. The pitches all had water, electric, grey water disposal and British T.V.

There were three sets of Marshals on site, who were there for the full period and couldn't be more helpful.

During our 6 weeks on site they organised many activities such as Dinner Dances, games nights, quiz nights, dancing, bike rides, live entertainment, days out and all sorts to keep us amused. We had our own dedicated Social Room which seated around 180 people and everything was pre booked so there was no queuing or fighting for places. At its peak there were 380 people on the rally.

WINTER IN SPAIN

We took the decision to try something different this year to get away from the cold and wet of an English Winter, so after looking at various possibilities we decided to opt for a Caravan and Motorhome Club long stay rally on the Costa Brava.

The rally runs for almost three months, it would run longer but for the restrictions of how long the British are allowed to stay in Europe, and unusually it is run directly by the Club and not by a Centre.

It was a bit of a journey into the unknown whilst having been to Spain on many occasions but never with the caravan at this time of the year.

The rally and ferry were all booked directly with the Club with the minimum of fuss apart from we couldn't get the ferry we wanted due to the popularity of the sailings, so we had to settle for a sailing on the 2nd. January.

We left the Driffield New Year Rally on New Year's Day, went home and loaded the van and set off nice and early on the 2nd January for the 270 mile drive to Portsmouth. The run down, although longer than I would normally like, went well with not a lot of traffic about, and we found the Brittany Ferries Terminal with ease and ended up on the dock by 5 o'clock. There were already many vans and motorhomes there and they started boarding around 7.30 p.m. A lot of the vehicles were subject to inspection by customs, what they were looking for I don't know, but we were lucky and drove straight on board and found our cabin without a problem. The difference with these ferries is that you are allowed to take virtually anything you can carry into your cabin so kettle, food, snacks, cool bags, beer, wine were carried up by everyone. It's a 34 hour crossing with one evening meal included so you just go prepared.

The ship we went on was Galicia, a very new ship, and could not really be faulted, we were very pleased.

The ship sailed about 10.p.m. and after a pint we retired to bed.

A good nights sleep and breakfast in the cabin we went for an explore around the ship and spent a day just relaxing.

The evening meal on the second night was included in the price and was enjoyable. By this time the sea was getting a bit rough but we weathered it without any problem. Another good night's sleep and then watched as we sailed into Santander by 8 o'clock the following morning.

We disembarked before 9 o'clock and drove straight out and away. There were big queues for people bringing animals into Spain and also we heard of people getting stopped and searched for illegal food products, and if found these were confiscated.

We set off for our first stop at Camping Fuentes Blanco in Burgos which was a 110 mile drive from the port. I didn't want a particularly long drive on the first day due to them driving on the wrong side of the road, and we coped O.K. despite low cloud and fog.We arrived about lunch time.

Killerby Hall 8th to the 12th February

Killerby hall is a lovely site with electric, and a warm shower block. It was our first rally of the season. We arrived on Wednesday, legs down then say hi to everyone. We went for a walk to the sea and had coffee at the tow bar pub on the way back. On Thursday we caught a bus to Filey, had lunch out then back for a game of bingo in the barn. Friday night there was a social in the barn but we had booked to see the Jersey beats at Scarborough spa, they were fabulous. On Saturday we went on the bus to Scarborough, the weather was really kind to us. Saturday night there was a singer in the barn. Great rally! Thanks to Joan, Christine and Denis for all your hard work.

Pam and Neil Gosnay

St Helens Wykeham 24th - 26th February

We arrived as the rally opened on Friday and were met by four windswept and very wet marshals. Who in spite of the awful weather greeted us with smiles, well done Val, Margaret, Ian and Brian.

Legs down and feet up and catch up with our other ralliers.

Saturday we ventured in to Scarborough for a wander in the direction of M & S. I didn't make it. I passed out in the street June was helped to look after me with the help of two total strangers and a shop assistant rang for an ambulance. I did not go back to the rally I spent four days in York Hospital undergoing tests to establish the cause. I was allowed out and referred to Hull Royal and they took up the challenge to identify the cause. The search is still in progress. I think I might apply for a season ticket for the Car Park. June returned to the rally and a lone night in the caravan. On Sunday she towed the van back to storage. That was made possible by three very willing helpers. Although I think they had to fight to be allowed to do it as most of the other rally members wanted to help as well.

A very BIG thank you to each and every one of you. You proved that when a friend was in need you were friends indeed.

Bist Woshes to you all Tim

Global Health Insurance Card

If you have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), this remains valid until its expiry date. However, its replacement (unless you have EU citizenship) is the UK's Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC), which is free to obtain from gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card. Note, this is not the same as travel insurance, but does allow you to receive state healthcare at a reduced cost, or sometimes free while visiting qualifying countries, which includes all EU countries and Switzerland (providing you are a British national). The GHIC is not valid in Norway, Iceland, or Liechtenstein.

Dinner Dance and Cabaret at Driffield Showground 23rd to 26th March

The Centres Dinner Dance was a great success this year, we felt we had ironed out any little problems from last year. The singer was Don Paton, who was very good. He had a lovely voice, and had been in musical theatre. He got everyone up dancing. Our very own DJ Denis was on



hand for the lighting and music too. The food was excellent as was the company. Joan Baxter our social secretary had done a great job.



We had a raffle then the presentation to Kath and Dave Young. (Please see the report below) Then it was on with the dancing. It was a great weekend, well done to the rally marshals and everyone else who contributed to its success.

Sue Holroyd

Sargent stinger 310 alarm.

Follow up to the article in the Winter About.

The alarm system decided to revert to its old problems of losing its memory. No option left other than to remove the full alarm system and take it into the factory close to Beverley. Sargent have a fixed charge system to fix the alarm regardless of the fault. Turnaround was quite quick. When repaired they post it back to you. I understand they replaced a printed circuit and the horn. It is now refitted back in the caravan and waiting to go on its first rally of the year so we will see if all is well.

John Dale

Adult Quiz Answers on page 21

Can you find the rally venue?

Find the 24 Rally vnues in the wordsearch

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Young Ralliers competition. Answers on page 20

All About Rabbits

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



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Presentation of The Simpson Appreciation Award.

A presentation took place at the Dinner Dance, of The Simpson Family Appreciation Award to Kath and Dave Young.

After many years supporting the Centre I felt they needed recognition for

their dedication to the Centre. Dave has been on the committee since 1995. He has had many positions, and most years doing 2 or 3 different jobs, from been Chairman to Brochure coordinator, which position he still holds as a non-Committee member. He was About Editor, Web Master, Membership Secretary, Six star and Northern Region representative, and of



course Vice Chair then Chairman, and many other posts too. Kath went on to the committee in 2005, she was the About editor and Web master, Membership secretary, Plaque officer and many more positions until she became Chairman. Then she was off the committee for 5 years before stepping in to be the Club secretary and Membership secretary for another 5 years. This is a brief résumé of the positions they have held for the centre and the Northern Region.

Sue Holroyd

What a fantastic weekend we had. The meal was delicious, the room looked fantastic and the artist, Don Paton, was absolutely brilliant. He



sang such a range of songs, from musical theatre to all our favourites. The dance floor was packed. The atmosphere was so good everyone was laughing and having a good time. Look out for next year before it gets booked up! And then to finish off our fabulous weekend, we were shocked and surprised to be awarded the Simpson Family Appreciation Award. It is awarded to the person or persons who have given

exceptional service to the Centre over a number of years. Well Dave and I have been around a long time! and filled quite a few Jobs over that time, which we have thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to everyone we are truly thrilled.

Dave and Kath Young

CHANGES IN CARAVANNING IN THE LAST 50 YEARS

We bought our first caravan just after we got married 52 years ago. Before that, Richard had had a few holidays with his friends under canvas, but I had had more luxury!!! Two of my Aunties had wooden bungalows on the cliff top at Skipsea, long before there were any caravan sites there! The Auntie's bungalow at the Atwick side of Skipsea was very basic, namely that we had to fetch the water from a shared tap further along the cliff top and the loo was a hut just behind the bungalow which the local farmer used to empty for them [for a small fee!] The other Auntie's bungalow was at the Ulrome end of Skipsea and actually had running cold water and an outside loo that flushed!!!

I had never fancied tenting and Richard was not too keen so we decided that we needed to get a caravan. We had some friends who had one and said how good it was to get away now and again. Our first caravan was a 10 foot Sprite 400 with a double bed at the front, a single bed just inside the door. It had a sink, free standing small gas fire, gas mantles for lighting and a small gas hob for cooking on. The cold running water you got by using a foot pump in the floor, just in front of the sink. There was no fridge! OR Loo! No one told us about toilet tents so at first we just went to Club Sites. We also soon found it best to travel without the gas mantles in place as more often than not they would get damaged if you went over a bump in the road.

We caravanned this way for a couple of years, [I still have nightmares of going to the toilet block at Sutton on Sea in the dark with my torch, to find the walls, floor and toilet seats and bowls covered in daddy-longlegs!!!] In the Summer of 1973, our friends went to their first Northern Centres Rally and came back singing its praises. That decided us, we needed a caravan with a loo so in the October we bought a second-hand Cavalier 1200 complete with loo. It also had a cool box under the floor which the previous owner had installed—Luxury! We used to take the cot side with us to help make a safe bed for Joanne and we kept this van until Philip arrived when we realised we needed to make another change.

Through the years caravans came and went and with each one there was something new to admire. We progressed from gas lights to fluorescents to battery powered light bulbs, to L.E.D.'s and electric lights. We went from a foot pump in the floor to get cold water, to running hot water, and free standing gas fires to gas fires that had an igniter, then to Aldi central heating which was great especially in the Winter time. We also progressed up in van size as my Mother lived with us for a few years and the children became teenagers! The largest we went to was a twin axle Swift Conqueror. Toilets went from the very basic to porta potties and right up to fixed toilets that looked like the ones at home!

Eventually we got to the point were we needed to downsize and before having to give up caravanning we had a Bessacarr Cameo 4 berth—we were not

allowed to go to a two berth as by this time there were grandchildren to consider!

So we went from a 10foot Sprite with 2 gas lights and NO loo! to an all electric Cameo with electric hotplate and more lights and sockets than you could count. We had some great times over the years and made some very good friends along the way and we have lots of memories and photographs to look back on!!!

Janice Benson

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER....!!!!!

I just recently found out that Val & Jack Poole celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary [60years!!!] last October. So I would like to wish them all the best as 60 years is quite an achievement.

Although Val and Jack stopped caravanning a few years ago due to ill health, they are still members of The Caravan Club and they have now passed their 50th year of membership in September 2021. Jack was never on the Committee but he was very involved in the early days with the organisation of the Photographic Competition and for quite a number of years took the Committee photographs for the Brochure. Jack has also presented a cup to the Centre for one of the Competition categories. He and Val were also often winners themselves in the various sections!

For those who don't know, after 50 years membership, you become a Life Member and pay no more annual fee but you still have voting rights at the AGM and still get the Caravan Club magazine! We, along with Tony & Sandra Martin, and John & Muriel Bloom got to the 50 years in 2020 and received our plaques from East Grinstead. It is a shame that none of us are still caravanning [mainly for health reasons] and we sadly lost Muriel last October.

I am sure that the others will agree with me that we have lots of good and happy memories from over the 50 years and also made a lot of friends both in our own Centre and beyond! May the East Yorkshire Centre "Live Long & Prosper!"

Janice Benson

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Many campers now enjoy renewable energy at their pitch, generally from a solar panel but occasionally from a small wind turbine. Did you know such turbines were around 80 years ago?

Photovoltaic solar panels have only become commonplace on the campsite over the last decade or so, but solar water heaters have been around for much longer. The Supersol solar water heater was reviewed in the July issue of the Club magazine in 1976, claiming to heat water to 60C in 90 minutes.