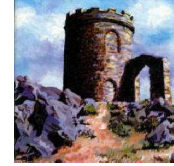




LEICESTERSHIRE CENTRE



CARAVAN CLUB

Tow Torque Summer 2008

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

For those of you who are looking forward to/dreading the next couple of months where children are off school for the summer holidays, here are some things to think about, with thanks to John Jarvis for sending them in!

- 1. You spend the first two years of a child's life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next sixteen telling them to sit down and shut up.**
- 2. Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your own children.**
- 3. Mothers of teens now know why some animals eat their young.**
- 4. Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.**
- 5. The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children more awful than your own.**
- 6. We childproofed our homes, but they are still getting in.**

Greenacres Bibury

Easter 21st-25th March 2008

Our first Rally!

These are our memories of our very first rally. I had rallied many times before as a child with North Yorkshire Centre, but this was a first for Tanya, Charlotte and Jeremy. The caravan was bought in January, and we had been out twice previously, both times to the club site at Clumber Park, in pleasant mild weather.

So everything was tried tested and we were looking forward to our first weekend away without 240v. Preparations went on all week for what we hoped would be a nice pleasant Easter weekend, although we approached it with a degree of the unknown. Would the batteries last for the whole 5 days and what would we do if they didn't and the kids could not watch TV!?

Friday

Wow... Wind, wind and more wind. After getting over the nerves about towing in the wind we set off, and made steady progress arriving at 12.00pm. I must admit this was probably the most nerve-racking drive I have ever done although once off the motorway I relaxed a little. Given the length of weekend we had decided to put the awning up. I did wonder at the time why we were the only ones with that size of awning up.... Perhaps they had seen the forecast for Friday night / Saturday morning!

Well, we wrapped up warm and headed for the party tents for tea and hot 'Hot Cross buns'... Many thanks to the hardy soles who sat out in the snow and wind to provide us all with an endless supply. Charlotte and Jeremy would especially like to say thanks. We only stayed briefly as it was well past Charlotte and Jeremy's bedtimes so we retreated back to the warmth of the van after a quick go of the quiz. What a night, the wind came back with a vengeance, or so it seemed whilst laying in bed. I must admit we didn't sleep too well that night. There were many times when I thought the awning must come down any minute. The worst of all was the storm strap and the noise it was making.

Saturday

We awoke to more wind (in fact it had never gone away), and horizontal snow. The debate for the first few hours was a) Do we take the awning down (we have to sleep tonight)? And b) How do you stop the strap making such a noise?

The answer to a) was resolved about mid morning when the wind started to drop and b) when we called at Nick and Jude Rosen's van all became clear: put the strap on the inside of the awning!

Having seen the weather we decided to stay on site for the day, and the kids spent much of the day playing with their newfound friends. Thank you Jess, Hannah and Megan.

We decided that we would miss the social given the age of the kids and their bedtimes and will probably reserve our attendance at these until they are a little older and can cope with the late nights. However now the wind had receded we did manage a much better night's sleep.

Sunday

What a better day...it was still cold but at least the wind had dropped. Charlotte and Jeremy were eager to take part in the Egg hunt and went running in all directions to find the beautifully finished off eggs, and were congratulated by a 6ft Easter bunny! We spent the rest of the day visiting Bourton-on-the-water, and can recommend both Birdland and the Motor Museum there. The museum even contained 3 very old caravans! And the lunch in the Birdland café was very nice.

Sunday night was in van quiz night, not surprisingly no takers for the visitors given the weather, but Tanya and myself had fun answering the questions...until we got to music that is. Wow that was hard.

Monday

Wrapped up warm again and went to flag, at least the wind and snow had now almost gone away. Charlotte and Jeremy enjoyed the Easter themed races that took place after flag although Charlotte burst into tears when I dropped MY egg.

Tuesday

Home time. Well the battery lasted, the gas lasted, the awning stayed in place and most of all the kids got to watch TV. So despite the weather we enjoyed our weekend, and many thanks to Andy, Jackie, Alan and Judy for the efforts they put into to organising the rally.

See you all soon

Neil, Tanya, Charlotte and Jeremy.



Hoar Park Craft Village.

18th – 20th April

We set off on Thur 17th April for our first Rally with a bleak weather forecast ringing in our ears but determined not to be put off. We arrived at Hoar Park around 3 O'clock. Mel Alex Sue and Alan were there to greet us and show us onto our pitch. We found ourselves next to a lovely couple Stan and Dot and when we had set up they invited us in for a cuppa and a chat, we got lots of good advice. They were very helpful.

On Friday night we met up with everyone in the Red Barn for tea and biscuits and found them all to be very friendly and welcoming.

On Saturday morning we enjoyed a coffee with Sue and Brian (Vice Chairman) they were very interesting and informative and great fun.

Afterwards we had a good walk over the fields and a browse around the Craft Centre. Later in the evening we were back in the Red Barn for a great Ploughman's Supper (well done Mel and Sue) and some games afterwards.

We were really impressed by the close family atmosphere that exists within the different age groups.

It was a wet Sunday morning, we met in the Barn at 11.00 for flag. Afterwards we got packed up and said our goodbyes to our new found friends. Thanks very much to Nick Rosen for towing our van off the field. Altogether we had a very enjoyable weekend...

Many thanks to the Marshals and we look forward to the next Rally

Wyn & Jim Taylor



The Caravan Club Concert Band
Doncaster School
4th – 6th April 2008

As some of you will know, The Caravan Club has its own Concert Band. I had the privilege of joining them this year and my first rally with them was the band rehearsal rally at Doncaster. This is the main rehearsal of each year where the forthcoming year's repertoire is decided and rehearsed. We started arriving from the Wednesday afternoon and built up to full force by Friday evening. There were 50 outfits arriving for the weekend of rehearsals. Doncaster Deaf School was the venue for the rally during the school holidays and they graciously allowed us full facilities including the use of toilet and shower facilities. The bars and dining areas, as well as the hall for the rehearsals, were also made available to us.

Rehearsals started in earnest at 9am Friday morning. Three hours rehearsal in the morning, another three hours in the afternoon and another long session later that evening. The standard of musicianship was excellent and the support given to younger players was encouraging.

Saturday we started again at 9am. Another three hour rehearsal, followed by another three hours in the afternoon. We were let off rehearsals in the evening as we had a social evening and a pie and pea supper organised. During the evening we had a few games of bingo and a number of table quizzes. The bars were open for us and the drinks extremely reasonably priced.

No lie in on the Sunday morning either, yet more rehearsals. As soon as morning rehearsal had finished, brunch was provided and served by catering students. A concert had been planned for the afternoon, but unfortunately, quite a few people had to leave early as the weather was not looking too good and they had considerable distances to travel.

There was a terrific atmosphere and with such a large number of players, a huge full sound that filled the school. This year's repertoire is very wide ranging and includes lots of old favourites from music from the last night of the proms, to selections from musicals, classics, marches and popular songs. There were a few surprises in store too, wow, what a sound when the buglers marched in. I understand that we also have a piece in the repertoire when pipers join in too, that I have yet to experience. It was a terrific experience playing with such a large band and having such a wide range of music and can only serve to enhance my playing in the formal brass band that I am a member of.

The amount of organisation that went into the weekend must have been phenomenal when one sees how much kit has to be carried about and the amount of percussion and music that is needed for each rally. The dedication of the organisers and players is something to be admired, but what an experience. Where else can one play in a band with more than 50 others, apparently there are more than 80 registered musicians when all are counted, coming from all areas of the country, including as far away as Somerset, Wales, Scotland and just about every county in England?

Sue Day

The Caravan Club concert Band will next be playing at the Northern Centres Rally, Sutton Park, August 22 – 26.



Donington Park Farmhouse rally.
25th ~27th April.

It was lovely to go to a rally at this time of the year with a hall and electric. We also had good weather which was a bonus. Sharon, Bron, and the 2 Dave's gave every one a friendly welcome, and there was one new Member ~ 1st time out who hadn't a clue what to do, but the 2 Dave's helped him with every thing, WELL DONE MARSHALS

Sat morning Jan, Mart, Dave and myself went to see Graham in hospital. The chemo knocked him about a bit but he cheered up when he saw us. He sends his best wishes and thanks to every one who has sent cards, they mean a lot to him I know.

Sat evening we had so much fun making outfits for our Knights. There must be some really good photo's about. I met my knight in shining armour [until he dropped his pants then I did a runner] Knowing it was a St George's day rally I swatted up for the comps. Only to find on opening my envelope the comp. was all about Shakespeare. I couldn't believe it!

Anyway on behalf of every one on the rally THANKS go to Sharon, Bron and the 2 Daves for a super rally.

Billie



Lyndon Top
Chairman's Rally 2nd-5th May 2008

We couldn't believe our luck, nice sunny weather was forecast for this special Bank Holiday. THE ANNUAL CHAIRMANS RALLY hosted by our Sheila and Roy Wills accompanied by Dennis the cat Wills.

With our outfit ready, kids and cats loaded we set off for Lyndon Top, Rutland on a Friday afternoon. We met up for the FNQ with tea/coffee and juice for the kids, pondered over the quiz Sheila had done for us, you knew the face but couldn't think if the name, now if they'd owned a dog, cat or any pet I would have got it! I tend to know the pets name but not the owner but I must say I am getting better!!!

Saturday was the big day.

The committee ran around all morning getting bits and pieces ready for the street market, there was tombola ran by Sue, find the key with John and our very own Brucey – Alan with *Play Your Cards Right* looking rather dashing in his flashy bow tie. There was Jill, Jenny and I selling our handmade greeting cards and crafting bits, Jack sold his humongous pile of teddies, Jude with her selection of items, fabulous cakes and biscuits were sold by Pauline, Erene and Dave. My hubby, Gaz, was chuffed to bits when he won a bottle of wine from Andrea's stall – wine or water.

A good time was had by all that afternoon. (Sorry if I missed anybody, I'm still getting to know everyone.)

After packing up our stalls and I crammed the remaining teddies into the front seat of our car, it was time to set the scene for the auction some great bargains were to be had. Out came Liberace! Sorry

Andy, in his spangley jacket accompanied by his glamorous assistant, Arthur. They did a very entertaining auction as the beer and wine flowed, people tended to spend more!! What a fab evening we had.

Sunday came the dog show, we do have the best looking and best behaved dogs in Leicestershire and the owners are quite nice people too!

The judging was over seen by Mel. The dogs all won prizes although there were a couple of naughty dogs and owners, Arthur's dog Bernie didn't have much to say and refused to walk for the judge, Andy's dog was getting very friendly with a few doggy friends, apparently he's a new breed of dog (an invisihound).

Sunday evening came and it's **Casino Night!!**

Soup and rolls were served by Mel & Erene and the soups were all homemade, absolutely delicious we all went for seconds.

We were all given play money which we could gamble with on the tables there was Roulette, Lucky 7 etc, the kids had a great time learning how to gamble.

Note to self: must write note to Jack's teacher explaining why he hasn't done his French homework, learning how to gamble is far more interesting than French homework!!!!

Monday: Time to pack up and go home BOOOOO!!!!!! even though the sun is still shining.

There were two new families at the rally, hope they had a fab time and yes we're all mad but we know how to have loads of fun and hope to see them again. Be warned: you'll be hooked on rallying, and the housework will have to be done in record time ready to go again next weekend. And as always we're pleased to welcome visitors from other centres.

Thanks must go to Sheila, Dennis and Roy Wills and all the committee members for a brilliant weekend.

TTFN.

Andrea, Gaz, Laura and Jack

Blue and Keo Brewin

Xxxx

P.S. A special mention must go to Jackie Haigh who beat the boys at golf!!!!

(Girl Power Still Rules!!!!!!!!!!)

Noon Hill
16 -18 May 2008

It was with great regret that this rally had to be cancelled due to lack of support.

However, we did go to look at the site and surrounding area. So should you consider running a rally here in the future, just a few details about the area. The site itself was a very well kempt field at the back of the farm, with ample space for as many units as we would need. Should there be more than could be accommodated in the one field, then the owner's just open up the next field as well. There is a toilet block available for rally goers to use just across a small courtyard. There are animals at the site that the children are actively encouraged to interact with. The owners have a set of outdoor skittles that they are happy to lend out.

The site is in a lovely part of the country despite being close to the motorway. The canal runs at the side of the site and along the road to the site. There is a Working Men's Club in Ansty that is happy to open its doors to ralliers.

They do have a party tent available for use but at a cost, otherwise people are welcome to erect their own.

We would like to thank those who did book onto the rally and apologise for disappointing you, but we would especially like to thank Andrea Brewin for all her enthusiasm and efforts in what sounded like a fantastic decorated 'canal boat' caravan, and thanks also to Kelvin, Mel and Alex for their help in the preliminary planning.

Steve & Sue



Holkham Hall
National Rally

23rd-27th May 2008

Friday morning arrived, Roy got the van out and off we went (only my third time towing). After three hours we arrived at Holkham to be met by the smiling faces of Pete, John and the two Jennies.

Friday night was wine and nibbles then off to bed ready for an early start on Saturday. So much to watch, where do we start? Men's and ladies volley ball, children's football both large and small with the girls and ladies playing netball, most getting through to the second round.

Saturday evening and some went to the 60's show while the rest stayed on the field to BBQ. drink, chat, and a little more drink.

Sunday dawned wet and windy with the men and the ladies volleyball teams, the boys football and girls netball playing their second round games in terrible conditions. Roy and myself went for a ride around the area stopping off at Sherringham and going for a walk on the front. The rain was coming at us horizontally. It brought back memories of our wedding day when we were pelted with rice (glad I was not playing volleyball). We were told of a garage that sold gas (LPG) that was open just the other side of

Cromer (the real reason for going out) so after filling up it was into Cromer for a fish and chip lunch on the sea front (IN THE SUNSHINE).

Back at the rally the children's sports had just started. The traffic was really bad so we were a little late getting back but what a fantastic result for all our children. They have really done the centre proud. It's the first time in the centre's history that the children have won the SPORT`S at the NATIONAL well done one and all.

Monday dawned dull and very windy but at least it was dry. It's semi finals and finals day and looking down the list we have the young girls netball final. With a win they would really have put the icing on the cake but it wasn't to be, never the less girls you have made a little bit of history being the first Leicestershire Centre netball team to reach a final.

Finally on to the closing ceremony and cheering all our winners but the biggest cheer was saved until last when it was announced that Prestwold hall had got the National 2009. Sorry folks but Roy, Jude and Myself new about this on Saturday. Who says we can't keep a secret.

What a great venue and an excellent rally, all the better for WINNING.
Thank-you everyone who has participated.

A REPEAT AT THE INTER-CENTRE WOULD BE NICE. - A VERY PROUD CHAIRMAN SHEILA.

National
Holkham Hall
23rd-27th May 2008 Sports Report

Friday was spent getting the new kit out to the teams that were going to be involved in the weekend's activities.

Ladies Netball and Tug o War were withdrawn but we had made teams in each of the other sports, everyone was happy.

Saturday morning the teams made their way to the arena. Both of the boys football, the girls netball, the lawn darts team, petanque and both volleyball teams made it through to the next day. Unfortunately the Top Centre quiz team and the Pub Darts got knocked out in the first round.

The children's races in the afternoon were superb and all the children involved ran their hearts out. The relay race was exceptional and those who supported them came away very horse.

Sunday afternoon the games continued and every team other than the girl's netball team got knocked out.

The Central Region *It's a Knock Out* team came 2nd. Which 6 out of the 10 members required came from Leicestershire.

In the photography competition Andy Pilkington had a highly recommended.

The baking competition Gina Hooper got a first with the Lemon Drizzle Cake, and Richard Lamming got third for his fairy cakes.

Monday at the closing ceremony it was announced that the winners of the children's sports was LEICESTESHIRE.

Also announced was the venue of next years National – Prestwold Hall, LEICESTERSHIRE.

Well done and thank you to everyone who took part.

Thank you to the team managers.

Thank you to all the supporters.

I look forward to seeing you all on future rallies and also at next years National.

Nick Rosen



Inter Centre
Hardwick Hall
13th-15th June 2008 Sports Report

Friday night we were getting teams and kit organised. Unfortunately we were not able to enter a 15-19yrs football or a ladies netball team due to not having enough for a team.

Saturday morning the teams ventured down to the sports arena, the first game starting at 8.40am. The weather was pleasant and only in the last game before lunch did rain stop play.

We went back to the caravans for lunch and then the afternoon we resumed play.

At 5.00pm the children's races began and again the children did not let us down they ran their hearts out again. The tug o war was after the races and two of our members joined the Northants and Rutland team.

(Please see below if you are interested in joining the team).

Sunday morning the Motor Sports were on and we entered a Men's team for the Escott North Rosebowl and a Ladies team for the Pat Statton. This was followed by the over 35's Football.

All in all a brilliant weekend the camaraderie was terrific between the centres and I think everyone had a great weekend.

Boy's under 11's Football - WINNER

Boy's 12 – 14 Football - Third

Girl's under 11's Netball – Third

Girl's 13 – 15 Netball – Third

Ladies Volleyball – WINNER

Men's Volleyball – WINNER

Penatque – SECOND

Children's Sports – Third (Alf Chapman Trophy)

Men's Motor Sports – Third (Escott North Trophy)

Ladies Motor Sports – Second

Over 35's Football – Third

My thanks go to all who participated and supported. (Too many to name!).

I must also thank the managers of the teams Paul and Lisa Bushell – Volleyball

Jacob Hibbert – Football

Kirsty Ottey and Megan Howell – Netball

and Alan Spencer – Motor Sports Officer

Next years Inter Centre will be hosted by the Nottinghamshire Centre, at Clumber Park. (June 2009)

Tug 'o' War

The Tug 'o' War team will commence training at the end of August 2008. The training night will be at Syston Rugby Club. Everything will be confirmed when all the team get together for an informal meal as to which night will be suitable. Contact Mark Exton if you are interested in going along. m.exton@ntlworld.com or 01530 450576.

Open Forum:

One of the issues discussed at the Open Forum on Sunday 11th May 2008, at Brooksby College was that the Fellowship Plaques were becoming increasingly more difficult to obtain as the number of rallies had decreased over the recent years.

A number of suggestions were put forward i.e. working on a percentage of the rallies throughout the year; not dating the plaques to save ordering a minimum or doing away with the award altogether.

Having said as above the general consensus was the goal should be more achievable.

The matter was then discussed at the Committee meeting on Monday 12th May 2008, from which the following suggestions have been made.

1. Leave as is.

2. Remove the Friendship and Fellowship plaques altogether and replace with the following;

15 Leicestershire Rallies = **Bronze**

20 Rallies (of which at least **18** should be Leicestershire and **2** may be with other Centres) = **Silver**

25 Rallies (of which at least **20** should be Leicestershire and **5** may be with other Centres) = **Gold**

With the **Silver** Plaque you will also receive a **£5.00** Centre Voucher

With the **Gold** Plaque you will also receive a **£10.00** Centre Voucher

These may be used as payment towards another Leicestershire Centre rally.

3. Ask the membership for feedback from now to the AGM.

If you have any thoughts on the above suggestions or other ideas please contact any Members of the Committee and let them know so that any changes if needed can be made and incorporated in the 2009 Rally Season.

Jude Rosen
Hon. Secretary

PRESTWOLD HALL **6TH-8TH JUNE 2008**

As our rally for this weekend was the Inter-centres being held at Pershore with a golfing theme we decided not to go so we looked for a venue nearer home. We saw that the Leicestershire centre were holding a rally at Prestwold Hall.

Having been born and bred in Loughborough I used to cycle round that area and saw the Hall from a distance on many occasions but it always had Private signs up so we could not go into the grounds. So we decided to go there.

We arrived on Friday evening in not too good weather. After setting up and having tea, we went for the customary tea/coffee with our fellow ralliers. We spent a pleasant evening in the "party tent" chatting to some people we had met previously and others we hadn't.

On Saturday morning we went into Loughborough and I went round the market whilst Steve went to Halfords for some brake shoes for the car.

In the afternoon we were served an excellent cream tea (were the scones home made, if so I would like the recipe, they were delicious) by the juniors with a little help from others. During the afternoon the motor sports were taking place but we didn't go to see them as it was a nice day so we sat and relaxed by the van.

During the evening a "pub quiz" was held in the party tent. We were in teams of six for this – we didn't do too well on the joker rounds as we thought Wheels of Steel might have something to do with trains but it turned out to be a music round with cars as the theme. There was some controversy over the "star signs" round. The quiz book gave answers that most of the participants thought were wrong and have you ever had black jelly? Altogether a very enjoyable evening.

Sunday was flag and the usual prize giving and notices. We had to leave after flag as it was Steve's birthday and we had the family coming round for a barbecue.

Many thanks to the Rally Officers and everyone who made us welcome.

Brenda Dane
East Warwickshire Centre

Motor Sport Competition Prestwold Hall Rally 6 – 8 June 2008

The Don Renwick Trophy

	Driver	Co Driver
1 st	Andy Warne	Moz Lester
2 nd	Nick Barber	Nick Rosen
3 rd	Alastair Lomax	Pete Cadwallader

The Jean Stratton Trophy

	Driver	Co Driver
1 st	Jude Rosen	Debbie Lester
2 nd	Debbie Lester	Jude Rosen

Leicester Award First Timers

	Driver	Co Driver
1 st	Moz Lester	Andy Warne
2 nd	Alastair Lomax	Pete Cadwallader
3 rd	Pete Cadwallader	Jo Cadwallader

Wrighton Family Shield

1st Pete & Jo Cadwallader

Forth coming rallies:-

11-13 July 2008 Rempstone Steam Fair
12-26 July 2008 Little Cotton Farm, Dartmouth

Family fun packed holiday or just sit back and soak up the atmosphere.

- Kids get Krafty with Krysta
- Teddy Bears' picnic for the youngsters and Devon Cream Teas for the not so young.
- Spanish theme evening with sangria and tapas.
- The ever popular walking treasure hunt of Dartmouth
- Party night in the local Community Centre with ploughman's supper.
- Family fun packed session in Leisure Centre.
- Activities offered are rounders, badminton, table tennis, roller blading and a bouncy castle.
- Evening coach tour to the Barbican area of Plymouth
- Afternoon coach trip to include pub lunch and a tour of the moors.

See your Marshalls Rosey and Mick Gwynne with Krysta and Martyn Stevenson for more info and for SPECIAL BOOKING FORM or check out the Leicestershire Centre web site.

BOOK NOW, See www.littlecotton.co.uk for a closer look at the site.

25-27 July 2008 Springwood Fisheries
1-3 August 2008 Ullesthorpe Garden Centre

With Alan & Pauline, John & Jill
Great Music – Fifties, Sixties, Seventies, Musicals,
Rock & Roll, Beatniks, Mods & Rockers, Teddy Boys, (Dress optional)
Musical Quiz, Sing-a-long,
Potted Sports and Flower arranging

15-17 August 2008 Ratcliffe College

Double Boules Competition for the Barbara Arthur Trophy
Rally Launch – An opportunity to put your name down to marshal a 2009 rally.
Photographic competition – **see Leicestershire Rally Handbook for rules**

The Photographic Competition

All entries to be given to Andy Warne by 12 Noon.

Lesley Dalby Cup

3 Categories

Scenic, Portrait and Rally

Alfred Chapman Cup

For Under 16's

There are no categories in this section

Gina Hooper Grandchild Award

For a Grandchild of a member.

There are no categories in this section



22-26 August 2008 Ferry Meadows CC Site - **FULL**
29-31 August 2008 Emberton Country Park – Inter Centre Fishing Competition
5-7 Sept 2008 Gaddesby – Please note **ONLY GREEN** chemical fluid to be used
12-14 Sept 2008 Bitteswell
13-20 Sept 2008 Wareham Forest
19-21 Sept 2008 Ingles Farm, Ashby - Open Forum Sunday 11.15am
26-28 Sept 2008 Stanford Hall – Swimming Gala – Nomination Weekend
For further details, please refer to your Rally Book or the Rally programme on the website.

GOD CREATED CHILDREN (AND IN THE PROCESS GRANDCHILDREN)

To those of us who have children in our lives, whether they are our own, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or students...

here is something to make you chuckle.

Whenever your children are out of control, you can take comfort from the thought that even God's omnipotence did not extend to His own children.

After creating heaven and earth, God created Adam and Eve.

And the first thing he said was

'DON'T!'

'Don't what?' Adam replied.

'Don't eat the forbidden fruit.'

God said.

'Forbidden fruit?'

We have forbidden fruit?'

Hey Eve. we have forbidden fruit ?'

'No Way!'

'Yes way!'

'Do NOT eat the fruit!' said God.

'Why?'

'Because I am your Father and I said so !' God replied,
wondering why He hadn't stopped creation after making the elephants
A few minutes later, God saw His children having an apple break and He was ticked!
'Didn't I tell you not to eat the fruit?' God asked.
'Uh huh,' Adam replied.
'Then why did you?' said the Father.
'I don't know,' said Eve.
'She started it!' Adam said.
'Did not!'
'Did too!'
'DID NOT!'
Having had it with the two of them,
God's punishment was that Adam and Eve
should have children of their own.
Thus the pattern was set and it has never changed.
If you have persistently and lovingly tried to give children wisdom and they haven't taken it,
don't be hard on yourself.
If God had trouble raising children, what makes you think it would be a piece of cake for you?

(With thanks to John Jarvis for sending this in)

**IF YOU HAVE A LOT OF TENSION AND YOU GET A HEADACHE,
DO WHAT IT SAYS ON THE ASPIRIN BOTTLE:**

'TAKE TWO ASPIRIN' AND 'KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN'!!!!