



North Wales Centre of the Caravan Club Newsletter

Welcome to the latest edition of the North Wales Centre Newsletter. In this edition you will find reports on Holiday and National Rallies as well as other snippets of news. As always it goes without saying that this letter couldn't be produced with out the valuable input by our centre members, So thank you and enjoy. *Claire*

TRACKTEST DENBIGH 11-13 JUNE

Thanks to all who attended the Track Test Rally at Denbigh back in June. Our thanks also goes to Abigail, Dave, Helen, Steve, Phillip and Tomos for running the rally, which allowed the rest of the gang to set out the interesting course on Saturday morning.

Huge thanks to all the marshals. *Rose Jones.*



Here are the results:

Mens Expert	1st Phil Howells 2nd Chris Roberts	Gwyn Morris Trophy Ceinwen & Bryn Trophy
Ladies Expert	1st Rose Jones 2nd Sue Rowlands	Barbara & Harold Trophy
Mens Novice	1st Kevin Hewitt 2nd Craig Hughes	Ann & Bruce Westmoreland Trophy
Ladies Novice	1st Debbie Mostyn-Jones 2nd Mary Newcombe	Rose & Barry Trophy
Team Award	Debbie Mostyn-Jones Kevin Hewitt Phil Howells	Elwyn Evans Memorial Trophy.





The rain was poring down as we put the last few bits and bobs in the car (including the kids). We locked the front door, closed the gates and we were on our holiday. Thunder cracked and lightening flashed and the rain was bouncing off the road in front of us. What a great start!! Five hours later after a couple of stops for a drink and a bite to eat, we finally arrived at the rally field at Dan Yr Ogof Caves. We were given a warm welcome with a nice hot cup of tea (thanks Claire), as

it was still raining and everyone was getting soaked putting up awnings and getting water etc. Later on we were told flag was cancelled as it was still raining, so we settled down in the caravan with dinner in the oven and cracked open the beer. Saturday morning soon arrived, we were told flag would be on later that morning. At flag we were asked to look for a little yellow duck hidden by our caravan. Unbeknown to us this duck found on the A-frame of our van was to become a new member of our family! Different tasks were going to be set during the week for our duck and we had to him with us everywhere as we weren't allowed back on the field without him. All our competitions were to do with ducks as well. Our first evening of entertainment was a quiz under the roof of the marquee, surrounded by windbreaks and umbrellas as yes you can guess it was raining again. Some lovely punch was provided along with cheese and biscuits, and we all got stuck in to a bit of fun with the quiz. The rain eased off and we were all able to enjoy the rest of the evening. One of our tasks with our duck was to take him



and photograph him in unusual places. I wish Gary didn't know this as he took us here, there and everywhere to take pictures of our flipping duck! I kept the kids entertained though as they got to the stage where it was them who had the duck in their pockets every time we went anywhere. Another evening entertainment was a BBQ with another quiz, lovely hotdogs, burgers, salad and more saved us from cooking tea. We also had to make a costume for our duck for his first competition. The quiz was a music tracks and themes from TV programmes, have to say our team won that round, some of us watch too much TV! As well as the entertainment put on by our rally officers, for which we thank you very much, we were out and about

to see other things too. We went shopping in Swansea, hiked up and down muddy tracks to see a fantastic waterfall. We went to a primate sanctuary and saw chimps, baboons etc, some of which were hilarious to watch. Also we spent a day at the Dan Yr Ogof Show caves which were amazing, plus a look around the animal attractions included in the price, were we spent ages watching the chipmunks running around all their cages linked by tunnels running up the walls, across the ceiling and back to the cage. There was also tiny ponies (one of which was for sale and Samantha wanted us to bring it back home in the caravan), a shire horse, goats, pigs rabbits and a donkey. All in all a good day out. Towards the end of the rally our duck had to be dressed up as 'Jurassic Duck' lucky for us we had a dinosaur with us and just stuck it to our duck! We also handed in our ducky competitions, thank God Gary didn't have to take any more photos, he was driving us potty. Thanks to something that happened with Claire and a wasp, we won the adults competition of drawing a cartoon. Samantha won her competition of making a duck pond with origami ducks and thankfully Gary won the best photographed duck, all because he had the cheek to go into an expensive jewelry shop and ask the lady to put the duck in the window! What a brilliant rally, despite the weather. Our rally officers worked hard and we really enjoyed it. Our thanks to Claire, Jason, Holly, Daniel, Michelle, Neil, Alex and Rhys. We all had a great time and our little yellow duck travels with us everywhere in the caravan sitting on the middle shelf.

Julie, Gary, Samantha and Ashley Hughes.



Dan Yr Ogof



We would like to thank all of the ralliers who attended the pre national in Brecon. The weather was not the best , but the field held up really well, possibly something to do with the magical standing stones in our field. It was great to see everybody coming out and supporting the bits and bobs we did lay on. It was great how everybody adopted their duck and really got into the spirit of things. Thanks again, **Claire, Jay, Holly, Dan, Chelle, Neil, Alex & Rhys.**



Preparing Breakfast for our ralliers.



Just two of those who tried to get back on the field without their duck.

Enjoying the local hostelry.

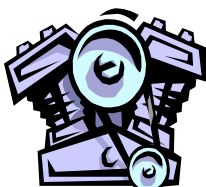


Runner Up Best Dressed Duck 'Duck ala Orange'.

Winner & Runner Up 'Jurassic Duck'.



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



It didn't rain the whole of the time.



58th Welsh National Rally 26-31 August



We left Brecon and headed along to the Carmarthen Showground, knackered but ready to enjoy all that the Welsh National had to offer. And I was not disappointed. Firstly I must thank the Dyfed centre for placing us near



the actual activities. I know I was not alone last year in being very annoyed at how far away we were, and I also know that has put many off attending the Welsh Nationals south of our border. So they had brownie points straight away. The Welsh Beatles were brilliant and I am proud to say that Jay and myself were the first on the dance floor much to Rose & Barry's embarrassment when we grabbed them too. But hey somebody has to start the dancing!!!! The centre did really well in lots of competitions including, John Rowland's Red Wine, Jason Reversing, Football, Netball. We had a volleyball team but also a non member team made up mainly of North Wales members and some Cheshire members. I am pleased to say that our non Centre team came runner up. The 9- 12 girls did excellent in their netball gaining the runner up trophy and us mums also received the runner up trophy for netball, although we did get a by through to the final, but still we played really hard. The 9-12 and teen boys both walked away with the



winning trophies in the football. Our tug of war teamed showed us that their weekly training is paying off. And I believe we were only a couple of points out from being runner up in the inter centre cup. Not bad going. **CB**



Llangollen Show 3-5 September

The Llangollen Show as its now known turned out to be a really good weekend. We were treated to the now obligatory Llangollen punch on Friday night with nibbles. And spent Saturday down at the maes enjoying everything from Zip wires, to axe throwing, some balloons and of course Tug Of War, where our Tug of War Team thrashed the Young Farmers Team. It was a great atmosphere with lots of North Wales Centre Members out showing their support. We also celebrated Angela & Paul Horton's 35th Wedding Anniversary, Angela didn't want a fuss so naturally we decorated their awning while they were out. Our thanks goes to Sue, Chelle, John, Rose and Barry for organising this ever popular rally. **CB**

The North Wales Centre of the Caravan Club held a raffle on the weekend of 3rd September for the Golden Grove Appeal, on it's Llangollen rally. The rally was attended by over 50 vans and the centre was able to raise a total of 150.00 for the appeal. We were also able to raise awareness of the cause and over 50 flyers were handed out. A couple of the centre members are also planning a sponsored walk up Snowdon in October. Thank you to all who contributed.

Sally Hodgkinson.



Carry On Driving 1-3 October

This is the second year of this rally and I must say I thoroughly enjoyed it again. Jay was working late and so I said I would meet him there, it was gone 18:30 by the time he arrived. But I wasn't too concerned as plenty of people had offered beds for myself and the children. Although it was funny seeing people reaction when they asked me where my van was, I answered straight faced that the gap between Paul & Angela's and Peter & Marys van actually contained the new stealth model caravan, the amount of people who did a double take before realising was hilarious. Saturday we went for a nice walk into Ruthin and on our return found that an obstacle course for cars had been set up. For the first part the driver had to be blindfolded while the co driver guided them through a chicane, then came driving through a narrow gap, reversing over a balloon, driving through a low gap, parallel parking kicking a ball in to a goal and then reversing into a garage, while all the time trying not to loose any water from the bucket balancing on the bonnet, oh and did I mention the space hoppers? Jason won the Mens thanks to Holly's skill at co driving and Helen won the Ladies. I was really proud of Holly as she co drove for a couple of people and did a fantastic job as well as space hopping for them. The weekend also marked the cut off for nominees for the committee. Thanks to Dee, Eddie (although Dee couldn't be with us) Gail, Phil, John, Charley and Clwyd.

CB



Autumn Tints Llanberis 8-10th October



My last weekend as chairman was spent at this beautiful area of Llanberis. (I have missed this rally due to The Welsh Divisional Meeting at Builth Wells). Saturday Rose and I joined Sally, Russ, Gwynfor, David, Gill and Paul on a walk to the Summit of Snowdon at a height of 1085 meters. Most of the walk was brilliant, beautiful views but hard going on the steep rocky train and horrendous gusts of wind up to 80mph where visibility became zero. With safety in mind some of us decided to take the route back and three of the gang made the rest of the journey. Glad we did the walk but found muscles we never new we had. Sunday we took a very gentle stroll around the museum and watched the divers in the quarry lake. Thanks must go to Ceinwen, Bryn, Hilda and Peter for running this very popular rally and look for to next year. **Barry Jones**



Here are some pictures of us on Snowdon at the weekend. The walkers were Me & Russ, Paul & Gill, Rose & Barry, Gwyn and Dave. PS Winds were in excess of 70 mph, and of course I lost my coat. In total we think we have raised approx £400 for the Golden Grove

Mansion Appeal, details of the appeal are on the website www.goldengroveappeal.com Cheers, **Sally Hodgkinson.**



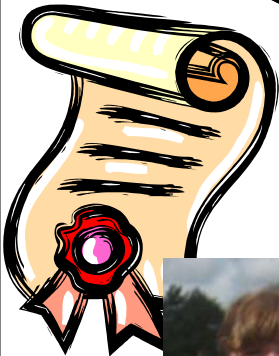


NOTICES

I am very sad to say we lost a much loved member of our Centre in September. Beryl Burleigh passed away on Monday 13th September. And our thoughts go out to Alan, Anita and their family at this truly sad time. Beryl will be remembered very fondly by all of us who knew her.



I would like to wish Gary Hughes a very Happy 20th Wedding Anniversary on October 20th from Julie xx



Congratulations to Samantha Hughes on passing all her GCSE'S and is now studying at the new Sixth Form College in Rhyl, doing A-Levels in Chemistry, Biology and Psychology as well as a Bachelorette in Welsh. Well Done!!



Happy Birthday to Gary Hughes on 7th November from Julie, Samantha & Ashley xx



If you were wondering what the road signs on some pages are for, well I can reveal I am trying to educate one of our centre members who clearly thinks his caravan is narrower than it is. No names but I am sure that a certain K Hewitt is now well aware that the Sat Nav is not always right (even if she is a woman) and that it pays to also read the road signs. Thanks for being such a Good Sport!! CB

AGM looms and I would just like to say that I do enjoy doing the newsletter, but if any of the new committee decide they would like to take it on then I will support them 100% or indeed if they don't then I am happy to continue. CB

