



It's what the weekends were made for!

March 2023 Newsletter and Rally Update

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YOUR COMMITTEE FOR 2023

Following the 55th AGM on 16th October 2022, your new committee for 2023 is as follows:

Chairman	Ron King
Vice Chairman / Publicity Officer	Melody Gosling
Secretary & Attendance	Janet Dobson
Treasurer	Will James
Rally Secretary	Alan Dobson
Webmaster	Julian Fincham-Jacques
Newsletter Editor	Graham Gosling
Regional Representatives	Chris Stammers & Ron King
Without Portfolio	Alison Stammers & Tina King

EDITOR'S WAFFLE

WELCOME TO THE LATEST EDITION OF THE SUFFOLK CENTRE NEWSLETTER

In this edition you will find reports from rallies held earlier this year along with a summary of those yet to come. Ralliers have enjoyed the warmth, coziness and great food of 'The Old Mill' near Framlingham, the return of the ever-popular 'Burns Supper Rally' and the romantic 'Valentines Rally' which this year had a fund-raising element in aid of the Chairman's charity. Now, with winter behind us, (meteorologically anyway), the rally scene begins a transition from those held in cosy pubs and warm halls, with plenty of activities to keep us all entertained, to a more outdoor focus with more rallies having a relaxed, 'do as you please feel'.

With numbers rallying being a little down over the last couple of years, it's heartening to learn that the Centre's membership is healthy, and that the first two rallies of the year attracted first-time ralliers—a trend that we hope will continue.

The 'featured rally' for this edition of the Newsletter is the 'egg-siting' rally being held at Trinity Park, Ipswich over the Easter Bank Holiday—there is a varied programme of activities both indoors and out which should provide a fun-packed family weekend for all ages—with the added bonus of electric hook-up for all units.

Here you will find information on rallies scheduled over the next few months, along with contact details for the marshals. Most rallies have spaces available, although at the time of writing, the Peewit rally at Felixstowe in April is full and there is a waiting list in operation, but don't let that stop you, if you really would like to attend a rally that is full then contact the marshals anyway to express your interest, sometimes a rally that is over-subscribed may suddenly have spaces available. Likewise, the Clare Priory rally in May is also full.

Please be aware that date of the 2024 Burns Supper rally has been changed and is not as published in the Centre's 2023 Rally Handbook. The rally will now be held over the weekend of 19th. to 21st. January 2024

The Newsletter is made available to all Centre members via the "official" Facebook page and on the Centre's website. We are also now trialling the idea of sending it to all registered members by email as not everybody uses Facebook or visits the Centre's website.

Hopefully you will enjoy this edition and if you would like to see something not currently included then please feel free to contact me at newsletter@suffolkcentre.co.uk. All contributions are very welcome, especially if they're amusing!

SAD NEWS—For those members who remember Russell and June Everson, past members and Rally Marshals, we have received news that sadly June Everson passed away on 18th February. June and her late husband Russell were keen caravanners with this Centre, often acting as Rally Marshals.

Graham Gosling
Suffolk Centre Newsletter Editor.

UPCOMING RALLIES

Here is a list of rallies being held over the next few months:-

TRINITY EGG-SITING RALLY. TRINITY PARK, FELIXSTOWE ROAD, IPSWICH, IP3 8UH

This is a 4-night rally from Thursday 6th April 2023 to Monday 10th April 2023

WHAT TO EXPECT:

An Easter themed rally, Music, games and possible Fish & Chip supper on Friday night.

HOW MANY CAN ATTEND:

50 units

CAN I GET ELECTRIC?

Yes, available on this rally

WHO ARE THE ORGANISERS:

Ron & Denise King with Chris Stammers/Amy Hindle with Lilly & Finn and Alan & Janet Dobson

Ron's contact details are mobile:
07771 542328

HOW DO I BOOK THIS:

Post your rally slip to: R J King, as per the rally book

booking within 10 days of the rally, please contact Ron King for availability of spaces.

Bookings also accepted by emailing a copy of your rally slip to:

easter.sccc@btinternet.com

HOW DO I GET THERE:

From Orwell Bridge on A14 take exit signpost Lowestoft and Ipswich East. At the roundabout take the A1156 towards Ipswich. Travel just over a mile, passing Honda garage on the right. At the roundabout take the third exit to enter Trinity Park.

Please Note. Trinity Park is Signposted. Look for brown sign.

WHAT3WORDS: ///peanut.installs.towel - Main entrance to site

**THE SEASIDE RALLY. PEEWIT CARAVAN PARK, WALTON AVENUE,
FELIXSTOWE, IP11 2HB**

This is a 2-night rally from Friday 14th April 2023 to Sunday 16th April 2023

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Licensed site with toilet/shower block for touring field use. Within walking distance of town and seafront. Social get together Saturday evening on site.

HOW MANY CAN ATTEND:

24 units

CAN I GET ELECTRIC?

Yes, it's available on all pitches.

WHO ARE THE ORGANISERS:

Alan and Janet Dobson with Tony and Karen Reed.

Janet's contact details:

Home: 01206 851996 or

Mobile: 07843 488511

HOW DO I BOOK THIS:

Post your rally slip to: Mrs Janet Dobson, As per the rally book

If booking within 10 days of the rally, please contact Janet for availability of spaces.

Bookings also accepted by emailing a copy of your rally slip to:

peewit@suffolkcentre.co.uk

HOW DO I GET THERE:

Take A14 to Felixstowe Docks roundabout. Take last exit on roundabout and follow rally and site signs. On entry to main site there is a pull in layby, please stop there and wait for rally marshals.

WHAT3WORDS: ///inherits.tech.spared



**RETURN TO CLOPTON — VILLAGE HALL, CLOPTON CORNER,
WOODBIDGE, IP13 6QW**

This is a 2-night rally from Friday 19th May 2023 to Sunday 21st May 2023

WHAT TO EXPECT:

A gentle relaxing weekend and get-together in the village hall. Teas and coffees and a good old-fashioned chat on Friday evening. Saturday live music from "MariaSax" to dance the night away.

CASH ON ARRIVAL - NO CHEQUES PLEASE. All-inclusive rally fee expected to be approximately £25 per van. Own sanitation essential.

Shops in Otley, Wickham Market and Woodbridge.

HOW MANY CAN ATTEND:

25 units

CAN I GET ELECTRIC?

No sorry, it's not available on this rally

WHO ARE THE ORGANISERS:

Trevor and Sue Smith with Joe and Sheila Holmes.

Trevor's contact details: Mobile 07889 923543

HOW DO I BOOK THIS:

Post or email your rally slip to: Mr T Smith, as per the rally book

Bookings also accepted by emailing a copy of your rally slip to: trevor@cherrylane.co.uk.

If booking within 10 days of the rally, please contact Trevor for availability of spaces.

HOW DO I GET THERE:

Take B1077 from Ipswich via Witnesham. Turn right onto B1078, past entrance to Otley College, then right at the T-junction, and follow rally signs.

From A12 Woodbridge (Dobbies roundabout) take B1079 via Grundisburgh, then turn right onto B1078 and follow rally signs.

From Wickham Market take the B1078 and follow rally signs.

WHAT3WORDS: ///issued.cage.spindles

RELAXING AT CLARE PRIORY. CLARE PRIORY, ASHEN ROAD, CLARE, SUFFOLK, CO10 8NX

This is a 3-night rally from Friday 26th May 2023 to Monday 29th May 2023.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Enjoy a quiet relaxing do as you please Bank Holiday weekend in the grounds of this beautiful historic Augustinian Priory. Time to relax and explore Clare and the surrounding area. Subject to availability, there may also be an organised tour of the Priory. There are many lovely walks from the rally field. Alternatively, you could visit one of the tea shops for an afternoon refreshment. If you do not wish to cook then there is a choice of Fish & Chips, Indian and Chinese within Clare. You can also visit the local brewery for a drink on-site or to take away.

HOW MANY CAN ATTEND:

13 approx units

CAN I GET ELECTRIC?

No sorry, it's not available on this rally

WHO ARE THE ORGANISERS:

Julian & Donna Fincham-Jacques with Jerry & Heather Goddard

Julian's contact details are mobile:
07766 753357

HOW DO I BOOK THIS:

Post your rally slip to:
Julian Fincham-Jacques, as per
the Rally book

If booking within 10 days of the rally, please
contact Julian for availability of spaces.

Bookings also accepted by emailing a copy of
your rally slip to:

clarepriory@suffolkcentre.co.uk

HOW DO I GET THERE:

From Colchester take the A1124 to A1017, turn right to Baythorne End. Turn right onto the A1092. At Clare turn into Ashen Road & follow rally signs. From Long Melford take the A1092 to Clare & turn left into Ashen Road & follow rally signs.

WHAT3WORDS: ///fellow.crusher.bloomers

**RELAX AT MANOR FARM. MANOR FARM, WATLINGTON ROAD,
RUNCTON HOLME, KINGS LYNN, NORFOLK PE33 0EJ**

This 3-night rally runs from Thursday 1st June 2023 to Sunday 4th June 2023

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Quiet relaxing do as you please weekend, or visit Sandringham or North Norfolk Coast. Local Store, Pub, Fish & Chip Shop and Jack's Restaurant within 5 minutes from the site. On site next to the field is a well stocked fishing lake, competitive fishing rates are available. 6 miles from Kings Lynn for large supermarkets etc & 4 miles from Market town of Downham Market. Please use Green toilet fluid, possible battery charging on site maybe available.

HOW MANY CAN ATTEND:

25 units

CAN I GET ELECTRIC?

Sorry, not available on this rally

WHO ARE THE ORGANISERS:

Garry and Connie Pyett with Dave and Jan Hale

Garry's contact details are mobile: 07484 773865

HOW DO I BOOK THIS:

Post your rally slip to: Garry Pyett,
As per the Rally book

If booking within 10 days of the rally, please contact Garry for availability of spaces.

Bookings also accepted by emailing a copy of your rally slip to:

manorfarm@suffolkcentre.co.uk

HOW DO I GET THERE:

At South Runcton on A10 from Kings Lynn turn right, from Downham Market turn left, into School Road signposted Runcton Holme, at X roads in Runcton Holme turn right onto Watlington road, Manor Farm on right. Follow blue SCCC arrow signs.

WHAT3WORDS: ///cherished.searches.magnets

If you are expecting visitors on a rally please ask them to report to the Marshals.

If you would like them to come to any social, please check with the Marshals first, especially if there is a hall booked or entertainment.

CLUBFEST 2023
KELMARSH HALL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

WHAT TO EXPECT:

ClubFest takes place from 26th to 29th May 2023 and with the Club's all-inclusive package you will be able to enjoy some fantastic live on-stage entertainment over the four days at the Arena, as well as taking part in a variety of free fun activities and sports for all the family. Immerse yourself in the Club's culture as you socialise with old friends or make new ones, making lifelong memories in the process.

New to 2023 = you can extend your stay for 5 nights at our pre-stay campsite before the event and stay for an extra 3 days after the event. Campervans and other outfits without onboard wash/toilet facilities can now stay in your own area with showers and toilets.

HOW DO I BOOK THIS:

Prices and booking terms and conditions can be found on the Clubs website:

www.caravanclub.co.uk



ON THE RALLY FIELD PLEASE

SUMMER SOLSTICE BREAK. SWANNS'S NURSERY, EYKE ROAD, BROMESWELL IP12 2PN

This rally can be booked for up to 7 nights from Friday 16th June 2023 to Friday 23rd June 2023

WHAT TO EXPECT:

1-7 nights £6.00 per night plus sundries and admin. Weather permitting, get together for walks, social get together & light hearted games for young and old. Sutton Hoo, Woodbridge and other places of interest not far away. Own sanitation essential

HOW MANY CAN ATTEND:

32 units

CAN I GET ELECTRIC?

No, not available on this rally

WHO ARE THE ORGANISERS:

Ron & Denise King with Tony & Karen Reed

Ron's contact number is mobile:
07771 542328

HOW DO I BOOK THIS:

Post your rally slip to: R J King, as per the rally book

If booking within 10 days of the rally, please contact Ron King for availability of spaces.

Bookings also accepted by emailing a copy of your rally slip to:

midsummer.sccc@btinternet.com

HOW DO I GET THERE:

From A12 take the A1152 Melton Road, straight over the traffic lights. Over the railway crossing and at the roundabout take first left sign posted Orford A1152. Within one mile bear left sign posted Rendlesham/Eyke A1152. Site entrance within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on right, Follow rally signs.

DO NOT APPROACH SITE OFF B1084 ORFORD ROAD.

WHAT3WORDS: ///treble.highlighted.marriage. Entrance from main road

MOST RALLIES HAVE SPACES AVAILABLE, although at the time of writing, the Peewit and Clare Priory rallies are full with a waiting list.

Please see the 2023 Rally Handbook or the Suffolk Centre website (www.suffolkcentre.org.uk) for more details, or contact the marshals on the numbers above.

Advice for new members when booking rallies:

With new members, welcome, just to run through how to book onto a rally. With your handbook was sent rally booking slips. These can be downloaded and either overwritten or printed and completed by hand. Either can then be emailed to the rally marshal or posted, whichever is easiest for everyone. This will get you booked onto the rally. The handbook contains the contact details for marshals - online website copy does not for data protection reasons as our website is open to anyone looking. If any member does not have the facility to download the rally slips please let me know and I can get some pre-printed ones to you. Janet Dobson, Secretary.

Tangham rallies:

We are sorry to have to tell members that we understand that the Forestry Commission now hold the site at Forest Camping, Tangham, Rendlesham and they have announced it will not be opening in 2023 but are seeking someone to take over the site. We have therefore decided that the proposed Tangham rally in the handbook for May will be withdrawn. For September we will try to locate another venue to give members time away. It is sad because the Centre has gone there for many years and was a firm favourite with many who returned year on year.

Burns Supper Rally 2024:

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What a generous lot you Suffolk Centre members are... All this raised by our centre in the last year—well done everybody!



Suffolk Centre of the Caravan & Motorhome Club

Thank you for raising the amazing amount of

£1,998.35

Matthew Jones Matthew Jones,
Chief Executive



Together we save lives

East Anglian Air Ambulance exists to save lives by delivering highly skilled doctors and critical care paramedics by air or car to seriously ill or injured people in the region. We are a life-saving charity that is only kept airborne thanks to incredible supporters like you.

East Anglian Air Ambulance is proud to serve the communities of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.

MESSAGES FROM OUR RALLY SECRETARY

COULD YOU MARSHAL A RALLY?

Bit of an old saying - Your Centre Needs You - but it's true. Members that volunteer to act as Rally Marshals are the mainstay of the Centre - without them the Centre can't function. We operate our Centre by members either finding a venue - or being pointed in the direction of one via the committee - and with the help of the Rally Secretary and others, help is at hand to put it all together. Worried about the finance side - no need to be, our Treasurer is on hand to go through everything. Many marshals you will see return year on year so it can't be too daunting otherwise they would be running for the hills.

If you're interested for 2024 then either drop me a line at rallysec@suffolkcentre.co.uk,

Alan Dobson, Rally Secretary.

SITE LOCATION APP: www.what3words.com

This is a free mobile app or it can be accessed online. By details or postcode, you can go into maps and get a precise entry for the access to a site. Where possible sites have been given their precise 3-word address so you can look up a site before going.



***** FEATURED RALLY *****

Trinity 'Egg-siting' Rally — Trinity Park, Ipswich
Thursday 6 April to Monday 10 April 2023

SUFFOLK CENTRE
Trinity Egg-siting Rally
APRIL 6 @ 10:30 AM - APRIL 10 @ 3:00 PM
HOT CROSS BUNS
EHU FOR ALL
LIVE MUSIC
WITH THE ALLEY CATS COMPETITIONS
TOTE HORSE RACING
OPTIONAL EXTRAS
CHARITY FISH AND CHIP SUPPER
FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST
TRINITY PARK
Felixstowe Road
Ipswich, Suffolk IP3 8UH

Why not spend this long Easter weekend with friends and family at Trinity Park, Ipswich! This 4-night rally has something for everyone, with entertainment for the kids and parents alike.

Spoil yourself with a full English breakfast, bbq, hot cross buns and more.

There is electric hook-up for all units.

For more details and how to book see the list of upcoming rallies earlier in this newsletter, or visit the Centre's website at www.suffolkcentre.org.uk

Details are also in the Suffolk Centre Rally Handbook 2023

NEW YEAR RALLY, TRINITY PARK, IPSWICH - 29th December to 2nd January

The last rally in our rally programme for 2022 was held at Trinity Park, Ipswich from 29th December 2022 to 2nd January 2023.

North Essex Centre hosted the invitation rally. A total of 89 units turned out for the festivities, for the four days of entertainment and food of which Suffolk Centre had a good representation.

The theme was "It's a kind of Magic", in which most people dressed up to set the atmosphere for the New Year Festivities.

Ron King.



When was the last time you visited our
SUFFOLK CENTRE WEBSITE?

www.suffolkcentre.org.uk

Why not visit us online

You will find Suffolk Centre news, rally updates, reports, tips, ideas and more.

Our Classified Ads page is now user friendly.

More will be added on a "need to" basis over time.



FIRST RALLY OF THE YEAR — The Old Mill Public House, Saxstead 6th to 8th January

The first rally of the season took place at The Old Mill Public House, Saxstead with ten units being sited on the rear carpark.

Nigel and Jackie Bentley had their first rally as Suffolk Centre members and were presented with their 'First Rally' Plaque.

Gilbert and Julie Jackson received a belated 50th Rally Plaque.

As usual the dining was excellent, with a good choice of dishes on the menu.

Ron King



BURNS SUPPER RALLY. Hallowtree Scout Camp, Ipswich. 20th to 22nd January

The Burns Supper rally, held at Hallowtree Scout Camp attracted a good number of people to celebrate the life and poetry of Robert Burns.

In tradition with Burns Night, everyone was treated to 'piping in the Haggis' accompanied by the bagpipes, played by Suffolk centre member Martin.

Once the 3-course haggis meal, cooked and served by the Marshalls and helpers, was finished, Andrew Schooner gave the traditional 'Address to the Lassies' with the Response to the Laddies' being given by Suffolk Centre Vice-chairperson Melody Gosling. Everyone then continued to enjoy the evening Scottish country dancing with instruction being given by the guest dancers.

Sunday morning, we were all back in the hall for a traditional porridge, orange juice and toast breakfast prepared by the marshals.

Ron King



VALENTINES RALLY, Hallowtree, Ipswich - 10th to 12th February

We were treated to a varied programme for Graham and Melody's last organised Valentines Rally.

Friday night was a games night, starting with a Beetle Drive followed by a game of Bingo.

Saturday night we were treated to a three-course meal cooked by the marshals.

The tables were all decorated to the theme of Valentines. Once we had digested all that was on offer, it was time to get down to some Valentine request songs from A1 Disco and dance to our favourite love tunes.

The events of the weekend were part of a fundraising effort for the East Anglian Air Ambulance, which along with 'Natter & Chatter', raised a wonderful £300 for the charity!

Thank you to the marshals for all your hard work over the last few years—now sit back and let someone else put their stamp on Valentines.

Ron King



Footnote to the Valentines Rally report...

After several years of running the Valentines Rally, with valuable support from our co-marshals we are now stepping away from this particular event. We'd very much like to thank everyone who has supported the rally over that time — you have made all the effort worthwhile. By agreement with the centre committee, the rally will stay in the calendar for 2024 although with different marshals and a different format, which we hope you will continue to enjoy.

Thank you all and best wishes

Melody & Graham Gosling



Annual 'Natter & Chatter' — Hallowtree, Ipswich 12TH FEBRUARY 2023

There was a good turnout for this year's annual 'Natter & Chatter' which was held at Hallowtree Scout Camp on the last morning of the Valentines Rally. Ralliers were joined by fellow Centre members arriving for the day. We were honoured with the presence of several past Chairs of the Centre.

Members were treated to tea, coffee and biscuits and bacon rolls were on sale, with proceeds contributing to the Chairman's charity.

East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA), sent a representative, Kevin Sullivan, who thanked Suffolk Centre for the generous donation of £1998.35p that was raised during the last year. He gave a short speech about the work of EAAA and took questions.

A table of EAAA small merchandise was on display and made £62.00p to kick start this coming years fund raising.

Over the weekend, Valentines Rally and Natter & Chatter also raised £300,00 towards EAAA. Bingo, bacon roll sales, a raffle and an auction.

A good start to fund raising in 2023, a total of £362.00p.



Tony & Karen Reed won the Don Alcock Trophy again.

Sarah Fincham-Jacques again won the David Totman Trophy for most rallies attended by a junior.

Ron King.

All persons attending rallies and social events do so entirely at their own risk.

No responsibility for persons or property is accepted by the organisers or

The Caravan and Motorhome Club

RUMOUR HAS IT ...

Did you know that...

- CAMC membership entitles you to discounts from many retailers.
 - Alde heating fluid should be replaced after 3 years
 - Mid Anglia Centre will be running a 2023 Bonfire Rally near Cambridge
 - What 3 Words is now available for mobile phones
 - CAMC Centre Lines will be discontinued if there aren't more articles or news items.
 - In future years, Rallies may have 'moles' - not the furry brown type though.
 - Suffolk Centre are looking for someone to help store all the various items of equipment required to run a rally. - if you can then please contact the centre chairman, Ron King — details are in the handbook
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A very different view of creation...

And GOD Created...

1. In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth and populated the Earth with broccoli, cauliflower and spinach, green and yellow and red vegetables of all kinds, so Man and Woman would live long and healthy lives.
2. Then using God's great gifts, Satan created Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream and Krispy Crème Donuts. And Satan asked, "You want chocolate with that?" And Man said, "Yes!" and Woman said, "and as long as you're at it, add some sprinkles." And they gained 10 pounds. And Satan smiled.
3. And God created the healthful yogurt that Woman might keep the figure that Man found so fair. And Satan brought forth white flour from the wheat, and sugar from the cane and combined them. And Woman went from size 6 to size 14.
4. So God said, "Try my fresh green salad." And Satan presented Thousand-Island Dressing, buttery croutons and garlic toast on the side. And Man and Woman unfastened their belts following the repast.
5. God then said, "I have sent you heart healthy vegetables and olive oil in which to cook them." And Satan brought forth deep fried fish and chicken and fried steak so big it needed its own platter. And Man gained more weight and his cholesterol went through the roof. God then created a light, fluffy white cake, named it "Angel Food Cake" and said, "It is good." Satan then created chocolate cake and named it "Devil's Food."
6. God then brought forth running shoes so that His children might lose those extra pounds. And Satan gave cable TV with a remote control so Man would not have to toil changing the channels. And Man and Woman laughed and cried before the flickering blue light and gained pounds.
7. Then God brought forth the potato, naturally low in fat and brimming with nutrition. And Satan peeled off the healthful skin and sliced the starchy centre into chips and deep-fried them. And Man gained pounds.
8. God then gave lean beef so that Man might consume fewer calories and still satisfy his appetite. And Satan created McDonald's and its 99p double cheeseburger. Then asked, "You want fries with that?" And Man replied, "Yes! And super-size them!" And Satan said, "It is good." And Man went into cardiac arrest.
9. God sighed and created quadruple bypass surgery.
10. Then Satan created Cuts to the Health Care System. Amen

HAVE YOU NOTICED

So many things have changed such a lot,
Since the days when we were young.
Not just things, but people as well,
Like the folk we al staying among.

Everything's further away than before,
It's twice as far now to the shops.
And I'm almost sure they've added a hill,
As I've now to take one or two stops.

Have you noticed the telly's much quieter now,
And everyone's speaking so low?
You find if you don't ask them all to speak up,
What they're saying you'll just never know.

When I buy a new dress, they're so skimpy with cloth,
It's too tight round my hips and waist.
The twelve's and fourteens are so much smaller now,
It's a sixteen, with which you get faced.

The print in newspapers is getting so small,
You can hardly make out what they write.
The cold is much colder than it used to be,
I've even to wear bedsocks at night!

Last week I met Jenny from my class at school,
And she's aged quite a bit, I could see.
She now looked so old as I peered through my specs,
I could see that she didn't know me.

And as I combed my hair this morning,
It struck me as there I just stood.
And I saw myself in the mirror,
They don't even make mirrors as good.

A little bit of fun from the last edition of the Newsletter—**COMPLETE THIS STORY USING THE NAMES OF FOOTBALL TEAMS.** Here is the completed tale—how many football teams did you get?

The sun shone **BRIGHTON (8)** the day my sister, mother and myself set sail for the **ORIENT (6)** in a very old ship, its **HULL(4)** already riddled with holes. Before we could board, the customs officer said he must stamp our **CARDIFF(7)** we were leaving the country. The four **CREWE(5)** members were Don, Mont, Kirk and Bart (who unfortunately could not speak). Not having been paid **FORFAR(6)** too long, they were unhappy and on the second **WEDNESDAY(9)** of the voyage, they stole guns from the **ARSENAL(7)** and mutinied. Although they treated **MOTHERWELL(10)** they didn't like my sister at all and **DONCASTER(9)** adrift on a raft. I was terrified and hid in my cabin, keeping the **BOLTON(6)** the door and hoping they would not **BREKIN(6)**. They raided the larder and found nothing but a smelly **OLDHAM(6)** but they were so hungry that they ate almost the **FULHAM(6)**. Seeking to quench their thirsts, they forced open the drinks cabinet, and finding that we did not **STOCKPORT(9)** they drank whiskey instead. "right said Kirk, "I will climb the rigging to see if I can see land" **MONTROSE(8)** to stop him. "Watch you don't **FALKIRK(7)**, he cried, meanwhile the others had found some money". At this moment the ship began to sink. Quickly, get **DUMBARTON(9)** deck to give me a hand" he shouted, and together they lifted their **LUTON(5)** to a raft. "The tide is lethal around here and carries ships on to the rocks and **WREXHAM(7)**. With mother and me with them, they drifted for days before seeing an island. We found a **COVENTRY(8)** and paddled through the water to get ashore. The island appeared to be uninhabited but someone had been there recently because a **NEWCASTLE(9)** had been built to guard the harbour. There had obviously been a fire as **BLACKBURN (9)** marks were seen on the wall, and a smell of smoke hung in the **AYR (3)**. This **WALSALL (7)** ruined by the fire", said Don sadly, and it broke our **HEARTS (6)** to see the disarray. As we explored, we saw in the distance a tall, shiny building reflecting the sun, at the **SOUTHEND (8)** of the island we found a deserted **VILLA (5)** which had recently been lived in. We came to a river and a water wheel, and attached to the **MILLWALL (8)** was a map. "There must be treasure" Mont said, "but we don't know whether it **SUNDERLAND (10)** or in the river". The map made clear that the shiny building was the royal **PALACE (6)** of the **QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (18)**. There were no bridges so we did not know **WATFORD (7)** to cross. At the crossroads we knew neither the direction **NORWICH (7)** way to go. "I wonder where this road **LEEDS (5)**?" said Kirk, and although we were tired, we **PRESTON (7)** with our search. The map showed a large area of grass with a huge ridge at one end. On this **MEADOWBANK (10)** we found a **CHESTER (7)** treasure. It was easy to open as the chain securing it had only one **LINCOLN (7)**. As it was getting dark, we carried on, but we suddenly found ourselves falling into a deep dark pit with a **BLACKPOOL (9)** of water at the bottom. At this moment, I woke up!!! Alas, it had all been a terrible nightmare, caused, I think by **READING (7)** 'Treasure Island' before I went to sleep.

The Calor Gas range is reducing



For those Centre members not aware, Calor started reducing their gas cylinder range from the 1st February 2023.

The smaller 3.9kg Propane, 4.5kg Butane and Calor lite are all to be discontinued.

If you have one of the discontinued bottles, you will simply be able to move up to the relevant next size up, ie 6kg Propane steel, or 7kg Butane steel. Dealers will exchange used Calor Lite for the standard 6kg. Propane steel bottles.

Some dealers appear to have moved away from stocking Calor gas altogether and are now supplying Flo-Gas instead. Most will accept used Calor bottles in exchange for full Flo-Gas ones without making an additional charge for the bottle.

RECIPES TO COOK ON YOUR NEXT TRIP OUT...?

Some easy to prepare meal recipes to try...

Bacon & pea risotto

Fancy something a little bit more gourmet without any additional cost, difficulty or washing up? This simple, one-pot bacon and pea risotto is perfect for those wanting to impress their fellow campers. Serves: 4



Ingredients required:

- 300g risotto rice
- 1 diced white onion
- 6 rashers of bacon
- 100g frozen peas
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1ltr hot vegetable stock

How to make it:

Add the diced white onion to a pan of melted butter and fry until lightly browned. Add the rashers of bacon and fry until crispy. Add the risotto rice and hot vegetable stock and bring to the boil. Stir well, reduce the heat and cover for 15-20 minutes until the rice is tender. Stir in the frozen peas, season and cook for another few minutes until the peas are cooked. Vegetarian alternative: Remove bacon rashers.

Chicken Curry

This classic curry is a fantastic recipe for family dinners and can be spiced up with hotter curry paste if desired. Serves 4



Ingredients required:

- 1 diced onion
- 2 crushed garlic cloves
- Thumb-sized piece of grated ginger
- 6 chopped, boneless and skinless chicken thighs
- 3 tbsp curry paste
- 400g chopped tomatoes
- 100g greek yoghurt
- Small bunch of coriander
- 50g ground almonds

How to make it:

Add the onion to a large frying pan and cook until golden brown, and then add the garlic and ginger. Add the chicken and fry for 5 minutes before stirring through the curry paste, tomatoes and 250ml of water. Bring to the boil, reduce to a simmer and cook uncovered for 30 minutes. Stir through the yoghurt, coriander and almonds.

Serve on its own or with either warm naan or fluffy rice

Blue cheese, walnut and mushroom pasta



Ingredients required:

- 300g of chestnut mushrooms
- 2 tbsp of olive oil
- Large knob of butter
- 350g of pasta
- 4 medium sized free-range egg yolks
- 150ml of crème-fraiche
- Handful of walnuts
- 70g of blue cheese
- 100g of rocket
- Zest and juice of a small lemon


How to make it:

Add the butter and oil to a frying pan before adding in the mushrooms until soft and juicy. Meanwhile cook the pasta according to packet instructions. Once cooked, drain the pasta and return to the pan with a drizzle of oil before adding the cooked mushrooms. Mix together the egg yolks, crème fraiche and half the cheese in bowl. Pour this into the pasta and mushroom pan and mix together and cook gently on a low heat for a minute. Stir through the rocket, lemon juice and zest of half the lemon. Add the walnuts, toss gently together and sprinkle over the remaining cheese just as you serve it.

A RETIRING MEMBER OF THE CLUB HAS A RANGE OF ITEMS FOR SALE -
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER IS AT THE END OF THE LIST.

CARAVAN

(NO SENSIBLE OFFERS REFUSED)

- ALKO SAFETY TYPE 6T1811202) HITCH LOCK + 2 KEYS
 - ALKO PLASTIC TOWBALL "KEEP" WITH ABOVE HITCH LOCK
 - NOSE HITCH (Chandy ever load) AK 160 : SA1600kg : S120KG
- COMPLETE WITH BOLTS & FIXING PLATES & RUBBER BOOT
 - TOW BALL (NOT SWAN-NECK) - ALKO KOBAR
 - TOW BALL 2" DROP PLATE
 - CURVED BUMPER PROTECTOR (FOR USE WHEN HITCHING UP)
 - JOCKEY WHEEL COMPLETE WITH PNEUMATIC TYRE
 - BOLT ON ALKO JOCKEY WHEEL GRAB HANDLE FOR MANOEUVERING
 - CARAVAN STEP (PLASTIC - LARGE STANDING AREA)
 - 2 STEEL WINTER WHEELS - 4 STUDS VARIABLE DIAMETER 
 - AQUAROLL HANDLE (HANDLE SPLITS IN HALF)
 - METAL RAMP (VARIABLE) 6" TYRE WIDTH : 4 1/2" RISE
 - 2 HEAVY DUTY METAL WHEEL CHOCKS
 - 2 REAR STEADY SECURITY LOCKABLE STUDS WITH PADLOCKS & KEYS
 - 2 HARDENED STEEL DRILL PROOF TUMBLER DOOR LOCKS & KEYS
 - 2 OUTSIDE LOCKER TUMBLER LOCKS & KEYS
 - STATUS OMNI DIRECTIONAL TV AERIAL MOUNTING KIT
 - 2 PLASTIC WATER FILLER PIPES
 - 1 SINK PLUG (UNUSED) 1" DIAMETER PIPE - STRAIGHT PROFILE
 - 2 RED + 2 BLUE CLIP ON BATTERY CONNECTORS WITH PROTECTIVE CAPS
 - 7 PIN PLUG (BLACK)
 - 7 PIN PLUG (WHITE - AUXILIARY)
 - 7 PIN SOCKET (GREY - AUXILIARY)
 - AUX. RETROFIT 12V SOCKET + SOCK & CLIP ON LEADS TO CAR/VAN BATTERY
- can separate but currently connected with 6pt twin cable

AWNING FIXTURES

- 4 AWNING STRAP CLIPS (MALE)
- ALLOY AWNING POLES (VARIOUS)
- STEEL AWNING POLES (VARIOUS)
- VARIOUS CLIPS & CLAMPS FOR AWNING POLES
- BBQ TOOLS - FORK/TONGS/SLICE/FISH SHAPE HOLDERS X2

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And finally...A 'NUDGE' FROM OUR CENTRE SECRETARY

MEMBERSHIP

Just to remind members not to forget Centre membership is not automatically renewed, and to remain a Centre member you must contact the Club yourself when your Club membership is renewed.

With rally books being prepared to go out even more important if your membership is due November or December as your copy may be delayed if you don't renew. If you are unsure drop an email to secretary@suffolkcentre.co.uk and I will confirm if you are a current Centre member or not.

Janet Dobson, Secretary



'Bye for Now

I hope you have enjoyed reading this newsletter. Please feel free to comment and to let me know what you would like to see in future issues. Thanks go to Peter Wilson, a former Editor of the Newsletter for his continued contributions. Any pictures, rally reports, jokes or notices can be sent to me (Graham) at newsletter@suffolkcentre.co.uk

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