A HOLIDAY HOME IN THE NORTH
Lindisfarne Castle
on Holy Island in Northumberland
from the Coast & Castles rally last September
From the Editor

There is plenty of interest in this edition of News and Views from Christmas spectacles to Moroccan Kasbahs. Plus an excellent cooking page and much more.

Diana Lomax raises an interesting point regarding caravan meals. The days of eating three course meals in the ‘van seem to have disappeared. Rallies often have many meals organised and we tend to eat out more. What ralliers and Rally Marshalls need are recipes for quick meals and snacks. These recipes need not necessarily be cooked in the caravan or motorhome. Sometimes they can be cooked at home, other times an interesting quickly cooked or put together light meal is what’s needed. What do you think? Please let me know and I’ll pass your comments and recipes on to Diana.

Those who have ‘volunteered’ or who have been fortunate enough to be asked to write a rally report please note. About 300 words are needed, more for large and continental rallies, together with one or three interesting photographs to illustrate your report. If you can’t take them yourself ask the camera-man on your rally to take specific photos for you.

Lastly a big thank you to all those members who have sent me articles for inclusion in this edition. They are very welcome and help make your magazine more interesting. Please keep them coming in.

Our great fellowship was initiated in 1967. Since then rallies have been held all over the world so there must be wonderful stories out there somewhere that would interest members. Put your thinking caps on and let me know what travel and rallies were like in the ‘old days’. New members will be fascinated and maybe give them some ideas for rallies of their own.

Tails End, about the sad demise of Daisy, Gerard and Christine’s Cairn terrier, can be found elsewhere in the magazine. If there is another dog owner in the Fellowship who would like to write a similar column to Tails of the Dog, please get in touch.

There is still some confusion about my e-mail address. It is johnhackney@live.co.uk

Happy rallying.

John Hackney
ICFR Editor of News and Views
As you receive this News and Views we are about to attend the AGM at Stratford. I hope you will be there and I hope you will enjoy yourself. The Rally Team have certainly worked hard to ensure that you will.

The winter, for some of us, is the time to fit in those non-ICFR holidays and this year there seems to have been quite an emigration to the Southern Hemisphere. Christine and I had a wonderful time and now quite understand why so many rave about New Zealand.

Since the last edition of News and Views Christine and I have scrutinised the excellent Programme that the Rally Marshals, encouraged and cajoled by Programme Secretary Terry, have organised. We have booked quite a few, and look forward to meeting friends old and new on these rallies. In fact, by the time this edition has been delivered, we anticipate having already been on four rallies with many more to come. As you can see from this map shown on our website, we and ICFR will be all over the UK in the next few months and even into France.

Even though there have been fewer rallies over the winter ICFR, and particularly your Executive Committee, have not been idle. A rule change which allows an ex-Rotarian to take one of the top ICFR District roles has been agreed and more work has been done on the new identity of ICFR mentioned in the last edition of News and Views.

One thing that does need YOUR urgent consideration. Plans for the Autumn Fellowship for 2016 have stalled and I am in urgent need of help in some one/dis- trict putting on this rally including finding a location.

Finally I always feel that an organisation should know what they have let themselves in for, and in keeping with previous practice I have included a brief personal history. It seemed inappropriate last year.

Have a great season with ICFR.

Gerard Turley
ICFR President

Born in Nottingham eldest son of a Town and County Planner and a Nurse. Two siblings, sister and brother.

Raised in the family town of Shrewsbury and qualified as a Chartered Accountant. Met (at a dance organised by me) and married the ever patient and supportive Christine. Joined Dunlop as an Internal Auditor, then Financial Manager at Manchester, Wrexham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Cardiff with appropriate home moves.

Lucky enough to have two wonderful daughters. Louise and Georgina who have given us four granddaughters and a grandson.

After Dunlop, moved to Catnic Components in Caerphilly as Chief Accountant and Computer Manager, then to SWT the local bus company in Swansea as Financial Director and Company Secretary. Still there but now called UWS and all the buses have gone. SWT involved a move to Reynoldston in Gower where we have lived for 30 years.

Voluntary work includes Secretary of Catenians while in Newcastle, and in Gower: Treasurer, Secretary and Chairman of Local Drama societies; Community Councillor; Secretary and Trustee of Local Village Charity, involvement in local broadband scheme; and, of course, Rotary. Committee Chairman, Bulletin Editor, Treasurer, Webmaster and President. Finally ICFR, District 1150 Chairman, member of Executive Committee, Editor, and Vice-President.

Enjoy: holidays, very occasional gardening and DIY, computers, Gower, caravanning and dogs the latter two for most of our 44 years of married life.

Gerard Turley
Vice President’s Report

Well by the time you read this I will be six months into my planned Vice Presidency, although in reality I will have been in the post for 14 months. During the first 8 months however I did very little other than start the movement to reorganise the ICFR Districts which you will learn more about at the AGM and heard Derek Rogers report now that RIBI have released their reorganisation of Districts and enabled us to tidy up our ideas presented at the Autumn Fellowship at Bridport. Essentially for those not at the AGM it is a matter of combining Districts to overcome areas that did not have committees, whilst acknowledging the RIBI changes to streamline some other districts that had an overabundance of members. It is interesting to note the changes that have occurred over time, as when I joined ICFR, Yorkshire District 1040 was super strong (we called them the Yorkshire mafia) but that has decreased and other districts have become well represented.

Part of the role of being Vice President has been to support the President, but over the last six months there has been very little to do in this respect, perhaps because we both decided to head south for a warmer winter but at different timeframes. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to New Zealand although we were disappointed to not to be able to link up with the New Zealand ICFR at their rally at Matai Bay having changed our baseline itinerary.

During the last 6 months I have been trying to plan the location of the big rallies during my two years as President, which starts with the 50th Birthday Celebrations in 2017. My initial want was to have another AGM rally at Stratford, and effectively rerun the very successful 100 years of Rotary Celebration we had there in 2005. With Stratford being such a central location for those past members of ICFR to be able to come to and enjoy the reunion. However this is not to be and we are now looking for alternative locations. We have however decided to go back to Chester for the Autumn Fellowship of 2017. What we are finding is that it is becoming harder and harder to find sites and Districts able to run the big rallies, a fact that is indicated by the decrease in number of the smaller rallies. So if you are able to run a rally please think about it and put forward your suggestions.

Another thing I would like to ask all members to think about is finding new members, as time passes we lose friends along the way and our numbers decrease, so it is important that we continually find new members and publicise our activities to enable the fellowship to achieve its objectives. So if you have any publicity outlets into Rotary magazines or Conferences can I ask that you use the opportunities to promote ICFR.

We now look forward to a great 2015 season which has already successfully kicked off with Ted and Ann’s Skel-with perennial, and we hope that the season continues so successfully. Have you booked your rallies yet? There are still some vacancies as can be found on the ICFR Website www.rotarianscaravanning.org.uk for which we owe an undoubted set of thanks to David Shaw for all his efforts. Thank you David.

Hope to see you on the Rally Fields in 2015.

Gwyn Weallans
ICFR Vice President

Cover Picture

Whilst on the Coast and Castles Rally last September ralliers were deliberately marooned on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne. After lunch everyone ambled towards the enchanting 16th Century Lindisfarne Castle. Built in 1570 what used to be a stronghold eventually became the holiday home of a wealthy Edwardian gentleman. In 1902 Edward Hudson, the founder of Country Life magazine, leased the castle estate and commissioned the Arts and Crafts architect Edwin Lutyens to renovate the building. By 1912 the work had been completed and in 1918 Hudson bought the estate. The castle had become a very comfortable holiday home.

Below the castle walls is to be found the enchanting walled garden designed by Gertrude Jekyll. Also close by is what remains of the island’s industrial past in the form of the ruins of very imposing lime kilns.

The castle had three private owners before the National Trust took it on in 1944 and they now conserve and protect the building for future generations.

The Trust’s House Steward, Nick Lewis, is the son of Peter Lewis from the Rotary Club of Alnwick. Another Alnwick Rotarian, Colin Bradford, was responsible for the photograph on the front cover. Colin Bradford challenges those with good eyesight to find Barbara and Colin Redwood in the photograph.

LOOKING FOR A RALLY SITE?

If you are thinking about holding a rally and are looking for a site try:

www.greatbritishrallyguide.co.uk

This is a free guide to assist rally marshals and event organisers in finding sites and suppliers.
Secretary’s Report

My first pleasant duty is to thank Past Secretary Derrick for the easy transfer which took place in early January. I am very impressed with his systems and the immaculate records kept in very neat order. Many thanks Derrick, and for the excellent service you have given to ICFR over many years.

I spent the first month advising everyone of the Change of Secretary and the new contact address. Businesses reply by email these days, just a brief note “Change noted.” How different from my days when we were required to reply with a detailed and courteous letter.

Change of Rule R8 District ICFR Committees

The Executive Committee have approved the following amendment:

The rule will now read:

R8 DISTRICT ICFR COMMITTEES:
Shall comprise
(a) The ICFR District Chairman
(b) The ICFR District Vice Chairman,
one of whom must be a Full or Life Member and the other may be a either a Full or Life Member or an associate who has previously been a Full Member and both shall be elected annually, but shall not serve for a time longer than two (2) years.

Sections (c) and (d) remain unchanged.

The effect is to allow a member who has resigned from Rotary or their spouse to hold the office of District Chairman or District Vice-Chairman, but the other post must be held by a Full (Rotarian or spouse) or Life Member. This is felt necessary to relieve the lack of officers in some districts.

I wrote to all District Chairman and Secretaries in March to advise them of this important change.

I am beginning to receive sealed postal votes for the A.G.M. and look forward to organising the election of members to the Executive Committee at Stratford. Thanks everyone for trusting me with the important position of National Secretary.

Ted Walsmley
ICFR Honorary Secretary

Treasurer’s Report

The Accounts for 2014 have been finalised and my thanks go to Michael Segon for auditing them.

Income

The Subscriptions and Donations were down because of an increase in members (and widows) resigning due to age or ill health. However, there was a revenue increase in the categories of Christmas Greetings, Rally Net surpluses and Party Tent Fees resulting in an overall increased income compared with 2013.

Expenditure

Most items were very comparable with last year, but a big cost saving was achieved in the printing of News and Views, where a new supplier saved us £800. Well done to John Hackney for achieving this figure.

The increase in District expenditure was due to increased postal charges. I would be very grateful if District Secretaries would use e-mail, wherever possible to contact their members. No travel expenses were paid this year.

The overall expenditure was only £140 more than 2013 and the surplus achieved was nearly £1000, and this is a considerable improvement on last year.

Internet banking was setup during the year and is working well. It saves on postage and eliminates loss of cheques.

As reported at the AGM the Party Tent Account was closed during 2014 and I was able to transfer £2000 to the Deposit Account at the end of the year.

I have had many comments about the Deposit Account, which at the end of the year was £15,772.

A popular misconception is that this is money, which is freely available to spend. It is not.

This money has been built up over a large number of years and is a fund to cover our liabilities.

It cost over £12,500 to put on the AGM at Banham, and these costs must be covered by funds in case of an emergency.

Autumn Fellowships are also expensive. The Bridport rally cost over £10,000 to hold.

In conclusion I would like to thank Executive officers and District Treasurers for all their help and I wish to single out our Equipment Officers, Roger and Christine Restell, for all their hard work in setting up the new Merchandise Account and running it so successfully.

Paul Quinlan
ICFR Treasurer
Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st December 2014

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2014

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President 2014: Gerald Truhey
Hon Treasurer 2014: Paul Quinnan

Examiner's Report to the Members of ICFR

I have examined the books and vouchers for the year ended 31st December 2014 and I certify that the accounts are in accordance with the rules.

Hon Auditor
Michael Storer

25/02/2015
**Membership Secretary’s Report**

Firstly a thank you to Gwyn for his great assistance in handing over the reins. We’ll have to see when the next Directory is published as to whether I have managed to remember and absorb his solid information!

On the statistics front, since the last Directory was prepared in November, we have very sadly lost about a dozen members who have died, and 30 odd through resignations – either formally notified or via a failure to pay their 2015 subscription.

But on a brighter front, there have been 18 new members join during that period. Thank you to those members who have encouraged and fostered these new recruits – great. Please look out for these new rallies and give them a solid ICFR welcome.

But, of course, all of us need to keep working hard to identify and encourage further new members.

You will no doubt have noticed that there have been a large number of member-detail changes, and thus I decided to revise the format of the monthly email update to make this easier to use - I hope that you are finding the change successful. Thank you to all of the members who have notified me of their changes in a timely manner. If your detail has changed, and for whatever reason you have not told me – then please do let me know, and I can ensure that the new information is shared with your ICR friends.

The monthly update is sent to every member with an email address known to me – please check the directory so that if you have an email that is NOT listed, then do let me know. In a similar manner, I also send the update directly to a few partners of members who have their own email address – if YOU have such an address and would like to get a copy directly, then again, please do let me know and I can easily arrange. derekbrogers@btinternet.com

**Programme Secretary’s Report**

We have 30 Rallies in the 2015 programme, and at the time of writing only seven have waiting lists, so there are plenty of opportunities for us to Rally.

Prior to the Autumn Fellowship meeting the Rally committee meets and has approve the Rally programme for the next year, this is a condition of our Natural England exemption certificate.

I was a pleased that at the Autumn Fellowship last year a good proportion of Rallies had been notified to me. However there were still a few Rallies that came in later making it necessary for the Rally committee to give late approval and a rush to meet the N&V deadlines. I really would appreciate it if you could let me have your proposed rallies well before the Autumn Fellowship rally so that we can announce a full and balanced programme for the next year and so that the full programme can appear in Winter News & Views.

This year their was some disappointment regarding the lack of places on foreign Rallies, it does seem that we need 3 Foreign Rallies to meet members needs. If you have an idea for a Rally abroad please let me know so that we can fit it in the programme.

**If you are looking for a new Rally site in your area** it is worth looking at a new web site www.greatbritishrallyguide.co.uk which lists over 100 sites by area and county.

Thanks to those who have already made offers for the 2016 Rally Season

Finally can I again thank all Rally Marshals for your Rallies and hard work.

**Terry Cooke**

ICFR Programme Secretary

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Derek Rogers
ICFR Membership Secretary
IT Secretary’s Report

Keeping the website up to date involved quite a lot of work at the beginning of the year as usual when the new rally programme was launched.

Rally organisers have been less tardy than last year at producing their rally documents.

Updates on spaces left on the rally are more frequent than last year, and I still do not send out requests for updates as these very rarely get a response.

All rally booking forms have been approved before they have been sent to me by the Programme Secretary.

Roger and Christine Restell now have a completely revised Equipment page and I thank them for their input.

We now have a great range of items that can be ordered ad hoc and very little stock need be carried. Well done you two.

I look forward to receiving photographs of happy ralliers.

I have had no feedback from members critical or otherwise.

Sorry I could not be with you all this year but other pressing engagements have taken precedence.

David Shaw
ICFR IT Secretary

New Drug driving laws

From 2 March 2015 there will be a new law on driving after taking certain drugs (including some medicines) in England and Wales. This law states that it is an offence to drive with certain drugs above specified blood levels in the body, whether your driving is impaired or not. This will make it easier for the police to tackle drug drivers. The new law sets limits at very low levels for eight drugs commonly associated with illegal drug use, such as cannabis and cocaine, to tackle illegal drug use and driving. The law also includes eight drugs commonly associated with medicinal use, that are sometimes abused, that have been set at higher limits based on the available evidence of the road safety risk and to reflect their use as medicines.

The drugs are:

- morphine used to treat pain – opiate/opioid based medication will metabolise (chemically change) into morphine and show in a blood result
- diazepam, donazepam, flunitrazepam, lorazepam, oxazepam, temazepam used to treat anxiety or inability to sleep
- methadone used to treat drug addiction

Amphetamine used to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and Parkinson’s disease is also planned to be included within the offence in the longer term

The majority of patients that are fit to drive and are taking medicines as directed are unlikely to be above the specified limit and therefore would not be committing the new offence. Even if you are above the specified limit but your driving is not impaired and you are taking your medicine in accordance with the advice of a healthcare professional and/or as printed in the accompanying leaflet you will also be within the law.

International Liaison Officer’s Report

The International Liaison Officer’s role seems to have come down to sending News and Views around the world and getting very little back. This term I have had contact with Jan Hemminga, President of ICFR Netherlands and John Pierre Huchin, Secretary of our French equivalent ARCCC.

Although both people were very chatty on their Emails nothing has been forthcoming in terms of requests for information from members of their fellowships. Before Christmas I had high hopes that our members would have an invitation to go on the French Rally in June from The Black Forest to Stuttgart. However the invite never came.

I continue to have good feedback from the RV Fellowship and we are welcome to go on any of their Rallies. We have been invited to hook-up at some of their private dwellings. If anybody is interested in going to the States please get in touch with me and I will contact Debbie Conover their current President and see if something can be arranged.

Bob Wright
ICFR International Liaison Officer
End of a Tail

Many of you have been kind enough to say that you have enjoyed the ‘Tails of a Dog’ articles which have appeared for some years in News and Views. To all who have enjoyed them it is with much regret that we have to tell you that our furry friend Daisy passed away far too young at only eight of cancer on 1st December last year.

We have decided to get another dog, in fact another Cairn Terrier, who is called Millie. She will be with us on ICFR rallies, she is still a puppy but has many of the good camping attributes of Daisy, but with, of course, a character all of her own. Currently her colouring is a bit like Daisy but she is expected to become darker. If when you see her you call her Daisy don’t worry we do it all the time.

We hope that ICFR will show the great welcome to Millie that they always did to Daisy.

Daisy’s co-writer Christine feels that this was very much Daisy’s column and she has therefore decided not to continue. We hope Daisy’s fans will understand.

Gerard and Christine Turley

Three Generations

At the long running Skelwith Rally in March it was noticed that there were three ‘generations’ of Skelwith Rally Marshals present. They were David and Con Mackay, Joe and Mo Mutch and Ted and Ann Walmsley. Our photograph shows the three couples at the Salutation Hotel, Ambleside after dinner on the last night.
Eighteen months after seeing an advert for Autumn in Morocco, we left Calais set the compass for South and with Bordeaux and Bayonne behind us we stopped off at Burgos in Spain. This town is dedicated to El Cid and has the most wonderful Cathedral just a short walk from the huge campsite. Madrid and Granada also on route were good stopping off points plus Malaga before ending up in Algeciras with seven other couples, and a tour leader all courtesy of the Camping & Caravanning Club.

Getting to Morocco was easy, getting in, a little more of a problem. Sailing time of 8 a.m. became 10.30 everything having to reverse onto the oldest ferry we had ever seen. Paper work done, reams and reams of it, we landed just 5 hours late. Well it was Africa. It was the weekend of Eid al-Adha, the port was heaving, Port officials were on a go slow because all leave had been cancelled, one vehicle was stuck on board behind a broken down bus, one set of documents lost by port police and one lady owner told she could not possibly own such a vehicle. No women’s lib in Morocco, and the temperature 33°ish.

Our first site in Marrakech would have been super, once. Split in half with metal sheet fencing, the defunct sanitare on the wrong side. The new sanitare just a pipe dream. But onward through the Rif passes and scarps to the beautiful blue town of Chefchaouen. After a delicious local meal we had a hair raising taxi ride home. No lights, no first gear but at 70p for 5 miles who could complain. It was Africa. A short trip through the Ziz gorge to the Marjane supermarket on the way to Azrou. Super fresh veg and fruit to go with the 8 million sheep slaughtered for the Eid celebrations. Lots of sticky, sugary cakes for pud too. Azrou, hot water at last and scrumping for figs straight from the trees. Served with blue cheese and honey, delicious.

On route to Fez we toured Volubilis, ruins of a Roman town, a world heritage site, scattered over several acres with the temperature pushing 38°a stark reminder of the power of the Roman Empire. Then Meknes a lesser known Imperial City, full of beautiful architecture and plenty of shade for a typical Berber lunch.

A short trip through the High Atlas, a little cooler, with a slight breeze, into a long plain for wild camping at the site of an old fort, where the old King imprisoned those who rose up against him. Very creepy. Onto our first taste of a real Oasis, Meski, where they were harvesting the dates for the revenue that supports the whole town. The laden donkey really struggled up the slope that one of us had grounded on to get to the site. No services here, they had been wiped out in the September storm and Bilharzia in the pool, so no swimming either. Prompted in advance, we had all taken stationery contributions for the school, supported by the tour company. The 60 or so children shyly thanked us in song for our gifts.

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Always onward and upward into the High Atlas, a little cooler, with a slight breeze, into a long plain for wild camping at the site of an old fort, where the old King imprisoned those who rose up against him. Very creepy. Onto our first taste of a real Oasis, Meski, where they were harvesting the dates for the revenue that supports the whole town. The laden donkey really struggled up the slope that one of us had grounded on to get to the site. No services here, they had been wiped out in the September storm and Bilharzia in the pool, so no swimming either. Prompted in advance, we had all taken stationery contributions for the school, supported by the tour company. The 60 or so children shyly thanked us in song for our gifts.

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Erg Chebbi dunes were just a short distance from a converted French Foreign Legion fort, now an Auberge. The pool very refreshing at 16°C with water straight from under the desert, especially for those with bruised bottoms from camel rides. The walk however in temps touching 47°C a bit of a struggle. But again no light pollution and after fantastic sunsets of pink through to purple millions of stars to see.

We were sad to leave Marrakech a must for any tour of Morocco and The Majorelle gardens a peaceful haven of plants and water as the temperature soared, but we hoped for hot showers at Essaouira. How wrong can you be? A sea breeze was a welcome respite from the heat and humidity of the centre, the blue and white city a mix of Arab, Berber, African and European influences merging to make a heady mix. The bustling fishing harbour was a must for four of us to bargain for a fish supper of mammoth proportions, including illicit wine. The table was lit by a 6 kg camping gas with a very heath robinson connection to the gas mantle at the top. A bomb on the table; we needed the wine.

The organized tour ended here, some headed straight up the motorway and home. Not us we mooched up the coast road, passing through small towns, Argan forest and along the fertile plains between the sea and the mountains that supply the fresh vegetables for most of the country. Mohammedia was a small sandy bay surrounded by rocks and a local fisherman brought his catch of the day. B-B-Q sea bream for lunch, superb. Our final stop Moulay-Bousselham was another fishing bay, with its own lagoon. The fish market was the local beach, more fish for lunch, bargained for in French, the most useful language of the whole trip. Finally back to Tangier Med and Spain.

Eight weeks, 5,000 miles and although many of the campsites were below par we would go again. This was our trip of a lifetime, the sights, sounds and smells were in some ways unique. The people charming, friendly and fiercely proud to be Berber. As we kept saying This Was Africa.
Advertising ICFR!

A clever way of promoting ICFR. Taken by Colin Bradford on the Three Lakes Rally last year. I will let readers recognise the ‘posers’. But why on earth doesn’t Derrick Sanders fall down? I can’t see any supporting wires!

Leaving the Country?

Cross channel operators have warned travellers to prepare for long delays from 1st April following the introduction of passport checks for everyone leaving the country.

Ferry companies and Euro Tunnel are warning that the checks will cause long queues for coach, caravan and Motorhome travellers.

So leave plenty of time when arriving at your embarkation port or railway station to allow for these checks. You don’t want to miss your ferry or train.

A message from Honorary Auditor

Michael Segon

Note to all Rally Marshals (Past & Present)

Traditionally, ICFR rallies are run with a bank account in the name of the rally marshal followed by ICFR.

Unfortunately, ICFR has no record of these accounts, what balances they hold, or whether those balances are the property of ICFR or the named person.

From an audit point of view, that lack of knowledge is most unsatisfactory, and to rectify it, may I ask you to please send to our treasurer, Paul Quinlan a photocopy of your most recent bank statement with a reconciliation of the balance and a note of whether the base balance is the property of yourself or ICFR.

If you are lucky enough to have one of these accounts (they are very difficult to open nowadays), I know your account is very precious to you, and I wish to emphasise that there is no intention to curtail its use, merely to regularise ICFR’s position.

Michael Segon (Hon Auditor)
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Rally Programme 2015

RM and BO Contact Details
Now only available from the ICFR Directory

Wed 10th - Sun 26th June
Burgundy & Beyond Rally
Why not come and join us in Burgundy, Allier (Auvergne) & Limousin for a fun filled 18 night rally. We propose to stay at ACSI 3 star camp sites offering attractive facilities at low season discounted rates

RM: Geoff Bell
BO John Holman

Mon 15th Sun 21st June
A Chipping off the old block
All hard standing, shower block with underfloor heating and free toiletries. Brickhouse site is centrally located in the beautiful Lancashire hill country and five minutes’ walk from Chipping village centre with two pubs, farm shop, village shop and cheese factory.

RM David & Jeanne Shaw
ARM Malcolm and Kath Ward

Sun 21st - Fri 26th June
Snowdonia Rally
Riverside Caravan Park is described as a hidden gem in the heart Snowdonia. Castles, Bridges, Narrow gauge railways and beautiful National Trust properties. 4 Star site with mountains and beaches with free WiFi! Excellent on site restaurant.

RM Robert & Eirian Jones

Thu 2nd - Wed 8th July
Kings Lynn Rally
We return to this excellent site with full facilities just one mile outside Kings Lynn where the Fens merge into the undulating Norfolk countryside. We plan to have activities on one or two days and each evening, leaving opportunities to visit Norfolk’s West Coast, Sandringham etc.

RMs: Michael and Barbara Segon

Fri 24th - Fri 31st July
The ICFR Family Rally
Fun for all the family - swimming, sports, sandcastles, food and fellowship in the beautiful surroundings of Sexey's School grounds in Somerset. A wonderful opportunity for members to enjoy quality time with their grandchildren or children. No Electricity Battery Charging

RMs Judy Maynard & Clive Little

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Thu 6th - Tue 11th August
The Heart of the Fens Rally
The Rally will be held at Spalding Yacht club on the banks of the river Welland. There are no electrics but club allows use of their Showers & and toilets. Local visits will be arranged.

RM Terry & Carole Cooke
ARM Tony & Meryl Gedney

Tue 11th - Mon 17th August
Rutland Rally
The Rally will be held at “Rutland Caravanning & Camping” full facilities including indoor pool. Large Level Pitches including some hard standing. Easy drive Oval oak Stamford, Grantham & Melton Mowbray, Rutland Water close by. Golf at Greetham Valley. Convenient “follow on” from Spalding (30 miles)

RM David Pilgrim

Fri 21st - Wed 26th August
Ashbourne Rally
Long established Rally. Green field site. Scenery, walks, cycle trails places to visit, Chatsworth, Kedleston Hall, Caulke Abbey, Sudbury & Chrich Tram Museum

RM David Huxley
ARM David Smith

Late Aug - Early Sep
Pic of the Pyrenees
This will be a 12 day Tour on 3 sites. Travelling from the Mediterranean towards the Atlantic in the shadow of the Pyrenees.

RM Terry Higgins & Sylvia Prestwich

Thu 3rd - Tue 8th September
West Sussex Delights
Ellsclott Park, Birdham near the Roman city of Chichester, West Sussex. Visit could include Goodwood House, Rolls Royce factory, Weald Down museum. Theatre visit to Chichester, Portsmouth dockyard, Fishbourne Roman Palace, Arundel Castle.

RMs: Bruce and Pat Wallace
ARMs: John and Rosemary Barber

Fri 11th - Thu 17th September
The Ludlow Food Festival Rally
Enjoy Ludlow’s renowned Food Festival and the Shropshire countryside then move straight on to the Autumn Fellowship at Builth Wells. No Electricity but charging facilities available.
Thu 17th – Tue 22nd September
Autumn Fellowship 2015 Builth Wells

"Once again we return to Builth Wells in the heart of Wales on the Royal Welsh Showground. Join President Gerard on home ground for Friendships renewed, Top West End entertainment, Good Food, Golf (and not forgetting the Tup Sale)."

RM Roger Howells
BO John Lomax

Tue 22nd – Sun 27th September
Post Autumn Fellowship Rally Cheltenham
The Rally is on a very nice site with full facilities on the edge of Cheltenham and only 6 miles from Gloucester. Cotswolds villages & Forest of Dean nearby. Max 20

RM Len & Marilyn Boudier

Wed 30th Sept – Mon 5th October
ACCEO National Rally, Stafford
This is not an ICFR rally but our members are welcome.

RM John Neave
ARM Bill Leslie

Thu 1st – 6th October
Stonham Barns Rally
A perfectly made site for our District Fellowship meeting and lunch, to which people outside of the District are more than welcome. It enables exploring the beauty of Suffolk countryside. Come and enjoy. Max 15

RMs Gwyn & Eileen Weallans

Fri 9th–Thu 15th October
Hoddam Castle
"Hoddam Castle is a magnificent site well placed for discovering the many attractions of Dumfries and Galloway. It has all the facilities one could wish for including fishing, own golf course, tennis, restaurant and bar."

Max 25

RM John Neave
ARM Bill Leslie

Thu 15th – Tues 20th October
Autumn Tints Rally
Come and enjoy the Lake District at a time of year when the leaves are turning into their rich autumn colours and the lakes are looking their best in full Autumn splendour. The rally programme affords lots of time to enjoy fun food and fellowship. Max 20

RM Duncan Dearden

Thu 26th Nov – Tues 1st December
Thurford Christmas Spectacular Rally
Get your festive Season off to a wonderful start. The Thurford Christmas Spectacular show is music, singing, dancing and humour all of West-End quality. The site has full facilities (electric, hard standings, clubroom, laundry, toilets/showers), and a full evening programme is planned. Max 25

RMs Michael & Barbara Segon

To obtain booking forms:
1. Download from ICFR website www.rotarianscaravanning.org.uk - Bookings
2. Request by e-mail. RM and BO e-mail addresses can be found in the ICFR Directory
3. Request by post but don’t forget to include a S.A.E. RM and BO addresses can be found in the ICFR Directory

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AF 2015
Constitution

In the event of a vacancy occurring, postal voting will be in accordance with the nomition form.

It is essential to obtain permission from the nomination paper to their nomination.

All nominations must be received by the 1st October and the names registered after the 1st October may not be accepted as standing in the winter edition of News & Views.

Nomination forms will be available from the Honorary Secretary.

Nomination for Officers of the Fellowship and Members of the Executive Committee

Election of Officers

1. The post will be held from the 1st January in the year following the election.

2. All Officers are eligible for re-election unless they are removed from Office by the Executive Committee.

3. Under the exception of the Immediate Past President, all Officers are eligible.

4. The post will be held from the 1st January in the year following the election.

Election of Officers and Committee Members

Voting for ICFR Officers and Committee Members will take place at the AGM of ICFR. Name, address and contact details should be submitted to the Honorary Secretary before the closing date for nominations.

Voluntary workers will be invited to stand for the position of Officers and Committee Members. Selection will be made by the Executive Committee.

Please fill in the details below:

Name: ____________________________
Address: __________________________
Telephone: _________________________
Email: ___________________________
Signature: _________________________

Date of Birth: _______________________

Position: __________________________

Please return this form to the Honorary Secretary by the 1st October 2015.

Nomination Form

ICFR Members

Only ICFR Members may be nominated for the position of Officers and Committee Members.

ICFR Officers and Committee Members

Nomination Form
# ICFR Autumn Fellowship 2015

**Booking Form** (Please return this section)

**Notes:**
1. Confirmation of receipt will be sent by email or by post if SAP provided.
2. Limited B&B accommodation is available on the showground if you are interested; contact John Lomax for details.

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**Provisional Programme**

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**Rally Information**

This Rally is designed to give maximum opportunity for fellowship with free time to meet old friends and make new ones. All functions are 'bring your own drink,' so no inflated bar prices. Main entertainment features Peter Karrie, well known for his West End performances.

The Rally is on an attractive showground which itself lies in the stunning mid Wales scenery. It is within walking distance of Builth Wells which is a charming mid Wales market town. For day trips it is about an hour from Ludlow, Hereford, Abergavenny and Abergavenny, all well worth a visit.

Pre-AF Rally 11 to 17 September at Ludlow Rally Marshals Derrick & Sheila Sanders Post-AF Rally 22 to 27 September at Cheltenham Rally Marshals Ian & Marilyn Fondier.
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**Notes for Reading Aloud: A Voice-Over Script**

**Note:** This schedule is subject to change. Please check the website for updates.

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**Map:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Website:**

**Directions:**

-Direct from the North
-18/44 from the North
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**Location:**

**Notes:**

**Additional Notes:**

- Any access difficulties or special requirements should be noted on the report to be submitted in advance.
- Please note the exact time of departure and date of arrival.

**Cost of Operation:**

- 05/00
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**Electricity Connection Charge:**

- 05/00
Gerard has provided this very interesting map showing the distribution of rallies during 2015. Most seem to be distributed across the centre of the UK with six in the north and two in the south. It seems obvious, therefore, that more rallies in the north east, south east and south west would be welcome. Put on your thinking caps and try to fill the gaps.
Thursford Christmas Spectacular Rally
Thursday 27th November to Tuesday 2nd December

A milder, dryer day with soup or tea and coffee with cakes in the village hall at 12 noon awaited the arrival of the remainder of the 28 vans and the two in B & B to the Tenth Christmas Spectacular Rally. A very warm Welcome Get-together in the clubroom with sausage rolls, mince pies and mulled wine made a perfect end to the opening day as all headed out across the site to a backcloth of twinkling and blinking lights of various shapes and brightness.

Following coffee the next morning in the village hall, another visit had been arranged to the Jack Richards Transport Museum in Fakenham. A most interesting vehicular history of transport and war memorabilia celebrating the late Rotarian Jack’s life.

Early afternoon, it was time for pre-show soup & buffet in the clubroom before being greeted at Thursford by a dazzling display of fantasias and arboREAL lighting along the drive from the car park to the Christmas Spectacular. This show just gets better and better each year.

Following morning coffee on the Saturday, Derrick and Sheila led a local ramble in the dry country. Eleven and three dogs were counted out and despite mud, wind and water all came home.

Saturday night was Barney night and Spectacular, it was. Following a plentiful buffet supper, Bob Hamilton, led, sang, caroused, strummed and entertained despite interruptions and noise from his Downstairs Staff. (Phyllis was magnificent and certainly jolted a few back into life, who may have inadvertently been led astray). Highbrow readings and Poetry in motion in singular and plural groups added to the intellectual ambience of those crowded at the back of the room.

On Sunday morning after coffee, the weather held good and various groups, large and small headed off into the nearby countryside to lunch and dine and enjoy the still summer like surroundings, before going to the Races!

As Meetings go: The dreaded “Race Night” was a “Fast Running Gold Cup Affair”, led by Head Steward Geoff Bell directing both laptop and silver screen and most a’bell’y and a’bet’ed by Chief Bookie Terry Higgins and his three fillies, Sylvia, Eileen and Maddie on the Tote, all encouraging the Punters to place vast amounts and pay outs on the eight races. Whilst most were in Seventh Heaven with wealth beyond their dreams, unfortunately the last race resulted in a re-run after all present had bet their all to make a fortune and break the bank. Three lucky winners Tom, Margaret and Shirley each ended up with £11,000 each, which all went into “the hat” for a draw. Who says men don’t come out of a hat on top!

Monday was a free day to prepare for the land of dreams, somewhere over the rainbow. A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all, whilst Wizards, Witches, Fairies of Oz and Masters and Mistresses of disguises floated, delicately around and along the Yellow Brick Road until the witching hour summoned time for the Old Brick Kilns Road to bed.

All our thanks to Mike and Barbara and their team, particularly those who helped at short notice to make such an enjoyable rally for us and once again thanks from us all to John and Alison for their hospitality and welcome on their immaculate site.

John and Margaret Warrack
The annual Skelwith Fold Rally was held at the picturesque Skelwith Fold Caravan Site near Ambleside in the beautiful Lake District, under the excellent leadership of Rally Marshalls Ted and Ann Walmsley.

ICFR members in 26 caravans and motorhomes assembled at the site meeting room for the welcome meeting, during which we were briefed by Ted on the very extensive programme for the rally. As always, Ted and Ann had put a tremendous amount of effort into preparing activities, all of which were optional, for us to choose from.

On the following day several members joined Ambleside Rotary Club, whose president is named Richard Attenborough, for lunch at the Rothay Manor Hotel. The club no longer meets at lunchtime, but had returned to Rothay Manor especially so that we could join them, for which we were very grateful. Ambleside Club has also introduced an LA22 Club, in order to attract local business people to an informal gathering, in an effort to boost numbers. That evening, back on site, we were treated to a magnificent slide presentation entitled “The English Lake District” by Gordon G Bartley ARPS, on behalf of the National Trust.

Next morning a group of intrepid walkers set off for the usual walk, led by Rob Metcalf, around the beautiful Coniston area. In the evening the staff of Skelwith Fold entertained us with a Wine and Cheese Party and Quiz in the meeting room.

On Saturday evening we all assembled at Hawkshead Village Hall for the usual supper and musical entertainment, this time by singer Rtn. Ron Carey of the Grange over Sands Rotary Club.

Sunday lunch was enjoyed at the nearby Outgate Inn, on the Hawkshead road, followed by three sessions of hospitality in our vans in the evening.

The final day, Monday, saw us all assembled for morning coffee and homemade biscuits at the prestigious Wordsworth Hotel in Grasmere, before boarding a coach in the evening for the final dinner at the Salutation Hotel.

During the whole rally we were blessed with excellent mostly sunny and warm weather, which certainly enabled us to appreciate the beauty of this area.

Next morning we all said our goodbyes, thanking Ted and Ann for another super rally, before going our separate ways, hoping to meet each other again at rallies during the year.

Chris Wood
The Autumn Fellowship Rally this year is at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society Show Ground, Llanelwedd, Builth Wells. Powys. Details of how to get there are included on the Booking Form. But those members who didn’t travel to Builth last time might want an insight of the town and the surrounding district and where to visit in this beautiful part of Wales.

The site of the town controls an important ford across the River Wye and the crossing point of the main north-south route in Wales, the A470. This road runs from Cardiff to Llandudno. This road is intersected by an important south-west-east route the A483 which runs from Swansea to Chester. It was militarily and economically significant for centuries. The Welsh name for the town "Llanfair ym Muallt" refers to the foundation of a Norman church dedicated to St Mary.

Despite repeated destructive fires, Builth Wells grew as a traditional Welsh market town. It received major boosts from the development of toll roads; it was at the centre of early road networks and the arrival of the railway at Llanelwedd. The railway allowed it to develop as a spa, and is well known nationally as the location of the Royal Welsh Showground, home to the Royal Welsh Show.

The town is served by the Builth Road railway station on the Heart of Wales line which is situated about a mile to the north. It lost its more central ‘Builth Wells’ railway station on the Mid-Wales Railway in the 1960’s under the Beeching axe.

The basic fabric of modern Builth dates largely from Victorian and Edwardian times. This growth resulted from the discovery of the health springs. The first recorded mention of the mineral waters at Builth was as far back as 1740. But it was not until the 1830’s that the Park Wells with its Saline, and the Glanne Wells with its Sulphur became well known. During the second half of the nineteenth century large numbers of visitors came to Builth to ‘take the Waters’ and a large number of hotels, guesthouses, and shops were built to accommodate them. This process was helped during the 1860’s by the arrival of the railways, allowing visitors to travel to Builth with ease, from all over Wales and England. It is from this time that the word ‘Wells’ was added to Builth.

The 18th-century bridge at Builth Wells carries heavy vehicles on the A470. The bridge was built in 1775 and widened in 1925. The river here marks the boundary between the old counties of Breconshire and Radnorshire.

In the centre of Builth Wells there is a 1000 feet square mural (approx 35 feet high by 30 feet wide) depicting the final days of Llywelyn ap Gruffydd, the last native Prince of Wales. The mural shows Llywelyn and his men, a scene depicting the fighting and a representation of Builth Castle, where Llywelyn was turned away when trying to flee from the English. It also shows a blacksmith - Madoc Coch - who reversed the horseshoes on Llywelyn’s horse so that the prints in the snow would look as if he was travelling in the opposite direction when fleeing from his ambushers. The mural was designed by Ronald Swanwick and painted by Ronald Swanwick and Neil Chambers.
You’ll be welcome at the 2015 Autumn Fellowship
Builth Wells from Thursday 17th to Tuesday 22nd September

As you would expect, Roger Howells and his team are ready to welcome us to Builth Wells for AF2015. A programme full of fun and fellowship is planned, with a welcome supper in Hafod-y-Hendre on Thursday evening as a starter. On Friday afternoon a visit to The Hall at Abbey-Cwm-Hir is planned and in the evening we can look forward to that traditional ICFR mixer, hospitality in vans. The Autumn fellowship Meeting is, of course, on Saturday morning at Hafod-y-Hendre. On Sunday we have the interdenominational service at, you’ve guessed it, Hafod-y-Hendre. In the evening at the same venue we have a Fellowship Dinner followed by West End entertainment with Peter Karrie. Those of you who attended in 2012 will remember the Tup Sale on Monday morning. Those non-sheep lovers can play golf before the farewell supper at the usual venue with musical entertainment by the Gwent String Quartet. All to soon it will be Tuesday morning and time to say farewell.

The Hall at Abbey-Cwm-Hir

Remodelled in 1869 the hall is one of Wales’ most outstanding Victorian houses. It is a Grade II* listed building with 52 rooms and overlooks the 12th century Cistercian abbey, Abbeycwmhir.

The Hall has been extensively restored over the last ten years and now houses some unique valuable collections. These are old enamel signs and packaging, phonographs and radios, art and photographic collections, china and glass, railway memorabilia and vintage vehicles. There are also 12 acres of gardens to stroll in and admire.

Sounds like a perfect afternoon where there will be something of interest for everyone.

ACCEO

The Association of Caravan and Camping Exempted Organisations (ACCEO) represents over 200 caravan and camping clubs who hold a Certificate of Exemption issued by one of three authorities:

- Natural England – a department of DEFRA (The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Activities)
- The Welsh Government (Planning Division)
- The Scottish Government (Housing Markets Supply Division)

An elected committee of elected officers run the organisation on behalf of member clubs.

ACCEO works closely with Government Departments and Authorities on behalf of member clubs. It provides both services and access to facilities not directly available to individual clubs. The category of Personal Membership has been introduced to provide an additional voice to the membership of member clubs and greater flexibility in arranging invitation and joint rallies. Personal membership also provides a voice to individuals whose club has disbanded but wish to maintain an interest in the work of ACCEO.

Rallies in National Parks cannot be held without first being approved by the appropriate National Park Officer. Approval is necessary some one year in advance and must be obtained through a ‘clearing’ procedure, which is not directly accessible to individual clubs.

The Association organises a National and AGM Rally in October each year (see Rally Programme, page 15). Rally arrangements are made by a volunteer ‘host club’.

ACCEO National Rally
Stafford
Wed 30th Sept - Mon 5th October
All members are welcome
In September 2014, Calor Gas Ltd issued a product recall on all 6 kg Calor Lite® cylinders manufactured between 2008 and 2011 inclusive. Since this date, customer response has been positive with over 60,000 cylinders already returned to Calor for inspection, but there are over 100,000 cylinders still to be handed in.

With the summer months fast approaching, there is now an urgent need for all affected cylinders to be returned to a Calor Lite® retail outlet to avoid any supply issues during the holiday season.

“The recall affects all 6kg Calor Lite® cylinders manufactured in 2008, 2009, 2010 or 2011 which must be returned to a 6kg Calor Lite® retail outlet immediately. Cylinders manufactured outside of this date range are unaffected and safe to use.

Calor have 30,000 new Calor Lite® cylinders arriving in the course of the next month which should ease the position, but we are calling on our customers to help to return the remaining affected cylinders as soon as possible.

All customers are entitled to receive a full free of charge replacement cylinder in return. Where a replacement is not immediately available, due to a lack of stock, customers will be issued with a voucher to be redeemed once replacement cylinders are available.

Customers can find their closest 6kg Calor Lite® retail outlet by using the ‘Find A Stockist’ facility at www.calor.co.uk/recall. Further information can be found at www.calor.co.uk/recall or by calling our dedicated 6kg Calor Lite® team on 0800 783 4141.

HOW TO IDENTIFY A Calor Lite® 6kg CYLINDER FOR RECALL

Cylinders manufactured in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 are covered by the recall. The date of manufacture of the cylinder can be found in two places on the cylinder base ring:

1. In a box adjacent to the words ‘property of Calor Gas Ltd’ there are two letters, then two numbers which denote the year of manufacture, followed by one letter.

2. At the bottom of the base ring the third row of text shows the date of manufacture.

**Dartford Crossing Dart Charge**

New payment arrangements are now in place

You no longer pay for the Dartford Crossing at the barriers. The new payment scheme is called Dart Charge.

You must pay for a crossing in advance or by midnight the day after crossing. You can do this using a pre-pay account, which saves you up to a third on every crossing, or by making a one-off payment.

You can make a one-off payment:
- online at www.gov.uk/dart-charge
- over the phone by calling: 0300 300 0120
- via a payzone retail outlet
- by post (in advance only): Dart Charge Customer Services PO Box 842 Leeds LS1 9QF

A pre-pay account is the cheapest and easiest way to pay, even if you only use the Dartford Crossing occasionally. It saves you the hassle of making a payment each time and you can set up auto top-ups. You can add multiple vehicles. Local residents need a pre-pay account to access the local residents’ discount scheme.

Go to ‘Dart Charge’ to set up a new account, manage your account or pay for a crossing.

Some vehicles are exempt from paying for the crossing.

It is still free to use the crossing between 10pm and 6am.

**Dartford Crossing Prices**

Cars with or without a trailer, caravan etc. and Motorhomes

Non Account £2.50
Dart Charge Account £1.67
Congratulations

Birthdays
Shenah Orsman 80 on 19th February 2015
Rex Barnet 80 on 6th May 2015
Shirley Hadrill 80 on 7th May
Eric Matkins 80 on 26th July 2015
Shirley Key 80 on 15th August 2015

Wedding Anniversaries
Bob and Carol Wright Golden Wedding on 20th March 2015
Andy and Mandy Boylett 30th anniversary on 5th October 2015

RI Service Above Self Award
Graham Turley  RC Stroud D1100

Some random thoughts as we age ...
The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don’t need to write that down, I’ll remember it."

At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven’t met yet!

I don’t trip over things, I do random gravity checks!

My people skills are just fine. It’s my tolerance to idiots that needs work.

The kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes".

I’m going to retire and live off of my savings. Not sure what I’ll do that second week.

Of course I talk to myself, sometimes I need expert advice.

Oops! Did I roll my eyes out loud?

Chocolate comes from cocoa beans which grow on trees ... that a plant which means ... chocolate is Salad !!!

Old age is coming at a really bad time!

I don’t have white hair. I have "wisdom highlights". I’m just very wise.

17th Century Nun’s Prayer (Author unknown)

Lord thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody’s affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details, give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet, I do not want to be a Saint – some of them are so hard to live with – but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talent in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

Amen

These fit so well they should be in a dictionary.

ADULT
A person who has stopped growing at both ends
And is now growing in the middle.
BEAUTY PARLOUR
A place where women curl up and dye.
CHICKENS
The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.
COMMITTEE
A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.
DUST
Mud with the juice squeezed out.
EGOTIST
Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.
HANDKERCHIEF
Cold Storage.
INFLATION
Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.
In Memoriam

Remembering with affection those members who have passed away

Ken Arthur        Sevenoaks Amherst    D1120
Frank Ashworth    Lymington           D1110
Ken Boylett       Buxton              D1050
John Elsworth     West Bromwich      D1060
Peter James       Pembroke           D1150
Gladie Lavender   D1080
Brian Mudge       Ryde                D1110
Phyllis Reeves    D1220
Eric Sawford      Keyworth           D1220
Janice Spencer    D1150
Vera Thomas       D1150
Enid Travis       D1180

Steve Hill
23 March 1927 - 12 November 2014

It is over 20 years ago that we first met Steve and Vera. It was at one of the Rotary Caravan Rallies and Steve, at that time was the District Chairman of ICFR (the International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians) and Vera in support, was the District Secretary. We were complete novices, but not for long. Steve invited us to the ICFR District 1110 Lunch and placed us on the top table and we were fully briefed in the workings of ICFR.

From that date we became very close friends and joined the many rallies which were organised by Steve and Vera. I do mention Vera, as Steve and Vera were a team. Steve never left anyone out and he would, each morning of a rally, visit every caravan and make sure that no one had any problems. With Steve’s background as Works manager of Pirelli Eastleigh, he had all the skills necessary to ensure that no mechanical or electrical problem was left unattended.

He did tell me once that when he visited Pirelli in Italy he was addressed as “Doctori” Hill. From that time on he was always Doctori Hill when we met him.

Steve’s attention to detail was unbelievable. Unless you know the problems which are associated with running a caravan rally, you will not appreciate the meticulous detail required to secure a first class rally. I can assure you that when Steve was involved, all his rallies were always first class.

It is frequent practice to have hospitality in vans, this is where you host two couples for the evening. Going to Steve and Vera’s caravan was a treat.

Steve always had the largest selection of alcoholic drinks and you could guarantee that you enjoyed one or all of them if you were so inclined.

Not only was there a vast amount of drink, but Steve always carried an enviable collection of tools.

This is why Steve was so appreciated by his fellow Rotary friends. Doctori Hill can be remembered for putting in to action the Rotary motto: Service above Self.

Pauline and Theo Sakkers
Frank Ashworth
1929—2014
An ICFR Stalwart

We first met Frank and Kath at the wedding of Enid’s nephew and we knew from Enid’s brother, who was a teacher at the school in Rhyl where Frank was Headmaster, that they were keen and longstanding members of ICFR. It was not until we joined ICFR that we met again—this time in Prague in 1991 on our first ICFR rally.

Living only 20 miles apart we soon became good friends and in 1992 Frank began a 4 year stint as ICFR National Secretary, a job he carried out with quiet efficiency and great good humour.

Not content with this he also organised rallies and tours abroad, as well as serving as President of his local Rotary club.

After his retirement Frank and Kath moved to Lymington to be nearer their family, and in July 2010 we spent a day with them on our way home from the Isle of Wight. We were made very welcome, although Kath was only just recovering from pneumonia leaving Frank to take us on a tour of the area.

Kath and I have, for years, exchanged birthday cards because we were both born within hours of one another in two different Lancashire towns on 17th May 19???. I have deliberately not revealed the lady’s age. Sadly, all good things must come to an end.

Geoff Travis

Ken Boylett PHF

Ken joined the Rotary Club of Buxton in 1986 after seeing a newspaper article about Rotarians helping schoolchildren prepare for work life by holding practice interviews. Ken became club president in 1998.

He served three years as Assistant Governor before becoming District Governor Elect in 2007 and District Governor (DG) in 2008.

The Club honoured him for his Club and community service by making him a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) in 2003, and, after his service as District Governor and his personal support of The Rotary Foundation, made that into a sapphire award in 2009.

Ken was a keen caravanner, and toured Europe with the International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians. His walking interest took him to the Lake District with fellow members and others, as part of the ‘Over the Hill’ group, and his keenness on sailing saw him with fellow members and others at Holyhead for sailing weekends when he was not racing his Laser dinghy at Errwood (and usually winning!).

He was always ready to give things a go, and his vigour, zest, and enthusiasm more than matched that of men half his age, never mind those of his peers, despite him having fibrosis. At Christmas, after an initial diagnosis of flu, Ken had to go into hospital, but it was a shock to everyone when his health rapidly deteriorated and he died on 16 January. Ken was the epitome of ‘Service Above Self’ - a true Rotarian and gentleman – and will be missed by us all.

Our thoughts and condolences go out to Sue and his family.

Rotary Club of Buxton
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Remember “Smash” instant dried potato? I came across a packet of Tesco’s own recently and impulsively brought a packet. It is now a regular in the cupboard. It is very useful for thickening home made soups, adding to fresh minced meat for rissoles or minced Sunday leftover joint. Poached fish for fishcakes etc.. It really does firm everything up. Put a packet in the caravan!

So, here is an idea for a supper, add cold meats and pickle.

**Potato cakes**

1/2 pt. water plus 4 tabs water
1 level teas salt
3.1/2 oz packet instant potato
4oz butter
6oz. SR flour
Pepper.

Put water and salt to boil. Remove from heat and mix in dried potato. Add butter, flour and pepper. Allow to become cold. Take half of cooled mixture and form into a ball then flatten to a round about 6” across. Cut into 8 and fry gently in a buttered heavy frying pan or griddle until brown underneath, turn the cakes and brown on other side. Repeat with other half. Serve warm spread with butter. Freeze a couple and take them in the caravan for a quickie lunch with bacon and egg. Yummy!!

Another very useful supermarket buy are the cartons (half litre) of long life cream. They are difficult to find, Tesco is always moving them around but they are usually with the long life milk and tubs of dried milk. They come in single and double varieties and are invaluable for adding to soups, cream sauces when no fresh cream is in the fridge.

**Lemon Curd**

I bought a net of reduced price lemons recently. Short of slicing them up and storing in the freezer for instant additions to a glass of something interesting, I remembered a microwave recipe I had used years ago. Very conveniently I had a packet of sugar and a block of butter handy.

3oz. Butter
6oz. Sugar
2 teas. zest of lemon rind
3 tabs. lemon juice
3 beaten eggs.

Put the butter in a large bowl and soften in the microwave (do not melt completely). Stir in the sugar, lemon zest
and juice. Strain the eggs into the bowl and blend well. Heat in microwave for approximately 2-3 minutes. Stir every 30 seconds until mixture thickens. Pour into jars and allow to cool – the curd becomes thicker on cooling. It is very important to stir frequently to prevent the eggs from scrambling! Use your knowledge of your own microwave for this recipe. Because I had more lemon zest and juice from my lemons I used it all for improved flavour. Use for topping plain yoghurt, scones, etc.

**Stewart and Eileen Gilbert** have sent in the following recipes. The shortbread is ideal for serving with morning coffee and can be made before hand. The Paella can be made in the van or better still outside on a Cadac Pan Combo BBQ.

**Stewart’s Scottish Highland Shortbread**
*(Gilbert version – January 2015)*

**Ingredients**
- 6ozs SR Flour (wholemeal or white)
- 4ozs Plain Flour
- 2ozs Corn flour
- 4ozs Castor Sugar
- 8ozs Soft Butter

**Method:** Melt butter in a pan and mix in the dry ingredients gradually. Spread the mixture into baking tin. Bake for about 40 minutes – Gas mark 2-3 or 300°F (130°C fan). Cut into strips (or shapes) while still warm.

**Excellent, ideal for tea/coffee morning, or hospitality. Very tasty and keeps well in an airtight tin. Can be made at home and taken to a rally.**

**Stewart’s Simple Paella (for two)**

**Ingredients**
- Oil
- 1 small onion-chopped
- 1 small carrot-diced
- ½ red pepper-diced
- 125g long grain rice
- Saffron
- 350ml fish or vegetable stock
- ½ Fish pie mix (Waitrose*) OR 250g Chicken breast-cut into bite size pieces
- 50g frozen peas
- 1tsp Cajon spices
- Seasoning to taste

**Method (chicken)**
1. Heat oil and brown the chicken then remove.
2. Add the onion, pepper and carrot. Fry to soften for five minutes.
3. Return chicken to pan. Add spices and seasoning. Mix well and heat through.
4. Add rice and saffron (if used). Heat for one minute.
5. Add stock, bring to boil and simmer (with lid) twenty minutes. Add peas with five minutes to go.

**Method (fish mix)**
1. Heat oil in pan.
2. Add onion, pepper and carrot. Fry to soften for five minutes.
3. Add rice and saffron and spices (if used). Heat for one minute.
4. Add peas with five minutes to go.

*or any other large supermarket, or fishmonger

**Tartan Caer-gaint - Canterbury Tart from Ann Hackney.**

**For the pastry:** No need to cook blind
- 4oz/100g butter
- 8oz/225g plain white flour
- 1oz/25g icing sugar
- 1 egg beaten

Chill for 30 minutes before rolling and line an 11 inch flan tin.

**For the filling:**
- 8oz/225g caster sugar
- Grated zest and juice of two lemons
- 4oz/100g melted butter
- 2 large cooking apples, peeled and cored
- 2 dessert apples, peeled, cored, quartered and thinly sliced
- 1oz/25g demerara sugar
- 4 eggs

**Method:**
Beat eggs, sugar, lemon zest and juice in a large bowl. Stir in warm melted butter, then coarsely grate the cooking apples directly into the mixture and mix well. Spread the mixture into the flan tin lined with pastry and arrange sliced dessert apples around outside edge. Sprinkle slices with demerara sugar.

Bake in pre-heated oven at 200°C/180°C Fan/Gas mark 6 for 45 -50 minutes. The tart needs to be set in the centre and slightly brown

Serve warm with cream

Serves about 10
Graham Farley BEM PHF

Long-standing ICFR member, Graham Furley of the Stroud Club in District 1100 received the Rotary International 'Service above Self' Award – one of Rotary’s highest awards. Only 150 of these awards are made, worldwide, each year.

Graham has been a Rotarian for 46 years and served as President of the Stroud Club in 1973, and is also an honorary member of Stonehouse Club.

The recommendation for such award rightly notes that Graham is the embodiment of Rotary Ideals. Over the last 46 years he has dedicated himself to Service Above Self. His drive, enthusiasm and commitment is inspirational to all who meet him. Indeed the example that he has set has inspired many others to become more involved in their own community and wider afield.

Graham has served as the Rotary Club representative on the Executive Committee for the League of Friends of Stroud Hospital since 1974 and is very actively involved in many of their activities; for 25 years he builds the Stroud Rotary Christmas Carol float, supervises the driving & collections every evening during December, raising £3k pa; he is Committee member and on-site practical support for the annual Rotary Fireworks and Bonfire Night event for the last 30+years; he provides significant personal support to many individual or group needs around the locality, and rarely says no.

Previously, Graham has twice been awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship and distinguished bar; Stroud Town Council have recognised him with the Stroud Community Award "for tireless devotion to the community and for his charitable work"; and in 2012 Graham was awarded the British Empire Medal by the Queen for his selfless contribution to the community.

Letters to the Editor

International Liaison officer, Bob Wright, sent this article by Jan Hemminga taken from the Dutch equivalent of News and Views. It has been translated by Theo Sakkers. We may not have seen the TV programme nor know where Biesbosh is. But the sentiments are certainly familiar.

Dear friends

There is a local television programme called "we are nearly there". I do not watch television very often but when I can I like to see this programme specially to obtain information of the areas where the caravanners are going. When you watch this programme it has a number of noticeable similarities with the caravanning we do in our club. It is specifically the atmosphere and fellowship which we recognise in our club and as with us most members are in the middle to older age bracket.

In the newspaper recently was an article to say that the interest for caravanning holidays was on the decline, the younger generation demand more luxury and completely arranged holidays. In our club we do not see any of the younger generation coming to join us. Should we be concerned? I do not think so. You have to accept that lifestyles change and you cannot stop that. The power of ICFR lies in the fellowship in particular with regards to single members. There are many Rotary clubs which could use this as a good example. Unfortunately the number of Rotary members who do not have a caravan is increasing. Campsites increasingly see the use of chalets and large stationary caravans. As a result our club adjusts itself to the circumstances and proves its existence. I do not think that this will secure the future but that is not on the agenda for the time being. I do look forward to our rally in the Biesbosh to experience the real Rotary fellowship.

Jan Hemminga.
Letters to the Editor

From Gill Rogers by e-mail

Dear Editor

A personal thank you from me to my fellow ralliers during 2014 for supporting charity without asking for money!

Q. – How do you support Charity on a rally – quite legitimately – without asking your fellow Ralliers for a penny? A. By asking for their rubbish. Ring Pulls in this case

Derek and I attended several rallies during 2014 and I am pleased to report that my request for “ring pulls” for the PCF (Philippines Community Fund) was enthusiastically supported by our fellow Ralliers. This has resulted in ICFR being awarded with a Certificate of Appreciation by the PCF.

How can ring pulls help a charity? I can hear you asking. The PCF supports the adults and children who live and work on the dumps in that part of the world. Your rubbish is sorted into size and colour and made into the most amazing handbags and jewellery which are sold in the UK (I first came across them at a District 1100 Conference) to raise funds to support these extremely hard working but poor people.

So thank you ICFR for your support, I am proud of you all.

Please visit the PCF website to learn more about their work and keep saving the ring pulls!

PCF contact details – www.p-c-f.org and info@p-c-f.org.

Kind Regards
Gill Rogers
ICFR District 1100

Certificate of Appreciation

The Philippine Community Fund

Thank you for helping to educate children, who want to escape a life of poverty on the open dump sites and cemeteries in the Philippines.

ICFR

Your support means PCF can provide education, health, nutrition and livelihood programmes to thousands of the poorest children and families in the Philippines.

Signature: Jane, Sheila, Ange, Claire, Helen & Hannah

Date: 14.11.2014

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My apologies to anyone who has been left out.
Ladies of the Lakes

Beautiful ladies enjoying fellowship at Skelwith Fold Rally in March. They need no introduction.

All the photographs were taken by Colin Bradford