



South Essex Centre



Newsletter 190, Christmas 2010



Dear All

Welcome to the Christmas edition of the Newsletter. I would like to thank you for granting me the honour of being your chairman for the forthcoming year and I will do my utmost to maintain the high standards set by our previous chairmen.

With the support of my husband Paul and the rest of the centre officers and committee, I will continue to promote the Centre and build on what I believe is a successful family atmosphere.

I hope that you are all looking forward to reading your Rally Book for 2011 which has several new venues. The programme is the result of a lot of hard work and late nights by our past Rally Secretary Paul Maran and his wife Sue for which I would like to express my thanks once again.

Of course this Rally Programme would not be possible without the continued support of our rally marshals as without them there would be no rallies. To each and every one of you a big thank you for giving your time and even your annual holiday so that our Centre Members can reap the benefit of an enjoyable time. Please continue to give our new Rally Secretary, Paul Langford as much support as possible. If you have any suggestions for new venues, or ideas, please talk to Paul as soon as possible.

Also a big thank you to Tony Harrison-Smith for keeping the website updated and to his assistant Tracey Finn.

The Centre's Annual Dinner Dance next year will be held at Gilwell Park Conference Centre, Chingford (the home of the Scout Association) on Saturday 12th March. This is a new dinner dance venue, although we have rallied there recently. There will be a rally to coincide with the dinner on the weekend of the 11th - 13th March. The Rally site is within walking distance of the Conference Centre, thus eliminating the need for anyone to drive or go by coach. We would love to see you there and you would be assured of a warm welcome at a lovely venue!

The National Rally in 2011 will be held at Sledmere House. This is a new venue near Driffield in East Yorkshire and the rally will take place over the Spring Bank Holiday, from May 27th - 31st. If you would like to attend you can obtain booking forms from our Secretary, Alan Leslie. Or alternatively, you may wish to make your booking directly with the Caravan Club via their website.

Its South Essex's turn to host the 5 Centres rally in 2011 and combined with our Chairman's Rally, will be held on the weekend of July 15th - 17th at Runwell Sports & Social Club, Wickford, where there will be a varied programme catering for all ages. Special booking forms will be available on our website at www.secc-online.org.uk or from any Committee Member. The Bonfire rally this year will be hosted by East Kent and again booking forms will be available on their website or from any Committee Member.

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

Best wishes

Nerina





"Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year"

Welcome to the Christmas 2010 News Letter

I hope you are all enjoying the festivities of 2010. If you are attending a Christmas or New Year rally with another centre, please take our Best Wishes with you.

We have had a fun packed year of rallying in 2010. And I am sure that once you have browsed the 2011 Rally programme, you will be just as busy in the coming year.

If you attended the "**Bonfire Rally**", you will agree that this was a very successful event. A huge Bonfire was built in the run up to the rally. Many of the children (and Adults) made Guys to adorn the Bonfire. Burgers and hot dogs with endless onions and soup to warm us all up was a very welcome treat. A wonderful display of Fireworks completed the evening. Thank you to Chris Stockwell, a retired fireman turned Pyrotechnic for an amazing Firework Display. Photos are available on the Website if you missed it.

Thank you to all of our members who have volunteered to marshal or assist on a rally this year. Don't forget to collect your rally paperwork at the "**Marshal's Thank You & Paper & Plastic**" Rally, This rally will be running from 14th—16th January at Castle View School, Canvey Island. If you can not make the Rally please come along to collect your paperwork.

We now provide an e mail option for Online booking of 2011 rallies. If this is something you would like to try, please go to the SECC Website and follow the on screen instructions. If you have any questions about this facility please speak to Tony Harrison-Smith or Tracey Finn they will be pleased to help. Of course you can still book in the usual way, by post or by passing on Rally slips to the named person at Flag Pole.

Books, Books, Books, Chris and Lynn still have plenty of books for sale, many have been kindly donated by our Centre members. Look out for them on the rally field or at flag pole. At only 50p for paperbacks, £1 for hard backs, grab yourself a bargain. If you have any books you would like to donate, please speak to Chris or Lynn, they would be glad to take them from you.

If you have not completed your Fellowship for 2010 or have not received your Rally Book and would like one, please see Alan Leslie.

They are a very reasonable £3.50.

Have a safe and enjoyable winter

Janice Price

Press Officer



2011 Committee for South Essex

The South Essex Centre have a new Chairman, Committee, Sports Committee & Junior Committee for the coming year.

Our new Committee are as follows:

- **Chairman:** Nerina Alden
- **Vice Chairman:** Ollie Fitzgerald
- **Vice Chairman:** John Woods
- **Treasurer:** David Mills
- **Secretary:** Alan Leslie

Committee:

Alan Slatford, Janice Price, John Mack, Kevin Higgins, Paul Langford
Paul Maran, Peter Frier, Sue Maran

Sports Committee;

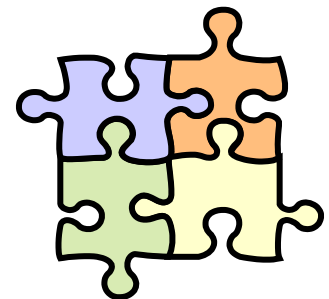
Kevin Higgins & Pauline Higgins, David Mills & Marion Mills
Mark Carson & Gina Carson, Clint Price & Janice Price

Junior Committee;

Chairlady: Georgina Mouldon,

Committee: Rebekah Mouldon, Lauren Higgins, Tom King

Well done to you all for supporting your Centre. As without a Committee South Essex Centre could not run, We would not be able to enjoy our favourite hobby.



We look forward to meeting you all on the Rally Field very soon.

RALLY SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Time seems to fly as we are fast approaching the 2011 rally year. Sue and Paul Maran have been working hard throughout this year putting together the rally programme for 2011. I'm sure there will be something there for all.

It will be our task during 2011 to produce a programme for 2012 and we will be trying to find new venues as well as keeping the old favourites. Peter Frier will be assisting and has already identified possible new sites. If, in your travels, you find an interesting venue where we could rally or you have any suggestions on what you feel could make our rallying more enjoyable, please let me know.

Without the continued efforts from our marshals and their assistants, we would not have such a great social club and your committee would like to thank them all for their continued support.

Looking forward to 2011 and meeting new as well as old friends.

Happy Rallying

Paul & June

CENTRE EQUIPMENT



Our South Essex Centre Equipment is available this year from Vice Chairman Ollie Fitzgerald. All with the South Essex Centre logo.

Polo shirts, T Shirts, Fleece, Sweat shirts, Shirts, Coats & Warm woolly hats, all in various colours & sizes. Junior sizes are also available,

Wine glasses, Tankards and Tumblers, embossed with the South Essex logo will look great on any Rally Social.

There is always a Supply of Pink & Blue chemicals, batteries, torches, teddy bears, stickers & Nik-Naks.

If you can not see what you are after please speak to Ollie, if he does not have it, he may be able to order it from the supplier.

A catalogue is available for you to browse.

If you have any ideas for new equipment please also let Ollie know.

New items will be out on show soon

South Essex Website



There have been some great rallies this past year. You only have to look at the Website photos to see everyone having fun on a rally.

If you have not looked at the Website recently, you are in for a huge surprise. Nearly every week new photos are added to the website. Photos taken by our members. If you would like your photos added, please speak to Tony Harrison-Smith or follow the on screen instructions, making it very easy to send your photos to Tony. You can even add your own caption to each photo.

You will also find a full list of all of the South Essex Centre Rallies for 2011, with updates, amendments & online booking instructions, if available. This includes Holiday Rallies & Weekend Rallies.

All of the present Committee are contactable by email through the Website, email addresses are linked by name.

Items of a Caravanning nature can be advertised on the 'FOR SALE' page. A £2 cheque per item needs to be sent to the Press Officer. This entitles you to advertise your items for up to 1 year on the Website and also in the Newsletter.

There is also the facility to sign up for weekly updates to be sent to you by email, keeping you up to date with booking dates for future rallies. This is easy to set up by again following the on screen instructions.

The Sports 'Roll Of Honours' for 2010 is available to view here. Take a look, do you remember being in this years Football team, Volley ball team or Sporting event? Keep up to date with all of the sporting events for 2011.

The Junior page will keep you up to date with their rallies. Their first will be in June. Keep a check on their page for any updates and information you may need to know.

Our Website is definitely something to be proud of. Tony Harrison-Smith & Tracey Finn have done a wonderful job. Please take the time to have a look for yourself.

If you have any ideas or comments please speak to Tony or Tracey.

www.secc-online.org.uk



The Sports Committee would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

After eating all those Brussels, we would love to see you on our Sports Rallies working off those extra calories and having fun at the same time.

We are guests on the 'An Easy Start to April' Rally on 8th-10th April. This will be the 2nd round of the Boulé & Lawn Darts competition for the 2011 National, with the final being held at the 'Sports & Social' Rally on 6th-8th May.

If you are not attending The National please still come along to the Sports Rallies as you will always be able to play for fun.

'The National' and 'The 5 Centres' Rallies, as always will need competitors this year. Don't forget to bake those cakes, take photos, arrange flowers and bottle up that Wine. Every point counts. The 2011 National will be held at Sledmere House, East Yorkshire. Quite a journey we know, but hopefully a large enough following of South Essex members will be able to make the journey 'Up North'. We always need supporters as well as players.

SOUTH ESSEX SPORTS ROLL OF HONOURS

Sports personality of the year: Kevin Higgins

Lawn Darts: Vicky & Dave Tyler, Danielle Farrar, Lewis Sayer

Boulé: Bev & Alan Walker

Fun Run: Jack Sanderson, Lauren Higgins,

Darts: Tom Weymouth, Maria Carson, Luke Carson

Cycling: Mark Carson, Luke Carson

Football 15-19: Ryan Price, Michael Porter, Chris Rogers, Matt Rogers, Ollie Thursby, Thomas Waymouth, Mitchell Whitehouse. **NATIONAL WINNERS**

Football Over 35s: Pete Guidotti, Kevin Higgins, David Mills, Clint Price, Tom Waymouth, Will Thursby, Tim Sayer, Alan Westbury

Volley ball: Lynn Farrar Annie Guidotti, Vicky Tyler, Bev Walker, Linda Beal, Danielle Farrar

Volleyball Men's: Pete Guidotti, Kevin Higgins, Chris Rogers, Matt Rogers, Alan Walker, Tom Waymouth, Thomas Waymouth,

Well done to everyone who has taken part in any of our centre events.

Caravan Club Centre Events



84th National Rally

Sledmere House

East Yorkshire

May 27th-31st 2011

Booking forms are available from Alan Leslie or from The Caravan Club Website. Full Programme details will also appear in the 'Caravan Club' magazine. If you would like to participate for South Essex, in any of the sporting events, please make sure the slip below is received by The Spots Committee as soon as possible. Please make sure you also register with the relevant centre if required to do so.

If you are unable to compete, please come along and cheer on the 'South Essex Centre'



The 5 Centres & Committee Rally

Runwell Sports and Social Club

Wickford

-17th July

15th

Lets bring the Bell Trophy back to South Essex. With a full weekend programme of centre sports including Lawn Darts, Boulé, Netball, Football, Volleyball, Darts & Tug of War events. If you are not feeling sporty you could always enter the Photographic, baking, flower arranging or Home Made Wine competitions.

A Children's party on Saturday afternoon with Live entertainment on Saturday evening will be thrown in for good measure. Food will be available all weekend. All drinks to be purchased from the bar.

Please see the special Booking slip available with your Rally Book. Post dated Cheques for 1st June 2011 will be accepted. Book early to avoid disappointment.

If you would like to represent South Essex in any event, please make sure you pass the slip below to any Sports committee member.

NAMES FOR SPORTING EVENTS		
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Cut out the slip and give to Kevin Higgins or any Sports Committee Member



Hi all

I would like to welcome our new members and say goodbye and thank you to our former Committee.

This is a new year for the Junior Committee, and we are looking forward to the challenges ahead of us, We know we are going to have fun tackling them.

We would like to congratulate Nerina Alden on her newly acquired position as Chairman and would like to say that we will support her throughout her run.

Please, as ever, continue to support our tuck shop and our rallies.

We hope to see you on the rally field in the near future as well as on our Junior Rallies.

Happy rallying

Georgina Moldon - Junior Chairlady

The Southend Sunflower Trust

Supporting Children and families with Special Needs

Dear Members

We are writing to thank you all for your most generous donation of £1665.00 for our Trust Funds. We would like to thank you all sincerely for thinking of our Charity, as we are sure that you can appreciate fund raising is a very difficult task and more so in the current economic climate.

Please say a thank you to Graham—who we understand was responsible for putting The Southend Sunflower Trust forward—and once again on behalf of our Chairman and fellow Trustees, thank you to all so much for your very kind gesture.

Yours Faithfully

Christine Pryor

Treasurer

The South Essex Caravan Centre Junior Committee are Sponsored by
Army & Navy Clothing & Camping

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

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Nativity Play

Sparkling

Yule

Bells

Frankincense

Noel

Star

Bethlehem

Gold

Presents

Stuffing

Carols

Holly

Pudding

Three Wise Men

Christmas Cards

Jesus

Reindeer

Tree

Crackers

Lights

Santa

Turkey

Decoration Ivy

Myrrh

Sleigh

Wrapping Paper





Dear Chairman, Committee & South Essex members

May I take time to thank you and your members for the cheque presented to Thurrock Parkinson's Support Group of £1665, It certainly was a great feat in raising the amount of money to support Local Charities, we being a self supporting group realise your efforts and are extremely happy that you supported us. I can assure you it is gratefully received and will be faithfully applied.

Yours Sincerely

G E Lang

Hearts and Minds

Dear South Essex Members

On behalf of all of us at Hearts and Minds, I would like to thank the members of the South Essex Centre Caravan Club for their magnificent donation of £1665.

Your generous support of our organization will help us to provide continuing assistance for the cardiac patients and their carers. Earlier this year we, together with Take Heart (the Southend Heart Support Group) raised £8000 to purchase an E-Bike for the new Essex Cardiothoracic Centre at Basildon which will help with the diagnosis of heart problems.

Every year, there is a consistent need for support as new cardiac patients come to us for help and assistance in their recovery. Hearts and Minds are committed to continuing its support and work to achieve support for heart patients and carers, through the help of supporters like you.

Thank you again for your commitment to support Hearts and Minds in their efforts to improve the lives of heart patients and their carers.

Yours Sincerely

Marie Penhaligan—Secretary

A New Great Grandson

Congratulations to **Alan Leslie** on becoming a great-grandfather to Ryan Alan Patrick McIver. Also to Granddad Pat and Granma Francis Burch, together with Mum Laura and Dad Joe. xxx



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A very Happy Birthday goes to **Marion Mills**, who will be celebrating her Birthday for the first time on a Rally on Christmas day.

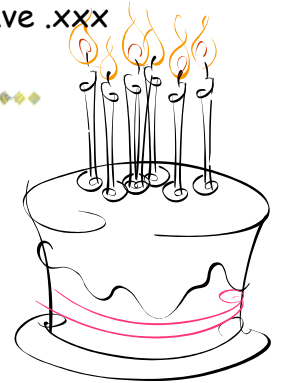
Love and best wishes

Janice & Clint, Kevin & Pauline, Mark & Gina. And not forgetting Dave .xxx

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Birthday Wishes go to **Rachel Higgins** who will be celebrating her 10th Birthday on 4th of January.

Happy Birthday Rachel, Love Mum, Dad & Lauren xxx



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A very ***H*A*P*P*Y** B*I*R*T*H*D*A*Y*** to **Tracey Finn** who will be celebrating her Birthday on 5th of February.

Best Wishes from Mick, Michael, Kelly, Daniel & Laura. And all of your family and friends. xxx

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Birthday wishes for **Rosemary Harrison-Smith** who will be celebrating her Birthday on 19th February.

A very Happy Birthday love from Tony & all your friends from South Essex xxx

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Also celebrating her Birthday will be **Lauren Higgins** who will be celebrating her 14th Birthday on 24th of February

Happy Birthday Lauren, Love Mum, Dad & Rachel xxx

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Rally Book Cover Winner

A competition was held at the Chairman's and the AGM Rallies, enabling us all to vote for the picture we would most like to see on the front cover of the 2011 Rally Book. There were 13 entries to choose from. The competition was tough and the result was very close.

The winner, who will see their picture on the front cover of the 2011 South Essex Rally Book is **Phill Goldspink**. His photo was taken this year whilst on a South Essex Holiday Rally at Interlaken, Switzerland.

Thank you to the marshals Bob & Sheila Leishman, and their assistants John & Sylvia Welsh for the beautiful setting. **"Well done Phill"**



HELP for HEROES Charity Event



A huge well done to our own South Essex boy band 'THE NUTZ' for raising £1,300 in a Charity Evening on November 13th in aid of 'HELP for HEROES'.

A great time was had by all with many South Essex members both sponsoring the event and attending to support the boys.

With Live music from "THE NUTZ" followed by a disco to round off the evening.

A raffle and the ever famous 3 litre bottle of Vodka that was Donated, Won (by the person who donated it), Donated it back and was then Auctioned and won by Steve Hewitt. The total raised for this bottle alone was £276.

As many of you know this is the 2nd 'HELP for HEROES' Charity evening played by 'THE NUTZ'. Last years event raised £2000. As they were only expecting to raise £500 the total amount came as a huge surprise. Wrist bands, Fridge magnets, Key rings & Car stickers are still available from Clint & Paul.

Well done to Clint Price & Paul Holland for all their hard work. And a huge Thank you to everybody for their help and support with the whole event.

The memories and injuries of our boys fighting for their country will never leave them.

Please continue to support this very worthy cause.



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Nicky Beal and Toni McCrae on their wedding which took place on 11th December 2010.

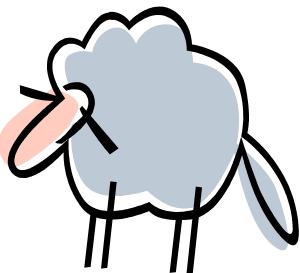
They were helped on their day by their children Jaque, Destinee, Connor and Sam.

All our love & best wishes Mum, Dad & all your family and friends. XXX

Every day items are being collected by some of our members.

If you have anything that they are collecting please keep hold of it and pass it on to them when you see them on a rally.

Keith & Sue Tyler are collecting RING PULLS from aluminium cans. Although this seems like a very small item, each RING PULL pays for 3 seconds of care to a Cancer patient. As many of you know this care is invaluable to all of those concerned. If, whilst you are on a Rally you can save any ring pulls please pass them on to Keith & Sue. Or to any committee member who will be pleased to pass them on for you.



Lynn Fitzgerald is collecting odd BALLS OF WOOL. Any colour, any length. If you have any balls of wool you no longer need please pass them on to Lynn or Ollie, or again any committee member

20 % VAT

Don't forget that we have a VAT rise from 1st January 2011.
This will of course affect your rally fee from that date.

Rally Achievements 2010

Many South Essex members received the following Rally Plaques and certificates at this years AGM

Kevin & Pauline Higgins	100 Rallies,	Clint & Janice Price	100 Rallies
Stan & Shirley Bunce	400 Rallies,	Larry & Jean Boland	500 Rallies
Des & Roma O'connell	500 Rallies,	Paul & Nerina Alden	600 Rallies.

Well done to you all, Thank you for supporting your centre.

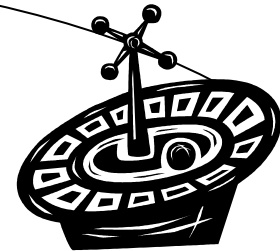
'Wheel of Fortune' Rally

Blenheim School

Leigh on Sea

Southend

22–24th January



Ladies its time for your posh frock and tiara to make another appearance. Gents, come dressed in your best tucker & dickey bow. For an entertaining evening at the **'Wheel of fortune'** Casino. Try your luck, you could walk away with a prize.

No money required, just enjoy.

Book early to avoid disappointment.

Contact Steve & Shirley Hewitt for details

Easter Rallies



South Essex Easter Rallies, with something to suit everybody are running this year with early booking dates. If you would like to attend one of the Easter Rallies please speak to the marshals or assistants as soon as possible as these rallies will fill up very quickly.

How can you run a caravan with out Electric?

Is it cold?

I have never tried rallying.

I couldn't go on a rally, I don't know anybody.

How much does it cost?

What happens on a rally?

Statements and questions we have all been faced with by fellow Caravaners that have never attended a Rally.

How can we change that?

You don't have to be a Centre member to try a Rally, a Caravan Club membership is all that is required. But if you find you have enjoyed your time on a Rally and, like us would like to come back again and again it is free to join the South Essex Centre.

All rallies and socials are different, some quiet & lazy, some Sports orientated, some in a hall, some in a marquee. Some with a theme others without. And you will often find a fancy dress rally in the middle of it all.

We all want the same thing though, to enjoy our Weekend away with friends and family. People that we would not get to spend quality time with if we did not have a Caravan. In glorious sunshine, (we can only hope) somewhere not too far from home, but just far enough away so it feels like a break. Children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles are always welcome. There is no age limit to anything.

So if you have friends, relatives or neighbours with caravans, but they have never tried Rallying before, why not see if they will give it a go. We all know why we come back week after week, let other people know too.

If your friends and family are still unsure and want to pop along to a rally or speak to somebody about what to expect, please pass on any of the Committee members details. These can be found at the front of the 2011 Rally book or they can be emailed through the Website. Sue Maran will gladly contact them if they need more information. If they are interested in a particular rally, please give the marshal a call, they will be pleased to help you decide.

SEE YOU ON THE RALLY FIELD SOON

For Sale

Starcamp Cameo Awning.

Colour blue, size 16 To fit Viscount Ace Jubilee twin axle Caravan. Includes carpet, Tall Annex, Inner Tent, All storm straps & brackets,

New unused cost £800.00, Accept **£500**. ONO

Telephone Sue on **01375 858049 / 07971811050**,

Milenco Insulated Window Covers

To fit Ford Transit van, windscreen and door windows, as new. **£25**

Motor Home Cover Made by Protec

Made to measure to fit Ford Transit Euro Mobile but would fit other makes.

Vehicle size: Length 5.99M, Width: 2.30 M, Height: 2.00M

(Cost £395) Good Condition **£200** or near offer

Contact Keith, Dagenham, Essex **0208 220 8029**

NR Porch Awning

Green, in very good condition. Very little use, complete with curtains, caravan skirts, pegs etc. Photos available on the South Essex Website. **£80**

Contact Leslie Heath at email: leslie.heath@talktalk.net Tel: **01277 626628**

Trio Awning For Sale

Green TRIO 1st class Awning 8 metres ground to ground,
Good Condition. **£30** (Price Reduced)

Contact: Dave Wakeling **01277 811754**

Various Caravan items

New Caravan Sun Canopy boxed size 860cm to 900cm. Will fit 14 to 15 ft Van, **£100** ONO,

Caravan Awning will fit 14 to 15 ft van **£100** ONO, 155R13 Tyres **£10**.

2 Tyrons Fit 13 " Wheels, **£50**. Spare Wheel and Tyre as new 175R13, **£45**.

Wheel lock and Hitch Lock, **£45**. 4 Bolster cushions Beige / Pink As New **£30**.

Contact Frank **07900 895 684**

Dorema Medina Caravan Awning,

Size 875, Colour: Green & Grey. Very good condition and ready for use, **£125** ONO,

Norman & Barbara Cornwell, **01268 735 206, 07776 124 992**