



Caravan and Motorhome Club - Suffolk Centre

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July 2017 Newsletter and Rally Update

This is your Tenth Edition of
Suffolk Centre's Newsletter



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NEWSLETTER SPOTLIGHT

This is the Fourth 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

Welcome to the July Newsletter –

The summer is proving to be a busy time for the Suffolk Centre, with many ralliers enjoying what the marshals have planned and organised.

David and I have attended rallies on most weekends over the past few months and would like to thank all those who have given us such a good time.

July will give us the opportunity to rally with our near neighbours in North Essex, where we are joining them at Swards Ends. From there we are looking forward to the Wind Down at Woolverstone and a relaxing time at Bromeswell before we start the preparations for the Lady Chairman's Rally at Newmarket from the 4th August.

If you are coming along to Newmarket perhaps you could bring along a prize for the raffle, which will be held in aid of the East Anglian Air Ambulance. We have over 50 members joining us but do have room for a few more if you are free for the weekend. Just send a slip to David as we are planning a supper and it would be good to have an idea of numbers.

The next weekend will see us looking for Elvis at Clopton. There are still plenty of rallies in the programme so check out when you are free and give the marshals a call as some are filling up really well.

Do enjoy the summer and I hope to see you in the next few weeks.

Best Wishes

Janice

Lady Chairman, Suffolk Centre

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

With 2017 now into July and the summer now here, 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 50th 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

2017 National Rally at Sandringham Estate

A fantastic site, well planned and a terrific range of activities and stalls for the Caravan or Motorhome owner. The arrival at the site was executed with great planning to enable a steady flow of arriving units to be sited with the minimum of fuss and inconvenience to those units already sited. A well laid out Centre Arena, with varied and diverse entertainment, with fine weather supplied by the Caravan & Motorhome Club :-). Special events including 'Last Night at the Proms' and 'A Tribute to Adele' were available at a small extra cost. There were also many and varied competitions, including: Photography, Home-Made Wine, Baking, Handicraft, A General Knowledge Quiz, Disability Scooter Manoeuvring Skills, Sports: (Adult and Children's), A Fun Run, Darts (where Suffolk won 1st Prize), Lawn Darts, Cribbage, Pétanque, Junior & Ladies Netball, Open & Ladies Volleyball, 5-A-Side Football, Walking Football, Tug of War, a Fun Dog Show, Caravan Manoeuvring and a Scottish Ramble, to name just a few. Suffolk Centre entered a lot of these and distinguished themselves in many of them. So book early for next years event. The site for 2018 is to be at Sledmere House, Yorkshire - 25th to 30th May 2018. See page 4 for more winners from Suffolk. Editor.



View down a line of Block H



Suffolk Winners of the Darts Competition

Andy Pedder and Marion Clow



Presentation to Suffolk of £300 cheque for Best Rally Book



Scottish Pipe Band playing for the members



Part of the Opening Ceremony of the National 2017

ALMOST MID-SUMMER CLARE PRIORY RALLY 9th - 11th JUNE

The Marshals had arranged for a conducted tour of the Priory and grounds on Saturday afternoon, which was well attended and all agreed that the free tour was most informative. Saturday evening with cheese & wine provided by the marshals. Clare is a beautiful village and well worth a visit, with many shops and amenities available to visit. Editor



Top Left: Clare Priory

Top Right: Presentation by the Priory Father



Bottom Left: Clare Priory Church

Above: Clare Rally Field

Right: Flagpole with Chairlady and Marshals



HARNESSING HISTORY RALLY - 14 - 18th JUNE 2017

The Hollesley Rally at the Suffolk Punch Trust was back in the programme after a few years absence. This time new Marshals to our Centre, Garry and Connie Pyett were well supported by a long term Centre member Simon Crane. The rally was arranged for four nights camping and as it turned out the four very hot summer days were accompanied by a gentle coastal breeze, which was very welcome at times.

We joined the rally on the Friday morning. A warm welcome with a nice cupper and a natter helped us plan our weekend. We were thrilled that the £10 per night included entry to the Trust which offered amazing value. We went into the Trust to view the museum of many different items associated with farming in Suffolk over the years. Fascinating objects and items to view. A big barn contained many of the old carts and farming tools used in association with the Suffolk Punch horses. A very nice café was handy for a drink and snack at lunch time. There were a range of small animals which the children all enjoyed. We remembered our youth whilst looking at the rabbits, guinea pigs, bantams and ducks.

We would like to thank the Marshals and the management and staff from the Suffolk Punch Trust for making this a memorable weekend. We really didn't want to leave on Sunday but as we always say, 'All good things come to an end.' The marshals did a fabulous job and we hope that the rally will feature in the 2018 programme, as it was clearly popular and everyone seemed to have a relaxing time. Trevor & Sue Smith; Joe & Sheila Holmes.



Top Left: Rally Field

Top Right: Calf

Bottom Left: Stud Horse

Bottom Right: Tack Room

ADVANCE NOTICE OF NORTH NORFOLK RAILWAY RALLY - 23-28 August 2018

The Centre has accepted an invitation from the Anglia Region and North Essex Centre to an event on Saturday 25th August 2018 at the North Norfolk Railway for a 3 course dinner costed at £50 per person to be held whilst travelling from Holt to Sheringham and back, on a steam train.

Alongside this North Essex Centre will be running a rally at Holt Rugby Club from noon 23rd to noon 28th August costed at £10 per night, plus admin fee, social fee and VAT. The rally will also consist of various socials with use of the hall on site.

Anyone interested please email Joy Threadgold on joythreadgold1@gmail.com. A Booking Form for this event is available from the Suffolk Centre website. Please [Click Here](#) to download the booking form.

The dinner event can be booked separately to the rally.

KEEPING THE COST OF THE RALLY HANDBOOK DOWN

As you may be aware, the cost of producing and delivery of the Rally Handbook is quite expensive and my main job on the Committee is to sell advertising in our handbook which subsidises the printing and postage cost. We do have several loyal supporters and I am hopeful they will advertise with us again next year, but times are hard and maybe they will want to cut costs. I'm looking for new advertisers and need your help to find them. We all have our favourite dealer, accessory shop, service agent, campsite etc. It is these organisations I want to target for adverts and sponsorship next year which sees us celebrate our 50th year as a Centre. If you could have a chat with them and show them our Rally Handbook and if they are interested get them to either email or ring me to discuss further. My email and phone number is in the Handbook. Or if you prefer you can contact me directly with a name and number and I will contact them on the Centre's behalf. I do hope you can help, it would be really good to have confidence that those advertising with us have been recommended by fellow Centre members. Bill Mitchell

SECURITY & SAFETY ON THE RALLY FIELD

Could we kindly remind you all that if you are expecting guests on the Rally field, please 'insist' that they report to the Rally Marshal on arrival at the site. If guests arrive unexpectedly, please ensure that the Rally Marshal is made aware that you have guests, especially if they are to accompany you to a planned event on the Rally. This is for all the members safety and security of the members equipment on the Rally. Your assistance with this will be much appreciated. Thank you. Editor.

A MEARE WEEKEND IN THORPENESS RALLY - 26 - 29th MAY 2017

The Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend saw a new rally venue for the Suffolk Centre. For many years the club have (and still do) use the cliff top at Thorpeness but this year we also held a rally on the Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground. It was a lovely well maintained site with beautiful views of the House in the Clouds and only about 200m from the Dolphin Public House. The weather was glorious and saw many ralliers wandering around picturesque Thorpeness or nipping up the road to Aldeburgh for a great supper of fish and chips. The rally began with tea & coffee Friday with a spot of quoits, a quiz about Thorpeness written by Graham Noye and then, crafts and volleyball for all ages (refereed by Mrs Peggy Lee) and Bingo and a communal BBQ. We have booked the venue for next year too and anticipate a rally fee similar to this year (around £32 for the 3 nights). Diane Preston.



THE NATIONAL - SUFFOLK WINNERS

Photography - 'Triangle' and 'Flora' by Chris Sanderson; Youth up to 11, Lillie Mai Bloomfield; **Handicrafts** - 'Tea Cosy' by Wendy Johnson; **Fun Run** - Female: Pat Watson; **Children's Sports** - Boys' Sprint (up to 5) Harvey Watson; **Team Events** - Walking Football and Darts. See page 82 of the July Caravan and Motorhome Club Magazine for details of all the winners.

DORDOGNE RALLY - 25th JUNE - 7th JULY 2018

Advance notice of a Holiday Rally in the Dordogne area of France. For details of the site visit <http://en.soleilplage.fr/> where you will see details of the site. Many, many places to visit and things to do in the region and of course, just a few miles from Bergerac, where wine lovers will find many fine wines to sample, both Red, White, Rosé and Sparkling. Please contact Sheena McCartney at sheenatemp@btinternet.com to register an interest in attending. When full details, including the price of the stay are available, then Sheena will contact you with a booking form. This 'register of interest' doesn't commit you at this stage.



Showing the Beach at the campsite; Aerial view of the campsite; Campsite is near the river Dordogne; Aquatic Complex



Canoeing on the Dordogne; Fishing (don't forget your rod); Indoor activities; fun for all the children

SHOTLEY ROSE PUB RALLY - 23 - 26th JUNE 2017

The Rally was a great success with 31 units in total. The Beer festival was enjoyed by all and we loved the music played by both bands Friday and Saturday night. We all dined in the Shotley Rose on Friday & Saturday evenings and really enjoyed the excellent food. Of course the pre-ordered splendid weekend weather was appreciated by all members present. A must attend for next year. Carole & Nick Harbottle.

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. Alan Dobson.

**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. [Click here for more details](#)

[Just a few spaces available so book early](#)

**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

[Click here for more details](#)

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

18 - 23 AUGUST (5 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.

[Click here for more details](#)

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

18 - 28 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.

[Click here for more details](#)

[Just a few spaces available so book early](#)

**APPLE PIE AND CIDER RALLY
HOMESTEAD PARK
WEELEY
ESSEX CO16 9JN**

30 AUGUST - 03 SEPTEMBER

Relaxing long weekend on rally field adjacent to commercial site. Apple Pie & Cider Saturday evening. Optional fishing in the lake, (extra charge payable). Rally can be booked for 2, 3 or 4 nights

Nigel & Kim Berry with Neil & Gaynor Carter.

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**THE NORTH ESSEX CENTRE CHARITY RALLY - INVITATION TO SUFFOLK CENTRE
LANGHAM VILLAGE HALL
SCHOOL LANE
LANGHAM, COLCHESTER CO4 5PA**

01 - 03 SEPTEMBER

Join us for a fun packed weekend of fund raising for Autism Anglia. Garden Fete style stalls including Tombola, Cream Teas and Raffles, to name just a few. Saturday evening entertainment in the hall is not to be missed. Site fee £6 p.n. plus admin, social and VAT

Rob & Maz Rice with Dave & Marion Kemp.

[Click here for more details](#)

**CHILL AT THE MILL
KERSEY MILL
KERSEY
SUFFOLK IP7 6DP**

17 - 10 SEPTEMBER

Chill out for a few days at this new venue; do as you please in this pretty & historical part of Suffolk. Tour of the Mill on Saturday. Several retail & service on the Mill Site: The Copper Kettle Café tea rooms, Glass & Craft, Flower Shop, Boutique, Beauty Room, Health & Fitness Centre, Photo Studio, Natural Health Centre, Pilates (with more units being built).

Gerry & Connie Pyett with Simon Crane.

[Click here for more details](#)

[New Venue - Spaces Available; your support needed](#)

**INTER-CENTRE FISHING RALLY
(Invitation from South Essex Centre)
HOMESTEAD CARAVAN PARK, THORPE ROAD
WEELEY, ESSEX CO16 9JN**

14 - 17 SEPTEMBER

South Essex invites each Centre to enter a team of 7 anglers for a competition. We need to know by the end of June if your Centre can enter a full team, allowing time to find anglers to complete teams. For a full list of rules regarding this, please see the Suffolk Centre Website, by clicking on the link below.

Pauline & Kevin Higgins with Sue & Dave Gray

[Click here for more details](#)

**THE 43rd GRAND HENHAM STEAM RALLY
HENHAM PARK (Nr SOUTHWOLD)
SUFFOLK NR34 8AQ**

15 - 17 SEPTEMBER

Numerous trade and food stalls including a beer tent. Fairground rides, two full days of exhibits, displays and steam attractions. Please send rally slip to marshals in the normal way. There will be a small admin charge on arrival at the rally.

Please book and pay for the steam rally online at www.henhamsteamrally.com. Please make sure you add SCCC after name on booking form. Please follow the website instructions for payment. If you don't have internet access, please contact Ken Cribb well in advance for instructions on booking

Ken & Mary Cribb with Tony & Chris Swain.

[Click here for more details](#)

**FLIXTON FLYING HIGH RALLY
THE BUCK INN
FLIXTON
BUNGAY NR35 1NZ**

21 - 25 SEPTEMBER

Visit to Norfolk & Suffolk Aviation Museum which adjacent to the rally site on Sunday. Saturday night get together meal in The Buck Inn.

Terry & Joy Youngs with Bill & Pam Mitchell.

[Click here for more details](#)

**RETURN TO TANGHAM
FOREST CAMPING
TANGHAM
RENDELSHAM FOREST IP12 3NF**

28 SEPTEMBER - 01 OCTOBER

Autumn return to Rendlesham Forest with rally bookable for 2 or 3 nights. Plenty of cycle trails, footpaths with marked routes, including the famous UFO Trail. Play equipment for youngsters on site and within forest area by the car park. Van with newspapers call at the site over the weekend.

Janet & Alan Dobson with Karen & Tony Reed

[Click here for more details](#)

**OKTOBERFEST 2017
HALLOWTREE
NACTON
IPSWICH IP10 OJP**

06 - 08 OCTOBER

Grab your steins and come and celebrate Oktoberfest with us again. We'll be serving traditional German snacks and beer and wine and there will be live music in keeping with the occasion. We invite you all to come in appropriate fancy dress.

Nigel & Kim Berry with Barry & Lynne Roberts.

[Click here for more details](#)

**NORFOLK WHITING RALLY (Invitation to Suffolk)
WHITEHOUSE BEACH CARAVAN CLUB SITE
KESSINGLAND
SUFFOLK NR33 7RW**

11 - 15 OCTOBER

The Fishing Challenge Trophy plus nearby attractions and Africa Alive in Kessingland. Shopping in Lowestoft. Site fee to be advised.

Jan & Bill Simmonds with June & Bill Morris

[Click here for more details](#)

**SUFFOLK A.G.M. RALLY
THE MEMORIAL HALL, SUTTON
WOODBIDGE IP12 3DU**

12 - 15 OCTOBER

Friday evening tea & coffee in the hall. Saturday evening live entertainment with Tyler Kemp Plus One. A.G.M. meeting is on Sunday 15th October at 11am. **Please remember to bring your Caravan & Motorhome Club membership cards.** Rally bookable for 2 or 3 nights.

John & Nina Taylor with David & Jan Hale.

[Click here for more details](#)

Fundraising

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

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR RALLIES.....

Upcoming rallies and updates

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

27 - 29 Oct	The Scream Team Halloween	Memorial Hall, Sutton, Woodbridge
17 - 19 Nov	Anglia Region A.G.M.	Hallowtree Scout Camp, Nacton, Ipswich
29 Dec - 02 Jan	New Year at Ipswich Hotel	Copdock, Ipswich (Invite from North Essex Centre)
2018 05 - 07	1st Rally of the Year	The Old Mill Public House, The Green, Saxstead
26 - 28	Burns Supper Rally	Hallowtree Scout Camp, Nacton, Ipswich Limited availability - check with Marshal before booking
9 - 11 Feb	Valentines Rally	Hallowtree Scout Camp, Nacton, Ipswich Rally Slips now accepted for this event
11 Feb	Natter & Chatter Get Together	11am to 2pm
25 June - 7 July	Down in the Dordogne	Domaine Soleil Plage, Dordogne, France Rally Slips now accepted for this event
20 - 24 July	Suffolk Centre 50th Anniversary Event & Rally (click here for Flyer)	Woolverstone Hall, Woolverstone, Ipswich
23 - 28 Aug	North Norfolk Railway Rally (Click here for a Booking Form)	Holt Rugby Club - Invite from North Essex

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