



Caravan and Motorhome Club - Suffolk Centre

It's what the weekends were made for!

September 2020 Newsletter and Rally Update

This is your Fourth 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 any upcoming rallies and any other matters you should know about, around every Two/Three Months, the next in March 2021.

CHAIRMAN'S BLOG

Whilst we are still in the grip of this unprecedented pandemic, restrictions have started to ease to allow us back into our caravans, albeit in a totally different way to what we are accustomed to.

With the restrictions and rules from governance at the Caravan and Motorhome Club severely impacting our ability to run rallies in the way we would wish to, we are desperately trying to follow the rules and guidelines and attempt to run the rallies that are predominantly outside events. Attempting to run rallies that involve halls etc., are proving to be just not viable.

The increased paperwork required to run these have been increased with Covid-19 risk and site/rally risk assessments etc. having to be sent to HQ and awaiting clearance all puts a further load on our secretary, who is already spending an awful lot of additional time on making sense of all the rules and regulations etc., that sometimes come in almost daily to peruse and adjust our way of working.

Our AGM will soon be upon us, which is highlighted further in the newsletter, but I would encourage members to get involved in helping to run the Centre; over the last few months we have had many conversations and emails from a variety of Centre members who have strong opinions on the running of the Centre, we need these people to come on board with the Committee, bringing new ideas and helping to take the Centre forward.

As you will see from the nomination page on the website, I have agreed to be nominated to continue as Chairman for a further year, whilst the Chairman normally stands for a 3 year term, I have been working hard in the background dealing with the obvious fallout that the pandemic has caused, I feel that I have missed out on so much on the rally field in these abnormal times and meeting members etc., that I have agreed to an extra year if I am voted in, however all officer posts on the committee are open for nomination, and if there is someone out there who would like the opportunity to stand for one of these posts, get your nominations in now.

I hope you are able to get out in your units on Club, commercial and CL sites now they have reopened, and with some members belonging to other clubs not governed by the restrictions placed on the Centre at the moment from HQ, you get to enjoy your weekends and holidays.

If you know of a site that we can use, please consider running or co-marshalling a rally, so we can get back on track with plenty of chances to get out weekends next year.

Connie and I are really looking forward to meeting up again with all our friends and new members of the Centre on rallies and events when we are able to do so.

Please stay positive, and above all Stay Safe.

Garry - Suffolk Centre Chairman - September 2020

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 2019 Newsletter didn't happen as a result. I decided to take up the cudgel again and this is the third 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

The Reports and Images below are from two great rallies around this time two years ago. Included not to tease you, but as a reminder of the wonderful times that can be had, rallying with the Suffolk Centre of the Caravan & Motorhome Club.

Lets hope that we can get back to those times again, soon.

THE SHOTLEY ROSE PUB RALLY - 17th - 19th August 2018

The Shotley Rose Pub Rally was very well attended, in fact a full house. The landlady and her staff could not have been more accommodating providing a mini beer festival, bands on both Friday and Saturday night and so many superb meals with a warm welcome for all. The events in the bar were very well supported by the local villagers, who made us, as visitors feel very welcome in their village.

The site is well placed on a circular walk that takes in the glorious views over both the Orwell and Stour rivers. The peninsula walk is more than worth the effort. The Marshals: Nick, Carol and Trevor worked tirelessly to create a friendly relaxed laid back weekend that was enjoyed by all. Looking forward to a repeat performance next year. Bill Mitchell.

CLIFF TOP HOLIDAY RALLY - 17th - 27th August 2018

Suffolk Centre members were treated to 10 days on the Cliff Top at Thorpeness which included the Aldeburgh Carnival with their lantern parade followed by fireworks and then the Thorepeness Regatta, where the Suffolk Centre participated in the lighted float parade on the Mere with a Mama Mia themed float, followed again by evening fireworks.

Thank you to the Marshals and all their helpers for providing an excellent program of events, including Bingo, Quiz Night, Cream Teas and Tie Dyeing for the Children. Also congratulations to the brave swimmers that ventured into the sea early each morning! Julian Fincham-Jacques



Pictures supplied from Suffolk Centre Website as in the public domain.

THE CHAIRMAN'S RALLY - 27th June to 1st July 2018

Lovely site, very friendly and informative staff and good facilities. Addition of Café most welcome. Excellent weather but sad to see attendance down on what was expected. Nevertheless, the charity draw had in excess of £100 collected, with one prize being auctioned off. Use of room on site for the evening went well and they are more than happy to have us back again next year.

Janet Dobson.



MEMBERSHIP

Is your renewal to the Club due over the next few months? Did you realise you have to renew the Centre membership separately each year – the Club does not automatically renew that for you? Are you looking to attend the AGM, because if no Centre membership you will not receive the AGM paperwork, nor be able to speak or contribute to the meeting. Unsure ? then email secretary@suffolkcentre.co.uk to check your membership status.

HANDBOOKS FOR 2021

New members since July 2019 automatically receive a PDF emailed version of the handbook. We are offering members who have had books in the past the chance of a choice and a HUGE thank you to those that have replied to my emails. This has been ongoing since January but with the closure of rallying we have to be more precise in numbers ordered. Please – if you haven't responded or not sure, email me to let me know – otherwise we will be looking at sending a PDF book by default to those that have not replied.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The AGM is now going to be a closed meeting - members cannot attend in person - and emails and letters have gone out to all registered Centre members. A process is in place for questions - via Past Chairman Graham Noye - and full instructions are in the correspondence. This will enable members to ask questions without the Committee have prior knowledge. All paperwork will be online 7 days before the meeting for members to read. We also have a different approach to handbook front cover photos. Email your entries to Alan as Rally Secretary and arrangements will be announced shortly to members. After the meeting when minutes have been checked and verified they will also be posted for all members to see.

FACEBOOK

Our membership is increasing on our new Facebook Group – Suffolk Centre, The Caravan and Motorhome Club – and we are trying our best to notify members when updates from the Club come through that affect rallying now and for the future. Because of the amount of information, we are using the website to post the actual documents and advice as it comes through so it will be available for all members, not just those on Facebook.

Janet Dobson, Secretary — September 2020

**Dear Lord,
Please don't let Brussel Sprouts
be a part of the cure of Covid-19 Virus.**



And the winner is....



CENTRE COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Our AGM will soon be upon us, but I would encourage members to get involved in helping to run the Centre; over the last few months Committee Members have had many conversations and emails from a variety of Centre members who have strong opinions on the running of the Centre, we need these people to come on board with the Committee, bringing new ideas and helping to take the Centre forward. A copy of the Application form is below, or you can find a copy on Page Eight of the Handbook; address of Secretary on Page Three.

THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB - SUFFOLK CENTRE NOMINATION FORM FOR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

Completed forms to be with Centre Secretary by Noon Sunday 4th October 2020

I hereby nominate.....Membership no.....

To serve in the capacity of: Chairman / Vice Chairman / Treasurer / Secretary
/ Committee (please circle as appropriate, one form to be submitted per role)

Name and Signature of Proposer.....

Membership no.....

Name and Signature of Seconder.....

Membership no.....

Nominees signature in acceptance of this nomination.....

Dated.....



For £600 we will come to your house dressed as a Covid-19 rescue team, take you away from your wife for a 14 day fishing trip and then return you.

**I hate it when people
act all intellectual
and talk about
Mozart when they've
never even seen one
of his paintings...**

RALLY SECRETARY RAMBLINGS

Advertisers and Supporters

We are grateful to those that support and advertise with us and we will look at putting updates of offers on the Facebook Group to help support them as they re-open for business. If you use one of the Advertisers, please mention you saw the advert in the handbook, or are a Suffolk Centre member, so at least they get feedback that the advert was worthwhile.

RALLIES FOR 2021

A list of dates and rallies booked in for 2021 are on the Centre website and updated regularly. As we are now in June, we are hoping our marshals and members will be looking ahead to next year and as Rally Secretary, I welcome any contact to reserve a date or weekend. We appreciate sites may be closed or difficult to get hold of but any indication is appreciated.

Alan Dobson - Rally Secretary - September 2020

WEBMASTER/VICE CHAIRMAN'S WEBDINGS

It has felt very strange not being out on the rally field during the summer. However, we must respect the past and mistrust the present if we wish to provide for the safety of the future.

I am aware that many members have found it very frustrating to see rallies being cancelled. Whether we like it or not, the club's first duty and highest obligation is public safety. Whether or not we agree with the guidance they have provided, the Centre and marshals must ensure that any event that is run, meets what is required.

Like many of our members, I look forward to next year and hope we will see many of our favourite rallies and locations re-appear in the calendar, so that we can all get together again soon.

My contact details can be found in the rally book or I can be contacted via vicechairman@suffolkcentre.co.uk or webmaster@suffolkcentre.co.uk email addresses for anyone that would like to express an interest in and / or, suggest items that we may be able to make available to members. Julian Fincham-Jacques, Vice-Chairman & Webmaster



**MAYBE IF WE
START TELLING
PEOPLE THE BRAIN
IS AN APP, THEY'LL
START USING IT.**

**You said everything
would be back to
normal after June.
JULYED!**

THE ORIGIN OF SOME PHRASES

1. In the 1400s a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have '**The Rule of Thumb.**'
2. Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only... Ladies Forbidden'... and thus the word **GOLF** entered into the English language.
3. Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history: Spades - King David; Hearts - Charlemagne; Clubs - Alexander the Great and Diamonds - Julius Caesar.
4. In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase..... '**Goodnight, Sleep Tight.**'
5. It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the **Honeymoon.**
6. In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts... So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them 'Mind your Pints and Quarts, and settle down.' It's where we get the phrase '**Mind your P's and Q's**'
7. Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim or handle of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. '**Wet your Whistle**' is the phrase inspired by this practice.
8. In 1696, William III of England introduced a property tax that required those living in houses with more than six windows to pay a levy. In order to avoid the tax, house owners would brick up all windows except six. (The Window Tax lasted until 1851, and older houses with bricked-up windows are still a common sight in the U.K.) As the bricked-up windows prevented some rooms from receiving any sunlight, the tax was referred to as "**Daylight Robbery!**"

Be aware she can move in any direction



EQUIPMENT OFFICER EXPEDITIONS

As no rallies has been run since March so the equipment used by the marshals is not showing any wear or tear.

Hopefully when this pandemic eases we'll be able to get it out of storage and put it to its proper use.

Don't forget when you want any extra equipment, the Equipment Officer will do his best to accommodate.

Ron King - Equipment Officer

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

A WARNING FROM THE PAST



"The most severe pandemic in history was the Spanish Flu of 1918. It lasted 2 years, in 3 waves of contamination with 500 million people infected and totalling 50 million deaths.

Most of the deaths occurred during the 2nd wave of contamination. The population tolerated quarantine and social distancing measures so badly that, when the first decontamination took place, the population began to rejoice in the streets, abandoning all precautions.

In the weeks that followed, the second wave of contamination arrived, with tens of millions of deaths. "

It is often said that history repeats itself. Let us not let history repeat itself. Let's be disciplined and let go.

Life is priceless, except for the pain of losing a loved one ...

Masks are apparently the new bra... They're uncomfortable, you only wear them in public, and when you don't wear one everyone notices.



DURING THE MIDDLE AGES THEY CELEBRATED THE END OF THE PLAGUE WITH WINE AND ORGIES DOES ANYONE KNOW IF THEY HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT PLANNED WHEN THIS ONE ENDS?

(ASKING FOR A FRIEND)



So I am still officially not allowed to open my pub, but estate agents are allowed to sell houses with viewings etc.
SO I am officially putting my pub on the market as of tomorrow, viewings are between 11am and 11pm, no appointment necessary, but you must buy a beer while viewing



"And I thought it was a nasal swab."

You've been married for 65 years and you still call your wife, darling, honey, sweetheart. What's your secret?

I forgot her name 5 years ago and I'm too afraid to ask her what it is.



And the award for civil engineer of the year goes to...



SPORTS & JUNIOR JELLY BEANS

Just a reminder that we are still wanting your drinks and food can Ring Pull Tags. Please save them and give them to any of the Committee when we are back to (sort of) normal again, which we all hope will be sooner rather than later.

The last target of a Wheelchair for a disabled child was met, (well done everyone), but we still need them to raise funds for the Junior section of the Suffolk Centre of the Caravan & Motorhome Club.

Fundraising

Chairman's Charity - Supporting the East Anglian Air Ambulance

Showed this to my dad an he just didn't get it 😂



I told him I liked it rough so he took me to Newcastle



I HAVE NO WORDS

This is Wilson. He is now working from home 😊

