



CHAIRMANS NEWS. March 2010.

Welcome to my March newsletter. Well after the snow and ice the weather has turned to the cold and rain. I am not sure which is worse. I don't know about you but with the constant miserable skies, I long for some sunshine to cheer us all up. Here's hoping March will provide some better weather so we can all get out in our caravans.

Please remember, if you do not receive this newsletter in hard copy, which will include special booking forms, you can download all special booking forms from our centre web site. Go into programmes to find them. The handbook is now also on the web site so all possible information is at hand. My thanks go to our web master Brian Saunders for all his hard work setting this up for us and improving it all the time. Do use our web site it is a brilliant way to keep up with events.

NEWS of MEMBERS.

I have recently been in touch with two of our members who have been in the wars. Midge Nightingale is gradually getting back to her old self after her Meningitis scare. She tells me that her memory is not what it was and she is still not as strong as she was but slowly getting there. George looks out to the caravan and hopes they will soon be out in it. We do too George see you both soon.

Ray Warman is also slowly getting his strength back. His speech is good, His legs are getting stronger, but his hand is not so good. He has to go for Physiotherapy regularly in the hope it will return to normal. Caravanning is off the agenda for the foreseeable future as he cannot drive at the moment.

I wished him well and hope we will see them in the future in the caravan.

FORTH COMING EVENTS and RALLIES.

Charity Race Night 12th -14th March

This is now very close. If you have not booked in yet please hurry. Food needs to be ordered so please do not wait till the last minute to book in. The plans for the race night are well under way and ready for the off so come along and have a great night and support your Centre Charity. See Carol's Newsletter for more details.

Bearsted Club Site 26th-28th March.

This rally has been cancelled due to a lack of volunteers to run the rally.

Easter at Birdham 1st-5th April.

This is fast approaching so please help the rally officers and book in soon. For some of you it will be the first time you dust off the covers and go out in your caravan. What better place to go. There is so much to enjoy in the area with Chichester a few minutes drive away. The beaches are very close for a brisk walk in the sea air. Chichester Marina is always a lovely place to visit too. So come along and enjoy a great Easter.

9th-11th APRIL

CHARITY FILM SHOW

Graham has spent countless hours putting this together. I am sure it will be a night to remember with films old and new. There will be light refreshments in the interval. So book in support your Charity and have a great night as well.

The Centre Forum will take place at 2pm in the afternoon

Come along with your ideas and views, and constructive criticism to help the centre move on. I look forward to seeing you there.

23rd-25th APRIL

Butcherland Farm COMPETITIONS WEEKEND.

Firstly I must apologise for the handbook error. There will not be a Barn Dance or walk as stated in the book. This will be a very busy weekend with all the competitions in one weekend. This is a trial to see if it works or not. Mark has worked very hard on this so please support this weekend. I am sure it will be fun.

30th April-2nd May

There will not be a Special Booking form for this event. Send your bookings on a normal rally for to Ken and I.

LITTLEHAMPTON.

Bookings are coming in thick and fast so book early to avoid being disappointed.

A SPECIAL REMINDER

Please be careful about the envelope you use to send your bookings in. Julie and Dave have had 2 that have arrived needing to pay a fine for an oversize envelope. This could prove expensive for the centre, so please make sure it is the correct size for the postage you put on it.

PAST RALLIES or EVENTS.

VALENTINES RALLY

There were 10 outfits that turned out on this chilly weekend at Westerham. It was well worth it as we all had a great weekend. We started by all trooping up to the Grasshopper for a lunch time carvery, and very nice it was too. Then a game of "oi " Bingo a funny change from the usual Bingo. This was followed by tea and cakes. Then in the evening we all returned to the hall for a dancing lesson courtesy of Geoff and Carol. They tried admirably to teach us the Rumba. Lost on Ken and myself though, we seem to have 2 left feet. If we ever have a Dinner Dance in the future I think we will have to employ them for lessons first. The rest of the evening was a chance to catch up with each other and dance to some more music. I had great pleasure in presenting Carol, Geoff ,Hilary and Brian with their well earned rally officer plaques.

STOP PRESS.

18th-20th June Invite to West Sussex HOG ROAST rally. Booking forms can be obtained from Ken. If you want to go to this rally and book the Hog roast please book soon. We are told this is very popular with West Sx members and gets full very quickly. Avoid disappointment and book as soon as you can.

20th March S.E. Region Open Forum Gatwick Manor Hotel.

There are 120 tickets available for this event (Free). If you would like to go to this please contact Peter Newman on 01795 534698 and he will send you tickets. There will be several speakers from the caravan club to answer all your queries. Take the opportunity while you can.

APPEAL FOR CENTRE SECRETARY.

I would like to repeat my appeal for a centre secretary. I have not had any response from my appeal last month. The centre has to have a secretary to run. If you all want to keep the centre running you need to think about how we do that. Our committee is very small and we do our best but need more help. Teresa has a very demanding day job and feels she can no longer spare the time to carry on as secretary for us beyond the next AGM. PLEASE think about this and call me if you can help. I look forward to hearing from you.

ANOTHER APPEAL FOR RALLY OFFICERS>

We still need rally officers for the following rallies.

Alderstead Heath 17th-19th September

3rd-5th December Tillingbourne school

CHRISTMAS PARTY

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 Childrens 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

31st December -2nd January Holy Trinity School

Again if we do not have a New Year rally our winter will be a very very long break. I do not think it is fair to expect the same few teams to keep doing it. You run out of ideas and enthusiasm. Ken and I have been involved in at least 12 New Year rallies so I know how hard it is to think of new ideas for food entertainment etc. It is great fun to do, so try to get a team together and volunteer please.

The format of New Year is not set in stone, so if you could run the event but do not want to put on any food for instance that is fine. The Disco is already booked so no need to look for entertainment for New Years Eve.

If you could organize the Party but do not want to be rally officers that is another option. Please put your heads together and see if there is any way you can help us.

Well that's all for this month folks. Please think about those rallies we need help with. If you have any news you would like put in the newsletter I would be only too pleased to oblige.

Take care out there. I hope to see lots of you at Easter just pray for a dry few weeks before then to dry out the ground.

Regards,

Ann