



# NEWSLETTER MAY 2008

## Easter

Easter rally Burstow March 2008. Very good venue, but the weather was lousy, thanks to all that supported us with such terrible conditions. First off, we lost the two Marquees that were put up on Thursday evening. The weather changed overnight, and they ended up in the trees, both poles and tarpaulins were almost all destroyed, although we had used all the pegs that were available to us. Fortunately, Gerry spoke to the family that were looking after the site and we were able to use part of the barn on site some of the time. Gerry was able to put on a meal on Sunday evening; with the help once again of the club and several members, there was a kitchen with two ovens we were able to use. I think we were very privileged, and I do not think that it is normally let to Centres, because it is their club house. We couldn't even have a proper Easter egg hunt, but the children that were there still had their eggs. All in all, we made the best of a bad thing. On Monday when we all had to leave, again, with the help of a tractor, we were all able to get off the field. I do hope that we did not destroy it too much. Bye for now, Sylv Rose.

## Youth Rally

I would like to thank those that came and support the youth of South London by attending the rally. Those that went to Chessington World of Adventures will agree, despite the rain we had an excellent time! Charles Patrick had his stomach turned on the rocking boat, and little Josh did us proud by going on the big Vampire ride! The clubhouse was very welcoming and everyone socialised as one during bingo and karaoke which was nice and then Sunday morning we all woke up to thick snow that covered all our cars and caravans! One big snowball fight took place and an extra member to centre was made which sadly ending up falling over and melting!  
Youth Chairperson: Becky Whittaker

Dear all

Recently the youth went on a trip to chessington, paid for by our funds which we have raised in many different ways over the years. The trip was very fun and we went on most of the rides, the weather didn't get us down as it meant there was never a big queue. Josh was very brave and went on the vampire ride which was fast and had many twists and turns he really enjoyed it. The biggest ride was called nemeses revenge only two people went on this ride (my Dad and Georgia) they got absolutely drenched. Some people said they were brave but others said they were stupid! We arrived back at the camp site and had a great evening in the clubhouse with the owners and their parrot. On Sunday I woke up and was filled with joy by the sight of the deepest snow I've ever seen. There was a great snowball fight and we built a giant snowman.

We went into the clubhouse again for flagpole I quickly grabbed a seat by the fire as I tried to warm up. It was a very enjoyable weekend the photos will be put on the website for you all to see.

James  
Youth vice chairman  
Youth Rally

Great weekend with so much to do. There were areas to walk round, paintballing and the fishing lakes looked amazing. We made use of the Clubhouse during the evenings and on the Saturday played Bingo. The Karaoke after the bingo was also good fun. Those who went to Chessington had a great time.

Sunday morning we woke up to a load of snow and it was good to see so many people outside enjoying themselves! We had a great snowball fight and the snowman built was impressive. Great Youth Rally and thanks need to go to Mark & Karen, Paul & Jen and the Youth involved.



## **Black lands Farm**

The weekend was a nice quiet one with 10 vans. We made use of a storage hut onsite for the socials where John ran the Brain of South London competition. The competition was challenging but the winner was Rosalind. Vivian & Sylvie made some very nice desserts for the evening, something worth going back for!

Thanks  
Michael

This is the first time South London Centre has been to this site, but I must say I hope it is not the last.

On the Friday evening we all gathered for a friendly get together in a hut, which had electricity, this meant we were able to have electric heaters to keep us warm.

Saturday was a relaxing day, but I am sorry to say the weather didn't play ball, as it was a little wet. However some still went out, whilst others caught up on their sleep!! I understand that Bill Castle took his dog for a walk in the woods

and he came upon a number of deer and one very large Stag with enormous antlers. The stag seemed to be eyeing Bill up, or on second thoughts perhaps it was his dog. However after a little while the deer including the stag quietly left, much to Bill's relief! Saturday evening we again met in the Hut for just desserts, cheese and biscuits and coffee. We then ran the Brain of South London, which was won by Rosalind Phipps. Congratulations to Ros and a big thank you to everyone for taking part.

On Sunday the sun decided to shine and it became quite warm. So following flagpole everyone sat around talking and reminiscing for some time, it seemed as though no one wished to leave.

All in all it was a most enjoyable rally enjoyed by the occupiers of the 10 vans that attended.

John and Vivian and Sylv



### **A note from our Vice Chairman Mark Sinclair-Watson**

Could those who are attending the dinner/dance/agm, let me know as soon As possible. I have to let the caterers know approximate numbers, as they are starting to book staff. Thank you to those of you who have booked in, it is much appreciated.

With many thanks,  
Mark Sinclair - Watson

I have a number of men and women's clothing with the South London logo on it, that myself and other members have brought. We are hoping to take various pictures and post on the website so if anyone is interested on acquiring a fleece etc please see me.

I would like to wish Danny all the best with his shoulder operation. He was due to go into hospital on the 16<sup>th</sup> May. Also I would like to wish Nigel all the best with his operation.

For everyone in the centre who have had loved ones pass away of cancer or even if you have come through it, I ran on the 11/5/08 at Lloyds Park in Croydon the Cancer Research Race for Life, it took me forty minutes to jog and run 5km and I have raised a total of £350. I hope you all agree it's a step nearer to beating the disease.

Take Care Julie x

### **Items For Sale**

Chris and Jane Elliott are selling their car (Shogun) and Caravan (Bessacarr Cameo). If you are interested in either please contact them on 01322 865401.