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From the Chair

Hello fellow ralliers. Welcome to the second edition of our Centre Magazine.

With the AGM fast approaching, it feels like the past two years have flown by and I would like to sincerely thank everyone for the help and support given to Pearl and myself.

It has been a great honour to represent the centre as Chairman and have made many new friends during this period.

I would ask you all to support the incoming Chairman, officers and committee, please remember they are all volunteers who give up their time to work for the benefit of the centre.

The centre though needs people to keep it running, so if you feel you can spare some time to help out on committee, please see the Hon Secretary, Kevin Bailey for a nomination form.

The AGM is being held at Simon Langton Boys School in Canterbury on Saturday 1st October and all positions are open for members to put their name forward for election.

I would also like to thank all the Marshals and their assistants for running rallies for our enjoyment during the Summer, although the weather has been inconsistent, I am sure we have managed to get a bit of a sun tan.



The 45th birthday rally at Faversham was a great success with almost £1000 raised in aid of the centre charity, the Oliver Curd Trust, many thanks for your generosity during these difficult times.

I'm sure that everyone who attended enjoyed the Highland Games with me ending up in the porridge, many thanks to Eileen and all who helped in organising this stitch up.

The centre will be celebrating its 1500th rally in June next year, please watch out for news on what is planned for this special occasion.

Please support Terry by sending in your reports, photographs, articles and rally adverts, your input is essential if the magazine is to be a success.

I hope you enjoy the new centre magazine, if you have any comments on either the content or the format, please feed them back to either Terry or the committee.

Best wishes and please enjoy your rallying.

John

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Editorial

Well here we are with the second Magazine it only seems like yesterday that the June one was published. I hope that you enjoyed it, especially the new format. Judging by the comments I have received you did.



All contributions will be gratefully received and in particular if any Ladies out there have a favourite "Rally Field Recipe" or other items such as knitting or crochet patterns that they have used whilst rallying then do pass them on. I would also like to encourage contributions from the youth because Duke's Adventures could do with some companions.

Whilst on the subject of our Youth I was extremely impressed with them at Dymchurch, they were very good and entertained themselves by taking various dogs into the Dog Agility Area adjacent to our Rally Field. The dogs seemed to enjoy it as much as the kids.

Of course we don't always have such facilities at our rallies but our youth generally find ways of enjoying themselves without letting us down. Well done guys you really do us proud with your behaviour!

Don't be shy in coming forward with Rally Reports either, if cats and dogs can send in reports then I guess you humans can too. I really do need your support, and thanks to all those who have sent in the reports in this issue. If I ask you to write a report don't be afraid to say No. If you have any comments or ideas about the magazine then please do speak to me on the rally field after all it is YOUR magazine. Do enjoy this edition

Gerry

Swalecliffe

We have just returned home from a great weekend at Swalecliffe Rally. It was a fantastic relaxing weekend by the sea, great value for money especially for families. The children spent all weekend going between the sea, swimming pool and play park. Thank you to the Marshals and well done to all the children that did the sponsored walk which raised over £200 to add to your Charity.

Margaret and Kevin Kinchin

Birthday Rally

As always the Birthday rally takes a lot of Organisation and hard work by all and I appreciate that every time. The weather was kind for the fete but decided to pour down during the highland games but being what EKC are they rallied on regardless.

It was very nice to have a live band for our evening entertainment which provided a good mixture of all types of music and a nice little extra touch with a buffet laid on.

We did rush off a bit sharpish on Sunday morning deciding on the cut and run approach to miss a further downpour but thanks to all committee and members for once again pulling off a great weekend.

Shelley Whittam

Broadstairs

That's more like it! Nice relax in the sun with about 16 vans with some old friends and some new.

The quiz on Saturday night, my owner says, was not as hard as expected and with the new ralliers in her team (Chris and Sharon) the "Deadenders" won. We had a stroll into Broadstairs on Saturday afternoon along by the beach, listened to the music at the bandstand and into Morellis Icecream parlour-well I wasn't allowed in there but my owners sat outside so I was ok.

Sunday David got his cadac out and we had a communal brunch, haven't done that for ages I like a bit of bacon and egg (my owners do love me).

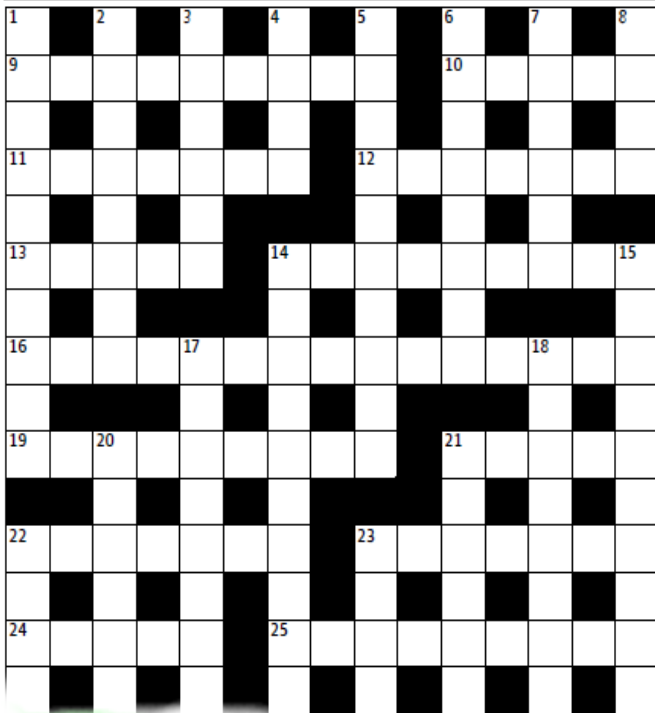
We slowly packed up and sat around in the sun until about 4'ish and then made our way home. A little disappointed on the turnout my friends, where were you?

I was the only furry pal there, ok I got all the strokes and attention, which is always welcome but you lot let the side down so lets see you out at Appledore when I'm out next, lots to catch up on mates woof woof

Love

Ben (Poodle)Whittam

The Puzzle Page



Across

- 9 Risk coming by river (9)
- 10 Poetically inferior place in Wales (5)
- 11 Taking offence (7)
- 12 Cure those people without charge (7)
- 13 It may be in the bank or in circulation (5)
- 14 Beat friend hollow and scoffed (9)
- 16 His Christmas present was one of three (8,7)
- 19 Unusually enamoured by one's appearance (9)
- 21 Its happy ending comes as a relief (5)
- 22 Upset glue, lid needs to be put on first (7)
- 23 He is trained in horse jumping (7)
- 24 Use force for peace, say (5)
- 25 Seen by footballer shown the red card? Well, no! (3,6)

- 6 Imply port swallowed is of a lower standard (8)
- 7 Parents separated by an ascending waterway (6)
- 8 Hail a boat (4)
- 14 Men on phone exchange will be a rarity (10)
- 15 No problem in Baker Street (10)
- 17 I came up to brew tea and dry up (8)
- 18 Machinist's work rate poor (8)
- 20 Clean up on the favourite, darling! (6)
- 21 A sleeping partner who was robbed of his capital assets (6)
- 22 Cattle given firm directions (4)
- 23 Present capacity (4)

CHARITY BOOK STALL

Dear Ralliers,
 As you all may be aware Sue and I bring the book stall to as many of the club rallies as we can. The money raised goes towards the youth charity, which this year is Preston Skreens respite care at Minster on the Isle of Sheppey. We would like to say a big thank for your continuing support and inform you all that from the AGM 2010 until now we have managed to raise just over £230. So, once more THANK YOU.
 Regards Peter and Sue Smith

Down

- 1 Livelihood of a cleaner, supported by money (5,5)
- 2 Master lost for words (8)
- 3 Certainly in on the act (6)
- 4 Tax on goods and service (4)
- 5 Field dressing of growing importance (10)

Sudoku Puzzle

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The AGM

Don't forget the AGM, it's your chance to have your say. The Committee needs volunteers to help run the centre. If you feel you can contribute then download a nomination form from the website or contact the Secretary Kevin Bailey.

Got an idea for Twit of the Year? Then send your nomination to Kevin, we all need a laugh even if it is at someone else's expense. After all you can only take the Mick out of your friends!



Rally Cat

My name is Saphire and I'm a Birman, not a Siamese or any of those other lesser breeds. My pedigree is quite long, but Clyde, who is the other cat that travels with me.....he's cat Royalty.



His dad was a Grand Champion. That's like winning Crufts !

Dymchurch July 1st

I knew something was going on when my owners started to get the caravan ready. It was time to pack my bags and go on another rally.

I had such a good time at my first rally (Sellindge Steam Fair), not fighting with Clyde and behaving myself that they were amazed. Clyde's not happy travelling in his basket, just keeps whining, but I'm not bothered!

We got there nice and early so I could get my bearings (food dish, water bowl and my toilet, the important stuff!) Clyde went outside, (on his tether, like all animals are supposed to be !!!) but whilst the humans were doing the chores of setting up he managed to get himself wrapped around one of those things under the van. He managed to get out of his harness and went back in the van, much to the human's amazement. It seemed to upset him a bit as he didn't want to go outside again. Next day he'd got over it though.

I wondered why the male human, who's called Terry, seemed happy to be where we were when I heard a strange high pitched sound. It was



This one is "Dr Syn" Originally built in 1931
It's had several rebuilds since!

something called a "steam train" and apparently the ones that go past the field where we were, are a bit unusual. They are a lot smaller than the ones that go past near where we live.

Saturday afternoon the humans decided to start throwing metal balls around the field. They called it "Boules", and there seemed to be several different sets of rules! Terry, my human was beaten in one of the first games by Cheryl, still he didn't seem to mind, as he got a hug from her!

The playing area was a "bit" rough!!! Lots of cracks and long grass. In one game, one of the metal balls actually disappeared down a crack! Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, most not taking it too seriously, and the eventual winner, after a close final contest, was Malcolm Johns.

The communal BBQ went off without any major disasters, nobody setting fire to the tents or themselves. Sunday, and after only 11 years and 4 months, my humans, at last, received their "1st Rally" plaque.



The "Youth" doing the rolls. Some of them seem a bit er, mature!



Do you think anyone will find the one that fell on the grass ?

So that's another rally done, I'm looking forward to the next one, somewhere called "Appledore", And after that, "Whitfield"

Hope to see some of you there.
Saphire Coleman

Ruckinge Virgins

It was our first visit to Ruckinge where our Hosts and Marshals, Tony and Jennie Beaney, together with Assistant Marshals Keith and Carol Nicholls, met us with real old world charm and courtesy. "Just get on your pitch" said Jennie and come and have a cup of tea with us before you set up.

Tony who had set aside a spot close to the Party Tents, Water and Elsan in consideration of my knee, (which is still not yet back to normal) showed us to our Pitch. We had to move to a flatter spot, as the slope was too much for our chocks to take up. "No problem" said Tony and moved us to a pitch still fairly close to the facilities.

We got levelled and then went up to the barn where Jennie made us a coffee and provided some rather nice Jaffa cakes to go with it! We were told not to sit on our own all night but to come up to join Tony and Jennie in the Barn.

We then got set up and sat in the sun until BBQ light up time having had a chat with our neighbours Rick and Chris Greenhill, who we hadn't seen for a while so we were able to catch up. The evening was spent in the Barn in the pleasant company of most of those who had turned up on the Tuesday.



Wednesday we spent enjoying the sunshine and joined everyone in



the late afternoon for the Communal BBQ, which we ate together in the Barn, tables and chairs



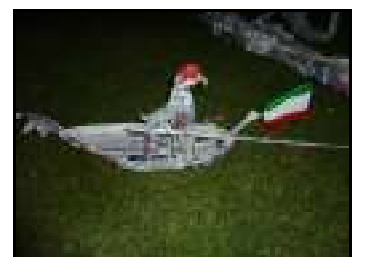
kindly supplied by our hosts. A dessert of Apple or Plum Crumble and custard was supplied by Jennie who clearly enjoyed seeing the pleasure on everyone's faces as they tucked into the treat.

On Thursday morning we walked down to the Canal via the village. On our way we stopped of to look in the church which was built in the 12th Century. We also saw a plaque in the shape of a Steam Roller Boiler front plate in the front of a house which told us that Thomas Aveling of Aveling and Porter had once farmed there.

Thursday also saw more ralliers turn up and the weather really turned nasty with wind and showers in the afternoon making their setting up quite miserable. Again our hosts turned up trumps and invited us all to join them in the barn for the evening during which some delicious cake was served and Tony provided a music Quiz. The questions were based on music of the fifties and sixties, which the age group of the ralliers should have found no difficulty in answering. However the highest score turned out to be sixteen (out of 30) so either we all have poor memories or Tony had found some very obscure questions to ask however we all enjoyed the evening.



Friday was the day of really horrible rain and wind, which the Marshals had to endure whilst sighting a steady





stream of vans as all the workers arrived after a hard days graft. The normal Friday night noggin and natter in the party tents was held by which time

the rain had stopped and the wind had dropped.

Saturday saw high winds and showers, which fortunately again stopped in time not to spoil the evening event, which was an Italian Supper. However the marshals had to resort to full water butts and gas cylinders to help hold the tents down earlier in the day.

The meal started with home made minestrone soup followed by Lasagne and a dessert. Most people dressed for the occasion and we had more



gondoliers than Venice, scattered amongst them was a Fiddling Nero, a Valentino Rossi, a few Godfathers and a Three Tenors one person with two ten pound notes pinned to his jacket!

There was plenty of food for those who could manage a second helping, after which we were tasked with making Gondolas having been supplied with newspaper and sellotape. Some people chose to make solo attempts whilst others got together to enter group efforts that the judges found difficult to judge, but finally announced a winner. This was followed by an Italian based quiz which again was found quite hard by some but was quite good fun, the winner being announced at Flagpole.

Sunday saw much better weather and the field had dried up remarkably well considering how much rain we had had. After flag the tents were struck and people started to wend their way home from a really successful rally despite the weather.

This success was due to the superb hospitality and hard work of the marshalling team. Never been to Ruckinge? Then don't miss the next one, you won't regret it.

Terry & Margaret McDonald

Milestone Rally Bars

How many members understand the Milestone Rally Bars System?

Clearly some members will, especially those who have recently received them at Flagpole, however many members were not aware of how the system works, so here's how it works.

After having attended 50 Rallies you are entitled to claim your first Milestone Rally Bar. When you have completed the next 50, e.g. you have attended 100 Rallies, then you can claim your next Milestone Rally Bar.

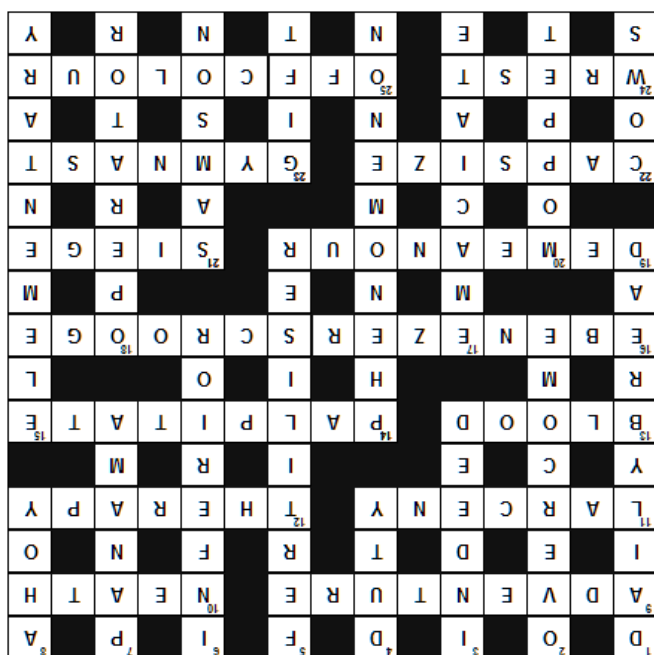
So with each increment of 50 Rallies you can claim the next milestone.

It was thought by some that the Rally Secretary dealt with the milestones and indeed the current Rally Secretary thought before taking up the post that it was indeed his job.

However its your job to keep track of the number of rallies you have attended and claim accordingly. But please make sure you are correct when claiming as a check is made, but no claim results in no Milestone Bar.

Well that's that cleared up!

Puzzle Solutions DON'T CHEAT



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TL Cheryl Charnock
 TR Caber Tossing
 L Kev Bailey Unicycling
 R General Scene
 BL The March On
 BR May Queen & Chairman
 B The Highland Games Contestants





Saturday Evening

Above - the Band

Left the Dancers

Photos by Joanna Rutter



The Birthday Rally in Pictures

Sunday Morning

Right - Flagpole Cutting the Cake

Below -The Assembled Members



The Adventures of Duke

Hi Kids, hope you've had a great time rallying! The 45th Birthday Rally in Faversham was fun; did you have a go at soaking the Chairman John? – What a laugh!



I loved the Racing Pigs and the Highland Games despite the thunder and rain. We all recovered with a fancy cake and a hot drink in the Party Tent.



Duke Climbing Trees at Sams Lakes

Did any of you see me Bungee Jumping at Dymchurch? Malcolm's flagpole was just the right height. Great views scared a few Alpaca's though!!!

I thought about adopting one but it cost £40 a year and my honey allowance wouldn't run to it! I wanted to go on the little railway but the "Fat Controller" said bears were not allowed – spoil sport!

Swalecliffe was great wasn't it? I'm not sure if any of you saw me. I had to watch out as some big dogs were chasing me.

I jumped into the dinghy and hid. Then the big kids took me for a ride. I was a bit scared when the tide came in. When Becky dived under the sea and untied the dinghy I fell out! Good job I'm a good swimmer!

I ended up in Whitstable Harbour a bit soggy but a few oysters and a coke revived me and I was picked up by a friendly rallier and brought home to the site.

Spent five days at Smarden Lakes. Several of you kids were fishing and a lot of you were more successful than the adults!

Gemma won the junior trophy, but all of you were rewarded with sweets! I caught a fish but it wasn't as big as Gemma's.

I'd done my best so Mum gave me some honey and we were all very happy.

I'm looking forward to going to France soon. I have relatives there you know! Well, Bon Chance, Au revoir

Love

Duke



Dukes View of Sams Lake from his Tree

Our First and Second Rallies

Broadstairs Rally 8th – 10th July 2011

Our first rally with the East Kent Centre was at the Charles Dickens School in Broadstairs from the 8th to 10th July 2011. We left home heading towards Broadstairs not knowing how our weekend was going to go. We had never used our caravan without mains hook up before so going on a rally was a big step for us.

We arrived at the school just after 6.30 in the evening and we were met by the Marshals, Brian

connecting the water and gas up the next step was to get the fridge working on gas.

As I struggled to get the fridge to light Brian stuck his head in and asked if we were having problems. After some instruction from Brian the fridge was alight and working. We were fully operational without electricity for the first time – Hooray! We were then invited to join the other ralliers for a much needed cup of coffee.

A short trip into town provided us with dinner from the local chip shop. After dinner it was time for Chris to help the other members put up the party tents. Then we made our way over to the party tent



Dickens Characters—Photo by Chris

and Dorothy East. The welcome was very warm and friendly and as we were new ralliers we were pitched next to the marshals caravan so that they could keep an eye on us.

I forgot to lower the jockey wheel and this was helpfully pointed out to me by one of the members. We were shown where the water and waste point were by Peter the Assistant Marshal. After

for noggin and natter. Everyone was really friendly and introduced themselves to us - so many names to remember!

After a night of heavy rain, Saturday morning dawned sunny and a bit breezy. In the morning we went into town, had a lovely stroll along the front and visited our favourite shops in Broadstairs. In the afternoon we were just lazing around outside our van when Darren and Karen Burch came over

and invited us to join the group playing and watching boule.

Sharon was shown how to knit left handed which was great fun for Chris but not for Sharon. (Note to Sharon - don't think you are cut out for knitting!).



Broadstairs - Photo by Chris

On Saturday evening there was a "Dickens of a Do". This fun event consisted of a Charles Dickens fancy dress, a quiz and an American style supper in the party tent. Being the newbie's we were asked to judge the fancy dress. All the entrants were very good and we decided on Miss Haversham and Fagin as the winners. We were invited by Keith and Eileen Killick, and David and Shelly Whittham to join their quiz team and guess what? - we won, Yippee!

On Sunday we went to flag pole, where we were presented with our "first rally badge". Then it was time help take down party tents, pack up and head home. We learnt that we can survive without electric hook up, and that rallying is great fun.

Stockbury Rally 15th to 17th July 2011

This was our second rally in a lovely field in Stockbury. This was to be a quiet weekend and the surroundings suited that beautifully. We were met by Darren Burch, our Marshal for the weekend and shown to our pitch. Setting up was easy this time as we were old hands by now!

Then it was time for Chris to help put the party tent up. The editor of this magazine introduced himself to us and invited us to write this article. The Chairman of the East Kent Centre, John Forrest, also introduced himself and welcomed us to the rally.

After dinner of chicken-in-a-bag which is our caravan specialty! it was over to the party tent for noggin and natter.

Saturday was very rainy to say the least. Fortunately the Saturday paper was delivered straight to our door by a very nice paper boy (Darren Burch). Great service Darren! We decided to brave the rain to visit the village shop which was a great surprise. All sorts of goodies and local produce were on the shelves, including a butchers counter with home made pies and sausages.

We also visited the Craft Centre at Oad Street (signposted just off the roundabout on the A249 heading towards Stockbury). This had a very nice tea room and gift shop.

After a lazy afternoon in our van it was time for the communal BBQ. The rain stopped just in time for the cooking to begin - a good time was had by all.



Stockbury at Dusk - Photo by Chris

After flag pole on Sunday the rain started again so we packed up and headed for home. Well sort of home – we made a mistake at the roundabout and ended up going to Faversham which is in completely the wrong direction. So, after a brief detour, we turned around and headed for home.

Thanks to all the members and marshals of East Kent Centre for two lovely weekends, and for welcoming us to rallying. Our next rallies are at Minster and Faversham – we can't wait.

Regards

Chris Foster and Sharon Collier

Appledore 22nd – 24th July

We arrived at Appledore to a very warm welcome from Chris and John, our marshals for the weekend. This was only our 2nd rally with the East Kent Centre but we have visited this venue many times in the past and were happy to find it as lovely as usual.

After setting our 'van up we joined some of our 'neighbours' in the party tent for a few drinks, everyone was friendly and welcoming and ready to pass the time with a chat.

On Saturday morning we drove to nearby Rye for breakfast and a walk around the town. After returning to the site we walked the few yards to the village pub to sample some of the local cider, then (after a nap) we set the barbie up for the communal BBQ arranged by our marshals, we all sat in the party tent to eat – plenty of room for everyone. Dessert was supplied by Chris & John and their assistant marshals Pat & Ray; a very nice homemade strawberry cheesecake.



The Pretty Appledore Site

Mr & Mrs Dunn were welcomed. A visitor's plaque was presented to Noel & Margaret Williams, Noel is the Chairman of the Ulster Centre and they were visiting East Kent on their way from Northern Ireland to Brighton. We carried on chatting until our beds called.



The Communal BBQ

The committee members then set up for Flagpole. Tea and coffee was available for those that wanted it, the book stall and centre goods stall were set up and tickets were sold for the raffle, which managed to raise £42.00 for the centre's chosen charity – The Oliver Curd Trust.

Flagpole didn't take too long but Margaret Kinchin thanked our marshals and assistant marshals for a lovely weekend and informed us of forthcoming rallies. A landmark plaque was presented to Terry & Penny Coleman for reaching their 50th rally, an anniversary card and plaque was presented to Ken and Vera Edwards, a birthday card and plaque was presented to John Jerrome and first time ralliers,



Photo Courtesy of Tony Brown

Sunday was a lovely, sunny, warm day and as there was no rush to be off site we went for a walk into the village to get a Sunday paper, unfortunately we couldn't pass the very nice looking tea rooms and got drawn in for an Appledore cream tea! We then spent a couple of hours lapping up the sun before reluctantly leaving for home.

Thank you Chris & John and Pat & Ray for running the rally on one of Kent's loveliest venues, I hope it's in the book next year and we are able to go.

Helen & Alan Hepworth

Seafood with White Wine Sauce.

Ingredients:

2 small cod filets
100g small fresh prawns
6 baby new carrots
1 small onion
6 new potatoes
Handfull of fine green beans
1 small head of fennel
300ml fish stock
125ml white wine
1 tablespoon of corn flour
1 tablespoon of milk
1 tablespoon of oil

The fennel is a perfect partner for the fish but you can always substitute with 3 sliced celery sticks. This is a satisfying meal and it's light and low in fat.

You'll need a multi cooker or a large sauté pan with a lid.

1. Peel and slice the onion.
2. Scrub the potatoes and carrots but leave whole
3. Remove the top feathery fronds of the fennel and the tough outer parts of the bulb.
4. Cut into wedges (if using celery, cut into thick slices)
5. Sauté the onion in the pan over a medium heat until soft.
6. Add the potatoes and turn in the oil until they start to brown.
7. Pour in the stock and the wine
8. Bring to the boil.
9. Add the carrots and simmer covered for about 10 minutes.
10. Mix the corn flour to a paste with the milk.
11. Stir this into the stew along with the prawns.
12. Keep stirring until the sauce thickens
13. Serve in nice big bowls with wholemeal bread.

Braised Beef in Guinness.

Ingredients.

50g flour
Salt and pepper
1k lean braising steak, trimmed, sliced thickly
4tbs vegetable oil
3 large onions
600ml Guinness
1tbs brown sugar
Bouquet garni sachet

1. Season the flour with salt and pepper and toss the meat in the mixture to coat
2. Heat the oil in a large heavy pan and brown the meat in batches, then set aside
3. Gently fry the onions in the same pan until soft, then de-glaze the bottom of the frying pan with the Guinness and sugar.
4. Add the meat and bouquet garni and bring to the boil
5. Reduce the heat, cover and cook very gently for about 2 hours until the meat is tender
6. Remove Bouquet Garni just before serving.

Both Recipes supplied by Ricky Bailey so you know they will be winners on the Rally Field.

Got a Favourite Rally Field Recipe?

Then why not share it and send it in for the next Magazine!

Sams Lakes at Smarden

We had a delightful few days at "Sam's Lakes" the weather was fantastic and the fishing was good (for most people)!

Saturday saw the fishing competition, all the men finding their spots for the 8 am start, some even had their breakfast bought over to them so they didn't need to move! There were a few early catches then it went quite for a bit.

Paul decided with Brian he would let the children that were there, Adam and Sian Bailey Gemma and Nathan Jefferys and Ellie Wellard have a go fishing, making a mini competition for

them, who could catch the biggest fish, this kept them (and him) entertained for hours!

They all wanted to win and when Gemma caught a big one (6")! They all became very competitive especially the boys. In the end none of them could top Gemma's catch and she was awarded on that evening with a trophy and her own fishing rod.

The grown ups competition was won by Sheila Taylor for the ladies and Brian Taylor for the men's.

Saturday evening was great fun we listened to fisherman's tales and heard how if not many fish were caught then brambles and trees were and a few lily pads.



The Communal BBQ on a fine warm evening!

Thank you to Brian and Sheila and Peter and Glynis for a wonderful weekend, we will be there next year to try our luck again.

Julie, Paul Adam and Sian Bailey

Minster (Sheppey)

We attended the Minster Sheppey rally run by Dave and Kathy, assisted by Peter Oliver and family and Paul White.

We would like to congratulate them on a well run and entertaining weekend. Firstly we would like to say that the EKC signs were the best we have experienced for finding a site.

The site was very nice with lovely views. The theme was cheese and lots of it! We were made right suckers - Well not really. It was all part of a fun game consisting of a straw and a piece of cheese.

During the evening we had a cheese quiz so we are better informed about cheeses now. Well maybe not!! We got several questions wrong but managed to come second.

The American Supper where we all brought some cheese was very good and went down well with the wine.

This was Dave and Kathy's first rally and they did extremely well. Looking forward to their next one !

Sandra and Charlie Richards

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 just around the corner) 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.

Minster 5th to 7th August

Well done Dave and Cathy on your first Rally as Marshals. Jim and I enjoyed it immensely. 13 Caravans converged on a very large and picturesque field. The weather was OK until Sunday when we had very heavy showers.

Saturday evening began with a quiz on cheese, which was organised by Paul White, and it proved to be different from your normal quizzes. We, with Charlie and Sandra Richards, came second (Surprise surprise we know our cheeses).

This was followed by an American Supper style feast of every cheese imaginable and accompanied with bread, biscuits, grapes and pickles followed by a dessert.

By 10.30 pm most of us were then in a jolly mood and were eager enough to play a game of "Suck Blow" you can imagine the laughter this created. It consisted of a straw and a piece of cheese. But you had to get your Suck and Blows right which I for one could not (What do you expect at my age)!!!

Thank you once again to all involved who made it a truly memorable weekend.

Doreen Carmichael

