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Message from the Chair

Who can believe we are in the last part of the '09 season? Being part of the Camping and Caravanning Club has a tendency to wish time away; you are always looking forward to the next meet, planning the next event, or thinking about next years sites and plans.

Our new big meet of '09; The Volleyball Meet, took a lot of effort and energy out of our committee and it was good that it preceded the holiday season as I know some well deserved rest was needed. At that point in the year, we hand over to George and Faye and Pete and Maureen who run our Summer holiday meets—with the credit crunch in force, our Isle of Wight site seems to have benefited particularly well from visiting members. Excellent news for us—not sure whether George and Faye feel the same; they have been very busy!

This weekend, our annual themed meet, gives us all a chance to holiday like perhaps some of our parents used to in the '50's and '60's. I hope you will join in with some of the events we have planned for you. A knotted handkerchief or a glamorous headscarf were all the rage (so my Mom tells me!)

I would ask you all to take a moment to jot a few comments on the questionnaire that we have put out this weekend—another opportunity for you to let us know what you think. We do listen and take note so it really is worth while.

All that's left for me to say is lets hope the weather for the remainder of the season is kind to us and I look forward to chatting with you over the weekend.

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Charity Update

This years nominated charity; Warwick Special Care Baby Unit, has climbed to great heights in its first half year. A team of NWDA members took on the challenge of climbing Snowdon, achieving the amazing total of £2200—bringing the running total for the year to £3200.

The team left our holiday site at Rhayader at 7am and headed to Snowdonia. The ever changing weather conditions made the challenge much tougher than they had hoped for! Well done to all who took part, which included 2 CCY and a puppy!



The next event for your diary will be a Charity Race Night at Avenue Bowling Club, Coundon, Coventry on Saturday 21st November. Grey Hound Race Night, Disco, Auction, Raffle, Faggot and Pea batches.

See Gary Bratt for tickets

Stewards Wanted

Would you like to Steward a weekend? We would welcome hearing from you if you would like to give it a go—it's a rewarding experience and you get to camp free for that weekend, see Mark Nicklin for more info.

New Holiday Site

Lower Brailles, Nr Banbury.

This beautiful new site for 2010 offers a large flat field, bus stop at the gate, village baker, butcher and newsagent. (sorry no candlestick maker!)

NFOL 2011

Your Region Needs You!

Central Counties Region are hosting the 2011 NFOL at Newark Show Ground and are recruiting for keen helpers for all teams.

For more information go to www.NFOL2011.co.uk or speak to Lin and Jayne.

The Volleyball Meet

“Many Congratulations” were the words echoed around the Volleyball Meet from Friday night all the way through the weekend to the closing ceremony on Sunday. The support from its original owners North East Cheshire DA and other NW Regional DAs was overwhelming.

Emotions ran high as the meet was officially handed over and opened with the new Division One Trophy being donated to North Warwicks by Carol Smith, the NECDA Chairperson. The games got underway after the Camping and Caravanning Club Vice Chairman Albert Walker, hit the first ball over the net to commence proceedings. A great day of volleyball was had by all and for those not playing they had the bar, tombola, raffle, trade stalls, and for the little ones, children’s entertainment and a fantastic Foam Party.



Our pictures show Carol Smith (NECDA) presenting the trophy to Steve Kennings & the NWDA Division one Team in action.



Saturday Night, we were entertained with a great disco in the bar - the atmosphere was “awesome”. Sunday morning saw the finals being played (a full run down of all the winners and runners up is available at www.nwda.cc). The closing ceremony was another atmosphere of celebration with the winners, runners up, players of the tournament and most promising players all rewarded with trophy's - presented by various Regional and National Councillors, including the Director General of the Club; Robert Loudon.

As the 135 plus units left the site, they all thanked the NWDA team and promised to see us all in 2010.

Since the event we have attended the NFOL at Blenheim Palace and the support is still strong, with two National Representatives offering to give out our flyers for 2010. We were also told 3 of our Volleyball T-Shirts were spotted at this years FICC. We have some remaining stock on sale this weekend for a bargain price of £5. See Jayne Bishop.

CCY ...What's happening?

This year has seen a huge growth in our Youth with many CCJ coming of age and joining the CCY enabling them to attend their first youth rallies these include Katie, Laura, Lucy, Tom, Joe, Jack, Shannon (apologies if I missed anyone). Since our last newsletter the CCY have been very busy with 8 Youth and our Youth Leader Team attending the Summer Youth Rally at North Kilworth, all participating in Volleyball, Sunday Sports, Football and a Quiz, coming runners up in the Footy. Followed in June by a day at Drayton Manor and despite being given the choice not to go due to torrential rain, they chose still to go, getting soaked to the skin, but having a fantastic time.

Then came the National Youth Rally at Hollingworth Lakes hosted by North West Region. Our YL Team took 15 NWDA CCY, which made up the 19 attending in total from Central Counties Region, well done North Warwicks. On these National occasions, the youth represent Central Counties and compete against regions from all over the country. Our own Lucy Kennings even managed to get her photo in the Rochdale Observer with the Committee who ran the event and other Youth from the Club, well done Lucy. (See the CCY page at www.nwda.cc) They had some great fun in the afternoon, with inflatable boxing rings, sumo suits and water slides. Makes me wish I was CCY age again! The last event before holiday time was the Volleyball Meet, organised by NWDA, some CCY and CCJ made up a “16” man team to come runners up in the U14's League. Most recently Amy, Lucy and Grainne made up the Central Counties representation at this years National Feast of Lanterns at Blenheim Palace, well done girls for representing NWDA and Central Counties. The next date for your diary is the Conkers and Pancakes weekend at Studley this year, where the CCY are our Stewards for the weekend. Please support them in their fund raising activities throughout the weekend.



Winter Socials

NWDA Charity Race Night

Saturday 21st November 2009

Avenue Bowls Club, Coundon, Coventry
(Tickets on Sale—Gaz 07801 122270)

NWDA Christmas Party

Saturday 6th December 2009

Shirley Centre, Stratford Road, Shirley
(Tickets on Sale—Jan 07798 696273)