



## WINTER 2011 NEWSLETTER

### LATEST NEWS!

#### *October's AUTOJUMBLE MEET*

Another magnificent day for landing a bargain! The sun made for a glorious day and many of you Buggers made your way to Stonham Barns for this popular meet.



#### *THE 2011 CLUB CALENDAR LAUNCH!*

The October meet also saw the launch of the club calendar, which is on sale at every meet for £10. Or if you would like to purchase the calendar by post, please send a cheque for £11.50 to: 2011 Calendar, 49 Camden Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP3 8JW

#### *November's MONTHLY MEET*

November's rain may have come, but many of you still enjoyed a cosy meet under the Suffolk Buggers tent whilst the heaven's opened! Of course, we had our regular raffle, cakes and tuck shop as well as the club merchandise for sale.



#### *December's CHRISTMAS PARTY!*

A festive celebration for all the family at Copdock Village Hall! Festivities started at 7.30pm and there was a delicious spread of bangers and mash and ginger or chocolate cake and custard. Later in the evening the 'Angry Beavers', who also performed at Alive & V-Dubbin, laid on an evening of great entertainment with many buggers joining in with a dance at the end of the evening!

Congratulations to a very lucky **Alice Green**, winning first prize in the raffle and correctly guessing 'Rufus' as the name of the rather large (!) cuddly toy dog. **Becky and Isobel** also won "guess the weight of the cake" taking home a rather hefty, over 10lb Christmas cake!!



### CLUB MERCHANDISE!

Remember! Club merchandise is available to purchase/order at every Suffolk Bug'rs meet!



### SUFFOLK BUGRS 2011 DATES!

January 9<sup>th</sup> pub meet at Brewery Tap, Ipswich, Cliff Quay Road, IP3 0AT. 11am onwards. Food available from Pub.

February 13<sup>th</sup> meet at Greyhound pub, Claydon, IP6 0AR. 11am onwards.

March 13<sup>th</sup> Autojumble meet at Stonham Barns IP14 6AT 11am onwards. To trade £3.50 members £6.00 non-members. Free to browse. Refreshments available.

April 10<sup>th</sup> Normal meet at Stonham Barns IP14 6AT 11am onwards.

AGM will follow after meet.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> Easter club camp - Strangers Home Inn & Camping & Caravanning site [www.strangershome.co.uk](http://www.strangershome.co.uk) call 01255 870304 to book your pitch on the rally field with Suffolk Buggers. £16 p/night electric hook-up.£14 p/night without electric hook-up. If we fill 20 plots we will get a reduced rate of £12.50 p/night electric hook up £10 p/night without electric hook-up. There will be a bouncy castle too!

May 8<sup>th</sup> Cruise meet at Stonham Barns IP14 6AT 11am onwards. We will cruise to Old Felixstowe cliff top car park at 1.30pm.

May 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Big Bang, Santa Pod - MEMBERS ONLY club plot booked. Collect your club camping pass call Andrew or Naomi 07736 422824 [suffolkbugrs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suffolkbugrs@hotmail.co.uk)

May 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> Battlesbridge VW show, Essex - Look for club flag if you want to camp together.

June 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Alive & V-Dubbin 2011 at Stonham Barns IP14 6AT. [www.aliveandvdubbin.co.uk](http://www.aliveandvdubbin.co.uk)

July 10<sup>th</sup> Normal meet at Stonham Barns IP14 6AT 11am onwards.

July 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Peppercorn VW show, Kent - Look for the club flag if you want to camp together.

July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Waxham club camp MEMBERS ONLY - Waxham sands, Horsey, Norfolk, NR29 4EJ, 01692 598325. Arrive Friday or Saturday. You don't have to pre book.

August 7<sup>th</sup> Classic Cars & Wheels show at Stonham Barns IP14 6AT.

September 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> VW Action, Santa Pod - Members only club plot booked.

September 11<sup>th</sup> Cruise meet at Stonham Barns IP14 6AT. 11am onwards. We will cruise to Old Felixstowe cliff top car park at 1.30pm.

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November 13<sup>th</sup> Meet at Greyhound pub, Claydon, IP6 0AR. 11am onwards.

December 10th/ 11<sup>th</sup> -TO BE CONFIRMED

### **Suffolk Buggers Committee**

Suffolk Buggers would like to ask our members to volunteer to help run our club. Every little helps to keep the club running, so your time and commitment would be much appreciated. If you think that you would like to help Suffolk Buggers run, plan, and organise meets and events on the committee then please contact Andrew or Naomi, email [suffolkbugrs@hotmail.com](mailto:suffolkbugrs@hotmail.com) or call Andrew on 07736422824. Alternatively there will be committee members at every meet so please feel free to have a chat to us.

## MEMBER'S STORY

*POPPIN' POPPY*, as she is now called, is owned by Ashley and Becci Elford. You may have seen her? She looks a bit like a boat!

We were the winning bidders of Poppy on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2009. On Ebay, she was advertised as "Poppy...the fun bus", ready for a good season of camping and...fun! We excitedly made our way to Newbury to collect her on Saturday 15 August 2009; little did we know what was lurking under her bonnet!

As we were cautiously making our way up the M4, disaster struck at Junction 10. Ashley slowed down, wound down his window and heard the dreaded poppin' that made way for Poppy's lasting name. She coughed, popped and splurged her way off the M4 to a nearby car park where we immediately rang the AA. A few hours later Poppy was towed home, unable to make the distance under her own steam.

*Poppy being towed home*



Over the next four months there was a lot of tinkering and prodding to locate the poppin', but we had no success. In the meantime we'd had time to go through some of the documents that came with Poppy. She was originally purchased by Mr David Unwin in London on 19 June 1979. She was converted from a Volkswagen Transporter Delivery Van to a camper by R G Anderson and was a very lucky van, being regularly serviced up until 1991. We have a whole host of documents relating to servicing history, original user manuals and warranty and lots lots more! She is certainly a van with history! It seems as if Poppy then had two further owners; the Bowdens and Brackleys. We are very lucky to have correspondence between her previous owners, all referring to the van as Poppy.

*Poppy and her original owners*



In her time it would seem that Poppy has had at least two new engines and funnily enough

on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008, pops and bangs were noted from Poppy's exhaust! But back to our poppin' problem... It was finally decided that, to cease the poppin', Poppy would need a new engine. So, on 30 January, 2010 a new 2ltr engine from Vege was fitted by Ashley, helped by Dave and friends at Simpsons Garage.

On 1 February, 2010, Poppy was finally ready to come home and we finally had a chance to put our stamp on her! We changed some of the interior, fitting a new floor and adding our handmade curtains. At last...after 7 months, since her purchase, her first trip to Needham Lake was an almighty success with tea and bacon sandwiches! Our first camping trip was Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February at Stonham Barns in preparation for the Suffolk Buggs meet. Poppy was going to make it to this meet (!) even if we did need to camp in freezing conditions the night before!



The 2010 summer season was great for us and Poppy. We travelled to Staffordshire for V fest, had camping trips to Ramsgate, Lowestoft, Northampton

and North Wales. We also attended our first Alive and V-Dubbin. Our 'Poppin' Poppy' will probably never win a "show and shine" or "best in show" but to us, she is priceless!

## MINI BUGRS CORNER

Suffolk Buggs wish a very happy birthday to:

### JANUARY

057 A Beau Brousson 3/1/02  
111 A Rose Shippen 4/1/94  
223 A Sam Wholmes 5/1/94  
007 A Harry Sugden 7/1/08  
039 A Flynn Morgan 8/1/03  
236 A Jake Allwood 11/1/02  
082 A Tolkein Dack 11/01/99  
003 A Scarlett Lewis 12/1/10  
188 A Ophelia Francis 12/1/96  
088 A Victoria Mcfarlane 13/1/96  
224 A Kaiya Cable 15/1/00  
051 A Lauren Keeble 16/1/98  
049 A Oliver Clegg 19/1/09  
214 A Jamie Cocker 19/1/94  
216 A Sam Rust 21/1/98  
216 A Tom Savine 24/1/00  
157 A Flynn Chatfield 24/1/07  
096 A Libby Byford 25/1/07  
005 A Jordi Bore/ Taynton 25/1/95  
049 A Helen Clegg 26/1/05  
209 A Alex Carter 27/1/07  
080 A Harrison Hunter 31/1/01

### FEBRUARY

161 A Amy Green 1/2/94  
234 A Farron Nicholls 2/2/97  
068 A Anna Hughes 3/2/01  
105 A Evie Mason 3/2/07  
082 A Troika Dack 05/02/05  
001 A Daniel Wilcox 6/2/97  
131 A Erin Bee 8/2/08  
058 A Bill Morton 9/2/94  
182 A Erin Knight 9/2/06  
106 A Sebastian Farley 10/2/99  
108 A Aaliyah Munro 11/2/02  
218 A Faith Whiting 12/2/99  
057 A Megan Brousson 13/2/00  
161 A Charlie Green 13/2/96  
021 A Saffron McKay 21/2/05  
233 A Charlie Bramley 23/2/03  
127 A May Reade 23/2/07  
127 A Erin Reade 23/2/07  
058 A T.T Morton 24/2/95  
201 A Maisie Woods 24/2/98  
187 A Georgie Day 25/2/98  
193 A Holly Brett 26/2/99

### MARCH

221 A Alex Bristow Campbell 1/3/02  
086 A Liam Hemsworth 1/3/03  
128 A Eve Bull 2/3/00  
135 A Bethany Woodroof 4/3/06  
015 A Caleb White 4/3/02  
099 A Archie Allum 5/3/07  
100 A Sophie Barrett 08/03/94  
042 A Harvey Thompson 10/3/99  
169 A Kieran Fisher 10/3/98  
062 A Caja Uren 11/3/09  
080 A Jessica Watters 14/3/07  
074 A Alex Eversden 17/3/95  
096 A Elliot Byford 18/3/94  
233 A Lily-Mae Bramley 19/3/10  
141 A Maydean Brown 21/3/97  
031 A Reece Huggins 23/3/06  
118 A Meg Rackham 25/3/96  
023 A Teagan May Davies 25/3/06  
193 A Josh Brett 30/3/96  
186 A Jake Peachment 30/3/95

And not forgetting your Winter edition of:

*Harry Carry*



*Acquaintances  
made*

Harry felt a strange sense of peace and quiet as the darkness outside filtered through the griddled entrance and in to the lock up.

There was no noisy road, no quiet drive way and no comfortable noises at all that he knew. The only sound remained from a quiet, oscillating fan that whirred around mischievously, disrupting the tranquillity. Crumble and Ricky were both asleep and as Harry stared over at them, he wondered about home, Dad and the children.

*"Tucked up in the warm of their beds, the boys would be asleep by now",* he thought to himself. *"And Dad would probably be sitting round the table with mum, discussing the events of the day. Mum would be gossiping about the neighbours and Dad about the people at work".*

Sometimes, Harry could hear their conversations as he sat on the drive, he missed their chitter chatter, immensely. Harry pondered about his space on the drive - surely the family would be worried about him and perhaps they missed him every time they had come out of the house and walked past the vast, empty expanse in front of the house where he was usually parked up, familiarity he missed it! and pondered to himself that he needed to be back home as soon as he could.

And yet as he looked around the lock up, Harry acknowledged the warmth. It was calm, safely enclosed and a place of rejuvenation, he reflected.

*"Soon as those parts arrive, I'll be happily on my way", - "for tonight, I shall enjoy the stay, like a holiday"....* he convinced himself, *"like camping with the boys"....*he thought happily. *"Tomorrows' another day"....*

As his eyelids sagged and he fell into a deep, warm and restful sleep.

As the morning came it brought with it a startling effect upon Harry. He felt sparky! energised and ready for the day. It was true; he had slept well - very well in fact! and he glanced to his side to see Crumble jiggering about.

*"Hey mate",* laughed Crumble. *"You Ok?, first night an' all?,* Crumble offered, inquiringly.

*"Absolutely",* retorted Harry- *"my engine bay feels fuelled, I feel like a new camper van- ready for the off you know!"* Harry spurted in response.

*"That'll be the surgery",* Crumble shrugged...*"short lived feeling though",* he continued...*"euphoria at some one taking an interest in your workings I reckon!"* he added gloomily, (and as the voice of experience).

Harry took Crumbles' annoying depression with a pinch of salt. He certainly felt better -Dr Shakily had loosened parts that he hadn't remembered feeling at all! He took a deep breath in .....

*"Ahh",* he smiled....*that fuel pump feels airy.....gone was the persistent itchchy, scratchy, bitty feeling of sludge and clog that he had felt for so long.....so far, so good.*

Dr Shakily pottered around the garage- Harry noticed him engaging in many things during the morning- discussions with owners, telephone conversations with everyone from insurance sales to mechanical reps, alongside the practical fixing and mending of stuff (which Harry thought he seemed to enjoy the most). He was a busy man; Harry studied, as he noted Dr Shakily demonstrating quite major, technical skill on a sorry looking Citroen AX.

He could make anything come alive again, Harry observed, with a passion so experienced that Harry felt honored to be within his work shop and part of the work load, of the day.

*"Hi there Harry",* Dr Shakily stated warmly. *You doing ok there? Must have been strange for you, spending a night away from home!"* , he continued, appreciatively acknowledging Harrys' feelings.

*"Still, sure there's' been enough gossip in here to keep you fired up! he chuckled, knowingly. "What I came to tell you though is we've got lucky, ... your club are sending your parts this afternoon, don't need as much as we thought as I've made good your fuel lining and it's minimum stuff...should be fixing you up soon after the postman drops, - might even get you home tonight!"....*he continued, brightly.

Harry grinned from indicator to indicator- this was brilliant news, not only would he be home soon...but home soon, fixed up and carrying a weight of instructions for Dad to put in to place to ensure that he never gets wet the same in the future. Yes, Dad would have to listen to the advice of Dr Shakily, he thought! Ha! No more droopy tarpaulin.....and hopefully no more soggy spark plugs.

Harry noted a dampened expression on Crumbles face- he seemed un happy that Harry would be leaving so soon. Harry exchanged registration details with Crumble and Ricky...and promised that he would keep in touch. Although it was a long way to where Crumble lived (the other side of the County), Harry felt sure that he would see them both again,....something told him that he would.

However, in the near future...he would be going home!.... he couldn't wait for Dad to pick him up.... anxiously, he watched Dr Shakily and waited.... first for the post man (bringing his parts from Bits and Bobs to ensure Harrys' re habilitation) and then..... excitedly for Dad, who arrived just before closing time and wrapped his arms warmly around Harrys' steering wheel, and jumped inside onto the protective plastic coating that Dr Shakily had laid on Harrys' bench seat.

With a turn of the ignition, Harry was off!! traveling energetically towards home, with Dad happy to see him.