



South Essex Centre

All Members Newsletter No 191, Easter 2011

Dear All

Welcome to the Easter edition of the Newsletter. Time seems to fly and it only seems yesterday that I was writing the Christmas newsletter. The New Year has begun with most of the weekend rallies being full and also some of the holiday rallies. This is excellent news and I thank you all for your continued support.

The Centre held its Annual Dinner Dance at Gilwell Park Conference Centre, Chingford (the home of the Scout Association) for the first time on Saturday 12th March. South Essex has had a long association with this lovely venue. Many years ago New Year rallies were held here regularly. I am reliably informed by our Centre Historian, Mrs Pamela Wakeling that in 1994 a copse of trees was planted at Gilwell Park in memory of Past Chairman. The trees are still in existence and we held flag-pole around them on Sunday morning together with a minute silence in memory of those that are no longer with us. We were privileged to have with us many past chairman and members of the Centre and also other centres and I would particularly



like to mention Megan Wright, who was who was elected South Essex Chairman in 1981 together with her husband Fred, who stopped off on their way home to Spain from a holiday in New Zealand in order to be with us. The dinner dance venue was within walking distance of the rally site and from reports received everyone that attended had a wonderful time. Those of you that did not attend missed a "great evening" in beautiful surroundings. My thanks once again for organising this event go to Paul Maran our Social Secretary ably assisted by his wife Sue.

The National Rally this year is being 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. If you have never attended a National, I would recommend it; it is great fun as it offers a wide range of not only entertainment but also participation from you the members. Why not give it a try and come and participate and/or support your centre.

As you know its South Essex's turn to host the 5 Centres rally this year 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 are available on our website at www.secc-online.org.uk or from any Committee Member. This is our opportunity to win back "The Bell Trophy" for South Essex. The committee are in the process of putting together a programme and if it is your intention to attend, please book in as soon as you can. Nearer the time a programme will be posted out to those that have booked showing the events of the weekend.

Finally, the committee have put together a suggestion form (you can obtain a copy from any committee member or on our website) and if there is something that you would like to discuss/suggest or that you feel the committee should be aware of, please complete the form and hand it to any committee member, signed or anonymous. We will do our very best to address the matter at the next committee meeting and inform you of the outcome. **This is your Centre; we just manage it on your behalf.**

Paul and I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all happy and safe caravanning and look forward to seeing you on a rally very soon.

Best wishes

Nerina

Welcome to the



2011 News Letter

Hi All

I hope you have had a very enjoyable winter, and were still able to attend as many rallies as you would have liked to. With the weather now getting warmer we will hopefully be able to get out & about a bit more.

The Mainly Marshals Rally in January was very well attended. With a delicious meal prepared by Paul & Sue Maran, Trevor & Carol Doore & Alan & Linda Slatford. Well done to the Committee for all of your hard work at this rally.

Our 2011 Rally book is bulging at the seams this year. I am sure there will be something to please everyone. With a variety of rallies both at home and away. From discos to quiet weekends, sporting and fun filled weekends to Dinner Dances.

Holiday Rallies as far as France, The Netherlands & Germany are also running this year. If you would like any details of these rallies please contact the marshals as soon as possible, they can advise you of Ferry Crossings, distance, routes, travelling times & anything else you need to know.

With the return of your favourite Holiday Rallies this year at:

Pedlars Wood—Frinton. Hunstanton—Norfolk Wareham—Dorset

If you would like to see what you missed last year, photos are available on the website.

There are quite a few new SOUTH ESSEX Holiday Rallies to choose from that include

- Wilmcote—Stratford-Upon-Avon Port Lympne— Kent
- Marlow— Bucks Newquay— Cornwall
- Little Baddow — Essex **For our 5 Centres Follow On rally.**
- Saffron Walden—Essex Hayling Island—Hampshire, (see flyer)
- Sandrinham— Norfolk St Ives— Cambridge
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular— Norfolk,

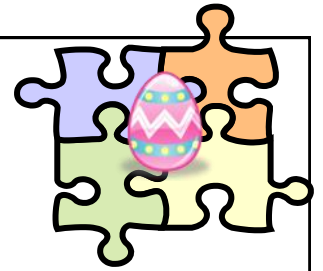
With lots to see and do, we are really spoilt for choice this year. If you would like to attend one of the holiday rallies please contact the marshal as soon as possible, spaces will fill up quickly.

Have a safe and enjoyable spring, Don't let the Easter Bunny get away with all of your eggs.

Janice Price



The Committee, What have we been up to ?



We have monthly meetings where we catch up with South Essex, & Regional Centre activities, good news, moans and groans & future plans.

Apart from the meetings we are out and about on the Rally field helping to improve your rallying experience. Here is a bit of an insight into what some of us have been doing.

NERINA ALDEN, Chairman.

Apart from organising & planning our monthly meetings, Nerina has organised the Mainly Marshals Rally in January. Listening to your ideas at the Rally Marshals Forum on the Saturday afternoon. (Details can be found on pages 8-9 of the Newsletter if you missed it). Nerina & Paul are also planning 'The Peterborough Motor home Show' Rally in April. There are also numerous Flag pole duties to keep Nerina on her toes. Nerina & Paul will always find the time to keep in touch with us all along the way.

DAVE MILLS, Treasurer.

As our new treasurer, Dave has been keeping the South Essex finances up to date. With the increase in VAT this year we all have to be extra vigilant. With the extra bonus of becoming a granddad in January to little Finley. He has been very busy. If you have any concerns with your Rally paperwork, please speak to Dave he will be glad to help.

ALAN LESLIE, Hon Secretary.

Alan's time is spent with plenty of paperwork, emails & phone calls. Alan has to keep up to date with the Caravan Club regarding all aspects of our centre. Alan prints & collates the Newsletter. He also prepares the Minutes for our Committee meetings which can be found on the website a few weeks after the meetings.

SUE MARAN, Assistant Secretary, (Inc New members)

New to this roll, Sue is doing a great job. Sue has been sending out new members packs & contacting new members to make them aware of what the South Essex Centre can offer. Sue is also keeping track of our attendance records, so if you would like to find out how many rallies you have completed please check with Sue.

PAUL MARAN, Social Sec. **ALAN SLATFORD**, Assistant Social Sec.

Paul & Alan have been busy sorting out the menu & entertainment for the Mainly Marshals Rally. As well as cooking it all on the day, (with a bit of help) Paul was also found to be washing up afterwards. Paul will also be checking out Entertainment for our 5 Centres Rally and our 50th Birthday Celebration in August 2012. If you would like entertainment on a rally you are running, please speak to Paul.

PAUL LANGFORD, Rally Sec, **PETER FRIER**, Assistant Rally Sec.

Paul & Peter have been visiting numerous new venues that we may be able to use next year. The 2012 Rally Book is well under way, if you are interested in running a rally next year please speak to them. Peter has managed to collate and distribute all of the Rally Marshals paperwork for the 2011 Rallies. He has also been contacting future advertisers for the 2012 Rally Book. If you would like to advertise either in the Rally Book or the Newsletter please speak to Peter.

If you would like to find out about joining the South Essex Committee, please speak to any of us, we would be only too glad to help.



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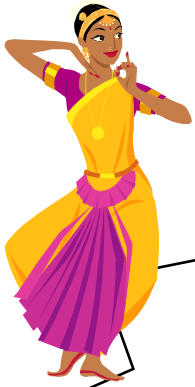
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INDIAN NIGHT OUT

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WILL & PENNY THURSBY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU, YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

TO AN AUTHENTIC INDIAN MEAL AT THE

TANDOORI PARLOUR INDIAN RESTAURANT, HART ROAD, THUNDERSLEY

WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE 2011. AT 7.30PM

THIS PROMISES TO BE A GREAT EVENING OUT WITH GOOD COMPANY, GOOD FOOD AND MAYBE A BIT OF A BOOGIE TO WORK IT ALL OFF AFTERWARDS.

THE MEAL IS AN EAT AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE BUFFET WITH OVER 50 DISHES TO CHOOSE FROM.

ALL FOR £12.00. PER PERSON. THE PRICE INCLUDES A STARTER AND MAIN COURSE.

(DESSERT AND DRINKS ARE CHARGED SEPARATELY) AN ENGLISH MENU IS ALSO AVAILABLE.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A SOUTH ESSEX MEMBER. ALL FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE WELCOME

CONTACT WILL OR PENNY FOR DETAILS.

01702 463014 OR 07708 048746.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE USE OF THE NEW CENTRE BOX TRAILER

I believe some rally packs contain a separate sheet referring to: **The use of the trailer**

It contains incorrect information regarding insurance.

The Paragraph **"MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE INSURED TO COVER DAMAGE TO THE TRAILER AND ANY THIRD PARTY"**,

This should read,

"MAKE SURE THAT YOUR VEHICLE IS INSURED TO COVER ANY THIRD PARTY DAMAGE WHEN TOWING THE TRAILER".

Our trailer is separately insured by the Centre.

Apologies for the oversight.

Paul Langford





50th London To Brighton Bike Ride, 19th June 2011

In aid of THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION.

Will & Ollie Thursby together with Jacquie & Liam Ellis are joining Team Caravan Club in cycling the 54 miles from London to Brighton on 19th of June 2011.

This annual event attracts around 27,000 other bike riders joining them on the 6 hour ride. Our 2011 team includes around 130 riders. This will also include Regional Chairmen, Centre Chairmen, Wardens, Centre Members the Director General, Nick Lomas with his wife Caroline and Club Chairman Grenville Chamberlain joined by his wife Liz.

The team will all be leaving from Clapham Common at around 06.00am with the route taking them down through Sussex towards the coast. They are aiming to arrive in Brighton at around 12.00pm .

The Caravan Club team have raised £42,000 so far. Sponsorship is still coming in, they hope to make it to £45,000. .

This is the first time that Will, Ollie, Jacquie & Liam have entered an event of this scale. The team needs your sponsorship to help them on their way to their grand total.

Please support them.



All For A Bit Of Blarney

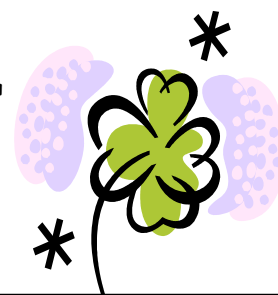
Wonderful weather, fantastic atmosphere, fine company, Irish Dancers, a tasty meal, a boogie to a great disco, a delicious clover shaped cake at Flagpole baked by Pat Harper.

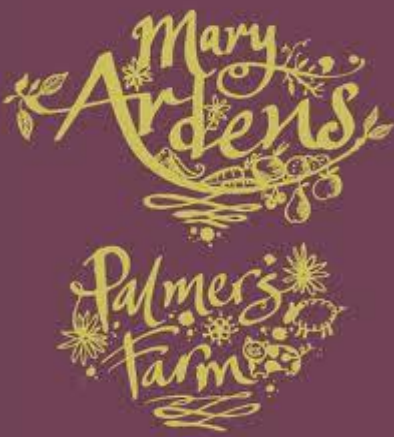
The Marshals & Ralliers made this Rally a weekend to remember. You could not have wished for anything better.

Thanks to the kind donations from South Essex Members, The Irish Dancers raised £180, A huge boost to help them on their way to compete in America this year.

"A huge thank you from the both of us for your kind wishes, thoughts and everyone who helped on the Paddies rally!"

Lynn & Ollie Fitzgerald





'Bonkers to do Wonkers Rally,' Wilmcote. Late May Bank Holiday

"Our Rally "Bonkers to do Wonkers" is in the village of Wilmcote where Mary Arden's house is. The house, once the home of William Shakespeare's mother, is now a countryside museum, devoted to showing country life from Tudor times to the present day. It is also part of the Shakespeare trail and usually has something going on over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Caravan Club members can get 2 for 1 Entry tickets into the house, worth up to £8.50 off the admission price.

All you need is a voucher, which we will print out for you, and most importantly your

Caravan Club Membership Card.

If you are coming to the "Bonkers to do Wonkers" Rally and would like more information or are interested in visiting Mary Arden's House, let us know so that we can print out the voucher for you.

Steve & Irene Volke



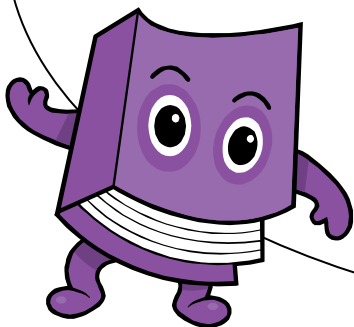
Books, Books, Books,

Chris and Lynn still have plenty of books for sale, all have been kindly donated by our Centre members. Look out for them on the rally field or at Flag pole.

50p for paperbacks, £1 for hard backs, grab 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.

All proceeds will go to the Equipment Fund.



MAINLY MARSHALS RALLY FORUM

Thank you to every one who attended and contributed to the Rally Marshals Forum on Saturday afternoon at the Mainly Marshals Rally. This brought about some discussions on subjects such as:

Arriving early to Rally Venues.

Please see opposite for the outcome.



Saving spaces on Rallies.

Whilst one of our rules is **not** to save spaces, some marshals thought that saving spaces was ok if that is what the ralliers requested. Others thought this caused groups to cut themselves off from the rest of the ralliers. Please do not be offended if marshals have decided not to allow spaces to be saved.

Online Bookings.

Everyone who had experienced the online booking facility so far, either as a marshal or when booking a rally, agreed that the system was working well. Not tried it yet? Still thinking about it? Speak to any marshal that has the facility to find out how it works.

Bringing the booking date forward for Weekend Rallies.

Some marshals could see that this would benefit the Centre, by enabling rallies to fill up earlier. Others could not see that it would make any difference at all. Rallies very rarely fill up in the 1st few days of the opening date. We seem to have a habit of booking later rather than sooner. As members have advised that work permitting, they are unable to book rallies too far in advance, and could still only book maybe 2 weeks in advance, not really being able to take advantage of the early booking dates.

Looking after New Ralliers.

Where ever possible new ralliers should be pitched next to a Committee Member or a Marshal. Committee members should be advised of new ralliers on the Rally as soon as possible. When printing up your envelope contents, if possible please enclose an attendance list with vehicle registration numbers listed.

Our 50th Birthday Celebration

This Rally is to be held on the August Bank Holiday weekend. Put this date in your diary now. If you have any suggestions please let us know.

Distance markers between caravans

There are now coloured ropes in all flag pole bags measuring 8 metres. please use them to mark the correct distance to the next peg.

We hope that a great time was had by all who attended The Mainly marshals Rally in January. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated by everyone in the SOUTH ESSEX CENTRE.

A very big **THANK YOU** to you all for helping to make our Centre what it is today.

Arriving Early



During the forum at the Mainly Marshals rally, rally marshals expressed their concern at the growing numbers of people arriving early on rallies, and it was clear from their comments that they feel very strongly about it.

If you arrive early at a rally without having previously had permission to do so, you put marshals in a very invidious position. For a rally to run smoothly, it is essential that marshals have time to get themselves set up, put rally signs out and if necessary, have a meal or other refreshment (remember theirs is likely going to be a long busy evening!).



As a result of your early arrival, you could be asked to wait to be sited, which can cause severe difficulties particularly at schools where teachers and parents etc are trying to leave the site. In extreme cases you could be asked to leave the site altogether which can be traumatic if you cannot find somewhere to park safely close by.

In these circumstances the weekend does not start well for either you or the marshals. In order to alleviate this situation could we please remind you, (if you don't already know) that unless otherwise advised in the rally book, the starting time for a normal weekend rally is 5.00 p.m and should be strictly adhered to.

We are desperately trying to avoid having to impose more rules for running the Centre, but for the time being, we will be asking marshals to notify us of all early arrivals when submitting their rally paperwork, so that we can monitor the situation and assess the size of this problem. It would be a great pity if we were forced to act against persistent offenders.



So please help us to help you - our marshals are the backbone of the Centre - please show them due consideration by arriving at the allotted time.

Your thoughtfulness will be very much appreciated.

The Committee



The Sports committee would like to wish all of our members a very
Happy Easter.

With The Caravan Club 'National Rally' running over the late May Day Bank Holiday, fast approaching, there is still time to book if you haven't done so all ready.

We are all looking forward to our trip to Sledmere House, East Yorkshire this year. We were very proud of our **Boys Football Team** returning home as National Winners for 2010. Of course we would also like to bring back winning trophies for:

Oldies Football	Lawn Darts	Petanque	Volleyball
Flower Arranging	Fun Run	Children's races.	
Board Darts	Quiz team	Baking	Photography

But even if we don't return as winners it's the fun of taking part and supporting the competitors that is important and the reason why we return year after year.

Our next rally will be the '5 Centres & Chairman's Rally' in July. Hosted by SOUTH ESSEX, Competing against North Essex, Mid Anglia, Suffolk & Norfolk for THE BELL Trophy. We hope to see many old and new friends attending this event to support South Essex Centre, and enjoying the weekend at the same time.

Lets bring 'THE BELL' back to SOUTH ESSEX.

Never attended a National Rally or 5 Centres Rally before ? If you would like to know more, then please come and see us, we would be glad to fill in the gaps.

If you would like to represent South Essex at either event please fill in the slip opposite ASAP and pass to a Sports Committee member.

We hope to see you out on the Rally Field soon

Happy Rallying one & all

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





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 & Chairman's Rally

Runwell Sports and Social Club

Runwell Chase

Wickford

Essex SS11 7QA

15th-17th July 2011

Lets bring 'The Bell' Trophy back to South Essex for 2011. With a full weekend programme of centre sports including Lawn Darts, Boule, Netball, Football, Volleyball, Darts & Tug of War. If you are not feeling sporty you could always enter the Photographic, baking, or flower arranging competitions. Children's entertainment on Saturday afternoon, with Live entertainment Saturday evening. Food will be available all weekend.

All drinks are to be purchased from the bar.

See the special Booking slip inside your Rally Book or speak to a Committee member.

Post dated Cheques for 1st June 2011 will be accepted. Cost per outfit is £32.00.

Slips & cheques MUST be sent together to:

David Mills, 6 The Fairway, South Benfleet, Essex, SS7 4LB

If you would like to represent South Essex in any of the events, please make sure you pass the slip below to any Sports Committee member ASAP.

NAMES FOR SPORTING EVENTS, 5 Centres & The National

NAME

EVENT

AGE

Cut out the slip and give to any Sports Committee Member





Hello All

Spring is finally here, the daffodils are out, the weather is getting warmer and Easter is just around the corner - in other words chocolate is on its way! We hope everyone has a lovely Easter and the Easter Bunny brings you lots of yummy chocolate eggs.

A message to all children who want to have fun—Come to our 'Lazy Days of Summer' Junior Rally on 17th—19th of June at Brookfields, Ongar. We are planning a fun packed weekend for all the family.

For big kids and little kids please visit our tuck shop which will be coming to a Rally Field near you soon. All proceeds will support our chosen Charity for 2011 'The Dream Factory' which is based in Loughton, Essex.

'The Dream Factory' aims to brighten the lives and encourage hope for children and young people who have life limiting conditions.

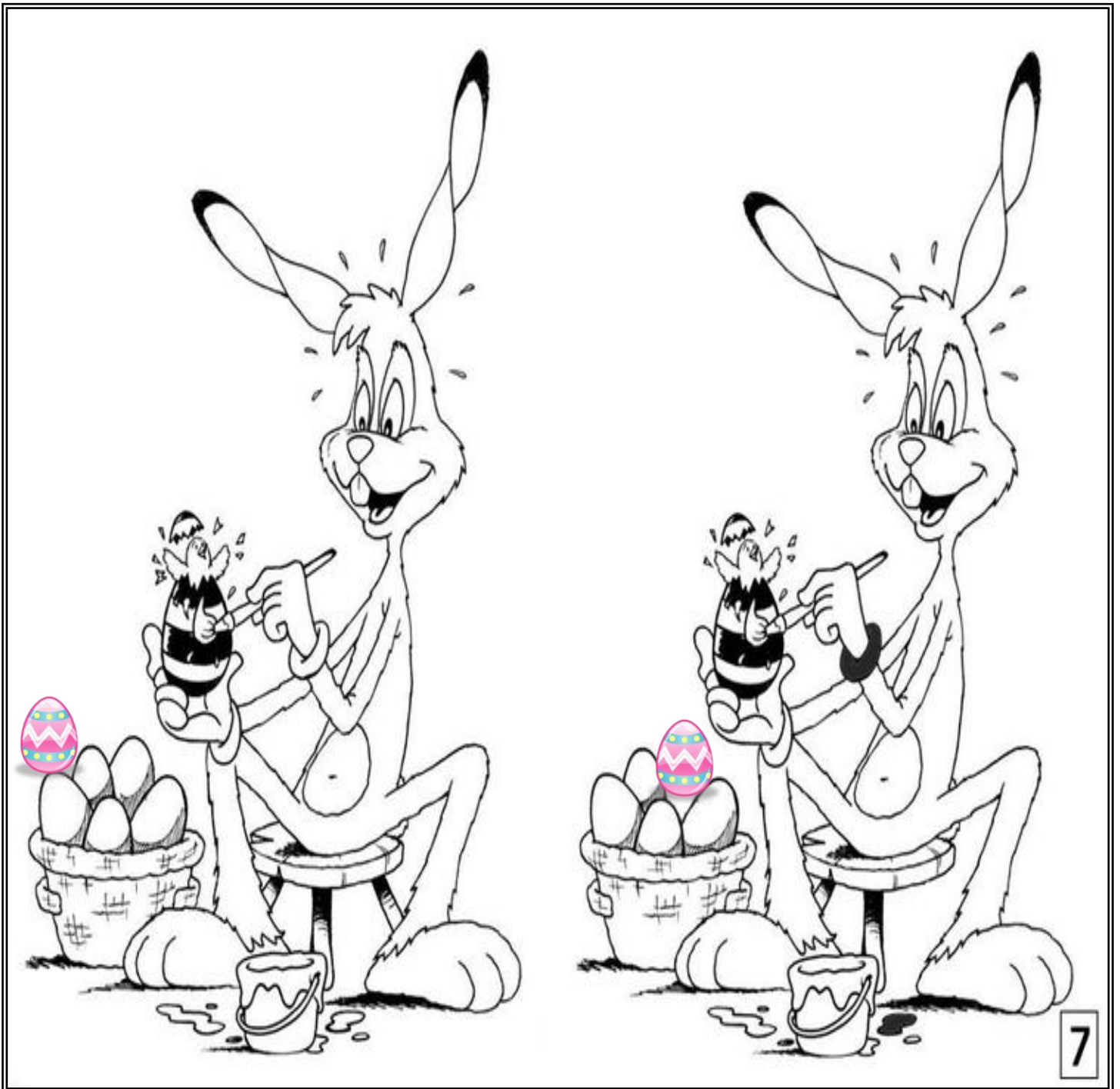


Happy Rallying

Tom King



SPOT THE EASTER DIFFERENCE



How many did you spot?

How many Easter Eggs like this one



did you manage to spot in this edition of the Newsletter?



***BABY NEWS, BABY NEWS,
Congratulations to you all***



A new Grandson

Marion and Dave Mills became a very proud Nanny and Granddad on 7th January 2011. Baby **Finley** was born to proud parents Michael & Dannielle. Weighing 5lb 6 oz.



2 new Grandsons

Alan & Linda Slatford are pleased to announce the early arrival of their twin Grandsons, Ethan & Connor, weighing in at 3lb & 2lb 15oz respectively. Born unexpectedly on 28th of January 2011 to proud parents Paul and Alex. Mum and babies are doing well and are now home



A new Grandson

Congratulations to Pete & Annie Guidotti on the birth of their Grandson Jack on 9th of February.

Weighing in at a healthy 7lb 5oz. Cousin to baby Penny born 18th August 2010.



A new Grandson

Jean and John Weller would like to announce the arrival of there new Grandson, Oliver Terry Simmons, on 9 February 2011 weighing in at 6lb 10oz.



Julie Tanner

Will be Celebrating on
21st April.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Love Dave, Terry &
Joanne XXX

Shirley Bunce

Will be celebrating a
Birthday on 22nd April.

Love and Best wishes
Stan & Sam XXX

Ryan Price

Will be **16**

on 26th of April.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Love Mum, Dad, Leigh
-Anne & Ashlee xx

Pauline Frier

Will be celebrating her
Birthday on 27th April.

Love and Best wishes
Mum, Dad, Georgina &
Rebekah XXX

Lisa White

Will be celebrating on
20th May

Happy Birthday
Love Mark & Charlotte
XXX

Nerina Alden

Will be celebrating a
Birthday on 25th May

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Love Paul & all of your
Family & friends XXX

Rhianna Porter

Will be **16**

on 2nd June

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Mum, Dad, Lee,
Michael, Dannii & Baby
Finley XXX

Peter Kain

Will be celebrating his
Birthday on 7th June.

Best wishes
Lynn, Scott &
Emma XXX

Graham Thursby

Will be celebrating his
16th Birthday on
11th June.

Congratulations,
Mum, Dad & Ollie
XXX

Rebekah Molden

Will be celebrating her
15th Birthday on
25th June.

Happy Birthday
Mum, Georgina, Nan &
Granddad. XXX

Penny Thursby

Will be celebrating her
Birthday on
2nd July

Happy Birthday
Will, Ollie & Graham
XXX

Dave Mills

Will be celebrating his
Birthday on
7th July.

Happy Birthday
Marion, Michael,
Rhianna & Finley XXX



MIGHTY OAKS FROM LITTLE ACORNS GROW



From 1951 to 1961 our Centre was part of The Essex Centre of The Caravan Club with an emblem depicting an oak tree.

In 1961 some of the Essex Centre members, mainly living in the northern half of the county, felt that rallies were becoming too large and the time had come to form a new Centre. Hence the following proposition was submitted to the Executive Committee of the Caravan Club in April 1961.

PROPOSED NORTH ESSEX CENTRE

- 1 The fixture list of the Essex Centre is understandably drawn up each year with the wishes of the majority of its 713 members in mind the bulk of whom reside in Metropolitan Essex. Consequently there is a majority of functions in the south-west corner of Essex.
- 2 There is nevertheless a sizeable minority of the present Centre which would prefer not only more than the present quota of rural fixtures in other parts of the County but indeed a complete fixture list in that area each year.
- 3 It is appreciated that the Essex coastline should not be the domain of any one part of the Essex Centre should it be divided in any way.
- 4 A number of members resident in north east Essex attach themselves to the Eastern Counties Centre because they will not tow towards London.
- 5 It is appreciated that the bulk of members of the present Essex Centre would vote against any proposal to divide the Centre for the very good reason that the wishes of this majority are well catered for.
- 6 After considerable thought it appears to us that the best way to meet the position described is to divide the Essex centre with a line drawn from the coast at Maldon to Chelmsford, Dunmow and Bps Stortford, the North Essex Centre to take in the towns of Maldon, Chelmsford and Dunmow.
- 7 Having set out the position as we see it however, we, the undersigned members residing in the above area, would ask the Executive Committee under bye-law 7(c) to consider the formation of a new Centre in this area to be called the North Essex Centre and to call a meeting of members in this area with a view to forming such a Centre,

The Essex Centre Committee was called to a meeting:

Dear Committee Member,

A proposal has been submitted to the Executive Committee and we as representing the present Essex Centre are asked to submit our views to the Executive by April 22nd. In order to collate this view I shall be glad if you will give the above your thought and have your views ready for a Committee Meeting which it is proposed to hold on THURSDAY 13th APRIL 1961 at the SPENSERS ARMS, Ardleigh Green Road, HORNCHURCH commencing at 8.30 p.m.

Your attendance will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
L.A.LITTLECHILD.Hon.Secretary
Essex Centre
38 Hillcrest Road
Walthamstow, E.17

As a result, following the 11th A.G.M. of the Essex Centre held on 15th October 1961 at the Broadway Café, Shenfield, the new Centres of North and South Essex were formed, The membership of approximately 700, opted to divide 200 North and 500 South.

Hope you enjoy these snippets of History. Look in future Newsletters to read more interesting articles on our past or log on to www.secc-online.org.uk and go to the history pages.

Pam Wakeling



The Chigwell Riding Trust for Special Needs,
(Formally the Pony Riding for the Disabled Trust)



Sadly, our pony Jake has recently passed away so I thought you may be interested in our association with The Trust.

A Brief History of The Trust formed in 1958 as 'Pony Riding for Paralysis' this name was changed to 'Pony Riding for the Disabled Trust' in 1960. In November 1958 the first polio patients were brought from St. Margaret's Hospital, Epping and the first riding lesson took place. News of this new venture spread quickly and very soon St. Thomas's Hospital, London was sending patients to the school. Children from other special schools soon followed.

As demand for riding lessons grew it became necessary to establish a purpose built centre. The Trust was offered the present site in Chigwell and the building of the centre was completed in 1964. In 1998 the new indoor school and brick built stables were opened by HRH The Princess Royal. In 2000 the Trust entered the new millennium with a new name, 'Chigwell Riding Trust for Special Needs'.

The Trust not only benefits people with special needs but also the entire community, giving opportunities for volunteering, school participation and practical experience for children and adults working with people and animals. The riding centre has approximately 160 riders each week. The Trust caters for all disabilities, adult & child not just disabled but people with sensor & mental problems.

They are not just taken for a ride they are taught to ride and care for the horse. They also compete in various competitions and one of the riders has competed at the Paralympics.

Chigwell Riding Trust receives no state aid whatsoever and all funds have to be raised by themselves. An organization such as this is wholly dependant on the good will of the community. Without it Chigwell Riding Trust would not be here.

Our Centre's involvement The Trust



June 2006 South Essex Children with Jake.



June 1967 Wally Hart (Chairman South Essex) presents "Rallymore" to Pony Riding for the Disabled at Grange

Since 1967 we have purchased 4 ponies for the Trust. The first being "Rallymore" followed by "Rallymore 11" then "Dyna" – and lastly "Jake". He stood 15.1hh and was a skewbald. In his prime he was used for dressage, he was 20 when he died.

As well as providing the Trust with four ponies we also purchased a Horse Trailer and have regularly given donations for the provision of bedding and food.

Many Centre members have visited the Trust and all agree it is a tear jerking experience. To see a child placed on a horse by means of a hoist then watch that same child ride through a field totally unaided – wonderful. Let's hope we can continue our good work.

Pam Wakeling



Southend Hospital Charity

Dear South Essex Members

Donation received in support of the Stroke Unit at Southend University Hospital

Please accept and convey to your members our thanks for your generous donation of £1,665. It was a lovely gesture and I will notify the stroke unit staff of your thoughtfulness.

By supporting the team at Southend you are helping to ensure that patients receive the best and most modern treatment, that their stay is as comfortable as possible and the nursing staff have the best working facilities to enable them to continue to provide first class patient care.

On behalf of the patients who will benefit, thank you once again for your support.

Yours Sincerely

Lucy Thomas-Clayton

Associate Director of Fundraising

New Venues required

If you know of a possible venue that we could use for future rallies please speak to Paul Langford or Peter Frier they will check it out and who knows we may be rallying there next year.



Rally Achievements 2011



South Essex members received the following Rally Plaques and certificates this year

Mark & Lisa White 200 Rallies

Lance & Lorraine Applin 300 Rallies,

Alan Applin & Daph Salmon 400 Rallies,

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



2012 Rally Programme

If you are thinking of running a Rally in 2012, please speak to our new Rally Secretary Paul Langford as soon as you can.



The 2012 Rally programme is filling up quickly.

Need assistants? Need a venue?

There are dates, venues & plenty of South Essex Members, Ready, Willing & Able to help out.

Paul may be able to advise of a venue you had never even thought of using.

Run a Rally this year? Want to run it again next year?

You must speak to Paul & let him know. Don't leave it until

"The Programme Presentation " in September.

**Please remember to complete & return your planning sheets
as soon as possible.**

Don't be shy, contact Paul before it is too late.



**Christmas Extravaganza,
24th—27th December 2011
Village Hall, Great Saling, Essex, CM7 5DW**



Not sure what to do for Christmas this year?
Thinking of booking on a Christmas Rally?

The Christmas Extravaganza
is the Rally for you.

A Full programme of Christmas Cheer, Christmas Spirit,
food & Live Entertainment.

Contact Lorraine & Lance Applin for full details.

18 Glebe End, Elsenham, Bishop Stortford, Herts,
CM22 6EL, Tel: 01279 816 145

Please send a £25 (Non returnable deposit) with your booking slip.

Cheques to be made payable to
CARAVAN CLUB, SOUTH ESSEX CENTRE

Spaces are limited
Book early to avoid disappointment



A Name for your Newsletter

Would you like your Newsletter to have a name?

What would you like it to be?

Would you like to suggest the new name?

Suggestions can be added via the link on the South Essex Website or can be given to any committee member who will pass them on to me until 31st of May 2011. After this time you will be able to vote on the one you prefer.

The winning name will be on the front cover of the next Newsletter, this will be published in time for the '5 Centres & Chairman's' Rally in July.

There will be a prize for the winning suggestion.

Catch me on the Rally Field or at Flag pole to give me your suggestions.

You can always email me

janiceprice1@hotmail.co.uk

Janice Price



Spring checks before venturing out

Now that the winter is over, the evenings are getting lighter & the days are getting warmer, there are some very important points to remember before you venture out on the road with your Caravan.

Have your caravan tyres been left uncovered and in the same position over the winter? This could lead to problems such as under inflation or sidewall cracking. Both which can cause your tyres to fail whilst driving. Having an accident whilst towing can be extremely dangerous for you and the road users around you.

The check list below should help advise you of what to look out for

- Check the manufacturing dates of your caravan tyres. If they are over five years old consider replacing them.
- Inspect your caravan tyres for cuts, sidewall cracking or imbedded objects. This includes the inner sidewalls.
- Check the pressures of all your caravan tyres, including the spare.
- Check the pressure of the tyres of the towing vehicle. Some vehicle manufacturers specify slightly high rear tyre pressures when towing.
- Check the tread depths. If this is less than 3mm consider replacing, particularly if you are planning a long trip.
- Check caravan wheel bolt tightness with a torque wrench.
- Check jack operation. Most jacks benefit from a drop of oil on the screw mechanism. As caravans are frequently parked off road, have a suitable piece of board available to prevent the jack from sinking into soft ground.

There have been reports from a South Essex member who had been advised that at the time of taking their Caravan for its yearly Service, the tyres of his 3 year old Caravan have already distorted. To check if your tyres have distorted, you will have to jack up the side of your caravan, spin the wheels to make sure they turn freely and do not wobble.

More information on tyre safety can be found at www.tyresafe.org

A warning before the winter sets in

New rules have come into force in Germany regarding the use of WINTER TYRES in icy or snowy conditions. It is now legal requirement for your vehicle to have winter tyres which must be marked with M+S and have a tread depth of at least 4mm. Snow chains are no longer regarded as an alternative, Anyone caught driving in snow or ice without winter tyres will risk a hefty fine.

For Sale



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:

leslie.heath@talktalk.net Tel: 01277 62662

Suncamp Cardinal Awning

Size 12. 925—950. Colour Blue, Only used twice.

Light poles, curtains & instructions

Matching Bedroom Annex, never used, still in the box

£250

Contact Janice & Clint Price, 01708 347729 janiceprice1@hotmail.co.uk (Romford)

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**

Ladies Universal Mountain Bike,

Lilac colour. 26 inch wheels. with lights.

Good condition

Price **£45.**

Bike rack that fits onto the tow bar

Holds up to 3 bikes, only used once **£35**

Contact: Alan Mildren alan.mildren1@btinternet.com 01255 677449

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Porch Awning, Maroon & Grey, with poles and Curtains

£30-00 or any near offer

Awning Inner Tent, hardly ever used.

Brown & yellow Waterproof base **£15.00** or ANY NEAR OFFER

Contact: Peter Moore, 01708 761 679, or email: global48@talktalk.net

Various Caravan items

New set caravan fitted carpets for Sprite Europa 450ES **£40**
Caravan Awning will fit 14 to 15 ft van **£100 ONO**,
Spare Wheel and Tyre as new 175R13, **£45**.
Wheel lock **£25**.
4 Bolster cushions Beige / Pink As New **£30**.
Contact Frank 07900 895 684 (Collier Row)

Dorema Medina Caravan Awning,

Size 895, Colour: Green & Grey. Very good condition and ready for use, **£125 ONO**,
Norman & Barbara Cornwell, 01268 735 206, 07776 124 992

CANON SLR T80 CAMERA BODY

Complete with two Auto Focus lenses 35/70mm and 75/200mm Price **£50.00**

COSINA SLR CAMERA BODY

Complete with 35/70mm Macro Lens Price **£25.00**

CHINON Lens 35/45 Auto "K" Mount Price £35.00

CHINON Lens 135mm Auto "K" Mount Price £40.00

PRINZFLEX 2X Converter "K" Mount Price £15.00

CANON SPEEDLITE 277T Flash Gun Price £35.00

Contact: d.davison@talktalk.net 07960 197 055

Generators for sale

Wolf Power WP1050 generator, as new. **£120**

Honda EX500 Generator **£100**

Collect from Rayleigh.

Contact: john.taubert@yahoo.com / 01268 770011

Various Crockery items for sale

73 White tea cups, various patterns (no saucers)

34 plates 6 "assorted patterns & colours

70 Green Dinner plates, 10"

£20 Or any offer

Contact Kevin Higgins 01708 721 249, 07711 368 271

2011 Rally Book Amendments

Spalding Flower Show Rally 29th April—2nd May

Address: Ivan & Nikki Cottingham, 6 Browns Drove, Swineshead, **BOSTON**, PE20 3PX

Goodhall Gathering Rally 28th April - 2nd May,

This Rally is now full, there is a waiting list for this rally.

Scrum on Down 31st May 5th June

This rally is now accepting online bookings.

Lower Tye Farm Caravan Park, Hayling Island, Hants. 4th—11th June,

An extra Holiday Rally not in the Rally Book. See the separate flier. Contact the Marshals are John & Maria Carson

5 Centres & Chairman's Rally 15th-17th July,

Correct address should be Runwell Chase, Wickford, Essex, **SS11 7QA**

Pedlers Wood 23rd—30th July

Marshals address should be **52** Lucas Avenue, Chelmsford, Essex

Last Night of Audley End Proms, Rally. 27th July—1st August

The email address for Bob Leishman should say: robert.leishman@ntlworld.com

Hop Festival, East Kent Invite 2nd -4th September

Postcode for Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Faversham. Should say **ME13 7BQ**

Address for Marshal is : J Forrest, 1 Tufa Close, Walderslade, Chatham, Kent, ME5 9LU

AGM Rally 30th September—2nd October

Marshals are: Ian & Linda Carter, 322 Bournemouth Park Road, Southend, Essex, SS2 5ly

Christmas Party Night 2nd—4th December

Marshals address should be **52** Lucas Avenue, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 9JN.

Let's Celebrate Rally 17th December—2nd January

Aubrey Thomas does **not** want online bookings for this Rally, please post all Rally slips.

Please remember to amend your Rally Book.
All amendments can be found on the SECC website.