



Caravan and Motorhome Club - Suffolk Centre

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March 2018 Newsletter and Rally Update

This is your Thirteenth Edition of Suffolk Centre's Newsletter



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NEWSLETTER SPOTLIGHT

This is the Seventh 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 second Suffolk Newsletter for 2018.

Things are looking better now some of the daffodils & snowdrops are out, spring will soon be with us and a chance to make more use of our caravans & motorhomes.

Unfortunately we were not able to attend the Saxtead rally, with my Vice Chairman Peter Wilson chairing the rally for me, a good start to the year I am told.

I chaired my first rally as Chairman at the Burns Supper rally in January, what a wonderful well organised rally, a credit to Ron & Wendy, Martin & Liz and Julie, and all who helped to make it such a success.

We also attended the Valentines rally in February, both of us offering our help as we were aware of the lady marshals health & injury concerns, unfortunately Connie also had to go home Friday as she too became unwell, so it was really nice to see so many other helpers in the kitchen producing an excellent meal, making this rally a success.

The Natter & Chatter was well attended, with a chance to meet up with friends.

The Don Alcock Trophy was awarded again to Tony & Karen Reed, who attended 24 rallies last year, well done to you both.

The Golden Peg award (for a marshal who impresses the Committee) was presented to John Taylor, some of you may not be aware how much John and his 'apprentice', sorry I have been advised he is now an 'improver' David Hale on time & effort putting lights up and down and setting up the tables & chairs in halls for their own and other peoples rallies, well done & thanks to both of you.

The David Totman Junior Trophy was awarded to Charlie & Harry Goddard, as they weren't present, I will present this to them at the Dunwich rally.

Several Fellowship plaques were awarded, and I will award those not present on future rallies when we meet up.

We also had a speaker from the East Anglian Air Ambulance come along and gave us an insight in to what our charity donations goes towards which proved popular.

If you haven't done so yet, get you bookings forms completed for the 50th Celebration rally, with a lot of entertainment and activities, it is going to be a rally not to be missed, see the flyers and media for more details.

Connie and myself are really looking forward to meeting as many of our centre members as possible during the year on the rally field.

Best wishes for a successful caravanning season.

Garry

Suffolk Centre Chairman

BURNS NIGHT - 26 to 28th January 2018

Another Burns Night Rally to the high standard we have come to expect from Ron, Wendy and the 'team'. Very well organised; the dinner a great success and the whole weekend was wonderful. Looking forward to Burns Night 2019. Editor.



Addressing the Haggis



Toasting the Haggis



The Team



The Players



Dancing the Night Away



The Gay Gordons

VALENTINE RALLY - 9th to 11th February 2018

Under new marshals this year, Peter & Ineke and Ken & Mary, the hall decorated with the valentine theme, an excellent meal, good company and a lot of fun, as you can see from the faces in the photo's, this was a really good rally, due to illness & injury with the lady marshals, a lot of people chipped in to help, I even had my 'pinny' on, but not planning on making a habit of it, the meal was followed by A1 Disco, tuned to our tastes, well done all. Chairman



Enjoying the Meal



Catching up



Afterwards!



Natter, Natter, Natter



Some of the 'Team'



Dancing to A1 Disco

THE NATIONAL - ASSISTANT RALLY BLOCK MARSHALS

There are a few spaces available for members who are attending the National this year, to be Assistant Rally Block Marshals (ARBMs), to assist Mark & Debra Terry, who are our Lead RBM. If there are any members who would like to help the Centre with this important task, could they please email me at rallyblockmarshal@suffolkcentre.co.uk for more details.



Anglia Region Question Time – 24 March 2018

Dear Mr Moodie

This year's Anglia Question Time event will be held on Saturday 24 March 2018 and all Club members are welcome to attend.

Event details

- Saturday 24 March 2018
- Holiday Inn, Ipswich Road (A140), Norwich, NR4 6EP

1pm to 5pm (refreshments will be available)

It's a great opportunity to meet members of the Executive Committee and staff from our East Grinstead head office - and for us to hear from you too.

Who will be attending from the Club?

- Grenville Chamberlain, Club Chairman
- Harvey Alexander, Director of Marketing
- Martin Spencer, Technical Manager

Ian Spendlove, Regional Manager Middle England and East Anglia

Whether you have questions or suggestions, or just want to come along and listen – we look forward to welcoming you on the day.

If you do plan to come along, we'd be grateful if you could take a minute to register your interest with the Regional Chairman, Greg Potter at vicechairman@angliaregion.org.uk

We hope to see you there.

RALLY SECRETARY UPDATES

Please note a change of Marshal for the Thorpeness Meare Rally (25 to 28 May) from John and Diane Preston to Mark and Rachel Gowers. Any queries please contact Mark - his details are under the Treasurer information on Page 4 of your handbook.

For the Flixton Flying High Rally May/June please note that this rally starts on Thursday 31st May until Monday 4th June. This rally is open for 2, 3 or 4 nights booking. Vans may arrive from 10 a.m. on the Thursday with the rally closing at 3 p.m. on the Monday. Please update your Rally Handbook.

VALENTINE RALLY 2019

Following a recent Committee decision, Rally Slips can now be accepted for the Valentine Rally 2019. Rally dates 8th to 10th February 2019. Please send (or email) your Rally Slip to Peter Wilson now to secure your place (address on page 3 of the 2018 Rally Handbook).

[Click here for details of the programme](#)

REDE HALL UPDATE

As part of the celebration at the rally – we have organised a Royal wedding for your enjoyment.

A Royal Afternoon Tea will be served whilst we celebrate this event. Appropriate dress please.

(Prizes for the best-dressed couple and also the smartest, royally decorated caravan)

If the Wedding is not for you we have also arranged a Cup Final Football Match for your entertainment.

We hope to show both events but that is dependent on our local news broadcaster.

So don't miss this exciting weekend – there are still limited spaces available.

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS UPDATE

As part of the celebration at the rally we are hoping to mount a display of photos and memorabilia that forms an important part of the history of the centre.

Photos of people enjoying themselves at rallies over the years will bring back many memories for some of the longer serving members and give the newer members something to smile about. So please take a look through those photo albums and see what you can find. I have a couple of snapshots that were taken at Christchurch Park in March 1968 but need much more, much more to take us through the last 50 years.

If they are too precious to part with perhaps you could take a copy and let us share them with all our members.

I would be pleased to receive any items on any rally or just give me a call on 01394 671284 Many Thanks - Janice Kent

OLD £10 NOTES

The deadline to spend or exchange your old £10 notes is the 1st March 2018. After this date the only way to exchange them is to send them to the Bank of England. Local banks **may** exchange them after this date, but they are not obligated to do so. Rally Marshals have been advised not to accept them after this date. Your cooperation with this matter is much appreciated.

SAD PASSING OF JOHN PRESTON

It is with sadness that the Editor has been informed that John Preston passed away after a short illness (just 6 months after diagnosis) of Kidney Cancer, on Monday 19th February. Our thoughts are with Diane (who you will remember was the Centre Secretary for many years), Megan and Lauren during this time. John's funeral has been arranged for 4:30pm on Thursday 8th March at Seven Hills Crematorium, Ipswich. Even though John was ill, the family still managed to Marshal some rallies.



During the Thorpeness Rally (August 2016) John landed the largest fish of the week. As John didn't eat fish, he gave his magnificent catch to Mark & Rachel Gowers.

If anyone would like to donate in his memory, the family has a Facebook Page set up for this purpose.

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.

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.

SUFFOLK CENTRE - GENERAL INFORMATION AND CENTRE RULES - Continued

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.

DETAILS OF RALLIES COMING SOON

**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 Water 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, Natural Health Centre and many more units. Rally bookable for 2 or 3 nights

Garry & Connie Pyett with Simon Crane.

[Click here for more details](#) **Rally Full - Waiting List in Operation**

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

11 - 18 MAY

A two to seven 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.

Mark, Rachel and Amber Gowers with helpers.

[Click here for more details](#)

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

25 - 29 MAY

A full programme is planned - more details on the link below

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**

31 MAY - 04 JUNE (Please note correction on Page 1)

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](#)

**GREEN FARM RALLY
INVITATION FROM SOUTH ESSEX CENTRE
GREEN FARM, NEWMANS GREEN
ACTON
SUDBURY CO10 0AB**

14 - 17 JUNE

Come to this relaxing part of Suffolk where our hosts Judith & Dominic Kiddy make us very welcome. Friday night fish & chip supper. Some music and competitions planned over the weekend. Site fee (exc. VAT) £5 per night. Slips accepted from 10th May 2018. **NO ARRIVALS BEFORE 10AM PLEASE.**

Ray & Betty Adam plus helpers.

[Click here for more details](#)

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

07 - 10 JUNE

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 Barry & Lynne Roberts

[Click here for more details](#)

**RETURN TO SHAKESPEARES COUNTRY
MONK BARN FARM
SHIPTON ROAD
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON CV37 8NA**

15 - 24 JUNE

Relaxing holiday in Stratford, Cotswold area and Warwick Castle. Supermarket is nearby.

John & Nina Taylor with Dave & Jan Hale

[Click here for more details](#)

**ANGLIA REGION GET TOGETHER
BROOKFIELDS, 54 MILL LANE
HIGH ONGAR
ESSEX CM5 9RN**

21 - 24 JUNE

Bi-Annual chance for the Region to Rally together. A Family Friendly Rally for everyone. Food, Fun & Games for all, with entertainment on Saturday evening. Site Fee: £6 p.n. + Admin + social + VAT

Mrs S. Maran and helpers (Organised by South Essex Centre)

[Click here for more details](#)

**DOWN IN THE DORDOGNE
DOMAINE DE SOLEIL PLAGE
PLAGE DE CAUDON
VITRAC - F24200 SARLAT**

25 JUNE - 07 JULY

Plenty of chance to visit the area. Canoeing on the river for those brave enough. Bingo, Quizzes, Games Galore, American Supper. Potential to visit a Chateau. With more being planned.

Sheena & Michael McCartney with Rosanna & Bob Waterson and Steve & Tina Eagle

[Click here for more details](#)

Rally Full with a waiting list being operated by Alan Rogers

**THE CHAIRMAN'S RALLY
THE SUFFOLK PUNCH TRUST
WOODBIDGE WALK
HOLLESLEY IP12 3JR**

27 JUNE - 01 JULY

Relaxing do as you please rally. The Rally fee covers unlimited daily access to the Trust during opening hours. This will also give you a free annual pass, Suffolk Punch Café, gift shop, Visitor Centre, working horse demo's, tractor rides, country walks, heritage museum, vintage farm machinery, rare Suffolk breeds, Suffolk heritage garden, pets paddock etc. During the rally, there will be a Charity Draw in aid of the East Anglian Air Ambulance and any donation of prizes for this would be most welcome.

Garry & Connie Pyett, Simon Crane and Tony & Karen Reed.

[Click here for more details](#)

**FISHING ADVENTURE
Invitation from Mid-Anglia Centre
LAWN FARM FISHERY
ELSWORTH
CAMBRIDGESHIRE CB23 4JX**

29 JUNE - 08 JULY

Fishing matches will be held on Saturday 30th June, Wednesday 4th and Saturday 7th July. The main program TBA

Dave Woolley with Dave Faulker

[Click here for more details](#)

FELLOWSHIP PLAQUE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for the Fellowship Plaque for this year, the number of Rallies you need to attend (January to December 2018), 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.

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.'

Fundraising

Chairman's Charity - Supporting the East Anglia Air Ambulance

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR RALLIES.....

Upcoming rallies and updates

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

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.
03 - 05 Aug	A Day at the Races	Rowley Mile Racecourse, Newmarket (2 Nights)
08 - 12 Aug	Dr. Dolittle's Expedition to the Zoo	Applewood Countryside Park, Banham (2, 3 or 4 nights)
17 - 19 Aug	The Shotley Rose Pub Rally	The Rose Inn, Shotley (2 nights)
17 - 27 Aug	Cliff Top Holiday Rally	The North End, Thorpeness (10 nights)
23 - 28 Aug	North Norfolk Railway Dinner	Holt Rugby Club, Norfolk (5 nights)
24 Aug - 02 Sept	Summertime at Wroxham	Broadland High School, Hoveton (10 nights)
06 - 09 Sept	Apple Pie & Cider Rally	Homestead Park, Weeley (3 nights)
14 - 16 Sept	Inter Centre Fishing Rally	Home Farm, Saffron Walden (2 nights)

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