



# Caravan and Motorhome Club - Suffolk Centre

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## July 2019 Newsletter and Rally Update

This is your third Newsletter for 2019, and contains reports of rallies held up to Mid July and details of rallies for the next couple of months.



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### NEWSLETTER SPOTLIGHT

This is the latest edition 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 late September 2019.

### CHAIRMAN'S BLOG

Well we are halfway through the year with the summer solstice tomorrow, and it's been a very busy but enjoyable year so far. I mentioned in my last blog that we may have to pay for our really hot Easter weather, and with this months rainfall, floods and storm, we surely are.

Unfortunately I couldn't make the Peewit rally as I was at the Regional Club Council Meeting, but I heard it was a good rally apart from the weather, and the marshals raised a lot of money for the Guide Dogs for the Blind.

I was pleased that our rally at Kersey went well, just a shame we had more than usual cancellations, and being a Bank Holiday, people on the waiting list had already made plans and 7 places were lost on a rally that was originally oversubscribed.

We also attended the Tangham rally, another good rally, unfortunately we had to leave after the weekend to get the van sorted etc so that we could attend another excellent rally at Rede Hall, leaving directly afterwards for 2 weeks holiday with the National Rally sandwiched in between, a very busy time at the National, meeting the other Centre Chairman and Club Chairman and hobbies exhibitions etc. I would encourage members to attend a National, I feel sure you would enjoy it.

We could not attend the Thorpeness Rally as I was away at the National, but heard it was a busy large and good rally.

We also went to the Clare rally, where we enjoyed cup cakes in the afternoon and cheese and wine in the evening at this relaxing venue.

The last rally we attended was at Tattingstone, where as the name suggests plenty of walking and cycling routes available to bring your fitness levels up.

If you have not booked the Chairman's rally yet, please do, it is an excellent venue and the marshals will be running a fun bottle draw in aid of the Chairman's charity, donations will be very welcome, Derek will be selling his famous breakfast baps Sunday morning also in aid of a charity, so don't miss it.

Sadly we will not be able to rally at the moment as the front corner of my van has decided to fall apart and can not be towed, it will be back at the factory for major repair work during all of July, which has scuppered all our rally and holiday plans, we have been promised it back a day before the Chairman's rally in August, so I hope they don't let me down, however we hope to visit some of the rallies during this period and look forward to meeting friends old & new.

Garry - Suffolk Centre Chairman

### NEW SUFFOLK CENTRE WEBSITE

As you may already be aware, we now have a new website as the old one was creaking at the seams and was getting more and more unreliable. Why not have a look at the new site at (<http://www.suffolkcentre.org.uk>) 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. **There is now a new Tab under the Information Tab, called 'What's New' where you will find anything that has been updated or added to the website. A good place to start when you log-on each time.**

## 20-19 IN 2010 AT TANGHAM RALLY - 10th - 17th May

The rally got off to a good start with some nice weather, this venue is always popular especially having the EHU and showers etc., we also had some 1st ralliers with us which is always a pleasure.

I did note that there were a few families on the rally with 3 generations of caravaners, which is very nice to see, and it was also nice to see the youngsters playing together and building dens in the woods.

The giant teddy who hitched a lift from the Peewit rally was also raffled off at this rally and over £60 was raised for the Guide dogs, he now has a home with Jan Goddard.

Unfortunately as we had to prepare for the next rally and the National we had to leave after the weekend, but those who could remain on site enjoyed Karen's famous sandwich buffet mid week, another good rally, thanks Alan & Janet and Tony & Karen. Garry

## REDE HALL FARM RALLY - 17th - 20th May

A relaxing rally in the heart of Suffolk, a rally I look forward to with the annual quoits competition, unfortunately we were knocked out in the 1st round, it is a typical Suffolk game, however it was won by visitors from another centre who had never heard of the game ! well done.

Saturday afternoon see us settled for a charity cream tea and a glass of bubbly, thanks to the marshals, an awful lot of works goes into this, well done much appreciated, we also celebrated David Hale's birthday, more cake, good job there are good walks around this area, especially as some take the long scenic route on the way back from the pub, thanks David & Janice and Brian & Janice for another good weekend. Garry.

## A MEARE WEEKEND IN THORPENESS RALLY - 24th - 17th May

A really good Bank Holiday rally once again with a different set of marshals. Pleased to see a trainee in action, thanks to Mike and Sallyann Biggs. Good turnout around 46 vans with one 1<sup>st</sup> rallier and 7 visitors. Lovely site within walking distance of the centre and the Meare. One downpour didn't seem to stop anyone and once the sun returned so did the BBQ's. New marshals have come forward for next year. Thanks to all involved. Janet and Alan Dobson



## RELAXING AT CLARE PRIORY RALLY - 7th - 9th June

This rally is unique as it is in the grounds of the priory, space is limited as the trees have reached maturity, so the numbers have to be controlled, but it is very relaxing, considering it is advertised as relaxing, the marshal did not have much time to relax, with refreshments served Friday evening, cupcakes and refreshments Saturday afternoon and cheese and Wine Saturday evening, donated by the marshals, they did very well as usual, a tour of the priory was also arranged for those who wanted a look round. Clare is an easy walk away enjoyed by many, and a Classic car show was also on offer at the country park.

After a long spell, the current marshals have decided to take a break next year and new marshals have come forward to run it, thanks Brian & Janice and Andy & Sally. Garry

## HIKE & BIKE RALLY - 14th - 16th June

An annual rally set on the banks of Alton Water is a good rally for walking & cycling as the route around the reservoir can be very easily accessed direct from site and you don't have to worry about motor traffic.

Just be aware that some of the signs giving the distance to different points around the water seem to be way out, but not withstanding that there are some lovely walks in the area, Thanks Nigel, Kim & Max and Barry & Lynne for a lovely do as you please rally. Garry

## VICE-CHAIRMAN'S APPEAL

I'm looking for a third Co-Marshall for the Valentine Rally 2020. Anyone who would like a weekend with FREE (I do like that word) Electric Hook-up and just a bit of help in setting up the hall for the Tea/Coffee evening and also the meal on Saturday, please contact me. First come will secure the place. Peter

## C&MC NATIONAL - 24th - 28th May

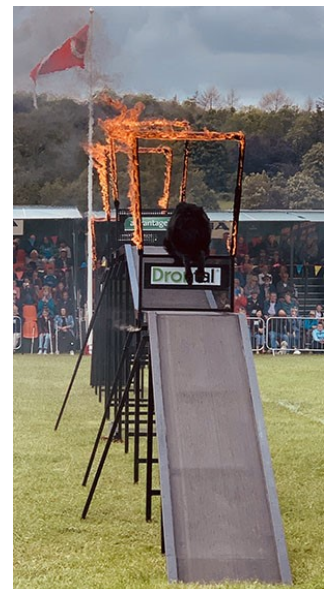
The National at the new venue of Ragley Hall in Warwickshire was a nice setting for the 2019 National, this year organised and run by a new events team, mainly volunteers, whilst by no means knocking the volunteers for any of the very busy events and the work they did, I do feel that some things were lacking or missing, and some things perhaps run differently, but I feel sure that next years National will build on this.

There was a lot on offer, especially for the youngsters, the Anglia Region was very well represented with more than 140 units, the region reception on Saturday morning was well attended, our club Chairman Grenville joined us, (being a Mid Anglia supporter) and we all enjoyed the refreshments and plenty of cake, helping to 'gel' the 5 centres and non centre members together.

At the end of the 'rally' the 5 Chairmen held an informal 'flagpole' with free wine and nibbles, and thanked the block marshals, and anyone who had taken part in the various events, quiz and sports etc, several members took part in the events representing either their centre or the regional teams, well done to them all, due to GDPR it was difficult to make and maintain contact with everyone and I feel it is something that needs addressing for next years National, if the organisers want to get the Centres to run to their full potential. Again thank you to everyone who helped make this Bank Holiday an enjoyable time.

A full list of members from the Suffok Centre who took part in any of the events will be published in the September edition of the Newsletter; in the mean time any member who has NOT received a Competitors Plaque, who entered and competed at any of the events, please email me at [newsletter@suffolkcentre.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@suffolkcentre.co.uk) and I will ensure one is sent (or presented at a Rally) to you. Garry.

Garry & Connie at the presentation



## SUMMER SOLSTICE IN SUFFOLK RALLY - 21st - 23rd June

After arrival on Friday, we ended the day with a superb Cheese and Wine (all donated by the Marshals) with a Crafty Quiz, which was won by The Brain Box (Maybe) Team with a score of 51; well done. Saturday ended with music from New Era Disco after Flagpole, where we welcomed past Chairman Derek & Sheena Pannell, which was rather special as Sheena was to celebrate her birthday on the 24th of the month. Copious refreshments were provided by the Marshals during the evening. A splendid £63.40 was donated to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Charity, from monies raised from the raffling of the Teddy Bear at Peewit and Tangham Rallies, (see the report in the May edition of the Newsletter). Well done to Tony, Karen, Alan & Janet for an enjoyable weekend. Peter & Ineke



## HARNESSING HISTORY RALLY - 26th - 30th June

Garry our Chairman was down to Marshal this rally, but as you might be aware, his caravan developed a serious fault and needed to be returned to the factory and to top it all, Garry finally had his operation, so it was left to Karen, Tony, Simon and Lynne to step in at the last minute and take the reins; well done to the Marshals for a job well done in trying circumstances. This was designated as a 'Free and Easy' weekend, with 'free' entrance to the Suffolk Punch Horse Trust. We had 2 First Ralliers, who I'm sure will join in with us again soon and also welcomed Past Chairman Graham & Wendy Noye. It was my honour and pleasure to present Tony & Karen Reed with their 650 Rally Plaque; what an achievement. Peter & Ineke



## ANGLO-SAXON RALLY - 5th - 7th July

A lovely location in rural Suffolk, next to a recreation of an early Anglo-Saxon village believed to be sited here from around 420AD. This was Ashley & Kerry's first time at being a Lead Marshal and a very successful job too. Special entrance to the Village was arranged so that any ticket purchased would be valid for both Saturday and Sunday. Many extensive walks and nature trails were available within the 125 acres of grounds belonging to the trust. A quiz of Suffolk names of villages, complete with anagrams and cryptic clues was quite a challenge, although 4 people did manage to get them all, although the writer only managed to guess 5! Peter & Ineke.



## 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 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](mailto:vicechairman@suffolkcentre.co.uk) plus postage of £1.00 irrespective of quantity ordered. Payment to our Treasurer (details on page 4 of the Handbook)

## ESSO FUEL CARD

As a Caravan & Motorhome Club member, then you are **entitled** to apply for an Esso Fuel Card at no cost to you. This is administered by Pump King on behalf of Esso and entitles you to apply for this card to get quality fuel at a price normally cheaper than supermarket fuel prices. Once you receive your card (which takes around 1-2 weeks, due to the popularity of this offer), then you will receive a text message each Friday with the latest fuel price for Diesel, Unleaded Petrol, Premium Diesel and Premium Unleaded Petrol, from Sunday, which lasts at that price until the following Saturday night. You will need to register a Debit Card with Pump King, which is used to pay for your fuel at that weeks price. If you fill up at an Esso Station, which has a forecourt price that is lower than your Pump King Card, then Pump King will only charge you the lower price for your fuel, so you can't lose.

As an example of the amount you can save, for Standard Diesel this week **my** local supermarket is charging £1.32.9 per litre and my local Esso station is charging £1.39.9 per litre, whereas Pump King is at a discount price at £1.28.6 per litre, which is lower even than the supermarket and still gives you quality fuel at a greatly discounted price. You can also use your card at ESSO stations in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands as well as every ESSO station in the UK. The above prices for diesel are at **my** local service stations and it maybe cheaper near you, but I still expect Pump King will be cheaper than you can get overall. I have also seen a 3mpg increase when towing since using my Esso Card, with a better quality fuel.

You can apply for your **FREE** (I do like that word) Esso discount card at: [Click here](#) - so what are you waiting for?

When you pay for your fuel at an Esso station using your Esso Fuel Card, you will still get a receipt showing the cost of the fuel without the discount. A few days later, you will receive an email showing the discounted price you have actually been charged, so don't worry that you have been overcharged.



I have covered up some of the details on my card for security reasons.

## 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.



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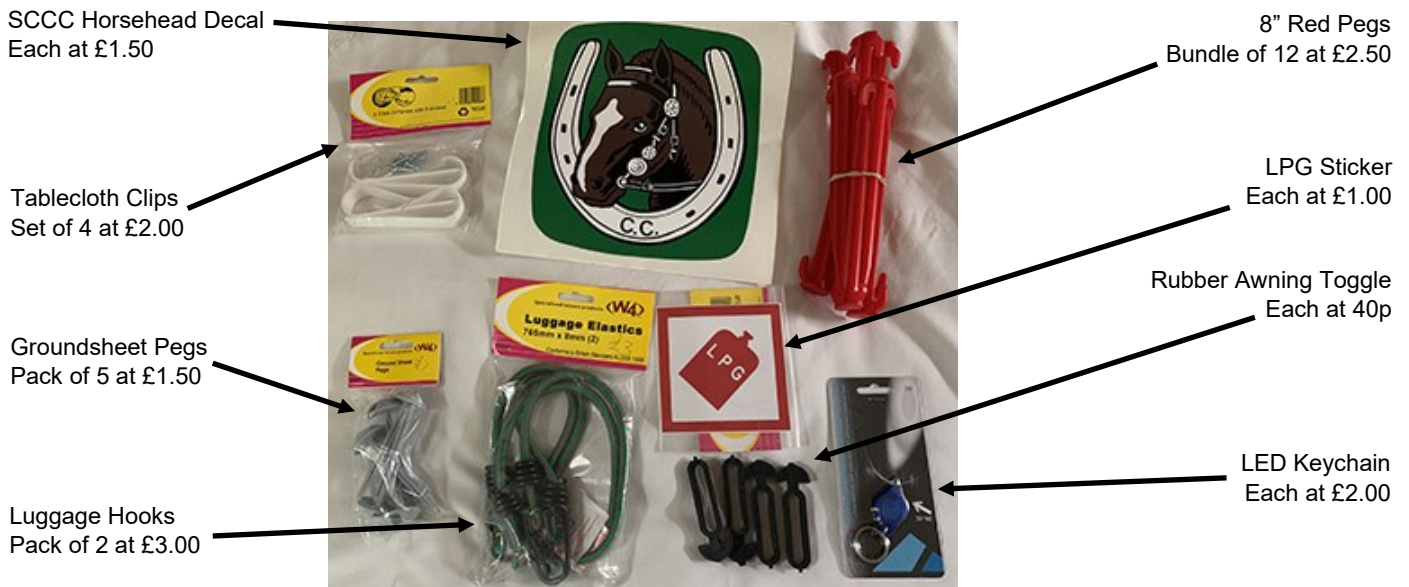


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## EQUIPMENT BOXES - WHAT'S INSIDE ONE?

I expect you have heard the Rally Chairman at Flagpole state 'I have my Equipment Box with me if anyone want something from it' and not given it a thought as to what actually there is in there!  
Well, here is a list of the typical contents, with a photo and prices for you:



**More exciting 'Items for Sale' will be announced shortly; so watch this space.**

## CENTRE SECRETARY SCRIBBLINGS

### MEMBERSHIP OF THE CENTRE

- 1. My Centre membership is automatically renewed with my Club Membership – NO not true.** Centre membership must be renewed by the member, through the Club, annually at the time the Club membership is renewed, regardless of when you joined the Centre.
- 2. But I pay by direct debit automatically – This is for your Club membership.** The Club does not renew any Centre member, you have to opt in annually at Club renewal time. There has been discussion over many years on this and the Club reasoning is that Centres may have members on their "books" that don't rally but haven't discontinued Centre membership. This could be a huge cost to Centres in sending out unwanted handbooks and information.
- 3. But I've had a handbook? – Centre handbooks are normally sent mid-December for the following years programme.** Most members will receive a handbook, some are held back after committee discussion pending a member's renewal. You still have to renew Centre membership as at annual Club renewal regardless of the time of year.
- 4. I've done it online and it says I'm a member – Maintaining your membership account online enables you to update your Centre membership.** However, if you try to renew too early before the end of the month membership is due the system will take it but come the end of the month it would appear to reject the membership.
- 5. How can I check? - As Secretary I have been emailing members, where possible, in the month membership is due.** This enables members to let me know they are not renewing so data can be deleted. If I receive a message back saying you are renewing, I mark the database and then if the Club does mark you as Not Renewed to Centre, I can contact you again and let you know. The online renewal system does seem to cause a few hiccups. Every 5 weeks I am sent a complete list of Suffolk members to agree against my list and a member can at any time email me at [secretary@suffolkcentre.co.uk](mailto:secretary@suffolkcentre.co.uk) to check their membership. However this system will be changing in the near future, that where possible I will only email members who come through as not re-registering to let them know they are no longer registered members of the Centre.
- 6. But I won't be able to rally with you? – Untrue.** All Club members are entitled to attend any rally they wish but of course to obtain any Centre benefits, information, vote or speak at an AGM (plus obtaining AGM paperwork) or be counted in our Attendance records you have to be a Centre member.

## NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE FOR 2020

**NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE FOR 2020.** Please note that acceptance of nominations for the committee for 2020 close at midday Sunday 6th October 2019 - the entry in the rally book saying they will be posted at the Tangham rally on Sunday 29th September is incorrect. As no rally is on Sunday 6th October I will make arrangements to get the list to Julian (our Webmaster) for our website and to publish the list on our Facebook site - Friends of the Suffolk Centre. All nominations should be handed or sent to the Secretary only by the due time and date.

### FORTHCOMING RALLIES

**THE CHAIRMAN'S RALLY  
ROWLEY MILE RACECOURSE  
NEWMARKET  
SUFFOLK CB8 0TF**

**2 - 4 AUGUST 2019**

Own sanitation essential. Join us at this popular venue for the 2019 Chairman's Rally. Programme to include: Tea/coffee on Friday; join Garry & Connie Saturday for Cheese & Wine. There will be a draw in aid of the Chairman's Charity - this year the theme will be bottles, so bottles of ANYTHING can be donated; the funnier the better. The site is within walking distance of Newmarket town centre.

Tony & Karen Reed with Alan & Janet Dobson and Mark, Debra and Natasha Terry

[Click here for more details](#)

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**THE 50th CLIFF TOP HOLIDAY RALLY  
CLIFF TOP  
THORPENESS  
LEISTON IP16 4PD**

**16 - 26 AUGUST 2019**

Own sanitation essential. No Electric Hook-up on site, use 12v electrics only. Grocers, Craft shop, Café, Antiques, Pub and Boating lake in the village. Other shops in Aldeburgh 2 miles and Leiston 4 miles. A lovely rally next to the beach in the beautiful Thorpeness village - our 50th anniversary year of the rally. Tea/Coffee on Friday with Hot Dogs/Burgers for sale. Events through the week including quizzes, disco and children's activities with cake sale, table top sale and cheesy bingo. Rally includes the use of marquee on site.

Ellie & Ben Fitch with Hayley & Leigh Parry; Melissa & Stuart Eldred; Jill Willis; Lizzie Brookes; Frances Yule; Ady & Karen Smith; Paul & Julie Breed (bookings).

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**HURRAY FOR HOLLAND  
BOOKINGS NOW CLOSED FOR THIS 2 WEEK HOLIDAY RALLY IN THE NETHERLANDS**

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**PIE & PINT RALLY  
HOMESTEAD PARK  
WEELEY  
CLACTON-ON-SEA CO16 9JN**

**29 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Own sanitation preferred Toilets & shower block available. Local shop and pub in village or visit Frinton and Walton on Sea. Relaxing long weekend on rally field adjacent to commercial site. Pie & pint on Saturday. Bacon Rolls Sunday Morning. Optional fishing in the lake (extra charge payable). Rally can be booked for two or three nights - Van may arrive from Noon each day.

Nigel & Kim Berry with Neil & Gaynor Carter and Barry & Lynne Roberts.

[Click here for more details](#)

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**INTER-CENTRE FISHING COMPETITION  
INVITATION FROM MID-ANGLIA  
LAWN FARM FISHERY  
ELSWORTH  
CAMBS CB23 4JX**

**13 - 15 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Mid Anglia invite each Centre to enter a team of 7 anglers. We need to know by the end of June if your Centre is able to enter a full team as this will give us time to supply anglers to complete teams. The competition will start at 9:30am and finish at 3pm all anglers to be on the same lake. Lawn farm Fishery rules apply. Own sanitation essential. Rally fee is £15 + Admin + Social + VAT

Pete & Mary Gray with John & Jasmine Kent

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**THE GREAT ESCAPE RALLY  
BLAXHALL VILLAGE HALL  
BLAXHALL  
WOODBIDGE IP12 2DH**

**20 - 22 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Own sanitation essential. Children's play area. Local pub and forest walks nearby. Come and experience our Escape Room. Work together with friends or family to find hidden clues and solve puzzles in order to get out (suitable for all ages). The question is - do you have what it takes to ESCAPE?

Jean Maples & Family with Michael & Sheena McCartney

[Click here for more details](#)

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**45TH HENHAM STEAM RALLY  
HENHAM PARK  
SOUTHWOLD  
BECCLES NR34 8AQ**

**20 - 22 SEPTEMBER 2019**

The 45th Grand Henham Steam Rally takes place on 21st and 22nd September 2019, between 10am & 6pm. The rally will be at **Henham Park**, nr Southwold, Suffolk. If you are using a satnav, the postcode is NR34 8AQ. The rally is signposted from all directions in the local area. We are happy for you to bring your dog providing it is kept on a lead at all times, is well behaved and friendly. We also ask that you clean up any mess and dispose of it responsibly. From 3rd June to 11th September 2019, you can buy **tickets in advance through our online ticket shop**. There's no postage and no booking fee - and you will save money on the gate price. Remember to select Suffolk Centre Caravan and Motorhome Club when booking. The rally is held on grass parkland which is mainly flat however it can be uneven in places. There are plenty of toilets on site, including disabled toilets and those with baby change facilities. We also have several drinking water outlets around the site and on the campsite. There are also sewage disposal facilities for campers. Come along you will enjoy it

[Click here for more details](#)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

To remove your name from our mailing list, please email [secretary@suffolkcentre.co.uk](mailto:secretary@suffolkcentre.co.uk)

Questions or Comments? Email us at [newsletter@suffolkcentre.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@suffolkcentre.co.uk)

Please send any reports, pictures, rally reports and notices for future Newsletters to me (Peter) at [newsletter@suffolkcentre.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@suffolkcentre.co.uk) and also to our Webmaster (Julian) at [webmaster@suffolkcentre.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@suffolkcentre.co.uk)

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## Fundraising

Chairman's Charity - Supporting the East Anglia Air Ambulance