

South Staffs



Snippets

Issue No 20.

Editors Forward

As we come to the close of this year there are new members to our committee and we all wish you good luck together with the rest of the committee for the forthcoming year.

This may be the Swansong for 'Snippits' as I have now produced and edited 20 issues since November 2016. There is not a lot of material coming in these days from ralliers, as most seem to prefer up to date technology as in the Facebook page.

I have enjoyed producing the magazine over the past 6 years but now my pen appears to have run out of ink, if anyone thinks it should carry on and want to take over let me or the committee know.

I will continue to print the odd Rally Book for those who like a hard copy at the usual co.st of materials used.

Keith Orchard

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New news from the Caravan and Motorhome Club. It appears we can now allow tents as well positioning at the discretion of the marshal. With regard to safety distances this may also be in line with the siting of trailer tents. We are waiting for further direction from the club.

Chairman's Report

Over the past year I have been happy to be the Chairman of the South Staffs Centre of the Caravan & Motorhome Club and to work alongside the committee in delivering rallies and socials for you to enjoy.

Unfortunately, this year we have had a lot of rallies cancelled due to lack of support, landowners cancelling, no marshals and understandably the high fuel cost and a small amount of Covid.

At the beginning of the year I did drop the prices of some rallies as the centre is not a profit making organisation. The Caravan and Motorhome Club do allow us some funds and as to date we are not losing any money.

In the year the Committee was reported to the Caravan and Motorhome Club for the way the marshals have to pay the rally fees into the centre. The club was happy with how we paid our fees to the centre.

There is a rumour that we have applied for some of the funds from The Caravan & Motorhome Club which is not true as we have enough funds in our account for what we need. Rather than start rumours, if you have any questions about this please ask the committee.

Over the year we have had some members pass away.

John Poole

Jim Gittins. Past Chairman 2003 – 2006

Jim who will be remembered as a long standing member and a very good friend to a lot of members.

As we carry on into the next year please continue to support your local centre and attend rallies where possible. So far to date we have had some good socials which have been commended highly for good get togethers. Without our members there would not be a club and thank you very much for attending last years rallied.

Trevor McGowan

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The Committee for 2022-2023



Chairman
Trevor McGowan and
His Wife Janet



Secretary
Maxine Adams



Treasurer
Lisa Pinson and her
Husband Mark



Webmaster
Norman Lucas and
his Wife Barbara



Rally Secretary
Nina Jones



Plaque Secretary &
Regional Reps
Joanna & Graham Clarke



Health and Safety Officer and Social Secretary
Jodie Guy and her Husband Stuart

Chris's Cooking Corner

Slow Cooker Corned Beef Hash

Ingredients

450g Corned Beef, Chopped

450g Potatoes, Chopped

1 onion Chopped

2 tbsp. extra virgin Olive Oil

2 tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce

1 tsp. Garlic Powder

1 tsp. Dried Oregano

1 tbsp. Chopped Parsley, plus more for garnish

Directions

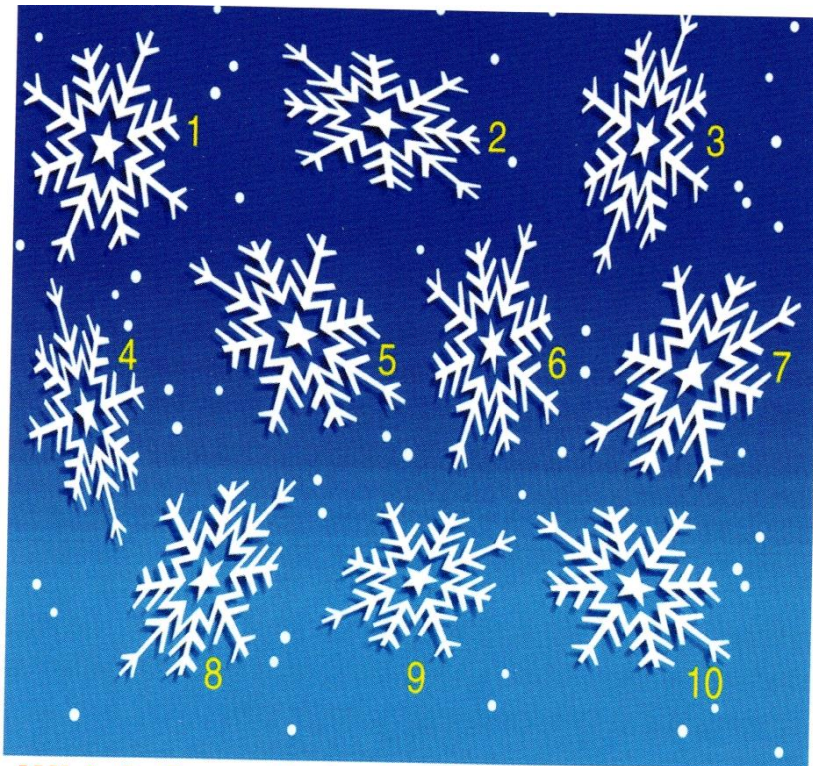
Line a slow cooker with foil & spray with cooking oil
Place all ingredients into slow cooker, mix together
gently and cook on high for approx 4 hours until
potatoes are cooked.

To speed up cooking time par boil the potatoes and
onion first.

If you're scared of spiders, you can deter them from
coming into your home by concocting a spider repelling
brew!

Mix pine, peppermint and other essential oils with
water, put the liquid into a spray bottle, then spray
doors and windows on the outside.

Just be careful where you spray, as some essential oils
are harmful to cats and dogs.



Which Snowflake is the Odd one out?

Answer on page 12

First Rallies 2023

March 17 – 19 St Patricks Offley Hay, Maxine Adams

23 – 27 The Newnes C P, John Franks

31 – 2 April Little Stoke Cricket Club,

Stuart & Jody Guy

Don't forget to book early as Offley Hay and Little Stoke are limited rallies.

Quiz Time

1. What Christmas item was invented by London baker and wedding-cake specialist Tom Smith in 1847?
2. In what year was Band-Aids “Do They Know It’s Christmas” recorded?
3. Which country did St Nicholas come from?
4. Who wrote – ‘How The Grinch Stole Christmas’?
5. From which country does the ‘Poinsettia’ plant come from?
6. Who wrote ‘Auld Lang Syne’?
7. How many points does a snowflake have?
8. What is the name of the cake traditionally eaten in Italy at Christmas?
9. Which of the world’s capitals sees the New Year in first?
10. Which of the world’s capitals sees the New Year in last?

Answers on page 12.

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Payment for weekend rallies – cash payments only.
We can no longer accept cheques, this will enable marshals to pay for landowners, halls and artists.

Just a quick message to say thank you to all the Marshalls and the committee for working so hard to keep the SSCC club going. We have enjoyed all the rallies we have been on, although the weather has been on & off, we still enjoyed the afternoon sun. Trevor nearly won the Bowles competition at Wyre Piddle but got beaten by a woman, Oh dear!!!

We hope more will book in for the future.

Enjoy Xmas and have a good 2023.

Best wishes,

Trevor and Sylvia.

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Monks Barn Fm Stratford

A good weekend, needed the brollies in town but didn't get very wet. Had lunch in a very nice shop. Had nice fish & chip

Saturday evening was a nice night in the barn, lots of chatting and listening to Jim Butterworth a visitor from the Centre who entertained us with his guitar and singing together with a couple of sessions of bingo.



Had a very nice evening with a couple of sessions of bingo.

Chris

THE WEBSITE

Now that we are all on the internet with the Rally Book, all information can now be given to Norman who will put it on the Centres' Website for you. This also includes photos taken at rallies, include children, the (don't forget if they must be obtained first) parent's permission items for sale section, if also there is the special feature or theme you are running a rally and people need to know extra information then this can be added if enough time is given.



There are various ways to get in touch with Norman.

Mail him at,

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webmaster@southstaffscaravanclub.co.uk or

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Even though Barbara and Norman spend half of their lives in Spain now they are still carrying out their committee roles and can be contacted by email.

If you want to send photos can you zip file them and send them via the 'We Transfer' website, it's free for small amounts.

**Safety. If this is your last rally till next year don't forget to drain down your water system and your toilet header tank
Jack frost doesn't care who he bites**

Important information from the Treasurer

From now on when paying for weekend rallies can you as far as possible pay with cash as the bank are now charging us for all cheques whether they are being paid in or taken out, plus, most landowners prefer cash. Payment can still be paid by BACS of course.

**South Staffs Centre of Caravan Club. Sort No 40-45-19
Ac No 41186345**

Please also state your name and rally name or number.

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Answers to Quiz on page 9.

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| 1. Christmas Cracker | 2. 1984 |
| 3. Turkey | 4. Dr Seuss |
| 5. Mexico | 6. Robert Burns |
| 7. Six | 8. Panettone |
| 9. Wellington, New Zealand | 10. Mexico City |

Snowflake No 6

2023 Charity Rally

Next years' Charity rally is at Brignorth and also co-insides with the Coronation of King Charles III.

Please all try and come as this is a prestigious event. The Charity is for the Air Ambulance and there will also be the usual type of stalls for your entertainment. Chris will be doing her stall as usual but is this year asking if anyone has any bottles of alcohol that they don't want or need can she have them for the Charity.

New Year Rally 23/24 

The Centre is looking towards running a New Year Rally at Colton Village Hall 2023/24. If you are interested please contact the Chairman or any committee member as soon as possible to avoid any disappointment.



Lisa

Dave and I would like to thank the Committee and ralliers of the South Staffs Centre for nearly 30 years of great holidays, great memories and friendships made along the way. We have moved to the 'dark side' and brought a static so will not be renewing our membership. We have had the most wonderful times and sad times too loosing good friends. Running rallies, time spent on Committee, dressing up, socials, windy rallies, muddy rallies, No one can ever take the memories away. Thank you all and keep up the good work.
Lisa & Dave Corbett



People in Dubai don't like the Flintstones but people in ABU Dhabi do!

Why did Cinderella get kicked off the football team?
Because she kept running away from the ball.

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