



## CHAIRMANS NEWS. MAY 2010.

Hi folks another month has passed us by and still the weather does not want to cheer us up. We seem to have very brief interludes of warm sunshine and then back comes the cold wet weather. Fingers crossed May will be better.

### NEWS of MEMBERS.

Following on from my last newsletter, Julie Suckling has had her operation and after only 3 days in hospital she is back home and doing well. I took her some flowers on behalf of the centre and was amazed how well she looked. Take it easy Julie and we hope to see you soon.

Ken has asked me to thank all of you who have phoned to ask how he is after his hospital visit. He appreciated your thoughts.

Ken and I have had some really good news about our granddaughter. She as many of you know was on the transplant list for a new heart. However, after nearly 2 years of a very strong cocktail of drugs it seems she has turned a corner and her heart is beginning to improve and she has gone from having only a 7% heart function to 20%. As a result they have taken her off the transplant list and are hoping for further improvement. She is by no means out of the woods but it is looking far more hopeful.

### CENTRE NEWS

At Butcherland Farm I announced the need for volunteers for committee, Vice, and Secretary for next year. We had Gary and Denise Pritchard in attendance who were non affiliated. They have since joined East Surrey, and have also shown interest in helping on committee. I had a long chat with them after flag and discovered they are very experienced ralliers but have been living in Jersey for the past few years. Now back to stay they want to get involved in rallying again.

With the future of our centre in mind the committee have decided it would be good to co-opt one of them onto committee filling our 1 vacant spot for the remainder of this year, so they can see how the centre works before they go further. So Gary will be joining us on committee from now till the AGM. Hopefully new blood new ideas will go some way to getting us into the future. Welcome Gary and of course Denise who is thinking of offering to be Secretary at the AGM. They are planning to come to a lot of East Surrey Rallies this year, so I hope you will all make them welcome.

## CENTRE SALES.

It has been decided not to reorder any more Elsan Blue etc. The cost of a licence and the cost of the chemical has become not worth doing. We have to order so much to make it worthwhile which means it takes around 2 years to sell and we have to store it somewhere. There are still a few Pink left and Tank fresh so get in quick if you want some.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS and RALLIES

Springbok Estate has been cancelled due to their music festival clashing with our booking. It would be very noisy and crowded if we went ahead with the rally and our rally officers were understandably not keen to do this. However they will run Alderstead Heath in September instead so alter your rally books please.

**14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May**

### **Slinfold.**

**This rally is now full so if you were hoping to go your only hope is to see if the site has any free pitches and book direct with club.**

**21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> May**

### **Brighthams Farm NEW SITE**

Ken & I and Tim & Cheryl await your forms.

This new site is just outside Partridge Green with lovely views over the countryside for a relaxing weekend.

During the weekend Phil Ellis is doing a 5mile run, a 5 mile cycle then another 5mile run followed by a sing along all for this years charity so come along and support him and Grace.

**28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May**

### **Aldingbourne F.C. NEW SITE.**

**Terry & Carol Bolton will be pleased to see you there for this Spring Bank Holiday.**

**There is a clubhouse on site and various activities we may be able to participate in.**

**This is a great location to explore near to the coast and nearby Arundel.**

**4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> June**

### **ROWFANT.**

**Lisa & Lee Ashby are looking forward to your bookings. This local site is lovely. The house and its grounds are worth roaming around. There is a Bar on site for you all to use. So book in quick. Late bookings result in cancellations of sites so please book in early.**

**11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Ecclesden Farm Angmering.**

**A lovely site in the foot of the south downs. Beautiful walks and views with the coast minutes away. Betty & Fred Whitehead would love your bookings.**

## **LITTLEHAMPTON HOLIDAY RALLY**

**Bookings are slow this year so if you are thinking of going to the rally please contact the rally officers as soon as possible. I am getting calls from other centres now so get in quick before they fill the remaining spaces.**

**PAST RALLIES or EVENTS.**  
**Competitions Weekend Butcherland Farm.**

We are lucky to have the weather on our side this weekend which helped us no end. Mark was up early on Saturday setting out the course for the Test of skill. It proved quite a challenge. The results were as follows.

Men 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Marchant  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Elkington

Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> Jane Parker  
2<sup>nd</sup> Teresa Elkington

In the afternoon we all played at various games to vie for the Nonsuch Trophy. We also had an A-Z competition to do. The result was Brian & Beryl Saunders were the overall winners.

My thanks go to Mark who together with Sarah organized the competition. It was well done and something we could all do.

Our Rally Officers for the weekend were Chris Harden with Daughter Clare and Beryl & Brian Saunders who I had the pleasure of thanking at flag.

As the May Day rally has only just taken place a report will be in the next newsletter

**ANOTHER APPEAL FOR RALLY OFFICERS**

We still need rally officers for the following rally.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> December Tillingbourne school

Please do not let this event go down. Our winter social programme will be lost if this does not happen. Though in the handbook it states Children's Party as well this does not have to be. If you feel you can only cope with the evening party that is fine. Food is also only an option and not compulsory.

**NEW YEAR**

31<sup>st</sup> December -2<sup>nd</sup> January Holy Trinity School

We now have volunteers for this rally I am pleased to say. Denise and Gary Pritchard are taking it on and are really keen to do it and will put something on every night. I thank them very much for taking that on. I will update you as and when I can. Watch this space.

Well that is it for another month. See you on the rally field.

Regards,

Ann