

# South Staffs



## Snippits

*Issue No 11.*

## Editor's Foreward

Another year bites the dust and after another great New Year Rally we are well into the new 2019 season. This year sees a venue return which we have not been to since 1995, The Green Man Hixon which was marshalled by Chris & Kim Moore. Another new venue was the Horse and Jockey at Bentley Marshalled by Trevor & Sue Watkins. After the 'End of Summer Ball' in September is another two new venues which are Rally 36 at Northam Farm, Brean and the Somerset Carnivals rally No 37, at Newton Brook Caravan Park, North Petherton and The Last Fling at Uttoxeter Race Course on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

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### YOUR CENTRE NEEDS YOU

The start of the new season has begun and before you know it the AGM will be upon us. The Centre does need people to come forward to join the committee , it may be you , so if you want any information or guidance please get in touch with me or any committee member who will be glad to help.

There is plenty of support to join the Committee , so please do not be put off if you have never worked in this role before - we are a team!

You do not need to wait until the nomination deadline; you can submit a nomination form at any time prior to the AGM. Nomination forms are available from any committee member . Please ask , without positions being filled the Centre will cease and that would be extremely sad.

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Steve has decided that he will continue for a further year as the Chairman, in the hope that during the year 2020 we may be able to encourage new people onto committee.

Most of the Committee, as you know, have been in post for several years now and are getting tired and somewhat stale, new people create new interest and thoughts which can only be good for the centre and the members.

He is quite happy , as is the rest of the committee , to help anyone interested in taking any of the roles on committee.

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PLEASE NOTE It would be appreciated when attending weekend rallies if payment could be made in cash, to assist the marshals paying Landowners and Artists . Thank you

Can members who pay by BACS transfer kindly notify the marshal of the rally that they have used this method of payment . Also let them know the amount they have paid. This will assist the marshals with their paperwork.

I trust everyone is now getting to grips with the online version of the rally book now as it is saving the centre / ralliers over £1000 per year . As we are now into Data Protection Act, this has a great impact on the members of the committee and also comes as another cost to the centre because all committee members have to have specific e: mail addresses in the domain which currently costs the centre £5 per month , i.e.; another £60 per year not including the setup fee.

Here is the new website e: mail addresses.

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A cruise ship passes by a remote island and all the passengers see a bearded man running around waving his arms wildly.

‘Captain’ one passenger asks, who is that man over there?

‘I have no idea, the captain says, ‘but he goes nuts every year when we pass him.

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### New Year at Colton Village Hall

Having run and organised Christmas and New Year rallies for our Centre over the past 25 years we know what the organisation of a New Year rally entails.

After New Year 2017 we decided to ‘hang up our boots,’ as they say and try something different . This New Year 2018 / 2019 we decided to join the South Staffs New Year Rally at Colton Village Hall.

Well what can we say, to Steve & Tracey, Ben & Vanessa, Jill & Tony, Trevor & Sue, Norman & Barbara, Keith & Chris (hope I’ve not missed any committee out). Rallies like this just don’t happen , it takes a year of planning from the bookings , organising entertainment for each night and food all of which take time and effort to organise for the rally.

From arriving on the Saturday afternoon until leaving on Tuesday 1st January , the organisation , the food, the entertainment laid on for us all was superb.

New Year's Eve itself went with a bang with Velvet Soul keeping us entertained all evening.

A big 'THANK YOU' must go to the numerous helpers you had, the head cooks and bottle washers, the sweeper uppers, the decoration putter uppers, I know rallies like this depend on help from others.

Our thanks must go to South Staffs Centre members for making us feel so welcome throughout the rally.

On a final note we must say, well done and thank you to all the Teenagers and children that were there, for being so well behaved, and clearing up after themselves at meal times and the way in which they presented themselves throughout the rally.

'THANK YOU' once again Steve, Tracey and all the team for a superb New Year and we hope to see you again for New Year 2019 / 2020.

Julie & Mike, Barbara & Gordon

Ann, Laura Jane & Bethany (Cheshire Centre)

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To the Chairman, committee members and all helpers at the New Year rally

On behalf of Jim and myself, I would like to thank you all very much for the fantastic New Year Rally.

We had a wonderful time and enjoyed every minute of it even though Jim was popping pain killers all night on New Year's Eve.. unfortunately they did not mix well with the whisky!!!

From the moment we arrived until we left, everyone was so kind and helpful towards us. This is the true spirit of the South Staffordshire Centre about which all visitors comment.

Having been involved in organising and running these rallies in the past, we do know, and appreciate how much hard work is put in both the planning and execution of them.

Once again, thank you so much and we hope to see you all again soon

Margaret and Jim Gittins

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Tracy New Year

Please pass on our congratulations and thanks to all of your team – for a very warm welcome, lovely site, great programme, excellent catering and a lot of hard graft.

Jenny and Ken Smedley

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Hi Tracy

Thank you for a lovely New Year rally, it was fantastic and everyone so welcoming. Can we all book for next year please? How do we pay the deposit?

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#### NEW YEAR

The £5 in a balloon provided by Ben was found by Suzanne Truelove and Alan Campbell from the North Lancs Centre. (Don't know how with that many dead balloons on the floor)

The Dicky Nicker was Barbara Lucas.

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### EMBARRASSMENT No 1.

Dave Bean's battery on his motorhome went flat at New Year, guess what? He didn't know where the battery was.

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### The Wisdom of Solomon

Two women on a bus fighting bitterly over the last available seat. The conductor had already unsuccessfully tried to intervene when the bus driver shouted to the conductor, 'Let the ugly one have the seat', both women stood for the rest of the journey.

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### Chris's Cooking Corner

Toffee Apple Croute (serves 4)

4 thick slices of white bread, crusts removed

2oz (50g) butter

8oz soft brown sugar

24 oz. (675g) cooking apples, peeled & cored

2 tablespoon lemon juice

#### Method

1. Cut bread and apples into ½ " (1cm) cubes
  2. Melt butter in a large frying pan over a low heat: add sugar, stir until dissolved
  3. Stir in lemon juice, bread cubes and apple. Cook until just soft.
  4. Serve hot with yoghurt or whipped cream
- This is a very quick recipe and can be made in the caravan.

Sorry I keep plugging this one



Please note that a Fire Bucket is now a mandatory requirement on South Staffs Rallies RrrrRrCentre Rallies.



All persons attending rallies and social events do so entirely at their own risk . No responsibility for persons or property is accepted by the organisers or the Caravan Club

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## KIDS CORNER



**Find the 15 objects in the picture**



Waiter there's a dead beetle in my soup,  
Yes sir, they're not very good swimmers.

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Woman goes into a boutique and says:

"Could I try the dress on in the shop window, please?"

Shop assistant: "I'm sorry madam but no.

We have cubicles for that!"

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### SIAMESE TWINS

Siamese twins walk into a pub in Canada and park themselves on a bar stool.

One of them says to the bartender, "Don't mind us; we're joined at the hip. I'm John, he's Jim. Two Molson Canadian draft beers please.

The bartender, feeling slightly awkward, tries to make polite conversation while pouring the beers.

"Been on holiday yet, lads?"

"Off to England next month," says John. "We go to England every year, rent a car and drive for miles, don't we Jim?" Jim agrees.

"Ah, England!" says the bartender. "Wonderful country ... the history, the beer, the culture..."

"Nah, we don't like that British stuff," says John.

"Hamburgers & Molsons beer, that's us, eh Jim? And we can't stand the English; they're so arrogant and rude."

"So why keep going to England?" asks the bartender. "It's the only chance Jim gets to drive."

OBITUARIES SINCE THE LAST ISSUE No 10

Patricia Ann Wood 7th Nov 2018

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**THE QUICK DINGBAT QUIZ**

Solve the meaning of these



Answers on last page



## No 2. An embarrassment I forgot from the Marshal's Supper

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STOPPED  
BY POLICE  
AT 2 am

An elderly man was stopped by the police around 2 am and was asked where he was going at that time of night. The man replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late". The officer then asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?" The man replied, "That would be my wife".

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How many gorillas can fit into the car? ..... Eight.  
How many chickens can fit into the car? None, the car is full of gorillas.

## New Year

Well done to Steve, Tracy and the committee for making the New Year celebration one of the best, memorable and entertaining New Years' getting better and better each year.

So much planning, blood, sweat and tears.

Thank you for all that you do.

Love Lorraine and Dave Bean xx

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## New Year

Wow and wow again. Fantastic New Year rally, what a wonderful 4days, we thoroughly enjoyed every moment of it. Lots to do such as usual bingo and quiz's, decorating the hall, doing the napkins (I was supervised by Rosa because I kept getting it wrong, it what's new). I think I am losing it!

Kitchen staff, controlled by Andy, produced their usual tasty food, Congratulations to all the helpers.

The teenagers and families did a lot of work doing selling plants and cakes, and doing washing up. They raised £142-54 for their charity and their own Xmas party

Many thanks are due to Steve and Tracy for organising the whole rally, assisted always by our hardworking and dedicated committee, from supplying fridges, collecting food, organising entertainment.... how do you fit all in? We needed another holiday when we got back,,, we are looking forward to the 19/20 New Year..

Many thanks again.....Trevor and Sylvia.....

## Chinese New Year – Salt

We arrived at Salt and had a brilliant time at the Chinese New Year rally.

The hall was beautifully decorated and everyone had their Chinese attire on.

Andy Davis provided a lovely selection of starters followed by chicken sweet and sour, egg fried rice and prawn crackers (Dave's still crying after peeling them onions).

Everyone danced all night to the entertainment sung and performed by Samantha Lloyd.

Thank you for another great night.

Lorraine and Dave Bean

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## Valentine rally

Hope you enjoyed your birthday Jill, although you worked all weekend, along with Tony and all your other committee helpers, to provide us with our evening ....too much apple tart did not help the diet though, but at least managed to dance the night away to that great duo Velvet Souls.

The numbers were not there this time but it didn't spoil the week end

Thanks again.....Trevor and Sylvia

## Valentine's

Arrived on site and Friday evening everyone enjoyed a couple of games of bingo in the hall, Trevor with his youthful, talented helper Maddison, Good job Maddison!!

Saturday evening-- the hall was suitably decorated with LOVE!!

The meal provided was delicious and the entertainment by Velvet Souls, everybody danced all night.

So good to see Steve back as Chairman he was missed.

Another fantastic weekend, thanks to Jill and Tony.

Love, Lorraine and Dave Bean xx

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### The Rustling Bag

We ordered a Chinese takeaway tonight and as I was driving home I heard the bags rustling and moving ! I thought what the hell is that? Has something got into the bag trying to eat my supper...? I thought I could see a little pair of eyes peering out at me, I was driving so I leaned forward picked up the bag , put it on the passenger seat and there it was again , more rustling and little eyes looking out behind the prawn crackers. I thought it could be a rat or mouse or something so I carefully pulled the carrier bag down.. and there it was A Peeking Duck.

Mick Bean



*South Staffs Centre  
End of Summer Ball  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019  
Park View, Drayton Manor Park*



**\*\*\*Menu\*\*\***

Duo of Melon served with Seasonal Fruit  
Chicken Liver Parfait, Red Onion Chutney & Toasted Brioche  
Minestrone Soup, Croutons & Parmesan Cheese  
Pan-Fried Breast of Chicken filled with Spinach & Ricotta  
wrapped in Pancetta  
Braised Blade of Beef, Bourguignon Sauce  
Poached Salmon with a White Wine and Dill Cream  
*(All served with Dauphinoise Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables)*  
Lemon Posset, Blueberry Curd, Mini Meringues  
Milk Chocolate Tart, Raspberry Sorbet  
Sticky Toffee Pudding Vanilla Ice Cream  
Coffee, Tea and Mints  
*Includes Live Entertainment*  
*Eternity Duo & Bruce Thompson*  
*£29.50 per person*



*Contact Tracy McGuire 01824520109 and pay a £10.00 Deposit per adult to secure a place  
Rally at Drayton Manor Park (Hardstanding) – 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019  
Or Discounted Hotel Rooms available at Drayton Manor Hotel - £50 inc Bed/Breakfast*

## END OF SUMMER BALL

For those who would rather go to the rally, which is on the hardstanding coach park, please see page 38, which is rally No31, to book in with Chris & Keith on line. Don't forget that when booking onto the rally you must also book the Summer Ball separately with Tracy together with your meal choices likewise if you are staying at the hotel.

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### The Green Man at Hixon

Just wanted to give a BIG shout out to Chris, Kim, Ben and Finley for a fabulous first rally at the Green Man at Hixon . You all did yourselves proud . It was a crackin rally and social with some very innovative games, which went down a storm. The weather might have been dark and damp, but the rally certainly wasn't. Thank you for making us feel really welcome, even when we turned up in the dark!

Ann, Andy and Joshua Davies

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A guest calls the waiter and complains, "How come there are no chairs at our table?!"

The waiter shrugs, "I'm sorry sir but you only booked a table..."

Let's say it's 7.25pm and you're going home (alone of course) after an unusually hard day at work.

Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to drag out into your arm and up in to your jaw. You are only about five km from the hospital nearest your home.

Unfortunately you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far.

You have been trained in CPR, but the guy who taught the course did not tell you how to perform it on yourself.

#### HOW TO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN ALONE?

Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness.

However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.

Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can usually get to a hospital.

Annette Hughes

## CHAIRMANS CORNER - Valentines rally

Another rally at this venue which is great with hardstanding and a roomy hall.

Friday night - a warm welcome with tea, coffee and a few games of bingo with Trevor (helped by Maddison - who tells me that when Trevor retires she will take over .)

Saturday, with lots of things to do in the area, together with an important derby in the afternoon (which the best team won.)

Saturday night started with a lovely meal, followed by great music by Velvet Soul.

We drank and danced the night away.

Well done to the marshals - Tony and Jill

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The teacher asked little Johnny if he knew his numbers. ‘

Yes’ he said. My father taught me

Good, what comes after 3? 4, answered the boy.

What comes after 6, Seven

Very good said the teacher, your dad did a good job.

What comes after 10?

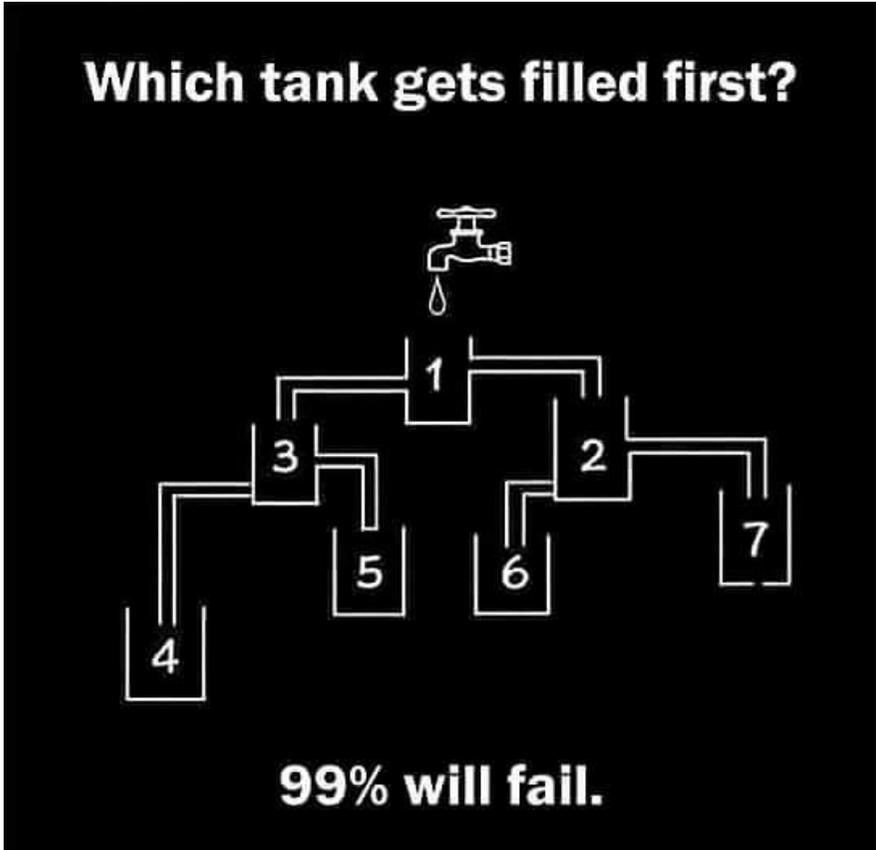
The Jack, Queen and King

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Message on a leaflet:

IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU  
HOW TO GET LESSONS.

## A Little Brain Teaser



Answer on back page

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“The human brain can operate only as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol kills brain cells, but naturally it attacks the slowest and weakest first. In this way, regular consumption of alcohol eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine”

W.C. Fields

## The Green Man Hixon

Arrived on Friday to find Chris all on his own as the Co Marshals had not arrived, Trevor had a hospital appointment.

We gave Chris our peg markers and he proceeded to mark out the pitches whilst we set up. The site warden was also nervous as he had never had so many caravans on his site before.

Friday night was as predicted wet and windy although a few brave souls went to the pub although only a few yards away. After all had arrived Chris put up the red flag to prohibit movement of vehicles to stop the field getting cut up.

Saturday again wet at times but the evening turned out different as we used the Restaurant for a social with a difference. First was a caricature picture quiz and then changed to a model making evening with each table or group being given a handful of wooden skewers and a roll of sellotape. A bridge had to be constructed of certain dimensions strong enough to hold the weight of a metal toy car. There were some weird and wonderful constructions some of which worked and some that collapsed.

The rest of the evening people enjoyed a chat after flag.

(p.s. Trevor didn't win the competition we did)

Sunday morning started with snow for the early risers and a few missed it as it started raining again.

A total of 19 vans attended with visitors from the Midland and Cheshire centres plus 2 non centre.

A good weekend all round with thanks to Kim, Chris, Josh , Ben and Finley especially as it was their first main marshal rally and of course to Sue and Trevor.

Chris and Keith Orchard

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The Green Man at Hixon - 8th March to 10th March 2019.

This is the first time I have rallied at this site, and it was also the first rally Marshalled by the Moore's; despite the field being a bit soggy after all the rain I hope we can rally there again. Up to the date of the rally it was doubtful whether the pub would still be standing due to redevelopment work being scheduled for it. Fortunately it was still in a serviceable condition and had some excellent cask Ales on tap for those that wished to imbibe. You needed Brains to really appreciate the quality of some of the ales.

Having been greeted and sited by the energetic Mr Moore (you are meant to be slowing down!) Friday evening was a case of do whatever you please. On Saturday we decided to visit Amerton farm and purchase some very tasty local produce. Saturday

afternoon was an opportunity to sample some of the ales and take in a Rugby match or two on one of several screens that were showing the matches in the bar.

Saturday evening was spent in a room provided by the pub, the Moore's hosted a competition evening with a difference, there was a picture quiz, a general knowledge quiz and a construction exercise. This was undertaken by adults and juniors alike. The points for all three were totalled and the competition overall was won by team "Tim & Steve Spuds". Thomas Telford would have been proud of some of the creations, and aghast at others. The rest of the evening was spent socialising and checking out some more of the ales.

Flag was held during the evening; the anagram quiz was won by Chris and Keith Orchard, despite there being a typo in the anagrams. Chris had promptly brought that to the Marshals attention to make sure they were on the right track!

Being sat with the marshal's it was great to observe people expressing how much they had enjoyed the evening, ourselves included. I'm now in the process of creating some building plans for the Burj Khalifa ready for the Moore's next rally.

Thanks again to the Moore's; a first rally well executed, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Richard Pope & family.

## St. Patrick's Rally, Offley Hay Village Hall.

What a fantastic rally we had at Offley Hay Village Hall ( 15th-17th March).

On Friday night we had "Musical Bingo" with all the tunes being by Elvis Presley. You could hear all the ralliers singing along to all the tunes mark off their bingo cards. This was followed by a game of "Chinese Bingo", last person "standing" won the prize, this was our guest from the Cheshire's Julie. We then finished off the night with a chat & drink.

Saturday morning it was back into the hall for a "Full Irish Breakfast", the only difference to full English was a can of Guinness.

Lunchtime it was a visit to the local hostelry "The Star", where the topic for discussion was, guess what, BREXIT. Getting fed up with that now.

Back to more important things on the evening, time for our St. Patrick's social. The entertainment was the always popular "The 2 Dee's". During the evening we were supplied with a supper of sandwiches and black pudding. Yum, Yum. We then carried on dancing till almost midnight. Trevor and Mike from the Cheshire's then did a duet with the usual "Sweet Caroline", assisted by the annoying Mr Bean.

Sunday came along too soon, and it was time to pack up to go home. Why do the hailstones have to start coming down when packing up.

Weather wise we had all seasons over the weekend, but it was well worth it for all the fun we had with good company.

Our thanks must go to our marshals for this great weekend, Jill & Tony and Chris & Keith.

Sue Watkins.

P.S. Trevor enjoyed it as well.

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### St Patrick's Day, Offley Hay

Thank you to Jill and Tony Davies and everyone who helped to make the St Patrick's Day rally such a success. A great time was had by all. We all looked fetching in our green and orange Irish attire and the cheese and black pud sandwiches certainly helped the Guinness and Whiskey (Irish) go down! Great rally.

Ann, Andy and Joshua Davies

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Don't forget the sales and wants section on the website just drop Norman 'The Webmaster' a line.

## Newnes CP Ellesmere

Keith and I have just returned from our third visit to Newnes CP at Ellesmere, it is a lovely site with stunning views of the welsh hills, again we have been very lucky with the weather, we arrived to a warm welcome from John and Joan and soon were set up for the long weekend, this was a fully booked rally so met friends old and new,

Friday we all met for coffee and tea and a good natter, John announced he had organized a nice flat walk on Saturday about a four mile round walk along the canals, so off six of us went beautiful views but Johns' four miles turned into six miles but we stopped at a great pub in Ellesmere for a lovely lunch before walking the last mile home, good competition from Joan, kept me awake half the night but pleased to say we won a bottle of wine, all too soon the rally came to an end but as they say here's to the next time.

Many thanks John and Joan for a lovely long weekend.

Pat and Keith Shaw.

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### New Meeters since last issue

John and Sheila Hustin at the Horse & Jockey rally.  
Chas & Pat Stevens at the Far Forest Rally.

PLEASE NOTE

It would be appreciated when attending weekend rallies if payment could be made in cash to assist marshals paying Landowners and Artists.

Thank you.



Thank you to all of you that have sent in items for publication in the South Staffs Snippits.

SNIPPITS is the centre magazine that keeps members up to date with what's happening and has happened within the centre it has four issues a year and is full of interesting items including jokes pictures comments rally write up's and a embarrassment page which we all try to avoid but can easily be part of.

Snippits has been a Hugh success and achieved over 850 hits on our website during 2018, this is besides the Paper copies that have been handed out at South Staffs Rallies during the year. If you would like to comment in any way or add an article then contact Keith at  
membersinformation@southstaffscaravanclub.co.uk

Remember you can now book all your favourite Rallies directly from this Rally Book



**'The Last Fling'  
Uttoxeter Racecourse  
6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019**



**Come and join us at 'the Last Fling' rally of the year.**

On Saturday afternoon we shall be having  
a Tea Dance (music and cream teas)  
On Saturday evening we will have  
live entertainment by Jo  
together with a light buffet and wine

The Social charge will be £8.50 per adult Children £3.00  
(this covers the Saturday afternoon and evening social)The rally is on  
hardstanding with limited EHU.  
Rally fee for 2 nights will be £23.00

(EHU at an extra charge)

See Page 46 for full details:

### EMBARRASSMENT No 3

How do you get warm feet? Steve went to the toilet in the van on Friday night after a pint or two at the Horse & Jockey. Guess what? He forgot to lift the toilet lid.

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### Junior Committee Fundraising

I would like to thank everyone at the New Year rally who donated to our fundraising for the children's fun afternoon being held on May 18th at Fradley. We made £41 on the whisky roll, £19.50 on a game of play your cards right and £81.94 at the cake sale making a total of £142.54. Thanks also to everyone who baked (or cheated and bought !) cakes and Tracy and Steve for donating the bottle of whisky.

A big thank you goes to Ann for making treat filled mugs for Mother's Day and selling them at the St Patrick's Day rally, raising £30.

Josh  
Chair, Junior Committee

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### EMBARRASSMENT No 4.

John F started playing skittles at the horse & Jockey but forgot to pay his 20 pence first.



**WITH REGARD TO  
HEALTH AND SAFETY**



**PETS ARE NO LONGER  
ALLOWED TO GO TO ANY  
INDOOR EVENTS  
INCLUDING THE  
COLEMAN CENTERS**



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St Patricks Rally

Thank you marshals, Jill Tony Chris & Keith for a truly great St Patricks weekend, everything was very organised as usual.

The Irish breakfast was enjoyable and more lovely idea.

The atmosphere, entertainment and supper on Saturday night was great.

A special thank you from Anne to all our friends old and new for their kindness, it was my first social outing since the New Year after my little mishap, it has given a lovely boost, hopefully it will be the start of rallying again.

George and Anne Moore xxx

The online Rally book/details appear to have taken off very well as can be seen by the number of hits below. It seems that a good many Centres have now also gone this way and are no longer printing booklets, however, if you want a hard copy you can print one off yourself or ask me (Keith) and I will get you a copy for £1 or £2 if posted.

Page details hits.

Jan: Feb: Mar:	452 Hits since the last meeting giving at total to date of	2,189
April: May: June:	453 Hits since the last meeting giving at total to date of	1,690
July: Aug: Sept:	231 Hits since the last meeting giving at total to date of	1,308
Oct: Nov: Dec:	198 Hits since the last meeting giving at total to date of	923
2019 Holiday	241 Hits since the last meeting giving at total to date of	1,331
Rallies:		Total 7,441
Giving a total to date of 7,441 hits from mid-November 2018		

The Snippets magazine, for general interest and up to-date Members Information is also getting a lot of online interest, so keep the information coming in.

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB

Unfortunately due to new legislation and possible issues with insurance, the Club believes that Drones should no longer be allowed on a rally without permission from Head Office.

This will take effect immediately and words to this effect will also be included in the rally book, Rule 13, when the next issue is produced.

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Chairman's Corner      St Patrick's Rally

This is our first of 3 visits to this venue with adequate space both in the rally field and hall. The rally field had improved by an afternoon of tree lopping done by myself and committee one Sunday morning prior to the rally. A beautiful location and loads of points of interest

Friday night we had tea, coffee and biscuits followed by a couple games of musical bingo with some interesting singing!

Saturday morning

We had a lovely Irish breakfast washed down with can of Guinness or orange juice for the Wimps! My afternoon was spent in the local pub "The Star" with a few friends - putting the world to right! whilst the girls went shopping to Stafford.

Saturday night In the hall we had music by the 2 Ds which did a fantastic range of songs and there was something for everyone. In the breaks with had a light buffet and closing flag.

A great night and weekend and well done to the marshals Jill, Tony, Chris and Keith.

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Horse & Jockey Bentley Rally

The first time I had been to this venue. A lovely flat field with all the pitches with electric hook up behind a lovely country pub.

Friday night we had opening flag.

Saturday during the day a lot of our ralliers enjoyed a walk in lovely Warwickshire countryside

Saturday night all the ralliers had a nice meal in the pub followed by a game of skittles, which was won by Keith. We had closing flag at which we also handed out flowers to the ladies for Mother's Day.

Sunday morning everyone was off early due to the pub being busy with their Mother's Day meal.

Well done to the marshals Sue and Trevor.

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**EMBARRASSMENT No 5.**

**Norman and Barbara got lost in Bilbao after leaving the ferry and ended up with a police escort to the motorway.**

**Quiz Answers**

**DINGBATS PAGE 11**

1. Right under your nose
2. Return ticket
3. Post man
4. Race against time
5. All in a day's work
6. Just a tick
7. Put a sock in it
8. Poles apart
9. Foot in the door
10. Pie in the sky
11. Severn eleven
12. Bridge over troubled water

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