

Chairman's Chat - 29th May 2009

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the third Chairman's Chat of 2009.

Firstly can I thank everyone who has contributed to the Chairman's Charity this year, which is the RNLI.

An additional total of £95 was raised by ralliers over a period of two rallies at Clumber Park and Trent Valley Gliding Club. A cuddly toy tombola at Clumber Park, coupled with getting a few members wet in the stocks, raised £59 – and the rally at Trent Valley Gliding Club raised a further £36 with a raffle. My thanks go to all who kindly contributed to the cause.

It is the time, now that we are over half way through our year, to think about Committee positions for 2010. This will be an eventful year for us all as it is the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the Lincolnshire Centre - quite a milestone. As you are all aware of the positions available, I would like you now at this time to consider offering your service to help run the Lincolnshire Centre on behalf of our many members. When all committee members stand down in October at the AGM, some will be re-standing for positions on the committee, some will not re-apply. So there will be vacancies on the committee if you would like to nominate yourself for a job. Nominations must be in by noon of the Saturday of the Chairman's rally so you have plenty of time to make a decision. If you would like to contact me direct with any queries, please feel free to do so.

After another National Rally passed by I can tell you we were well represented by 60 vans in Lincolnshire Lines, with a further 20 or more in electric, admin and disabled lines. The weather for the rally was amazing, with hot days all over the weekend. Although we had only a few sports entries this year, we had teams in volleyball, petanque and 5 a side football, and the quiz teams. Also cake baking and wine making, and crafts. Our under 12 football stars formed a "Scratch" team, which was made up from members from other Centres. They managed to win the event, beating Derbyshire in the final. We were also successful in the quiz, becoming National Champions for the first time since 2002, beating a very strong team from North Yorkshire.

My sincere congratulations go to all entrants who participated in the events, and well done to all winners.

The annual Intercentre's Rally will be held on the weekend of 12th/14th of June, at Clumber Park, and the host Centre this year is Nottinghamshire Centre. I urge all you sports minded members to try and attend so that we can give a good showing in the sports events. I will make sure the kit is taken there, so that we can show our team spirit and compete against the other Centre's involved.

Anyone wishing to take part please contact me and I will try and organize the teams for the event. I am sure we have enough members out there to give a good show. We already have a few teams organized; let's see if we can get a few more.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind Regards

Geoff & Gina