

Please remember to keep me informed of the status of your rally, so that I can up date the website. May be its nearly full or is full, or is there some other info you want adding . Just let me know...

webmaster@bedscentrecc.com



Would you like to have your photo's added to our collection on the website... If so, why not put them on a disk, email them, or simply pass them to me so that I can scan them. They could soon be there for all to see...

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Christmas Party Rally Holmeade School

Please can you send your Rally Slips to ; Mrs Jo Gray 91 Foster Road Kempston Beds MK42 8BT



THE BEDFORDSHIRE CENTRE OF THE CARAVAN CLUB

AUTUMN RALLYGOER



Chairman's Chat



Dear rallier

As another AGM is upon us where has the last year gone? It doesn't seem five minutes since John passed me the Chairman's chain. The Centre has had a busy couple of months, with one of Centre events that was full in such a short time of being advertised at the Glen miller festival, and also a ending of an era with the last visit to our river side site at Gt Barford. This site will be missed by a lot of people, not only from our Centre but by many visitors to our Centre who travelled some distance to be by the river side.

A big thank you must go out to our rally officers who have run rallies on our behalf over the past year, as the weather has not always been kind to us. We still have a full Rally program till the end of the year, with a new Centre event taking place in October which is the Organ festival at Twinwoods, Clapman. Also if you have not booked into any of the rallies in the forth coming months you may be disappointed as they are filling up fast.

At this point may I wish the new Officers and Committee every success in the coming year and thank everybody for their support over my last 27 years on Committee, Bronya and I look forward to seeing you on the rally field over the coming months.

Martin.
Chairman

20th-22nd March 09



TREASURE HUNT RALLY

Find the clues using your car



Be first and

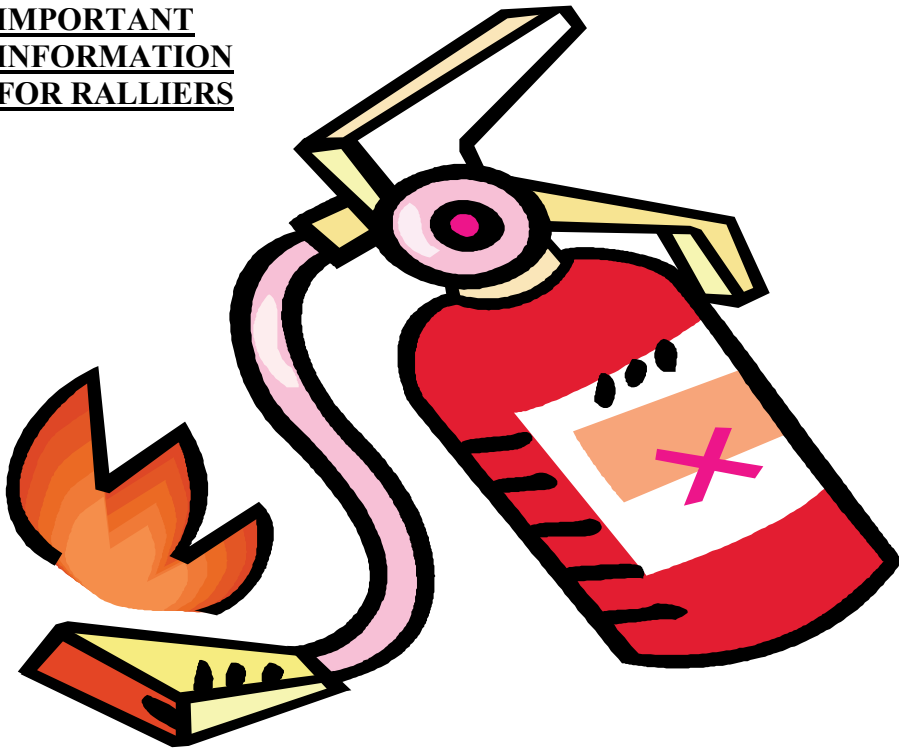
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Rufus Centre, Flitwick

Rally Slips to Jerry Waite, 22 Hastings Rd, Barton-Le-Clay
Bedford. MK45 4NJ. Tel: 01582 751036 / 07968 018517

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
FOR RALLIERS**

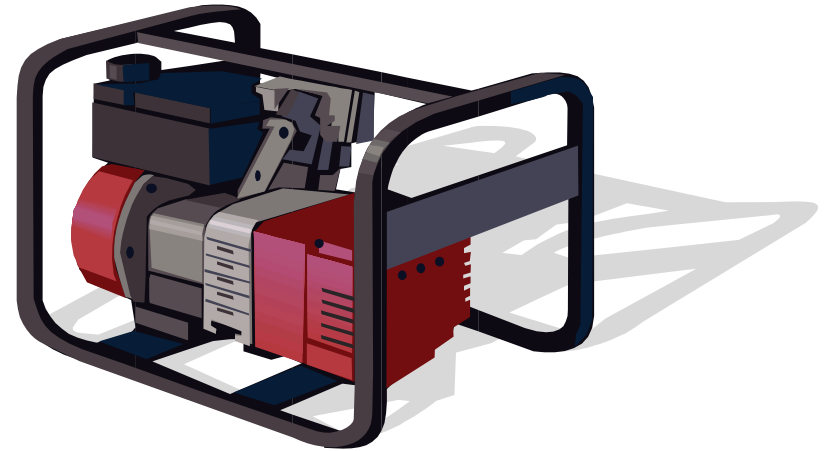


The Committee have taken the decision that the Centre Fire Extinguishers will be withdrawn from use as of the AGM 2008.

The cost of maintaining and replacing the fire extinguishers has escalated over recent years. In addition to this it is felt that the majority of the membership would experience difficulty in collecting the fire extinguishers from the fire point usually the flag pole and returning to their caravan should a fire occur in time for the fire extinguisher to be effectively used.

It has been suggested by the Caravan Club that each member carries their own fire blanket or extinguisher in their own unit. In addition to this Red Fire Buckets are on sale in our saleable goods shop.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR



If you have a generator please consider your neighbours and be reasonable about its use. As a Centre we do state guidelines in the Rally Book but there have been some occasions this year where ralliers have had their weekend enjoyment slightly dampened by inconsiderate use of Generators.



A very special thank you to Andy Gray and Rod Waite, both of whom have worked tirelessly on behalf of the Centre to assist Committee this year. Andy has done a wonderful job of our Centre Website and Rod has been doing most of the background work on our Marketing sub group, the fruits of which we hope to see later this year.

Thanks again to you both and keep up the good work !



News from around the table

It has been quite a year to date with rally attendance remaining high despite the inclement weather which has been so unpredictable. Devon has been renamed “Soggy Bottom” as most of us on the holiday rally spent a fortnight paddling in awnings as there was so much rain. It didn't dampen the Bedfordshire spirit and a good time was had by all! Happisburgh fared much better weather wise and everyone had a great time there too.

The majority of the 2007-2008 Committee have been nominated for Re-election so that is a good indication that things are running fairly smoothly, it would be nice to see some new faces but if you are unable to commit there are always times when helping hands are needed particularly for the bigger rallies.

If you have talent or an idea that would benefit the Membership let us know and we will find a use for it somewhere as it is the togetherness that makes the Bedfordshire Centre great. If we all put a little bit into the Centre it will flourish for many years to come and we can all enjoy our hobby together.



The Bedfordshire Centre Carol Service will now be held at

St Andrew's Church in Ampthill

December 14th 2008

The Carol Service will be at 3pm followed by afternoon tea in the adjoining village hall

Please contact Tom Gilks on 01582 652531 if you require any further details

It would be nice to see as many of you as possible at our Christmas Carol Service which is held for the Centre to come together and Celebrate Christmas



Reminders for the Rally Field



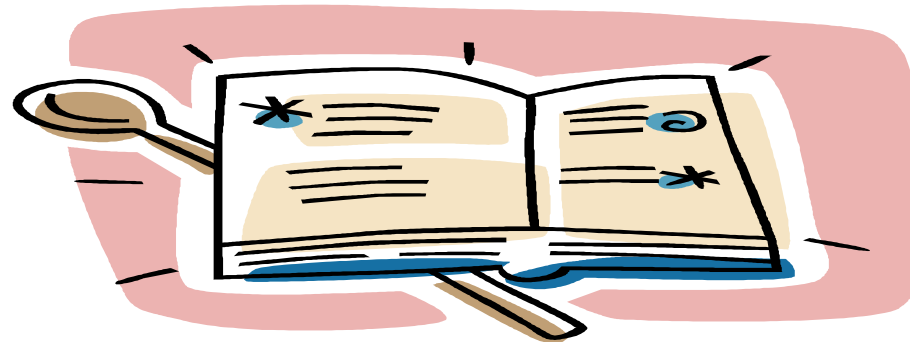
Please have the courtesy to stop at the Rally Officers van and wait to be sited on arrival. Please remind any visitors that they should stop and notify the Rally Officers of their arrival.

Rallies open at 4pm unless prior arrangement is made with the Rally Officers to arrive early.

Please remember that the Rally Officers decision is final and that some rally Officers have to work and early opening is not always possible.



Please keep your dog on a lead no longer than 10 feet and ensure that you always clean up after your pet



Recipe for a happy Rally

- Take two members of the Bedfordshire Centre and put them in a caravan with another two members of the Bedfordshire Centre.
- Add a bottle of wine and a few cans of beer
- Add a sprinkling of enthusiasm, two large spoons of fun and three large spoons of happiness and stir
- If ideas and suggestions are not flowing add some more wine !
- Mix in the ever influential Rally Secretary with her Rally board for 2009
- Add some lovely venue ideas and a vision of what a great weekend they could run
- Add some flavouring (more wine) and let the ideas soak overnight
- Update rally board and pass two large spoons of the mixture to the next couple of members you meet

Please support the Centre by volunteering to run a Rally, many hands make light work for us all to enjoy our hobby.



Thanks to North London for the Invitation to the Happisburgh Rally. A good time was had by all. Many thanks to Sue Jefferies in running it on her own as Ray Hulland was in hospital.

Please note Bedfordshire we had two weeks of sunshine !!!!!

Bill & Jill Thompson



BEDFORDSHIRE CENTRE OF THE CARAVAN CLUB

FESTIVAL of FAIRGROUND **ORGANS & CRAFT FAYRE**

**60 Plus Fairground, Concert, Dance,
Street Organs Playing and on Display
Full size and Model Steam Engines
WW2 Military Transport
Fire Service Museum
Catering and Licensed Bar
Handmade Craft Stalls**

Glenn Miller Museum, Twinwoods, Clapham, Bedford.



10th to 12th October 2008

**For more information, please contact Tom Gilks:~
events@bedscentrecc.com or Tel: 07742 556 482**

OCTOBER 11TH & 12TH 2008
 THE GLENN MILLER MUSEUM,
 END OF SEASON CLOSING SHOW
 AND FEATURING
 THE ORGAN FESTIVAL

The museums at Twinwood will be open and these include
 * The Glenn Miller Museum * The National Fire Service Museum *
 * The Aviation Archaeology Museum * The Summer of '44 Museum *
 * The Home Front Museum * The Motor Transport Section *
 * and other WWII collections * There will be also be 1940s and WWII re-enactors *

There will also be a wonderful collection of vintage, steam & fairground organs onsite ranging from small hand-turned barrel organs, to large steam powered pipe organs, and these in turn will be playing their vast selection of tunes throughout the weekend.

On Saturday evening the Officers Mess Bar will be open and there will be some entertainment in the hangar.

To book your caravan into this weekend:-

The price for the weekend and camping is £27 per caravan, and this includes weekend admission for 2 people (additional adults sharing the same caravan are £3 each. Children 16 and under Free)

Please note there are toilets, but no shower facilities or electric hook ups.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

POST CODE.....PHONE No.....

How many caravan/camping pitches required.....

How many Adults.....Children 16 or under.....

Total amount enclosed.....

Please send a cheque or postal order, payable to Twinwood Events Ltd and post to;

Twinwood Events Ltd, Twinwood Road, Clapham, Bedfordshire, MK41 6AB

BEDFORDSHIRE CENTRE OF THE CARAVAN CLUB

Get Well wishes to....

John Close

Barbara Close

Rita Kennedy

Claude Brown

& Lesley Jefferies



Book Exchange

Social Secretary, Sandy McDowell

Has started a

'Book Exchange'



The books will be carried in the car, the idea being you can either

Purchase a book for a nominal fee for the nominated charity

Or exchange a book, so you will always have access

to a good book for those lazy afternoons in the sun.



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



As many of you may know Tom and I work for KPMG, a firm who wholly support any Charity fundraising that their employees undertake. A recent Dress down day was held in aid of Sue Ryder at Moggerhanger our Centre Charity raising a fantastic £654.33

**Your
Rally Sec
Needs
You!!**



We would like to run a home rally for 7th to 9th November 2008.

We need rally officers who are prepared to run a rally, you can choose the venue...

If you would like to offer please don't hesitate to contact me as soon as you can so that we can put this rally on...

**Thanks
Jo Gray
Rally Sec**

Thank You

Just like to send our thanks to yourself ,Sandy, Tom and Morris for making the last weekend very enjoyable at Twinwood.

All in our party was very impressed with the organisation and your help and assistance with the events of the weekend, many thanks.

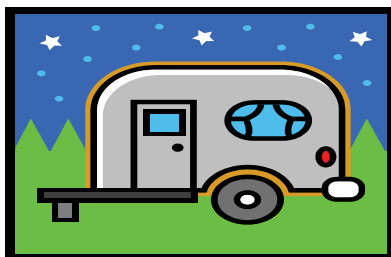
Via

Thanks for a great weekend at Willington we really enjoyed the River Festival and the warm welcome we received from the Bedfordshire Centre we will certainly visit you all again.

Jim & Anne *Thank You*

Have you renewed you Centre Membership with East Grinstead? Centre membership is renewable at the time you pay your annual subscription, no confirmation of renewal of Centre membership is given by the Club or Centre.

You cannot register through a centre!!!



CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 08

2PM – 4PM



The children's party will be held at the Christmas Rally, Holmemeade School, Biggleswade (you don't have to be on the rally to come) and is open to all members children and grandchildren 12yrs and under. The cost of the party is £5 per child and will include a disco, party games, party food and a visit from Father Christmas who will be giving presents to all the children. For those children that have attended rallies this year and have got their reward cards signed, for each signature 50p can be deducted off the cost, so if you have four signatures you will only need to pay £3 if you have 7 you would only pay £1.50 so if you have all ten it will be a free party. Please return your reward card and the appropriate payment with the slip below to Jerry Waite, 22 Hastings Road, Barton- Le-Clay, Bedford. MK45 4NJ by Monday 17th November 2008 or hand it in on the rally field.

Members Name : Membership No:.....

Child's Name	Boy/Girl	Age
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Please find enclosed my payment for (number) children of £5 per child less (total number for all children) reward card signatures

Payment £..... please make cheques payable to Bedfordshire Centre Caravan Club.

Please return this form to Jerry Waite by Monday 17th November.

Glenn Miller Festival 2008

Twinwood

Well here we are again at the end of another very successful festival. We had 70 caravans out with us, on the Bedfordshire Centre Site; people were arriving, greeting us all like long lost friends, remembering us from last year. The good Lord didn't favour us with such good weather as last year, but we were lucky enough for the rain to fall, although very heavily, overnight, the afternoons and evenings affording us plenty of sun, albeit a bit on the windy side, all of this though did not deter from the wonderful sites and sounds of the music we had come to listen to.

Again this year a lot of people had dressed in the uniforms and dress of the era, Tom, Caroline, Morris and myself joined in the spirit of things this year, I must say it was great fun and the uniform certainly made our Morris walk tall for once in his life.

We were treated to the sound of John Miller and his orchestra, The Jive Aces, The Syd Lawrence Orchestra, The RCA Band with Elvis in Concert and a whole host more. I have to tell you that the people jiving to the RCA Band, had Tom & Morris's eyes firmly fixed to the dance floor, where the whirling skirts, stockings and suspenders made them a tad sticky under the collar, from mine and Caroline's point of view the costumes were truly magnificent and I for one only wish I was that age again, and had the figure to wear them.

Sunday Morning, The Salvation Army bought us all together in Worship, with some rousing hymns and prayer, with a presence from the American Air Force and some Veterans of World War 11, these Gentlemen were welcomed with very loud applause, and rightly so.

We did a fair bit of PR work whilst on site and have persuaded a few couples to try rallying in their own counties, and a couple have said that they are seriously thinking of joining us for the New Year Celebrations at Gamlingay. A lot of the folk who come to this festival have not, or don't rally very much, so if we have enlightened just a handful it was worth all the talking.

Well enough from me, I am just waiting with baited breath for the 2009 Festival, well satisfied, and tired.

Sandy

