



Caravan and Motorhome Club - Suffolk Centre

It's what the weekends were made for!

March 2019 Newsletter and Rally Update

This is your first Newsletter for 2019, and contains reports of rallies held up to late February and details of rallies for the next couple of months.



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NEWSLETTER SPOTLIGHT

This is the Twelfth edition under New Management and I trust you will find something of interest. We will be issuing a regular email Newsletter outlining the upcoming rallies and any other matters you should know about around every Two Months, the next in May 2019.

CHAIRMAN'S BLOG

Welcome to the 1st newsletter of 2019, with a very mild winter so far, with 18 degrees at time of writing this, I hope we don't suffer a bad winter period from now until Easter.

We have been out 3 times this year, the Burns rally in January, the Valentines rally followed by the Natter & Chatter, and more recently the Pre-Season Dinner rally with the North Essex at the Chelmsford City Race Course.

If you have remembered to re-register with the centre, you should have received your new Rally Handbook for 2019, especially with the excellent front cover, if you come along to the Suffolk Punch Trust, you will be able to meet him, Colony Wren II.

With rallies most weekends in the main season I expect like us you will be keen to get out on to the rally field, incidentally our Kersey rally is full, and hopefully if that is the trend then we can all look forward to full rallies for a really good season.

If you haven't tried rallying yet, have a go this year, if you are unsure or want to know more, why not pay a visit to one of the rally venue's, introduce yourself to the Marshals and they will be only too pleased to show you what happens with no obligation whatsoever, and either myself or another Committee Member will also be available to speak with you if you have any issues.

I feel sure that once you get into rallying, you won't look back and make some very good friends along the way.

Connie and myself are really looking forward to meeting as many of our Centre Members as possible during the year on the rally field; it was nice to catch up with a lot of friends at the Natter & Chatter and to present the awards and fellowship plaques (as shown later in the Newsletter) well done to Tony & Karen Reed on winning the Don Alcock Trophy for the 3rd year running.

Best wishes for a great caravanning year.

Garry

Suffolk Centre Chairman

NEW SUFFOLK CENTRE WEBSITE

As you may already be aware, that the current club website has been becoming harder to maintain. Over the last 6 months work has been taking place to provide a new all singing, all dancing Suffolk Centre website. This is now nearing completion and is expected to go live at some stage during March, using the current website address, <http://www.suffolkcentre.org.uk>. Why not have a look at the new site as it develops, you will find everything that was on the old site and a new classifieds section that will enable people to post items for sale themselves. At the bottom of each page you will see the date the site was last updated. Have your say on what you would like to see in our new website!

1st RALLY OF THE YEAR - SAXTEAD 4th - 6th January

Our thanks go to our rally Marshals, Peter and Ineke Wilson and Janice and David Kent. This was a double first for the writer as it was my first time attending the 1st Rally of the Year and my first as a Rally Chair. I couldn't be more pleased to report that this rally proved to be a splendid start to the season, with a voucher of £10 included in your rally fee to spend against a meal in The Old Mill restaurant, the food was excellent and helped to make this weekend a very sociable event. Despite some chilly weather the atmosphere was kept light and friendly as the need to pitch the vans in the car park keeps the number to a limit of 10. Melody Gosling.



The Carvery was just one menu choice



The main bar



Some satisfied diners



Follow Trevor & Sue on their Twitter or U-Tube site



Very early morning on the Rally Field (sorry about the quality)

BURNS NIGHT - 25th to 27th January 2019

The Burns supper rally is always a popular rally, very well organised, with an excellent 3 course meal on Saturday night, the traditional piping in of the Haggis, and a real Scottish address to the Haggis by Andrew Schooler, who also gave us a very entertaining toast to the lasses, our past chairlady toasted the lads, and then it was time for some Scottish dancing, trying to remember the dances from the lessons given on the Friday night, ending the evening with Auld Lang Syne. To round off the weekend, a good porridge breakfast, with toast etc was provided on Sunday morning. Well done the team; Ron, Wendy, Martin, Liz & Julie for a brilliant weekend, incidentally it is already half full for 2020!



A full house for the Burns Rally for 2019, which is already 1/2 full for 2020



An excellent 3 course meal served by the 'Team'



Dancing the night away



Toast to the Ladies



Piping the Haggis

RING-PULL CHALLENGE

The Junior Crew are saving the Ring-Pulls from drinks can and food (or otherwise) tins for a Wheelchair for a disabled child. Please wiggle-off the Ring-Pulls from your Drinks Cans and food can (needs a little extra 'Wiggle') and save them for whenever you see a member of the Committee (rogues gallery on pages 3, 4 and 5 of the Rally Handbook).

When we have enough Ring-Pulls that weights the same weight as the Wheelchair, then we get the Wheelchair for Free; currently I'm told by the Junior Liaison Representative, that we around half-way to meeting the target, so lets get this child her Wheelchair.

VALENTINES RALLY - HALLOWTREE 8 - 10 February

The milder weather helped make this early February rally even more enjoyable, Peter & his team did a very good job of decorating the hall, preparing and cooking an excellent 3 course meal, followed by dancing to A1 Disco ably run by Chris & Amy playing the music we wanted to hear, watching some of the 'action' dances was most entertaining. A Red Rose to each of the Ladies was a nice touch and the rally numbers were up on last year; Peter has already received several slips for next years rally. Garry



The Valentine Tables all laid out



Individual Table



Diners enjoying their 'Yorkshire Surprise' meal.



Top Table with our Chairman

NATTER & CHATTER 10 February 2019

The Following Members were awarded their Fellowship Plaques for completing 12 or greater rallies. This year it will be 51st AGM rally (2018) to the Oktoberfest 2019 rally (the one before the 2019 52nd AGM):

Completed	Awarded To	Completed	Awarded To
27	Tony & Karen Reed	23	David & Janice Kent
21	Gilbert & Janice Jackson	21	Garry & Connie Pyett
17	Mark & Debra Terry	16	Andy & Sally Gaffer
16	Peter & Ineke Wilson	14	Julian & Donna Fincham-Jacques
14	David & Janice Hale	14	Ron & Denise King
13	Jerry & Heather Goddard (to be awarded)	13	Brian Southgate
13	David & Jan Stewart	13	John & Nina Taylor

The David Totman Trophy (for the Junior who attended the most Rallies) was present to Sarah Fincham-Jacques.

The Golden Peg (for the member or members who have contributed the most to Suffolk Centre) was presented to the 50th Anniversary Team, with Janice & David Kent accepting the Golden Peg on all the teams behalf.

The Don Alcock Trophy was awarded to Tony & Karen Reed for the 3rd year running with 27 Rallies attended, by our Chairman Garry Pyett with his wife Connie:

Can anybody better this achievement in 2019 - go-on give it a go!



PRESEASON DINNER RALLY—(INVITE FROM NORTH ESSEX) - 22nd - 24th February

This is the 1st time we had attended this rally, the racecourse had an extra race meeting to fit in and we were lucky that it was on the Friday night of the rally, as compensation for moving the rally site, they gave us free tickets each (worth £20) to attend the racing, unfortunately after a beautiful warm day for February the fog descended and the racing was called off after the 2nd race, (probably saved me some money). The Black Tie Dinner was a great chance to dress up, with a really great meal, we had 9 people from Suffolk attending sharing a table and a good night with good company, with most Centres from our Region present, it was a good chance to meet up with many friends. Garry.



The Race Course before the fog closed in



Some of the Suffolk Centre Diners before Dinner was served

ADVANCED INFORMATION FOR 2020 RALLY HANDBOOK

With grateful thanks to one of our members, Chris Sanderson, who provides many of our Tips and Ideas on the website there will be an added addition to the handbook next year to help locate our sites.

We use Post Codes and Map References (where available) but there will be the addition of an app – called “what3words.com” which you can upload onto both Android or iPhones, iPads or laptops – and the precise entry to the site can be located. By going to the “map” section you will get a precise aerial view and each rally will be coded.

It is also my understanding that the emergency services use this as well – hopefully not needed I hasten to add – to be more precise – ideal for those more remote venues. It will also enable you to have this on your phone yourself to use in such circumstances of breakdowns or accidents. Alan Dobson, Rally Secretary.

YEAR POINTERS

Year Pointers (see photo below) - those helpful bits of plastic that define a years worth of Rally Plaques are now available from your Vice-Chairman, who now holds some older versions, listed below, so should you need a missing one or want to start reorganising your collection, then Peter has just the plaque you need.

I have a goodly amount of: 2019; 2018; 2017; 2016 (no 2015 left, sorry); 2014; 2013; 2012; **2011**; 2010; 2009; 2008; (no 2007 left also) **2006**; 2005; 2004; **2003**; **2002**; 2001 and **2000**. Those listed above in Red are limited in quantity, so first come, first served.

There are also available the following older Year Pointers, some of which we hold just one of; therefore same criteria applies:

1997; 1996; 1994; 1993; 1990; 1989; 1987; 1985; 1984; 1983; 1982; 1981; 1980; 1978; 1977 and 1976. Any year not listed we have run out of; sorry. Where we hold very limited quantity, the colours available will also be very limited in choice.



Cost

2019 to 2016	£1.00 each
2014 to 2000	£0.75 each
1997 and older	£0.50 each

Orders taken by email via vicechairman@suffolkcentre.co.uk plus postage of £1.00 irrespective of quantity ordered. Payment to our Treasurer (details on page 4 of the Handbook)

PRESENTATION OF £1,710.54 TO EAAA - 6th March 2019

Our Chairman (Garry), Vice-Chairman (Peter with Ineke), Treasurer (Mark with Debra), Publicity Officer (Melody with Graham) and Equipment Officer (Ron) travelled to Norwich Airport - HQ of the East Anglian Air Ambulance to present a cheque for £1,710.54 to Ben Walker (Community Fundraiser), as the Suffolk Centre contribution to their fantastic work. A video presentation of their work, showing how they operate and an actual case of a lady badly injured in a bicycle accident and the response to stabilise and deliver her speedily to hospital was shown to us and emphasized just how important their work is. This magnificent sum was contributed to the Chairman's Charity chest during 2018 from various raffles, events and rallies by all the members of Suffolk Centre. A big thank you to you all - let's see if we can beat this figure during the 2019 season. A series about the UK Air Ambulance Service is being shown on More4; Sunday's at 21:00. Editor.



The Difference you made in 2017/2018

£13.1 Million Raised

1722 Patients Attended

2725 Total Missions

225 Patients received aftercare support



Presentations of the cheque



The Air Ambulance arriving as we left after the presentation of the cheque



Garry presenting the cheque to Ben Walker



Equipment the Crew carry to patient and our Treasurer struggling with same



Helicopter Moving equipment



The Cheque

SUFFOLK CENTRE - THE NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

If you are going to the National at Ragley Hall, there are a host of Activities taking place, which it would be nice if Suffolk Centre could enter as either individuals or a team.

if you would like to enter (or be part of a team) for any of the following activities, then please email Chris Stammers at sports@suffolkcentre.co.uk:

Photography Section: **Class 1** - Earth (colour Print); **Class 2** - Wind (colour Print); **Class 3** - Fire (colour print); **Class 4** - 1970's Architecture (B&W Print); **Class 5** - My Pastime or hobby - Youth entries up to and including 11 years of age; **Class 6** - My Pastime or hobby - Youth entries from 12 to 17 inclusive.

Home Made Wine: **Class 11** - White, Dry; **Class 12** - White, Sweet; **Class 13** - Red, Dry; **Class 14** - Red, Sweet; **Class 15** - Dessert Wine; **Class 16** - Gin based fruit liqueur; **Class 17** - Bitter, Beer.

Baking: **Class 21** - Apple & Cinnamon Loaf; **Class 22** - Old fashioned Treacle Tart; **Class 23** - Your Own Recipe Lemon Curd; **Class 24** - Sausage Rolls (up to and including 13 years); **Class 25** - Sausage Rolls (14 to 17 years inclusive).

Handicraft: **Class 31** - Handmade Card, any method, with Theme 'Graduation'; **Class 32** - Knitted Aran jumper or cardigan to fit a child or adult; **Class 33** - Wooden Christmas decoration; **Class 34** - Oil, Pencil, Chalk or Watercolour of Ragley Hall; **Class 35** - Door Stop, any method or material; **Class 36** - Junior Class - any item as detailed in previous classes, by a child up to and including 17 years.

Quiz: Team of 4 needed. ([your Vice-Chairman and Treasurer would like two others to make up a team](#))

Sports: Team Sports over the weekend will comprise of: Petanque, Lawn Darts, Pub Darts, Volleyball (Open and Ladies), Netball (Junior & Ladies), Football and Walking Football.

Children's Sports: Boys, Girls and Mixed Races will be taking place from 100m flat to 400m obstacle.

Fun Run: A Cross-Country friendly run. This is for your own enjoyment rather than a competition.

Darts: Teams of One Lady and One Gentleman (18 Yrs and over).

Lawn Darts: Teams of Two Ladies and Two Gentlemen (14 Yrs and over).

Cribbage: Teams of two needed with a maximum of 32 couples. ([your Vice-Chairman would like a partner for this please; any volunteers?](#))

Netball: Junior and Ladies. Teams of 7 (with two reserves) needed.

Volleyball: Open and Ladies. Teams of 6 needed.

5-a-side Football: **Group 1** - Players aged up to and including 12 years; **Group 2** - Players between 13-16 Yrs; **Group 3** - Players between 17-34 Yrs; **Group 4** - Players over 35.

Walking Football: Teams of 7 (with 3 reserves) needed.

Tug-of-War: Teams (Adults only) Teams of 8 Needed.

Petanque: Teams of Two needed.

Fun Dog Show: **Class 1** - Junior Handler (up to 10 yrs); **Class 2** - Junior Handler (11-17 Yrs); **Class 3** - My Dog Does Tricks; **Class 4** - Crossbreed Bitch; **Class 5** - Crossbreed Dog; **Class 6** - Pedigree Bitch; **Class 7** - Pedigree Dog; **Class 8** - Best Rescue.

Caravan Manoeuvring: **Class 1** - Woman Novice; **Class 2** - Woman Standard; **Class 3** - Men Novice; **Class 4** - Men Standard.

Scottish Ramble A Five mile walk around a route on established footpaths where possible, although sometimes this will be through woodland. Dogs are welcome, but must be kept on a lead at all times and decent walking footwear is advised.

[Full details of all these are activities can be obtained by clicking this link](#)

RALLY SECRETARY RAMBLINGS

A MEARE WEEKEND IN THORPENESS

I apologise for an omission from the Handbook of the 'A Meare Weekend in Thorpeness' - 24th to 27th May 2019. Under the Marshals for this rally, it was not entered in that there will be a forth set of Marshals for that weekend, by way of new marshals volunteering; Mike and Sally-Ann Biggs. The Centre does thank them for coming forward and I'm sure that ably assisted by the well known team who have taken this rally on for 2019, they will enjoy an excellent weekend.

[Click here for full details,](#)

DEBENHAM MUSIC FESTIVAL RALLY

Apologies to those concerned, but the price for the full Festival Pass is £40 and **not** that quoted in the Rally Handbook.

[Click here for full details](#)

ANGLIA REGION QUESTION TIME

Please note that the Regional Forum dates have been changed from the 6th April to the 13th April. This was notified to us after the Handbook was at the printers. The programme will remain the same.

[Click here for full details](#)

TOURING BRAKES - THE CARAVAN TECHNICIAN

Can members please note that our advertiser, Touring Brakes (advert on page 18) has changed their trading name to The Caravan Technician. I have been assured that the details in the handbook will remain for the rest of this year for contact, but just to let people know in case any confusion over names. Please remember if you do use advertisers you see in the handbook, to mention Suffolk Centre as being where you saw the advert.

CENTRE SECRETARY SCRIBBLINGS

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CENTRE

Hopefully everyone will have received a copy of the 2019 Handbook, any problems please let me know. They are posted out by labels supplied by the Club so if your details are incorrect in any way, please amend them via Club membership. For those members with membership due for renewal for the rest of the year, please remember it is **NOT** automatic, even though you have received a book, and if you do not opt to re-join, then you will go void on our list. It is helpful if, for some reason, you decided not to renew if you can let me know. All the Club informs me is that you haven't renewed. If you have any questions over your membership please contact me.

I also take this opportunity to advise members that I cannot change any details, nor add anyone to be a member, without this coming through from the Club and your membership with them.

OTHER CENTRE HANDBOOKS

Were you aware that we get copies of most of the other Centres Handbooks? Some send hard copy handbooks, some by PDF, and those received are usually available to be seen at the Natter and Chatter. A lot more are now being supplied in PDF format so if you would like to see a copy of another Centres Handbook, it's always worth an email to me and, if its available, I can forward a copy to you.
Janet Dobson, Secretary – secretary@suffolkcentre.co.uk

HANDBOOK FRONT COVER - FURTHER DETAILS

The winning photograph for the 2019 handbook was taken at the Suffolk Punch Trust in Hollesley by Julian Fincham-Jacques during a rally there in 2018, and we are fortunate to have found further information. The horse in question is Colony Wren II, a home bred gelding who is a member of the team which drives the carriages, wagons and ploughs. He is 7 years old, just at the beginning of his prime. With the Centre returning there over the weekend of 26th to 30th June, perhaps a visit would be worthwhile, the Trust has shown appreciation of members choosing this for our handbook.

RALLY BLOCK MARSHAL BUMBLINGS

THE NATIONAL - RAGLEY HALL

Ragley Hall, Park & Gardens, Alcester

There are spaces available for members who are attending the National this year, to volunteer as Rally Block Marshals (RBMs), to assist Mark & Debra Terry, who are our Lead RBMs.

Also we are looking for as many people as possible to help, so we can have a rota covering the weekend ensuing we all get time to enjoy what the National has to offer.

If there is any member who would like to help the Centre with this important task, please email me at rallyblockmarshal@suffolkcentre.co.uk for more details.

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THE NATIONAL 2019

If you are booked onto the National at Ragley Hall or when you book onto the National via the website ([Click here to book](#)) then please send (or email) a Rally Slip to our National and Sports Liaison Officer, Chris Stammers (sports@suffolkcentre.co.uk) to ensure we are pitched together as a group. Not all Suffolk Members are actually from Suffolk, with many members from Essex, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and further afield. Full details of how to contact Chris are on page 5 of this years Rally Handbook. Details of the activities are on page 6.

GENERAL INFORMATION

To remove your name from our mailing list, please email secretary@suffolkcentre.co.uk

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) at newsletter@suffolkcentre.co.uk and also to our Webmaster (Julian) at webmaster@suffolkcentre.co.uk

Please visit the website to find out more

Fundraising

Chairman's Charity - Supporting the East Anglia Air Ambulance

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Under the new GDPR Rules, permission to publish photographs of children in this Newsletter, have always been obtained from the parents or legal guardians prior to the taking of the photograph and therefore publication.

FORTHCOMING RALLIES

HOT CROSS BUNNY RALLY
TRINITY PARK
FELIXSTOWE ROAD
IPSWICH IP3 8UH

18 – 22 APRIL 2019

Own sanitation essential. EHU available at £2.00 per night. An Eggs-ultant Easter with racing and crafts for all. Highlights to include Hot Cross Buns and family entertainment. Please join us for the memorial walk. Cost £12 per unit per night, plus EHU if requested.

Amy Hindle, Lily & Chris Stammers with Ron & Denise King

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PEEWIT RALLY
PEEWIT CARAVAN PARK
WALTON AVENUE
FELIXSTOWE IP11 2HB

26 - 28 APRIL 2019

Toilet & shower block on site - key entry. Please return key given to you no later than 15:00 on Sunday. Each pitch has EHU. Weekend on the coast in Felixstowe at this family run site within walking distance of the town centre and seafront. Do as you please weekend with get together Saturday evening after Flagpole with refreshments.

Alan & Janet Dobson with Tony & Karen Reed

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CHILL AT THE MILL III
KERSEY MILL
KERSEY
IPSWICH IP7 6DP

03 - 06 MAY 2019

Café on site, supermarket & shops in Hadleigh (approx. 1.5 miles) Chill out for a few days, do as you please in this pretty and historical part of Suffolk. Tour of the Mill arranged for Saturday morning. Several retails & services on the mill site: The Copper Kettle Café tea rooms; Glass & Craft; Flower Shop; Boutique Room; Health & Fitness centre; Photo Studio; Natural Health centre; Pilates and more units being built.

Garry & Connie Pyett with Simon Crane & Lynn and Tony & Karen Reed

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**20-19 IN 2019 AT TANGHAM
FOREST CAMPING
RENDLESHAM
WOODBIDGE IP12 3NF**

10 - 17 MAY 2019

Toilet and shower block on site. Electric hook-up on all pitches. This is the 35th Anniversary of this rally which started in 1983 (with a gap in 1996). Join us for 2 to 7 nights in the heart of Rendlesham Forest. Cash only on arrival. Plenty of signed walks and cycle trails with various play equipment for the children, both on site and near to the general car park. Site fee £12 p.n. (inc VAT), plus admin, sundries and VAT. Saturday late afternoon flagpole with tea and cakes. Wednesday: party buffet lunch.

Alan & Janet Dobson with Tony & Karen Reed

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

17 - 20 MAY 2019

Rally bookable for 2 or 3 nights. Provision of dedicated drinking water and Elsan disposal facilities. Own sanitation essential. 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 grounds of Ickworth House. A game of quoits and an afternoon tea are planned.

David & Janice Kent with Brian & Janice Crawford

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

24 - 27 MAY 2019

Own sanitation essential. **No Electric Hook-ups on site.** Grocers, craft shops, pub and boating lake in village. Other shops in Aldeburgh, 2 miles away and Leiston, 4 miles. 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.

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

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**THE C&MC NATIONAL
RAGLEY HALL, PARK & GARDENS
ALCESTER
B49 5NJ**

24 - 28 MAY 2019

You're all invited to attend the 2019 May Bank Holiday for outdoor fun and games in the grounds of Ragley Hall, Park & Gardens. Over the long weekend, on offer there are fun and game and entertainment to suit everyone, plus a wide selection of food and drink in the Street Food Gardens. Join in and take part in the non-stop shows and activities, or simply kick back and relax.

If you have booked or are going to book ([Click here to book](#)) then please send (or email) a Rally Slip to Chris Stammers (details on page 5 of the Rally handbook), so we can coordinate Suffolk Centre members into a single block at the National.

Suffolk Centre is trying to get together teams of members to enter the many activities available, which will be (amongst others):

Crib Doubles, Quiz Team, blah, blah, blah.

If you would like to take part in any of the events listed, then please let Chris Stammers know what your interest in.

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HOLLAND HOLIDAY RALLY - 17th - 31st August 2019

A holiday rally to Holland has now been negotiated and finalised and the details are as follows. You will be able to book this holiday rally from 1st August 2018, so get your request for a Booking Sheet, Booking Letter and Days Trips in soon.

The camp site at Resort de Arendshorst is located in the very beautiful area of Overijssel in the Central-Eastern part of Holland. The name translates to 'Across the IJssel' from Utrecht, with the Provincial Capital City of Zwolle. The Resort is sited next to the River Vecht and set in a 500-acre nature reserve. The site also includes a small shop (including Fresh Bread which is made daily on site), a fully Licenced Bar, Restaurant serving Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, Modern Toilet Blocks, Launderette, Play Area, Petting Zoo, Bouncy Castle, Paddling Pool and boating & swimming jetties. The area is popular for walking and cycling (being nice and flat) and an ideal location to explore nearby towns like Ommen, Zwolle and Giethoorn, the Venice of the Netherlands. The Resort has over ¾ of a mile of Private river bank, making it one of the best fishing venues in Holland, so don't forget your fishing rods. You may rent a Canoe, BBQ or Bicycle from the Resort. With over 1,000 miles of dedicated cycle lanes, it's ideal to explore the local area by bike.

We are planning some visits to places of interest by coach. If we can fill a coach, then the cost will be as shown per person.

Trip 1. Day trip by luxury coach to the villages of Staphorst and Griethoorn. On arrival at Staphorst, you will be greeted with coffee/tea and a slice of a local delicacy of Krentenwegge Cake. A visit to the local museum, followed by a short trip to Giethoorn, (nicknamed the Venice of Holland as there are no roads, just canals) where a private boat tour of Giethoorn with a guide of approximately 1 hour has been arranged. Then there will be a 'free time' of around 2 hours for you to explore the area, before returning to the Resort. This is full day outing and provided we fill the coach, the cost will be around **€50 per person**.

Trip 2. A trip by luxury coach to Amsterdam. First stop will be a guided tour of Gassan Diamonds (around 1½ hours), where there will be the opportunity to purchase a sample or two, this will be followed by a Canal Boat trip around Amsterdam of around an hour and a quarter. Finally; free time for lunch and shopping in a pedestrian precinct for around 3 hours. Again, a full days outing and will (provided we fill the coach) be around **€75 per person**, including all fees and charges.

Trip 3. A visit to Hollands famous Zuiderzee Museum. The trip (once we arrive) starts with a boat trip to the Museum, where when you disembark, there is a whole town, to explore. A welcome with coffee/tea and a local delicacy; a slice of Enkhuizer cake. Seven centuries of Zuiderzee history is portrayed, which is a depiction of an old Zuiderzee town. Actors are dressed up and portray life at the beginning of the 20th Century; children can dress up in old Dutch costumes and play original Dutch games; a Sailmaker's Workshop, a Fish Smoking factory; a white linen washing house; all working are there to see. All the houses are fitted out in late 19th Century/early 20th Century furniture and equipment, with place names to depict what you are seeing. Rest areas with shops and restaurants are dotted around for refreshments. We will then depart for the nearby village of Volendam, with all their colourful houses and where the locals still dress in their original costumes. A great day out for all the family. This is again a full day outing and will (provided we fill the coach) be around **€65 each person**, including the entrance fee to the Museum.

You will notice that all the above are in Euros. This is a fairer way to tell you the cost, as the prices are mainly fixed, whereas the Pound to Euro isn't and may be affected by Brexit as we will be rallying after the date we are due to leave the EU. There will only be a very small increase in these prices, if the places we are visiting increase their entrance fees.

To see the full details, together with a Booking Form, Explanatory Letter and an Excursions Request, please email Peter Wilson at vicechairman@suffolkcentre.co.uk as soon as you see this notification. .

Booking through Alan Rogers is now available



RESORT ★★ ★★ ★★

DE ARENDSHORST

Rural camping in Holland

Cycling, exploring & course fishing in an idyllic setting



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