



# East Kent Centre

## MAGAZINE

### From the Chair

With winter fast approaching, I hope you can all look back on the summer with fond memories.

I know that both Sandra and myself have enjoyed the summer and now look forward to our winter rallies.

I feel very proud to be the East Kent Centre Chairperson, and hope that I can uphold the values of our great Centre.

Taking over the position of Chairperson is tinged with sadness as we have to say goodbye to John Forrest who served the Centre for 14 years. John served the Centre as sports officer and Treasurer before becoming our Vice, and then Chairman.

It has been said that through John's period as Treasurer he helped put our centre on a good financial footing, to this end we thank you. I hope you enjoy your retirement from committee activities. But John and Pearl don't go too far because your experience might still be needed.

This year's committee sees the arrival of Terry McDonald and John Allen. We welcome both of you and look forward to your input in the running of the Centre.

This year also sees the return of Darren Burch and Carol Williams. We hope you will enjoy your return to committee activities.



Chairman Derek & Sandra Horman

But to all the committee, I look forward to us having a successful and enjoyable year of Family Friendly Fun.

Congratulations to Jordan Oliver and his new Youth Committee. I hope that the year is successful and again I know that your desire for the year is for the Youth of East Kent to have fun on the rallies. I hope you achieve this goal.

John's farewell rally was a great start to the new rally year. We had free food and drinks supplied by John and Pearl. We also danced the night away to our almost resident DJ Les with Time Warp FM.

John's farewell rally was a baptism of fire for my first flagpole as Chairperson. In the front row sat 4 past Chairman, all scrutinizing my every move.

I thought the Marx Brothers had arrived. But everything went well and all the Chairman offered me support and advice. To which I thank them all.

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Our next rally was the half term at Kings Lynn in Norfolk. Our marshals were Darren & Cheryl Charnock, assisted by Gary & Nikki Fisher.

They certainly laid on a week of variety with a trip to the circus and a couple of walks along the beach. Plus some good nights of entertainment, we had a great week. Oh and the weather wasn't bad either.

Bonfire weekend soon arrived. What a great weekend it was, good food on Friday evening. chocolate apples on Saturday afternoon. With three guys made by different groups of children, it certainly made for a difficult job for our judges.

Oh and I mustn't forget the guy made by our biggest kids Peter & Sue Smith. We eventually got the fire going and the heat certainly kept me warm.

Then the fireworks started. It really was a great show, and certainly something that is worth doing again. But with the cost of fireworks we need more vans to attend the rally. So if the first 3 rallies are anything to go by then we look set for a fun year.

And finally Terry has made the suggestion box, and it will be available from the Xmas Dance. If you want to make any suggestions then slips are available or just write your comments on a piece of paper. If you put your name on the slip, then you will receive a reply from the committee.

So on behalf of the Committee and our partners have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year and I hope to see you on a Rally field soon.

*Derek*

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### **Editorial**

It's now a new regime in the Centre with our new Chairman Derek Horman, and as always supported by his lovely wife Sandra.



I should like to say a big thank you to John Forrest who has been a tower of strength and a great support to me since I took over the Magazine from Becky, do enjoy your retirement John. A big welcome to Derek then, who I know will continue to support me in my efforts as did John.

From the many comments I have had from members, you have appreciated the Magazine. It is also good to know that you are not afraid to comment on issues which affect you.

Mary Stockwell very kindly pointed out that she found the Magazine was difficult to read on line due to the two columns. I was pleased to get this information as it hadn't occurred to me that that was a problem as the magazine had been designed to be downloaded printed and then read. Of course I read it on screen when putting it together but that of course is a different matter as I am not reading the content as such.

I have investigated this problem and checked how Becky had formatted the magazine and found that she had used a three column format! I wonder if anyone told her that that was even more difficult to read on line!

I have decided to see how easy it will be to provide an online version with one column once this issue has been completed. So you might have the choice of downloading the two-column version or reading the one column online if it's not too difficult to achieve.

After having spent many years on Minnis Bay Sailing Club committee in various roles joining the committee is something I said I wouldn't do when I first joined EKC. However you only get out of an organisation what you put into it. So although I was happy editing the Magazine and doing odd jobs it didn't seem right to just turn up to Rally after Rally and not put a lot else in, so here I am back on a committee.

Whilst the last Magazine was very well received I cannot take credit for that. It was down to you the members who have sent in articles and photographs, which obviously hit the spot, indeed this issue is even bigger than the last.

I am grateful to all those who have contributed to this issue especially April Lambourne one of our new members, welcome April and thank you, I hope your ankle is now back to normal.

Well done everyone, keep it up for without your input we just don't have a magazine, please send your copy to [terrymcdonald@eastkentcentre.co.uk](mailto:terrymcdonald@eastkentcentre.co.uk) next copy date is March 1st 2012.

**Terry**

## Team Jamaica

Many thanks to East Kent for a great weekend. We all enjoyed ourselves and were made very welcome – as usual.



*Team Jamaica.*

*Editor's comment: I was acting as Starter on Soapbox Derby and what a fun team these Guys were. In their Toboggan style soapbox they had us in fits of laughter at the top of the hill as they pushed off giving the chant from the film "Cool Running". Just look at their faces did they enjoy themselves or what. You can join us anytime!*

## John and Pearl's Thank You Rally

John's reign as Chairman came to an end at the AGM after some considerable years service on the committee. His Thank You rally on the 7th to 9th October came just one week after the AGM and was held at Spires Academy at Hersden, Sturry.

We were treated to a three-course meal, starting with soup, followed by jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings, followed by fruit salad. Not only that, there was wine and beer supplied as well: As always John and Pearl turned up trumps and gave us all a lovely evening.

We then danced away the rest of the evening but not before our new Chairman Derek presented Pearl with a large bouquet of flowers and John with a bottle of Whiskey albeit a miniature, all delivered with a great deal of "Horman Humour" which had us all in stitches. Thanks to John and Pearl who gave us a wonderful Chairman's Farewell Rally

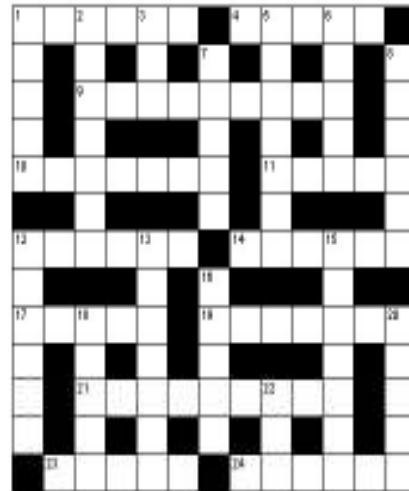
**Terry & Margaret McDonald**

## The Puzzle Page

### Sudoku Puzzle

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	3		6				7	
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### The Crossword



#### Across

- Bank employee, who can say (6)
- Balance found in musical term (5)
- Crumbling old places fall down (9)
- Not as old as that confused Reno guy (7)
- Plenty of land in tarmac resort (5)
- Opposed to poetry (6)
- Purloins duck between beginning and end of shifts (6)
- Last letter in some game (5)
- Telegrams come taken duress (7)
- Alter code when moved (9)
- One of the Eazps, sounds interrogative at first (5)
- Shuffle a paper then come into view (6)

#### Down

- Sum up tall youth, essentially (5)
- Let cure become a lesson (7)
- Find a fish in a wee lake (3)
- Begins tantum in a moment (7)
- Palindrome instrument (5)
- Found in large scale drama crowd (5)
- Hesitates to use spa turbulence (6)
- Committee on a ship (6)
- Evidence of injury, allow for redness (7)
- Ebriety a river crossing (7)
- Serenity, sounds like part of something greater (5)
- Nobleman with ponytail is before his time (5)
- Grasp earnest weapon, essentially (5)
- High point found in octopus (3)

## The Adventures of Duke

Hi Kids what a thrill we all had at the Swanley Soap Box Derby, watching the brave contestants make their way down the long winding track to the finishing line! Not every driver made it all the way, some overturned, but no one was badly hurt!



I met my best teddy friend, Todd, there and we



*Duke in one of his new suits with his Pal Todd*

shouted and egged on all those taking part, young and old alike and some very fast times were recorded and the winners were rewarded with a prize.

On the 2nd of September we went off to a rally with a difference, it was in France, at Chef Butonne, at a lovely friendly rural site. The whole fortnight was packed with things to do, Boule competitions, BBQ's, scrummy meals at the Restaurant, even a pyjama party!

We had a punt out at Little Venice and the more courageous of us went canoeing at the rapids nearby. A French Baker came daily with traditional french bread sticks, croissants, and pain au chocolat, all in time for our breakfast.

I made friends with some friendly rat like creatures called "Ragadans" or "Coypu" who lived in the stream, which was at the rear of our caravan and we fed them any left overs. Dastardly Dad Mal brought



his Rats who were not at all friendly and I had to get my own back on them for all the dirty tricks they played on me. I hung them up in the awning out of harms way with a note, hoping Dad Mal would not spot them and not bring them back into the van but no such luck! We were sad to leave as we had had such a terrific time, but being with EKC we knew we had many rallies to enjoy nearer home so we said "Au Revoir" to our hosts and hit the road back to Kent.

In October I took my place at the front of the stage at the AGM, I looked very smart in my new black suit, did you see me there? I saw John hand over his chain of office to our newly elected chairman Derek. At the meeting drinks and biscuits were handed out and the evening finished with music and dancing.

For half term we were rallying in Norfolk at Kings Lynn. The weather was sunny and bright so we were able to sit outside or visit local attractions during the day. Every night was a fun night with quizzes, games and music.

Bonfire night went off with a bang! Fireworks lit up the sky above us and we were kept warm by a huge bonfire which crackled and burnt for hours. There were four wonderful guys made by members all of which deserved a prize. Roasted chestnuts were handed out free of charge and burgers, hotdogs, chips and soup were available at a modest price. Then it was back to the Party Tent for a nightcap and a chat with our friends.

See you at the Christmas Party

*Duke*

## Recipe Section

### Shortbread by

*Ricky Bailey*

**Ingredient's** 100g plain flour  
75g Butter  
25g sugar  
Sugar for dusting

Cream butter and sugar, Add flour  
Roll like you would for pastry- as thin as you want  
Cut with a pastry cutter  
Cook at 170c 5 mins. Don't let it brown.

## Southern Centres

The Stig won the adult fancy dress competition at Southern Centres, however he was the only entrant! He also made a "surprise" appearance at the closing ceremony with a note to ask if he was too late for the reversing competition.

Darren read it out and it caused a few smiles! East Kent did quite well in the sports and handicraft competitions, winning the bat and trap, Hagar's chess, cribbage, and I think darts, and Keith won the reversing competition.

We also got firsts for crochet, knitting, children's baking, and children's garden on a plate and children's drawing. Seconds for adult cake baking and children's baking. I think Jake won a couple of the children's running races. Holly got first for children's fancy dress - again only two entries. There may be others I have forgotten. No doubt we will hear all about them at the AGM.

*Sue Smith*

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## The Golden Envelope

The Golden Envelope is a new fund raiser for the Centre.

You may buy as many tickets as you wish at £1 each! The Number of tickets bought dictates the size of the Pot.

Each "Draw Date" with the estimated amount of "Prize Money" will be announced in advance.

If one of your tickets is drawn then you get to choose one of ten envelopes, one of which will be the Pot Winner. If you don't pick the winning envelope you will get £20!

You don't have to be at the draw but your Ticket MUST be, in a friends hands! If the winning envelope is not picked then the Pot in it will be carried over to the next draw for which you will need to buy new tickets.

So the Pot potentially can grow to huge proportions if the winning envelope is not picked! A percentage of the takings will go towards "Centre Funds".

**THE FIRST DRAW WILL BE AT  
NEW YEARS EVE.**

*Get your Tickets from our Charities Officer  
John Allen*

## Email to the Editor—Southern Centres

I've just returned from the Southern Centres rally today and thought I would drop you an E-mail to say Keith Killick won the reversing competition over the weekend coming 1st, I believe he did it in 55 seconds. I thought you might like this for your next newsletter.

*Andy Pizer*



Keith Killick with the Trailer used for the Competition



Keith Killick on the way to Winning

## Port Lymne Zoo

Sue and I were asked by Keith and Eileen Killick if we would be their Assistant Marshals for this rally. This was a new experience for us as we were asked to arrange the social events.

Sue Smith had already been asked to collect a number of toy animals by Shelly Whitton, who's rally this was originally. Sue (Hancock) elaborated upon Shelly's original idea of a treasure hunt in the field involving all the children (helped by their parents).

This culminated in the final clue being a human bird hiding in the party tent (for those of you who don't know Sue is a Brown Owl in the Brownies).



Sue Hancock as Brown Owl

In the evening we had a quiz based on animals in which we had to have a draw break in which two of our finest caravanners had to imitate a gorilla.

Overall a rally which I hope was enjoyed by all, especially as we were given reduced admission to the Zoo Park over the weekend.

## *Mick Hancock*



Vehicle Inspection Mal Testing Dave's Brakes

## Swanley Soap Box Derby

When I was a kid, the best toy you could have would be a street trolley. We went to the greengrocers for a wooden orange box, scrounged a plank of wood, four wheels and you were off.

There were no such things as buggies with small wheels; it was all prams and pushchairs with big spoke wheels. The best were Pedigree or Swallow prams. They had ball bearings in the hubs. So with a rusty saw and hammer, I would set to work.

Reading East Kent Rally Book – 'Soap Box Derby' – is that the same as a street trolley? But no greengrocers anymore, no good going to Tesco or Asda, no Swallow or Pedigree prams. Next thing I read in our local newspaper .....

"Building site come to a standstill, four labourers' wheelbarrows lose their wheels."

I got mine from a car boot sale.

Same newspaper, different page.....

"Old lady goes into the Co-op to do her shopping, when she comes out her electric buggy is up on bricks and the wheels are missing."

I got mine from a car boot sale.

A school in Swanley was the setting for the rally. On Race Day, Terry - now you would recognize him, big bloke walks with a limp – he took us into the big tent and told us the rules and what to wear, helmets, gloves, thick coat and suchlike.



The track started at the top of the hill, in the woods, it was a worn out potholed tarmac path. One chap

bent his rear axle in a practice run. He made an emergency repair and entered the main event, but his trolley, sorry soapbox, should have gone to



Biggin Hill. It was more likely to fly than roll. It had more wings and fins than a jumbo jet, but the back axle let him down.

And Dave, he nicked two council wheelie bins, cut



them up to make his machine. I've been on to the council to see if there is a reward for reporting missing wheelie bins.

A slow run down, but another crasher, the Cool



Running Jamaica bob sleigh team designed to carry three, driven by Steve, my son-in-law. First bend he hit the bank, turned it over, catapulted Georgia out, jammed Kaye's leg inside. Now she walks like Big Terry, with a limp. Anyway they remounted and made the finish line.

Now Terry, you know – walks with a limp – he built a cross between a soap box and a Mercedes. Steering wheel, car seat, foot brake, safety harness

and bonnet. A real posh job. A couple of adults came down very successfully, but mostly he let the younger kids use it. Their faces coming down were a real picture. Nice one Tel. (Ed's Note SAAB wheel and seat)



Then there was a cart called 'Death Trap' built by Pete, a bit flash but a nice bloke. Now he has got loads of kids who he kept bunging in Death Trap. Down the hill they came, crashing and flying out all over the place. I was beginning to wonder – well you know – Death Trap!!!



But his kids are not daft, 'come on Dad, your turn'. Now the old amber nectar [Fosters] by now was taking effect, Pete came down sideways, backwards and upside down. Nice one kids.

Now these young bucks had to be taught a lesson.



Terry was so fast he was just a blur

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# Sellindge Bonfire Night



Chocolate Apple Time



Aunty Margaret getting into the Chocolate



Nothing Like a Chocolate Apple Jake



**Extreme Left**  
The winners with their Guy – Many hands make light work!

Sue Smith with her Guy which shows what she thinks of our PM

# In Picture Format



Above – The Tuck Shop was available all Weekend



Above – The Kitchen and Staff hard at work



The Fireworks themselves a “**Fantastic Display**” lasting around 20 minutes



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I had built a little whizzer. I managed to get some electric buggy wheels. I came down that hill like a bat out of hell, record time – my bit of Glory.

Steve asked if he could have a go, my answer should have been no. He beat me by two seconds, ruined my day. Everybody said I should do a re-run, but the first one blew my pacemaker up.

A tall skinny bloke dressed in a white boiler suit with a white helmet asked if he could have a go in Cool Running. Coming down he crashed into the bank, bent the front axle, shot two kids out of the back and then had the cheek to tell me he was an HGV driver. I think all he ever drove was an electric milk float.

Like the tortoise and the hare, Craig came down like me on all four wheels and didn't crash. Well done.

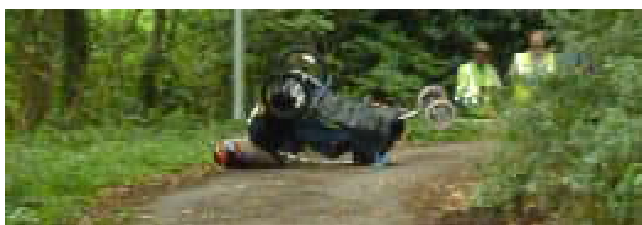


After the race, it was all back to the marquee for Pimms and hot dogs. That just hit the spot.

In the evening Big Tel put on a quiz about motor racing. I don't think anybody realized they use so many different flags.

East Kent – keep up your hospitality, thanks to all who worked to make this rally so enjoyable, From my family and me – Thank you

**Terry Edwards.**



## The 2011/2012 Committee

Chairman:- Derek Horman

Vice Chairman:- Gary Fisher

Hon Secretary:- Kevin Bailey

Hon Treasurer:- Carol Williams

Rally Secretary:- Margaret Kinchin

Committee:- Mal Johns (Shop)

Committee:- Terry McDonald (Publicity)

Committee:- John Allen  
(Chairity/Fund Raising)

Committee:- Peter Smith (Centre Equipment)

Committee:- Darren Burch (Social & Sport)

Committee:- Eileen Killick (Youth Liason)

Committed:- Duke (Teddy Liason)

## Youth Committee



President:- Oliver Jordan  
Vice President:- Jessica Edmonds  
Secretary:- Craig Bailey

Council:- Molly White  
Cameron Austin  
Ashley Oliver  
Samantha Edmonds

## Chairman's Holiday Cover

With John and Derek on holiday and attending Southern Centres, I thought it would be my duty to report on the three rallies that John foolishly asked me to cover.

### **Sandwich**

After an eight week break from rallying due to work and family commitments, it was nice to make my way down to Sandwich from a CL in Maldon Essex, where Michelle, Mum, Dad and the kids had relaxed for the week while I travelled from there to work. When I said nice, we did spend over an hour on the M25 getting over the bridge (not unusual for me).

Ricky was working late hours over the weekend, so Craig, the girls and I waved goodbye to Mum and Ricky on the A2, and I was left in charge of three kids for the weekend.

Driving into the Sandwich rally field I heard a disturbing noise, which I thought, was coming from the caravan. On investigation I quickly discovered the disturbing reason for this noise, five Past Chairmen were on the rally field together (tutting.)

It was great to see so many together on a rally, and the banter I found very amusing. Taking Flagpole was also entertaining and I think Ian Boughton enjoyed getting his own back on the bucket joke that I played on him many years previously. Hopefully I stood up for the present committee, and gave as good as I got. It was also nice to see so many Youth Presidents visiting and their family out at the same weekend.

We were looked after by Peter, Glynis, Paul and Jenny, and it was a nice relaxing back to basics quiet weekend. The only problem I had over the weekend was with the girls hair !!

### **Swanley**

In true Murray Walker style, it was 'Go, Go, Go' to the EKC Soap box derby at Swanley. Craig and I had spent a lot of time together building a 'Kart' over the past few weeks, and couldn't wait to try it out. We quickly discovered that the wheels should have been larger (Have you tried to find good, cheap wheels), but at least it prevented the kart from tipping over down the steep narrow course, unlike some I can mention (Mr Oliver, how's the ribs?)

There were a lot of entries and a range of great designs. I personally loved our visitors from South

Essex 'cool running' bob sleigh kart that sat three. I also loved the authenticity, when they managed to roll it over on the straight. Even the 'Stig' was unable to control the bob sleigh.

A great afternoon entertainment and was enjoyed by both racers and spectators. We were then all treated to hotdogs and Pimms in the party tent by the marshalling team. Saturday evening was a quiz that had one or two questions relating to motor sport. Thanks Terry for putting this together.

John will be glad to hear that my second flagpole was a lot more professional with Eileen Killick showing her skills in quick pit stop plaque changeover techniques ! Great weekend, with lots of memories. Well done Keith, Eileen, Mike, Anne Mal and Pat

### **Mersham**

Although large rallies such as Southern Centres are brilliant rallies and I recognise a lot of organisation and hard work goes into them, I must admit I also enjoy rallies on the complete opposite scale.

Mersham was a very small but extremely friendly rally with a great mix of ages and rallying experience all coming together to enjoy the one thing in common, their love of caravanning.

There were two past chairmen with bags of experience alongside two first time ralliers keen to learn more. Throw into the mix three committee members, one past treasurer a few experienced members, a few newish members and one party tent open all weekend with tea/coffee available were the ingredients to a great August bank holiday weekend. Mum and Dad enjoyed this rally, but it may have had something to do with winning three games of Bingo which paid his rally fee !

Craig also enjoyed the rally, but that may have had something to do with winning the left, right, centre game!

What did I get? ..... I had the micky taken out of me all Sunday evening. The magic numbers being eight and two, all I can say is that it is a long season, and I will get my own back Bob. Thanks Margaret, Kevin, Chris and John for a lovely fun and relaxing weekend.

*Kevin Bailey*

## Sandwich

Who knew that when we watched the Red Arrows fly over us at Sandwich that so soon we would mourn one of those fabulous pilots.

It was a memorable weekend in many ways, thanks to Peter & Glynis and Paul & Jenny. So nice to see so many old faces - and a few young ones too !!!

So many parsnip's AND past Youth Presidents too! A chance to sit and catch up over a barbecue with a drink or two and NOT be drowned out by disco music, thankfully the weather cleared up to enable us to sit out 'til dusk too - no need for a party tent thank goodness.

Sunday (of course) was lovely, and it was so nice to see no-one hurrying to get off, too often these days it's - flag over - everyone out !!

However, with flagpole on Saturday night, well done Kevin its not easy being heckled by all the old-timers, Sunday morning was relaxed with more worm drowning for those that wanted and boot fair for some of us who didn't.

A lovely, relaxing weekend.

*Alison Palmer*

## Sandwich

Great rally at Sandwich, easy to find site. Eighteen vans but not all had Fishing Folk aboard. The ones that did had a good time and there were some very large fish in the lakes.

It was great to have a good old fashioned "Quiet weekend" nothing laid on, Entertainment ? ' make your own'--- No Party Tent ? ...'Use your Awning'

There were a majority of (Dare I say) Old members on site including many Ex Chair persons going back over 20 years. Nice to see them all again.

Pity the weather did not join in the fun. Still typical UK Summer ...50% Sun and 50% rain. Luckily the rain did not spoil the Communal Bar B Que and outdoor meal. Sunday of course was the best day

A solid vote for some more Quiet Weekends .....

*Tony and Diana Brown*

## Take Two

We are in a state of flux at the moment. After having retired just prior to us taking a long holiday in our motorhome in the South of France this summer, I am now trying to get down to all those things that I had earmarked to do in my retirement.

Meanwhile Michael has returned to work but with scaled-down hours. Hence we are both getting used to a new routine and Mike is also watching me closely to see how well I'm adjusting with a view to his own retirement in 2013!

What it does mean of course is that we have more time together in the week, generally on Fridays, which is good as we can have longer weekends!

So it's against that background that we joined our first rally at Margate on 23-25 September, not really knowing what to expect. We were immediately struck by how friendly and welcoming everyone was.

The Marshalls were really well organised and did a fantastic job with great attention to detail such as pitching the vans, the quiz, lighting the footways and even providing a collection service for newspapers!

The Friday evening "noggin and natter" was a great ice-breaker and opportunity to meet new people.

*Friday Evening Noggin and Natter*



We walked into Margate on the Saturday, the weather being warm and sunny, and we visited the Turner Contemporary and watched synchronised kite-flying displays on the seafront staged by the Kite Flying Association of GB. You never know what you might come across.

The Harvest Supper and entertainment in the evening were excellent. It became obvious that EKC has a lot of dedicated and hard-working followers. There was an easy banter and lots of fun to be had on and off the dance floor.



*Strange people dancing round their handbag*

The flagpole meeting on the Sunday morning included an auction of Harvest produce and the meeting re-affirmed our impression that this was a great bunch of people and it was nice to see people rewarded for their efforts. All in all, a very enjoyable weekend.

However, it is funny (well it is now!) how things turn out. Just before leaving I unfortunately badly twisted my ankle stepping out of the van whilst waving goodbye to some new friends.

The pain was excruciating but thank you to all those folk who rushed to my aid. I'm afraid I haven't a clue who you were as I was otherwise engaged, but I was aware that you were there and that was very reassuring!

As it turned out, the paperbacks I purchased from the Sunday bookstall proved a godsend whilst I languished bored on the sofa for two days with my bruised foot elevated to try and bring down the swelling. The basket of fruit acquired at the auction was also very welcome too!

Fortunately no lasting damage was done as two weeks on I managed to shuffle around to the disco at rally number two, this one being John and Pearl's "do" at Sturry. Though the weather was not quite so hospitable, we visited Canterbury and were lucky enough to catch the opening of the new Marlow Theatre.



John and Pearl receiving gifts from new Chairman Derek Horman  
This weekend was another successful weekend – thanks to John's generosity and the Marshall's hard work.



John and Pearl lead off the dancing notice no tutting yet

We will definitely be booking more rallies in the future they are a great way to meet like-minded people and make new friends, are excellent value and there's a nice balance of social events and the opportunity to explore new areas.



The Party

One word of warning though – do take extra care when stepping out of your van!

**April Lambourne**

## Chef Butonne

Yes the weather was quite quintessentially English for most of time and we would have moved onto to find better weather, except that we were having a good time despite everything.

The weather did play ball for those important times when we had a BBQ and a Cheese and Wine evening and Tony and Jenny Beanie, whose organisation was superb, made the rally worthwhile.

We had a little stream directly behind us and we had the pleasure of watching baby Coypu swimming about as well as a big Trout, both of whom were happy to eat the bread thrown to them.



The food provided by the site restaurant on the three times we dined was excellent and well worth the money.

One of our big trips out was to La Rochelle, the day was very grey to say the least but it stayed mainly dry and we, that is Peter and Sue & Mal and Pat, enjoyed a visit to the town and the



Weather Ship Museum. Peter and Sue caused us much amusement by steaming past as



we turned off the Motorway and promptly lost themselves. Just hope Peter has mastered his GPS System for next time he's abroad ..... these expensive motorcars are not always fitted with the easiest to use GPS's (Pete asked me to make that clear).

We also did a trip out to Little Venice which is a series of



canals and the weather was one of the two sunny days we had. We hired a Punt and a young Law Student was our driver who spoke passable English, a very pleasant day out.

We also went to Orador a village where the Germans killed everyone and then tried to burn it to



the ground. The village remains as the Germans left it and it is a very strangely quiet place today, not even bird song can be heard.



We did the trip down and back in two halves and chose a site about two thirds of the way down. This was a municipal site which was quite delightful .... and dry and sunny!!! On our last night in France we decided to eat out and I asked the site manager for a recommendation, he phoned the local one and told me the menu was 11, 14 and 16 Euros and even wrote it down. So eight of us trundled down to the village and asked for a table for eight and got seated got our drinks and were given the menus ..... one embarrassed Terry, the menu was 24, 29 and 49 Euros. I got some stick but also some sympathy as I had got it written down. The meal was good, if expensive.

*Terry & Margaret McDonald*

## Norfolk Rally Half-Term October

Arriving on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October in a fairly brisk breeze and many hands soon set to work in erecting the three party tents and settling ourselves into the site – electricity and a super newly built washroom facility – what luxury!

Monday arrived in a much similar breezy state and ralliers spent the day independently. Some dogs were taken to the beach at Hunstanton to chase after tennis balls launched with great enthusiasm. That evening there was a quick (very quick) quiz based on info from local newspapers, there was much hilarity in the scramble to find the answers.

Tuesday showed an improvement to the weather. During the day people went their own ways, some went shopping at the Kings Lynn market and town. In the evening a skittles tournament was organised – ever tried bowling accurately on a bumpy grassy pitch?



Wednesday was a much better, but, still windy day. A walk was organised for those interested around Downham Market and Denver Sluice (giant lock gates installed to prevent flooding of the fens) and was thoroughly enjoyed by those taking part. Late afternoon a large number went on a trip to the Circus and returned to join everyone in a Fish and Chip supper. The evening's entertainment was a game of Bingo with a twist involving playing cards. This was enjoyed by one and all with some coming away in profit!

Thursday was an interesting day, unfortunately the planned visit to Sandringham Estate could not be fulfilled because there was an animal illness prevalent and dog owners were advised not to put their canine friends at risk, so another walk was hastily arranged along the beach between Holme-next-the-sea and Hunstanton. More dog entertainment with seven dogs chasing one tennis ball, usually won by one of Paul White's very athletic dogs. The evening arrived amidst much anticipation, because, it was party night (Darren was going to be **50!**).



The party tents looked amazing all decked in colourful bunting and much eating, drinking and dancing made for a great evening. Even the old birthday boy was able to keep up the pace!



Friday was spent quietly by most, having had an active previous evening. Our West Sussex guests arranged a quiz evening with easy, moderate and hard section questions. Needless to say, we all preferred the easy section.

Saturday was a pleasant day with most people dismantling their awnings ready for the end of the rally. A communal barbecue was followed by flagpole and Pumpkin Race Night!!!

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## Crossword Solution

Don't Cheat

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## Sudoku Solution

3	9	5	1	8	7	9	2	4
8	7	4	2	8	6	5	3	1
1	2	9	5	3	4	7	8	6
7	9	6	8	5	2	1	4	3
5	1	8	6	4	3	2	9	7
2	4	3	7	1	9	6	5	8
6	5	7	3	2	8	4	1	9
4	3	1	9	6	5	8	7	2
9	8	2	4	7	1	3	6	5

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Apart from the breeze and a couple of showers, the weather was very kind to us which helped to make this a great week's holiday. Thanks to Darren, Cheryll, Gary and Nicky for all their hard work in marshalling this event.

Ray and Stella Fisher

Don't forget its 5MPH on the Rally Field for a reason, that is to protect our children who can run out from behind any caravan at any time.

5MPH gives you the chance to miss them, any faster and you will probably run one over. Of course slow adults are also a risk, especially ones with replacement knees!!!!

## Message from Mal & Pat

Special price of reflective awning reflectors in shop (reduced from £5-25 to £2-00). Stock clearance. If chemicals are required at any rally please contact Mal by E/mail or phone. (He can only carry a small stock to rally's due to the weight). Will carry more if pre-ordered. See Mal or Pat any time during a rally if you require any clothing (Winter is with us) Fleece's Etc can be ordered at any time during a rally.

We also have two plastic Caravan Steps, want one? then let us know. If any member's require any LED bulbs for the caravan speak to Mal as he is putting an order together.

Hope to see you at a rally soon

*Mal & Pat.*

