



# LEICESTERSHIRE CENTRE Christmas 2006 Tow Torque



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### Chairman's Chat Lines

I would just like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year. Where ever you are celebrating over the festive season, I hope you all have a good time.

The New Year starts with a new rally book and they should be in the hands of your secretary Andy by mid January, I know that he would be grateful of all volunteers to help in the distribution of them, so please contact him or any committee member and let them know if you can help in any way.

Roy and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

*Sheila*

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### **Half Term Rally at Home Farm.**

(Not the Emmerdale one)

Saturday ten families set off to join our Rally Marshals Rosey and Mick Gwynne, Krysta, Martyn, Kerys and Eryn Stevenson at Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset for a fun packed week away.

Sunday we had a welcome cuppa with mince pies, why wait for Christmas ? Monday morning saw everyone up bright and early as we were going on a steam train ride to Minehead, unfortunately not one anorak amongst us !! Not only had our Marshals arranged this trip but also a reserved carriage awaited us with tea and cake served during our journey.

Wednesday evening we all went out to dinner at the Site Clubhouse for a superb meal and good entertainment which finished off an enjoyable night out.

Seven O'clock Thursday evening Rosey invited us to join her in a quiz around the vans and a glass of cider. Four and a half hours later after a few more ciders, bottles of sparkling wine, good company and some fun games, the "QUIZ" finished.

This was a very friendly rally with all the Ralliers taking part in the many events our Marshals had arranged for our enjoyment.

So thank you Rosey, Mick, Krysta, Martyn & Girls for all your efforts in making this a great Half Term Holiday Rally.

Sue Ray.

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Dear Mrs D L Simms,

## Thank you for raising £36.59 and being a part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning 2006

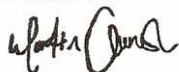
I just wanted to say a big thank you to you and your guests for taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support. The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's largest fundraising event. This year – thanks to you and the thousands of people who took part on the day – Macmillan hopes to raise an amazing £7 million for people living with cancer. *The total to date stands at £4.5 million – please visit the event website ([www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee)) to keep up to date with the running total.*

The money raised will have an enormous impact on the lives of people with cancer and on their families. We are already bringing expert care to people living with cancer, and it's all unique and vital work which changes countless lives for the better. But there's more demand out there than we can currently meet, which is why we urgently need to expand our services.

Thank you again for supporting the World's Biggest Coffee Morning and helping Macmillan to make a vital difference to people living with cancer. Next year's World's Biggest Coffee Morning is on Friday 28th September. We will be in touch in early 2007 to invite you to take part again in a coffee break with a difference.

Meanwhile if you have any questions about your donation, do please contact your nearest Macmillan office (listed overleaf).

Best wishes



Martin Clunes  
Actor and Macmillan supporter



## Halloween Rally, Seagrave, 27-29 October

Well that's it - Keith and I have run our first rally and with a lot of help from John and Jenny all the planning and organisation paid off. Everyone appeared to have a good time and the weather was very kind to us.

On Friday evening there was tea, coffee and biscuits followed by a Beetle Drive. Although there was a bit of cheating going on it didn't help as we changed the papers round at the end of each shout of Beetle and after 9 rounds the winner was Tony Hooper and the booby prize went to - would you believe it - Andy Haigh!!!

On Saturday whilst Jenny and I were at the shops (we managed to forget the Sweets in the Jar for the little ones) we set the boys off with peeling the onions for the Hot Dog supper. Have you ever seen grown men cry!! If you ever want an onion peeler and cooker - John's your man.

After the Rally Forum we decorated the hall ready for the Halloween Social - there were ghouls and ghosts everywhere.

At 7.30 pm lots of witches and various horrific looking people turned up (some in fancy dress!) and we had a really enjoyable social entertained by 'Soul Mates'. The Hot Dog supper went down very well with lots coming back for seconds. Our thanks to everyone who helped clean the hall afterwards.

We have got the bug now - so we will see you next year, running one in the summer and assisting John and Jenny with next year's Halloween.

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Home Farm, Burnham on Sea.

21<sup>st</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> October 2006

We arrived on Saturday morning after a very good journey to an overcast sky, but a very sunny welcome from Rosie. Someone came out with a nice cup of tea (are you reading this Sue?). I can't remember who it was either Shirley or Christine (it's an age thing I'm afraid) the weather wasn't marvellous but we all did our own thing and enjoyed ourselves. Our Marshals organised competitions, a meal out and we had cider with Rosie on Friday night. We took our children swimming at the local pool, and we were told the site is building an indoor pool this winter.

Please take note Nick; this is a lovely site in a very interesting area. With a pool I know we would get more on the rally, Thank you Rosie, Krysta, Mick and Martyn you gave us a rally we will always remember.

Billie

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2006

We would like to say how much we enjoyed the Last Fling Rally at Hose Village Hall this weekend. We thought that a lot of work must have been put in, both by the Rally Marshals and the Committee members, to arrange the decorations in the hall and also the refreshments during the entertainment interval. It was a credit to all concerned.

The Friday evening was a chance to get together, to join in with the FNQ quiz and then down to the Village Pub, followed on Saturday morning by a trip to Melton for some table snacks for the evening festivities.

Saturday night started with the hall tables being suitably adorned by each family in all manner of decoration. This was followed by the Children's Christmas Party with games and the obligatory visit by Father Christmas, who may we say performed an admirable job. Well done Santa! The only regret being there could have been a few more children - next year we hope.

This was followed by a night of total fun and entertainment, topped up by the odd (stated very lightly) obligatory drink and some very appetising refreshments, washed down by a measure of merry entertainment. We left on Sunday thinking how we may better it during the coming Christmas Festivity. We would like to take the opportunity to thank all concerned.

Mart & Jan Williams.

## English

That's not right  
Are you harbouring a fugitive?  
See me ASAP  
Small Horse  
Did you go to the beach?  
I think you need a face lift  
It's very dark in here  
I thought you were on a diet  
This is a tow away zone  
Our meeting is scheduled for next week  
Staying out of sight  
He's cleaning his automobile  
Your body odour is offensive

## Chinese

Sum Ting Wong  
Hu Yu Hai Ding  
Kum Hia Nao  
Tai Ni Po Ni  
Wai Yu So Tan  
Chin Tu Fat  
Wai So Dim  
Wai Yu Mun Ching  
No Pah King  
Wai Yu Kum Nao  
Lei Ying Lo  
Wa Shing Ka  
Yu Stin Ki Pu

## Burns Night, 26 - 28 January 2007

Venue: Copt Oak Village Hall

You're Marshals, Sharon and Dave Eason, Bron Coleman and Dave Daniell invite you to celebrate in a certain style. We are not Scots and therefore do not fully appreciate the traditions of Haggis and Bagpipes so we offer an alternative.

Saturday evening will have a real Scottish flavour and something for everyone. We'll start with the **Highland Games**, that's haggis hurling, tossing the caber which we hope will give you an appetite ready for your supper.

Bron is preparing and serving her own special Scotch broth - we thought the haggis might not be too appetising after it has been hurled. We might even be able to find one or two other Scottish specialities but we are not making any promises - yet.

No Burns Night would be complete without Scottish Music, so we aim to provide just that, with tracks by Lulu, Rod Stewart and the Bay City Rollers, amongst others so you can *dance the night away*, in true Leicestershire Centre fashion.

Dave and Sharon are spending Christmas and New Year on holiday in Italy, so please help us to ensure that we have enough haggis to hurl by booking early. The brave among you could put Andy's new online booking system to the test. The rest of you can give Dave and Bron a paper slip at Last Fling or the New Year Rally.

*Have a super fantastic Christmas - and we will see you all at Copt Oak in January.*

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40 Gypsies died and went to heaven.

They turned up at the Pearly Gates and asked St Peter to let them in.

He said that they didn't have room for all 40 of them. He only had room for 5, so they should go away and think about who would come in.

A short while later St Peter went to see God and said "They've gone!"

God replied, "What, the Pikeys"?

"No" said St Peter, "the gates"!!!!

### The boy and the closet

A woman takes a lover home during the day while her husband is at work. Her 9-year old son comes home unexpectedly, sees them and hides in the bedroom closet to watch. The woman's husband also comes home. She puts her lover in the closet, not realizing that the little boy is in there already.

The little boy says, "Dark in here."

The man says, "Yes, it is."

Boy: "I have a baseball."

Man: "That's nice."

Boy: "Want to buy it?"

Man: "No, thanks."

Boy: "My dad's outside."

Man: "OK, how much?"

Boy: "\$250"

In the next few weeks, it happens again that the boy and the lover are in the closet together.

Boy: "Dark in here."

Man: "Yes, it is."

Boy: "I have a baseball glove."

The lover, remembering the last time, asks the boy, "How much?"

Boy: "\$750"

Man: "Sold."

A few days later, the father says to the boy, "Grab your glove, let's go outside and have a game of catch." The boy says, "I can't, I sold my baseball and my glove." The father asks, "How much did you sell them for?"

Boy: "\$1,000" The father says, "That's terrible to overcharge your friends like that. That is way more than those two things cost. I'm going to take you to church and make you confess." They go to the church and the father makes the little boy sit in the confessional booth and closes the door.

The boy says, "Dark in here."

The priest says, "Don't start that rubbish again; you're in my closet now."

## Can you read this?

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Think about this.....

If you consider that there has been an average of 160,000 troops in the  
Iraq theatre of operations during the last 22 months, and a total of, 2112  
deaths, that gives a firearm death rate of 60 per 100,000 soldiers per month.

The firearm death rate in Washington D.C. is 80.6 per 100,000 for the same  
period.

That means that you are about 34% more likely to be shot and killed in the  
U.S. Capitol, which has some of the strictest gun control laws in the nation, than  
you are in Iraq.

Conclusion: The U.S. should pull out of Washington.

If you have your eye on RETIREMENT here is something to ponder on.

No nursing home for me!

WELL, if the maths add up - this will be my dotage.

About 2 years ago Dave and I were on a cruise through the  
Mediterranean aboard a Princess Liner. At dinner we noticed an elderly  
lady sitting alone along the rail of the grand stairway in the dining room.  
We also noticed that all the staff, officers, waiters, busboys. Etc. all  
seemed to be very familiar with this lady.

I asked our waiter who the lady was, expecting to be told she owned the  
line, but he only knew she had done several back to back voyages.

As we left the dining room we stopped to say hello and chatted, with me  
saying "I understand you have been on several cruises".

"Yes" she replied, "That is true".

"I don't understand" I said.

"It's cheaper than a nursing home". She answered. "So when I get old and feeble, I am getting on a Princess Cruise Ship, an average nursing home is about \$200 a day. I can get a reservation on a Princess with a long term and senior discount for \$135 a day. Saving me, \$65 a day.

1. Gratuities only \$10 a day
2. As many as 10 meals per day. (Breakfast in bed)
3. Three swimming pools, workout room, free washers and dryers, a show every night.
4. Free toothpaste, soap and shampoo.
5. TV broken? Bulb needs changing? New Mattress? - No problem - no charge.
6. Clean sheet and towels.
7. If you fall and break your hip, you are upgraded for the rest of your life.

NOW HOLD ON FOR THE BEST

Do you want to see South America, the Panama Canal, Tahiti, Australia, New Zealand, Asia or name where you want to go?

Princess Line will have a ship ready to go.

SO DON'T look for me in a nursing home!

P.S. Don't forget, when I die, they will just dump me over the side - NO CHARGE!

### What Price a Good Night's Sleep???

GASFLOW - changeover regulator for sale. Suit any 37mB system (the pre 2004 type). Fit the regulator to the bulkhead, then connect to two gas bottles. As one bottle empties the regulator automatically changes to the other bottle, the indicator points to the empty bottle and shows red. Comes complete - with instructions.

Really easy to install and use - even better no more changing gas bottles at 3 am in the freezing cold.

It cost us £70 and was used in the Sterling for nearly a year - who will offer us £40?????

Sharon and Dave Eason

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Mobile 07971 510792 or see us on a rally field.

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## Women's Words

**Fine:** This is a word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up.

**Five Minutes:** If she is getting dressed, this means half an hour. Five minutes is only five minutes if you have been told you only have 5 more minutes to watch the game before helping around the house.

**Nothing:** This is the calm before the storm. This means "something", and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with "Nothing", usually end with "FINE".

**Go Ahead:** This is a dare, not permission. DON'T DO IT!!

**Loud Sigh:** This is not actually a word, but is a non verbal statement. A "loud sigh", means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time here, and arguing over "nothing".

**That's OK:** This is one of the most dangerous statements that a woman can make to a man. "That's OK" means that she wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.

**Thanks:** A woman is thanking you. Do not question it or faint. Just say "you're welcome".

**Whatever:** It's a woman's way of saying STUFF YOU !!!!!

Show this to the men you know, to warn them about future arguments they can avoid if they remember the terminology!!!

Show this to your women friends to give them a good laugh!!!

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A Primary School teacher starts a new job at a school on Merseyside and, trying to make a good impression on her first day, explains to her class that she is a Liverpool fan. She asks her students to raise their hands if they, too, are Liverpool fans.

Everyone in the class raises their hand except one little girl.

The teacher looks at the girl with surprise and says: "Mary, why didn't you raise your hand?"

"Because I'm not a Liverpool fan" she replied.

The teacher, still shocked, asks: "Well, if you're not a Liverpool fan, who are you a fan of?"

"I'm a West Ham fan, and proud of it" Mary replied.

The teacher could not believe her ears. "Mary, why are you a Hammers fan?"

"Because my mum and dad are from the East End, and my mum is a West Ham fan and my dad is a West Ham fan, so I'm a West Ham fan too!"

"Well," said the teacher, in an annoyed tone, "that's no reason for you to be a West Ham fan. You don't have to be just like your parents all of the time. What if you're mum was a prostitute and your dad was a drug addict and car thief, what would you be then?"

"Then," Mary smiled..... "I'd be a Liverpool fan."

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## Quorn Railway

The marshals arrived on Thursday night to find a huge tractor parked across the entrance gate. Panic..... Not being able to get anybody to move it they were turned away to try again in the morning.

Finally the ladies arrived Friday morning (thanks to the help of parents and in-laws). And after a little help from Mick Gwynne who assisted by putting up the LCC signs they were ready to rock and roll.

On Friday night the rain came down in buckets so forced the postponement of tea and coffee till Sunday morning.

The sun greeted the ralliers on Saturday morning, meaning a free and easy weekend with plenty to see and do on the trains and Loughborough fair (with some very scary rides to see). For those lucky ones there even held a chance meeting with Santa, Pudsey and Sir Topham Hat.

On Saturday night there was an Edwardian night at Rothley Station with Mulled wine, roasted Chestnuts, a barrel organ (minus the monkey) and story telling. By special request the train stopped at Quorn for those that went to enjoy the festivities.

The sun shone again Sunday morning so tea and coffee was followed by Flag taken by new committee member Martyn for the first time (well done). A two minute silence was taken at 11am to remember all those lost to us during the Wars.

The competitions were won by Gina and Tony then Judith and Alan (no fixes then, ha ha!)

Everyone had a lovely weekend so many thanks must go to the Marshals Nicki + Paul with Josh and Millie and assistants Andrea + Nick with Joe.



**VALENTINE'S RALLY 9 -11 FEBRUARY 2007**  
**ASFORDBY VILLAGE HALL**

Few and far between,  
hardly happens, rarely seen.  
Saturday night social is the norm  
but Fridays tea and coffee in the warm,  
what a bonus, what a treat  
come on in, your friends to meet.  
A hand of cards and dominoes too,  
a game of bingo just for you.  
That's Friday night done  
with Saturdays social still to come.  
Join us for a glass of bubbly,  
roses and romance.  
Maybe a game of Mr and Mrs,  
or just a smoochy dance.  
Lets make the most of what we've got  
2 nights social - that's a lot.  
Send your slips, don't shilly shally  
Lets all enjoy a successful rally.

Yes you've got it - 2 socials in one weekend. So come on and book the  
rally now, don't leave it until the last minute.

We look forward to seeing you.

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