



CHAIRMANS NEWS. JUNE 2010.

Hi everyone welcome to June. May was not too bad weather wise and as a result a lot more of you have been venturing out in your caravans. Please keep it up it is so nice to see lots of you out enjoying the rallies. We have some lovely venues coming up so get your bookings in early so the rally officers can make plans. Ken and I will be absent for a few weeks due to our holiday and then the Bike ride so it will be Apps Court before we see you all again.

NEWS of MEMBERS.

Not a lot to report this month. Julie Suckling came to visit at Brighthams Farm and looks really well. I think Julie and Dave plan to be at Ecclesden Farm so you can catch up then.

Ken has been given the all clear following his biopsy so it is another good piece of news for us.

Sadly just before I put the newsletter to bed I received news that Frank Ellis, Phil's Dad died on Saturday. Our thoughts go out to Ruby and the family at this sad time. Many of you will remember Frank who with Ruby were members for many many years and ran lots of rallies for the centre.

CENTRE NEWS

Well I now have some good news. Each year the Caravan Club holds a competition for the best Centre Handbook cover. Guess what we won 3rd Prize and a cheque for £125. I was presented with a cheque at the National Rally by Rodney Lambert head of Events. So let's aim for 1st prize next year. Get your thinking caps on for the design for next year.

A REMINDER TO MEMBERS.

Please always check what time a rally opens. The usual time is 4pm. Sometimes our rally officers are able to open early and that will be announced either in the handbook or at flagpole or newsletter. At a club site although normally you can arrive at 12 so too do your rally officers. Please remember this as they have to set up before you arrive. If you can arrive early they will tell you. Therefore PLEASE check with them before you arrive early. Thank you.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS and RALLIES

A reminder

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.

11th-13th 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

The latest information I have is that there are just 3 spaces left so if you are interested in going to that please book as soon as possible please.

18th-20th June Butcherland Farm Invite from West Sussex.

If you want to go to that please book direct with the rally officers see handbook for details.

25th-27th Apps Court Farm.

This is a favourite site for our centre with lovely walks along the tow path and Walton on Thames nearby for shopping. Claire and Paul are waiting for your bookings.

2nd-4th July Charity Rally at Belle Vue Farm

This is the high point of the centre year so come along in your droves and support Carol and the Team. She needs all your support and of course cash so start saving now. Ha Ha. Carol has a couple of shakes at Tesco 14th&15th July at Hookwood and 22nd &23rd at Guildford. Any volunteers welcome. Please contact Carol if you can help.

9th-11th July Stairs Farm

We return here to Poo country for the second time. It is a small but pleasant site with lovely views of the countryside.

Eileen and Bob look forward to your bookings.

16th-18th July Cookham Church.

This beautiful location just by the Thames is a great place to relax watch the boats go by or stroll along the tow path. Don't be put off by the distance it is worth it.

Stewart and Margaret welcome your bookings.

Fort Widley August B/H

Please send bookings to us on a normal booking form.

PAST RALLIES or EVENTS.

Bow Bridge Marina

Although there was not a very big turn out we all had a great weekend. The weather could have been better on Saturday but we all had a very good evening at the rally office having BBQ chicken hot new potato's and salad followed by apple pie cooked by Tim & Cheryl, Ann & Ken aided by Beryl & Brian Saunders. A good time was had by all. Thank you rally officers.

Report by Brian Saunders

Dean House Farm Newdigate.

This is always a pleasant site to go to. The fishermen amongst you love it. I think it was 18 vans booked in but sadly for the rally officers 5 cancelled at the last minute. They missed a nice weekend though it rained a bit on Saturday we still enjoyed the weekend. My thanks to Jane Parker and Margaret & John Mckeown for running the rally for us.

Slinfold.

Another favourite of the centre with a 15 van limit so it was full. A good weekend was had by all. The shoppers went to Horsham, the walkers and cyclists had a great time following the Downs link, so something for us all. The weather was good to an added bonus.

My thanks to Corrine & Kevin Clark with Lin & Andy Clark for taking on the rally.

Brightams farm

The wonderful site of Brightams Farm in the Sussex countryside was a fitting first time venue for us to enjoy. The very first hot and sunny weekend of the year. It was good to welcome visitors from West Sussex and also East Sussex. The weekend was spent enjoying the sunshine and for some taking advantage of the wonderful walks along the public footpaths which were easily accessible from the site. Saturday evening provided an excellent opportunity to enjoy a communal BBQ around the rally office, and then to make use of the party tent which was supplied by Denise and Gary Pritchard. Members were entertained by our visiting magician Bill, our visitor from East Sussex, which was followed by a challenging quiz session. Then Phil Ellis with guitar in hand brought a pleasant evening to an end with a sing along.

Thanks were extended to our rally officers Ann & Ken Sumpter who were assisted by Tim & Cheryl Howlett for running the rally for us, enabling us to enjoy a leisurely weekend amongst our friends.

Report by Teresa Elkington.

Aldingbourne FC

20 vans turned out to this lovely site. The weather was not good on Saturday but Sunday was very hot. At flag on Sunday afternoon a lovely cream tea was served. Thanks to Carol & Terry Bolton and Claire & Paul Marchant.

To help with navigation the only Sussex Farm is listed without a post code this is RH13 8JR. Please do not rely on post codes entirely as they do not pin point the exact location of a site, and sat nav's do not always take you the best route for caravans. So beware.

That's all for this month folks. See you at Apps Court.

Regards,

Ann