



# Newsletter

June 2026

*It's back!*

Well, no-one complained about the first revived newsletter so either no-one read it, or I didn't put anything naughty.

In this edition you will find a mixture of rally activities, from Queens to Cockchafers. Read on for more. Don't forget, message me if you have anything you would like to be in future editions, eg items for sale, special celebrations, funny snippets.

Thank you, hope to hear from you! Chris Royston, Editor.

## *Chairman's Chat*

Welcome to all our new and returning ralliers!

What a fantastic rallying season we have had so far, with so many rallies fully booked. Thank you to everyone who has supported and attended throughout the season, helping to make it such a success.

A special thank you to our outgoing Centre Queen, Lili-Rose, and her attendants for representing our centre so wonderfully over the past year. Your hard work, dedication, and commitment have been truly appreciated.

Congratulations to our new Centre Queen, Erin, and her attendants. Both our outgoing and incoming queens looked absolutely beautiful, and we wish Erin and her team a wonderful and memorable year ahead.

I'm looking forward to a fantastic summer of rallies, fun, friendship, and making many special memories together. Here's to a great summer!

See you all soon on the rally field

Thanks

Karl Wright  
Chairman  
South Yorkshire centre

## May Day 2026



### *Congratulations Erin*

Erin Lanford our Centre Queen for 2026/27 was crowned at the May Day rally. Erin is seen here with her 3 attendants: Isabel Bennett, Isla Fisher and Lacey Martin. You look stunning girls, have a fantastic time at the carnivals.



### *The John Poppleton trophy*

### *Congratulations yellow team*

The 2 team captains from May Day both did an amazing job. We had Kirsty Taylor heading up the blue team and Lauren Wall captaining the yellow team.

It was a closely fought competition but sadly there could only be one winner which was the yellow team.

Well done girls, fantastic friendly competition and friendships formed

# New Year Rally, few remaining spaces

## Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027

(with option to stay until Saturday 2nd)

- Why not join us to see in 2027 on the New Year Rally at Waddington Village Hall,
  - Short bus ride from Lincoln
- Hardstanding and grass pitches, toilets and showers available
  - Supermarket and dog friendly pub at the end of the road

For more details see the website



### 3 social evenings with 2-course dinner

- Fun quiz and games night
- Fancy dress night with 'Australian Christmas' theme
- Professional entertainer

### New Year's Eve extravaganza

- Canapes and cocktails
- Wine: your choice, red, white or rose
- Choice of starters and desserts
- Sumptuous buffet
- Midnight snacks

## Ordering Rally Plaques

Hi everyone, I am your friendly SYC rally plaque organiser, Wendy.

If you are running a rally you can order the plaques as soon as your rally is full, or at the latest a minimum of 3 weeks before your rally is due to start. How do you do this I hear you ask?

You can text me (07881 783665) or email me on [wfrost@ymail.com](mailto:wfrost@ymail.com). I need the name of the rally and the number of plaques you need. I need it in writing as I'm an old lady and might forget if you just ask me, especially if we are on a rally as I may be a little squiffy!

If you aren't running a rally, why not? We are always looking for new marshals and new ideas and are all here to help in any way we can. Please, give it a thought.

Happy rallying

Wendy

# Recent Rallies



## Youth committee café

At the St Pats rally at Styrrup the youth committee opened their café, selling teas and 'proper' coffees and a selection of cakes, and jam and cream scones which were enjoyed by all.

## Easter by the sea

It looks a bit nippy out there but lots of folks turned out for the annual Easter egg hunt on the beach at Fraisthorpe. Thankfully it was nice and warm in the marquee at night for the Easter bonnet parade



## Thaymar Ice Cream Rally

After a party afternoon with fun and games, all the children on the rally were treated to ice-creams by our lovely rally marshal Andress.

Thank you Aunty Andress!



# 2026 Charity News

What a great start to our fundraising for 2026 with the May Day spring fayre. A grand total of £1064 was raised, including £387 from the raffle, thank you all for your generous support.

**Donations:** Thank you to all you lovely members who donated items for the raffle and stalls. You are very much appreciated. We are also appreciative of the organisations who donated vouchers or prizes. These included a signed football from Rotherham United and match tickets from Sheffield United. We also had gifted a gas bottle level checker from Truma, and tickets for Cannon Hall farm and Yorkshire air museum to mention just a few.

**Nominations:** There are hundreds of deserving charities out there, but we don't get many nominations despite asking every year. If you know of a deserving charity which is close to your heart, please nominate it for next year. There are just a couple of simple rules, firstly, the charity should be South Yorkshire based, or have a group in South Yorkshire, and secondly, we don't donate cash, we buy goods or services of each of the charities' choice. We've made some interesting purchases over the years, when I was charity coordinator (Chris) we purchased a helmet for the air ambulance, and over 100 post mastectomy bras for Barnsley hospital breast cancer group. The new charities are chosen shortly after the AGM, so please put your nomination in writing and pass to any committee member or email to our secretary, details on website.

As promised in the last newsletter, here is more information about this year's chosen charities, and who nominated them.

## The 2026 chosen charities are

**Albert's Horse Sanctuary, Cawthorne, nominated by Alison Wharin**  
[albertshorsesanctuary.org.uk](http://albertshorsesanctuary.org.uk)

Based in stunning, peaceful countryside at Cawthorne, Barnsley, Albert's Horse Sanctuary is a loving forever home for rescued and surrendered animals. Here, horses, donkeys, sheep, goats, pigs, cats, hens and ducks find the safety, the best care and a second chance at happiness and life.



**Rotherham Organisation for Down's Syndrome nominated by Chris Royston**  
**rods-rotherham.org**

RODS is a registered charity, run by volunteer parents for the benefit of local people with Down's syndrome and their families. The trustees are all parents of people born with Down's syndrome. Some of their valuable work includes:

- Offering to speak to prospective parents who have been told there is a chance their baby will have Down's syndrome and offering support to parents who have a new baby with Down's.
- Providing information packs to give to new parents, or prospective new parents
- Offering advice and information on how to get the best support for people with Down's syndrome.
- Educational resources
- Creating opportunities for the community to develop through social gatherings including Christmas parties, trips to pantomimes, zoos and theme parks, and other fun activities

**Multiple Sclerosis Society Rotherham and South Yorks nominated by Kelly Clubb**  
**mssociety.org.uk**

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a condition that affects the central nervous system, that's the brain and spinal cord. In MS the coating that protects the nerves is damaged, resulting in a range of symptoms such as blurred vision, and problems with how we move, think and feel. Once diagnosed, MS is a lifelong condition, but treatment and specialists can help to manage the condition and its symptoms.

The group gives sufferers the chance to connect with others and share experiences. It provides socials groups and exercise classes, as well as advice on benefits, transport and other issues.

**ANDYSMANCLUB South Yorkshire nominated by Phil Martin**  
**andysmanclub.co.uk**

**All ANDYSMANCLUB groups meet on Mondays at 7pm**

The mission statement of ANDYSMANCLUB is "to prevent other families from going through the heartache and grief caused by suicide, by encouraging men to speak openly about their issues. We aim to achieve this through our Monday night talking groups, and through the power of awareness, sharing stories and sharing experiences".

**Future charity events in 2026**

Rod Possnett is our charity coordinator this year. Rodders is busy selling the small ducks for the duck race on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June with ducks costing £1 each. The ducks for the 'big race' were auctioned off at May Day, with half of the money going to the charity.

In September we have the harvest festival rally at Styrrup which also raises charity funds, and please don't forget we collect dead car and leisure batteries which are weighed in for scrap.

# More Rallies

## Chilling at Chatsworth

Tired of chilling, ralliers set out to walk to enjoy the magnificent views at Chatsworth. It was just a 'walk in the park'



## Whitby Holiday Rally

This new venue at Whitby had stunning views over the North Yorkshire moors as seen in this fab photo taken by Craig Cresswell. The weather was excellent and 2 outdoor evening socials were held. We just had one windy day – the day the men had planned a fishing trip. Unlucky boys! The pub was a 5 minute walk and the park and ride another 5 minutes. What a great location.



**1980s  
rally at  
Torksey**  
**Polish  
Scout  
Camp**



# Aussie Rules Caravanning



When I was in Australia in April, my brother took delivery of a new caravan – their first, Steve and Karen have camped but are new to caravanning. It's an Essentials Caravans 17' 4" Ranger semi-off roader with L-shaped lounge. single axle, It's a 3 berth, a bit shorter than our new coachman (ours is 19' internal length) but theirs has 4 inches more headroom. The price was comparable between theirs and ours but that's where any similarity ends.



Picture 1 on the left shows the towing hitch. It has full articulation meaning the van won't roll on uneven ground when off roading. The 2<sup>nd</sup> photo is the break-away cable! The 3<sup>rd</sup> photo on the right shows the equivalent of our round 13 pin plug.

It has 245/75/R16 tyres with alloy wheels and 12 inch electric brakes. It comes with 2 x 95 litres water tanks (off grid for them means no water or electricity), and 2 9kg silver gas bottles which sit on the A frame. The bed is at the front but there is no front window.

BUT what was most amazing about this caravan was to be found in the bathroom, no, not the ceramic bowl Thetford toilet, or the shower, but the

## WASHING MACHINE

Yes, you read that right, there's a washing machine which holds 4kg of laundry hanging on the bathroom wall! Apparently most Aussie vans have one. We went to the in-laws who have a twin wheeled total off-roader. Theirs had a 6kg washer. He asked what ours was in the UK. I wasn't sure, how much does a bucket hold?



The gas bottles travel on the A frame, the box behind the bottles is for tools and has a pull out shelf for the BBQ

It looks and is built like a tank and there's no cosy feeling like in my van. I guess I'm happier with mine, sitting here in the UK, but if I was out in the outback of Australia it would be the Ranger every time.



## Snippets from the rally field

### Committee member mobbed by Cockchafers

At the recent 80s rally at Torksey (brilliant rally by the way), we sat out on Friday evening enjoying the twilight. That is most of us did, until darkness was falling and out came what appeared to be buzzing moths. YLO Phil was chased by a swarm of them when heading back from his van. He's never moved so fast.



Quite funny to see a grown man whipping his shirt off and squealing! It turned out they were common cockchafing beetles, but that's not what Phil called them!



Seriously though, it was fascinating, like a scene from Springwatch. You could see hundreds of them flying above the trees. Also known as the Maybug, or doodlebug, they spend 3 to 5 years underground as larvae then emerge as beetles to live only 5-6 weeks. Their main predators are crows and YLOs.

### Youth Rally, Beckingham Village Hall, 10-12<sup>th</sup> July

Our YLOs next performance will be on the bouncy castle assault course at the Youth Rally. Spaces available, book on for lots of family fun