



Caravan and Motorhome Club - Suffolk Centre

It's what the weekends were made for!

September 2021 Newsletter and Rally Update

This is your Third Newsletter for 2021, and contains some updates and information from your Committee.



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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 November 2021.

CHAIRMAN'S BLOG

Since my last blog in the June newsletter restrictions have been relaxed, and then we had 'freedom day' which allowed us even more opportunity of meeting up with family and friends, it really gives you a boost when you meet up again after so long, with a light at the end of the tunnel, and if we still take care, I feel sure we will come through this into a new style of normal.

Rallies have restarted with Rede Hall being the first, it was still in the restricted phase, but we still managed a chat, see friends and raised some money for our charity, it was good being out with the Centre again, a few other rallies have also taken place since then and with the further lifting of restrictions they are starting to get to this new normal, see the rally reports in this issue, the last rally was my Chairman's rally at Newmarket racecourse which despite the wind and some heavy showers went very well, with a few health problems at the moment, I was glad we had some close friends who just stepped in and assisted with the preparation and Covid friendly serving of the cheese and wine, I am reluctant to name them in case I miss one and offend them, they know who they are, and we thank them most sincerely.

We also had a past Chairman, Derek Pannell come out of retirement to cook his renowned breakfast baps on Sunday morning, ably assisted by Sheena and Olivia, and again I am most grateful and can't thank him enough for this as he raised more money for the Chairman's charity; The East Anglian Air Ambulance, well done Derek.

As you will see further in this issue, the AGM will soon be upon us, could I please urge you to consider joining the Centre Committee, as without this committee and especially the officers the Centre can not function, one of the main core activities is administering the rallies, along with keeping you informed of the club information etc, however if we do not have a committee going forward, then the caravan and motorhome club will attempt to amalgamate us with another centre and we will lose our heritage of 50 years plus and our unique identity of a proud and successful centre, with the obvious knock on effects to the members.

This will be my last blog in our Newsletter, as by the next issue a new Chairman/Chairlady will be in office and it will be their place to write up the new blog.

Connie and I have been very privileged to have served as your Chairman & Lady for the last 4 years, especially through this unprecedented very challenging time, and I thank the committee, friends and members for the help, support and comments during this time."

Best wishes and stay safe.

Garry - Suffolk Centre Chairman - September 2021

RALLY MARSHALS AND VENUES FOR 2022

There is a list on the website for the proposed programme for 2022 showing rallies with dates reserved and spare dates. Some marshals have "stood down" over the last couple of years, some venues are still available, so if anyone feels they would like to organise a weekend (or longer) please ask and full details can be discussed. This Centre organises rallies through the marshals, not like other Centres booking venues and then looking for someone to run them. Please get in touch and get your date reserved – the programme is announced at the AGM in October – and you will be helped every step of the way.

Rally Secretary - Alan Dobson

CENTRE SECRETARY RAMBLINGS - NEW MEMBERS & MEMBERSHIP

From the last report we are now a year on from our "influx" of members and each week still sees many new members (all very welcome) and those that have decided, for whatever reason, not to renew their membership with Suffolk Centre. It has been a year of struggles to get going, some rallies were not in "normal operational" mode when they got going and although all restrictions are now "off" both marshals and members have to approach this in a way that everyone feels comfortable. For all members we still have to provide a Risk Assessment, although no longer to the Club, and keep this on file. New ralliers have appeared on our Attendance, and hopefully had an enjoyable stay with us. At this time of year, I have to remind members that without renewing their Centre membership but still renewing Club membership, if they intend going along to the AGM, then they will not be able to sign in to receive documents and although welcome at the meeting, will not be able to vote or comment on anything. Reminders are sent of non-renewal coming through so please check spam or junk email boxes just in case. Janet Dobson – Centre Secretary

EQUIPMENT OFFICER EXPEDITIONS

Would marshals be mindful when using Centre equipment that it is checked on receivership from whomever you received it from and that all items are accounted for, in accordance with the Contents Listing enclosed.

Just recently some of the equipment coming back to storage have gone missing, with no one having any knowledge of the whereabouts of such items.

If items are lost in any form it is a burden to the Centre as regards costs to replace these missing items. Please contact me on the usual channels, so it can be remedied at the earliest and hopefully find such items.

Ron King - Suffolk Centre Equipment Officer.

WEBMASTER/VICE CHAIRMAN'S WEBDINGS

I am sure like me, everyone has been pleased to get back on the rally field in a safe manner and catch up with old friends, unfortunately the Summer seems to have flown by and the winter months are fast approaching.

Website updates have been continuing. Please watch the website over the coming weeks for updates on the forthcoming AGM and rallies for next year.

Julian Fincham-Jacques, Vice-Chairman & Webmaster

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR AGM 2021

Following discussion at the committee meeting on 8th September, and with guidance from the Club, it has been agreed there will be a change to the operation of the AGM. This will still be held on Sunday 17th October (subject to restrictions at the time) at Trinity Park Ipswich but the AGM pack normally given out on arrival to those members signing in will change.

Keeping in mind minimising any risk to members by issuing of paperwork while we are still in a Covid19 situation, and to minimise waste and costs, packs will only be available on pre-request and in an emergency. One pack will be given per registered membership number.

The pack will be made available to members on the Centre website – www.suffolkcentre.co.uk – shortly after 3rd October 2021 when nominations for committee will close. This will all be within a Word document which members can download, print and bring to the meeting. The latest rally list will be in the paperwork and updates given at the meeting. If you are unable or don't intend to be at the meeting, at least this also gives members information on past meetings, current reports and financial statements.

Members should also be aware that for the Centre to continue we require nominations for Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 committee members as a minimum, otherwise we could be looking at going into the AGM with the possibility that the Centre may not continue. Nominations close at noon on Sunday 3rd October – if doing this by the electronic version this needs to be sorted out by then. Janet Dobson - Centre Secretary

MORE CENTRE SECRETARY RAMBLINGS / AGM & COMMITTEE FOR 2022

Those on committee for 2021 have carried on working "behind the scenes" whilst we have been shut down, and we have tried our best through both the website and FB groups to keep members informed on the updates from the Club and the restrictions placed on rallies as time has gone on. We are governed by the Club – we have been asked why us and not them in relation to other Groups and organisations seemingly doing different than us (social gatherings, tea/coffee, visitors to the rally) and have asked further but it is a decision that CAMC has taken in relation to their sites/CLs/rallies. We hope to resume our socials as soon as we can, but hope members understand and feel comfortable attending our rallies at this time. It is infuriating at times when different slants are taken on wording on the same page we are all reading but our exemption certificate would be in grave trouble should anything happen and be reported.

Looking ahead over the coming months when we can all get together again we need to ask members to look at volunteering for committee for 2022. Every post becomes vacant each AGM, normally the Chairman role is for a maximum of 3 years, and just because someone has been in a post for a while there is no reason why someone else could not come forward to volunteer. Yes there is a certain way the committee runs – the meetings for one – but new ideas are always needed. There is information on the main posts – some from the Club guidance we have – so please get in touch if interested. We now have the ability to do nominations by email as well as the printed slips in the handbook, which has made life a bit easier.

We sincerely hope that the AGM for 2021 will go back to "normal" and is scheduled for Trinity Park in Ipswich on Sunday 17th October. So why not book it now?

Janet Dobson - Centre Secretary

FATHER'S DAY AT BROMESWELL RALLY - 18 - 20th JUNE 2021

Nice to see Bromeswell back in the rally book, we believe due to Covid some members were cautious about attending, as the numbers were a bit lower than expected, however 15 units still made for a good weekend, with a decent walk organised on Saturday, it was a real pleasure to present Ron & Denise King with their 450th rally plaque (actually 452), we arranged it socially distanced and passed it over Covid friendly as you may notice in the photos, well done Ron & Denise.

The venue field is very large, and this gave some of the youngsters (including some parents) a chance to run and play well clear of the vans, this is what caravan life is all about and tends to produce good memories, it was wonderful to see and hear children playing on a rally, long may it continue. Garry

It was great to be able to run a rally again, although the weather was rather wet at times. We had 17 units in total with a mixture of young and old. The rally field was divided by some trees. We were able to use one side for units, which enabled the children to use the other half for playing. It was great to see children letting their hair down and really enjoying themselves, without the worry of damage to people's property. Ron King



Covid safe presentations!

Some equipment from CM&CA

Layout of the Rally field



Ron & Denise with their 450 Rally

Colman Information shelter

RELAXING AT CLARE PRIORY RALLY - 2 - 4th JULY 2021

This popular rally appears to lose a van or two each year as the trees are expanding and some original spaces are now not really accessible, the biggest specimen a beautiful old oak has decided to let go of one of its branches so an area was under it was 'taped' off, the weather was nice at times with showers, with restrictions still in force we all had to be cautious, and the marshals could not do what they would have liked to do,

but it was still nice to be able to meet up with friends and to meet & greet new ralliers. Garry



WIND DOWN AT WOOLVERSTONE - 9 - 14th JULY 2021

The rally started off with a nice hot day, on arrival you had the option of pitching where you liked, as the numbers were down on this rally and the field being extensive gave no problems, with this rally still being a few days before 'freedom day' nothing was arranged by the marshals but friends & families parked up in their groups and enjoyed the long weekend, some enjoyed the good walks from this site, ending up at Pin Mill for lunch. Connie & myself managed to meet & greet some new ralliers on Saturday.

Unfortunately due to a medical problem I had to leave early Sunday morning so disappointedly missed some days of the rest & break we were looking forward to, we hope every one who stayed enjoyed themselves. Garry

He had 28 units at Woolverstone. One new centre member rallying for the first time. Dave and Angela Sanders. Paul Fitch - Rally Marshal

The weather in general was pretty good for the five day rally. Most people took advantage of the weather and went for walks along the river to Pin Mill and used the Butt & Oyster Public House for light refreshments.

The Loch & Quay Bar and Restaurant in Woolverstone Marina also provided some excellent food and drink, which I can vouch for. Ron King. Acting Rally Chair



REELY WEELY RALLY - 14 - 19th JULY 2021

We left Woolverstone rally and made our way to Homestead Caravans and Leisure for the Reely Weely rally. It was lovely and sunny when we arrived, but the wind was quite blowy. Putting up the awning was a bit of a challenge, but we got there eventually.

The next five days saw the wind drop and the sun come into it's own. Very hot! People on the rally went out and about. Some took their Grand Children to Clacton, on the beach. The Outlet Village was just a few miles away and bargains were bought. Some of us went to Walton on the Naze to the Pie & Mash Shop. We settled for the Pie, Mash and Liquor, couldn't brave the jellied or stewed eels.

The on site shop was giving 10% discount on caravanning items. Looking at the amount of goods coming back to the rally field, the stocks must have been depleted by some. The rally had a family rallying for the first time. Rebecca Brunning & David Sullivan with Jack. David informed me he used to rally with his parents many years ago as a lad. Rebecca said it was her first time, but it looks like she was enjoying rallying as she was booking other rallies for the near future. Look forward to seeing you on a rally soon.

The rally again attracted good numbers. According to the Marshals 36 units turned out. It was good to catch up with fellow club members we hadn't seen for awhile, do to the lock down. Ron King



THE SHOTLEY ROSE PUB RALLY - 23 - 25th JULY 2021

This is the first time Connie and I had attended this venue, as it normally clashes with our holidays up north or with BSG stick-making shows where I often attempt to win prizes with my hobby of making carved walking sticks, it was a lovely field at the rear of the pub, where many had nice meals & drinks as the restrictions had been relaxed, there were also many nice walks, just sad that I was not able to partake as not fully recovered.

It was also very nice to meet up with some old friends who we had not seen for a while, a very pleasant time.

We also met 4 new sets of ralliers, 2 of which were daughters of some past members of the Centre, and 1 chap from Norfolk who is changing to the Suffolk Centre, really nice to meet and greet them all, a real pleasure to welcome them to the centre.

Garry - Suffolk Centre Chairman



CHAIRMAN'S RALLY - 6 - 8th AUGUST 2021

The marshals managed to negotiate an extra day at Newmarket. The lucky ones were able to have a three night stay on the rally.

The weather was mainly wet and windy, with quite a few people taking their awnings down, as the wind did get severe and damage was being done. A total of 35 units made the journey to the racecourse for the rally.

Saturday some people from the rally went to the races on the July Course. Other people made the walk into Newmarket. Saturday evening our Centre Chairman Garry Pyett with Connie provided cheese and wine for us all to enjoy.

Garry and his team of helpers, along with the marshals, worked hard to provide us with a good choice of cheeses and wine. Luck must have been on his side, up to 5 minutes before we had the cheese and wine it was bucketing down, then as by magic the skies cleared up and the weather was good for the event. Sunday Morning we had the famous breakfast that Derek Pannell cooks, in aid of the Chairman's Charity. £112 was raised towards the East Anglian Air Ambulance. Would like to thank Derek, Sheena and their granddaughter Olivia for cooking the breakfast.

Ron King.



HARNESSING HISTORY RALLY IV - 2nd - 5th SEPTEMBER 2021

I had great pleasure in chairing the Harnessing History Rally at the Suffolk Punch Trust.

The rally was run by Garry & Connie Pyett and David & Jan Hale, with invaluable assistance from Tony and Karen Reed.

The rally was well supported, with everyone thoroughly enjoying the weekend. The marshals even managed to order the sun to make the rally complete. Those that attended are looking forward to the marshals running this again next year.

Entrance to the Trust was included in the rally fee, enabling everyone to walk round, meet the new Suffolk Punch foals and come and go as they please.

For anyone who was not aware, Suffolk Punch horses are now deemed more endangered than Pandas!

Julian Fincham-Jacques - Vice-Chairman



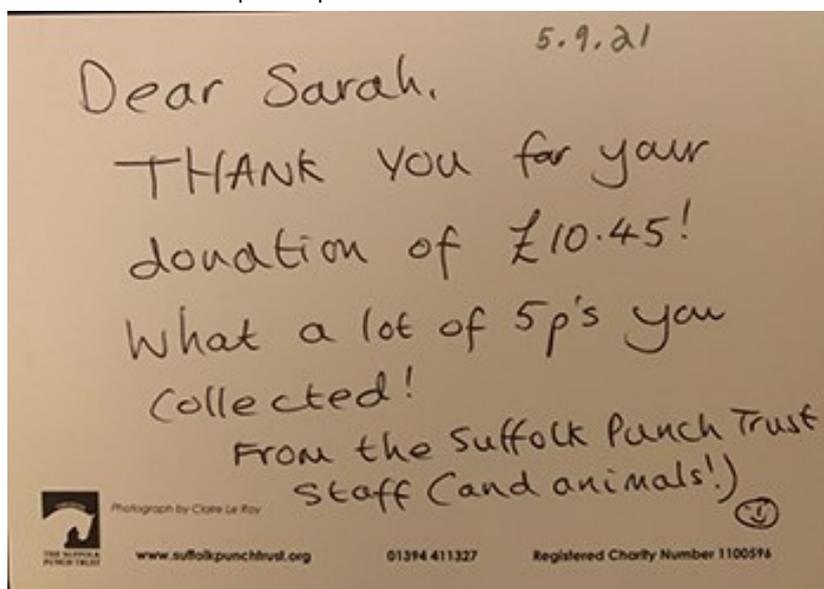
SUFFOLK PUNCH DONATION

Below is the card Sarah (aged just 9 years), received from the Suffolk Punch Trust, following her donation of 5p's that she gets in change when she spends her pocket money.

She collects them in a pot each year and then donates them to a charity.

In 2019 she donated to the RNL whilst on Thorpeness Holiday Rally.

This year she decided to donate her pot of 5p's to the Suffolk Punch Trust whilst on the Harnessing History Rally.



CAMC NATIONAL RALLY - 2022



The exact dates for the Caravan and Motorhome Club National for 2022, is still being confirmed, but what a great venue for the 2022 National - Belvoir Castle!!

Looking forward to seeing you all there!! I'd better get fit now for all those great events coming your way!!

Next year the Caravan And Motorhome Club will hold the annual National Rally at Belvoir Castle. The 4 day event has tons of entertainment for children and adults alike, there really will be something for everyone.

Over 5,000 Club members attended the last National Rally and took part in all the activities available. What stands out the most to me are the huge amount of activities for children.

With most activities 100% free for the children to enjoy, which will certainly helps with the pockets of mum and dad.

So if your child wants to hold animals, climb walls, get their face painted or tire themselves out on the bouncy castle all day it won't cost a penny.

In the evening, the Club makes sure that the children and parents alike are kept entertained well into the evening. On the final evening of the event the Prom Night Concert takes place.

I cannot express enough just how much fun there is at a National Rally. Everyone just seems like they are on holiday and loving life the whole time. It's really refreshing to see how many younger Club members there are, which just proves how popular touring holidays are becoming.

HANDGRENADE FROM OUR TREASURER

Consider a scenario where a hotel business supplies hotel rooms at £100 per night, 50% of the payment is usually paid for at booking and 50% at the time of the stay. A customer books on 1 March 2021 to stay at the hotel on 5 October 2021. The issue created here is that up to 30 September 2021 the VAT rate will be 5%, but from 1 October 2021 the VAT rate will change to the interim rate of 12.5%. Therefore at the time of the booking the VAT rate is 5% but at the point of stay it will be 12.5%.

The table below outlines the different VAT rates in the outlined scenarios:

Scenario	Tax Point	VAT Treatment
Customer pays 50% at time of booking (1 March 2021) and then 50% at time of stay (5 October 2021)	Payment date of 1 March 2021 will create a tax point, therefore VAT at 5%.	1st Payment: £50 (VAT 5% of £2.38)
	Second payment/actual stay will create another tax point, therefore at 12.5%	2nd Payment: £50 + (VAT 12.5% of £5.55) Total VAT = £7.93
What if full amount was paid at time of booking (March 2021)	Date of payment - 1 March 2021, therefore 5% rate	Payment: £100 (VAT 5% of £4.76)
What if full amount was paid at time of visit (October 2021)	Date of payment - October 2021	Date of payment - October 2021 Payment: £100 (VAT 12.5% of £11.11)



What this means is that if a payment is made (for example) for next years Thorpemeess Rally, then if paid in full, the VAT Rate will be 5% . If the payment is delayed beyond 1st October 2021, then the VAT Rate will increase to 20%.

A not insignificant savings on next years holiday.

A FUN THING ABOUT GETTING OLDER IS HOW YOU CAN SEVERELY INJURE YOURSELF JUST BY SLEEPING.

DANGER
Mouth
Operates
faster than
Brain

If you fall, I'll be there .

- Floor

The awkward moment when you drive your Chevy to the levy and the levy isn't dry.



This is what happens when you're drinking whiskey and rye.

Some days I amaze myself. Other days, I look for my phone while I'm holding it.

I'M SO CREAKY
THESE DAYS I
GET WD-40 ON
PRESCRIPTON



You think English is easy?

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Fundraising

Chairman's Charity - Supporting the East Anglian Air Ambulance

During some of the rallies run so far this year we have raised some more funds for the Chairman's charity with the excellent help of the Marshals and past Chairman Derek Pannell and his crew, with the generosity of our members who attended, a grateful thanks from your Chairman, we are aware that there is no way due to Covid and the cancelled rallies during the past two years that we can match our efforts in previous years, but as they say every little helps and the total amount which will be announced at the AGM and will be sent off to the EAAA as soon as possible following the AGM. Garry

For those that were in the Armed Forces or in fact any regulated organisation (like the Police, Ambulance etc.), the following is a true story:

A Mike Beach joined HMS Astute and of course when you join with a name like Beach, then you would be called Pebbly, Pebbles or Sandy.

When he joined the Astute, he was asked what he would like to be called and he said 'Anything Really' meaning he didn't mind which nick name was used.

Well you can guess the rest; for the next two years (during his term on Astute) he was known as Anything Really, with even the Skipper (Captain) joining in.

So in the morning, it went like this: Captain - Morning Anything Really - Beach: Morning Sir.

I read that, by law, you have to turn on your headlights when it's raining in Sweden. How the hell am I supposed to know if it's raining in Sweden?



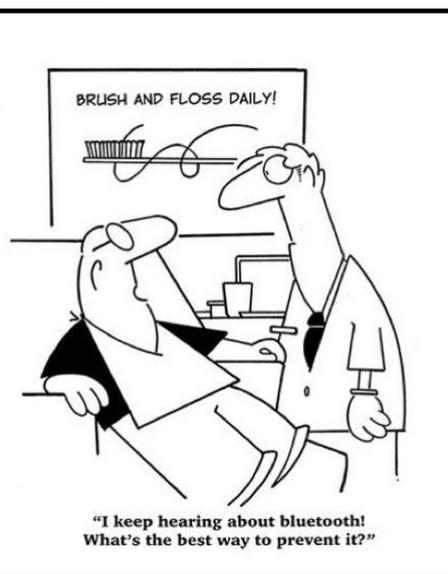
I had a really bad day. First, my Ex got run over by a bus.

Then I got fired from my job as a bus driver.

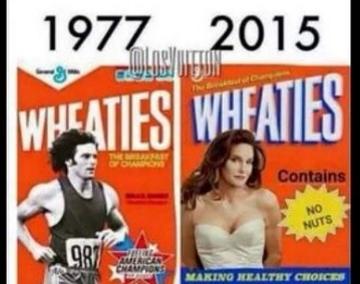


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user card

Did you know that
"Dammit I'm Mad"
spelled backwards is
"Dammit I'm Mad"



What can happen if you eat Wheaties for 38 years!



GENERAL INFORMATION

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