

SUFFOLK LINES



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Hello all,

Welcome to our Christmas and what will be the last newsletter for 2010. Where has the last year gone? It doesn't seem possible we are little more than a month from Christmas and the New Year. Looking back I think the Centre can be pleased with another very successful year after what seemed to be a very long winter and wet spring. The early summer was very hot and dry and all rallies enjoyed great success most being full with waiting lists, and this trend has continued through the rest of the year.

Looking forward, Nigel and I am sure with Kim's help, is working hard on the new rally book. Tracy can't wait to put all those books in envelopes and lick all the stamps and we are hoping to get the books out over the Christmas and New Year period.

As most of you probably know Sheena is unwell and we don't think we will be rallying again until the New Year but we are being kept well informed by the committee and if any one wants to speak to me just give me a ring. Finally could Sheena and I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a great rallying New Year.

Derek

Note from Sheena –

Hello every one, I would like to thank everyone who has sent cards and good wishes to me over the past weeks. I am feeling a lot better now and hope to see you on the rally field in the New Year.

Kind Regards

Sheena



RALLY REPORT



North Devon Rally Stowford Farm Meadows North Devon September 2010

Come Rain or Shine, North Devon Delivered it All...

We arrived on our holiday on the Saturday morning and was welcomed by our marshals Trevor, Sue, Joe and Sheila and was then offered a bottle of beer which was really nice after our long journey. The Saturday was just a relaxing afternoon to recover from our journey, Sunday was a terrible day weather wise as it rained most of the day if not all but we didn't let this stop us doing anything. Monday was much the same.

The next couple of days weren't too bad. We had flagpole on Wednesday evening (as it was cancelled Monday due to the rain), after flagpole we had cream teas which was again lovely (the things people keep in their vans !! Someone came over with an electric whisk so the cream could be whisked.)

We were sad to leave our holiday and the marshals as they did a very good as usual, we look forward to another holiday rally if the marshals decide to do another one. Once again I would to say a big thank you from Tina and Steven Eagle.

Tina & Steve Eagle



Sunset at Stowford Meadows



Baggy Point (the place that is!)

Pictures by Trevor Smith

Did you know-

When Massachusetts was a British colony it abolished Christmas observance for 22 years...from 1659 to 1681. Anyone who didn't show up for work on Christmas Day was fined five shillings. Massachusetts didn't make Christmas a legal holiday until 1885.

More pictures from the North Devon Rally



Walking back from Baggy Point



Lynmouth Station



Ilfracombe Harbour



Woolacombe Beach

Ever cleaned a window inside and out only to find a smear and you don't know which side of the window it's on? An easy solution to this is to clean one side of the window vertically, the inside for example, and the outside horizontally. So now if you find a smear, you know that if it is vertical it is on the inside, but if it is horizontal it is on the outside. This enables you to immediately go to the correct side to remedy it.



We have not yet survived the Christmas rush and our thoughts are already turning to the new 2011 caravanning season. At the very latest opportunity, it has been made possible for an Easter Rally to be held again at Sutton Memorial Hall. If you are interested in coming to this rally or need more information, please contact the main rally marshals Trev & Sue Smith on 07889 923543 or send a rally slip to secure your booking. Address is on page 2 of the current Rally Handbook.

Pictures just received from the Five Centres Rally in July at Gt Saling.



Congratulations to the under 11 football team – Winners!

What did Adam say on the night of 24th December? It's Christmas, Eve

RALLY REPORT



A Walk on the Wild Side Rally Tangham September 2010

These boots are made for walking...

We arrived at Tangham and were taken to our pitch by Alan. It was a do as you please weekend so we did as we pleased, we went for a walk on Saturday with Thena, Graham and Tammy and really enjoyed our walk (our legs where aching a bit but we recovered ok the next day).

After flagpole on Sunday morning and Steven and I decided to go for another walk in another direction which again we just managed to get back to the caravan before it rained. We would like to thank Janet, Alan, Tony and Karen for another good rally.

Tina & Steve Eagle



Pictures by Tina Eagle



AGM RALLY

Enjoyable AGM...

We arrived about 5.00ish at Sutton village and the heavens opened up so by the time we set up we where soaked.

We had teas and coffees Friday night and saw some old friends that we hadn't seem for ages.

It was do as you pleased on Saturday and then we had flagpole Saturday night and then it was time for just what we had been waiting for "Mr J" (who are really good). There were a couple of breaks and the dance floor was busy for nearly every song they sang, which was really nice to see. The music finished about 12 and then it was back to vans to refresh ourselves for the AGM meeting Sunday morning which went without a hitch.

We would like to thank John, Nina. Dave and Norma for a really good social evening and rally.

Tina & Steve Eagle



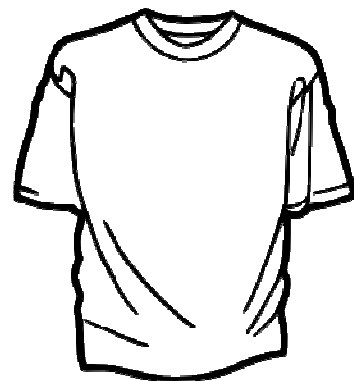
Mr 'J' Band.....



.....which got everyone excited !

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

Conker Rally October 2010



Mind your knuckles on this rally

On arrival at Henham Park Estate, and even though there were more signs than normal, the rally chairman Trevor (me), ignored all the signs and ended up coasting all the way down the hill and back again, doing a U turn and slightly red-faced, I eventually made it to the gathering of caravans.

Alan and Sue had been co-marshals numerous times and this rally was entirely their own idea and what a success it was. With under twenty vans and atmosphere was very friendly and we got to chat with almost everyone.

The conker competitions were well executed and the weather was excellent for early October. This made for a rather enthusiastic crowd. The games were great fun. It is a pleasure to chair rallies and I have to say this turned out to be a little gem.

Well done Alan & Sue. Let's hope we can do the conker rally again sometime.

Trevor Smith



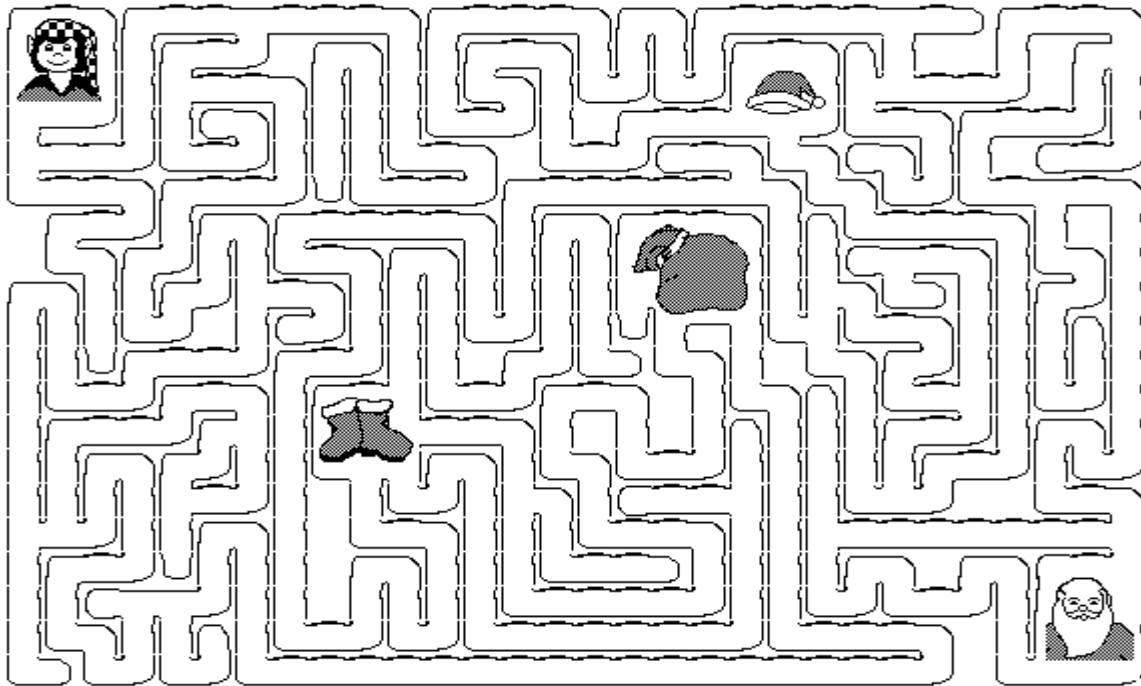
Pictures by Beryl Garrod and Trevor Smith



We would like to thank Hektor Rous of Henham Park in allowing us to have access to many acres of a wonderful part of the estate. Those that walked down to the lake said what a beautiful place it was.

Alan & Sue Green

Kid's Zone



Help the Elf get Santa ready

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Christmas Riddles - answers on back page

1. Which candle burns longer, a red one or a green one?
2. What do you get if you cross a snowman with a vampire?
3. Why was Cinderella no good at football?
4. Why did Santa push his bed into the fireplace?
5. Why was the snowman nervous about getting married?

Don't try this at home!

The Reverend Smith is walking down the street on Christmas Eve when he notices Henry, a small boy, trying to press the doorbell of a house across the street. However, Henry is very small and the doorbell is too high for him to reach. After watching the boy's efforts for some time, Reverend Smith moves closer to Henry's position. He steps smartly across the street, walks up behind the little fellow and, placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder, leans over and gives the doorbell a solid ring.

Crouching down to Henry's level, Reverend Smith smiles benevolently and asks, 'And now what, my little man?'

To which Henry replied with a beaming grin,
'Now we run!'

Christmas Word Search



S D S S C A N D Y V D W
A L L N O W D A S H E R
C A E O M U O N A V E E
K C D W E L N C N I R A
W U T M T K N E T X D T
W P R A N C E R A E E H
Q I E N M H R U F N L V
V D E V U I V D G I F T
G R R C P M T O Y S B B
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| BALL | DEER | SANTA |
| BELL | DONNER | SLED |
| BLITZEN | ELF | SNOWMAN |
| CANDY | FROSTY | STAR |
| CHIMNEY | GIFT | TOY |
| COMET | PRANCER | TREE |
| CUPID | PRESENT | VIXEN |
| DANCER | RUDOLPH | WREATH |
| DASHER | SACK | |

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Colour in the presents





**Halloween Rally
Sutton
October 2010**

What a great weekend

The whole organisation of the event was Spooktacular! The Marshalls and their helpers put on a great show. On Saturday evening we were escorted to the hall by a somewhat gruesome bloke, then treated to a creepy walk through a darkened room where we were scared silly by some horrific people. Having eventually made it through to a magnificently decorated hall we were offered some Halloween cookies and as the tin lid was raised a goulsh head appeared causing many delightful screams around the room. The disco was a really fun way to let your hair down, a really fun and spooky weekend. Well done everyone!

Sarah, Andy, James & Rachel Pedder



Photos by Sarah Pedder and Tina Eagle



Books are available on most rallies

See Ian and Ann Nicol

Donations are welcome, all proceeds go to The Chairman's Charity

An Analysis of Rally Costs Over Five Years. by Trevor Smith, Suffolk Centre Vice Chairman

Over the past 5 years I have been lucky enough to serve on the Suffolk Centre Committee as Rally Secretary and Vice Chairman. During that time, many members have commented about the rising cost of caravanning and in particular the increases in the costs of a weekend rally.

Of course it really depends upon whether you are looking for a quiet weekend on a farm or a weekend of entertainment for the whole family. And no-one can determine just how much you spend during your visit to the local shopping centre or restaurant at the weekend. However, I have taken a fairly non-scientific look at what my costs are when considering the rally fees and fuel costs.

My list of rallies includes some holiday rallies and some you will see, are higher in price due to the number of nights. I have recorded the prices of just a small number of events throughout the year and there are just a few events that reoccur in the annual lists.

The costs when compared reveal a consistent average cost between £7.50 and £9.50 per night over the 5 year period. This often includes electric hook-up, social activities and in some cases meals for 2 people. What ever way you look at it, the Suffolk Centre Rally provides extremely good value for money and its no wonder that we have a busy programme with good support to most events throughout the year.

Rally Marshals often have to negotiate with land owners or village hall committees to gain the very best price for our rallies. It then takes imagination and forethought to provide a social event at minimum cost so that the rally fee remains as low as possible.

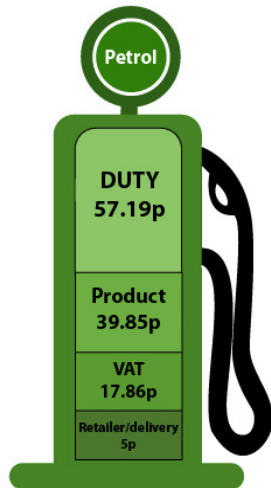
The overall cost of caravanning is subject to other pressures and I have researched the increasing cost of fuel over the past 5 years. Depending on the distance and type of vehicle used, this cost can vary significantly. However, from the table below you can clearly see that the cost of fuel has increased by more than 40% and this has significant impact on our decision of where to go with our caravan. Even more reason to rally with our local Centre !

The Price of Petrol

Where does the money you pay for a litre of petrol really go?

Do you know what you are actually paying for?

If a litre of unleaded cost 119.9p, it would be split in the following way:



Source: www.petroprices.com

Petrol Prices 2005-2010					
Year	Price per Litre (p)	Price per Gallon (£)	Retail Prices Index	Petrol Price in constant terms (1983=100)	5-year % increase ¶
2005	79.9	3.632	190.5	95.0	3.9
2006	88.9	4.041	195.0	103.2	14.1
2007	87.9	3.996	204.4	97.4	25.6
2008	103.9	4.723	212.1	110.9	33.4
2009	89.9	4.087	211.3	96.2	15.4
2010	111.9	5.087	220.7	114.8	40.1

Note: this table represents the % increase over 5 years in the non inflation adjusted petrol price. (Last updated April 2010)

The Analysis

The following tables are provided for general analysis of a typical year of rallying. The costs shown include admin at £1 and include VAT at 17.5% (except during 2009 when VAT was set at 15%).

Looking forward, at the recent AGM our Treasurer mentioned that VAT will increase to 20% from January 2011. It remains to be seen whether this will have a significant impact on rally costs. I am sure that Rally Marshals will continue to do everything possible to keep rallies excellent value for money in 2011 and beyond.



2006 SCCC Rally Prices				
Date	Rally Name or Location	Nights	Price	
1	07/04/06	Clapper Farm, Fletford	2	£12.00
2	21/04/06	Peewit, Felixstowe	2	£13.50
3	28/04/06	Trimley Sports Club	3	£25.00
4	05/05/06	Tangham Forest	2	£16.50
5	02/06/06	Bredfield, Disney	2	£17.00
6	16/06/06	Brightlingsea Carnival	2	£5.75
7	30/06/07	Clare Priory	2	£16.00
8	07/07/06	Pig Roast, Woolverstone	2	£19.31
9	14/07/06	Fun n Games, Mistley	2	£15.00
10	20/07/06	1500th Rally, Stonham	3	£26.50
11	25/08/06	SECC 5 Centres Rally	3	£34.00
12	15/09/06	Homestead, Weeley	2	£14.00
13	22/09/06	Tangham Forest	2	£17.80
14	29/09/06	Bob's Meadow	3	£17.10
15	06/10/06	AGM Kesgrave High School	2	£20.00
16	27/10/06	Halloween, Sutton	2	£16.81
17	03/11/06	Fireworks, Framlingham	2	£15.50
18	10/11/06	Children's Xmas, Hallowtree	2	£22.00
19	30/11/06	Xmas at Banham	2	£21.50
20	28/12/06	New Year, Crowfield	3	£76.00
SUB TOTALS		45	£421.27	
AV COST PER NIGHT			£9.36	

2007 SCCC Rally Prices				
Date	Rally Name or Location	Nights	Price	
1	26/01/07	Burns Supper, Hallowtree	2	£26.00
2	09/03/07	Tattingstone White Horse	2	£11.18
3	23/03/07	Fishing CC Kessingland	2	£20.54
4	05/04/07	Easter at Waldringfield	4	£38.00
5	27/04/07	Homestead Weeley	2	£18.00
6	11/05/07	Hintlesham	2	£10.00
7	25/05/07	Tom Cat, Copdock	3	£21.46
8	08/06/07	Deaisey's Walk, Butley	2	£13.50
9	22/06/07	Stonham Barns	2	£19.90
10	29/06/07	BBT, Stratford St Mary	2	£16.63
11	31/08/07	Dan's Meadow, Martlesham	2	£16.30
12	02/09/07	Denver Holiday Rally	7	£55.50
13	15/09/07	Henham Steam Rally	2	£24.40
14	28/09/07	Rose Farm, Belton	2	£14.30
15	05/10/07	AGM, Sutton	2	£16.00
16	19/10/07	Bob's Meadow, Foxhall	2	£12.30
17	06/12/07	Xmas at Banham	2	£22.00
SUB TOTALS		42	£356.01	
AV COST PER NIGHT			£8.48	

2008 SCCC Rally Prices				
Date	Rally Name or Location	Nights	Price	
1	29/02/08	Finn Valley, Wivesham	2	£11.18
2	07/03/08	Natter & Chatter, Ringshall	2	£13.00
3	20/03/08	Easter at Waldringfield	4	£30.45
4	28/03/08	Peewit, Felixstowe	2	£16.80
5	08/04/08	Tregarton Park, Cornwall	10	£50.00
6	08/05/08	40th Anniversary, Tangham	3	£33.00
7	11/07/08	Pig Roast, Woolverstone	2	£27.50
8	01/08/08	Queen's Head, Brandeston	2	£15.50
9	08/08/08	De-Cider-dly Butley	2	£13.50
10	29/08/08	Dan's Meadow, Martlesham	2	£17.00
11	01/09/08	Mid-week Fen Farm, Mersea	3	£31.50
12	04/09/08	Homestead, Weeley	3	£24.75
13	26/09/08	Rose Farm, Belton	2	£18.00
14	03/10/08	AGM, Sutton	2	£16.00
15	20/11/08	ILPH Snetterton	3	£19.04
16	07/12/08	Xmas at Banham	2	£21.15
SUB TOTALS		46	£358.37	
AV COST PER NIGHT			£7.79	

2009 SCCC Rally Prices				
Date	Rally Name or Location	Nights	Price	
1	27/02/09	Dinner Dance, Copdock	2	£1.50
2	21/03/09	Mothers Day, Butley	2	£18.71
3	28/03/09	Bucks Heed, Flixton	2	£11.50
4	11/04/09	Easter at Blaxhall	4	£34.00
5	25/04/09	Dan's Meadow, Martlesham	2	£21.70
6	30/05/09	Homestead, Weeley	3	£24.75
7	17/07/09	Pig Roast, Woolverstone	2	£32.00
8	24/07/09	Teddy Rally, Clopton	2	£18.00
9	07/08/09	Dan's Meadow, Martlesham	2	£17.86
10	14/08/09	Rowley Mile, Newmarket	2	£16.50
11	21/08/09	Free & Easy Rally, Blaxhall	2	£10.75
12	04/09/09	Denver Holiday Rally	8	£70.00
13	02/10/09	AGM, Sutton	2	£19.00
14	20/11/09	ILPH Snetterton	2	£13.00
SUB TOTALS		37	£309.27	
AV COST PER NIGHT			£8.36	

2010 SCCC Rally Prices				
Date	Rally Name or Location	Nights	Price	
1	01/03/10	Mothers Day, Butley	2	£19.60
2	01/04/10	Easter at Blaxhall	4	£38.00
3	23/04/10	Dan's Meadow, Martlesham	2	£22.32
4	07/05/10	Wings & Wheels, Henham	2	£26.45
5	14/05/10	Hike & Bike, Tattingstone	2	£15.00
6	21/05/10	Clopton Cheese & Wine	2	£21.00
7	03/06/10	Homestead, Weeley	2	£15.00
8	07/06/10	Bromeswell Rally	2	£11.00
9	18/06/10	Brightlingsea Carnival	2	£6.00
10	24/06/10	Chairman's Rally, Stonham	3	£25.50
11	09/07/10	Rose Farm Holiday Rally	9	£75.00
12	05/08/10	Banham Zoo	2	£21.18
13	13/08/10	Free & Easy, Blaxhall	2	£11.36
14	20/08/10	Stonham Barns	2	£17.18
15	04/09/10	Stowford Meadows, Devon	7	£49.00
16	01/10/10	AGM, Sutton	2	£20.00
17	08/10/10	Conker Rally, Henham	2	£16.00
20	26/11/10	Xmas Shopping, Elmwell	3	£23.20
SUB TOTALS		52	£432.79	
AV COST PER NIGHT			£8.32	



Answers to Riddles

- 1 Candles don't burn longer, they get shorter
- 2 Frostbite
- 3 Because her coach was a pumpkin!
- 4 Because he wanted to sleep like a log
- 5 Because he had cold feet

The Lions Committee who organise and run the Steam Rally at the Henham Park Estate would like their thanks passed to the Suffolk Centre for their commitment to the Rally. They stated that the care, commitment and safety measures undertaken, not just on the rally field but in the whole park in general, was a credit to the club.



More products available on request, including a selection of
year pointers and other useful items.

(Prices subject to review for 2011)

For Sale

Suffolk Centre Equipment Sales

Pick up a bargain from one of our rallies.

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

Fenwicks Caravan Cleaner
£5.00

Fenwicks Streak Remover
£1.80

Elsan Blue 2 litre
£6.30

Elsan Pink 2 litre
£5.50

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