



South Yorkshire Centre News Letter

Welcome to South Yorkshire Centres Spring Newsletter. Well nearly Spring although there is some debate when Spring actually starts. The Met office say spring starts on March 1st, traditionally the first day of spring is equinox which falls on March 20th this year, but in my diary at work it says February 1st - Not likely, but I am sure that must say something about the quality of diaries we use! All that aside, QUALITY leads my ramblings onto something else entirely...

Once again South Yorkshire has a QUALITY programme of rallies for you throughout the year and our thanks to John and Chris for pulling the programme together and getting the book completed, it's the first time they have done it and what a good job they made.

QUALITY is what South Yorkshire Centre is all about from the quiet relaxing rallies and stunning venues we use such as Chatsworth and Eyam to the full on family fun and charity rallies, not to mention the rallies that book up within days of the rally book being published.

QUALITY people make these rallies happen for you, thanks to all the people who have given up their weekends this year to run rallies for the centre, we really appreciate your hard work and for those that are new to being Marshals this year please, please ask if you need a guiding hand we are all here to help. With that in mind it may seem early but can you start to think about 2013's QUALITY rallies and let John have your weekends so that we can get the provisional programme started as soon as possible this year.

Karen Williams. Vice Chair & Press Officer

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Dinner Dance Dates

Jan 28th Yorkshire Pennine
 Feb 18th S. Lancashire
 Feb 25th Cumbria
 Mar 3rd Mid W Yorks
 Sep 22nd E. Yorkshire
 Sep 29th Northumberland

Oct 20th N. Lancashire
 Nov 10th N. Yorkshire
 Nov 17th Yorkshire Dales
 Nov 24th Durham
 Jan 12th South Yorkshire

Chair

Lady's

Chat

Hello everyone and a happy new year to those I haven't seen for a while.

It doesn't seem a year since last Valentine's Day rally but here we are again. I always say May Day is my favourite rally of the year for the crowning of the Queen but this must be my second favourite as we get to choose her this weekend. But there again I do love Fraisthorpe at Easter, and the dinner dance and New Year and the only rallies I didn't enjoy last year were the ones we didn't go on!

Our first rally of the New Year was the dinner dance at Tapton and our 4 guests seemed to enjoy themselves. Stan Gelson, the guest speaker was entertaining and he and his wife June were good company as always. We have received a lovely thank you card from Katie and Millie Aldridge who were our guests as Queen and Youth Vice-Chairlady. They said they had a fabulous time. Both of them looked stunning and entertained us on the top table. They were a credit to mum and dad.

The next rally after Valentine's is St Patrick's at Styrrup but before then you will see in the book this year we have a 'Winter Walk'. For those of you fairly new to the Centre a series of winter walks was always held to plug the gap between bonfire rally and Easter but in recent years we have been rallying virtually throughout the winter. However as there is a gap before Styrrup, George and Chris Bentley had very kindly offered to show us around the Wentworth area. Its lovely scenery and very nearly on most of our doorsteps so please do join them if you can. I understand it's around 5 miles of fairly easy walking but strong shoes and a hot drink are advised. Then it's off to the pub for Sunday lunch.

The 2 big rallies of the early season are at Fraisthorpe and Epworth. Fraisthorpe which is just outside Bridlington is the venue for the Easter rally. If anyone hasn't been before it's a great venue, right on the sea front and you can walk along the beach to Bridlington. There will be a heated marquee on site with 5 social evenings and day time activities too including an Easter Egg hunt on the beach.

At May Day we have our Charity rally at Epworth. The closing date for suggestions for the charities we will support at May Day was the 26th January so Lynda Handley will soon be announcing what our chosen charities are.

Once again May Day will have a fun packed programme with the Children's sports on Saturday and the crowning of the Queen and Charity Spring Fayre on Sunday. If anyone is interested in running a stall for the Charity can you please come and see me. We're also having a 'fun' dog show at May Day, it's not just for pedigrees, the 'mutts' will stand an equal chance.

The four teams at this year are the 'Home Nations': England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The team lists will go on the website at the beginning of March and be updated fortnightly so make sure you log in to see which team you are in. The team are selected by a Computerized High-tech Randomised Information System so unfortunately you can't choose your team (so look out Paul Bryant – you might be English after all).

Speaking of the website, as I write this Tim is in the process of updating it and giving it a new look. He is asking for comments and suggestions so please log in and take a look. The web address is www.southyorkshirecentre.co.uk. He would also like your photos of any rallies or events you have been to. The website is visited by a lot of people outside our Centre so let's show them what a great time we have here at SYC.

Looking ahead to the summer, the carnival float theme this year is 'Children's TV' so I hope lots of kids will come along dressed as their favourite TV character. We also need a lot of help from the grown-ups to make decorations for the float. All being well, we will have a children's float at all 3 carnival rallies – Bakewell, Barlow and Eyam.

I know it's a long time away but if you are going to the bonfire rally can you please book early. It was oversubscribed last year and quite a few people were disappointed. The rally fee has been held at £15 which I think is really good value considering the excellent firework display our pyrotechnics put on for us. If you are going, you need to send the full fee with your booking slip.

I am sure some of you will be aware that our Centre along with many others has had problems with our membership lists from East Grinstead for the past 2 years. Although members are registering or re-registering with us they are not appearing on our lists. When Tracy, our secretary checked the brochure requests against the list of registered members there we around 50 who had asked for a brochure but were not registered with SYC. Tracy worked extremely hard in the days up to the brochure going out phoning all of these. Can I please thank her on your behalf? Whilst a few had genuinely left the Centre, quite a few said they didn't realise they had to re-register each year. Another 20 plus had re-registered but were not showing on our membership list. This is an ongoing problem and Tracy has sent a detailed report of our 'missing members' to East Grinstead so let's hope it is all sorted out this year. In the mean time can I remind everyone they have to re-register with the Centre yearly and to those of you who have done it is worth checking with Tracy at some stage before the AGM to make sure you are listed.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the rally field throughout the year, fingers crossed for a long hot summer.

All the best, Christine



**Belinda Hargreaves, Steve Jackson
and Kev Lacey**
All celebrating the Big 50 in June.
Wishing you great birthdays from all
your friends in the centre.
Come on Benidorm...

Jan Jackson
65 on 27th January.
Wow I hope I look that
good at 65 and have as
much energy!
Happy Birthday Jan from
all your friends in the
centre and thanks for a
fabulous Birthday rally
x X x



Queens Address



Dear ralliers,

Since my last news letter entry I have managed to keep busy, the youth committee assisted Chris & Mick run the AGM rally at Hatfield which we all enjoyed. The new Committee was elected on Saturday afternoon with me getting position as Chair, which I take great pride in. With my trusted friends, Millie, Jodie, Charlotte and Rachel being joined by Jessica, Amber and Oliver to make up the new committee. We also have a new YLO Sam, we all got together at the bonfire rally and I knew then that we are going to make a pretty good team. Our first big duty as a new committee was to put on the the childrens christmas party. Me my mum and Millie all went shopping for the presents, and boy that seemed like mission impossible, we just couldn't agree but finally with 3 trollies overflowing (no joke) with presents we were done. There were a few uncertainties, but we had nothing to worry about because everyone seemed to like their gift and their visit with Santa. Running the party was great fun and with a great team helping it was pretty easy going too, massive thanks to Karen from all of us.

Once into January the penultimate Queen moment had arrived...The annual dinner dance at Taptan! As Queen I had been invited as a special guest but Youth Chair also gets an invite so that went to Vice Chair which meant my sister Millie and I got to attend together which was great. We where made to feel very welcome, had a lovely meal, danced till out feet ached and had an all-round amazing night.

Sadly May Day is approaching, which is when I will reluctantly hand over my crown to the next Queen, whom ever she may be. I wish her all the best and I know everyone says it make the best of everyday, it's over too quickly to stress about anything , leave that to your parents and just enjoy. So my reign as queen is nearly over which means that we can now look forward to getting together with Sam and planning the lightwater valley and AGM rallies, which are both booking up nicely and I am sure are going to be great fun.

See you all on the rally field soon,
love from

Queen Katelan (youth chair)
xoxo



" HEY, WAIT A MINUTE ! WHAT'S THIS
' FOR POORER ' STUFF ??? "

Good Luck to Ray, Jan, Sean and Jayne who are celebrating their Wedding on the weekend of 15th – 17th June at Doncaster School for the Deaf.. If you haven't replied to their Wedding Rally invite then please let them know if you are coming or you might not get fed!

Congratulations and Good Luck to another happy couple tying the knot on Saturday 30th June 2012. Ashley Butler and Lisa Hadfield can't wait to see the lovely Lilly and Maise in their bridesmaids dresses

Bank Holiday Fun

Easter at Fraisethorpe

Thursday 5th to Tuesday 10th April 2012

Don't leave it to long to book we are already half full!

£53 for 5 nights, heated marquee and social each evening. Easter eggs for all the children booked on the rally.

Slips and a deposit of £20 to Karen Williams



Celebrate May Day

May Day Charity Rally

Friday 4th to Monday 7th May 2012

Join us for a fun filled weekend
In true South Yorkshire style.

3 evening family socials in a heated marquee.

Saturday childrens sports, strongman, it's a knock out, kids club with games and mini-disco. Sunday charity spring fayre, crowning of South Yorkshire Queen and fun dog show with a difference.

£33 rally donation.

Slips and deposit of £10 to Chris Royston



Spring Bank Holiday

Friday 1st to Sunday 10th June 2012

Lickhill Manor Caravan Park Stourport on Severn.

Close to West Midland Safari Park, Severn Valley

Steam Railway, Bewdley working Museum and

fishing on site. Field socials held over the week with one to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Rally Fee £90. Slips and a £30 deposit to Belinda and Graham Hargreaves



NATIONAL RALLY



EASTNOR CASTLE

June 1st to June 6th.

book on line at

www.caravanclub.co.uk

1000 bookings so far!!

Words of Wisdom from Granny Clottie

To tone those muscles down below
Mind Granny's word when you go:

On a visit to the loo

this is what she says to do.

Take a seat and start to go,
then stop and hold in mid flow.

Test yourself every week or more
remember it's good for your pelvic floor.

When that is done stand up and pull up,
hold those muscles tight a mo
count to 4 then let go.

Do this every time you wee
and in the car or in the bus, 20 times a
day without a fuss.

If your in a pregnant state
do not think you can't relate.

If we don't keep our nagging
you may find your muscles sagging.

By caring for you pelvic floor
the pleasure of sex is so much more.

With these muscles nice and tight
this will meet with your delight.

So don't forget to stop and start
use your head, be really smart;

Continue for life and don't forget

When you're old – you won't be wet!

Northern Centres Rally

Wrea Green. Warton. Preston

Friday 24th to Tuesday 28th August 2012

(extra night available).

Arts, crafts, sports, Kick Start, Strongman, Darts,

Inter-Centre Quiz, Childrens activity club, line dancing
and tea dance, bingo, be a star and much much more.

2 evenings of professional entertainment in a heated
marquee at an additional cost.

£55 before the 9th July £59 after. Slips with full fee to
Karen Williams



Charity

Fundraising

Up-date

Firstly, a reminder of the charities we supported in 2011 and lists of the items we were able to buy from funds raised

by your donations and hard work. Don't get too complacent though because before I have finished I will be asking you to do it all again for this year's charities.

Cavendish Care Centre

Nominated by Mrs Anne Walling-Smith

This centre offers free support to anyone affected by cancer. Last year this cost the centre on average £292 per person with only a very small amount coming from the government. To help with this service the South Yorkshire Centre donated the following items;

- 1 x Reflexology Recliner
- 2 x Therapy Stools
- 2 x Music Centres
- 1 x Day Light Simulation Lamp
- Bed linen etc.

Hilltop School, Maltby

Nominated by Mrs Vivien Heathcote

The pupils who attend this school have a wide range of learning disabilities, ranging from children with Cerebral Palsy, Downs Syndrome, and Autism and various other medical conditions. The school requested items for their much-used hydrotherapy pool, the SYC were able to buy the following items.

- 3 x Baby Mad Ltd Academy swim rings
- 1 X Cuckoo Alex Tub Symphony toy
- 3 x Tomy Octopals bath toy

- 10 x Mighty Oak Trading swimming aqua noodle woggles
- 2 x Cuckoo Alex Tub Tunes water flutes
- 5 x Dolphin Floating Blinkers
- 5 x Duck floating Blinkers
- 5 x Octopus Floating blinkers
- Items for the classroom

Thornberry Animal Sanctuary

Nominated by Mrs Lesley Turner

The sanctuary provides care for neglected animals. Part of that service is with dogs who need not only medical care but love and attention and training to be re-housed with a family. The SYC were able to fund the upgrading of their existing 3 computer systems, install Bull Guard Antivirus x 3 , reset the admin network password, and a service contract for 12 months. We were also able to buy a new heater for the shop, making life a little more comfortable for the lady who works in the shop providing a much needed service and funds.

Thank you to the members who took the time to nominate these charities.

As you are aware the May Day Rally is the Centre's main fundraising event and I'm sure you will all be preparing for this amazing weekend, we have already heard cries of "I'm doing a bottle stall" from, I won't name who, but I hope you are supplying her well and not drinking the bottles of wine you win on the raffle. We are always happy to receive raffle prizes along with items for the many and varied stalls, thank you. All we need now is some good weather, fingers crossed.

The following weekend is the "sponsored swim" Rally at Thornwick & Sea Farm Holiday Centre at Flamborough. The cost includes EHU at £9.75 for extra nights each and you can go straight from Epworth. This makes this a nice long break for them that are able. See Geoff or myself for details. If you not able to go why not sponsor someone.

Please make this a good year for our new charities, which will be decided over this valentine week-end. I look forward to seeing you all on the rally field and don't forget if you have any new fundraising ideas, perhaps a fashion show or murder mystery evening, come and talk to me.

Lynda Handley
Charity Co-ordinator



Rally

Secretary

Up-date

Taking over as rally s secretary last October meant that I had to hit the ground running.

There was very little time to settle into the job before things had to be ready for the rally programme to go into print. Nevertheless, with lots of support and teamwork the 2012 Rally Brochure was released to the membership, albeit a little later than normal.

Despite our best efforts, when things are completed in a hurry, errors and omissions sometimes get overlooked (oops! - it's £15 for the Bonfire rally!) Please accept my apologies for any other mistakes which slipped through the net and I would be grateful if you could point them out to me so that they are not repeated next year.

For next year I would like to get the rally programme together earlier in the year so that there is more time to check things and your 2013 brochure should be one of the first presents you receive from your postman in the New Year – so long as you remember to send in your brochure request slip. Why not send it in NOW before you forget. For 'newbies', it's printed on the first blue page in the centre of your rally brochure.

I hope you have found the brochure interesting and/or useful but if there is anything that you think I should include – or not include - please let me know.

You may have noticed that the Caravan Club magazine no longer shows details of forthcoming centre rallies. Instead, they are concentrating on features which promote the different activities and rallies provided by centres around the country – for example, our own New Year rallies gained a brief mention in February's issue.

If you are planning a trip away and you want to know if there are any rallies in the area you are visiting, the listings for other Centres' rallies, and ours, can now be found in the Local Groups section of the Caravan Club website or you can go 'straight to the horse's mouth' and look at the websites for the areas you are interested in.

However, if you don't have internet access or you prefer to browse real paper documents, over the next few weeks I should be receiving copies of the rally brochures for all the other centres in the country and you will be more than welcome to borrow ones that you want to look at. All that I ask is that you give me a ring (my number's in the front of the rally brochure) and let me know which brochures you are interested in so that I can make sure that I have them with me the next time we meet on the rally field.

Happy rallying!
John Watson

George Papandreou has formally stepped down as Greece's Prime Minister to allow him more time for rallying. To help him avoid the press could you all please remember to call him by his assumed name JOHN WATSON!





BOOK BONFIRE NOW!

Why not send in your booking for Bonfire now before it fills up. REMEMBER you need to send in the full fee of £15 with your booking. Save yourself a stamp later in the year and send your Brochure request slip in for your 2013 Rally Book. The only thing you will need to do later in the year is check with me that East Grinstead have included you on the members list!

Tracy Brook
Secretary

Plaque Update

Rally-Marshalls; I am sending plaque orders to the suppliers a calendar month in advance this year, to try and ensure that deliveries are made in good time. So if your Rally is at the end of March, I will be hassling you for order details at the beginning of February. If you can send me the details voluntarily, so much the better! If your numbers are still vague, we can adjust these nearer the time, but better to get the order placed early.

My mobile number got mixed up with Jans on the contact list. Try this one 07931 415234.



We have a RALLY PHONE this year that will move from Marshal to Marshal if they do not have a mobile that they can use on the rally field. The number is: 07541 689424 and will be turned on from when the Marshal arrives on site in case you need to get hold of them about the rally. PLEASE DO NOT use this number for any other reason as we cannot guarantee a message will be picked up or passed on.

Steve Jackson
Plaque Co-ordinator



2012 YLO



As the new YLO I would just like to say what a great youth committee we have this year and I am looking forward to working with them all this year.

Fun was had by all (despite a wet start) making the Guy Fawkes at Bonfire, plenty of straw, paper and clothes to go around, One little girl did not want to burn her guy so carried it around all night.

Well done to our youth committee they all worked very hard to decorate the room and entertain the children at the Christmas party, from party games to a special visit from Santa, fun was had by young and old.

We have a fun packed year ahead with the weekend at Lightwater Valley to look forward to this summer, and a special anniversary AGM rally, PLEASE give them all your support thank you.

Samantha Barnsley
YLO

Halloween Poem

On this eerie hallow eve
the witches make a spell to weave,
when in the wood on this darkened night
they gave Wes a mighty fright.

He jumped and screamed,
then took flight.
To everyone's horror
he turned white.

On arriving back at his van,
he said to Karen 'I need a spray tan'.
Oh my God Karen did freak,
her beautiful Wes, no longer unique.

Oh my Lord this just won't do,
where are these witches I need to sue!

By Millie Aldridge

Halloween Spell

Apples and lemons,
add a dollop of snot,
this nasty potion
will give you an enormous spot.

In addition to that,
we'll add a dead rat
and watch the spot grow
until it goes SPLAT!

Your face will be ruined
and you'll get the aches
aren't you the unlucky one
Louisa Jaques?

By Ellie Jaques

Young

Talent

Dear Santa...

I don't want much for Christmas, I just
want my friends to be happy. Friends
are the fruitcake of life, some nutty,
some soaked in alcohol, some sweet, but
when you mix them altogether they're
the best things you can get.

By Amber Elshaw

Dear Santa...

As sleigh bells jingle through the snow
there's a little something you should
know. I've been good throughout the
year, I know that's what you like to
hear. From time to time I have a strop
but I soon realise just what I've got.
The presents I wish for will all come
true so this Christmas kiss is just for
you. xxx

By Aissa Crowder

Dear Santa...

Here's my Christmas list, I hope you'll bring it all, I've only asked for gifts my parents cannot find
at the mall.

I'd like to have a UFO with aliens inside and maybe a Tyrannosaurus Rex that I could ride. Please
bring a gentle Genie who will grant my every wish and don't forget a wizard's wand and yes a
talking fish. Of course I will need a unicorn and won't you please provide a dragon and a castle in
the English countryside.

Of course the weight of all these things might cause your sleigh to crash, if that's the case dear
Santa, feel free to just bring cash!

By Jessica Barnsley

A Year for Sport



Welcome to the first news letter of 2012, in what is a very busy year for sport in the UK, The 2012 Olympics will have happened before we know it, an event that will only happen once, in a lot of peoples life time and should therefore be embraced at every opportunity.

The 2012 European Championships, will take place through the summer, in Poland and Ukraine, where we will be ever hopeful that the English team, can live up to the entire countries expectations. Then not to forget the National and Northern Centres rallies. The most important thing in all these events is that South Yorkshire will be represented at the very top level.

Sheffield has been chosen as the training base for a lot of the visiting countries for the Olympics for its excellent facilities, not to mention our very own athletes that will be taking part in the games itself, Jessica Ennis, a Sheffield born star at the top of her game. In the European Championships we all do hope the England team does well, but if they fail to live up to our expectations, again, we may well have an interest in the closing stages, as our own, Howard Webb of Rotherham, has been chosen as one of only twelve referees to officiate in the Championships, and yes even he would, "prefer the England team to win it".

At the National and Northern Centres, it is down to individual efforts, to produce the teams, that can represent South Yorkshire at the top of our game, I know things are tight for most people at the moment, but most pleasure is enjoyed In groups, when participating and supporting things we truly believe in, so I ask for your support to bring the teams together and show our centre is at the very top of our game.

That just leaves me to say, I look forward to working with all our Committee members and also our enthusiastic Youth Committee and Youth Sports Officer, Amber, and I look forward to seeing you all on the rally field.



Yours in sport Dean



Friendship Quotes...

1. Friendship is like wetting your pants. Everyone can see it, but only you feel its warmth!
2. Friends are like bras; close to your heart and there for support.
3. Lots of friends want to ride with you in the limo, but true friends will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down.
4. Friends are God's way of apologizing to us for our families.
5. Love is blind; friendship closes its eyes.
6. A true friend is one who thinks you are a good egg even if you are half-cracked.
7. It takes a long time to grow an old friend.
8. A best friend is someone who knows everything about you and loves you anyway.

Northern Region Council News

Tim Webb reaches the end of his tenure as Regional Chairman. Following three years as Chairman of the Regional Council Tim Webb stood down at the December 2011 AGM, to allow the Vice Chairman Adrian Tinker to take up the position. Tim has given dedicated service during his 3 year term of office as a regular attendee at Centre Dinner Dances, celebration rallies and many other events. On behalf of all members in the region we wish Tim and Diane best wishes for the future.

Although his Chairmanship of the Region comes to a conclusion, Tim will continue in an active role with the Caravan Club Events Committee. Helping to organising the National Rally and other CC events.

And...New Chairman Adrian Tinker "Takes the Chair" Following the 2011 AGM Adrian Tinker, who is a past Chairman of The Mid West Yorkshire Centre, took up the reins and Chaired his first Regional Council meeting on January 7th. Adrian is the fifth Regional Chairman to hold office since the Regional structure was inaugurated back in the 1990s. He will be supported by his wife Deborah.

And...A New Vice Chairman too!! Also at the December AGM, held at Seaton Carew and hosted by the Durham Centre, David Ferdinand, a long serving Centre Chairman [twice], Secretary and committee member from the Yorkshire Pennine Centre, was elected as the new Regional Vice-Chairman, following a three-way election. David brings a blend of enthusiasm for rallying with a long family history of caravanning and the fact that he and Hazel are very well known through-out the Region and the Caravan Club Nationally. Recently David and Hazel achieved recognition of their 1300th rally. Good luck to the new Officers!!

REGIONAL FORUM BECOMES "QUESTION TIME"

Following on from the successes of recent years, a Regional "Question Time" will be held by the Northern Regional Council in 2012. This will be hosted jointly by Northumberland and Durham Centres in conjunction with a rally, which is open to all CC members from the Region. The venue is Kirkley Hall Campus, Ponteland Newcastle NE20 0AQ, with the "Question Time" event being held on April 14th at 2pm.

The rally commences on April 10th and runs until April 15th. Information is published in all regional centre Handbooks or by telephoning Ian Wetherburn on 01912620149 or Christine Thomas on 01642570881.

At present the question time panel include Jan Moore CC Vice Chairman, and representatives from the caravan manufacturers and dealers Association.

NORTHERN CENTRES



24th to 28th August
Please promote and support the
rally at the NEW Venue!!
Wrea Brook Farm
Wrea Green
Warton Preston

Campbells
CARAVANS & MOTORHOMES

*Northern Region Newsletter Editor
David Neve*

Our pleasures the new generation may never experience

When they grow up they will never have the pleasure of going on a bus for 2p. Trams were just something that your Nan talked about.

Having only one telly in the living room and no kids telly till 4 o'clock and even that finished at 5.30. It only had 3 channels and then only 4, and if you wanted to turn over you had to get out of your seat and flick the button. If you were really lucky, you had a black & white portable and you still watched the snooker from the Crucible on it.

They will never have to rewind videos before taking them back or tape songs from the radio. They'll never have to fix a games console by blowing into it or picking up the house phone not knowing who is calling.

Shops weren't even open on a Sunday. Town was completely empty. Real pleasure was playing Snake on your new Nokia mobile. Redgates toy shop at Christmas. Dad leaving his keys in the car whilst parked on the drive. Being genuinely scared of your teachers. Milk being delivered to your door and sometimes birds would peck the lid and drink the cream but you'd still drink the rest of the pint. Dogs having licenses. The hole in the road. The excitement of waiting for your holiday photo's to come back from Trueprint.

Penny bubbly's. Machines outside shops. The half p coin. Playing on our bikes after tea. A Christmas tree with just 12 lights on it, usually lanterns, some of them lit up.

There were no microwaves; a jacket spud would take an hour. Texts didn't exist, if you wanted to tell your mates something in class you passed a note and then you got detention

If you wanted a frothy coffee you had to take a whisk to the milk pan. Fletchers bread van. Bus conductors. Muffins were something Americans ate, we had cakes. Jim will never fix it for them. Winning a hundred grand would change your life forever and the only way to do it was on the football pools, so your Dad watched the final score on Grandstand every week.

Yoghurt was Strawberry or Raspberry flavoured, Black Cherry if you're posh. A Soda Stream or a Breville Sandwich Maker made you upper class and Prawn Cocktail crisps were exotic.

Those were some of our pleasures, enjoy finding yours.

Janet Elshaw.

Love in the Broom Closet

Two brooms were hanging in the closet and after a while they got to know each other so well, they decided to get married.

One broom was, of course, the bride broom and the other the groom broom.

The bride broom looked very beautiful in her white dress. The groom broom was handsome and suave in his tuxedo.

The wedding was lovely. After the wedding at the wedding dinner, the bride broom leaned over and said to the groom broom, "I think I am going to have a little whisk broom!!!"

"IMPOSSIBLE!!", said the groom broom.....
"WE HAVEN'T EVEN SWEPT TOGETHER!"

Crossword Corner

PRIZE

for the first correct entry

ACROSS

1. Mountain crest
6. A young lady
10. Transgressions
14. Steam
15. Away from the wind
16. False god
17. Scallion
18. Secluded valley
19. 53 in Roman numerals
20. Evil
22. Party thrower
23. Gulp
24. Acts
26. At the peak of
30. Estimated time of arrival
31. Former French coin
32. Storm
33. Quiet time
35. A tart fruit
39. Green gem
41. Polish remover
43. Go bad
44. If not
46. Foot digits
47. Took place
49. American Sign Language
50. At one time (archaic)
51. Environment
54. Lean
56. Biblical garden
57. Bombastic
63. An escape of water
64. Mentor
65. A kind of macaw
66. Nobleman
67. Quaint outburst
68. Shroud
69. Feudal worker
70. Expunge
71. Work dough

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| 4. Swiped | 26. How old we are | 51. Donnybrook |
| 5. Sea eagles | 27. Pack down | 52. Notions |
| 6. Relative importance | 28. Margarine | 53. Gain knowledge |
| 7. Against the law | 29. Edible marine gastropod | 55. Path |
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| 12. Clamor | 40. Wings | 62. Piecrust ingredient |