



# North Wales Centre of the Caravan Club Newsletter

**H**ello again and welcome to the North Wales Centre Newsletter. I know I know your all saying its about time. But seriously before complaining, why not offer to write a review????? That would help me speed things up. Anyway as usual thank you to those who provide me with much needed photos and write ups., It wouldn't be the same without you. Enjoy. *Claire*

## 40th Anniversary Rally Bodrhyddan Hall

**T**he 40th Anniversary Rally was a huge success and a fabulous celebration. With something for everyone. A huge effort was made by the committee and especially Gill & Paul Pollock and an army of helpers, (too many to list here) to ensure a great time was had at a reasonable price.



There was plenty of Centre memorabilia on display for us all to see. The Casino night was brilliant and even the youngsters had a whale of a time with their fake money. The

70's night was an eye opener, what with me being too young to remember the fashions the first time round.... The live entertainment was a hit, any band that can sound so good live in a marquee in the middle of a field is destined for great things

I'm sure. Don Bithells pipe band actually had me in tears they were so good. The family challenge was a hoot, typically involving buckets of water, obstacle courses and gunge. And everyone receiving a medal. But the highlight for me as always is the tug of war. Halkyn team came along and gave our boys a challenge, and then all hell broke loose with everyone and their dog having a go. Thanks to all who made the weekend possible, I know the Ballard clan had a fantastic time. *CB*





**H**i Just like to say huge thank you to everybody concerned, for such a brilliant-inexpensive Weekend at the North Wales Caravan Clubs 40th Anniversary. It was full of entertainment all weekend. Well done to everybody.  
*Maureen & Terry Humphries.*

**G**ill and Paul Pollock would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the people who helped us at the 40th Anniversary Rally. Without them the Casino Night and the Family Challenge would not have been possible. So Big Thanks to the following people.

CASINO NIGHT CROUPIERS

Russ and Sally Hodgkinson  
Richard and Pauline Hookes  
Don and Julie Bithell  
Ross Canham  
Lewis and Alex Hunt  
Adam Langan  
Adam Langan  
Phil Roberts  
Nat and Beth Pollock  
Gemma and Tasha

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Richard Hookes  
Jason Ballard  
Russ and Sally Hodgkinson  
Lewis and Alex Hunt  
Ross Canham

Also, Thanks to Steve Roberts and John Howells for helping to set up.



Conwy 7th-9th May

**W**e missed last years rally as it clashed with another, and so we were really pleased to be able to attend again. Its such a treat to have full electric and shower facilities for just £12. The excitement must have gone to my head as I drank rather a lot of alcohol in a very short time, mistook the caravan window for the door and lost nearly all of Saturday day to a hangover from hell. (Will I ever learn???) But none the less I did enjoy myself as did everyone else. We had a walk around Conwy and generally chilled out. I really hope the rally is on again for next year. Thanks to Karen & David Wynne and Heather & Tony Martin for organising. **CB**

## International Food Fest 21st-23rd May

**T**his has got to be one of my favorite rallies ever. I don't think I personally will ever get bored of the idea. Is so simple yet brilliant. Everyone make a dish from a different country, get together, eat and socialise. I think everybody really gets into the spirit and practices their said dish for weeks before hand. Its just like Come Dine With Me. Jason had made a stunning pate and I have no words for Chelle's eating mess. Thanks to Sue, Chelle & John and Rose & Barry, Cant wait till next year. **CB**



## Our 2010 Holiday

What a good start to our holiday, first we went on the Food Fest Rally at Ruthin, again a really great rally, thanks to Sue, John, Chelle, Rose & Barry. What could be a better start: Weather great, something for everyone to do, usual good standard with the food from different countries, what a great weekend. Sunday morning saw us off on our first part of our journey to Spain, to meet with Gill & Walter the rally officers for the holiday. We had to be down there before the rally started to sort out and get set up before any ralliers arrived. It was a wonderful journey down, with (over 1,200 miles) plenty to see and the weather was great. We arrived at our destination on Wednesday night, welcomed by Gill & Walter, we then went to the site (Thursday am) and started work (Ha Ha), our ralliers came from: South Hants, North Yorks, Avon, West Hampshire, East Sussex, West Dorset, South Yorks, West Surrey, Australia and not forgetting North Wales. The rally started with flag, a warm & friendly welcome to all the centres, with cheese & wine and plenty of beer. During our 4 weeks stay at Camping Salatta everyone enjoyed the fun games- boules, daily bingo, organised train & boat trips etc. The one trip that stands out was the Paella beach party, it was part of a boat trip, it was fantastic, paella & sangria- as much as you could eat and drink, dancing on the beach, it was brilliant. We did an American supper night, fancy dress (cow boys & cow girls) another good night, with Sue Northcote and Kev Summers providing the music for a sing along. Also on another night we had a Race Day which was very well attended and all in fancy dress, well done to all, there was plenty of Champagne, Wine & Beer, 'But No Strawberries'.

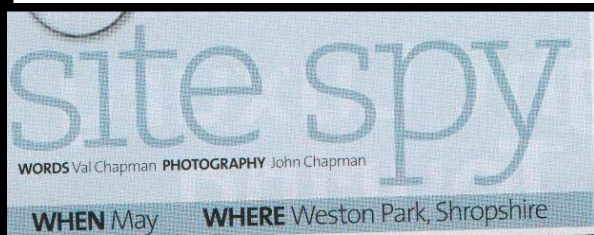


## Our 2010 Holiday Continued



**T**here was so much to see and do and we know everyone enjoyed themselves, everyone on the rally just got on so well, which made it great for us as Rally Officers, it really was like having a huge family holiday. All too soon closing flag

was in sight, and we had to say all our goodbyes, but what a holiday, and to end it a big fireworks display on the beach! Now its time to go ourselves, our journey back to the Uk, once again a good run home from Spain/France to Britain a couple of night sin Stratford Upon Avon, then onto the rally The Manor Born, from there to Llangollen Eisteddfod Rally, then we finished where we started off from at Ruthin Route 76, and from there home, Nearly 8 weeks later). Well thanks to everyone on all the rallies—very good and enjoyed them! Looking forward to a rest (Ha Ha) **Maureen & Terry.** (Total miles 2,800)



## 83rd National Rally 28th- 1st June



**O**ur first English National took us to Weston Park in Shropshire. Friday was glorious and as we sat outside our caravan enjoying the sun we were 'Papped' and interviewed for the magazine Go Caravan, as indeed were Helen & Steve and also Rose & Barry. (I have a copy if anyone wants to see it). If you asked Holly what was her favourite part I'm sure she'd say the climbing wall. She was there all the time. We didn't see any of the entertainment as to be fair I thought it was bit expensive. There was a huge variety of stalls and also plenty to see during the day. After said glorious weather on the Friday, the heavens opened and boy did it rain!! Our boys did fantastic in the football and I'm sure they are going to do really well at The Welsh National as will the girls at Netball. I do have a confession that I must get of my chest, I donned a South Wales t-shirt and played in their netball team.... Oh the shame!!! Once again our tug of war boys did great coming in 3rd. Their hard work and commitment must be praised as they practice weekly with the Halkyn team and are all taking it very seriously and doing us proud. **CB**

**2 CARAVAN CLUB NATIONAL RALLY**  
Close on 10,000 caravanners turned Weston Park in Shropshire into a large village for the Caravan Club's National Rally. Go Caravan was there to meet some of the caravanners...

**1. THE BALLARD FAMILY**  
In: Lunar Zenith 6  
Jason and Claire, with Holly (10) and Daniel (five) are from Flint in North Wales. They rally every weekend; this was their first English National Rally although they'd been to the Welsh National.

**2. THE JONES AND ROBERTS FAMILIES**  
In: Fleetwood Heritage 640EB (Roberts family) and Elddis Avantis 636 (Roberts family)  
The families, from Denbighshire, are Rose and Barry Jones (North Wales Centre chairman), and Stephen and Helen Roberts, with Tomos, nine, and Phillip, 15. They're proudly displaying the banner of the North Wales centre.

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# 83rd National Rally 28th- 1st June Continued

**A**ngela, Abigail and Adam were robbed in the cookery competition, I know as I managed to taste all of their entries and was mighty impressed. Overall I did enjoy the event, it was an experience, however I don't think we'll be going again I much prefer the Welsh Nationals. **CB**



## Evesham Riverside -Holiday Rally 11th-20th June

The Evesham Rally went down well with 27 Caravans attending and everybody enjoyed themselves. A sum of £62.00. was collected for the Wales Air Ambulance. Some balloons went over on Sunday morning and we had some of the members coming out of their vans in dressing gowns and pyjamas.

All the best **Bryn and Ceinwen**



## Boules & Lawn Darts 26th-28th June

Another old favourite, the annual Boules & Lawn Darts Competition, its great to see everyone muck in with this, whether it be playing or marking, it really brings everyone together, children and adults. The charity BBQ is a great way of raising money, and means we don't have to cook at lunch time. The weather was kind to us even allowing us to sit out late of an evening. Thanks To Sue, Chelle & John for running this rally. We really enjoyed it. **CB**



**5 MPH ON THE  
RALLY FIELD**



## Llanbedr Route 76 9-11th July

**A** celebration of real Ales, in 8 pubs. You had to feel sorry for the bus drivers on this day, picking up and dropping off people at various pubs in the vale of Clwyd. It was a really good day although next year I do think some more buses would be an idea, as it was absolutely heaving, and we got stranded in a pub a couple of times (I can think of worse places). We were treated to some Morris dancers and the entertainment at the Griffin on Saturday night was a brilliant live band who had Jay and me boogying the night away followed by a long walk back to Bryns field. All in all a great day out. Thanks to Beryl & Alan and Bryn & Ceinwen for organising the rally to coincide with this event. **CB**



**A**s I have said previously, our Tug Of War boys are really training hard and recently took part in a competition at a Fun Day in Rhyl's Botanical Gardens. And won! they were featured in the Rhyl & Prestatyn Journal. Come On The National!!!! **CB**



ABOVE: Winners: Dave Lanegan, Stephen Roberts, Gary Hughes, Andy Chambers, Neil Gelder, David Bache, Jason Ballard, and Sion Hunt.  
BELOW: Runners up: Graham May, Keith Hilton, Chris Campbell, Gordon Smith, Liam Chapman, Mark James Taylor, Andrew Randles and Mark Jones, plus Swan licensees Amanda and Noel.



## Caravan pull sinks The Swan

**CROWDS** turned out for the seventh annual Fun Day at the Botanical Gardens in Rhyl.

Highlight of the day was the tug of war when a team from the The Swan Inn, Rhyl was outpulled in the final by the North Wales Caravan Club.

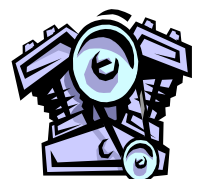
The event was refereed by Don Barker, UK and World Tug of War judge with Miss Rhyl, Fiona Smith, presenting the Journal Tug of War Challenge Trophy to the NWCC team captain Gary Hughes, plus cans of stout to each member of the finalists. It is hoped the tug of war will become an annual event at the fun day.

The crowds enjoyed a variety of entertainments including the Rhyl Town Council individual bowls competition which was won by Sunny Rhyl Bowling Club President, Mike Stanley, whose prize included a meal for two at The Swan Inn.

This was the seventh Fun Day laid on by Rhyl South West Central Residents' Association and Ann Jones, AM, Chris Ruane, MP, and Cllr Dave Thomas joined the crowds who took part and supported the event.



Generators are not to be used before 10:00am and please be considerate with use. (That means don't leave it on all day)



## Bodelwyddan French Connection 30th-1st August



**W**e returned to an old venue for this new Rally. Friday was spent mingling with friends old and new, and I think

I feel a De Ja Vue coming on from Conwy, (but no I knew where the door was this time) although the hangover from hell reared

its ugly head again, (Will I ever learn???) But that didn't stop me enjoying the fun and games the rally officers laid on. Saturday



morning we were treated to a French breakfast, I had croissants and black coffee—lovely. Saturday afternoon saw us tossing pancakes whilst trying to swallow a pancake, navigating an obstacle course whilst in a race. Brilliant fun. Congratulations to all the Champion Tossers. We had a cheese & wine evening with a difference, no labels on the cheese or wine, and we had to identify what we were eating and drinking, another original idea which went down really well- apart from the blackcurrant! Finished off with a fun quiz. We really enjoyed this rally and hope it will be repeated next year.

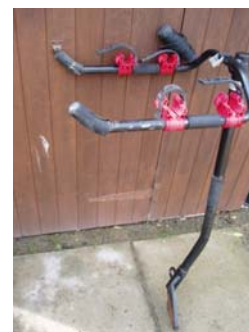


Thanks to Helen, Steve, Philip & Tomos and Mary, Peter and Chelsea. **CB**

### FOR SALE

#### Witter Cycle Carrier

Tow Ball Mounting suitable for L R Discovery or similar with wheel on rear door. Holds up to 3 bikes. Complete with 2 sets of Witter bike clamps. £50.



### FOR SALE

#### Isabella Awning 900cm Awning,

Blue & Grey, Fibre Poles, Draught Skirt, Curtains Pegs etc. Good Condition new Caravan forces sale .£300 ono. 01928 724454



## FOR SALE Full Awning

Dorema Senator Lux, excellent condition, included fibre-glass poles, skirt and wheel cover. New van forces sale £400 ono. 07887718907 or 01978 352454

## FOR SALE Honda 2000 Generator

excellent working order £600 ono. 07887718907 or 01978 352454

### NOTICES

**M**ary and Peter Newcombe would like to thank all friends and members for their kind support, messages and sympathy cards. Also the help given by all on the 40th rally after the sudden loss of Mary's dad Mr Edward William Davies.

Happy Birthday Erica Hunt , 10 on 21st May.

Happy Birthday Alex Gelder, 8 on 22nd May

Happy Birthday Rhys Gelder 4 on 11th June.

Happy Birthday Holly Ballard, 11 on 1st July.

Happy Birthday Alex Hunt 16 on 3rd August.

Happy Birthday Freya Hunt 5 on 5th August.

Happy Birthday Ashley Hughes 20th August.



**T**hank you to all who contributed to this newsletter, especially Mark Evans for supplying nearly all of the photos featured. Good Luck to all who are competing at the Welsh National. **CB**