



# SUFFOLK LINES



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Hello all

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2011. When you read this Christmas will be a distant memory and hopefully the worst of what has been a long and very hard winter will be past and we can look forward to the coming season.

With Sheena feeling much better it is good to be rallying again. We have been to the first few rallies of 2011 and I am sorry to see the trend of non-arrivals' seems to be continuing with 8 not arriving for the Burns night rally I know we can't foresee ill health but as most rallies have a waiting list please give the Marshal a ring and let him know you have to cancel, this not only gives other members the chance to get on the rally but also could stop the rally running at a loss.(That's all from the soap box)

The National Rally this year is at Sledmere House, East Yorkshire, a long journey from Suffolk but I hope many of you will make the trip to support the Centre. With the ever increasing fuel costs I know this is a big ask, but you will notice from the rally programme we have no Suffolk Rallies that weekend. I have spoken to the Norfolk Centre Chairman and we would be very welcome at any of their three rallies. They are Snettisham, near King`s Lynn, Fritton Lake near Beccles and Strumpshaw Steam Rally just north of Norwich. If you would like more details please give me a ring.

The membership problems seem to be improving but if you can go on line its worth checking with the Caravan Club if you are registered with the Centre.

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

Derek

# The Christmas Shopping Rally

**Blackbourne Hall  
Elmswell**

**November 2010**



## Time for shopping in Bury St Edmunds...

We all had a fab weekend and thoroughly enjoyed the Bury Christmas Market and the Saturday night social in the hall with Mister Buss. It was great to meet up with some old friends that we haven't seen for awhile. Only one more rally to go this year at the children's Christmas Rally, Hallowtree. Have a great Christmas and all the very best for the New Year.

## Daryl, Mandi, Ben and Abi Syrett

It was with some trepidation that we set out for the Christmas Shopping Rally at Elmswell. We needn't have worried as we had a very enjoyable weekend. The atmosphere, and the friendliness of the Bury St Edmunds market and shops, made shopping a pleasure instead of a chore. Saturday evening we danced to Mister Buss after flagpole chaired by Brian Southgate. Sunday morning we had a few problems with frozen outlet pipes, but it was all taken with good humour and as usual everyone pulled together.

Many thanks to Trev, Sue, Joe, Sheila, Nick and Carole for a fabulous weekend.

## Beryl & Brian Garrod.

Pictures courtesy of Daryl & Mandi Syrett



Those of you that listen to the radio will know that in 2011 there are hundreds of radio stations to choose from on am, fm, long wave and DAB digital. In the 1950s there were three radio stations. The Light Program was a mixed programme of general light entertainment, comedy and Drama. The Home Service had more serious drama, more entertainment and was the main news channel. The Third Programme was the "posher" one ! It only broadcast in the evenings and would have been more "arty" and alternative.

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION RALLY  
HALLOWTREE**

**DECEMBER 2010**



**A festive extravaganza...** awaited all the small ralliers and older ones alike over the weekend.

A superb party held on Saturday afternoon with Andy the Clown and a special visit from Santa and his elf helpers. The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and there were lots of big smiles as they entered Santa's Ice Grotto.

The evening held further festivities for the adults with a disco and party games from DJ Johnny. A wonderful selection of savouries laid out too! Well done to the Marshals for all their efforts a truly magical weekend.

**Andy and Sarah and Rachel Pedder**

**We all had a wonderful weekend...** and this was again due to the hard work and commitment of all the organisers/marshals. I believe all the children thoroughly enjoyed Andy the Clown, the party and the visit from the special visitor - Father Christmas.

The disco by DJ Jonny was excellent later in the evening, the party games were very funny.

Hope you have an excellent New years eve and we will see you soon in 2011.

Best wishes,

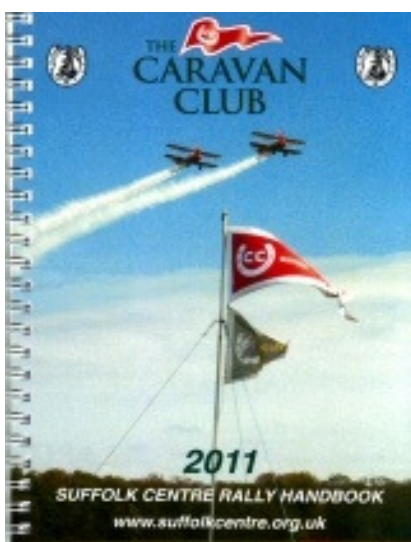
**Daryl, Mandi, Abi and Ben Syrett**



**Pictures courtesy of Andy & Sarah Pedder and Daryl & Mandi Syrett:**



More from Hallowtree.....



The 2011 cover competition was won by **Daryl Syrett** with his picture taken at the 2010 Wings and Wheels Rally on the Henham Estate near Southwold

KEEP YOUR CAMERA HANDY AND ENTER NEXT YEAR

Send your entries electronically to the Rally Secretary on [rallysec@suffolkcentre.co.uk](mailto:rallysec@suffolkcentre.co.uk) or by post to Nigel Berry whose address is on page 2 of the handbook

# Netmums Wordsearch

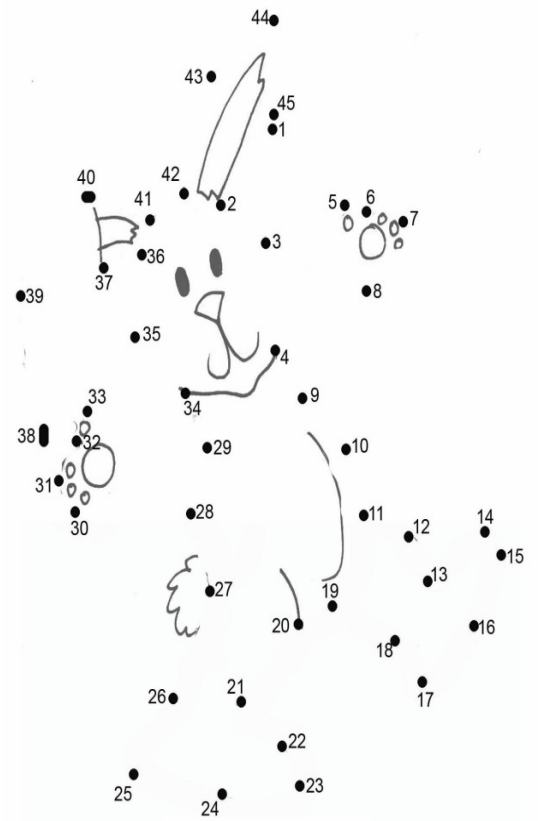


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Can you find these words hidden in the grid above?

horse, pony, saddle, bridle, jump, stable, hoofpick,  
neigh, canter, gallop, straw, rug, jacket, boot, show,  
piebald, thoroughbred



Follow round the dots

### Quiz

- 1 Who had an encounter with the three bears?
- 2 What is the name of Winnie the Pooh's donkey friend?
- 3 Who was created by Gepetto the woodcarver?
- 4 Who is the bear in The Jungle Book?
- 5 What kind of creature was defeated by the Three Billy Goats Gruff?
- 6 Who painted the Mona Lisa?
- 7 Who leads a gang of outlaws in Sherwood Forest?
- 8 According to Dr Seuss who stole Christmas?
- 9 Who were all the King's horses and men unable to put together again?
- 10 Who is the druid in the Asterix books?
- 11 Statues of which animals lie at the base of Nelson's column?
- 12 What is the name of the Lion in The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe?
- 13 What is the name of the wizard at the court of King Arthur?
- 14 Who has written the prize-winning book The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish?
- 15 What is the name of the recreated theatre from Shakespeare's time in London?

Answers on page 7

# New Year Rally Butley 2010 / 2011



## Hello from Jane & Ron,

We are new members to the Suffolk Centre, and our first rally was the New Year Rally at Butley Village Hall, 29 DEC 2010 to 02 JAN 2011. Everyone was so friendly and made us really welcome.

The Chinese auction was great fun, the disco was great and as the hall had been decorated and with the low lighting and with the lights from the disco it created a great atmosphere. Quite a few members were in fancy dress as doctors and nurses (plus 2 patients).

Many congratulations to the organisers Steve and Mel Garrard and Ian & Ann Nicol, and all the helpers. We have all ready booked for the next New Year Rally. We have also made some new friends, and look forward to attending more rallies this year.

## Jane & Ron



Pictures by Jane & Ron



Actual awning for sale

**For Sale**  
**Starcamp Daytona Awning**  
Colour blue - Size 16 - Alloy Poles  
To fit a twin axle caravan - Annexe also available  
Only used twice  
**£500 ONO.**  
**Contact: Keith & Sandra Gardner**  
**Tel: 01473 421788**  
**Mob: 07730 893988**

## For sale at most rallies



Suffolk Centre Equipment

**For Sale**

Pick up a bargain from one of our rallies.

We sell brand name products at a fraction of the normal retail price:

Caravan Cleaner **£5.00** Streak Remover **£1.80** Elsan Blue 2 litre **£6.30** Elsan Pink 2 litre **£5.50**

## New for the Suffolk Centre...

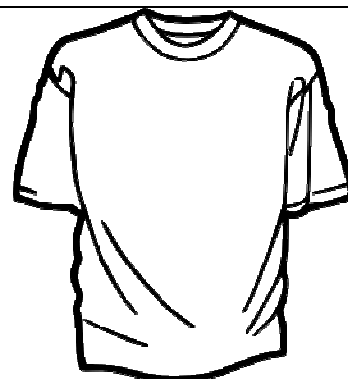
Fleeces, Polo shirts & T shirts with the Suffolk Centre logo.

Prices – Polo shirts £12, T Shirts £10 & Fleeces £18

Available in all sizes from 36 (XS) to 54 (4XL) and you can order in your favourite colour:

White, Black, Navy Blue, Royal Blue, Sky Blue, Red, Maroon, Bottle Green, Yellow and Grey.

**Contact John Payne - Telephone no 01206 304964**



As you attend rallies this year you will notice that the rally plaques are different. The committee decided to change our plaque supplier to Panda Plaques. It was felt that the new plaques will be more in keeping with the themes of the rallies.

**Note to Rally Marshalls** – all plaque requirements will now be ordered via Committee member Paul Fitch and not the supplier direct. This will give a better service as the orders can be better monitored.

## Quiz Answers

1) Goldilocks. 2) Eeyore. 3) Pinocchio. 4) Baloo. 5) A Troll. 6) Leonardo da Vinci. 7) Robin Hood. 8) The Grinch. 9) Humpty Dumpty. 10) Getafix. 11) Lions. 12) Aslan. 13) Merlin. 14) Neil Gaiman. 15) The Globe

## One-Liners

Hospitality is making your guests feel like they're at home, even if you wish they were.

I discovered I scream the same way whether I'm about to be devoured by a great white shark or if a piece of seaweed touches my foot.

You know your children are growing up when they stop asking you where they came from and refuse to tell you where they're going.

### **A tribute to Mick King who passed away on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

I have known Mick since my days as an electrician with the Electricity Board at Constantine Road from around 1985. It was when moving to Fore Hamlet Depot that I would see Mick more often and in recent years we have become good friends on The Caravan Club rally field.

It was July 2007. Mick and Janet were early arrivals on our rally at Fenn Farm, Mersea Island. Mick's caravan was sited behind the marshals' caravans and we had been chatting away over coffee, whilst an earlier group of campers were packing up their equipment to leave the site. Fellow rally marshal Joe Holmes had noticed that a man had placed a bundle of canes with fishing nets attached, next to the waste bins near our caravans. Joe was interested to know if the man wanted these fishing nets to be taken away with the rubbish, so he followed the man across the camp site calling "Excuse me sir !" The man turned to answer Joe. "Yes, what's the problem?" he said. Joe was slightly out of breath. "Are you throwing those things away?" asked Joe whilst turning and pointing to the discarded items. Joe could not believe his eyes. The canes and fishing nets had disappeared! "Oh, sorry mate." he said, and walked back to his caravan somewhat confused.

Joe knew that there was "something fishy" going on and it sprung to mind that whilst he was running across to catch up with the man, someone else... i.e. Mick... had gone behind him and hidden the fishing nets from sight. After a while, Joe went to look over by Mick's caravan and just as he thought, a bundle of fishing nets and canes were laying under Mick's caravan.

We all laughed until tears ran down our faces. We knew that Mick was unwell and not the fastest mover these days, but he must have shot across the field to the bins like lightning that day and snatched the fishing nets that Joe so wanted for his grandchildren. "I didn't know you could move that quickly!" Joe told Mick. After tears of laughter and sharing the story with Janet and a few others on the rally field, Joe and Mick divided the fishing nets between them and remained good friends thereafter.

This is just one of many tales we could tell over the years. Thanks for all the fun and laughs you gave us, even when you were not feeling at your best. We will miss you Mick King.

**Trevor Smith**

Books are available on most rallies



**See Ian and Ann Nicol**

Donations are welcome, all proceeds go to

The Chairman's Charity

**Charles Darwin** once said, "It is a cursed evil to any man to become as absorbed in any subject as I am in mine." This poignant statement truly reflects the sadness he experienced in his later life. At the high-point of his career, Darwin began suffering from numerous unknown illnesses. Despite his ill health, Charles Darwin followed his intellectual pursuit relentlessly. He often felt quite helpless and frustrated at his limitations.

**So whatever you want to do, don't think about it too long, just get on with it!**

Please pass your items of interest to Alan Green for the next issue of Suffolk Lines