

# *South Staffs*



## *Snippits*

*Issue 15*

## Editor's Forward

It seems a long time since I put pen to paper but then there hasn't been a lot to write about since the last issue apart from doom and despondency.

This year is going to be as difficult for the marshal's as it was last year due to the restrictions imposed by the Coronavirus but I am sure we will all cope and just look forward to seeing everyone again, don't forget 2 meters is still within easy conversation distance.

Trevor would like to see a few more people putting their names down to run rallies as at the moment it still seems to be the same dedicated few.

The Charity for this year is the Air Ambulance which is the same as last year if we are able to hold some sort of Charity Rally.

If anyone wants to volunteer to run a virtual rally or just a social meeting you can log onto Zoom and get 45 minutes free, all you need to do is download the App and know the peoples' e mail address who you wish to join and send them the logging on code and time of meeting. Unfortunately to date I have no embarrassments, looking forward to seeing a few soon but keep sending me stuff for the next issue anyway.

Happy New Year to all and hope you all keep safe and look after yourselves.

Keith Orchard. Members Information

Dear Members,

I have taken the Chairman Position on again this year, to keep the centre going.

As we had a very bad year with the covid19 in 2020, I hope we can all get out this year 2021, and hope the Members will support the rallies and the new Committee.

I would like to see new members having a go at marshalling a rally. There is always someone to help you out,

I would like to thank Trevor Watkins for putting on the rallies again for this year.

I would like to thank Norman for the web page updates, and Keith and Chris for stopping on the Committee for this year.

I would also like wish all our Members a Happy New Year and look forward to see you out on the rallies,

Happy Rallying, Trevor McGowan,

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Please note that a Fire Bucket or extinguisher is now a mandatory requirement on South Staffs Centre Rallies

Chair Ladies message from last AGM

I am printing this as there was not many people attended the Zoom Meeting.

Good afternoon to everyone.

It's been a pleasure to be your Chair Lady for the year 2020 – even though I've not really had much to do on the rally field.

2020 has certainly been a different year for everyone and let's hope that there is now light at the end of the tunnel and we can all get back out on the rally field enjoying our caravans.

There has only been 7 rallies this year - due to the Covid situation, fortunately 2 of the rallies that were permitted were the holiday rallies at Stowford and Stoke Gabriel.

I would like to thank my Committee for their continued support, for working so well together and being proactive in every aspect of their position.

Finally, Steve and myself wish all our members a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year 2021, and we look forward to seeing everyone on the rally field whenever Boris says we can! Happy Rallying.

Tracy McGuire

The October 2020 AGM had to be delayed due to the Coronavirus outbreak and was held by Zoom on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

It was disappointing that Jill had sent out 456 e mails to all the members and apart from the 10 members for committee only 3 other members joined in apart from one who couldn't work the Zoom and apologised by phone.

The AGM went as follows, Tracy McGuire – Chairlady, Jill Davies – Secretary, Steve McGuire – Treasurer and Kim Moore – Junior Liaison all retired. Tracy did 1 year as Chair and 5 years as Treasurer, Steve did 1 year as Treasurer and 5 years as Chair, Jill did Secretary since October 2016, prior to that she was Catering Secretary and Kim did Junior Liaison for 2 ½ years. Thank you all for your commitment to the centre.

The new committee for 2021 are:-

Trevor McGowan – Chairman

Lisa Pinson – Treasurer

Maxine Adams – Secretary

Norman Lucas – Webmaster

Trevor Watkins – Rally Sec

Chris Orchard – Plaque Secretary

Keith Orchard – Members Information  
and Safety Officer

Central Region Reps – Chris & Keith Orchard

This is a small committee which means lots of work to do, it is much easier if the work was spread out with a larger committee, we are allowed up to 15 people so if anyone would like to join then we can co-opt at any time during the year.

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### Obituaries since last issue

It is with sadness I have to report 2 more old centre members' departures to the caravan in the sky.

Richard Davies Chairman from 2000 – 2003 (Covid 19 victim)

Alan Burrows centre member

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### Travel Insurance

Now the EHIC (was E111) is no longer issued there is another type of global insurance called GHIC which means as a UK citizen you will continue to receive free or discounted medical care when visiting the EU.

For more information visit the NHS website and fill in the free form.

## THE WEBSITE

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



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or even post it to him, just ring him for the address.

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Don't forget if the **RED** flag is flying there is no vehicle movement on the field



## 10 Minute Quiz

Find the name of these cars

1. Male Companion .....
2. Light Bulb .....
3. Enemy of the roundheads .....
4. Paris underground .....
5. Housing development .....
6. Creepy crawly .....
7. Expression and Animal doctor .....
8. This would bring a female sailor to a stand – still  
.....
9. Precious blue stone .....
10. What do Henry Cotton and St Andrews have in  
common? .....

Answers on page 12.

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We all get heavier as we get older,  
because there's a lot more information in our heads.  
That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Hi Ralliers

Happy New Year. Just to say thank you to the outgoing committee members and their spouses and also the junior committee for the constant hard work during this difficult year to keep the club afloat.

Also to thank the stalwart members who are taking on the task of keeping it going, trying to encourage new members. Things have changed so much in families and it is hard to compete with other pastimes, however with people going back to nature may work in our favour.

We have our stalwart previous members, Trevor, Sue, Keith, Chris, Norman and Barbara still with us and the McGowan family to guide us. Good luck to you all, hope it will be a success. Things will get better if we can get the virus gone.

We have had some wonderful times on the rallies, with socials, dinners, entertainments, weekends and holidays and would be sorry to see them go

Hope you are all keeping well and staying safe and have a happier New Year.

Best wishes from Sylvia and Trevor.



# Stay safe

Please help us keep our staff, our members, and our guests safe by following these simple rules:

-  Please make sure you maintain social distancing at all times by waiting on the marked lines
-  Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds immediately after using this facility, and avoid touching your face

Thank you

We are all in this together, and by respecting each other and the Government guidance we can all stay safe and well.

For more information visit [camc.com/FAQs](https://www.camc.com/FAQs)



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## Chris's Cooking Corner – Sago Pudding

Easy way to cook Sago pudding.

This is for a 750 Watt microwave, adjust cooking times to suit yours.

2oz Sago Pearls. (3 sizes available depending on taste)

1 Pt Milk

1 Desert spoon sugar

Put Sago and milk into a large microwavable bowl. Cook on high for 6 mins, stir then cook for another 6 mins. Take out and stir in 1 desert spoon of sugar. Enjoy.

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### 10 Minute Quiz Answers

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|-------------|------------------------|
| 1. ESCORT   | 2. Mazda               |
| 3. Cavalier | 4. Metro               |
| 5. Estate   | 6. Spider              |
| 7. Corvette | 8. Renault (Wren Halt) |
| 9. Sapphire | 10. Golf               |

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YOUR CENTRE NEEDS YOU

Don't Forget Your Masks,  
They Even Keep your Chin Warm

*And the winner is....*



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Have you checked your driving licence lately?

Item 4b tells you the date your licence expires.

If you don't renew it you are liable for a £1000 fine

Check that you have the correct documents and insurance to drive in Europe  
Check the details on the Caravan and Motorhome Club web site



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From January 2021 it will continue to be possible to drive in most European countries with a UK driving licence and it won't be necessary to have an International Driving Permit (IDP).

News now on the death of Brian Humphreys when he was knocked off his bicycle by a van driver in Willenhall in June last year.

The Court Case is being held at Dudley Magistrates Court on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

If the person pleads guilty then they will deal with the sentencing there and then. If he doesn't plead, or pleads not guilty, then the case will go to Crown Court.

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#### ADDITIONAL NOTES TO MARSHALS

1. Mark pitches so members can be directed to them without them getting out of their vehicles.
2. Put arrival instruction on a notice board or a notice shown at the drivers' window.
3. Provide a receptacle for them to place their money envelopes in.
4. Mark out 2m queueing distances (around 6) by the water tap and elsan point.
5. Position tap cleaning facilities by any water taps for use before and after by everyone together with a notice to that effect and to wash their hands for 20 seconds afterwards.
6. No visitors of any description allowed to simplify any future track and trace requirements.
7. No flag or communal tea/coffee meetings.
8. Reminder to wash hands for 20 seconds after using taps, waste disposal points and electrical hook-ups.
9. If anyone feels unwell (with suspected Covid symptoms) they must
  - (A) Inform the marshal so they can make a record of it.
  - (B) Go online to NHS 111 and inform them. (C) Advise them to have a test as the track and trace may have to be instigated.

## NOTES TO RALLIERS

1. On arrival please pay by putting the correct amount of money in an envelope with your name, amount and rally No: on it & to place it in the receptacle provided if you have not already paid by BACS or cheque
2. Please do not get out of your vehicle as you will be directed to a parking position.
3. Please observe the safety distancing notices and cleaning instructions by the taps etc.
4. No visitors allowed on site for any reason, if any arrive you must leave the site to see them.
5. Please observe the National distancing rules
6. Don't forget to wash your hands regularly.
7. Please adhere to the National rules and advice as it is issued periodically.

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I trust now the vaccination programme is almost complete that our rallies may become more normal and we can soon have indoor functions again.

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Please keep your messages coming in together with anything special you have done that you would not have ordinarily done during the lockdowns.

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