

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT – DEC 2011



Hello

Where has the year gone? As I write this, there are only three rallies left in 2011.

I would like to offer my thanks to the retiring 2011 committee for their input over the year and to express my thanks to those members who have come forward to stand for the 2012 committee. I would also like to wish our Junior Committee success in 2012; they will be running various events next year so please give them your full encouragement and support. We are extremely lucky; many centres are unable to raise a junior committee. I would like to say a sincere thanks to all those marshals who have conjured up some of the most superb rallies for the centre during the past year and are continuing to do so for 2012. Without you, the rally programme would look a bit blank.

As a new team, we have enjoyed a successful Bonfire Rally (thanks Robin for leading that one); many thanks to our volunteer stall holders who raised an incredible £397.00. Fantastic achievement. This was followed by an enjoyable, but on occasion, a fraught, Christmas Market Rally – thanks again to Robin, Humphrey and Josie, who masterfully dealt with cries of 'where's the electric, where's the showers' and more specifically 'where is the bus?' Our last rally was the Children's Christmas Party. Thanks to lead marshals, Mark and Bev who have been nonstop in ensuring the little ones really did enjoy themselves, and thanks to the ralliers who help raise over £60.00 towards the Chairman's Charity.

The rally book has been sent to the printers and, as I write this, should be undergoing proof reading. Thanks Colin and Janet. Hopefully, if all goes well, and depending on delivery from the printers, we should have the book in the post mid January, and then we can start sorting out what we are doing in 2012. We have some of our more traditional locations, but also we have a few new venues; some of which will be five day holiday rallies. For those of you out there, who have never rallied, please think about giving it a try. It's actually quite easy in a modern van, and above all you really will get a warm welcome from the Lincolnshire Centre. For those of you who have never been out past October, we still have three rallies left. Spaces are still available on the Christmas Rally and I'm sure if you talk to the New Year rally marshals, they will be able to help. Trust me, rallies at this time of year are brilliant – if you've never done it before, give it a go!!!

In 2012, the Lincolnshire Centre are hosting the Intercentres Rally at the Kestevan Rugby Club near Grantham. Let's make it a fun weekend. Ben and Gary will be chasing you over the next few months. We were a bit thin on the ground in 2011 so please come along and give them your support.

I would just like to confirm that the Chairman's Charity for 2012 will be in aid of the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance, (and not whatever gibberish that came out of my mouth at Oompah – too much Oompah and not enough coffee) – please, all contributions will be gratefully received.

Carole and I look forward to meeting you on the rally field and would like to take this opportunity to offer you our sincere thanks for supporting the Lincolnshire Centre. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous 2012

Happy caravanning

Mick & Carole