



# Caravan and Motorhome Club - Suffolk Centre

It's what the weekends were made for!

## May 2020 Newsletter and Rally Update

This is your second Newsletter for 2020, and contains some updates and information from your Committee, who are still working from home.



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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 Newsletter on the website, outlining the upcoming rallies and any other matters you should know about, around every Two/Three Months, the next in late July/early August 2020.

### CHAIRMAN'S BLOG

What a difference since the last newsletter in which I was saying how we were all looking forward to the coming season.

Connie & I sincerely hope that all our friends and members of the Centre are keeping safe and well in these unprecedented times, we also hope that no one in their families has been affected with this virus, with the scale of it, like many of you, we have some medical front line and critical workers in our wider family and we are so proud of them all. I thank my lucky stars that I am retired, otherwise I would have been out there myself keeping the highway signalling infrastructure going.

Connie and I have been in touch with as many of our 'senior' members as we can to check that they are well and coping, however due to the GDP regulations, even as Chairman, I am not allowed the contact numbers of a lot of you to have a chat, we do hope that you are all well and staying safe, if any of you would like a chat, please feel free to check my number in the rally book and give us a ring.

Whilst all the rallies have been cancelled until the end of June, under the guidance of CAMC, I do hope that we will be able to get out at some point when it is entirely safe to do so, however with the demographic age of a large contingent of our members, we will need to be cautious not to undo all the sanctions we have endured so far, after all rallying is by definition a social activity and will prove difficult for us to not be sociable, so we must stick to the Government 'rules'.

We are lucky to have our caravan at home, and with this lovely weather we have had, we try and have 'afternoon' tea in the van, Connie often says 'you spend most of your time snoozing when you are in the van, so you could be anywhere', not really true I get off the seats and go to bed sometimes. :-)

I am just looking for some pictures of the Yorkshire Dales to put on the windows and then I can pretend we are in our favourite place.

I have been told something to come out of this is the quality time that parents and children are having at the moment, I tell them with a caravan we do that all the time, until they get in the later 'teenage' period, however I am aware this is not great for the grandparents and grandchildren that often come on rallies and not able to meet up, must be hard for them all.

Stay positive and as they say 'Carry On' and we will get through this, keep an eye on the website and the new Suffolk Centre Facebook page for more information, why not put something on either of these and show us what you have been doing instead of caravanning.

Stay Safe and we look forward to when we can meet up again.

Garry

Suffolk Centre Chairman

### CENTRE NEWSLETTER

Due to the ever changing complexities with our previous method of distribution of the Newsletter, we had to stop using this method and the September Newsletter didn't happen as a result. I decided to take up the cudgel again and this is the first Newsletter of 2020, which is now only available on the Centre Website until we can find a method of distribution to my 1200 avid readers, that will not immediately declare any email address used, as a Spammer. This brings about all sorts of problems, but we will overcome these in due course. Peter - Editor

## CENTRE SECRETARY SCRIBBLINGS

Well at the time of writing not quite where we hoped we'd be – in the middle of a lockdown, no rallying, not much of anything really except to stay at home – unless one of those who are so badly needed to keep necessary wheels turning. A huge thank you to all our members for whatever your role in this is, and we can only hope for the day we are all let loose again.

To those members who have had this virus cross their path, either to themselves or their loved ones, we send our best wishes.

Behind the scenes the committee roles continue, mine in keeping the membership list up to date as the Club is also still running and sending in weekly reports for those of you that renew or join us.

All updates from the Club get sent round the committee as soon as I pick them up, and the website is updated. Be assured we will all be like greyhounds out of the starting block when we get the go-ahead.

One of my ongoing tasks is that we can now offer – to members who have had books in the past – the opportunity to continue with a printed book or to go with our full PDF emailed copy. If you have received a message, and haven't replied, please do so as it has been agreed that we may have to send a final email end September and those who don't respond by the AGM, with their choice, will automatically receive an emailed copy. We have to look forward and be more precise in what we order, especially after the loss of most of the first half of the year.

So that members are aware, the Grant we receive from Club offices is down not to be used against any rally handbook supply. The Club only expects us to provide an "information type list" to give to members, so we look to funding the book via our Advertising Income.

We have also been monitoring something the Club has been in the process of putting together over the last months by using Facebook to link Centres through to their Regions and then upwards to the Club itself. A "Champion" has been set up within the Region who will monitor what goes on the sites for the Anglia Regional Centres, and will feed parts up to the Club where non-Centre members can see what ourselves and other Centres are up to. As the current "Friends of Suffolk Centre" page is open to any Club member interested in the Centre we are unable to link this one so a new site is now in place – Suffolk Centre, Caravan and Motorhome Club – and if you are on Facebook and locate the page you can request to join. It will be a closed site – Suffolk Centre members only – and your membership will be checked with some questions you will be asked. The two sites we hope will complement each other and you can choose to be a member of one or both.

Janet Dobson, Secretary

16<sup>th</sup> April 2020

## RALLY SECRETARY RAMBLINGS

Sadly, a lot of our programme for 2020 has fallen by the wayside while we all hold out against this virus.

With Club instructions to close down until the end of June at the minute, all those rallies have been cancelled, which is sad for our Rally Marshals and site owners involved. Some marshals have come in with confirmed bookings for 2021 and I would like to hear from any others as the 2021 programme dates are on the website and it would be good to start looking ahead – hopefully for the latter half of this year and onwards into next year.

We will be providing a limited supply of printed handbooks for 2021. All new members will continue to get our PDF copy, and I understand members who have had books in the past have been offered a choice. Final numbers of what we need will be vital later this year so please reply to the Centre Secretary if you have been offered a choice for next year.

Alan Dobson, Rally Secretary

16th April 2020

**Does anyone  
know how long  
toilet paper will  
last if you freeze  
it?**



## TREASURERS TINKERINGS

Centre funds are not changing due to no income but on the positive, nothing is being spent and there are no rallies with a shortfall. Having said that, I and I'm sure, most are missing rallies but we must protect ourselves now and be ready when we resume.

Regards

Mark Terry—Centre Treasurer

## WEBMASTER/VICE CHAIRMAN'S WEBDINGS

We are now heading into May and I am sure, like me, you are missing being out on the rally field and meeting up with friends. However at present, like many of our vans, we need to remain tucked up in safe and secure storage where possible.

*Are you are sitting at home, using the time to contemplate upgrades to your van or equipment?* If so then please remember to check the sponsor's page of the website where you will find details of all the companies that support the club. Many of these companies are small businesses and members of the club, to whom during these difficult times, your support is vital for them to keep trading.

Website updates are continuing and if there is anything you would like to see on the site, then please let me know. News of when and guidance on how, we can re-commence rallies will be made available on the website as soon as it received.

All current Suffolk Centre members should, by now, also have received an email relating to the new Suffolk Centre, Caravan and Motorhome Club Facebook Page and closed group that we have set up. I am aware that Janet will be providing, in her report, the reasoning why this has been set up. When requesting to join the closed group, you will be asked to confirm some details regarding your membership. Please ensure these questions are answered, if they are missed then it will prevent acceptance to the group.

In the event, as a member of the Suffolk Centre, you have requested to join the group but have either had the request rejected or not heard anything, then please re-submit ensuring all the questions have been answered. This will ensure that you do not miss any updates or club news.

Please keep safe everyone, and look forward to seeing you all back on the rally field as soon as it is safe for us all to do so.

Julian Fincham-Jacques, Vice Chairman & Webmaster

## PUBLICITY OFFICERS PUBLICATIONS

As Coronavirus has stopped play the report from the me is shorter than expected.

The Centre brochure has been reprinted and I am just waiting to collect from my fellow committee member. Once we are again 'let out to play' I will contact the Dealers and arrange to have a presence at their 'Dealer Days' to talk to caravaners and to 'entice' them to rally with us. If you're able to assist me in this, when dates for Dealer Days have been agreed, then your presence will be most welcome. Details will be published in the Newsletter and on the Website.

Recent submissions to the Caravan and Motorhome Club Magazine included an article on the donation of both the Hi-Viz Vests and the printing, for inclusion in future issues, together with the write up for the Valentine' Rally, however, I have received advice from the magazine that due to the cessation of rallies taking place, they are suspending the Centres Page until further notice. So it is a case of 'Watch This Space' in future issues.

Melody Gosling—Publicity Officer.

## DISABLED AND MOTORHOME MATS

Although the Club have a special mat for the disabled to get from their caravan/motorhome over the gravel to the roadway and for whenever a motorhome gets stuck in grass or muddy situations, they have at most, only one per Club Site. The Club obtain their supplies from

<https://www.nrshealthcare.co.uk/>

Should you require a mat for your motorhome or are disabled, then we understand that this company offer these mats at very competitive rates.

## MEMBER GET MEMBER OFFER

The Club is currently offering an incentive to get new members. For every member that you recruit, you will receive £10 and the new member will receive £10 too. See the link <https://www.camc.com/friend> for more information on this.

## EQUIPMENT OFFICER EXPEDITIONS

Equipment Officer for the Centre, Ron King (right of picture) receiving the marshals Hi-Vis Vests from Rupert Moody (left of picture) Birchwood Caravan Services Ltd, who donated the vests free of charge.

The graphics were done by one of our committee members, Chris Stammers of LS Plaques, who also donated free of charge. Our sincere thanks are extended to both of these businesses.

Ron King—Equipment Officer



## THE CLUB BAND

The Club Band are currently looking for new recruits. If you know anyone, young or old, who has a musical talent then please contact Ian Clowes, Chairman, on [camccbchairman@gmail.com](mailto:camccbchairman@gmail.com) for further details

## 2021 DIVISION AND REGION EVENTS

Our Divisions and Regions have organised some fantastic member engagement events for 2021. Look out for the advertisements in the Club Magazine and other channels of communication. They will also be arranging cover for the Information Marquee at the 2021 National. Please support them wherever possible.

**Get set for the return of parents as hairdressers...**



**WHEN YOUR HAIR SALON IS CLOSED**

**BUT YOUR DOG GROOMER HAS A CANCELLATION**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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)

## Fundraising

Chairman's Charity - Supporting the East Anglian Air Ambulance



### YOUR HOROSCOPE THIS WEEK

<b>ARIES</b> You'll be spending time in your home	<b>LIBRA</b> You'll be spending time in your home
<b>TAURUS</b> You'll be spending time in your home	<b>SCORPIO</b> You'll be spending time in your home
<b>GEMINI</b> You'll be spending time in your home	<b>SAGITTARIUS</b> You'll be spending time in your home
<b>CANCER</b> You'll be spending time in your home	<b>CAPRICORN</b> You'll be spending time in your home
<b>LEO</b> You'll be spending time in your home	<b>AQUARIUS</b> You'll be spending time in your home
<b>VIRGO</b> You'll be spending time in your home	<b>PISCES</b> You'll be spending time in your home

## 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 The Box!  
Well, here is a list of the typical contents, with a photo and prices for you:

- SCCC Horsehead Decal  
Each at £1.50
- Tablecloth Clips  
Set of 4 at £2.00
- Groundsheet Pegs  
Pack of 5 at £1.50
- Luggage Hooks  
Pack of 2 at £3.00
- 8" Red Pegs  
Bundle of 12 at £2.50
- LPG Sticker  
Each at £1.00
- Rubber Awning Toggle  
Each at 40p
- LED Keychain  
Each at £2.00

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

## EXTRA CENTRE EQUIPMENT

Would like to remind Rally Marshals, if you're requiring extra equipment for your rally. Things like Tea Urns electric/gas, Event Shelters, mobile radios, extra saucers, notice boards or even a P A System, are there to be used.

The Equipment Officer have these at your request to use and help you run a successful rally.

Please be minded to place your requirement at the earliest opportunity. There is a limited amount of equipment the Centre hold. To make it easier to manage what people require, a rota will be drawn up with what rally marshals have asked for.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT TOO LATE, YOU KNOW YOUR REQUIMENTS. For more information please contact via email [equipment@suffolkcentre.co.uk](mailto:equipment@suffolkcentre.co.uk)

Looking forward to your cooperation and hope you all have an enjoyable rally.

Ron King - Equipment Officer

## PRESENTATION OF CHARITY FUNDS RAISED FOR EAAA

Ben from East Anglian Air Ambulance was presented with a cheque for £1,133.15 by Garry and Connie Pyett, Chairman of the Suffolk Centre of the Caravan & Motorhome Club from donations collected during 2019.

Well done to all who contributed or raised funds for this vital charity.



Suffolk Centre Caravan & Motorhome Club

*Thank you* for raising the amazing amount of

£ 1133.15 by Donating funds raised at various rally's in 2019

*Patrick G. Peal* Patrick Peal, Chief Executive



*Together we save lives*

Thank you for helping us to provide life-saving services. Without your support we would not be able to fly our dedicated air ambulances. Our helicopters are based at Cambridge and Norwich airports and can reach anywhere in the region in under 25 minutes, ensuring our Doctors and Critical Care Paramedics are on scene as quickly as possible.

East Anglian Air Ambulance is proud to serve the communities of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.



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