



SOUTH LONDON NEWSLETTER

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Hi everyone, do hope you all enjoy reading this Newsletter, the first Rally to report on is the National, which I did not attend this year, so our Chairman Mark kindly wrote the following:

The 82nd National held at Prestwold Hall in Leicestershire, was our first National but most certainly not our last. There was so much to see and do. Indoor events, outdoor events, climbing wall, disco's, over 100 stalls to kit your caravan out with, sports, baking, wine making, to name a few. In the evening you could book to see talented groups perform, we went to see Killer Queen, they had the whole marquee rocking. There was over 3000 outfits with 10,000 people in attendance, quite a sight. Next years is at Weston Park in Shropshire.

Mark Sinclair-Watson.

Then a week's holiday Rally at Brighton, well what can I say, what a great venue, could even see the sea from the rally field the weather was more than kind to us, I am sure everyone enjoyed themselves. Ros Les and helpers made it all a very enjoyable rally.

The youth and Charity Rally at Yalding was another great weekend, and of course lots of money was raised, especially from our Chairman Mark and Bobby Hayes, who both had their chest and back hair removed by wax strips, really professionally done by Tony and Sue Dymott's daughter, Jo, don't know how she did it. Lots of people worked hard to make this so successful thanks' to all.

Then on to the Rally at Birchington, another very successful rally we were joined by quite a few members of East Kent centre, as their rally had to be cancelled. The weekend was to celebrate Father's day, and the Margate airshow, although I didn't go, as we saw lots of the planes over the rally field.

Report on Heaven Farm Photographic Rally

We arrived on Friday with the sun shining to this lovely farm site in Sussex, 25 vans in total, with a healthy turn out from East Sussex centre, on the Saturday we saw even more sunshine with the temperature hitting 27 Deg. in the afternoon we had volley ball with all the adults and children joining in, getting through more than two hundred water filled balloons , with a lot of kids and adults getting a good soaking, which was a welcome treat on a very hot afternoon then a refreshing cup of tea and cakes at the rally office (£22 being collected which was donated to our charity)

Saturday evening got going with a communal Bar-B-Que then into the marquees for a celebration of Tony & Sue Dymott's 25th wedding anniversary, with food and drink being supplied by them, this was then followed by the photographic competition, which was won by Sue Martin with a scene of a bucket of water being thrown over Jan Branch.

Report on the Loxwood Rally

The Loxwood Rally, had a Teddy Bears picnic on Saturday afternoon, with cream teas, quite a laugh, also it was Thelma Funnell's birthday, so that was celebrated as well. I really enjoyed the weekend. Thanks once again.

The Old Age Pensioners Rally was another great success, it was really to celebrate Gerry becoming 65, also celebrating their 49th Wedding anniversary, Saturday evening was a great success, most people dressed accordingly for the wedding breakfast was great, and the visiting Vicar and Master of ceremonies really added to the evening.



Unfortunately I did not go to the Steam Rally, but was told that it was as good as ever. Then on to the Fishing Rally, which again I cannot report on, as I was on holiday, but was told it was great, and the weather was very good for a change. Sorry, not sure who won the trophies.

Now on to Southern Centres Rally, this went off very well, and a lot of hard work to make it a success, the entertainment on both evenings was great, I feel sure that all attended enjoyed themselves.

Report on the Nominations Rally in Appledore

Just a few lines to say how much Viv and myself enjoyed Appledore. We had the site to ourselves, good weather all weekend. Friday was spent putting Marquees up and then off to the pub to have a pint sitting in the sun. In the evening a good old chat and a tippie. Saturday we all set off for a bike ride to the lovely pub about 4 miles away it was nice to see so many bikes start and finish back at the rally field. Saturday evening was the Brain of South London competition which Nigel won, good show by all. Sunday 11am all nominations had to be in, had a great weekend but finished all too soon, Bill Castle had his 65 birthday on Saturday. We had a drink with Bill on Friday night in the local pub and a meal, very good food worth a visit if you're down that way. Yours Micky T.

Bottoms away!!!



Another great Hop Festival Weekend at Faversham run by East Kent. Just a short stroll in to Faversham town centre from the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School makes this a great venue to enjoy all the

festivities. Partaking in the hops is of course a must and there are no shortages of hostelrys for you to frequent over the weekend. Most have free live entertainment with a variety of styles from Cajun to Swing bands. There are also street entertainers, Morris Dancers and a traditional Punch and Judy Show. Craft shows and a variety of stalls offering all sorts, from fancy wigs and jewellery to shellfish, line the streets of this quaint medieval town. So whether you're young or of the more mature years, there is something for everyone. The sun always seems to shine on this annual event and many return year after year adorning bins wherever they can attach them! To enjoy a great family weekend Thanks to East Kent for yet another fantastic 'Hop Festival' Rally.

Thank you note from Mark.

I would like to thank everyone for your kind words, cards, messages of sympathy and moral support, given to us when my Dad passed away in July.

It meant a great deal to Karen and I, making a difficult time a little easier.

With sincere gratitude,

Mark Sinclair-Watson

Articles for Sale

£50.00 ONO Dorema Sun Canopy with extra fibreglass roof support poles, only used four times. Contact Sylv Rose



Well that is all this time, thanks to all that sent write-ups on rallies, also wishing all of you that have had birthdays and anniversaries a great day.

Bye for this time, Sylv Rose.

Editor of Newsletter.