

Devon & Cornwall Centre Caravan & Motorhome Club March 2018 Newsletter



<u>CHAIRLADYS CHATTER</u>



In <u>February</u> we held our annual Dinner Dance in Newquay, Cornwall. It was lovely to see so many people, members, visitors, past chairman and friends. Thank you for attending and enjoying the weekend with me and Dave.

<u>March</u> starts our rallies off, I'm looking forward to being out in our van, and I must say I have missed it.

If you have a birthday this month then Happy Birthday from the chairlady and her committee.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon for a cuppa and a natter.



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Let the Rallies commence!

SOMETHING FROM THE SECRETARY

March – a Spring month – or so we are told. However, as I write this, outside my house my motorhome is encased in snow and ice! This is something we don't very often see in Devon and Cornwall and although it is very pretty to look at, I don't fancy driving about in it very much.

I'm hoping the weather will warm up by the end of the month for the` Mortehoe rally and I am expecting to meet many other members there at my first rally of the 2018 season. Then, at the end of the month there are the Easter rallies – book early to avoid disappointment as these are very popular.

Luckily, the weather was not quite so cold for the weekend of our Annual Dinner/Dance -which I thoroughly enjoyed. It was a fantastic event, very well attended with excellent entertainment and a bonus for me was that I also got to put faces to the names of Centre members whom I had heard of but not previously met. A big Thank You to the stewards and all who helped make this event such a success. The 2019 Dinner/Dance can also be booked now – so don't forget to send off your slip as I'm sure that will be excellent as well.

2018 Rally Books were sold to our members attending the event and are also available to purchase from various Committee members, as well as by post when pre-paid to the Treasurer. Remember to check out the website and our Facebook page for updates on rallies.

Sad News

On behalf of the Centre we would like to offer our condolences to Derek Madge and family with the passing of Pat Madge, who will be sorely missed on the rally field and by so many of the Centre's membership.

Funeral Service:

27th March 2018 12:30pm

Exeter Crematorium St Peter's Chapel Topsham Road Exeter EX2 6EU

Family flowers only please.

Rally Site Speed Limits

Please be aware the speed limit on the Rally site is restricted to 5 mph.

Devon & Cornwall Centre Fundraising in Support of our Communities

Looking back at the last 10 years of Fundraising the Devon and Cornwall Centre, Senior and Youth past and present membership have helped support local organisations within our communities by raising a combined total of just over **£75,000.00** to help make a difference to the below organisations and the people they support.

Stroke Association

4 Macmillan Charity

- Breast Cancer Care NSPCC South West
- 📥 Make a Wish Foundation
- Arthritis Care
- Gt. Ormond Street Hospital
- Chestnut Appeal
- British Heart Foundation SW
- Devon & Cornwall Air Ambulance
- South West Children's Hospice
- Childhood Liver Disease Foundation

- Motor Neurone Disease
- 🔸 Neo-natal ICU. Derriford Hospital Birmingham Children's Hospital & Autism Society for Devon & Cornwall

A big thank you to all the event organisers for their efforts be it the morning bacon baps, bingo, running Rally raffle, cake sales, to chasing after plastic ducks in a freezing river, to even jumping out of a perfectly working aeroplane!

Also a thank you, to you our Centre members and those visiting members from other Caravan and Motorhome Centres who have supported our fundraising and made these donations possible.

As always the Centre really appreciates the generous donations of raffle prizes for the Rallies and should you have any prize donations for 2018 they will be gratefully received by Stewards or Centre Committee.

This year our Centre is raising funds for Learning disabilities support within our Counties and we would appreciate your support once more in raising as much money as we can to assist this good cause.

Finally as mentioned in February's Newsletter for next season we would like you, the member's, to put ideas forward to the Committee for the Centre's fundraising support, it can be a registered Charity or a good cause but must cover Devon and Cornwall and funds raised to stay within our region.

Please send your suggestions to the chairman.dandccc@gmail.com with a brief outline of why you would like your centre to support your nomination.

D&C Weekend Rally Deposit Vouchers

A reminder that weekend rally deposit voucher books are still available and can be purchased from the Centre's Treasurer. The voucher book consists of five vouchers, at a face value of £5 each (£25 in total) but are sold at a cost of £22 a saving of £3. The vouchers are a handy alternative to sending cash, please note that BACS and cheques are still accepted payment methods.

If you are interested in purchasing a book please contact the Centre Treasurer Katrina Shipp at; treasurer.dandccc@gmail.com

Cancellation of Rally No: 3944A – Easter at Beverley Park – Paignton

Unfortunately Beverley Park Easter Rally will not be running this year, however bookings are still being taken for Easter rallies at Golden Sands, Hendra and Little Winnick.

Not to be missed Rallies for April 2018

2018 Family Fun Rally

<u>Family Fun Rally – 20th to 22nd April 2018</u>

Rally No: 3949 - Dolbeare Park Caravan and Camping - Landrake (20 Pitches)



Join us at the family owned award winning Dolbeare Park, the only South East Cornwall park to hold the Visit England 5 star and AA Pennant park, also the Silver award at the Cornwall Tourism Awards for Best Caravan and Camping Park in Cornwall.

Our planned activities include; Arts and Crafts, games and a cycling competition to name just a few.

Dolbeare Park itself is ideally located for exploring the stunning Rame Peninsula and Whitsand Bay, with the lovely fishing village of Looe just 20 minutes by car from the park.

For the adventurous, there is Adrenalin Quarry, 10 mins from Dolbeare, with zip wires and a massive swing. You can find brilliant off-road cycling, tree surfing, den building, archery at Tamar Trails Centre, which is a little over 20 minutes away.

Onsite facilities includes a small shop selling essentials including Calor Gas, with the site also offering Fish and Chips on Friday and Pizza on Saturday with baked bread/croissants available for breakfast each day. There is a toilet block with access to free showers, a launderette, dishwashing area and children's low level play areas.

Well behaved dogs are welcome, with a small dog walk on site and for longer walks there is access to miles of country lanes and footpaths with the site information center providing walking route cards to borrow.

Rally Fee: 50p (plus VAT)Admin Fee: £0.00 per van (plus VAT)Site Fee: Powered Pitch: £10.00 per night (plus VAT)Deposit: £5.00 (non-refundable)Social Charge may apply.



http://www.dolbeare.co.uk

Hiking 'N' Biking 18 - Bundu Caravan Park - 26th to 29th April 2018 Rally No: 3950 - Okehampton (25 Pitches)



Enjoy a free and easy weekend in this scenic part of Devon. Access from the site to the Granite trail cycle path and the moors. Just a short distance away you will find Lydford Gorge with the Prewley Moor Arms next to the site. Possible moorland walk with the Stewards.

Onsite facilities include a small shop to cover basic supplies, BBQ area and toilet and shower block.

Well behaved dogs are welcome.

Rally Fee:50p (plus VAT)Admin Fee: £2.00 per van (plus VAT)Site Fee:Powered Pitch: £11.00 per night (plus VAT)Unpowered Pitch:£7.00 per night (plus VAT)

Deposit: £5.00 (non-refundable) No Social Charge. Please see Rally Handbook Pg. 23 for steward contact details

https://www.bundu.co.uk

Split week or all week at Cambrose - 27th April to 7th May 2018 Rally No: 3951 - Cambrose Touring Park - Cambrose (30 Pitches)

This site is close to Portreath & Porthtowan beaches, with nearby access to a cycle path to Portreath and Devoran. Site facilities include toilet block, including family room and separate purpose built facilities for the disabled suitable for wheelchair access, laundry and washing up facilities, large games field, play room and play park.

First Weekend: Sat 28th April, Trevithick day in nearby Camborne; Street Fair, Vintage vehicles, flower festival, steam engine, grand parade and concerts in the square, not to be missed. Evening entertainment, pasty and Cider (extra cost) and quiz.

Second Weekend: Social planned and Bingo. Walk along the Tram trail to Portreath Harbour, Pasty lunch. Quiz evening with cheese and crisps. Sunday Cream tea. **Well behaved dogs are welcome.**

Rally Fee: 50p (plus VAT)Admin Fee: £5.00 per van (plus VAT)Site Fee: Powered Pitch: £9.17 per night (plus VAT)Unpowered Pitch: £6.75 per night (plus VAT)Deposit: £5.00 (non-refundable)No Social Charge.Please see Rally Handbook Pg. 24 for steward contact details

http://www.cambrosetouringpark.co.uk



Please note that Caravans can be left from 1st Weekend to May Day Bank Holiday Weekend if required at no extra cost please discuss with Steward.



To book please see: http://www.wessexrally.co.uk/Booking.htm



Devon & Cornwall Centre The 2018 Dinner & Dance





On a cold and sunny weekend over 95 members and guests attended the Dinner Dance, which this year was held at the Pentire Hotel, Newquay. Guests arriving on Friday were warmly welcomed by the organisers – Euphine & Alan Bromell, inviting everyone to tuck into a tin of chocolates. Whilst waiting for room keys, people sat or stood around meeting old and new friends and the room was soon filled with laughter and chatter.

In the evening we enjoyed a very nice meal in the dining room and then in the function room, where guests and members representing most if not all of the Wessex Centres, had an enjoyable evening.

Saturday, with the last of the guests still arriving, saw most of us going out for a walk on a cold and breezy day for a walk or bus ride into Newquay town.

Saturday evening started with our Chairperson – Michelle Stuttaford hosting a sherry reception where we were introduced to the principle guests Dr & Mrs J Gass. We then moved to the dining room which looked magnificent!

An excellent meal was followed by the loyal toast and speech by Dr Gass and Michelle, who replied in her own inimitable way. We then enjoyed music, dancing, raffle and drinks in the function room.

Sunday breakfast saw us all saying goodbye to friends, old and new and thanking Euphine, Alan, Michelle and her Committee for a most enjoyable weekend.

Once again the Devon & Cornwall Centre had shown how to organise a brilliant event.



By Mr Robin Ferris

Join us at the Devon & Cornwall Centre Dinner Dance 1st – 3rd March 2019 – Dartmouth Hotel Golf & Spa For further information and Event organiser contact details, please see Rally Handbook Pg. 63



Can you unscramble the words inside the below



Your Newsletter

With thanks to Mr Robin Ferris for his contribution to the March Newsletter, if you would like to share any reviews or experiences from the rally field or would like to suggest topics for the newsletter please send them into the email address listed below.

As always I am eager to capture your caravan memories created during the rally year and as such would like to encourage a sharing and promoting of photos on our website and other media avenues.

Due to new data protection laws however, we need to ensure we have everyone's consent to taking and sharing of photos. Can we request that when signing into a rally, please can you also sign the photography consent form to either **accept** or **decline** to participate.

If you would prefer a hardcopy of the Newsletter then please email me at <u>newsletter.dandccc@gmail.com</u>

How many Easter Eggs can you find Easter Egg hidden inside the picture below



What's in a name!

It's not just Caravan and Motorhome owners that can join the Caravan and Motorhome Club, trailer tents and folding camper owners are also eligible for club membership.

So if you know colleagues, friends or family with trailer tents or folding campers let them know about the rallies, what they are missing out on and the benefits of joining the Caravan and Motorhome Club.

