

## Chairman's Chat January 2011

Hello to you all

Christmas is now but a fading memory I hope you all enjoyed the festive season and that Santa was kind to you, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy & Prosperous New year.

2010 was a successful year for the centre with a full programme. The highlight for me was celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Lincolnshire showground. It was also my pleasure to represent the centre at my first National Rally, and to support and be part of some of our teams there, although we were few in number everybody did the centre proud. With your help we raised over a £1000 for the Caudwell children's charity which was presented to their representative Paul Arrowsmith at our AGM in October, this year I have decided that charity should start at home so we shall be raising money for the centre. The year also saw retirement from committee of Carole Williamson & Jean Coupland, and I thank them both for all their hard work during time served. Ken & Jean were presented with a rose bowl at the AGM.

We have some new ideas and aims for 2011, the on-line booking service will return this year, we also hope to have live entertainment at Chairman's, AGM and Christmas party rallies, with the format of the agm and xmas party being changed this year, also the price of the agm rally being reduced to help encourage more members to attend so you can have an input into the running of the centre or share ideas and views.

By now your 2011 rally book should have been posted through your door, if this is not the case please contact Huw Phillips our centre secretary who will be able to sort out any queries. We again have tried to have a wide and varied programme for you all to enjoy, with the fun packed to the chilled out weekend.

We have noticed that the centre is attracting more families with younger children and with this in mind it's never too early to start encouraging our members to join the Lincolnshire Green Army, who need your support at both the Intercentre's & National Rallies both of which dates can be found in the book. For further information speak to our sporty happy chappy Gary Horner who will be more than happy to help.

We look forward to seeing old & new friends on the rally field during 2011, and remember my door is always open.

Best Wishes

Ivan & Nikki