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Winter 2006

Chairman's Chat

With Christmas just around the corner every body is asking the same question, 'where has the year gone?'

Well I think my year has gone so fast because I have enjoyed myself so much, they say time goes quicker when in the company of good friends, and that is what Caravanning is all about, having a great time with friends both old and new.



Next year I am sure we will enjoy ourselves as much if not more, so get ready and start booking those Rally's as soon as you can, the rally program includes a lot of our favourite venues as well as a selection of new sites.

Both Cora and I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy new year, looking forward to see you all in the near future.

With kindest regards,

John



**MEWWY
CRIZMAHS!**

& Happy New Year!
2007

FROM YOUR

P R O

Rally Update:-

Panto Rally @ Turnpike Farm 12th - 14th January 2007

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

Slips to:-

Mr. R. Morgan, "Wheelers", 93 Old School Lane, Stanford, SG18 9JL
01462 811 152 or Mob: 07976 773 450

Winter Walk @ Henlow 21st January 2007

Walk Organiser's are Maureen & John Gauge.

Slips to:-

Mr. J. Gauge, 7 Admirals Way, Eaton Socon, St. Neots, Hunts PE19 3TD.
01480 383 579 Mob: 07745 855 159

Winter Walk @ Kempston Mill 28th January 2007

Walk Organiser's are Ann & Danny Pickett.

Slips to:-

Mr. D. Pickett, 8 Harris Close, Kempston, Beds. MK42 8HT.
01234 854 822

Valentine Rally @ Arlesey Football Club 9th - 11th February 2007

Rally Officers are Karen & Michael Zeebroek with Janet & Lawrie Coleman.

Slips to:-

Mr. M. Zeebroek, 79 Mareth Road, Bedford. MK42 6DD.
01234 326 683 Mob: 07716 103 719

Friends Like Us Rally @ Holmead School 16th - 18th February 2007

Rally Officers are Committee.

Slips to:-

Mrs. S. Morgan, "Wheelers", 93 Old School Lane, Stanford, SG18 9JL
01462 811 152 or Mob: 07743 661 719

Rally information listed here will always be the latest information available in print. For up to date information on all our rallies and any changes that may have taken place including cancellations, venue changes etc please check out the centre's website which is constantly kept up to date.

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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 Loczy

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pro@bedscentrecc.com

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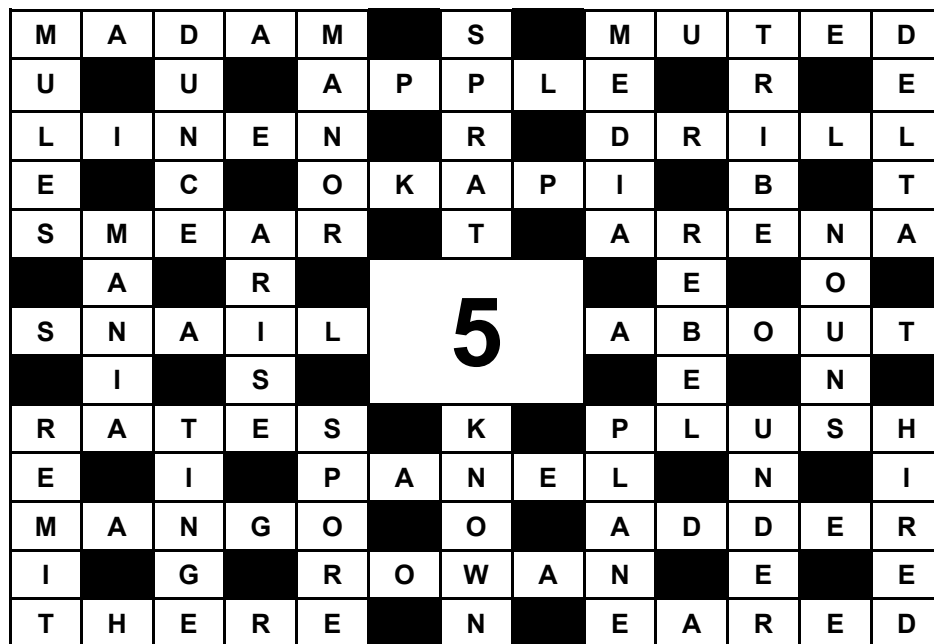
The Editor reserves the right to edit or decline any items sent in for publication.

£5 Competition

There were NO entries received by the PRO and therefore nobody won a £5 voucher for either the Tuck Shop or Saleable Goods. *Good Luck*

Place the 36 five-letter words in the grid to complete the crossword.

ABOUT	ADDER	APPLE	ARENA	ARISE	DELTA
DRILL	DUNCE	EARED	HIRED	KNOWN	LINEN
MADAM	MANGO	MANIA	MANOR	MEDIA	MULES
MUTED	NOUNS	OKAPI	PANEL	PLANE	PLUSH
RATES	REBEL	REMIT	ROWAN	SMEAR	SNAIL
SPORE	SPRAT	THERE	TINGE	TRIBE	UNDER

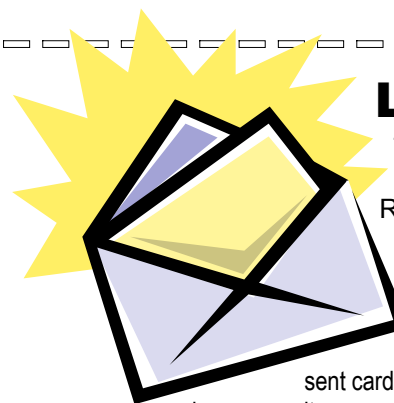


There is no new competition this issue, if you would like to see this feature in future publications then please let me know.

PRO

Letters page

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



"THANK YOU"

Jim and I would like to thank all the people who sent cards and phoned to wish Jim well after his heart bypass op. it was much appreciated. He is doing really well and getting stronger every day.

We would also like to send best wishes and a speedy recovery to Mick Leath who is a couple of weeks behind Jim.

We are looking forward to seeing you all again on the rally field next year.

Barbara Pallett

"THANK YOU"

Gill and I would like to express our sincerest thanks for all the cards, phone calls and good wishes during my stay in hospital and subsequent convalescence.

I am up and about and getting stronger everyday but not allowed to drive for 12 weeks, Gill will be towing to the rally fields.

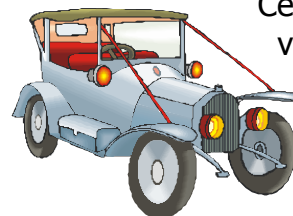
We hope to be out on the Christmas Party rally then the New Year Rally. So I will be able to thank you all personally for your good wishes and thoughts.

Thank you all.

Mick & Gill Leath

WANTED

Memorabilia from your years with the Bedfordshire Centre for our Celebration Rally in June. Photographs, items, video, stories etc. Please search out your loft, shed, scrap book for all those snippets of history with the centre.



Contact your PRO for details.

National Rally 2007

Send your 'Stamped Address A4 Envelopes' please to Tom Gilks for booking forms.

Centre Party Tents

The Bedfordshire Centre has purchased three party tents which are now available for use by rally officers. Each party tent measures 8m x 4m and is contained in 4 boxes. They can be used individually or joined together depending on your requirements. Please note the following:

- They are available free of charge to Beds Centre Rally Officers.
- They must be booked in advance with the equipment Officer.
- Bookings are on a first come, first serve basis are for the period of the rally shown in the rally book.

It is the rally officers responsibility to collect from equipment officer no sooner than three days before the rally and return it no later than two days after the rally finish date, unless otherwise agreed with the equipment officer.

THEY MUST BE WIPED DRY WHEN PUT AWAY.

Equipment officer: Mike Zeebroek 01234326683 or 07713506022

Remember this is your RallyGoer
Please send in your articles, news, Rally
Updates to your PRO by either email or just
plain old 'pigeon post'.

HALLOWEEN 2006

Changing the venue of this years Rally at the last minute didn't seem to be the best thing to do, but after frantically phoning around every one was contacted and no one cancelled, in fact we had a turn out of 33 vans, some having the bonus of electric hook up.



Friday evening saw the annual Conker Championship and with only a few not taking part it took a while to complete but after a many a well fought battle the winners emerged. Following the conkers a general knowledge quiz took place, difficult to work out winners and losers but fun was had by all.

Saturday morning the hall was decorated with the usual enthusiasm by volunteers ready for the evening fancy dress party. As we had booked the hall for all weekend we made use of it during Saturday afternoon with a few games of bingo with some taking home more money than they arrived with. Thanks to Roly and Tom for giving up their time to organise this for us.

The Party Saturday evening turned out to be a real success, the costumes were truly fantastic, thank you all for making the effort. In the last couple of years the Fish & Chip supper not always worked out but this year 'perfection'. The Singer turned up on time and proved to be a great all round entertainer and during the evening had every one up dancing. The night ended with music from Martin, thanks to him for staying sober ready to get up at the end of the night to play for us some party dance music.

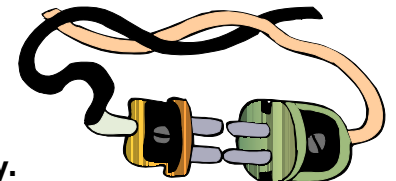
So a great weekend was had by all but without those who helped it could not happen, just by moving tables and chairs, putting up and taking down decorations makes it all work.

Finally thank you for joining us, see you next year.

Pat, Terry Cora & John.

PS. We had some lost property handed in,

1. A locking Pin from a corner steady.
2. Half a blue plug minus cable, (Still in the socket).



NORTHERN HOME COUNTIES REGION

COUNCIL MEETING HELD

18th October 2006

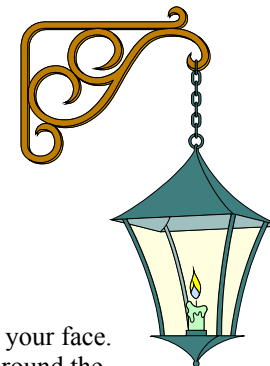
Notes taken at the meeting:

- Council members asked if the information contained in the Green General Letter book was still valid. Caravan Club advised that it was still valid.
- It was reported that all centres in the region, are running with celebrations / events in 2007.
- Any 2007 rally programme updates to Ron Morgan as soon as possible.
- 2012 Olympic, both Buckinghamshire and Berkshire Centres have events taking place in their area. (Rowing and Horse events). Both centres are looking to try and book sites.
- It is believed that the Olympic teams will be training for the rowing events at Willington. We the Beds Centre may want to try and book a site for this. We will need to act fast.
- All CL's are inspected once a year.
- At time of meeting there was 2481 CL's across the UK. This is the first time this number has dropped below 2500.
- The Caravan Club will open 4 new sites in 2007:
 - Heathfield in the New Forrest (250 Vans)
 - Grafton Water
 - Burrs Country Park, Derby
 - Old Cotton Mill, Derby
- Rodney Lambert advised that all centres are asked to follow a simple form that should be filled in for each meeting. This form will contain details on the progress, activities and membership for each centre. This will help the Regional Council. All records will be recorded/start from the 1st Jan each year.
- Tom Gilks reported on the suggestion of a voucher towards the first rally for new members. This voucher would be kept within the Beds Centre.
- 7,000 new members joined the Caravan Club in July 2006
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- The largest amount of members ever to join in any one month
- At the end of the year the Caravan Club are looking at 358,000 members
- Number of members joining the Caravan Club and the Centres is increasing.
- Number of members out on rallies is decreasing.
- The Caravan Club is to issue new Rules and by-laws. Some of these new rules and by laws will assist centres that have certain issues with certain members.
- Council members have been asked to bring the cost of adverts in rally books for the next council meeting.
- Possible future problems with land used for rallies and the disposal of blue chemical.

If you would like more information on any of the above, please talk to: ~

John Moules or Tom Gilks.

Growing old. The early signs



1. You start to answer the phone when it rings on the T.V.
2. You try to straighten the wrinkles in your socks and discover you are not wearing any.
3. You put all the family photo's in a family album but can't remember who all the people are.
4. The list of things you hate outnumber the things you like.
5. When on holiday your energy runs out before your money.
6. You know you are going bald when it takes longer to wash your face.
7. You begin scheduling long car journeys or shopping trips around the known number of public toilets.
8. You are on first names terms with your pharmacist.
9. You start opening your outgoing post.
10. Your friend compliments on your new alligator shoes you are wearing, but you are barefoot.
11. You discover that you have more fingers than teeth.
12. You lose your car in the supermarket car park.
13. There are 3 things you lose when you are getting old, 1 is your memory, I can't remember the other two.
14. Gravity is no longer a term in science text books, but now refers to your body.
15. You pay more attention to news items when they talk about pensions and government advice on how to keep warm in winter.
16. You stand at the bottom of the stairs and can't recall whether you were about to go up to fetch something or whether you've just come down to fetch something.
17. You sink your teeth into a steak..... and leave them there.
18. You are very good at opening a child proof cap.....with a hammer.
19. You are experiencing permanent jet lag but have not flown for 5 years.
20. You begin every sentence with 'Nowadays'.

Finally:-

Two old people sat eating breakfast when one turns to the other and said "do you know that you have a suppository in your ear", to which the other replies "I'm glad you saw that as I now know where my hearing aid is"

Happy Christmas and New Year to you all.

Ivor and Sylvia Gurney

I do hope you enjoy your new look Rally Book for this year. I have tried to incorporate many of the things you have asked for, if you have any suggestions or comments regarding this Rally Book or things you would like to see in next years book, then please do not hesitate to contact me. Whenever possible I will try to accommodate as I am always open to new ideas.

George Loczy; PRO .

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2008 is approaching fast

I am looking for new ideas for 2008, new venues as well as the old favourites, new rally officers as well as experienced ones.

I have a selection of rally officers willing to show you the ropes so if you are interested in running a rally but don't know where to start let me know and I will introduce you to someone who is willing to help.

If you have a contact at any venue that may be of interest to the Centre members please let me know and I will try and include your suggestion in the 2008 programme. You never know you may earn one of the much sought after **Site Finders Plaques**, all you have to do is recommend a venue not used by the Centre in the past, if the rally runs you get the award..... what could be easier ??

Look forward to seeing you on the Rally Field in 2007, thank you for your support as always.

Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year

Caroline Gilks

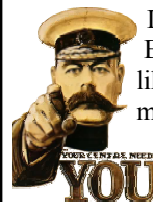
Rally Secretary

Darts Competition Winners

Well done to you all



Junior's		Ladies.		Men's.	
1st	Emma Gray	1st	Janet Blunt	1st	Alan Jefferies
2nd	Grace Loczy	2nd	Pauline Sully	2nd	Geoff Butterm
3rd	Sammi- Jo Loczy		(Visitor)	3rd	Geoff Stewart
		3rd	Sally France		



I am looking to arrange a Charity Collection for the RNLI in Biggleswade and would like to ask for volunteers to help. If you would like to put your name forward please let me know and I will give you more details nearer the time.

Martin Findlay



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DO YOU HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS?

I am trying to collate a list of our members e-mail addresses.

This would help in getting information to you a lot quicker. Information such as a rally may have been cancelled, a venue has had to be changed, or you may be on the waiting list for a rally and a space has become vacant. It could be to send you a copy of Update or RallyGoer as soon as it comes out. If you have an e-mail address, then please let me know by sending your e-mail address to me at

thomas.gilks@ntlworld.com or secretary@bedscentrecc.com

I look forward to hearing from you.

**Tom Gilks
Hon. Secretary**

PLEASE REMEMBER

Children play on the rally field,
so please drive carefully.



Dogs must be kept on lead at all
times whilst on the rally
field.



Please pick up after your dog.



Walking pace is equivalent to **5mph**



As the Bedfordshire Centre Sports Officer for the coming year I am keen for the centre to enter as many of the sports competitions as possible at next years national rally. As I am sure you are all aware next year the National is at Blenheim Palace and is therefore only a couple of hours away for most of us. I am aware that the centre is expecting a good turn out for next year's national and if we can field teams in many of the sports we may be in with a chance to walk away with a trophy or two?

Therefore I would like to hear from any members who are interested in representing the centre in the below sports:

Football Netball Volleyball Lawn Darts Tug of War

Once I get an idea of numbers, ages and what sports members are interested in I will look to put some teams together. You can catch me on the rally field, give me a call on 01582 751036 or send me an email:

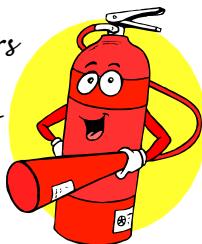
jerry.waite@ntlworld.com.

Please support your centre and join me in some of the teams at next years National rally.

Jerry Waite - Bedfordshire Centre Sports Officer

Special thanks to Sandy McDowell

You will notice that the Centre Fire Extinguishers are wearing new fluorescent jackets on the Rally field. Thanks Sandy for taking the time to source the materials and make the jackets, your efforts will be appreciated by all.



BILL RAMSEY TROPHY

Presented to the Centre by member Mrs Sheila Ramsey in 1984 to commemorate the memory of her late husband.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be awarded to a young person whose parent/guardian is a current Bedfordshire Member? The perceived age group is 5 – 15 years but this may be extended either way in any one year at the discretion of the Centre Committee.

CRITERIA:

To be presented ANNUALLY to the young person who most closely satisfies the nomination criteria which is?

- Have performed or shown by deed or act, bravery or courage in the face of personal adversity.
- Have performed or shown by deed or act, the desire and willingness to help others either on the rally field, in the home or some other location or area.
- Have contributed in a positive manner, by way of personality, good manners, behaviour or attitude to the enjoyment of Centre life by fellow rallygoers.
- Have taken part in and contributed to the success of Centre organized events in such a way as to make that contribution apparent to others.

NOMINATIONS:

Nominations can be made by any Full, Joint or Family Members to the Centre and must be seconded by another Full, Joint or Family Member. Parents, Relations are not allowed to nominate members of their own family.

The nominations must be made in writing and forwarded to the Centre Secretary at any time but no later than by the 31st August of any year.

Nominations should show:

1. Nominee's name, age and Full Member's (Parent/Guardian's) name.
2. Name's of Nominator and Seconder and any relationship to the nominee.
3. The reason for nomination against the criteria and any supporting evidence.

SELECTION:

The recipient will be chosen from the nominations by a panel of judges consisting of:

Bedfordshire Centre Chairman
Centre Secretary
Junior Liaison Officer

The judges are not allowed to be a nominator or seconder for any nomination. They shall have the right to ask for further supporting evidence when considering the nominations.

PRESENTATION:

The result and award will be made jointly at the Annual General Meeting at the end of the normal trophy presentations.

The recipient will therefore hold the trophy from AGM to AGM.

Tom Gilks
Hon. Secretary.