

SOUTH ESSEX

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A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Dear All

As well as reading this Newsletter I hope that you are all eager to read your new Rally book. I would like to express my thanks to John and Jean, who have both put in many hours contacting schools and landowners to obtain confirmation of rally bookings. I would also like at this point to wish Paul every success with the 2009 book. If anyone wants to roll a rally over, has any ideas for new rallies or knows of possible new venues please speak to Paul as soon as possible, September is really a bit too late.

I can't say this is my favourite time of the year. Having to think of what pressies to buy for family, writing Christmas cards and then having to battle round the shops looking for elusive Brussel sprouts! Roll on January. Another problem is that you arrive on a rally in the dark, you can't see who is already there or who arrives after you. An attendance list in the paperwork is a blessing.

This year marshals will be asked to collect their flagpole kit and tea urn, if required, from the nearest Committee member to where they live. Hopefully this will cut down the number of visits over to the lock-up. Of course all the other equipment will still be available. Please let John Mack know what you require for your rally as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

With next year in mind the National is at Holkham Hall, Norfolk. If anyone would like to volunteer to be Centre Liaison Officer please speak to me as soon as possible. Over the August Bank Holiday we will be celebrating our 4000th rally. We have invited 14 other Centres to this event. In order to avoid any disappointment please book onto this rally as soon as possible. Post dated cheques accepted. Likewise it is our turn to host the Bonfire Rally. The more vans book in the more we can spend on fireworks to make the night go with a bang!

Please remember that these Newsletters are only as good as you the members want them to be. Maureen is looking for any items of news or articles of interest from you. If she receives enough items then the Newsletter will be produced more often. Its up to you.

Terry and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and we look forward to seeing you all on a rally very soon.

Regards

Linda

SPORTS COMMITTEE MESSAGE

May we first of all wish all South Essex members a Happy New Year and a special welcome to you if you are a new member.

We have 3 new faces on the Sports Committee this year, Kev Collins, Mark Carson and Kevin Higgins.

Our first rally this year is on the Easter Rally at Sevenoaks in Kent, which we would like to thank Stan & Shirley Bunce for letting us be guests, to do the first rounds in Boule and Lawn darts.

By now you should have your 2008 rally book and you will see that we have made a few changes in the way we will be holding the preliminary rounds, we hope this will give you more opportunities to take part if you wish to.

That's all from us for now, hope to see you on the rally field very soon .

Yours Sports Committee

TONIGHT I'M GONNA BE RALLY

We would like thank everyone who took part Tonight I'm Gonna be, if it wasn't for you lot the rally would not have been able to run, so special thanks to:-

The Village People

Dave Tanner - Michael Porter - Kev Collins & Clint Price

Kylie Minogue

Elsie Hayes

Dusty Springfield

Joanne Tanner

Frank Sinatra & Sammy Davis Junior

Georgia & Kaye Roberts

Susan Mugum

Julie Tanner

Amy Winehouse

Mel & Joanne Tanner

Celine Dion

Stephanie Doore

Renee & Renato who sung a song all about rallying, to the music of save your love

Steve & Irene Volke

Well done to you all, you are all winners & South Essex Stars

A very special thank you to Steve & Irene for lending us their spotlight and for helping to get things sorted on Saturday afternoon. A very very BIG THANKS goes to Kev, Jac, Janice & Clint for all the hard work.

Could not have done it without you all

Tracey & Mick

NEWS FROM ABROAD

While Sylvie and Bill Garwood were on holiday in September they visited Megan and Fred Wright at their villa in Torrevieja, Spain. The older members will remember Megan as the first lady Chairperson; until now of course! They had a lovely time talking about old times over a meal and found them in good health and busy with their charity work. Fred with his library and Megan with Help the Aged. They are also members of a theatre group called 'The Rascals'. They have not quite made Broadway but made it in Torrevieja Spain.. Fred has discovered he has got a singing voice and they both sing and dance and recently appeared in a show in the Municipal Theatre. Brian said Fred must have practised at White Hart Lane!

SEASONS GREETINGS

The ralliers at Orsett would like to wish everyone at West Mersea a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

The ralliers at West Mersea would like to wish everyone at Orsett a happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Victoria Farey and Gary Lowe on their recent wedding. Edith and Les wish them every Happiness.

DEVON HOLIDAY RALLY

Terry, Kath, Ron. and Pat would like to thank the Rally Marshals for all the hard work involved in making the Devon Holiday Rally so enjoyable.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PLAQUES

The Committee would appreciate if any unused birthday and anniversary plaques could be passed on to any committee member

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

John and I wish everyone in the South Essex Centre a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you on the rally field in 2008.

Linda Grahame
Hon. Secretary

SAD NEWS

I am sad to inform you of the recent deaths of two members of the South Essex Centre, Hazel Gardner and Bob Davis.

Chris and Sue Hammett's daughter Marie gave birth to a son who unfortunately was stillborn and would like to inform their friends in the Centre.

JUNIOR COMMITTEE LIAISON OFFICER

The Junior Committee would like Maureen to know that they are thinking of her and feel very sad for her that Bob has passed away. They look forward to seeing her on the rally field again soon

Graham Thursby on behalf of the Junior Committee.

JUNIOR COMMITTEE FUND RAISING

The Junior Committee would like to let the Centre members to know that with their support they raised £100 for St.Francis Hospice. They thank you all and wish you a great Christmas.

MESSAGE FROM IAN WRIGHT

Since I retired as Chairman things have gone quiet, the phone has stopped ringing and the e-mail has stopped pinging. We are still out there rallying.

I would just like to record my thanks to Pauline Taulbert for the beautiful picture she painted for Sue and I as retirement gift. It occupies pride of place over the mantelpiece in our living room. Thank you Pauline and best wishes to all for 2008.

Ian Wright

MESSAGE FROM MAUREEN DAVIS

I would like to thank everyone for the kindness and support shown to both of us during Bob's illness. Most of you will know that he kept busy right up to the last couple of days and we were grateful to see everyone who popped in. Lots of you were kind enough to send cards and that always gave him a lift. I have received nearly 300 sympathy cards and the funeral director says there were close to 250 people at his service at South Essex Crematorium. It was great support not only to me, but to Bob's three sisters and their families, to know that so many of you wanted to show your love and respect, and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. There are not words enough to say how much he will be missed. I promised Bob that I would carry on caravanning with South Essex so you will see me around. I am buoyed by so many offers to look after me. God bless you all.

Maureen

RALLY NEWS

Peterborough Motorhome Show Please note that the Organisers have requested that we submit numbers to them by no later than Monday 9 a.m 7 April so please could we have any booking forms no later than end March.

Many thanks. John and Linda Grahame.

CENTRE PRESS OFFICER

I would like to thank the South Essex members who have helped Brian and myself get back into rallying. Maureen Rush. Email address:- pressofficer@secc-online.org.uk

Information from Mike Threadgold, Anglia Region Chairman

Mike Threadgold has sent the following information update:-

1. There are still some problems with the new Gas Regulators, and anyone experiencing problems please advise the Technical Dept. at East Grinstead.
2. Some members are having problems with new caravan tyres (see News page on Club web site) Again anyone experiencing problems please advise the Technical Dept. at East Grinstead..
3. The boxes for each centre to provide info for the 'time capsule' are being sent out by East Grinstead and should be returned as soon as possible.

Centre Press Officer

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Caring in the Community especially for people with learning disabilities

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10th October 2007

Dear Mr Wright

On behalf of all the staff and children who stay here with us at Hamelin House, I am writing to thank you for your very kind donation of £1750.00. Please find an official receipt for that amount.

The money you have raised will go towards buying some important new sensory equipment for the children to enjoy.

May I take this opportunity again to thank you for your generosity and for choosing us as one of your chosen charities it is very much appreciated.

Keep up all your good work!

Yours faithfully

Gill Betts
Manager

09 October 2007



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Dear Ian and all the members of the South-End Caravan Club

May I take this opportunity to thank you and everyone who so kindly and generously contributed to the fantastic sum of **£1,750.00** which was presented to Mr Joe Chesney at you're AGM.

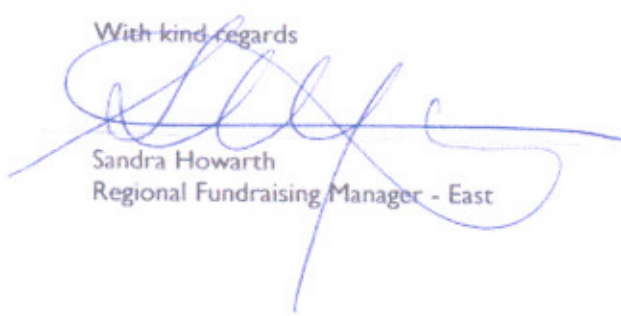
Like you, we are impatient for a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. Through gene therapy CF Trust scientists believe that very soon we will be able to take the life-threatening part out of the lung disease that takes so many young people from us. We are cautiously optimistic that our current generation of youngsters will begin to benefit from this work.

Whilst we are excited about the prospect of gene therapy becoming a reality, we must continue to support the families of those with Cystic Fibrosis. Providing information, advice and practical help to families and adults with CF through our helpline are an essential part of our work. The CF Trust is also keen to ensure that people with CF across the UK all receive the same excellent standard of treatment.

Your support and commitment will help us advance these important aims and provide a better quality of life to the 8,000 children and young adults in the UK with Cystic Fibrosis.

Once again my sincere thanks to you for your hard work, enthusiasm and commitment to The Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

With kind regards



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Dear Mr Wright

I would like to thank you and your wife for the warm welcome extended to me on Sunday morning

Enclosed is our official receipt for the cheque which was presented to me.

The support of your members is very much appreciated and I wish you all continued success with your fundraising.

Yours sincerely

Jane Godfrey
Fundraising Assistant

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