Newsletter

September 2026

Welcome to the Autumn newsletter

… and Autumn is well and truly here as I'm writing this with the central heating having been on since 4pm. We've been well and truly spoiled with the wonderful weather we've had this summer, and it's made for some wonderful rallies. It's not often we have good weather for all 3 carnivals, I remember when Emily Drummond was our queen, poor Ems got drenched at all three.

Its AGM time this week, then the first committee meeting when next year's job roles are decided so I'm not sure who will be editing the next newsletter, but whoever it is will have my support.

All the very best,

Chris Royston, Editor

Chairman's Chat

Our three carnival rallies this summer were themed Egyptian/Arabian nights and had great attendance at Bakewell, Barlow and Eyam. The Queens float scooped lots of prizes and made SYC very proud. Our float won a 2nd and 3rd place prize at Eyam also.

I want to extend a warm welcome to our new members, we hope that you've enjoyed your trips so far and look forward to a great line up of rallies in the near future.

Thank you to our dedicated committee and everyone who has organised, supported and attended a rally this year, your support for our club is appreciated. We are always looking for fresh ideas and if you have considered running a rally or helping out, please let a member of the committee know.

Our club calendar is still going strong into autumn and winter with the highly anticipated Bonfire Rally on 6-8th November (set to be an excellent 40th birthday celebration for me!). Also, there's the Christmas Party Rally 11-13th December, with plenty of festivities to entertain all the family and not forgetting the New Year rally when we will welcome in 2027 in style

Thanks, and happy rallying,
Karl

Karl Wright
Chairman, South Yorkshire Centre

New Year Rally, only 3 places left

Monday 28th Dec to Friday 1st 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

plus New Year's Eve extravaganza

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

Never been on a rally?

South Yorkshire Centre rallies aren't just for youngsters, nor for old people, they are aimed at all the family, from those with young children, to empty nesters and for the retired too. Our oldest ralliers were 90 this year, the youngest still in their prams!

Have a look at the SYC website and join the SYC Facebook galleries to give you some idea of the locations we visit and activities going on.

On the rally field

- The rally marshal will welcome you and show you where the available pitches are, on most rallies you can save a pitch for a friend
- Drinking water and chemical toilet waste disposal points are always available, but electric hookups are not
- On most rallies we ask that you take your dry waste home
- Location: rallies are mostly on private land, playing fields, sports grounds, or estates not normally open to caravanners
- Social activities: may include games, walks, competitions, evening socials, sports or simply chilled out relaxing, of course participation is optional.
- Have a look at the next few pages to see some of this year's activities and look at the spring and summer newsletters on the website too.

Carnivals 2026



Queen Erin
with attendants
(L-R on photo 1)
Isabel,
Isla
and Lacie
at Bakewell
and Barlow



Our fabulous Centre Queen Erin and her lovely attendants thoroughly enjoyed their 3 carnivals and came away with lots of well-deserved prizes.

There is only ever one prize at **Bakewell** which is for the best visiting queen, which includes attendants and float and of course, our lovely girls won, not only did they present Erin with her trophy, they came back with 3 more for the attendants.

At **Barlow**, after the parade there is a queen's 'pageant' on the field and again the girls came out on top with prizes galore including the enormous shield you can see. Awards included the 1st for the queen's float and 1st for overall royalty, and Erin had 2nd for best queen. For the attendants Isabel, Lacie and Isla were awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively, Isla also won the 1st prize for senior personality, they did so well, we're very proud of you all 💗 💗 💗 💗

There is no longer a separate competition for the queens at **Eyam**, but the girls enjoyed taking part in the parade there, then hitched a lift home on the Egyptian family float.



The trailer used for the queen's float was in a poor state so earlier in the year it was stripped back to the frame and the rotten timbers replaced before being reboarded, treated then covered in astroturf. Thanks lads, good job well done.



Egyptian themed family float



For the float at Bakewell we have a 40 ft articulated lorry which takes some decorating, but it was filled with an amazing turn out of those in fancy dress. The lorry is very kindly supplied by a local timber company **Peak Logs** who our driver **Dave Mosely** works for. It had scaffolding railings this year so the kids were able to stand up to have a dance. We are very grateful to both Peak Logs for supplying the lorry (and fuel), and Dave for giving up his day to drive us. As a very young lad Dave used to accompany his Uncle Brian Mosely who was our driver. Dave only evey wanted to be a lorry driver and drive the carnival float. When Brian very sadly lost his life in an accident, his brother took over the driving until Dave was old enough to achieve his amition of driving us in the parade.

The tractor and trailer for Barlow carnival is supplied by the rally field's farmer **Peter Needham** and is driven by his colleague **Keith**, thank you both so much. Unfortunately, we did not receive any prizes at Bakewell or Barlow, but everyone had a great time taking part.

However, Eyam carnival brought success for us in 2 categories, with 2nd place in the visiting floats and 3rd place in musical floats. Again, the tractor and trailer was supplied by **Ken Elliot**, the farmer of Shepherds Flat Farm, and driven by SYC member **Dan Ronksley**. We are very grateful to you both. Thank you too **Dave Wharin** for the music.





Youth Committee & YLO

Although few in number, and with several new young members, the Youth Committee have done a terrific job this year. Thank you: Chairlady Evie, Jac, Erin, Grace, Isabel and Isla, with the help of our Junior Committee. They've been active throughout the year raising funds for their rally and treats. We have had the bonus ball competition on larger rallies and football cards on smaller rallies. Thanks everyone for your generous support.



The monies raised went towards the big bouncy assault course they had at their Youth Rally at Beckingham where all the kids, and the YLO had a fantastic time in lovely weather.

Phil Martin joined our SYC committee in October last year and took over the role of Youth Liaison Officer (YLO) and he, with the help of his wife Jodie have made a great job of it and here's some photos to show his active participation.

Unfortunately, Evie was unable to enjoy the bouncy course or the slip and slide as she had a tumble on the rally field before the rally even started - and ended up at Bassetlaw hospital where a broken arm was found. Hard luck Evie fundraising all year to then have to sit and watch all the fun.



To make matters worse, whilst taking Evie to a follow-up appointment at their local hospital, her mum Karen tripped and fell in the hospital grounds and broke her leg ankle just a couple of weeks before their holiday abroad. Luckily, they put a boot on rather than a pot so she could slip it off to dip in the pool.



Some of our Junior members group who have been bursting to join the youth section have now moved up to secondary school and have been nominated to join the Youth Committee along with another new SYC member. Together with the existing members who are standing again we should have a good strong committee. Good luck with your AGM on Saturday 26th September,

2026 Charity News



The duck race was held at the Haxey Quays rally. The very generous amount of £352.20 was raised. All 300 small ducks were sold, that's quackers!





£75 was paid out in prizes for the small ducks' race, and £102.40 from the big ducks (that's 50% of the £204.80 raised from the sale of the big ducks auctioned at May Day).

If you think the numbers don't add up you are quite right - £25 in prize monies was donated back to the charity, thank you!

A reminder of the 2026 beneficiaries

Albert's Horse Sanctuary, Cawthorne
Albert's Horse Sanctuary is a forever home for rescued and surrendered animals. Here, the animals have the best care and a second chance at happiness and life.

Rotherham Organisation for Down's Syndrome
RODS is a registered charity, run by volunteer parents for the benefit of local people with Down's syndrome and their families.

Multiple Sclerosis Society Rotherham and South Yorks
The Multiple sclerosis (MS) group gives sufferers the chance to connect with others and share experiences and provides socials groups and exercise classes, as well as advice on benefits, transport and other issues.

ANDYSMANCLUB South Yorkshire
The aim of ANDYSMANCLUB is to prevent suicides by encouraging men to speak openly about their issues. They aim to achieve this through their Monday night talking groups, and raising awareness, and sharing stories and experiences

The last charity event of 2026
The harvest festival is being held this weekend (25-27th September). Thank you to all who donated or bought goods.

Finally, please don't forget we collect dead car and leisure batteries which are weighed in for scrap with the proceeds going to the charity funds.

Nominations for the 2027 SYC charities are now open

If you know of a deserving South Yorkshire based charity, please email your nomination to secretary@southyorkshirecentre.co.uk The new charities are chosen shortly after the AGM, so please get yours in quick!

Holiday Rallies

We reported on the first week-long holiday rally of the season held at Whitby at Spring Bank in the June newsletter, we've since had 3 more in Bakewell, Bude and France.

Bakewell 28th June - 5th July

For those of us lucky enough to enjoy the full week of Bakewell, we had a wonderful time with the opportunity to see Bakewell's excellent market and the cattle sales which are fascinating.



We had several entries from SYC including some first timers, well done to them all, they all got round without mishap and made it back to the river. Great effort! Oliver Barnsley is seen here which his fellow entrant Troy, and Joe Wharin with 1st timer Charlie Cresswell.

With excellent weather on Saturday, lots of folks came to help make the family float. Thank you all for helping, no prizes sadly, but we put on a good show.

Ady, our marshal had to leave on Friday for a family wedding, but the Barnsleys and Pickerings stepped in to marshal. Thank you all.

Bude 1st - 14th August



Blessed with wall-to-wall sunshine, ralliers were able to make the most of this chilled out relaxing holiday.

There were lots of lovely comments on Facebook from both SYC members and visitors: "

"Thank you to the rally marshals for a brilliant free and easy rally so chilled out"

"Thank you for a fab two weeks. What a great crowd of people. We had an amazing time"



Throughout the holiday ralliers raised an amazing £430 which was presented to the Bude RNLI. Well done.

Saint Augustin-sur-mer, France, 18th August – 1st September



The rally marshals left the Barlow rally early to arrive in France to set up for the rally, but as they say, “the best laid plans” and all that. They turned up 3 days later on the back of a recovery lorry, having spent some time on a ‘pretty little site, location unknown!’ But they got there safely and that’s all that mattered – and the fact that they didn’t know how they were going to get home didn’t seem to worry them looking at the fantastic photos.

The final social of the holiday was a cheese and wine night with wine tasting. The winning bottle cost 1 euro 59 cents, what a bargain.





There was lots to do on site with the lovely pool and water slides and boules area. Outside, trips to the local night market and the zoo amongst others were enjoyed, as well as meals out.

AGM at Styrrup: Sunday 27th September at 10:30am

The Agenda and list of nominations for committee can be found on the SYC Facebook page and is available at the Harvest Festival rally.

Several motions have been put forward for consideration at the AGM. These are for changes to some of the rules, they’re only small ‘tweaks’, but any change to any rule has to be approved at the AGM.

One is with regards to the 5 mph speed limit on the rally field. The change (if approved) is for this speed limit to also apply to electric scooters as more and more of our children have been using these recently.

