



Caravan and Motorhome Club - Suffolk Centre

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September 2017 Newsletter and Rally Update

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NEWSLETTER SPOTLIGHT

This is the Fifth 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 Autumn approaches it seems a good time to reflect on the past few weeks of Summer.

The Chairman's Rally at Newmarket gave David and myself the opportunity to thank many of our friends and fellow ralliers for their support over the year. With the help of a great team we were able to offer a BBQ, Hobby Horse Racing and also managed to make the marvellous sum of £720 towards our charity fund for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. So a big thank you to all those who attended.

From Newmarket we went to Clopton for the Elvis is in the Building rally, and what a great time we had. Firstly trying to learn to Jive (sorry that I wasn't able to master the art Ken, but I tried) then a great night with Elvis. Many Thanks to Trevor and his team for putting on such a great weekend.

After a few days away with the Southern Region rally at Sunbury on Thames with the fabulous weather we had over the Bank Holiday weekend it was over to Weeley and another enjoyable weekend in the sunshine sampling the cider and apple pies provided by the marshals.

There were also some great rallies that I missed. I have had excellent feedback on Wroxham, Thorpeness and Hadleigh and I hope to make these next year. My thanks to all those marshals and helpers who have given us all such a good time over the last couple of months.

But it doesn't stop yet with Tangham and the Oktoberfest still to come before the AGM so there are still plenty of opportunities to enjoy time relaxing with the Suffolk Centre.

Just a reminder about the AGM – there is a list of current nominations for Committee on the website but there is still time to think about putting yours in. Diane Preston needs to have all completed slips by noon on the 1st October.

John Taylor still has space on the rally at Sutton over the weekend from the 12-15 October so please send in a slip as it's sure to be a good event with Tyler Kemp Plus One entertaining us on the Saturday Evening.

I look forward to seeing you soon

Best Wishes

Janice

Lady Chairman, Suffolk Centre

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

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.

2018 will be an exciting year for the Suffolk Centre, as we will be celebrating our 50th year. If you are interested in seeing the Centre develop successfully towards our next half century please think about putting yourself forward for Committee membership.

LADY CHAIRMAN'S RALLY - NEWMARKET ROWLEY MILE RACE COURSE

This year the Newmarket Rally was chosen by our Lady Chairman as her venue for the "Chairman's Rally" and what a treat we had in store. It is always special when our Centre Chairman sets out to provide a little extra for its members on their chosen weekend. This year was no exception with Janice and David working very hard with the team to entertain and feed us over a delightful weekend at the Rowley Mile Racecourse.

It's easy to say what a good rally we have had, but often more of a challenge to explain why. This year, the field was just as nice as usual, the turnout was as good as before (more than 70 units), the food met everyone's expectation and the Saturday afternoon thunderstorm did nothing to spoil the event, it just provided us a little time to have an afternoon nap... or natter in my case.

Many thanks to the extended team of Marshals, volunteers and helpers, too many to name, from cooking the food, erecting the event shelters, moving and loaning equipment, and best of all donating a vast array of prizes however large or small and then buying raffle tickets to win them back!

Janice has advised me that more than £700 was raised and will be passed to the Chairman's nominated Charity, East Anglian Air Ambulance, Thank you! Congratulations go to our long serving marshals and friends John and Nina Taylor who celebrated their 500th Rally in style and received the Suffolk Punch Award from our Lady Chairman at flagpole. Trevor Smith (Vice Chairman)



Top L - Horse Racing
 Top C - Flagpole
 Top R - Hot dogs and Burgers
 Bottom L - Our Sponsor
 Bottom R - Loads of Prizes



ELVIS IS IN THE BUILDING - 11-13 AUGUST

We knew that it was the 40th anniversary since the death of "The King" Elvis Presley and with this in mind a celebration rally was entered into the programme. We had a full rally, spilling onto the car park and with immeasurable fortune, the Wednesday flooding subsided to allow us to get on and off the field without any incidents.

We take our hat off to Ken and Linda Levett for nearly two hours of dance lessons on Saturday afternoon. I was exhausted just watching. Thank you for making the day complete. Our Elvis tribute Andy Ottley was not only a brilliant act but a genuinely nice guy, performing all the popular Elvis songs and taking requests of our favourites all evening. We even had some party music during the break and time to pick the best dressed Elvis. Ken did it again with his bright blue jacket! we are always grateful to John & Nina for helping us to keep this rally in the programme again this year. Thanks also to Della and the team at Clopton for allowing us to rally again this year Trev and the Gang



Top L - The King of Rock!
 Top R - Dance to the music
 Bottom L - GI Elvis from his films
 Bottom R - Ken Levett does it again



HITCH UP TO WROXHAM RALLY - 18-23rd AUGUST

A great 5 nights away in Norfolk near the Broads, where 22 units collected on St. Johns Community Primary School, just a short walk from the centre of Wroxham.

Friday night was Tea/Coffee with the Marshals, then after a relaxing Saturday, a Boule's Competition was arranged on Sunday afternoon. The Totman twin boys, Kyran & Ethan won several rounds and were only beaten by the eventual winners; Norman & Marion Blainey, who were presented with a Boules Trophy by our Marshal (and past Chairman), David Rabjohn, when we also enjoyed a cream and jam scone with another helping of tea/coffee

Tuesday evening was Flagpole, where the Marshals also presented us all with a glass or two of wine and nibbles. Jan & Colin Goddard also celebrated their Wedding Anniversary and Colin's Birthday. All thanked David & Georgie Rabjohn, with Tony & Karen Reed for a great time away. Editor.



Top L - All watching the Boules

Top R - The Twins winning again.

Bottom L - Round 3 Winners

Bottom M - Norman & Marion Blainey being presents with their Trophy, shown below



WATCHING SUMMER SUNSETS - 24-28th AUGUST

Thanks to everyone who came to Hadleigh this year. It was a little special for me and my family as it coincides with what would have been Brian Garrod's 80th birthday. As some of you will know, Brian was a loyal member of the Centre for 30 years and this was his rally at Hadleigh.

A fine and sunny weekend was had by all and the sunsets didn't let us down in the end. Very best wishes and we will be back next year with a choice of Chilli or Vegetable Soup in our Pop Up Shelter. Trev and the Gang.



Enjoying the Sunsets at Hadleigh

CHILL AT THE MILL RALLY - KERSEY - 07-10 SEPTEMBER 2017

The weather was not exactly kind to us for this weekend, but that didn't dampen the spirits of those who braved the rain to sample the facilities available at the Mill or at the Historic Market town of Hadleigh; just 1½ miles away. The Mill, which is in (and has been for some time) extensive restoration to its former glory, is a magnificent structure and as you can see from the before and after photos, has (at least on the outside), been restored to a high standard. We will be back here next year, so book after the AGM for this great site and hopefully with better weather. ☺ Editor.



Top Left - Mill before; restoration began



Top Middle - Mill now; work in progress



Bottom Left - The Rally Field;

Bottom Middle - Flagpole;

Top Right - Working Water Wheel

Bottom Right - Work in Progress



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 for a booking form. There is no commitment until you make a booking with Alan Rogers and update Sheena with their Booking Reference. Editor

Now over half full, so spaces running out fast :-)



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

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.

**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.

Sorry - Rally Cancelled due to lack of numbers attending

**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.

Limited availability - check with Marshal before booking

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**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

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**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.

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**THE SCREAM TEAM HALLOWEEN RALLY
MEMORIAL HALL
SUTTON
WOODBIDGE IP12 3DU**

27 - 29 OCTOBER

Mulled Wine reception on Friday (let the Marshal know if you want a pumpkin for carving). Don't forget party night for ghouls, Ghost hunt and fancy dress.

(Jack O'Lantern) Louise & Will Rayment with Daisy, Tilly & Ollie with Alison and Ad, Lyla, Jake and Chris & Amy with Lily.

Sorry - Rally Cancelled due to lack of numbers attending

**ANGLIA REGION A.G.M (Hosted by North Essex Centre)
HALLOWTREE SCOUT CAMP
NACTON
IPSWICH IP10 0JP**

17 - 19 NOVEMBER

Saturday night homemade curry in the hall. Regional AGM will take place at 11am on Sunday morning (remember to bring your membership cards). Site fee £7.50 + Admin, Social and VAT.

Robe and Maze Rice with Dave & Marion Kemp

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**NEW YEAR at IPSWICH HOTEL (Invitation from North Essex)
(FORMALLY THE CAMEO HOTEL)
COPDOCK
IPSWICH IP8 3JD**

29 DECEMBER - 02 JANUARY 2018

Full programme in keeping with previous years to celebrate the end of 2017—costing and full information from Marshals)

Jeff & Chris Wren with helpers

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**1ST RALLY OF THE YEAR
THE OLD MILL PUBLIC HOUSE
THE GREEN
SAXSTEAD IP13 9QE**

05 - 07 JANUARY 2018

A pub rally, where Nick and Ruth invite you to sample their fine food and excellent liquid refreshments. Rally fee £11.20 for the weekend which includes a £10.00 voucher to use against food in the pub.

Mark, Rachel and Amber Gowers with Brian Southgate.

[Click here for more details](#)

**BURNS SUPPER RALLY
HALLOWTREE SCOUT CAMP
NACTON
IPSWICH IP10 0JP**

26 - 28 JANUARY 2018

A weekend with a Scottish flavour with a traditional Burns Night Supper and Scottish dancing on Saturday evening and a Porridge Breakfast served in the hall on Sunday Morning

Ron & Wendy Johnson, Martin & Liz Coombes and Julie LeMarrec

Limited availability - check with Marshal before booking

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**VALENTINES RALLY
HALLOWTREE SCOUT CAMP
NACTON
IPSWICH IP10 0JP**

09 - 11 FEBRUARY 2018

Friday evening tea & coffee in the hall. Saturday afternoon a family movie in the hall, with an evening Valentines Dinner followed by music and dancing. The traditional Natter & Chatter Meeting starts at 11 am on Sunday.

Ron King and helpers

Rally slips now being accepted for this rally

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**THE FESTIVAL OF COUNTRY MUSIC 30TH ANNIVERSARY RALLY
DEBENHAM SPORT & LEISURE CENTRE
GRACECHURCH STREET
DEBENHAM IP14 6BL**

18 - 22 JULY 2018

Join the Jan & Ed to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of this annual festival of Country Music over 4 days of live acts booked for you to enjoy. Any lover of Country Music, this is a must event. Even may be booked for 2-5 days.

Jan & Ed Cuffe and many helpers

**SUFFOLK CENTRE 50TH ANNIVERSARY RALLY
WOOLVERSTONE HALL
WOOLVERSTONE
IPSWICH IP9 1AZ**

20 - 24 JULY 2018

A full programme to celebrate our 50th Anniversary of the Suffolk Centre.

Committee Members

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**DOWN IN THE DORDOGNE
DOMAINE SOLEIL PLAGE
PLAGE de CAUDON
SARLAT la CANEDA
FRANCE F242000**

12 days in sunny France

25 JUNE - 07 JULY 2018

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