



Newsletter

February 2026

It's back!

The SYC newsletter will be available quarterly on the website. Please message me if you have anything you would like including in future editions, for example, items for sale, special celebrations, funny snippets.

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

Latest News



Congratulations

Erin Lanford (pictured here at the front) was chosen as our Centre Queen for 2026/27 at the Valentine rally. Erin is seen here with her 3 attendants (from left to right): Isabel, Isla and Lacey. Congratulations girls, have an amazing time at the carnivals.

Erin who is 16 years old, is a pupil at Kelford School where she is a member of the Makaton signing choir. Erin has taught some of our own young ralliers Makaton signing and we were treated to them singing and signing 'a thousand years' after the choosing of the queen.

We look forward to Erin's crowning at the May Day Charity Rally when we will be saying goodbye to our lovely queen from last year Lili-Rose Tinker and her attendants Boo, Scarlett and Violet.

Chairman's Chat

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Karl Wright and this is my 2nd year as the South Yorkshire Centre Chairman. Myself, my wife Hanna, and our children have been rallying for 8 years. Although, some might remember me rallying as a child with my Grandad Peter & Gill Kissack.

We've had an amazing 12 months, including the centre's 40th year anniversary which was a fantastic celebration. We won two awards for our carnival float this year, plus multiple accolades for our Queen and her Attendants.

We look forward to our Easter rally at Fraisthorpe, hosting lots of family fun activities, by the sea.

Any Centre members who have not rallied for a while, or who are yet to rally, we encourage you to come and get involved. I'm confident that you will have a fantastic time!

I hope to see you soon on the rally field,

Karl

Congratulations



SYC member Daniel Langford recently completed his naval training at HMS Raleigh, Torpoint in Devon.

Congratulations

Royal Navy Able Rate Langford

Naval Trivia

Sailors use a different language! Walls are bulkheads, windows are portholes, the kitchen is the galley and eating irons your knife & fork.

On the old sailing ships a hole in the bow of the ship was used as the toilet, this was called the 'head', a term still used today. I'll leave you to imagine what the 'tow rope' was used for!

Wayne's Words

I hope you enjoy the 2026 rally program we have put together for you with some great rallies coming up.

Massive thanks go to all the marshals and assistants who have given up their time to organise and run the rallies, and a big thanks to all those who have booked rallies already, it is great to see the rallies filling up, as this means a lot to the marshals and assistants.

Talking of rallies, we have some fantastic rallies coming up including Easter & Mayday, both are centred around all the family having fun from the youngest to the oldest and enjoying a great weekend, if you want to know more about forthcoming rallies come and speak to any committee member.

We do however need your help and are looking for new rally marshals for the 2027 program, if you are interested in running a rally please come and speak to myself or any of the committee who have years of experience in organising and running rallies and will be all too happy to help.

At Flag we will have a updated list of rallies in the program for 2027 available for everyone to see.

If you are thinking of running a 2027 rally in a national park, we need to apply for Peak Planning please let me know as soon as possible, as I have to do this by mid-May

Don't forget the cover photo competition for the front of the 2027 rally brochure, you could win a year's free CMHC membership, details are in the rally brochure

Looking forward to seeing you all on the rally field – Wayne (Rally Secretary)

February is heart month

Are you aware that SYC has its own defibrillator which is carried by the rally marshal on all rallies. Defibs are also available in some of the social halls we use. The defib has clear instructions on where to place the pads and how to use.

The British Heart Foundation has a free online 15-minute course which teaches you how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Giving CPR promptly and using a defibrillator can more than double someone's chance of survival in the event of a cardiac arrest.

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/how-to-do-cpr/learn-cpr-in-15minutes>

Recent Rallies

Christmas Parties at Marton



Children's Party

Santa taking a well-earned rest after meeting 30 children at their party. He's seen here with the Youth and Junior Committees and helpers



Adults' Party

Captions needed – I haven't a clue what's going on here, only to say they had all been to the pub after the kids party!

New Year 2026



Oompah Night L-R Kirsty, Julie, Jody and Joanne with Corina busy in the background ready to party after they had cooked the evening meal (jacket potatoes cheese & beans with gammon, coleslaw and salad followed by apple crumble and custard. There's a random lonely goatherd on the right

The 'girl's table' (which incidentally was the cleanest table of all each night!!!). Don't they look stunning.

At the far end the youngest two spread their wings and sat with the big girls on New Year's Eve. It doesn't seem 2 minutes since they were both in buggies!



All the nice girls love a sailor

Dan with his entourage (and his mam) - don't get too giddy girls, he'd not passed out yet. Glad to hear Dan made it through the rest of his training.



Website Gallery

All of the photos above were taken from the SYC Facebook page. Our Facebook page is great for keeping us up to date but is not an open group so members from other centres, and non-centre members can't see what we get up to. However, we get a lot of visitors to the website to look at the rally programme so let's advertise SYC

2026 – let's fill the gallery with photographs from every single rally
webmaster@southyorkshirecentre.co.uk

New Year 2027

Why not join us to see in 2027 on the New Year Rally which is held at Waddington Village Hall, a short bus ride out of Lincoln. Hardstanding and grass pitches are available and showers are available. More details can be found on the website.



- Nightly social evenings with 2-course dinner
- Fancy dress night with 'Australian Christmas' theme
- Professional entertainer
- New Years Eve extravaganza
 - Canapes and cocktails
 - Wine
 - Choice of starters and desserts
 - Sumptuous buffet

2025 Charity update

The 4 charities chosen for support in 2025 were:

Sam's Army Mission nominated by Allyson Pearson, this water safety charity was founded following the drowning of a 16 years old boy in Ulley reservoir. The charity is dedicated to raising awareness of the dangers of swimming in open waters, and funds are used to provide more water safety equipment.

Tiny Toes Appeal – This appeal aimed to raise funds to help transform the neonatal unit at Rotherham hospital. This charity was nominated by Sue Whitby.

Weston Park Prostate Cancer Support Group nominated by Jeanette Brasher, the group who meet at the Weston Park Cancer Support centre in Sheffield give those who have a prostate cancer diagnosis the opportunity to share experiences and support each other throughout their treatment and beyond.

The Rotherham Hospice – the team at the hospice provide a range of care and support for people with life-limiting conditions. As well as the inpatient unit at the hospice, there are also day care, community care, therapy and support services. The hospice was nominated by Claire Burgess.

Thank you

The total amount raised in 2025 was £3,359. With some surplus left in the charity account we are able to allocate **£1000** each to the charities for equipment, goods or services of their choice and are currently contacting them to hear what they need. Many thanks to all for your kind generosity throughout the year. A big thank you also goes to Wayne Langford for co-ordinating the 2025 fund raising. Well done everyone.

Chosen charities for 2026

- Albert's Horse Sanctuary, Cawthorne nominated by Alison Wharin
(this charity based at Cawthorne, Barnsley is loosely named – they also rescue donkeys, sheep, goats, pigs, cats, hens and ducks!).
- Rotherham Organisation for Down's Syndrome nominated by Chris Royston
 - Multiple Sclerosis Society Rotherham and South Yorkshire
nominated by Kelly Clubb
 - Andy Man's Club South Yorkshire nominated by Phil Martin

In future newsletters in 2026 we'll tell you a little more about each charity, but if you want to learn more in the meantime, each has their own website.

Our Chairty Co-ordinator for 2026 is Rod Possnett. Good luck Rod.

Snippets from the rally field

Please can we have our ball back?

At the fishing rally, the adult competition was a 'spot the ball'. After much arguing amongst themselves, one of the younger couples on the rally field brought their adult competition back with the message 'we can't find a ball anywhere!'

Yep, made me feel old too



22nd – 26th May 2026
Kelmarsh Hall, Northamptonshire

Can you help please?

Volunteers for Campsite Crew for the Northern Division are required from Tuesday 19th May (possibly Wednesday 20th) until Wednesday 27th May 2026

- Arrive and set up 19th May (pitch with 6amp electric)
- Attend a briefing and training Wednesday/Thursday
- Meet and greet on Friday and the start of Club Fest, generally be a point of contact.
- Saturday set up a tea/coffee morning & information stands for our Northern Division visitors and hopefully attract new members.
- Tuesday assist with the departure process, smile and wave our visitors off and offer assistance if required.
- Tuesday evening there will be a thank you evening party.

In return you will receive a substantial reduction on the ClubFest fee, in addition to making new friends from across the country.

Details of ClubFest are on the CAMC website, there's loads going on including the Bay City Rollers on the first night (tartan trousers optional), lots of bands and other entertainment.

Interested? Please send a message to our Chairman Karl Wright. He will put you in touch with the Northern Division working party organiser.