

RALLY REPORT

SGM RALLY 26th -30th September.

We arrived at the rally on Thursday afternoon to be greeted by the rally officer who broke the news that his assistants on the rally, Irene and Alastair, were not present as Alastair had collapsed with severe pains in his legs and was being seen the doctor. Although worrying at the time things improved and they were able to come the next day so we all had some of Irene's legendary soup at the opening on Friday evening. The weather kept dry right up to the opening when it tried to put a dampener on proceedings but like Alastair's disability the rain was short lived and the umbrellas could be dispensed with before the end of the ceremony. Speeches had been kept short not just because of the weather but because of a tension in the air. We were not just coming to the rally to enjoy ourselves but to attend the



Special General Meeting called to decide on whether we would amalgamate with the West Centre. This would be a major change to the Centre which was founded nearly 70 years ago and many would be very sad to see the Centre come to an end. Would there be a consensus that the merger would be the best way forward given the centres inability to form a committee? Would there be any dissension in the ranks?

Saturday dawned fair and those involved in preparing the hall for the Meeting made their way there and set about setting out chairs, putting up flags, connecting up the sound system, laying out the table for the platform party and preparing to provide sustenance to the members.

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show of hands and approved almost unanimously.

This was a relief as we now had an agreed way forward.

After the stress of the meeting we all unwound at the social held at the local Carvery at Dalmahoy, where Alastair could be seen going back to his second childhood playing on the kiddies toys



Sunday was wet in the morning but the weather improved as the day progressed and was fair for the closing.



Many thanks to Jim, Irene and Alastair for an enjoyable week end.

