



## *SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2016*

*The Chairman and Committee Members of the Devon and Cornwall Centre hope you are having a lovely summer break.*

### *Here are a few words from our Chairman.*

Dear Members

Hard to believe September is upon us and already my year as Chairman is coming to an end. This year has been challenging, exciting and given Catherine and I the opportunity to have travelled to pastures new.

Heligan was first on the list but unfortunately we were unable to attend for the weekend but ensured that we visited on Sunday for Flag. This was quickly followed by Crackers or Wisdom and Halloween at Woodlands. December and January brought the last Xmas party and New Year Rallies at Hoburne; what a send-off and of course a big thank you to the team of stewards for these two events. We rounded off January with the Burns rally.

Into February, Where next?... Dinner Dance at the lovely Penventon Park Hotel. What a fantastic Hotel and Spa with staff that couldn't do enough and made our weekend. We were joined by Glynn and Jennifer Ball from the Executive Committee and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of South West Region. Having attended several Dinner Dances over the years, this was the first one that had several children in attendance and I would like to say how smart they all looked and how they mingled and enjoyed the weekend as much as the adults. A credit to all.



Then came Easter where none of us escaped the weather, in particular storm Katie! We spent the Easter break at Beverley Park where we had an opportunity to explore places on our doorstep!

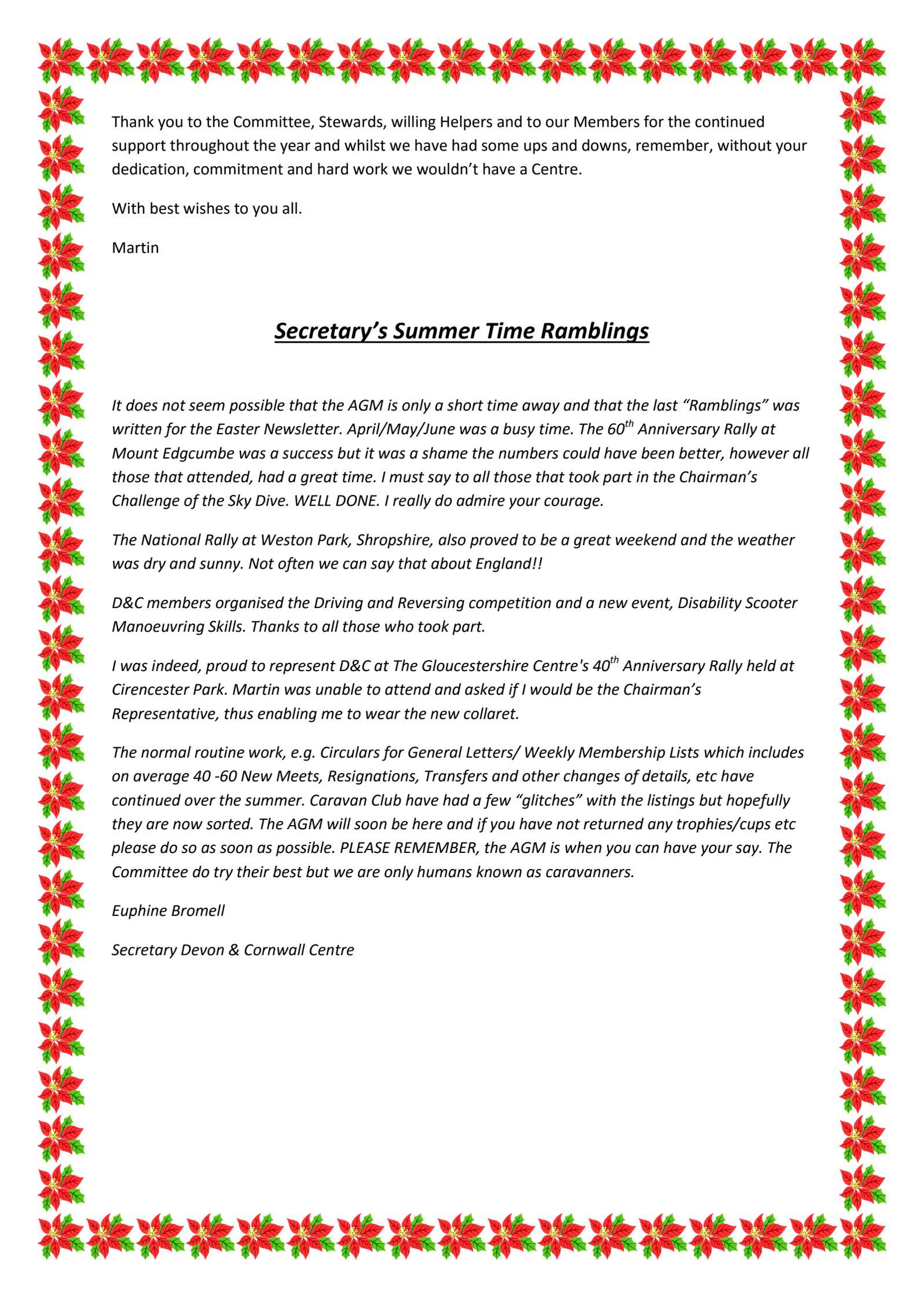
Into April where the rally season really begins to take off; Family Fun at Broadleigh Farm. A little low on numbers but I have to say we had a very full on fun weekend which was just a great laugh for all of us. Jurassic Coast next, where we spent time in the Donkey Sanctuary and learnt everything you will ever need to know about donkeys. Of course 2016 was the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Devon and Cornwall Centre which led to the Anniversary Rally at the beautiful setting of Mount Edgcombe Estate. We were joined by Bill and Sandra Martin from the Caravan Club and although our numbers attending the rally were lower than hoped we all had a great time. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Derek and Susan, Jenny and Dave, Michelle and Dave for your dedication to this event but of course there were many other helpers behind the scenes and I am sure Derek will join me in saying a heartfelt thank you to you all.

May soon followed and my Chairman's challenge was getting ever closer! Off to Yeatheridge. It felt strange attending a rally that we have run for over 10 years, as Flag Officer. River Dart was next and it was great to go back after several years away, so hopefully will go back again. Escot followed and this was base camp for the Skydive. Thank you to Andy and Michelle for running the rally and to each and every one of you who covered the cost of the skydive yourselves in order to maximise the sponsorship donations for our chosen charity, Children's Liver Disease Foundation (CLDF). Our supporters turned out on the Sunday for our early start as the weather put paid to our Saturday flight. Thank you so much. This was a tremendous experience and nothing like I expected but felt very touched by all the support. Anyway no time to dwell, off to the National, WOW, what can I say! We had the most tremendous time and being able to represent our Centre at this event is something that we will remember for a long time.

June followed and off to the Ladies Charity rally and a great weekend for all. It was a shame that there were not more attendees but having said that everyone dug deep and a fantastic £1450 was raised; Thank you to you all. This coincided with Isla's transplant day which was rather fitting when we were raising money for CLDF and Isla was able to join us for the weekend. Lamb Scrumptious and Sausage Sizzle followed.

Into July and Stowford Beer Festival, Woodlands and Dingles are where we enjoyed many a fine day. Dingles was Terry and Jean 's last rally as stewards and it was great that the rally was full to give them a great send off.

August was a quiet month for us and an opportunity to catch up on those jobs at home but the month finished with a trip to the Wessex Rally. Well, what can I say, with 9 vans in attendance it felt as though we were just making up the numbers and would be a pointless event, but it wasn't! We managed 6 points!! I have to say, the atmosphere was great and the competition was strong, but everyone pulled together and made the occasion a success. I believe the time is right for Devon and Cornwall to re-group and become one of the Centres to try and revive the Wessex, with the emphasis on Fun, and throw in some fresh ideas and competitions. Come on Devon and Cornwall, let's get this started and work towards bringing the trophy home in 2018, which would be the 25th Wessex Rally. Thank you to Brian and Sylvia for being our Liaison Officers once again, and to Paul and Janice for running the Driving and Reversing Competition with the help of their dedicated team.



Thank you to the Committee, Stewards, willing Helpers and to our Members for the continued support throughout the year and whilst we have had some ups and downs, remember, without your dedication, commitment and hard work we wouldn't have a Centre.

With best wishes to you all.

Martin

### **Secretary's Summer Time Ramblings**

*It does not seem possible that the AGM is only a short time away and that the last "Ramblings" was written for the Easter Newsletter. April/May/June was a busy time. The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally at Mount Edgcumbe was a success but it was a shame the numbers could have been better, however all those that attended, had a great time. I must say to all those that took part in the Chairman's Challenge of the Sky Dive. WELL DONE. I really do admire your courage.*

*The National Rally at Weston Park, Shropshire, also proved to be a great weekend and the weather was dry and sunny. Not often we can say that about England!!*

*D&C members organised the Driving and Reversing competition and a new event, Disability Scooter Manoeuvring Skills. Thanks to all those who took part.*

*I was indeed, proud to represent D&C at The Gloucestershire Centre's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally held at Cirencester Park. Martin was unable to attend and asked if I would be the Chairman's Representative, thus enabling me to wear the new collaret.*

*The normal routine work, e.g. Circulars for General Letters/ Weekly Membership Lists which includes on average 40 -60 New Meets, Resignations, Transfers and other changes of details, etc have continued over the summer. Caravan Club have had a few "glitches" with the listings but hopefully they are now sorted. The AGM will soon be here and if you have not returned any trophies/cups etc please do so as soon as possible. PLEASE REMEMBER, the AGM is when you can have your say. The Committee do try their best but we are only humans known as caravanners.*

*Euphine Bromell*

*Secretary Devon & Cornwall Centre*

**NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FOR ELECTION AT THE 2016 AGM TO BE HELD ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER AT WOODA  
FARM HOLIDAY PARK, BUDE, CORNWALL, EX23 9HU at 2.00pm.**

**SENIOR COMMITTEE**

<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>NOMINEE</u></b>	<b><u>PROPOSER</u></b>	<b><u>SECONDER</u></b>	<b><u>TOWN</u></b>
<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	Michelle Stuttaford	Jason Avery	Simon Avery	Stratton
<b>VICE CHAIR</b>	Simon Avery	Michelle Stuttaford	Martin King	Newton Abbot
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Euphine Bromell	Martin King	Michelle Stuttaford	Week St Mary
<b>TREASURER</b>	Katrina Shipp	Martin King	Jason Avery	Yelverton
<b>RALLY SECRETARY</b>	Martin King	Simon Avery	Michelle Stuttaford	Brixham
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Jason Avery	Simon Avery	Michelle Stuttaford	Bideford
	Simon Avery	Jason Avery	Michelle Stuttaford	Newton Abbot
	Sue Biddle	Jason Avery	Simon Avery	Plymouth
	Sam Boorman	Simon Avery	Martin King	Plymouth
	Euphine Bromell	Simon Avery	Jason Avery	Week St Mary
	Martin King	Denise Henderson	Euphine Bromell	Brixham
	Mark Scantlebury	Martin King	Simon Avery	Plymouth
	Michelle Stuttaford	Jason Avery	Euphine Bromell	Stratton

**YOUTH SECTION COMMITTEE**

**Unfortunately no nominations have been received.**

**CHAIRMAN**

**VICE CHAIRMAN**

**TREASURER**

**COMMITTEE**

## *Words from our Rally Sec.*



# RALLY NEWS 2016

2017 rally book is coming together, and again we are hoping to have a Christmas delivery through your letter box.

This can only happen if you all get your proforma's to me by 14th October. I am afraid that if I don't have the proforma's in by then, your rally will not be in the book. Hopefully this will ensure that the book will stay on track.

### **2017 : DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **BUSINESS RALLIES**

17-19th MARCH - DINNER DANCE

31<sup>st</sup> MARCH – 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL – FAMILY FUN RALLY

19-21st MAY- CHAIRMAN'S RALLY

16-18th JUNE – LADIES RALLY



The following two rallies are not in the rally book but are available for booking now.....



## THE CARAVAN CLUB DEVON & CORNWALL CENTRE



COME AND JOIN IN  
WITH OUR FIRST  
CHRISTMAS PARTY  
AT HILLHEAD CARAVAN  
PARK BRIXHAM TQ5 0HH  
2nd - 4th December 2016  
Friday 11am to Sunday 3pm



# CHRISTMAS FUN!

A Visit from Father Christmas!

Lots of gifts in his sack for all good children

Enjoy

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

and a visit from our local

Brass Band to accompany our Yuletide Singalong!

Wishy Washy - Professional Children's Entertainer for the Children's Christmas  
Party

Christmas Meal in the Restaurant on Saturday evening (prior booking)

(£16 adult, £10 under 12s)

Followed by Live Entertainment in the Club House!

Your Stewards for this fun filled weekend are:

Martin and Catherine King  
& John and Linda Heal

Please note that this is a prepaid rally and invoices will be sent out mid October. The rally cost for a unit and 2 adults inclusive of site fee, hook up, rally fee, admin fee, social fee and VAT is £46.64. Each Child for the rally is £3.60 inc VAT. Grandchildren are £11.00 inc VAT. Extra Adults for the rally are £3.60 inc VAT. Plaque at extra cost.

To book please use a Centre weekend booking slip and write full names of children 12 and under on the slip. Please state on slip if you are joining us for the Christmas Meal. Please send slip and £5 deposit to the stewards below: Martin and Catherine King, 63 Raddicombe Drive, Brixham, Devon, TQ5 0HA

NEW YEAR RALLY 28th Dec 16 - 2nd Jan 17



#### Manor Farm Holiday Centre Charmouth

□ Hard Standing Pitches □ Heated Shower Block □ The Bar will be open from 29th December 2016 until the 1st January 2017 inclusive. We will provide Bingo, Disco, Family entertainment on 29th and 30th December and a Disco with a Cabaret (tbc) on New Year's Eve. □ New Year's Day we will be cooking a New Year's Day Roast, 2 courses, Main & Dessert, £ 8.95 for main, £ 13.00 for both courses □ Approx cost £130.00 per unit up to 5 people and 2 dogs for the duration. □ £10.00 non-refundable Deposit and completed booking form to secure your space. Final balance due 6 weeks prior to Rally.



Rob & Sue Biddle, 43 Faringdon Road, St Judes, Plymouth PL4 9EP

Tel: 01752319510/07985055340 Email: [suesrallies@gmail.com](mailto:suesrallies@gmail.com)

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## THE DEVON & CORNWALL CENTRE DINNER DANCE 2017

17th - 19th March 2017

### THE REDCLIFFE HOTEL, PAIGNTON

There can be very few hotels in England to match the location of the 3 Star Redcliffe Hotel. Situated on a promontory dividing two sandy beaches in the very centre of the outstandingly beautiful Torbay, otherwise known as "The English Riviera". Views of the sea and coastline, from elegant Torquay on one side to the quaint fishing port of Brixham on the other, can be enjoyed from all public rooms, many of the bedrooms and from the large sun terrace. Superb accommodation coupled with the use of THE REDCLIFFE LEISURE CLUB which offers an indoor pool, spacious Jacuzzi, steam room, sauna, solarium and gym.

Dinner & Dance	£27 per person
Dinner & Dance & Saturday night B&B (Based on 2 person occupancy)	£67 per person
Dinner & Dance & Saturday night B&B & Friday night B&B (Based on 2 person occupancy)	£107 per person
Dinner & Dance & Saturday night B&B & Friday night B&B (Based on single occupancy)	£117 per person
Dinner & Dance & Saturday night B&B & Friday night B&B (Children under 16 sharing with parents)	£57 per child
Friday night 4 Course Dinner (Optional)	£25 per person

#### STARTERS

Carrot & Coriander Soup (V)

or

Seafood Mixed Platter (Prawns, Mussels, Crab and Smoked Salmon)

or

Chilled Fruit Juice (V)

#### MAIN MEALS

Roast Topside of Beef and Yorkshire Pudding

or

Delice of Salmon with a Hollandaise Sauce

or

Italian Aubergine Gnocchi Bake (V)

All served with Seasonal Vegetables

#### DESSERTS

Lemon Meringue Roulade with Lemon Coulis served with Cream

or

Fresh Fruit Salad served with Cream

or

Hot Chocolate Sponge with Hot Chocolate Sauce

or

Cheese and Biscuits

Tea and Coffee and After Dinner Mints

Your stewards for this luxury weekend break are

Catherine and Martin King

63 Raddicombe Drive, Brixham, Devon, TQ5 0HA

Tel: 01803 852658; Mob: 07825 000053

Please send a £10 per person deposit and full amount to be paid no later than 14th January 2017