



CHAIRMANS NEWS. JULY 2010.

Well here we are in July. By the time you read this newsletter the Charity rally will have taken place and I am hoping this beautiful weather we have been having held for the weekend. I have been at the National rally and then on holiday for 2 weeks so I am sorry to have been absent for so long, but I am sure you have all enjoyed your rallies just as well without me. Now the summer seems to have arrived numbers on rallies have gone up so keep up the good work and keep booking in.

CENTRE NEWS.

As you know a few of us have been out at every opportunity riding our bikes to get fit for the annual London to Brighton Bike ride, which is in aid of the British Heart Foundation. The Caravan Club had a team of 150 riders this year of which 7 were members of East Surrey. Tim & Cheryl Howlett plus Ryan their future son in law, Gary and Ethan Minchin, Mark Buckingham, and Ken and Myself plus Ken's brother Trevor.

We all made it in tact with the exception of Cheryl who near the end did a very dramatic acrobatic flight over the handle bars. Fortunately first aid was nearby and she duly crossed the line well plastered. Well done to all you. I can vouch for the fact it is a great personal achievement.

We had a small team at Burstow providing a welcome bacon buttie for the riders and I thank them very much for doing that for us all. I quote from a letter we have just received from the club chairman Grenville Chamberlain thanking East Surrey.

"I would be most grateful if you will kindly pass on the thanks of all riders for the wonderful hospitality we received from The East Surrey Breakfast Team at Burstow. Everyone I spoke to as they finished at Brighton was full of praise for the wonderful welcome and the great food and drinks we were served."

I also extend my own personal thanks to them all for me it was a very welcome break.

FUTURE RALLIES.

STAIRS FARM Hartfield

This was a new venue for us last year. It is a small but lovely site with great views. Very near the village of Hartfield with all its associations with Winnie the Poo. Eilleen and Bob Anderson await your bookings.

COOKHAM CHURCH Cookham on Thames.

This is a lovely site very close to the Thames, just walk through the gap in the hedge and there you are. I know it is a reasonable distance but I can assure you well worth it. Stewart and Margaret Cameron wait with baited breath for your bookings.

BUTCHERLAND FARM Ebernoe

This is an invite from West Sx for the Horne Fair. This is an annual event and I am told not to be missed. You can also stay an extra night if you wish. Send bookings as per handbook.

Regional Roadshow at Littlehampton Club site. 23rd July Saturday.

Anyone is welcome to visit this to speak to Caravan Club staff and S.S. Region Reps etc. Refreshments are provided.

LITTLEHAMPTON holiday rally.

If you want to go get in quick I think it is all but full. A very reasonably priced 10 days to enjoy with lots going on.

LOXWOOD SPORTS GROUND Loxwood.

An excellent venue beautiful flat field with short grass, a clubhouse on site what more could you want. Book in as soon as you can so your rally officers can plan things. Kevin and Corrine Clark await your forms.

SUSSEX FARM. Partridge Green.

A return visit to this site near Horsham. Also a great location for exploring.

Mark and Sarah Buckingham await your forms.

SPRINGBOK ESTATE

CANCELLED due to a Music Festival.

The rally officers are now running Alderstead heath instead Please make a note in your books.

FORT WIDLEY near Portsmouth.

A new site for East Surrey. It has commanding views over the area. There is a lot to do in the surrounding district with Portsmouth and Southampton not far away. Don't be disappointed book soon.

Bookings on a normal booking form to Ken and myself.

PAST RALLIES.

Rowfant House.

A return to this delightful site with walks and lakes, this is a peaceful and quiet rally site which we all enjoyed. The rally opened at 2pm on Friday which made it a longer than the norm with the sun shining we all had a great weekend.

Our thanks go to Chris Harden and Lisa, Lee and the boys.

Report by Brian Saunders.

Butcherland Farm Invite from West Sussex.

We were warmly greeted Friday evening and after setting up and watching England play footsie with Algeria we joined in a “noggin and natter” in the barn to catch up with old friends and acquaintances. It was great to see so many centres together East and West Hants, Suffolk, East Sussex and 3 outfits from East Surrey! In all I believe about 50 outfits.

Saturday was dry but a little cloudy but this did not stop people going out and about the area and early afternoon a few stalls were set up with proceeds going to the Chairmans charity. All the while our supper was turning on the spit ably controlled by Dave Whiteman and his team. Saturday evening we were served the hog roast accompanied with stuffing, apple sauce, hot new potatoes and salad followed by fresh fruit salad and cream or a selection of cheeses and biscuits washed down with plenty of wine.

The evening kicked off with a visit from Elvis (who is alive and kicking and lives with the west Sussex centre) followed by an excellent disco until the early hours.

Sunday we all met for flagpole and thanked the many people for a brilliant weekend.
Report by Julie Suckling

Ecclesden Farm

Ecclesden farm provided a wonderful backdrop for us to enjoy a weekend where the weather was very kind to us. This provided opportunities for members to go explore the nearby seaside towns of Littlehampton and Worthing, or to enjoy a walk up the lane to take in the views of the sea and surrounding countryside. Saturday evening allowed us to enjoy an American supper, followed by a game to test our skills at identifying objects hidden in feely bags, which proved to be a challenge for some by the baffled look on their faces. Of course, we need to mention our football supporters, who hid away in their caravans to watch the first game played by England against the USA in the World cup. It was agreed that it was a disappointing start for our team, but this did not stop our would be managers discussing how they would have done it if they were in charge. At flagpole it was with pleasure that I thanked our rally officers Betty & Fred Whitehead who were assisted by Joyce & Frank Punter for a superbly run weekend.
Report by Teresa Elkington.

Apps Court Farm

We returned here to one of our favourite sites by the Thames. The weather was glorious a bit hot for some, but that didn't stop our members walking or cycling along the tow path, or just sitting watching river life pass by. We had flagpole on Saturday evening followed by “sausage sisslers” provided by our rally officers. They were scrummy. This allowed the bargain hunters amongst us going to the boot sale on Sunday morning. Reluctantly we all had to pack up and go home in time to see England play football I think. Enough said I think.

It was my pleasure to thank our rally officers Claire & Paul Marchant with Julia and Chris Snellock and the boys for a great weekend.

Well that is all from me this month there will be special booking forms for both the AGM and the S.E.Region AGM out soon. Watch this space.

For those going on their holidays, take care enjoy yourselves, and we will see you all again soon.

Regards, Ann