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Hello all

Welcome to our National edition of the newsletter. So far this year the weather has been very kind to us and the season has got off to a great start with some really good weekends with the Easter rallies enjoying four days of cloudless skies. Rallies are filling up very well with some having a waiting list.

The five centres rally this year is being hosted by South Essex at the Runwell Sports and Social club Nr Wickford on 15th/17th July it should be a good week end with something for everyone. Chris Stammers our sports officer is looking for members young and old to take part in the sports and other competitions and if you are interested please give Chris a ring.

I am holding my Chairmans rally at the Rowley mile Newmarket on the weekend 12th/14th August. I still have spaces and look forward to seeing many of you there. If you fancy a flutter there is racing on the July Course on Friday evening. Over the weekend of the 24/26 June we are hosting the Inter Centre fishing rally at the Mid Suffolk Showground, Stonham Aspal. We are looking for members to come along and fish for the Centre and it would be great for Suffolk to win the trophy.

Finally could Sheena and I wish you happy rallying and we look forward to seeing you on the rally field in the coming months.

Derek

Valentines Rally Hallowtree

February 2011



Cupid all over again...

Hello again from Jane and Ron. On Saturday, the 12th of February we went to the Valentine's rally. It was organized by Mel, and Steve, helped by Ann and Ian. We had a great time and it seemed that everybody else who came along did too. There were plenty of raffle prizes donated by different companies, and club members which raised a nice sum for the air ambulance.

Jane & Ron Newman

Photo's courtesy of Jane & Ron Newman



St Patrick's Day Rally Butley

March 2011



Toppa the Marnen Ta Ya....

We arrived Friday evening and got set up and had our tea, then went over the hall for a chat, tea and Irish coffee we also had leek and potato soup, bread and butter, which was really nice and different for a Friday night.

Saturday the hall was open to go for a chat and tea and coffee if you wanted to during the day. We decided to go for a walk with Thena, Graham and Tammy and Sharon, Richard and Harley and we ended up at the near by pub for a couple of drinks (don't know how the dogs found it) we needed a bit of refreshment even though we had only been walking for about an hour and the site was about 2 minutes away.

We then all went over the hall for about 7.30pm and the disco (which was DJ Johnny) had already started. The men where given a can of Guinness if they wanted it and the women could have some Baileys if they wanted too. We where then given a tray of cheese and crackers, this was a nice touch to what was a really good evening, there was some sore heads Sunday morning at flagpole. The rally closed at 3.00pm.

We would like to thank Nigel, Kim, Dennis and Val and the children for running the rally and Paul and Jan for chairing it. Once again thank you everyone for a really good rally.

Tina & Steve Eagle

Retiring from Rallying.

We have been Suffolk Centre Members for over 35 years and we have now decided to call it a day. We have many happy memories and have enjoyed many wonderful and happy rallies. During our time in the centre we have made many friends. Even our tow car has had enough so we do not want to buy another big car to tow with at our age but we do hope to buy a smaller one so that we may still get around. We love the Suffolk area and hope to be able to get that far and maybe see some of you on our travels.

Our best wishes and thanks to you all and we wish you many more years of happy caravanning.

Dorothy and Len Theadom.

The Suffolk Centre would like to thank Dorothy and Len for their many years support and wish them well for the future



**EASTER 'KEEPS IT COUNTRY'
BLACKBOURNE HALL
ELMSWELL
APRIL 2011**

HOT & SUNNY COUNTRY AT EASTER

Jim and I would like to thank Marion, John, Cath and George for all their hard work to make Easter at Elmswell really enjoyable once again. We've no idea how they manage to arrange such wonderful weather, but we're all very grateful. I took a picture of visitors from East Kent enjoying a typical English pastime, and of course Connie who didn't want to be left out.

We look forward to meeting up with old and new friends at Elmswell again next year.

Best wishes Jan & Jim Williamson



MORE ABOUT THE RALLY...

I had the privilege of chairing the Easter Keeps it Country Rally on behalf of the Suffolk Centre. Once again our Marshalls put on a really enjoyable rally. We had Hot Cross buns and drinks on our first morning with an invite to join the Easter celebration event in the hall in the evening, hosted by the committee of the 'Helping Hands'. My thanks to them for making us so welcome.

The music on the following two nights was again outstanding. Both duets catered both for those who could line dance and for those of us who couldn't. Thanks to John, Marion, George and Kath for all their hard work in putting on this rally. Bring it on next year!

Alan Green

BRIGHTLINGSEA FLOAT

The Suffolk Centre is again entering a float into the Brightlingsea Carnival on 18th June 2011. This years' theme is TV Shows and we have chosen "Grange Hill" To help and support the team contact Denis Mattocks on 01473 716528 and bring your school uniforms.

FIVE CENTRES RALLY

South Essex Centre are hosting on **15 - 17 JULY 2011 at the RUNWELL SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB, RUNWELL, WICKFORD, ESSEX.** and the rally still has spaces. If you want a fun packed weekend this rally is for you. Contact David Mills, or visit www.secc-online.org.uk

EASTER FAMILY "FUN" RALLY

BLAXHALL

APRIL 2011



EASTER FAMILY TREAT

What a super fun weekend had by all at the Blaxhall Family Fun Easter Rally. Fantastic weather, fabulous company and excellent entertainment.

Arriving on a glorious Thursday afternoon we were refreshed with coffee and tea in the evening. Good Friday we were treated to traditional Hot Cross Buns and in the evening we were in the hall for a well thought out family fun quiz.

Saturday morning all in the hall for bonnet making and egg decorating, much to the delight of the children and adults alike. The afternoon saw the hall set up like a cinema for the children to watch a movie and in the evening DJ Johnny played his music and everyone danced the night away.

Sunday the traditional Easter Egg hunt took place with lots of excited children looking in fire buckets, under awnings and among the hedgerow for eggs.

A communal BBQ in the afternoon and lots of water fights during the weekend. After flagpole we played prize bingo and chatted well into the night.

To Jean, Gary, Sheena, Michael and families you all worked so very hard and made this rally truly fantastic and one that will be compared to for many years to come. Well done to you all.

Sarah, Andy, James and Rachel Pedder.



MORE ABOUT THE LOTS OF FUN FOR EASTER AT BLAXHALL

We just wanted to say a huge thank you to Jean, Gary, Sheena, Michael and families for an absolutely fabulous Easter break at Blaxhall. There was something going on every day from tea and coffee, hot cross buns, family quiz night, disco with the brilliant DJ Johnny, bingo and of course Easter Crafts and the traditional Easter Egg hunt for the children. There was a lovely relaxed feel on the rally field with the occasional water fight thrown in for good measure to keep the children (and some of the adults) cool in the hot weather. Thanks again for all your hard work.

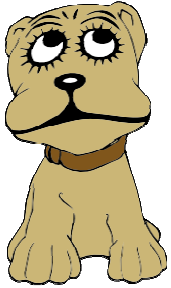
Kim, Nigel, Jack and Max.

A LETTER OF THANKS FROM DICK AND EILEEN BUTTON

Firstly we would like to thank all of our friends who sent cards and good wishes on the occasion of our Diamond Wedding Anniversary in March.

Secondly it is with much regret that we had to retire from the club at the end of 2010.

The Suffolk Centre would like to wish Dick and Eileen all the best for the future.



KEEP DOGS SAFE ON THE RALLY FIELD

Though the Suffolk centre has a rule regarding keeping dogs on leads, it is important to remember that our dogs are very vulnerable on the rally field. Please note that it can get quickly get very warm from bright sunshine inside your caravan or awning.

We would urge you to ensure you leave ample ventilation if you leave your dogs alone, and always keep them on a secure lead in the awning to prevent any escapes.

This is reputed to be a true story!

When the rail in her closet broke from the weight of her clothes Sally decided to donate some. While gathering the garments she no longer wore, she checked the pockets in one coat and found a ticket for shoes she'd taken in for repairs nearly four years before. "So that's what happened to those," she muttered. Later that day after dropping off the clothes at a local charity shop, she decided to see if the cobblers still had the shoes. After studying the ticket, the man said. "Yes we have them but I'm sorry, they won't be ready until Friday."



Books are available on most rallies

See Ian and Ann Nicol

Donations are welcome, all proceeds go to

The Chairman's Charity

OBITUARY

It is with sadness that we learnt of the sudden death of Trevor Taylor on 12th May 2011. Trevor was a Suffolk Centre rally marshal with his wife Brenda and they rallied for many years.

Condolences and thoughts are with his wife Brenda and their family.



Eggstra Easter Rally, Sutton, Woodbridge

April 2011

Wow what a fabulous rally, the marshals worked very hard, and gave us a really enjoyable time. On Thursday we all met for tea, coffee and biscuits, Friday at 11am we had tea coffee and hot cross buns, they were warm and butter or marg was provided. A choice between the country walk with Nick & Carole or a do as you please afternoon was followed in the evening by an excellent duo Tricks of the Trade who had us all up and dancing from the word go.

Saturday morning we had homemade cakes with our morning teas and coffees. A lazy afternoon followed by an evening with Mister Buss.

Sunday morning those of us who purchased vouchers, had a breakfast bap our chairman and chairlady aided and abetted by the marshals provided, later we returned to the hall for tea and coffee. The children had a Easter egg hunt on the rally field. In the evening there was flagpole, competition results, raffle draw and bingo. Monday the rally ended.

Our heartfelt thanks go to: Derek & Sheena for chairing and cooking, Trev & Sue, Sheila & Joe, Carole & Nick and Tina & Steve. The hardworking team.

Beryl & Brian Garrod



With apologies to the 'Mamas and Papas'

AND HERES SOME EGGSTRA NEWS ABOUT THE RALLY

I would like to thank Trevor, Sue and their team for a great Easter Rally. Trevor decided to call the rally the Eggstra Easter rally as it was late going in the programme, it could have been called the Eggcellent"

rally as it was excellent with something for everyone. Thursday saw the vans arrive in glorious sunshine (you can't take the credit for that Trevor) Thursday evening tea and coffee in the hall and a chance to catch up with old friends.

Friday hot cross buns in the morning and a leisurely walk in the afternoon, games were set up outside the Marshals vans to keep the children amused the adults seemed to like them as well. The evening entertainment was by Tricks of the Trade a live group who are new to the centre, the dance floor was full the whole evening I am sure this won't be the last time we see them.

Saturday it was home made cakes and tea and coffee in the morning then a lazy day a chance to top up the tan, Saturday evening saw the return of Mister Buss another live group who have played for the centre many times.

Sunday the Marshals served us breakfast in a bun a great way to start the day it really was another lazy day. Trevor must have some good contacts to get this great weather. Sunday evening saw flagpole followed by grand charity draw which along with the profits from the breakfast raised £285.00 for the Chairman;s charity, a great effort from every one on the rally. The evening ended with bingo where Steve our caller was the star of the weekend he had to be seen to be believed. Once again a big thank you to everyone involved and I hope you do it all again next year.

A very satisfied rallier



Whilst on the 'Relax at Stonham Rally' last August, Christine Simms was out walking her dogs when she came across the largest mushroom I have seen for a long time.

(It's a shame, Tinkerbell has now been evicted!)

Can you beat that? Or have you come across anything unusual or worth reporting in the newsletter?

WINGS, WHEELS and a WONDERFUL WEEKEND...

Jan and Colin would like to thank all members who supported the Wings and Wheels weekend. Unfortunately, although we had amazing weather, the Lions organisers had no control over the weather in other parts of the country. Consequently many of the aircraft that were booked were unable to take off from their local airports. Those who did come were all from East Anglia.

Two display flights that had been booked were unable to attend:- the pilot of one of the Red Hawks had broken a leg on Friday and the Yak 52 had blown a piston (the organisers had no control over either of these events.

To compensate, the Mustang came at twenty-four hours notice as did the Twister Duo who came direct from an air display at Abingdon without having landed between displays. the Twister Duo were a fantastic finale in our opinion.

Jan & Colin Goddard MBE

KIDS ZONE

QUIZ - PEOPLE

1. Whose plane is called Air Force One?
2. Who couldn't be put together by the Kings horses and the Kings men?
3. Who was 'the lady with the lamp'?
4. Who is smarter than the average bear?
5. What did King John sign at Runnymede in 1215?
6. Who took an Elephant across the Alps?
7. How are Oritsé, JB, Marvin and Aston known collectively?
8. Who is married to Princess Fiona?
9. What type of dog was Cruella de Vil after?
10. Who tried to blow up parliament in 1605?
11. What is the name of Donald duck's girlfriend?
12. What is Kung Fu Panda's first name?

Answers on page 11



SQUIGLY'S ALPHABET PUZZLE

Squigly has hidden the names of 26 animals in this puzzle. Using each letter of the alphabet only once, can you find out which animals they are? Once you have used a letter, cross it out.

Letters

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Message from the Chairman

THE PIG ROAST RALLY

The pig roast rally may seem a long way off, but plans are well under way for what is not only one of our most popular rallies, but also our biggest charity fund raiser.

This year we will again be supporting East Anglian Children's Hospice and The East Anglian Air Ambulance. In each of the past two years we have managed to raise £2000.00 and I know that times are hard at the moment but it would be good if we could push it a little higher for these very worthy causes.

SOME OF THE EVENTS OVER THE WEEKEND

On Friday evening Sheena and I will again be cooking hot dogs and burgers so please come and support us.

Saturday afternoon is the Centre Charity Fete. Anyone interested in running a stall or helping on a stall please contact Den or Val Mattocks. We need bottles for the bottle stall and cakes for the cake stall again, see Den or Val.

Ian and Ann Nicol are looking for books old or new for the book stall and finally if you can spare a raffle prize it will be very welcome.

I am again going in the stocks so it will be your chance to get your own back at the chairman for all my begging. (at a small cost)

Saturday evening is the grand pig roast where you will be served with roast pork and salad by the Marshals and their many helpers all washed down with the famous pig roast punch.

Sunday morning the Marshals will be cooking a full English breakfast, tickets for this will be on sale for this Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Derek

Did you know?

King John was a bad king, at least that's how history remembers him.

According to legend he had ongoing battles with Robin Hood, also called Robin of Locksley or Robin Longstride, and treated him very badly. (Recorded at the criminal assizes of 25th July 1225 there mentions one Robert Hod, fugitive. He is reputed to be the outlaw of legend fame).

King John was trying to steal the throne from his brother Richard, who was at the Crusades trying to get wrestle control of Jerusalem from Saladin. John was also a lousy son to his mother, Eleanor of Aquitaine, presumably because Richard had left her in charge as Regent over all his lands while he was away.

Yet King John gave his barons (and ultimately the world) the **Magna Carta**, one of the greatest legal documents ever written and a cornerstone of modern national constitutions.

MAY DAY AT NEWBOURNE



A Real Royal Success...

Just wanted to say a huge “thanks & well done” to Karen, Tony, Janet and Alan for all their hard work and efforts on the Mayday at Newbourne Rally.

A wonderful Street Party on the Friday evening to celebrate the “Royal Wedding”, with lots of lovely food to eat and a punch made from various drinks which packed a punch !!

Saturday evening a disco to dance the night away and some karaoke to entertain the crowds.

On Sunday a quiz was put on in the hall with a wonderful ploughman’s supper for us all. A great weekend for all. Well done to the marshals.

Sarah Pedder



Answers to quiz

- 1 American President. 2 Humpty Dumpty. 3 Florence Nightingale. 4 Yogi
- 5 Magna-Carta. 6 Hannibal. 7 JLS. 8 Shrek. 9 Dalmation. 10 Guy Fawkes
- 11 Daisy. 12 Po.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Contact Ted Woods (Ipswich) tel. 01473 723357			
1 x 12v Battery	£15	2 x Winter Jacks	£2 ea
1 x Battery Box	£2	1 x 240v to 12v extension adapter	£2
1 x 12v plug to run caravan lights etc and to recharge in boot with test wiring	£2	1 x Mirror Extension	£2
1 x 12ft 240v extension lead	£10	3 x Calor regulators	£1 ea
1 x 24ft 240v extension lead	£15	1 x Wheel clamp	£1
1 x TV aerial extension lead	£3		

<p style="text-align: center;">Awning Poles</p> <p>We have the poles, sides and front of an Isabella Capri awning - a mouse got at the roof - which we are happy to give away to any member who can use them. Was used on Avondale Avocet approx 23 ft.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact: Brian Pinner Tel: 01473 253758</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Awning For Sale REVOLUTION COMPACTALITE PRO 400</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Used only 3 Times Cost £300 £130 ONO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact: Angela & Chris Scott Tel: 01473 620841 Mobile: 07818 663046</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Alco Wheel Lock As new £40 Contact: Brian Garrod Tel: 01473 421568</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proline Generator 850 Watt - Only used once for 2 hours £55 Contact: Bill Cribb Tel: 01473 725546</p>
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