



Caravan and Motorhome Club - Suffolk Centre

It's what the weekends were made for!

November 2018 Newsletter and Rally Update

This is your last Newsletter for 2018, but contains information of rallies for 2019 and reports on the last rallies of 2018.



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NEWSLETTER SPOTLIGHT

This is the Eleventh 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 March 2019.

CHAIRMAN'S BLOG

The main caravan season is now slowly coming to a close for 2018, with the last Suffolk Centre rally for this year already passed.

Thanks to all who voted me back in for another year at the AGM, I look forward to serving you during my second year, I pass on my sincere thanks for the support from fellow officers, my committee, past and present, and all long standing friends and the new friends that Connie and I have made during the year in office and especially having a good woman at my side.

I thank my fellow officers for charring rallies that I have not been able to attend during the last few months, I hope to be able to get to some of them if they appear in the new rally schedule next year.

I did get to the Henham Steam rally, set up in our own space, with thanks to the marshal's efforts in obtaining such a good spot, there was plenty to do on both days of the fair.

I also chaired the Forest rally at Tangham, another popular rally, especially with EHU for colder spells, although some of the days were very warm for the time of year.

The last Suffolk rally was the AGM rally with mulled cider and cake on Friday, and a sausage supper on Saturday followed by some Suffolk centre music, which allowed friends to have a good chat.

As some of you may be aware, I am also Chairman of the Suffolk branch/club of the British Stickmakers Guild, and we travelled to Derbyshire for the BSG AGM, closely followed by the Caravan & Motorhome Club AGM at York Racecourse, on a rally organised by the East York's Centre.

The last AGM for 2018 will be in Ely for the Anglia Region in November, and we may then consider winterising the van until the Burns Supper early next year.

Whilst some will say 'humbug' this early, Connie and myself would like to take the opportunity to wish you and you families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and look forward to meeting you on next years rallies.

Garry
Suffolk Centre Chairman

CHARITY DONATION

A magnificent £115.20 was raised at the Holt Rally for the Marie Curie Nurses, who do superb work supporting those with a terminal illness or anyone caring for a person with a terminal illness. Well done to all concerned; a well worth charity.

AUTUMN RETURNS - 27 to 30th September 2018

The rally started off with a really warm spell, which allowed us to sit out and enjoy a few beers and some good company, it did turn cool in the evenings, but having the benefit of an EHU, soon sorted that, the marshals had kept the weekend easy going so we could get out and about, this rally is always popular and we know with Janet & Alan and Karen & Tony running it, it is always a good rally, it is traditional that the nominations for officers & committee are posted up at 12 noon, ready for the AGM.

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 told by the Junior Liaison Representative, that we around half way to meeting the target, so lets get this child her Wheelchair.

OKTOBERFEST 2018 - 5 to 7th October 2018

Oktoberfest Rally at Hallowtree. As we arrived on Friday it was hot with blue skies, just perfect for a cuppa and catch up. Friday evening tea/coffee and biscuits were served by the marshals in the hall. Saturday was cold and wet but Oktoberfest evening entertainment with the Colchester Band was looming which kept our spirits high. It was a great Saturday night, lots of beer and wine drunk, kindly donated by the marshals, which caused many of us to be a bit slow in the morning. Thanks to all the marshals Nigel, Kim and Max Berry and Paul and Jan Fitch, another great success. Mark Terry



Fundraising

Chairman's Charity - Supporting the East Anglia Air Ambulance

Tips and Idea's [click here](#)

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SUFFOLK CENTRE AGM RALLY - 12th - 14th October 2018

The pre-AGM Rally was, as usual well organised, great fun and great food; all for a small rally fee of just £25.00. A quiz on Friday night was enjoyed by those attending the rally, where even the ladies had trouble with some of the Washing Advisory Signs, although most identified the pictures of the sweets. Saturday, we had the Sausage Supper, followed by dancing to a Disco run by Chris. Well done to Chris, Amy, Ron, Denise and the rest of the team.
The Editor



Do you know the answer to question 6?



Quiz time



Hard at work cooking Supper



Great Sausage Supper



Dancing the Night Away



Last Flagpole of the Season

ELECTRICAL SPLITTERS

The following is advice from the Caravan & Motorhome Club regarding Electric Hook-Up Use On Rallies:

Various information has only just come through from the Region regarding the use of splitters for use on sites offering us EHU.

The total information wasn't available in time at the AGM but further details have come forward.

Below is a quote from an email from the Club:

"I can confirm the Clubs stance regarding the compliance with the 'Electrical Wiring Regulations' and the updated requirements is that a cable supplying a caravan must be of one single length, without any connections (including splitters). These rules are the current wiring regulations and information is also stated in the Sites Directory, that no cable connections joining two or more cables together are permitted.

Guests are welcome to have an electric cable plugged in from their outfit into their awning, like many do for heaters etc."

The following information has also been received:

The issue is that the use of splitters does not comply with the current wiring regulations and as a result any damage caused by using such a splitter either to the caravans or the supply side i.e. the landowner's property it would be the responsibility of the centre to pay for and rectify etc, and any insurance would be null and void both personal and with the club.

This will be taken to the committee meeting in November but marshals and members are advised to only use one cable between unit and supply, and splitters are not to be used.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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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 [click here](#).

ONLY 19 PLACES LEFT

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 Enkhuizen 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



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**1ST RALLY OF THE YEAR
THE OLD MILL HOUSE
THE GREEN
SAXTEAD, WOODBRIDGE IP13 9QE**

04 - 06 JANUARY 2019

A pub Rally, where Nick & Ruth invite you to sample their fine food and excellent liquid refreshments. Rally fee is £11.20 for the weekend, which includes a £10.00 voucher to use against food in the pub.

Peter & Ineke Wilson with David & Janice Kent

[Click here for more details](#)

Rally now full with a waiting list in operation

**BURNS SUPPER RALLY
HALLOWTREE SCOUT CAMP SITE
NACTON
IPSWICH IP10 0JP**

25 - 27 JANUARY 2019

A weekend with a Scottish flavour with a traditional Burns Night supper on Saturday evening and a Porridge breakfast served in the hall on Sunday morning.

Please indicate on the Rally Slip if Haggis is NOT wanted, vans may arrive from 11 am Friday

Ron & Wendy Johnson with Martin & Liz Coombes and Julie LeMarrec

[Click here for more details](#)

Rally now nearly full so check with Marshals before booking

**VALENTINES RALLY
HALLOWTREE SCOUT CAMP SITE
NACTON
IPSWICH IP10 0JP**

08- 10 FEBRUARY 2019

Friday Evening: Tea and coffee with the Marshals in the warm hall where you can post your Valentine Cards.

Saturday Evening: Valentines Dinner provided by your Marshals followed by Music and Dancing to smooch the night away.

Sunday: Natter & Chatter Meeting.

Peter & Ineke Wilson with Graham & Melody Gosling

[Click here for more details](#)

**NATTER & CHATTER
HALLOWTREE SCOUT CAMP SITE
NACTON
IPSWICH IP10 0JP**

SUNDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2019

Our annual Natter & Chatter get-together will be held in the Main Hall, Hallowtree Scout Camp on Sunday 10th February, starting at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome, no booking required.

Tea & Coffee will be provided, so please bring mugs with you. You will have the opportunity to look through other Centre Books that have been received, pass rally slips to any Marshal present and discuss any points or problems with any of the Committee available.

New Rally Marshals are always welcome - whether you would just like to organise a whole rally or be an assistant or co-marshal. From the very beginning you will be helped at every stage along the way. Use this opportunity to ask questions.