

# South Essex Centre



THE  
CARAVAN  
CLUB

**Members Edition Newsletter 188, August Bank Holiday 2010**

Hi there

Welcome to the August Bank Holiday edition of the Newsletter.

So far this summer we have had some really good weather, lets hope that this weekend is just as good. On the subject of the weather Terry and I were on the rally at The Museum of Power early July when the communal BBQ was cancelled. Now I'm sure that we have all been on a rally where this has occurred, but perhaps never because it was too hot to sit out!

This year has seen the cancellation of a few rallies due to lack of support. There seems to be a common denominator in that each rally had a theme attached. Could it be that you the members would like to see more rallies where there is nothing planned? Sometimes it is really nice to just sit with friends having a drink, not having to worry about what time the social starts. Why not let the Committee have your views on the subject.

This year has really gone quick. It hardly seems possible that in just six weeks time we will be at the AGM. Remember that in order to vote or speak at the AGM you must have registered with the Centre at least 35 day prior to the meeting, 5 September 2010.

As you know the Caravan Club have had a lot of problems with their new computer system, so if you are in any doubt about whether your membership with the Centre is current please speak to Alan Leslie and he will happily check this for you. Still with the AGM, nomination slips for main and sports committee must be with Alan no later than Sunday 26 September 2010. If you are thinking of putting in a nomination but are still unsure please feel free to speak to myself or any current committee member. Our Centre cannot continue to function without a committee so please give it some thought.

Hopefully you will be reading this edition whilst attending the Chairman's Charity Rally. All the Committee's have been working hard to make the weekend a success. Putting together a rally of this size is not an easy task so it would be a great help for the future if you could let us have your comments on what you liked and disliked. After all it's your Centre. Finally I hope that you enjoy the rest of the summer, and look forward to seeing you on a rally soon.

Regards Linda





The Family fun rally was well attended with all vans booked on attending, what a beautiful weekend. We hope every one enjoyed the activities and challenges the feed back suggests this was the case and we would like to thank all those who attended and actively took part. This year we introduced the Family Fun Cranham Challenge Cup for the winning caravan family at the rally, this was a bit of a surprise to the winning family as most people expected the points to go to one of the rallies four teams. So for the Sports Committee it made the weekend even more enjoyable as we covertly covered this new challenge, well done to the Farrar's. We would also like to thank Linda Beal for being a good sport and for not throttling Clint when he tried to cool her down.

Five Centres was another glorious weekend hosted by North Essex, there was entertainment, good sports, a nice venue and a bar who could wont more. Again we entered most sports and in the end came third. Things to note were that we won the board darts competition and Peter Guidotti's Marble Sandwich cake took first prize, so we all know who to see for cookery lessons.

For the National this year we entered teams into the Open Volley Ball, Ladies volley ball, Boules, Lawn Darts, Kids Races, Men's & Ladies board darts, Under nineteen's Football, the over 35 football, and the Fun Run. It was a smaller contingent than previous years but we all had a good go.



The under nineteen's football team did the centre proud and made Clint's day when they won their final beating stiff opposition. Next years National is just a little bit further away but we hope as many of you as possible will attend.

Once again thank you for your support this year.

Regards

Clint, David, Gina, Janice, Marion, Mark, Kevin & Pauline



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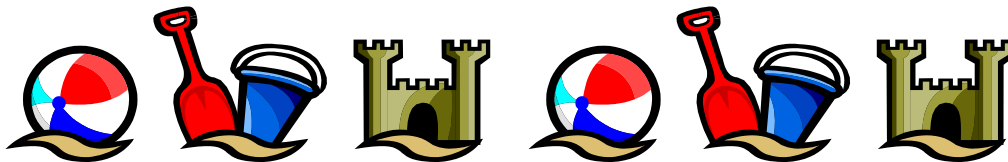
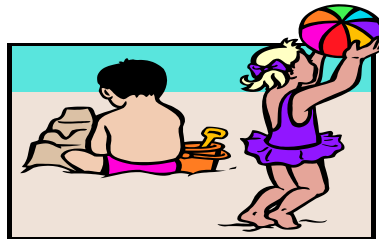
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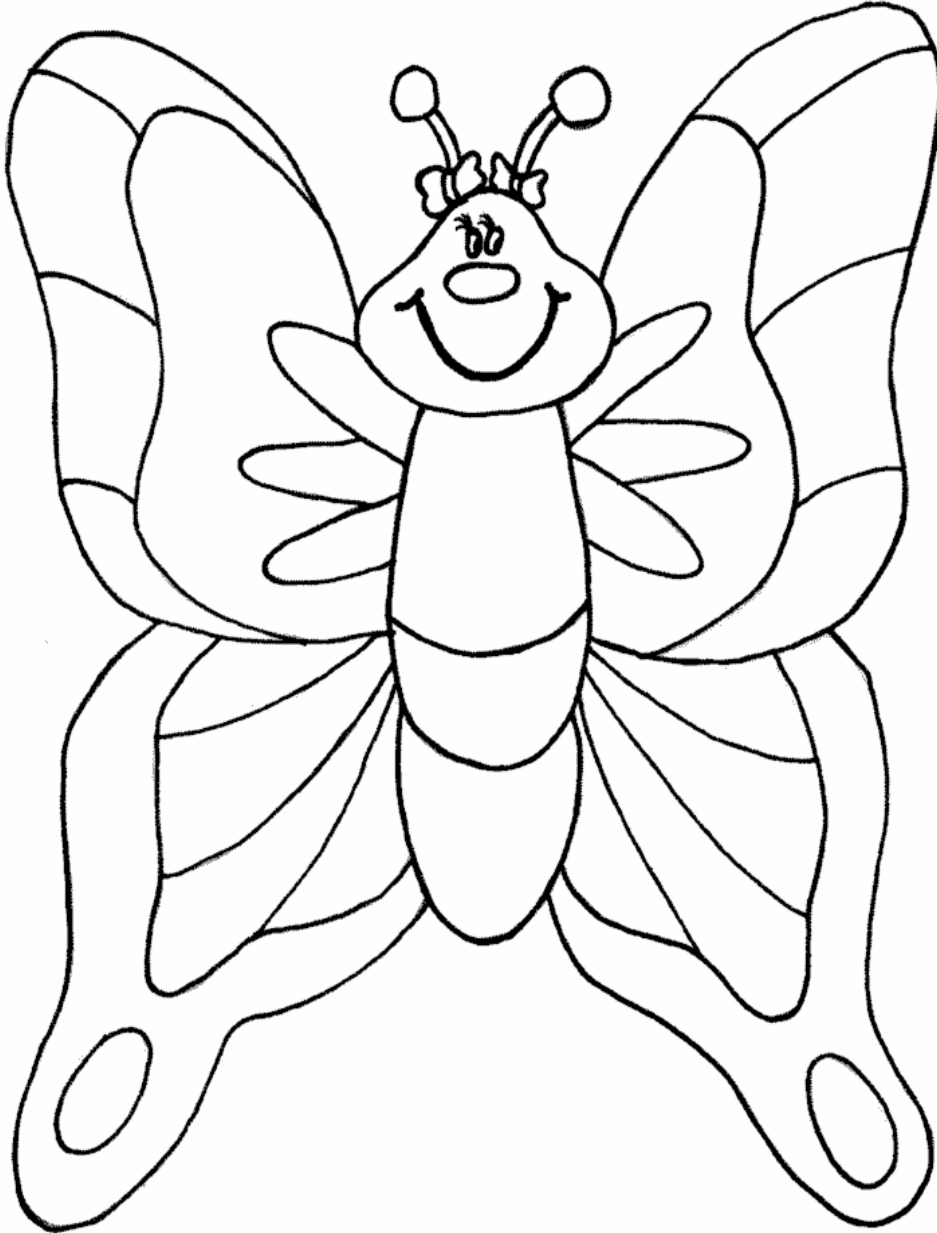
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**JUNIORS COLOURING PICTURE**



"Dear Rallier's

All the juniors would like to congratulate The Boys on their win at the National beating *North Essex* in the football. We also had a good time dressing up for the circus parade at the closing ceremony.

After the National the juniors hosted an Indian meal at the Tandoori Parlour where everyone enjoyed a good meal and disco.



Our rally at Ingatestone Hall went well but its a shame about the England footy result, our national team did a lot better. I think Clint should change his team to England as I think he would be The Nuts as the England manager.

We are now all looking forward to the Chairman's Rally and we hope to see you all there.

Graham Thursby"

Thank you  
Graham





Hi All

Here we are at our Chairman's rally, how time flies.

Let's hope that it is a great success and plenty of money is raised for our Charities.



We are looking forward to seeing your ideas for the front cover of next years rally book which will be judged this weekend by you the Rallier's. Congratulations to the winner.

The rally programme for 2011 is now beginning to take shape. We have some new venues at which we will be rallying, but still have some gaps. If anyone has any ideas or would like to roll a rally over to next year, please let us know as soon as possible or have a chat this weekend.

We would like to see a good turn out at our Programme Presentation rally on 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September at Chelmer Valley School, where you be able to see our programme and give any last minute ideas and take up any rallies that need marshals.

#### Rally Update

8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> October AGM, venue has now changed to Castleview School, Mepple Way, Canvey Island, Essex. SS8 9RZ.

12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November Murder She Wrote, booking date should read 13<sup>th</sup> October.

Enjoy Chairman's and the rest of the summer rallying,

Paul & Sue



## Clare Priory Rally

The twelfth annual golf day was held at Clare Golf Course on Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> with 16 of the centres finest golfers attending. The competition was always going to be tough after playing for four hours in roasting heat, weather conditions normally associated with the Mediterranean climate: Brian Holt's team consisting of John Taubert, Tony Bullimore and Graham Richardson won the team prize with Tony Cox taking the individual trophy.

The Golf Club itself is set in outstanding scenery, with a very large lake on one side of the course and along the other side a river and needless to say you spend much of your game playing alongside both and in most cases '*in*' both.



Above: The Lake at Clare Golf Club



Above: Golfers waiting to tee off

A magnificent weekend was had by all, the lads playing golf and the Rallier's who were left behind enjoyed tea, cakes and a chat. The rest of the weekend could be taken in the walk-around quiz in the lovely village of Clare at your leisure.

For anyone who has not been on the Clare Rallies one rally is held in June and the other in September and is in a lovely setting within the Priory Grounds.

Hopefully there will be a few photo's in our photo gallery on the SECC Web site if you would like an idea of the surrounding scenery.

Clare has been in the Rally Book for over thirty years but had a three year lapse (1985-1987) before John and Pauline Taubert revived it in 1988 running it in the September and are still running it to this day. In 1991 Bob and Wendy Keen started running Clare in the month of June combining it with a Golf competition for the South Essex Centre.

Along with Stratford St. Mary this must be one of our longest running venues certainly with the same marshals running it for the past 23 years, I can't think of another combination that exceeds this.

Originally the rally was held twice a year the early part of the year was a working party, the weekend being spent gardening, painting and generally tidying up keeping the grounds of the Priory presentable before spending a social evening in the Priory itself, where you paid £1 to join the social club and enjoyed the company of friends and very reasonable drink prices.

Ron Patten