



Caravan and Motorhome Club - Suffolk Centre

It's what the weekends were made for!

January 2018 Newsletter and Rally Update

This is your Twelfth Edition of Suffolk Centre's Newsletter



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NEWSLETTER SPOTLIGHT

This is the Sixth 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.

CHAIRMAN'S BLOG

Welcome to the first Suffolk Newsletter for 2018.

This is also my first chance & privilege to be able to address you in the centre newsletter, as your newly elected Chairman.

I must start by expressing my best wishes and perhaps a rest for our past Lady Chairman Janice, who has done a sterling job for the last three years and I feel sure she will still be supporting the centre for years to come. I am aware Janice is heavily involved in the organizing of our very special 50th Celebration rally at Woolverstone in July.

Janice has given me much help and advice to try and make the transition seamless.

The Centre Committee have all put the extra effort in to get us ready for the new season, and my appreciation goes to any who have gone the extra mile.

You should all have received your new rally handbook for 2018 and will be eager to get out on to the rally field, if you haven't tried rallying yet, have a go this year, if you are unsure, why not visit a rally venue, introduce yourself to the Marshals and they will be only too pleased to show you what happens, and either myself or another committee member will also be available to speak with you if you have any issues.

Connie and myself are really looking forward to meeting as many of our centre members as possible during the year, either at the Natter & Chatter or on the rally field.

Best wishes for a great caravanning year.

Garry

Suffolk Centre Chairman

DIDN'T RECEIVE YOUR 2018 RALLY HANDBOOK!

If you haven't receive your Rally Handbook yet, it could be that your membership to Suffolk Centre has lapsed. When your Caravan & Motorhome Club membership is due, your membership of Suffolk Centre is not automatically renewed. There are several ways to do this: you can telephone Membership Services on 01342 318813 and ask the operator to register you to Suffolk Centre; send back to Centre Registration Form to the Caravan & Motorhome Club or (if you have registered with the C&MC), sign into the Club website and then go to <https://www.caravanclub.co.uk/caravanclubapps/applications/my%20club/centre-membership/details.aspx> and there you will be able to renew your membership with Suffolk Centre. The Suffolk Centre Secretary will then receive details that you have registered with Suffolk Centre and you will automatically receive a 2018 Rally Handbook in due course.

COULD YOU MARSHAL A RALLY?

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.

SUFFOLK AGM - 12-15th OCTOBER 2017

Just 25 units rallied for this weekend, but for those that decided not to rally with us, you missed a fantastic weekend. Friday was quiz time with multiple photos pinned to the walls of the hall, where we all tried to 'guess' who was who. On Saturday evening, we were serenaded by Tyler-Kemp Music trio on the last rally with our Lady Chairman Janice. During the break, a feast of Cheese and Wine (red or white) was served and enjoyed by all. For 2018, Chris Stammers will be the Marshal and I'm sure we are all in for a treat again. Editor.



1st RALLY OF THE YEAR - 5-7th JANUARY 2018

The weather decided to let up from its usual hard frost and heavy rain, with some welcome sunshine on Sunday for Flagpole. A really lovely pub with a great choice of really splendid food, all cooked from fresh at the pub. Friday was free to do as you please, with some of us opting to eat in the pub. On Saturday we all got together and had another meal, cooked to perfection. A good time was had by all. Thanks go to Mark, Rachel and Amber for Marshalling this Rally for the last 5 years; this duty now passes to your Vice-Chairman to continue with this enjoyable site. We have been rallying here since 2003. Editor.



AN APOLOGY TO SHARMAN CARAVANS

We have an apology to make to Sharman Caravans with regard to their advert on the inside front cover of the handbook.

We apologise sincerely that the incorrect advert has been used and that the voucher offer in this advert **does not apply**. We apologise to members for any inconvenience caused.

THE CARAVAN & MOTORHOME CLUB CENTRE RULES FOR SUFFOLK CENTRE

1. All rallies will be run in accordance with Club Rules as laid down in the Sites Directory, unless otherwise subject to Centre Rules.
2. Payment of all donations or site fees may be made by Centre cheque or Cash although it is advisable to contact the venue to confirm cheques are accepted. A receipt and when applicable, a VAT receipt, must be obtained for all payments.
3. Proof of membership must be carried when attending a rally.
4. At the discretion of the Committee, any member having booked to attend a rally and cancelling within 14 days of the rally, or failing to attend, will be required to pay a fixed non-attendance fee of £10.
5. At the discretion of the Rally Marshal and subject to The Caravan & Motorhome Club Rules governing tents, a small 2-man tent may be sited in the area usually occupied by the awning. Should a porch awning be erected a tent may be placed in the vacant area. The tent should **not** extend beyond the length of the caravan hitch or motorhome, or the depth of the awning.
6. A member may, at the discretion of the Rally Marshal, reserve adjacent pitches.
7. A vehicle may only be driven on the rally field by a holder of a full driving licence and valid insurance which entitles them to drive that class of vehicle.
8. Dogs **must** be kept on a lead of no more than 3 metres in length and exercised away from the vicinity of the units. When tethered they must be confined to a radius of 3 metres from the unit.
9. All vehicles are restricted to a speed of walking pace on rally sites.
10. Ball games, kite flying and drones are not permitted in the vicinity of vehicles and units.
11. Cycles may be ridden on the roadways of the rally field **at the Marshals discretion, but not between the vehicles and units.**
12. Portable generators for personal use are permitted at the discretion of the Rally Chairman. Owners must be in attendance whilst their generator is in use.
13. Members attending Suffolk Centre Rallies are recommended to have a fire bucket by the 'A' frame of their caravan or front axle of their unit.

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.

Rally now full with a waiting list - check with the Marshal before booking.



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

THE NEW DATA PROTECTION RULES (GDPR) AND SUFFOLK CENTRE

With the implementation of further data regulations from this May it is important that members understand how their personal information is used and kept by the Centre.

When you opt to join a Centre, the Club will forward the details they have for you to the Centre Secretary. With Suffolk Centre this is kept in a secure database maintained by the Secretary. It gives us details of your (and any Joint or Family Member) names, address, any contact numbers, email address, when your Club membership expires and when you opted to join the Centre.

Should we need to contact you this may be done by either letter or email (should one have been provided). Those that have provided an email address will be sent a copy of our Newsletter about 4 or 5 times a year by email. Should you not wish to receive it (we hope you do as it is one way of us communicating information on rallies etc.), you have the opportunity to "opt out" and the database will be updated accordingly.

Should you not wish to continue with your membership (you resign or transfer elsewhere) your details will be immediately deleted on receipt of the Club report. I receive weekly updates and a monthly general list of members. They also provide information if you have updated personal details – i.e. changed phone number.

Membership to the Centre is NOT automatically renewed with your annual membership – you have to OPT IN. If you do not do so, a month after your renewal date you will go "void" in the system. The Club will inform us you are Not Renewing to Centre. Your details will be kept securely in the database in case renewals are in the system – a lot of members forget to renew – and you may receive an email as a gentle reminder. If we don't hear further from you your details will be automatically deleted after one year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at: secretary@suffolkcentre.co.uk.
Janet Dobson, Centre Secretary

SUFFOLK CENTRE - GENERAL INFORMATION AND CENTRE RULES

Rally Slips. Please return these in good time, allowing at least two days for the post. Rally Marshal's endeavour to plan for your pleasure - please help them by booking in good time. It is helpful if you can estimate your time of arrival. If you book and find you are unable to attend, please notify the Rally Marshal as soon as possible. **See Centre Rule 4 on Page 3.** Later alterations to rally details can only be sent to those who have booked in time. Rally slips will not be acknowledged on receipt by the rally marshal, unless the rally is full. If you are likely to have friends or family visiting you over the rally and you would like them to stay for the social, please **check with the Marshal before the rally** to avoid any embarrassment. Please note that some rallies have a restriction on numbers attending their social due to hall fire regulations.

Rally Fees. Rally and site fees have mostly been omitted from this programme. Your envelope given to you on arrival will detail the fees involved. Payment is then due by cash please. Extra charges, when known in advance, appear in the booklet.

Deposits on Rallies. When booking on a rally a deposit may be required with the booking form. The amount of deposit will depend upon the cost of the rally and will be stated on the booking form along with the cancellation terms and when or if any deposit/full payment is refundable. Final discretion on this will be from the Committee/Treasurer. In the case of cancellation by a member **2 weeks** before the commencement of the rally, an administration charge may be deducted before any refund. After that date the entire deposit will become **Non-Refundable.**

Sites. S.C.C.C. rally direction signs will be posted where possible. Owing to vandalism and the possibility of signs being moved or misdirected, we ask members to take care in villages and populated areas and to follow the directions prepared by the Rally Marshal. When using a Sat Nav device be aware the Postcode may not be precise to the venue. **All rallies commence at 4pm and close at 4pm Sunday unless otherwise stated.** Members wishing to arrive before or leave after those times should consult the Rally Marshal **before** the rally.

Please site your unit with the front offside corner over the peg unless otherwise directed by the Rally marshal. Own sanitation is required at all rallies. Please observe the arrangements for waste/chemical toilet disposal and take your dry rubbish home with you.

Remember at all times to observe the caravan and country codes which we all undertake to do when joining the Club. Centre rally site rules are invariably those applicable to Club Sites. Gazebos are only permitted to be erected and used by the Rally marshals for the benefit of the rally.

Other Events. Information about rallies or individual events organised by Suffolk or other Centres can be obtained by sending an SAE to the Rally Secretary concerned.

Future Programme. Centre Officers and Committee Members invite members to discuss Centre and Club matters with them. Suggestions for future events, new rally sites and offers to act as host or marshal are particularly welcome.

Post Codes. Some rallies have the Post Code included within their details. Please make yourself familiar with these details, as they may be required in the case of an emergency. If you require details of Post Codes which are not printed, then please contact the Rally Marshal.

Insurance Disclaimer. All persons attending rallies and social functions do so entirely at their own risk. No responsibility for persons or property is accepted by the organisers (i.e. the Caravan & Motorhome Club) or their insurers.

**VALENTINES RALLY
HALLOWTREE
NACTON ROAD
IPSWICH IP10 0JP**

09 - 11 FEBRUARY 2018

Friday evening; Tea & coffee with the Marshals in the warm hall where you can post your Valentine cards. Saturday evening: Valentines Dinner by your Marshals, followed by Music and Dancing to smooch the night away.

Peter & Ineke Wilson with Ken & Mary Cribb.

[Click here for more details](#)

**NATTER & CHATTER
HALLOWTREE
NACTON ROAD
IPSWICH IP10 0JP**

SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY (11am to 2pm)

Our annual Natter & Chatter get-together will be held in the main hall, starting at 11am. Tea & Coffee will be provided, so please bring mugs with you. You will have the opportunity to look through other Centres Rally Handbooks that have been received, pass rally slips to Marshals attending and discuss any points or problems with any of the Committee available.

The Committee

**DINNER RALLY
(INVITATION FROM NORTH ESSEX CENTRE)
CHELMSFORD CITY RACECOURSE, MOULSHAM HALL LANE
GT. LEIGHS, CHELMSFORD CM3 1PZ**

23 - 25 FEBRUARY

A three course meal in the Fairview Restaurant on Saturday evening. Price and menu to be advised. Site fee £7 per night, plus admin and VAT.

Rob & Maz Rice with helpers.

[Click here for more details](#)

**BELATED MOTHER'S DAY IN DUNWICH
CLIFF HOUSE HOLIDAY PARK
MINSMERE ROAD
DUNWICH IP17 3DQ**

16 - 18 MARCH

Do as you please weekend. On site is The 12 Lost Churches bar and restaurant serving food and drinks. Open every day from 11am to 3pm and 6pm to close. Booking for the restaurant can be made via 01728 648986 or when on site.

Tony and Karen Reed with Alan & Janet Dobson.

[Click here for more details](#)

**EGG-TASTIC EASTER
THE MEMORIAL HALL, SUTTON
WOODBIDGE IP12 3DU**

29 MARCH - 02 APRIL

Movie Night, Easter Egg hunts, Easter egg Bingo, carpet bowls, crafts and much, much more. Join us for a charity supper three course meal. Charity breakfast booked on site.

Chris Stammers with Lily and Amy, Alison Stammers with Lyla, Jake and Ad and Louise Rayment with Will, Daisy, Tilley and Ollie.

[Click here for more details](#)

**EASTER KEEPS IT COUNTRY
DEBENHAM LEISURE CENTRE
GRACECHURCH STREET
DEBENHAM IP14 6BL**

29 MARCH - 02 APRIL

Join John and Sandie at their Easter Rally at Debenham Leisure Centre. Friday is quiz night. Saturday & Sunday country music with The Storm and Best of Friends.

John & Sandie James with John & Carole Horton and Bob & Dot Pooley.

[Click here for more details](#)

**A SEASIDE WEEKEND
PEEWIT CARAVAN PARK
WALTON AVENUE
FELIXSTOWE**

06 - 08 APRIL

Do as you please weekend on this family site within walking distance of shops and the seafront. Dogs welcome, but please exercise them off site (there is a walk area just outside the main entrance). Flagpole with tea/coffee Saturday Evening.

Janet & Alan Dobson with Karen & Tony Reed

[Click here for more details](#)

Rally Full with a waiting list—check with Marshal before booking

**TOP OF THE POPS RALLY
SUTTON MEMORIAL HALL
SUTTON
WOODBIDGE IP12 3DU**

27 - 29 APRIL

Friday tea and coffee followed by a quiz. Saturday during the day, do as you please; but in the evening, dress up as your favourite pop star and dance the night away to DJ Gary Richardson, returning by popular demand. Prizes for the best outfits.

Neil & Gaynor Carter with Andy & Sarah Pedder

[Click here for more details](#)

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

04 - 07 MAY

Chill out for a few days; do as you please in this pretty and historical part of Suffolk. Tour of the Mill arranged on Saturday morning. Several retail and services 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 and more units being built. Rally bookable for 2 or 3 nights

Garry & Connie Pyett with Simon Crane.

[Click here for more details](#)

**THE FOREST RALLY
FOREST CAMPING
TANGHAM
RENDELSHAM FOREST IP12 3NF**

11 - 18 MAY

A 2 to 7 night rally at Forest Camping in Rendlesham Forest. Plenty of signed walks and cycle trails with various play equipment for the children, both on site and near to the general car park. Do as you please easy rally. Small shop within Reception selling sweets and basic items. Site fee £12 pn (inc VAT) plus admin, sundries and VAT.

Janet & Alan Dobson with Karen & Tony Reed

[Click here for more details](#)

**REDE HALL FARM PARK RALLY
REDE HALL FARM
BURY ST. EDMUNDS
IP29 4UG**

18 - 21 MAY

Enjoy a relaxing weekend in this beautiful rural Suffolk location and possibly meet the Suffolk Punch horses at the farm. Visit the market town of Bury St. Edmunds or stroll around the gardens of Ickworth House. A game of quoits and an afternoon tea are planned.

David & Janice Kent with Brian & Janice Crawford

[Click here for more details](#)

**A MEARE WEEKEND IN THORPENESS
OGILVIE PAVILION & SPORTS GROUND
THORPENESS
SUFFOLK IP16 4NB (see below)**

25 - 28 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 Mere, beach, tearooms, shops, the lovely Dolphin Pub and local golf club.

Please note, this is not the same as the August Thorpeness Rally and the Postcode is only Approximate.

John, Diane & Lauren Preston plus helpers.

[Click here for more details](#)

**THE NATIONAL
SLEDMERE HOUSE
DRIFFIELD
YORKSHIRE YO25 3XG**

25 - 29 MAY

A full programme is planned—more details later

C&MC Members

[Click here for more details](#)

Bookings now being taken either on line or by phone

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

30 MAY - 04 JUNE

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

Terry & Joy Youngs with David and Janice Kent

[Click here for more details](#)

**IT'S PARTY TIME
CROWFIELD VILLAGE HALL
CROWFIELD
IPSWICH IP6 9SZ**

07 - 10 JUNE

Join us at this village venue for a 2 or 3 night rally. Friday: Cheese & Wine night with a chance to meet or make friends. Saturday sees a welcome visit from New Era Disco with the opportunity to show your vocal talents with some karaoke on offer, backed up with Karen's famous sandwich buffet to fill you up.

Tony & Karen Reed with Alan & Janet Dobson

[Click here for more details](#)

Fundraising

Chairman's Charity - Supporting the East Anglia Air Ambulance

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR RALLIES.....

Upcoming rallies and updates

JUNE TO AUGUST 2018 - All Rally names in light blue have a link for more information

14 - 17 Jun	Green Farm Rally	Green Farm Acton (Invite from South Essex) (3 nights)
15 - 17 Jun	Hike & Bike	Alton Water, Tattingsstone (2 nights)
15 - 24 Jun	Return to Shakespeare's Country	Monk Barn Farm, Stratford-Upon-Avon (9 nights)
21 - 24 Jun	Anglia Region Get Together	Brookfields, High Ongar (Organised by South Essex) (3 nights)
25 Jun - 7 Jul	Down in the Dordogne	Domaine Soleil Plage, Dordogne, France (12 nights) Rally Full with a waiting list - check with Marshal before booking
27 Jun - 1 Jul	The Chairman's Rally	The Suffolk Punch Trust, Hollesley (2-4 nights)
29 Jun - 8 Jul	Fishing Adventure	Lawn Farm Fishery, Cambridge (Invite from Mid-Anglia) (9 nights)
30 Jun - 7 Jul	Happisburgh Lighthouse Rally	Manor Caravan Park, Happisburgh (7 nights)
6 - 8 July	Relaxing at Clare Priory	Clare Priory, Clare (2 nights)
12 - 15 July	Summer Soup Kitchen	Hill Farm, Hadleigh (2-3 Nights)
18 - 22 Jul	The Festival of Country Music	30th Anniversary Rally - Debenham Sport & Leisure Centre (2-5 nights)
20 - 24 Jul	Suffolk Centre 50th Anniversary Rally	Woolverstone High School, Ipswich (2-4 nights) There is an option to stay 1 or 2 extra nights. (Sunday or Monday). Booking Form on the Suffolk Centre Website.

Tips and Idea's [click here](#)

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Questions or Comments? Email us at newsletter@suffolkcentre.co.uk

Please send any reports, pictures, rally reports and notices for future Newsletters to me (Peter Wilson) at newsletter@suffolkcentre.co.uk

Please visit the website to find out more [click here](#).

CARAVAN & MOTORHOME CLUB ADVICE ON PHOTOGRAPHY

'Photography/videography may be taken at our Centre's events and rallies. The Centre and Club may use any photograph(s) and/or video(s) they take that includes you, your party and/or outfit in all and any media, including printed and electronic publications, e.g. websites, or promotional materials, in the advertising of its goods or services. The photograph(s) and/or video(s) may be stored for these purposes as well. If you do not want to appear in any shots, please advise the organiser if it relates to a specific event, or the Centre Secretary if for all events. They will do their best to accommodate this and ensure you are able to avoid the area being photographed/filmed.'

FELLOWSHIP PLAQUE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for the Fellowship Plaque for this year AGM 2017 to AGM 2018 the number of Rallies you need to attend has been reduced to 12 because of the lower number of rallies planned during this period.

To claim for this Plaque, you need to complete the Suffolk Centre Programme 2018 (pages 36 & 37 of the Rally Handbook) and send the completed pages to the Centre Secretary, Janet Dobson, by the 31st January 2019.

DON ALCOCK TROPHY QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

For the Don Alcock Trophy for this year; this is awarded for the most number of Rallies attended during the period AGM 2016 to AGM 2017. The Trophy will be awarded at the Natter & Chatter on Sunday 11th February 2018.

EAST ANGLIA AIR AMBULANCE PRESENTATION

Janice, our previous Lady Chairman, presented a cheque to Sophie Mathew, the East Anglia Air Ambulance Fundraising Manager, with a cheque for £1,726.31 for monies raised at various rallies during 2017 from the generosity of Suffolk Members.

