

## **Rally Update:-**

### **National Follow-On @ Hatton Country World, Warwick 30th May - 2nd June**

Rally Officers are Caroline & Tom Gilks with Pat & Win Eaton

Slips to:-

✉ Mr. T. Gilks, 16 Evelyn Road, Dunstable, Beds. LU5 4NG.

☎ 01582 652 531 or Mobile: 07742 556 482

### **Pheonix Park @ Vinagar Hill, Sandy 2nd - 4th June**

Rally Officers are Bronya & Martin Findlay with Sue & Ron Morgan

Slips to:-

✉ Mr. M. Findlay, 123 Dells Lane, Biggleswade, SG18 8LD.

☎ 01767 222 097 or Mobile: 07818 808 15

### **Quiet Rally @ Lawrence Park, Ampthill 9th - 11th June**

Rally Officers are Jenny & Les Lambert with Maureen & John Gauge

Slips to:-

✉ Mr. L. Lambert, 7 Popes Way, Wootton, Bedford, MK43 9DD

☎ 01234 767 488

### **Three Centres @ Holmemead School, Biggleswade 16th - 18th June**

Rally Officers are Committee

Slips to:-

✉ Mrs. S. Morgan, "Wheelers", 93 Old School Lane, Stanford, SG18 9JL

☎ 001462 811 152 or Mobile: 07976 773 450

### **Lower Wood Farm @ Marston Moreteyne 23rd - 25th June**

Rally Officers are Jo & Andy Gray with Mo & Jerry Waite

Slips to:-

✉ Mr. A. Gray, 91 Foster Road, Kempston, Beds. MK42 8BY

☎ 01234 302 746 or Mobile: 07790 494 997

### **Raft Race?? @ Langford Football Club 30th June - 2nd July**

Rally Officers are Pat & Terry Darlow with Jean & Geoff Steart

Slips to:-

✉ Mr. T. Darlow, 72 Cambridge Road, Langford, Biggleswade SG18 9PS

☎ 01462 700 151

*If you wish to include any articles in the next Rally Update then please contact me as soon as possible via any of the methods below.*

#### **To contact your P.R.O.:-**

*George Loerzy*

✉ 88 Aldbanks  
Dunstable

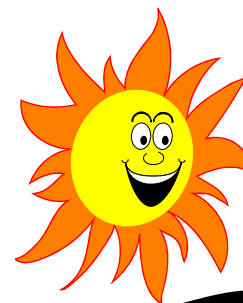
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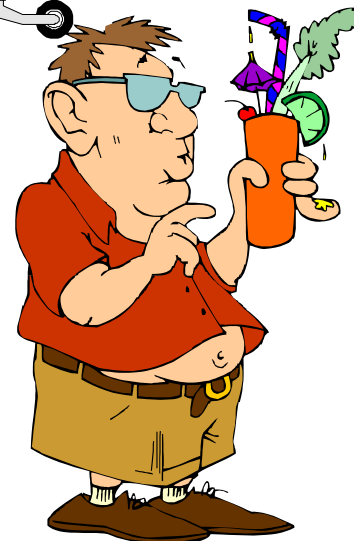
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# Rally Goer



*Information from the Bedfordshire  
Centre of the Caravan Club.*

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**Summer 2006**

## Chairman's Chat.

Since the last RallyGoer we have had some really fantastic rallying weekends, all of which have been well supported, some have been full to the limit meaning centre members were not able to rally with us, so 'book in early' and beat the more and more visitors which are joining us as they hear how good the Beds Centre is.



As I said, we have all enjoyed our rally's this year, one rally in particular I want to mention is the Children's rally, the committee decided to hold this years event at Wickstead Park. The turn out this year was great with lots of members children and grandchildren attending. Although the weather could have been better, the youngsters had a brilliant time, wrist bands were given out and off they went with the whole of Saturday spent on the rides, with I believe many of the adults riding with them. Flag was held Saturday evening giving chance for the sports Sunday morning to take place, with the children taking part in good old fashioned school day fun.

I didn't mention the few hundred Ford cars that started to arrive at the park from 6am Sunday morning, waking us from our well earned sleep, but I think all will agree it was a real treat to admire all the well preserved and polished vehicles.

I must thank the rally officers, committee and junior section for their hard work, together the between them made the weekend another Bedfordshire success

Regards, John

## Regional Council

The Northern Home Counties Region meets regularly throughout the year with two members from each of the seven constituent centres representing membership. John Moules and Tom Gilks are the two Bedfordshire reps. If you have any query or suggestion regarding the centre, caravan club or indeed any caravan related problem, please contact either of the above who will be happy to deal with it for you by taking to the next meeting.

## Beds Centre Holiday Rally Recreatiepark Laag-Kanje. Maarn, Holland 23rd June – 6th July 2007



Laag-Kanje is situated near Maarn in central Holland approximately midway between Utrecht and Arnhem and about 3 miles north of the A12 motorway. It is conveniently situated to Maarn station for easy access by train to Utrecht city (15mins), Amsterdam and Arnhem.

The journey time from Calais is about four to five hours, all on toll free motorways to within 3 miles of the site. From the Hook van Holland approximately one and a half, again on all toll free motorways.

The site is owned and run Olav Petram and his family, who have looked after us all extremely well during our past four visits and as a family, have joined us all for our end of holiday meal and party night.

On site there is a small well stocked supermarket, laundrette, take-away, bar and restaurant, tennis courts, and of course nice clean toilets, showers and wash basins.

We take over one part of the site completely so we are all together, and each pitch has electricity with a few having satellite T.V.connections.

Adjacent to Laag-kanje is a large man-made lake, about a mile walk around. It has a part sandy beach and part grass with picnic tables, refreshment kiosks, and toilets etc. The lake is ideal for swimming as the water is constantly monitored and filtered.

The area is also ideal for cycling as there are many cycle routes to towns like Amersfoort, Zeist, Woudenberg, and many other small villages nearby, (cycles can be hired from site office).

Woudenberg is the nearest town (about 2 miles) which has 2 supermarkets and a variety of other small shops.

As in past years we hope to arrange a couple of coach trips, with destinations and prices to be announced when they become available. As we hire the coach and driver for the day, we share the cost between us, so the more people that travel the cheaper it becomes.

Towards the end of the holiday we will again organise a party night with a meal and possibly some entertainment as we did last year.

There are so many ferry options and offers available to chose from so we will not do ferry bookings again this year, and there was some good deals available last year.

Site fees will be announced and included on this web page when they become available, possibly within the next few weeks.

I do have a few site brochures (in Dutch) if required, and they do have web page which is

[www.laagkanje.nl](http://www.laagkanje.nl) Then click on the Union Jack Flag for English text.

For any other information or questions contact.

**Ivor and Sylvia Gurney on 01525 372641 or [ivor.gurney@btinternet.com](mailto:ivor.gurney@btinternet.com)  
Or, Bob and Lynnette Hartland on 01239 614474**

21-28 October 2006

Booked ☐

Rally Fee £ 125.50

Rally No. H2

Rally Limit: 29

## WALES

**Attraction:** On site Leisure Centre with swimming pool, bar, restaurant, all weather pitches. Easy stroll to Cenarth Falls & Coracle centre. Local beaches within 15-20 mins drive. Cardigan (attractive small town on river estuary) approx 10 mins drive. Fishing, Golf, Pony Trekking all within easy drive from site. Possible coach trip to be decided. This is a seven night rally and the fee includes electric



**Directions:** From the north. Motorways & Trunk roads provide easy access to Aberystwyth. Then take the A487 south to Cardigan. At Cardigan take the A484 towards Newcastle Emlyn - Carmarthen. 7 1/2 miles after leaving Cardigan (before reaching Newcastle Emlyn) you will see Cenarth Falls Holiday Park signposted off the left-hand side of the road as you reach the outskirts of Cenarth Village. From the south. Leave M4 at end (J49) and head for Carmarthen. Then travel north on A484 via town centre or eastern bypass following signs for Cardigan. 3 miles after Newcastle Emlyn (still on Cardigan road) you reach Cenarth Holiday Park signposted on right (after bridge) as you pass through Cenarth.

**Rally Officers:** Lynnette & Bob Hartland with Helen & Rob Dow

**Rally Slips To:** Mr. Bob Hartland, Glas Cwm Broyan Road, Pen-Y-Bryn, Cardigan, Pembrokeshire SA43 3NL.  
Tel: 01239 614 474 or  
Mr. R. Dow, 30 Lorraine Road, Wooton, Bedford. MK43 9DG  
Tel: 01234 768 765

### Prices for the Holland Rally 2007.

2 persons including caravan	–	Euros	13.25
Extra persons	–	Euros	3.10 p/p
Electricity	–	Euros	2.85
Car	–	Euros	2.70
Taxes	–	Euros	1.15 p/p

## Letters page

This is the place where you get your chance to communicate with your fellow Ralliers.

**"THANK YOU"**

Thanks to all for the Get Well cards and wishes, they are most appreciated.

*Roland Wagstaff*

**"THANK YOU"**

Sandy and I would like to say a big thank you to all our friend On the rally field. While our car has been off the road, when we been over to the rally on a Saturday afternoon we have been made so welcome and given such hospitality. It really shows what a cracking bunch of people the Beds Centre are. Thank you again.

*Sandy and Morris McDowell*

**"THANK YOU"**

Dear John and Fellow Ralliers,

We would like to thank you for making us so welcome at the weekend. We really enjoyed it and hope to see you all again very soon. It was a great Easter. Thank you all again.

*Mary & Melvin Hinson*

**"THANK YOU"**

I would like to say a big thank you to all my friends for coming to my Birthday rally at Turnpikke Farm. It was a lovely surprise and for the Birthday cards I received.

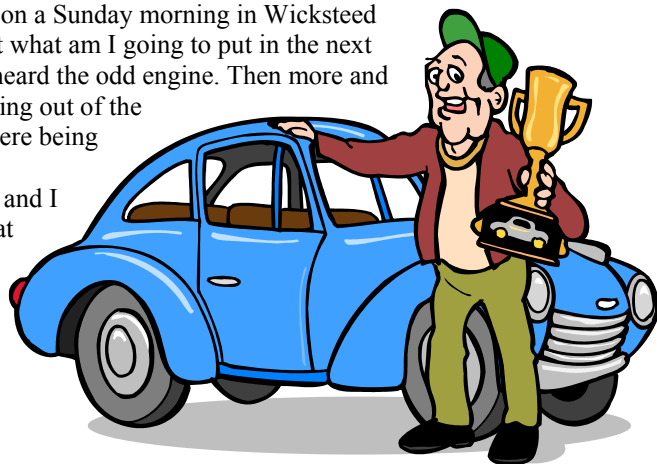
A very special thanks goes to Caroline & Tom, Wendy & George, Cora & John, Karen & Mike and Martin for all the work they put in to make it such a special day. Also thank you Maureen & Carolyn and Dale, it was great.

*Tom Leath*

### *Rally report ???*

Laying in bed early on a Sunday morning in Wicksteed Park, thinking about what am I going to put in the next RallyGoer, when I heard the odd engine. Then more and more engines. Looking out of the window I saw we were being invaded by 'Fords'. Thousands of them, and I wished they did what their name stands for.....

**Fix  
Or  
Repair  
Daily.**



*Lawrie Coleman*

11 - 28 August 2006

Booked ☐

Rally Fee £ 5.96 p/n

## **Holiday Rally Happisburgh** *North London Invite*

**Venue:** Happisburgh, Norfolk, NR12 0PW

**Attraction:** Local attractions: Pleasant, an ideal location for all the family. More details from the rally officers.

**Directions:** A47 to Norwich to Acle, turn left onto A1064, in approx 2miles take B1152, the turn left onto A149. At Stalham take B1151, then turn left onto B119 to Happisburgh. Entrance to site next to pub.

**Rally Officers:** Ray & Angie Hulland, 107 Piggots Hill Lane, Harpenden, Herts, AL5 5UN. Tel: 0582 762673

Slips to be returned two weeks before if you require plaque

**Rally fee £5.96 per night & admin & vat. Hook up £1.50 per night. Rally is run on nightly basis. Opens at 2pm**



The Maulden fishing rally is also our rally !

Please come and Support us !

# Junior Committee Rally

It will be a Fun Weekend for all Ages !

So get it booked quick !

**Remember the date is  
28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> July 2006 !**

**NEW Rally Officers required**

Henlow Bridge 17-19 August 2006  
excellent fishing/walks

Please see Caroline if you are interested





**Sneak Preview of our Chair's NEW MOTORHOME !**

### **Junior Committee**

The Junior Committee would like to say a big thank you to all who helped serve refreshments during the children's sports events.

Through donations £22.03 was raised towards the Junior section.

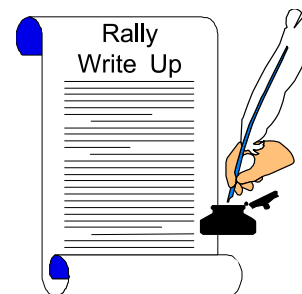
## **COOKHAM RALLY**

Who says the M25 is like a car park? Dunstable to Cookham via the M25 in just under an hour, I didn't think that was too bad for a Bank Holiday Friday, We were more than happy.

Cookham is a superb riverside venue and so peaceful, well that was until the church clock rang out the hour, ever hour. We enjoyed a group walk on Sunday led by our reliable rally officers Ivor & Eddie. The walk, just over two miles, this was quite a hike for Roland following his recent operation, but Roland did complete the walk in spite of the fact that Eddie declined Roland's request for Eddie to purchase him an ice creams on route. Eddie also led us up the garden path, literally as we took the wrong turn on the home stretch. We did make it back in time for Sylvia & Helen to serve a fine cream tea. We all sat in the spring sun sunshine for flag and more tea for all. As we sit here and look around the rally field there are BBQ's on the go, laughter in the air, and the children all playing in the apple tree. It makes you appreciate what weekends are for. Our thanks go to Sylvia, Ivor, Helen and Eddie for a lovely weekend.

PS: Great to see you back on the rally field Eddie.

*Tom & Caz*



*Congratulations  
Doris & Ron Findlay  
for celebrating your  
49th wedding anniversary  
on the 22nd April  
Best wishes.*

*Bronya & Martin Findlay*

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For homework, the children in Mrs Trayner's class had been asked to write about their pets, and the teacher was pleased to see that most of the youngsters had approached the task with enthusiasm. She was also more than a little surprised to discover what creatures were kept by some pupils. One pupil wrote a four-page piece about her pet scorpion, and another child revealed various

details about her praying mantis, whose name was Boris. The three-page piece about a creature called Dwayne, which was not written by Susannah, covered fewer pages than the work produced by Madeleine, who related several amusing anecdotes involving her pet tarantula. Rosalind filled more pages than any of the other girls and Kimberley's pet is a creature named Vernon. The

python has a six-letter name and is not the creature kept by Amanda. The name of the pet featured in the five-page piece of work is not Ozzie.

**Can you match each pupil with the kind of creature she keeps as a pet, its name and the number of pages she wrote about it for her homework?**

## How well did you do?

	Creature					Pet's name					No. of pages				
	Iguana	Praying Mantis	Python	Scorpion	Tarantula	Aubrey	Boris	Dwayne	Ozzie	Vernon	Two pages	Three pages	Four pages	Five pages	Six pages
Amanda	X							X				X			
Kimberley			X							X	X				
Madeleine					X	X								X	
Rosalind		X					X								X
Susannah				X					X				X		

Pupil	Creature	Pet's name	No. of pages
Amanda	Iguana	Dwayne	Three pages
Kimberley	Python	Vernon	Two pages
Madeleine	Tarantula	Aubrey	Five pages
Rosalind	Praying Mantis	Boris	Six pages
Susannah	Scorpion	Ozzie	Four pages

## Junior Chair

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support they have given us so far this year.

**REMEMBER !!!** We are holding our 1st Junior rally at Malden on the 28th - 30th July 2006. there hasn't been a Junior rally for many years, so we hope you can all come.

So.... **BOOK NOW !!!** To avoid disappointment.

## Amnesity!

Do you have any Beds Centre Rally equipment, Sprots equipment or any other equipment which really should be with our equipment officer.

Please return it to Mike Zeebroek, no questions asked so we can improve our service to you all.

**Thank you**

## RallyGoer Competition

You will have noticed that I have not put a competition or quiz in this edition of your RallyGoer. The first reason for this was the limitation of space, but the second will probably interst you more.

From our next issue of your RallyGoer there will be a prize of either a Saleable Goods or Tuck Shop voucher to the value of £5.

Yes that's right folks, instead of doing the puzzles just for fun, we have re-sponded to the suggestion that a number of you have come with which is to give some kind of prize for the winner.

How will we judge the winner, well that will be simple. The first correct entry to reach your **PRO** for each competition will be the winnier and receive their **£5 voucher**.

Bradcot - Portico porch awning, excellent condition, good as new. Burgundy

£100.00

Bradcot Active Awning - full awning, front & sides zip out, burgundy, fits large two berth caravan excellent condition, good as new

£250.00



Please see Tom or Caroline Gilks 01582 652531

### Moggerhanger Lower School, 4 - 6 August 2006

I have organised a private tour of Moggerhanger House on Saturday 5th August at 2pm.

The price is £6.00 per person to include tea/coffee afterwards.

Also for those who want to visit the house, but can't attend the rally.

**only 4 spaces left.**

The Website for MP is [www.moggerhangerpark.com](http://www.moggerhangerpark.com)

It is a beautiful Grade 1 listed building by the architect Sir John Soane (architect of the Bank of England) originally the home of Godfrey Thornton, Governor of the Bank of England, which after a colourful history of Hospital and Sanatorium days has been restored over the past 10 years. In March this year we were visited by HRH the Prince of Wales. The house offers spectacular architecture, a fantastic tea room, and beautiful woodland walks. The grounds have had a start made on them, originally landscaped by Humphrey Repton, but some imagination and you can picture how they were.

I am passionate about MP, not only because I work there and it's in my village, but it is a shining jewel in Bedfordshire which needs some support, and with a little careful persuasion, hopefully it can be a future rally venue!

*Carrie Irvin*

*Would anyone be interested in .....*

*A Saturday Workshop for the children. Sandy McDowell would be willing to run one, where the kids could make a small fabric covered box which can be used for several different purposes, i.e.: trinket box, also they could make some greetings cards for their own personal use. I would be willing to run this for 4 or more kids. Please let me know, and on which rally would be preferable.*

*Morris was also wondering whether anyone would be interested in a small workshop for people wishing to learn how to clone and restore old photographs, should anyone be interested he is willing to pass on his knowledge.*

## Competition

### ***Design the Front Cover of next year's Rally Book.***

***Competition open to all Beds Centre members  
including Juniors.***

***All entries to be with your P.R.O. by 1st  
September 2006.***

***Winner will be announced at the Centres AGM.***

**£5 Photographs or Drawings  
Winners Voucher £5**



## REGIONAL ROAD SHOW – BLADON CHAINS

We set off from home, looking forward to a weekend, working for a change. That's funny seems like a normal weekend with the caravan at the rear.

We had not gone too far when I spotted, by now the famous Wentworth sitting in a lay-by. We quickly pulled over to help a Chairman in distress. The Wentworth was not the problem, well not this time. Only the Sat Nav' playing up. Sat Nav' has lost Bladen Chains, Chairman has lost temper. Bring in Cora to the rescue. Sometimes these little things in life need a female touch. By that I don't mean Cora giving John a clip behind the ear. It was with great relief that Cora sorted the problem, as our Sat Nav' had also lost Bladen Chains.

We soon arrived on site, and were made very welcome by the Regional Chairman, a glass of red wine and a hot plate of fish and chips. This was followed by more wine and a general chit chat with other members from the Regional Council. A chin wag of who's doing what, where and when over the weekend.

That all sorted lets move to Saturday afternoon, when we opened the marquee for the afternoon to meet and greet those visiting Bladen Chains. Enjoy a glass of wine, cheese and biscuits and to raise any questions that they had with regards to the Caravan Club and what it had to offer. This also gave us the opportunity to promote forth coming events. During the afternoon a steady stream of visitors came along and asked a whole range of questions, which covered subjects such as Mayday, Red Pennant, Caravan Insurance, Centres and Rallies and Club sites. This was followed on Sunday morning when we opened the marquee again for coffee and biscuits, more questions and the lucky draw for a two night stop at a club site. An enjoyable weekend was had by all. To find out more about the Region and or Events please talk to John Moules or Tom Gilks.

*Tom Gilks*

# Bedford River Festival 2006



15th - 16th July

Rally to be hosted by the Bedfordshire Centre  
at Cardington 14th - 16th July.

Own Sanitation required and NO EHU



## • Parade

- Decorated vehicle, band and foot.
- Procession through the Town Centre

## • Raft Races

- Home built rafts racing teams down the river

## • Dragon Boats

- 16 - 20 paddlers racing in traditional style Dragon boats

## • It's a Knockout

- Teams of 12 people battling in the Main Arena

## • Community Stage

- Singers, magicians and other performers



For booking information and further details contact:

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