



Caravan and Motorhome Club - Suffolk Centre

It's what the weekends were made for!

March 2021 Newsletter and Rally Update

This is your First Newsletter for 2021, and contains some updates and information from your Committee, who are still working from home.



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NEWSLETTER SPOTLIGHT

This is the latest edition and I trust you will find something of interest. We will be issuing a regular Newsletter on the website, outlining any upcoming rallies and any other matters you should know about, around every Two/Three Months, the next in June 2021.

CHAIRMAN'S BLOG

We really hope our members and families are keeping well during this latest lockdown and have endured it without the very sad loss of anyone you know.

After a really cold spell with temperatures -18 degrees and the swing to around +18 degrees within days and lovely sunshine, it just wants to make us load up the vans and get away for a few days, but with Government rules, causing us to have to cancel rallies, and sites not opening until 12th April with restrictions, and some private sites not opening until middle/late May it has not been possible

Unfortunately with site, pub and distillery closures and other restrictions it has proved impossible to run the May day rally and I have reluctantly had to cancel it, however watch this space, and if possible I may try to run it later in the year.

I really hope that as soon as rules allow and we feel comfortable enough to do so, we can resume our activities, by 12th April we will have had our 2nd jab giving us a bit more confidence to meet and greet and get back to some form of normality, whatever that may be.

Please take care out there, and stay Safe, and we looking forward to meeting our friends and new ralliers on rally fields soon.

Garry - Suffolk Centre Chairman - March 2021

LATEST UPDATE ON 2021 RALLY PROGRAMME

Easter Rally at Trinity Park 1 to 5 April - Cancelled due to intended dates to re-commence of 12th April

Peewit Caravan Park 9 to 11 April - Cancelled due to intended dates to re-commence of 12th April

Rally and Question Time by Anglia Region 16 to 18 April - Cancelled due to indoor event

Whisky Galore Rally, Larling, Norfolk 30 April to 3 May - Cancelled due to Distillery for guided tour not opening until 17 May at the earliest and unknown facilities available at the Inn and campsite

Forest Camping, Rendlesham 7 to 14 May - Site does not intend opening until 17 May at the earliest

Invitation to Southern Centres Bi-Annual Rally in Walton on Thames 27 to 30 August - Cancelled and re-scheduled for 2023.

Please keep an eye on our Website www.suffolkcentre.co.uk and our members Facebook Group - Suffolk Centre, Caravan and Motorhome Club - opt to join; it's free and a way to keep up to date with the latest news.

Rally Secretary - Alan Dobson

1st RALLY OF THE YEAR - SAXTEAD 4th - 6th January 2019

Our thanks go to our rally Marshals, Peter and Ineke Wilson and Janice and David Kent. This was a double first for the writer as it was my first time attending the 1st Rally of the Year and my first as a Rally Chair. I couldn't be more pleased to report that this rally proved to be a splendid start to the season, with a voucher of £10 included in your rally fee to spend against a meal in The Old Mill restaurant, the food was excellent and helped to make this weekend a very sociable event. Despite some chilly weather the atmosphere was kept light and friendly as the need to pitch the vans in the car park keeps the number to a limit of 10. Melody Gosling; Committee Member.



The Carvery was just one menu choice



The main bar



Some satisfied diners



Follow Trevor & Sue on their Twitter or U-Tube site



Very early morning on the Rally Field (sorry about the quality)

BURNS NIGHT - 25th to 27th January 2019

The Burns supper rally is always a popular rally, very well organised, with an excellent 3 course meal on Saturday night, the traditional piping in of the Haggis, and a real Scottish address to the Haggis by Andrew Schooler, who also gave us a very entertaining toast to the lasses, our past chairlady toasted the lads, and then it was time for some Scottish dancing, trying to remember the dances from the lessons given on the Friday night, ending the evening with Auld Lang Syne. To round off the weekend, a good porridge breakfast, with toast etc was provided on Sunday morning. Well done the team; Ron, Wendy, Martin, Liz & Julie for a brilliant weekend, incidentally it is already half full for 2020! Peter—Editor



A full house for the Burns Rally for 2019, which is already 1/2 full for 2020



An excellent 3 course meal served by the 'Team'



Dancing the night away



Toast to the Ladies



Pipping the Haggis

CENTRE TREASURER

VAT can be a minefield, and might not be the most exciting subject however it affects the amount that you will be charged in your rally fee.

The chancellor has announced changes in the VAT rates, these affect the hospitality industry into which we fall. Until the end of September the rate will be 5%, from October 1st this will increase to 12.5%. Sadly the rate is deemed officially as being "At the point of supply", and this would be when the rally starts.

This means that even if we deemed that the Oktoberfest rally as prepaid, because it starts on October 1st the rate that we would have to charge would be the higher rate of 12.5% Should any Marshall's have any questions please contact me

Paul Wade, Centre Treasurer.

VALENTINES RALLY - HALLOWTREE 8 - 10 February 2019

The milder weather helped make this early February rally even more enjoyable, Peter & his team did a very good job of decorating the hall, preparing and cooking an excellent 3 course meal, followed by dancing to A1 Disco ably run by Chris & Amy playing the music we wanted to hear, watching some of the 'action' dances was most entertaining. A Red Rose to each of the Ladies was a nice touch and the rally numbers were up on last year; Peter has already received several slips for next years rally. Garry



The Valentine Tables all laid out



Individual Table

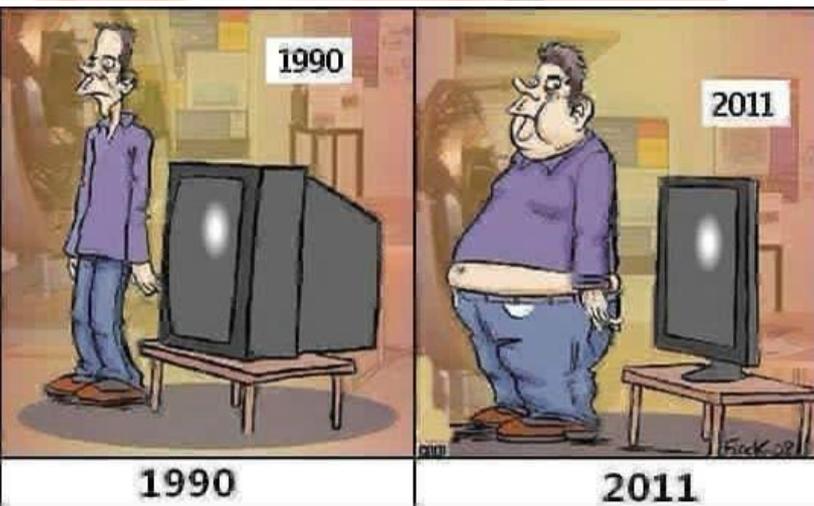
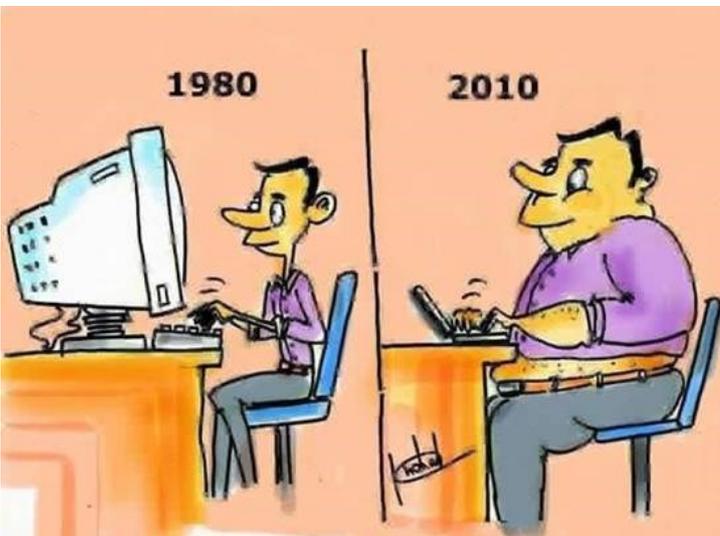


Diners enjoying their 'Yorkshire Surprise' meal.



Top Table with our Chairman

HOW THINGS CHANGE WITH TIME



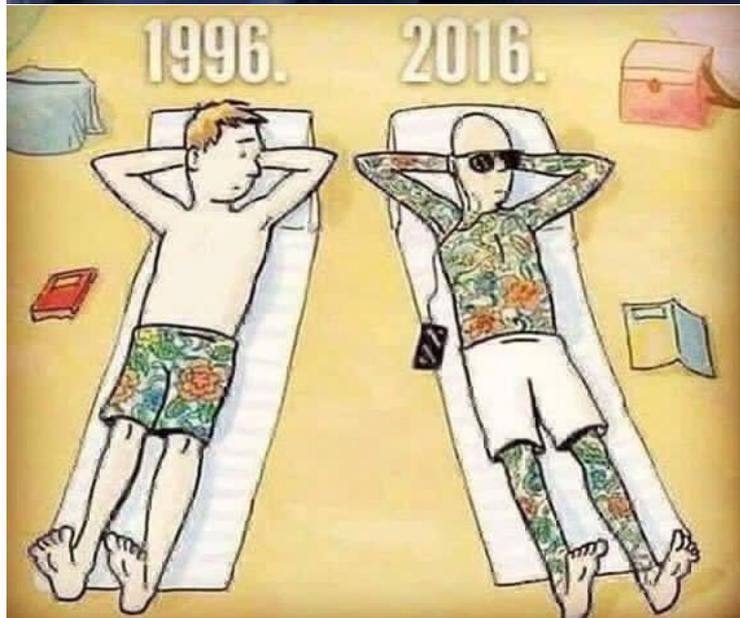
CENTRE SECRETARY SCRIBBLINGS

2021 HANDBOOKS

All registered members should now have received their copy of the programme – by email or post – and all rallies can now be booked. If you cannot trace receipt of your copy please email me at: secretary@suffolkcentre.co.uk and I will check the membership list. Janet Dobson, Centre Secretary

Janet Dobson, Secretary

Generation Gap! 😄



TIBENHAM RALLY - 25th June to 4th July

Our rally at Tibenham Airfield opens on Thursday 25th June at 11 a.m. and closes on Sunday 4th July at 4 p.m. and initially spaces will be made available to those wishing to stay for the whole duration. We have, at present, space for up to 30 units. To be aware of possible movement on the field please indicate on booking if you have a caravan or a motorhome.

This is a new venue for the Centre based on the old WWII airfield, now home to the Norfolk Gliding Club. It is a memorial to the US airmen of the 445th Bomb Group and continues to be a place of pilgrimage for the relatives each year. The RAF took it over in July 1945 and in 1952 parts were sold off. It was finally closed as an air force base in 1959.

Email address for more information is: tibenham@suffolkcentre.co.uk. Rally field is fairly level, easy access, sorry but no electric hook up, waste and water disposal and we can use a toilet and shower block on site if necessary. The Gliding Club flies on certain days and you can book to have a go if you feel brave enough. Current restrictions mean a full programme will be nearer the time but we just hope for sunshine, lovely evenings, visiting the local countryside and offering a break away. Regret there will be no one night stays.

Janet Dobson - Centre Secretary

SOME LIGHTER MOMENTS

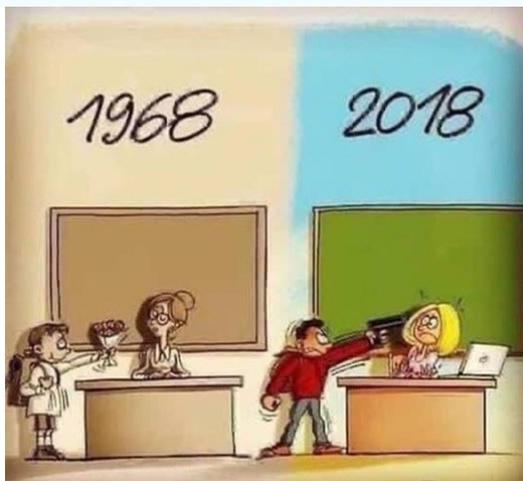
HOW DID THE WORLD GO FROM THIS...



TO THIS ???

1950

2020



WEBMASTER/VICE CHAIRMAN'S WEBDINGS

I am sure everyone is pleased to see the COVID Roadmap published and that there is finally light at the end of the tunnel regarding lockdowns and restrictions. Whilst we wait to hear what the new normal may look like long term, we have been given the go-ahead to re-start rallies from April, albeit with various restrictions, as we progress through the roadmap. This means hopefully, as the restrictions ease, that we can look forward to meeting on some of the rallies that we have missed over the last twelve months. If you are not already aware of the latest rally guidance, this can be found either on our Facebook site or the Website. Following the unfortunate news that Rendlesham and Garry's Whisky Galore rally cannot proceed, it appears that rallies will re-start with Rede Hall mid-May, followed by the Meare Weekend in Thorpeness. We will also benefit from reduced VAT on the rallies this year, therefore, if everyone plays their part within the rules, we will, hopefully be enjoying a better 2021 rally season.

If you are thinking about attending the Meare Weekend, then please submit your rally slip as soon as possible as the available space is reducing. Assuming there is no slippage on dates, whilst groups of thirty people should be allowed to start meeting outside, the rally will run as a 'do as you please' rally. Therefore it is unlikely there will be tea & coffee, flag pole and some of the things the marshals would have liked to run on the rally. However everyone will have the opportunity to catch up with friends and I understand, for those who wish to go on the Meare, that the boats will be available to hire and the pubs, restaurants and cafes will be open for your enjoyment. Further details regarding rally cost and the 'way to pay for the rally' will be advised nearer the time.

Looking forward to seeing you on a rally field soon!

Julian Fincham-Jacques, Vice-Chairman & Webmaster

CENTRE NEWSLETTER

Due to the ever changing complexities with our previous method of distribution of the Newsletter, we had to stop using this method and the September 2019 Newsletter didn't happen as a result. I decided to take up the cudgel again and this is the first Newsletter of 2021, which is now only available on the Centre Website until we can find a method of distribution to my 1200 avid readers, that will not immediately declare any email address used, as a 'Spammer'. This brings about all sorts of problems, but we will overcome these in due course. Peter - Editor

RALLY SECRETARY RAMBLINGS

2022 Programme:

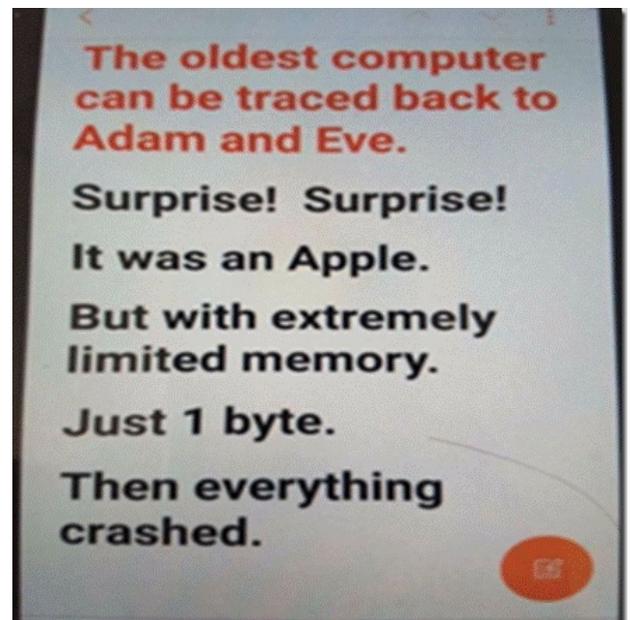
Whilst we are still trying to get off the ground with 2021 it may seem strange to talk about 2022 but the dates for the programme are available on our website for any Marshal wanting to reserve a date for their rally. I also understand that there has been a change on the Bank Holiday at the end of May and this is being moved into the start of June to co-incide with the planned Queens Jubilee Weekend. If there is a specific date you will be looking for please get it reserved so other marshals are aware and we can then hopefully have a well spread-out programme over the year. Alan Dobson - Rally Secretary - February 2021

HOW TO GIVE A CAT A PILL

1. Pick up cat and cradle it in the crook of your left arm as if holding a baby. Position right forefinger and thumb on either side of cat's mouth and gently apply pressure to cheeks while holding pill in right hand. As cat opens mouth, pop pill into mouth. Allow cat to close mouth and swallow.
2. Retrieve pill from floor and cat from behind sofa. Cradle cat in left arm and repeat process.
3. Retrieve cat from bedroom and throw away soggy pill.
4. Take new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat in left arm, holding rear paws tightly with left hand. Force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for a count of ten.
5. Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe. Call spouse from garden.
6. Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between knees, hold front and rear paws, ignore low growls emitted by cat. Get spouse to hold head firmly with one hand while forcing wooden ruler into mouth. Drop pill down ruler and rub cat's throat vigorously.
7. Retrieve cat from curtain rail, get another pill from foil wrap. Make note to buy new ruler and repair curtains. Carefully sweep shattered figurines and vases from fireplace and set to one side for gluing later.
8. Wrap cat in large towel and get spouse to lie on cat with head just visible from below armpit. Put pill in end of drinking straw, force mouth open with pencil and blow down drinking straw.
9. Check label to make sure pill not harmful to humans, drink 1 beer to take taste away. Apply Band-Aid to spouse's forearm and remove blood from carpet with cold water and soap.
10. Retrieve cat from neighbour's shed. Get another pill. Open another beer. Place cat in cupboard and close door onto neck, to leave head showing. Force mouth open with dessert spoon. Flick pill down throat with elastic band.
11. Fetch screwdriver from garage and put cupboard door back on hinges. Drink beer. Fetch bottle of Scotch. Pour shot, drink. Apply cold compress to cheek and check records for date of last tetanus shot. Apply whiskey compress to cheek to disinfect. Toss back another shot. Throw T-Shirt away and fetch new one from bedroom.
12. Call Fire Department to retrieve damn cat from tree across the road. Apologise to neighbour who crashed into fence while swerving to avoid cat. Take last pill from foil-wrap.
13. Tie the little @!@#@\$%'s front paws to rear paws with garden twine and bind tightly to leg of dining table. Find heavy-duty garden gloves from shed. Push pill into mouth followed by large piece of filet steak. Be rough about it. Hold head vertically and pour 2 pints of water down throat to wash pill down.
14. Consume remainder of Scotch. Get spouse to drive you to A&E, sit quietly while doctor stitches fingers and forearm and remove pill remnants from right eye. Call furniture shop on way home to order a new table.
15. Arrange for RSPCA to collect mutant cat from hell and call local pet shop to see if they have any hamsters.

How to give a dog a pill:

1. Wrap the pill in a lump of cheese. **DONE.**



EQUIPMENT OFFICER EXPEDITIONS

I expect like myself and Denise, you are all hoping this pandemic soon subsides and we can all get out on the open road and enjoy our hobby again.

On the rally front it has been disappointing that we are not able to see all our fellow club members and catch up on all the gossip that has taken place this last year or so.

As regards to the centre equipment that marshals require, as I said last time it is still in good hands, but need to be aired. So roll on the first rally that can be run and get some of it out there. Who ever that lucky persons are contact me and we can arrange a time and place we can meet to exchange.

My Bromeswell rally 18-20 June is all set to go ahead, the rally slips are coming in and dependant on guide lines at the time, we hope run a full and varied weekend. If you are interested send a slip and we'll gladly welcome you on the rally.

Please stay safe out there and look to the future, where we can all meet up again without restrictions.

Ron King

Suffolk Centre Equipment Officer.

During a visit to the Mental Asylum, I asked the Director 'How do you determine whether or not a patient should be institutionalised?'

Well, said the Director, 'We fill up a bathtub with water and then offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub'.

'Oh, I understand', I said, 'A normal person would use a bucket because it's bigger than a spoon or the teacup'.

'No', said the Director, 'A normal person would pull the plug out. Do you want a bed near the window?'



A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.

"What are you doing?" she asked.

"Hunting flies," He responded.

"Oh! Killing any?" she asked.

"Yep, 3 males, 2 females," he replied.

Intrigued, she asked.

"How can you tell them apart?"

He responded,

"3 were on a beer can,
2 were on the phone."

**During labor,
the pain is so
great that a
woman...
can almost
imagine what a
man feels like
when he has a cold.**



Day 37: The dustbin man had the cheek to place an Alcoholics Anonymous flyer on my recycling bin.

They say every piece of chocolate you eat shortens your life by two minutes.

I've done the maths. Seems I died in 1537.



Coronavirus throat spray



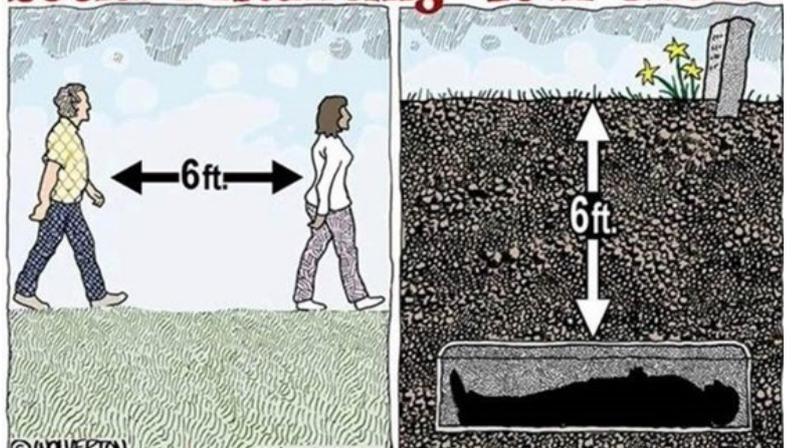
The wife said: "Here's \$20, get the dog a jacket."

If there's any money left over, get yourself a beer!



I stepped on to my talking-scales this morning. It said: "Please practice social distancing. Only one person at a time, please."

Social Distancing—Your Choice



SPORTS & JUNIOR JELLY BEANS

Just a reminder that we are still wanting your drinks and food can Ring Pull Tags. Please save them and give them to any of the Committee when we are back to (sort of) normal again, which we all hope will be sooner rather than later.

The last target of a Wheelchair for a disabled child was met, (well done everyone), but we still need them to raise funds for the Junior section of the Suffolk Centre of the Caravan & Motorhome Club.

SOME IRISH HUMOUR

There once was a religious young woman who went to Confession. Upon entering the confessional, she said, 'Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned.'

The priest said, 'Confess your sins and be forgiven.'

The young woman said, 'Last night my boyfriend made mad passionate love to me seven times.'

The priest thought long and hard and then said, 'Squeeze seven lemons into a glass and then drink the juice.'

The young woman asked, 'Will this cleanse me of my sins?'

The priest said, 'No, but it will wipe that smile off of your face.'

A man was sitting reading his papers when his wife hit him round the head with a frying pan. 'What was that for?' the man asked. The wife replied, 'That was for the piece of paper with the name Jenny on it that I found in your pants pocket'. The man then said 'When I was at the races last week, Jenny was the name of the horse I bet on.' The wife apologized and went on with the housework. Three days later the man is watching TV when his wife bashes him on the head with an even bigger frying pan, knocking him unconscious. Upon re-gaining consciousness the man asked why she had hit again. Wife replied. 'Your horse phoned'

Girl: 'When we get married, I want to share all your worries, troubles and lighten your burden.'

Boy: 'It's very kind of you, darling, but I don't have any worries or troubles.'

Girl: 'Well that's because we aren't married yet.'

Wife: 'What are you doing?'

Husband: Nothing.

Wife: 'Nothing . . . ? You've been reading our marriage certificate for an hour.'

Husband: 'I was looking for the expiration date.'

A married Irishman went into the confessional and said to his priest, 'I almost had an affair with another woman.'

The priest said, 'What do you mean, almost?'

The Irishman said, 'Well, we got undressed and rubbed together, but then I stopped.'

The priest said, 'Rubbing together is the same as putting it in. You're not to see that woman again. For your penance, say five Hail Mary's and put \$50 in the poor box.'

The Irishman left the confessional, said his prayers, and then walked over to the poor box.

He paused for a moment and then started to leave.

The priest, who was watching, quickly ran over to him saying, 'I saw that. You didn't put any money in the poor box!'

The Irishman replied, 'Yeah, but I rubbed the \$50 on the box, and according to you, that's the same as putting it in!'

GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions or Comments? Email us at newsletter@suffolkcentre.co.uk

Please send any reports, pictures, rally reports and notices for future Newsletters to me (Peter) at newsletter@suffolkcentre.co.uk

Fundraising

Chairman's Charity - Supporting the East Anglian Air Ambulance