



# Caravan and Motorhome Club - Suffolk Centre

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## May 2017 Newsletter and Rally Update

This is your Ninth Edition of  
Suffolk Centre's Newsletter



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### NEWSLETTER SPOTLIGHT

This is the Third edition under New Management and I trust you will find something of interest. We will be issuing a regular email outlining the upcoming rallies and any other matters you should know about.

Of immediate interest is the planning for the Centre's 50th Anniversary Rally from the 20th - 24th July 2018.

### LADY CHAIRMAN'S BLOG

As we have been planning our rally at Rede Hall both David and I have thought about the many rallies we have attended over the years. So many different weekends and holidays that have been arranged by fellow members of the Caravan Club.

Some take quite a lot of planning, when food, games, local excursion and dinners are being prepared and others when just pegging out the field and sorting out a cup of tea for everyone is all that is required. Whichever one you are arranging they give you the same sense of satisfaction when you see fellow ralliers for an enjoyable weekend.

This year there are many of our favourites, being organised by our valuable team of marshals, that I am sure we will all enjoy. But spare a thought for next year as Alan organises the programme for 2018. If you think that you could host a rally please give Alan, or any member of the Committee a call, as we would be very pleased to add more variety into the programme.

After Rede Hall we will be travelling into Norfolk for the National at Sandringham. There has been a fantastic response from those living in Suffolk and our own members and I am sure we will have a great time. If you are passing the marshals pitches at any time do stop and say hello as we would be pleased to stop for a chat.

Please check out the competitions for the National and see if you can enter. As well as supporting the Centre you will be given points towards the President's Cup – an award Suffolk would be delighted to accept. Don't forget if every Suffolk member scores one point we will achieve over 100 points!

As the summer beckons, we have many rallies booked with Suffolk and I do hope that we have the chance to see you somewhere soon.

Please enjoy the summer with Suffolk in your Caravan or Motorhome.

Best Wishes

Janice

Lady Chairman, Suffolk Centre

### NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

With 2017 now into May and the summer approaching I do have to think of the future and what the Centre needs going towards 2018.

As is normal the Committee is looking for new members next year. I will have completed my three years as your Lady Chairman and a couple of other members of the Committee have decided to take a break from their duties. Whilst most of our current members, with their wealth of experience will stand for re-election.

I have had an excellent time during my tenure (and expect to do so over the next few months). I enjoyed meeting fellow ralliers and made many new friendships. Having the opportunity to represent and support the Centre has given me enormous pleasure following many years of rallying and I would recommend it to you.

2018 will be an exciting year for the Suffolk Centre as we will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> year. New ideas for venues and rallies are always needed and a continuing fresh outlook towards rallying for the future would be valuable.

If you are interested in seeing the Centre develop successfully towards our next half century please think about putting yourself forward for Committee.

Janice

## TRUMA POTENTIAL GAS LEAK!

Truma say that its quality assurance process has uncovered a potential leak in the External Barbecue Points that have been fitted to some UK tourers. The fault only applies to gas outlets and valves that have date codes ranging from 01.2016 to 01-2017. The nut if left unchecked could lead to a significant gas leak. Anyone who is concerned should visit [www.truma.com](http://www.truma.com) to find out how to check for the code or ring 0800 038 8910. If your outlet is affected, refrain from using the barbecue point and contact your dealer for a replacement. With thanks to Practical Caravan May 2017 edition.

## Peewit Rally - 21st - 23rd April

The marshals are delighted to report that a fundraising event for Guide Dogs for the Blind received donations totalling £155 from those attending this rally. All the tea/coffee/cakes etc., were donated by Morrisons Supermarket in Felixstowe, plus they were also given a couple of prizes by ralliers to raffle off. Many thanks to all those who attended and took part. Janet, Alan, Karen and Tony



## TANGHAM RALLY - 5th - 12th May

The marshals held a cake/tea and coffee stall on the Saturday of this rally to raise funds for Marie Curie Nurses. Many items were donated by Morrison's in Felixstowe for this event with the welcome addition of a delicious selection of home made cakes by some of the ralliers. The marshals send their thanks to all those who attended and took part and are delighted to say, following rounding up with a few pennies, that they raised a total of 162.00. Janet, Alan, Karen and Tony



## COULD YOU MARSHAL A RALLY FOR THE SUFFOLK CENTRE?

The Centre has a dedicated team of volunteers who come forward to marshal the rallies in our programme, but sadly they can't be there all of the time and we do need new members to volunteer their time and enthusiasm. There is a lot of experience you can draw on. We are not asking you to organise everything from day one without knowing the "ropes" so to speak, but if you are interested, I can let other members know of a willing pair of hands they can link up with. You can contact me via email on [rallysec@suffolkcentre.co.uk](mailto:rallysec@suffolkcentre.co.uk).

## REDE HALL FARM PARK RALLY - 12th - 15th May

A very relaxing and enjoyable Rally in the heart of Suffolk. Nigel Oakley (the owner) brought a wonderful Suffolk Punch horse to the Rally Field and gave a very informative talk about the breed to the ralliers. A game of quoits was arranged in the 'bottom field' where Sharon & Richard Cross showed their professionalism at the game, by sweeping all before them. :-) On Saturday a Cream Tea was served and on Sunday evening a wonderful selection of homemade cakes were presented to the members, who all enjoyed the feast. The extra day (Monday) for the rally was appreciated by all that could accommodate this into their schedule. It was noticed that Brian & Janice seemed to have a chimney growing out of the top of their van!



## RALLY HANDBOOK COMPETITION 2017

Janice announced at the Rede Hall Farm Park Rally, that Suffolk Centre had won the competition for best overall Rally Handbook. Our thanks go to Alan Dobson (Rally Secretary) for all his hard work, Maggie Sanderson for the front cover picture and our printers Flyerpress, for their work in assistance and suggestions to the final edition. The Rally Books (from around the country) were judged on a) Use of the Club Logo (albeit the old one) b) General Design and appearance, c) the clarity of print used and d) the photos used, especially the Front Cover Photo.

## JUNIOR CREW BLOG

### New Rally Geocache Rally @ GRAHAMS GREEN (Formerly Bob's Meadow)

**07 - 09 JULY 2017**

A modern day scavenger hunt suitable for all ages carried out at your own pace and in your own time. Come and enjoy a walk over the lovely Purdis Heath. 10 minutes from all the amenities of Ipswich. Ideal Rally for First Ralliers.

Slips to Mark & Rachel Gowers

Supported by the Junior Crew. Any juniors that would like to be a little more involved email: [juniorcrew@suffolkcentre.co.uk](mailto:juniorcrew@suffolkcentre.co.uk)

### EASTER RALLY at SUTTON

22 Juniors enjoyed the Easter weekend Rally at Sutton with lots of craft activities to keep them entertained. They enjoyed badge making, Easter egg decorating and making baskets for the Easter egg hunt. Thanks to the Marshals for a great weekend.

The David Totman trophy was presented to Charlie & Harry Goddard at the Peewit Rally in April, well done to you both.

There will be more entertainment for juniors on the Mere Weekend at the Thorpeness Rally (26-29 May) and the Geocache Rally (7-9 July)



**HIKE & BIKE  
ALTON WATER  
TATTINGSTONE IP9 2PD**

**19 - 21 MAY**

Rally beside the reservoir with excellent views. Paths around the reservoir direct from the site for cycling and walking with possible water activities organised by the sailing club.

Nigel, Kim, Jack and Max Berry with Den and Val Mattocks

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**A MEARE WEEKEND IN THORPENESS  
OGILVIE PAVILION AND SPORTS GROUND  
THORPENESS IP16 4NB**

**26 - 29 MAY**

Enjoy a relaxing Bank Holiday weekend with the family at stunning Thorpeness - the inspiration for Peter Pan. The village boasts a wealth of character with its beautiful Meare, beach, tearooms and shops and lovely Dolphin Pub and local golf club. It is also only 2 miles from Aldeburgh lending itself to a lovely bike ride along the coast. Possible outdoor Bingo or Quiz Saturday evening - weather permitting. Junior Crew activities during the weekend and a communal BBQ Sunday (again, weather permitting).

John, Diane and Lauren Preston with Mark, Rachel and Amber Gowers

**Limited availability - check with the Marshal before booking**

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**THE NATIONAL 2017  
THE SANDRINGHAM ESTATE  
NORFOLK**

**26 - 31 MAY**

This will be a celebration of the 90th event of the national being held in the Anglia Region on the beautiful Sandringham Estate in Norfolk. Enjoy the 5 days packed with daytime and evening entertainment fun for all the family.

There are so many FREE activities for everyone to enjoy during the day and a full programme of ticketed evening entertainment with tribute acts like The Shadow of Cliff and Forever Rod, along with a Night at the Proms and Broadway Spectacular.

**WAITING LIST IN OPERATION WITH THE CARAVAN & MOTORHOME CLUB**

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**THE VILLAGE FETE RALLY  
BREDFIELD VILLAGE HALL  
THE STREET  
BREDFIELD IP13 6AX**

**02 - 04 JUNE**

A quiet village just a short distance from Woodbridge. The rally coincides with the annual Bredfield Church Fete, just along the road from the site. Come and enjoy the village atmosphere.

Trevor & Sue Smith with Joe and Sheila Holmes

**Limited availability - check with the Marshal before booking**

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**ALMOST MID SUMMER AT CLARE PRIORY  
ASHEN ROAD  
CLARE  
CO10 8NX**

**09 - 11 JUNE**

A quiet relaxing weekend in the grounds of this beautiful historic Augustinian Priory. Time to relax and explore Clare and the surrounding area. Many lovely walks close to the rally field.

Brian and Janice Crawford with Andy and Sally Gaffer

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**HARNESSING HISTORY RALLY  
THE SUFFOLK PUNCH TRUST  
WOODBIDGE WALK  
HOLLESLEY IP12 3JR**

**14 - 18 JUNE**

Relaxing do as you please rally. The rally fees cover unlimited daily access to the Suffolk Punch Trust (during opening hours), this will also give you a FREE annual pass. Activities include: Suffolk Punch Café, gift shop, Visitor Centre, working horse demonstrations, rare Suffolk breeds, Suffolk heritage garden and pets paddock. East coast and forest nearby.

Garry and Connie Pyett with Simon Crane

**50% full now, so secure your place by booking soon**

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**THE SHOTLEY ROSE PUB RALLY  
THE ROSE INN  
THE STREET  
SHOTLEY IP9 1NL**

**23 - 25 JUNE**

Lovely area for walks or take the ferry across to Harwich or Felixstowe. Eat and drink in the Pub at your leisure. We have also been told that this weekend there will be a mini beer festival with a band playing in the pub on both Friday and Saturday night.

Carole and Nick Harbottle with Sue and Trevor Smith

**Limited availability—check with the Marshal before booking**

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**WALDEGRAVE HOLIDAY AND LEISURE PARK  
MERSEA ISLAND  
COLCHESTER  
ESSEX CO5 8SE**

**23 - 25 JUNE**

Do as you please rally. The outdoor swimming pool will be open and there is also golf and fishing.

Chris Stammers, Amy Hindle and Lily with Lesley Stammers

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**BEST END WINS  
FRAMLINGHAM SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB  
BADINGHAM ROAD  
FRAMLINGHAM IP13 9HS**

**28 JUNE - 02 JULY**

Boules Competition followed by refreshments.

Dave & Georgie Rabjohn with Alan & Jenny Barrell

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**HAPPISBURGH LIGHTHOUSE RALLY  
MANOR CARAVAN PARK  
HAPPISBURGH  
NORFOLK NR12 0PW**

**01 - 08 JULY**

The site has panoramic views of the sea with a sandy beach and it is adjacent to the famous Happisburg Lighthouse. Group tour of the Lighthouse (to be confirmed). Public House and coffee shop next to the site. Rally fee of £12.00 plus VAT per night includes electric hook-up. Small extra charge for admin and the tea/coffee evening. Rally can be booked up to 7 nights.

Alan & Sue Green with Paul Swain and Carole Drennan

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**CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB CHARITY BIKE RIDE RALLY  
(INVITATION FROM NORTH ESSEX CENTRE)  
CROWS NEST, REDGATE LANE, SEWARDS END  
SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX CB10 2LW**

**06 - 11 JULY**

Come along and support the Caravan Club Chairman's charity for 2017. Friday: Cheese & Wine social evening (you bring the wine, we supply the cheese). Saturday: breakfast, riders cycle checking session. Fun Quiz & Auction evening. Sunday: Morning bike ride (3 different routes). Riders reception..

Mike & Joy Threadgold.

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**GEOCACHE RALLY (SUPPORTED BY THE JUNIOR CREW)  
GRAHAMS GREEN (WAS BOBS MEADOW)  
BUCKLESHAM ROAD  
FOXHALL IP3 8SW**

**07 - 09 JULY**

**NEW RALLY** - A Treasure Hunt weekend to include games and fun for all. Supported by the Junior Crew. Any juniors that would like to be a little more involved, email [jouiorcrew@suffolkcentre.co.uk](mailto:jouiorcrew@suffolkcentre.co.uk).

Mark, Rachel & Amber Gowers with Rob Clarke & Anji Earle.

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**THE FESTIVAL OF COUNTRY MUSIC  
DEBENHAM SPORT & LEISURE CENTRE  
CRACECHURCH STREET  
DEBENHAM IP14 6BL**

**12 - 17 JULY**

This is a full country music festival over 4 days. Live acts booked include: Longshot, Kenny Paul, Roots & Wings, Martin Jaye, Darren Jones, Warren Dewitt, Kevin Barry, Blake & Brazil, Jonny & Lynette, Double Barrel, Ian Highland Band, Julie Dawn and Bob Keeley. Note; Free Pitch when you buy full festival pass only. Rally open to non full festival pass holders at session fees plus £6.00 per night site fee. Full Festival Pass is £35.00 per person; session tickets £7 per session..

Jan & Ed Cuffe with Cath & George Huggins.

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**WIND DOWN AT WOOLVERSTONE  
WOOLVERSTONE HALL  
WOOLVERSTONE  
IPSWICH IP9 1AZ**

**14 - 16 JULY**

A relaxing do as you please weekend. Time to enjoy nice walks to the marina or a meal along the river at Pin Mill.

Paul & Jan Fitch with John & Sandra Meyrick.

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**ALL'S WELL AT BROMESWELL  
WOODBIDGE RUGBY CLUB  
BROMESWELL  
WOODBIDGE IP12 2SL**

**19 - 23 JULY**

Rally bookable for 2, 3 or 4 nights—inclusive price of £22 per van/2 people. Programme to include cheese & wine Friday (wine donated by Marshals) and meal on Saturday in the Hall. No electric hook-up facilities.

Janet & Alan Dobson with Keren & Tony Reed.

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**LADY CHAIRMAN'S RALLY  
ROWLEY MILE RACECOURSE  
NEWMARKET  
SUFFOLK CB8 0TF**

**04 - 06 AUGUST**

You are invited to join your Lady Chairman at this attractive location adjacent to the Rowley Mile racecourse. A do as you please weekend, relax or visit the ancient town of Newmarket (originally called Novum Forum). The rally will feature the Kent-Lucky Derby and you will then be invited to join your Lady Chairman for a Saturday evening supper. During the Rally there will be a Charity Draw in aid of the East Anglia Air Ambulance and any donations will be most warmly welcome

David & Janice Kent with many helpers.

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**ELVIS IS IN THE BUILDING  
CLOPTON VILLAGE HALL  
CLOPTON CORNER  
WOODBIDGE IP13 6QW**

**11 - 13 AUGUST**

Start with light refreshments and a bit of Bingo on Friday evening. Saturday live entertainment by Andy Otley. It's 40 years since Elvis departed and we will celebrate the excitement of Elvis' career from the beginning at Sun Studios, Louisiana Hayride; hits from Elvis at the movies, the legendary '68 comeback, Vegas years and Elvis on tour. Come in your Elvis attire if you wish, grow your sideburns and dance the night away. Prize for the best Elvis. Rally fee expected to be under £30 per van.

Trevor & Sue Smith, Joe & Sheila Holmes with John & Nina Taylor.

**Limited availability—check with Marshal before booking**

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**HITCH UP TO WROXHAM  
ST. JOHNS C.P. SCHOOL  
HORNING ROAD, HOVETON  
NORFOLK NR12 8NX**

**18 - 23 AUGUST (10 Nights)**

Rally is bookable for 2 - 5 nights. Free and easy holiday rally with possible boat trip if enough interest. Please mark on rally slip if interested. Site fee is £7 per night plus VAT. Also planned: boules and lawn darts competitions.

Dave & Georgie Rabjohn with Tony & Karen Reed.

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**CLIFF TOP HOLIDAY RALLY  
THE NORTH END  
THORPENESS  
IP16 4PD**

**18 - 23 AUGUST (10 Nights)**

A lovely rally right next door to the beach in the beautiful Thorpeness village. Relax and do nothing or those wanting to do more, there is always a lot to do in Thorpeness, Aldeburgh and surrounding towns and villages, with the local carnivals and firework displays.

Malcolm & Melanie Eames with Kerry & Darren Willmott, Nick & Claire Mottershead and Tony & Jane Hicks

**Limited availability - check with the Marshal before booking**

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**WATCHING SUMMER SUNSETS  
HILL FARM, POUND HALL ROAD  
HADLEIGH IP7 5PS**

**24 - 28 AUGUST**

Enjoy the views and relax on this 'do as you please' rally. An evening get together with refreshments whilst watching the sunset. All-inclusive rally fee for 4 nights is expected to be approximately £35 per unit. Can be booked for 2, 3 or 4 nights

Trevor & Sue Smith with Joe & Shelia Holmes.

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# Fundraising

Lady Chairman's Charity - Supporting the East Anglia Air Ambulance

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## Upcoming rallies and updates

**August to February 2018 - All Rally names in light blue have a link for more information**

30 Aug - 03 SEP	<a href="#">Apple Pie &amp; Cider Rally</a>	Homestead Park, Weeley
01 - 03	<a href="#">North Essex Charity Rally</a>	Langham, Colchester
07 - 10	<a href="#">Chill at the Mill</a>	Kersey Mill, Kersey <b>50% full - New Venue that needs our support, so book early to secure a place at this rally</b>
14 - 17	<a href="#">Inter-Centre Fishing Rally</a>	Homestead Caravan Park, Weeley
15 - 17	<a href="#">43rd Grand Henham Steam Rally</a>	Henham Park, Nr Southwold
21 - 25	<a href="#">Flixton Flying High Rally</a>	The Buck Inn, Flixton
28 - 01 Oct	<a href="#">Return to Tangham</a>	Tangham, Rendlesham Forrest
06 - 08	<a href="#">Oktoberfest 2017</a>	Hallowtree Scout Camp, Nacton, Ipswich
11 - 15	<a href="#">Norfolk Whiting Rally</a>	Whitehouse Beach CC Site, Kessingland
12 - 15	<a href="#">A.G.M. Rally</a>	Memorial Hall, Sutton, Woodbridge
27 - 29	<a href="#">The Scream Team Halloween</a>	Memorial Hall, Sutton, Woodbridge
17 - 19 Nov	<a href="#">Anglia Region A.G.M.</a>	Hallowtree Scout Camp, Nacton, Ipswich
29 Dec - 02 Jan	<a href="#">New Year at Ipswich Hotel</a>	Copdock, Ipswich (Invite from North Essex Centre)
<b>2018</b> 05 - 07	<a href="#">1st Rally of the Year</a>	The Old Mill Public House, The Green, Saxstead
26 - 28	<a href="#">Burns Supper Rally</a>	Hallowtree Scout Camp, Nacton, Ipswich <b>Limited availability - check with Marshal before booking</b>
9 - 11 Feb	<a href="#">Valentines Rally</a>	Hallowtree Scout Camp, Nacton, Ipswich <b>Rally Slips now accepted for this event</b>
11 Feb	<a href="#">Natter &amp; Chatter Get Together</a>	Hallowtree Scout Camp, Nacton, Ipswich <b>11am to 2pm</b>
20 - 24 July	Suffolk Centre 50th Anniversary Event & Rally ( <a href="#">click here for flyer</a> )	Woolverstone Hall, Woolverstone, Ipswich

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