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NEW YEAR NEWSLETTER 2020/21

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**The Chairlady, Officers and
Committee of the South
Yorkshire Centre wish you a very
happy and healthy New Year.**

Stay safe and we'll see you soon

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CHAIRLADY'S CHAT

Hi everyone, welcome to the New Year newsletter.

As this is the first newsletter since the AGM, please can I say a big thank you to our committee for standing for another year. Sadly, we said goodbye to Paula Oxby, our Rally Secretary, thank you Paula for all your hard work. I'd also like to thank Ian and Paula, Jack and Olivia for all the rallies they have marshalled for the Centre and thanks too to your 'Weavox' co-marshals Paul, Vicky & Riley Weaver - fantastic rallies, thank you all.

I'm very pleased we can welcome Gareth Pickering as our new Rally Secretary. As I'm writing this, he's busy getting the rally brochure ready to be emailed out. Welcome too to Gemma Lawson who has joined as Advertising Secretary – poor Gems, what a rubbish time to take up this post! Many companies are closed, or have had to withdraw support for financial reasons so it's all the more important that if you use any of our advertisers, you mention you found them in our brochure.

I'm not going to dwell on the dreaded C word, we are all aware the Covid pandemic made a mess of our rallying last year. I just hope everyone is keeping well and staying sane. Gareth made a helpful suggestion about the need to keep ralliers up to date more often about any changes to the programme or any other issues, the type of thing we would normally give out at flag. It's a good idea, so from February, we'll post a monthly 'Virtual Flag' on the website to let you know of any changes. We'll do it after the committee meetings so it's up to date. OK, so if there's nothing to report it might just have a couple of crap jokes but it's better than nowt.

It's anyone's guess what will happen in 2021 and things aren't looking too rosy so far, although thankfully, the vaccine is on its way. We have gone ahead with the rally programme hoping for the best. We will try and run rallies as site only if the socialising rules have not changed by the time of each individual rally. Where a marquee or hall has been booked and cannot be used, the rally fee will be reduced to take off the cost of these. Everyone seemed to enjoy the site only rallies we had between lockdowns in 2020, I know I certainly did, so we feel it's worth our while persevering with these for 2021 when needs be. In fact, the Duck Race at Haxey and the Harvest Festival at Epworth both raised considerable charity funds in September, despite the social distancing rules, and without socials, so well done to the marshals.

Lastly - the F word – Finances! As those of you who have attended the recent AGM will be aware, the Centre needs to make some financial changes to secure our future. Further details can be found in this newsletter. In particular, there are significant changes to the distribution of the rally brochure which you should read. Not everyone will like it (I for one don't) but it is a case of needs must. Can I please ask for your support in this; we are doing our best. If anyone has any questions or suggestions, please give me a call. If I'm not in, I'm in the vaccine queue!

It goes without saying I look forward to seeing you all on the rally field in the New Year, but the biggest celebration will be when we can all be together in a social again. I might even go as far as to say I'm missing doing the 'Cheeseburger'!

From Mick and myself,

Have a happy and healthy New Year.



Thank You Tim

A huge thank you to Tim Webb for the advent calendar on the SYC Facebook page.

This brought a great deal of pleasure and gave us something to look forwards to each day.

A great trip down memory lane,
and a reminder of the good times to come.

ps - who was the guy in the red suit who got on nearly every photo?

CENTRE FINANCES

As those of you who attended the AGM in October will be aware, the revenue we have received in the past few years has not met the cost of running the Centre and we have made increasing losses. Furthermore, in 2020, our revenue was drastically reduced due to the cancellation of many rallies as a result of the Covid pandemic, so we can expect a further loss for 2020, and in all probability, in 2021 too.

In some respects, we have been the victims of our own success. Some of our best traditions, which no-one would like to see disappear incur costs which we have to meet if we want our Centre to thrive. We love having a Centre Queen, and need to be able to contribute to the costs of the Queen and her retinue. We have a brilliant turn out for Easter and for May Day and the Children's sports; we want to be able to continue to have the marquees, and present decent quality medals for the sports.

The Centre does have some savings on account, but these savings would not cover the losses for more than 2 years. For this reason, it is imperative that we make cost savings to ensure we can continue as a Centre, and raise funds to get the Centre into a healthier financial position.

Fund raising - Centre Charity 2021

We are proud of the enormous amount of money we have donated to local charities over many years, however, we need to ensure we can continue this in years to come. For this reason, at the AGM, approval was given for the Centre to raise money to rebuild our own funds so that moving forwards, we are in a healthier position to continue as a Centre and go on to support more charities. On other words, for **2021 - Charity begins at home**. Please continue to save your old car and leisure batteries.

Fund raising – rally fees

- At present, each unit contributes £1.50 per rally to the Centre to cover the costs of administration, and all other costs incurred. **From 2021 this cost will increase to £3 per unit per rally.**
- The event shelters are costly to buy, and don't last very long, so we are asking for a small hire fee of **£20 per shelter, per rally** to maintain these.

At present, even these amounts do not cover all the costs, but we hope, with cost savings, we will be able to balance the books.

Cost savings – printing of brochures

In 2019 the cost of printing and postage for the brochure was over £4,300. For this reason, for 2021 we will not be producing a printed brochure, but will provide an electronic copy (pdf) of the brochure. See next page for details.

We ask for your support at this difficult time, and for your trust in us, that we will do our utmost for the wellbeing of the South Yorkshire Centre.

Christine Royston

Centre Chairlady

On behalf of the Officers and Committee of the South Yorkshire Centre.

Email message received in December from Ron Braddock.

Ron is the photographer who we always see at Bakewell and Barlow Carnivals.

Hi Christine,

Hope that you and all your South Yorkshire Caravan friends are safe and well.

Looking forward to a resumption of activities.

Always nice to see you and your friends.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Kind regards,

Ron

2021 RALLY PROGRAMME AND BROCHURE

Rally Programme

All rallies and social events advertised in the new brochure are subject to the Covid tier rules at the time of the rally. It goes without saying that we cannot predict what these will be. We cannot run a rally in an area which is in Tier 3, nor can you attend a rally if you live in a tier 3 area.

Any cancellations or updates will be put on the 'virtual flag' on the website, and also on Facebook.

- We will try and run rallies as site only if rules exclude having any social gathering.
- Where a marquee or hall has been booked and cannot be used, the rally fee will be reduced to take off the cost of these.

Cancelled Summer Ball

Deposits for this are now being refunded. Sadly, the Niagara Suite where the ball was to be held has gone into administration.

Rally Brochure

The cost of printing and postage for the 2019 brochure formed the majority of the loss made in that year. Hence, for 2021 we will not be producing a printed brochure, but will provide an electronic copy (pdf). Everyone who is a registered SYC member, and who completed and returned the request slip in the 2020 brochure will receive a complete pdf of the 2021 brochure via the email address which they have registered with the Caravan and Motorhome Club (CAMC). A pdf version of the brochure, without the names and addresses of the rally marshals will be available to view on the website as before.

If you have not requested a brochure, but would like one, a complete electronic pdf copy, including the rally marshal's contact details will be available on request to all CAMC members who are registered with SYC. Please email Claire Burgess, Honorary Secretary (details on website). Rally booking slips will be available to download from the website as usual.

Rally Plaques

Quite a few people have indicated they do not want a rally plaque. We have therefore put a box on the rally slips for you to indicate if you want a plaque. We will continue to issue rally plaques to those who request one.

New venues

We are pleased to have several new venues in the 2021 rally programme.

- North Scarle, Lincolnshire in June
- Flamborough Holiday Rally in July
- Waddington, Lincoln at New Year

... and now Gordon's contribution to the newsletter

A true friend reaches for your hand ... and puts a glass of gin in it.

Stop saying I'm hard to buy for – you know where the gin aisle is.

A gin and tonic has 91 calories. A banana has 115 calories. My doctor told me to make the healthy choice. I love my doctor.

'Trust me you can dance.' - Gin

Why do pirates prefer rum bars to gin bars? - Mo'lasses.

My doctor told me to watch my drinking, so now I drink in front of a mirror.

Chemically speaking, gin is a solution.

A skeleton walks into a bar and asks for a G&T – and a mop.

You cannot make everyone happy - you are not a bottle of gin.

Gin is like a push-up bra for your personality.

Gin o'clock - That time of day when the little hand is pointing to gin and the other hand is pouring it.

Woman: I love you.

Man: Is that you or the gin talking?

Woman: It's me talking to the gin.

If at first you don't succeed, try, try a gin.

Size does matter. No-one wants a small gin and tonic.

Neutron: How much is a G&T?

Bartender: For you - no charge.

Don't cry over spilt milk: it could have been gin.

If you've got this far you deserve a gin

Fancy a Staycation in 2021?

Well look no further, West Bay in on, for 2021

(subject to lifting of tier restrictions etc)

If you've never been before, well, you've been missing a beautiful area.

The site is a flat field a short walk from the harbour & sea front.

We will hopefully we will have a marquee for 3 – 4 socials during the week (subject to the guidelines at the time).

Regardless of whether there are indoor socials or not, this is a stunning area with lots of places to visit (and a bus stop nearby).

There are 40 spaces available, so don't hang around once you get your brochure as these spaces will soon go!

**DON'T TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT,
ASK OTHER MEMBERS WHO LOVE IT DOWN THERE.**



West Bay crabbing competition 2009
– some of the older children