

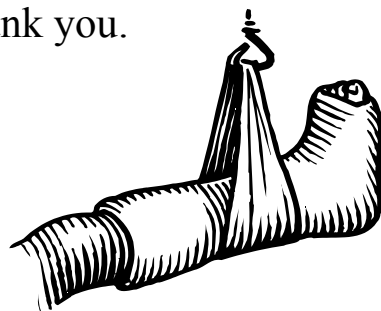
Please remember to keep me informed of the status of your rally, so that I can up date the website. May be its nearly full or is full, or is there some other info you want adding . Just let me know...

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Can I say a very big thank you to all who sent cards, and messages not only after my operation last October but also when at the New Year rally I fell and broke my ankle. Many of you offered your help in all sorts of ways; Its good to know there are many friends out there. It would be wrong to mention names but some of you really went well out of your way to help me. Once again thank you.

Tora Mouses.



Junior Committee

The age of Juniors able to stand for Committee has been reduced to 8 years as proposed by the Junior Committee. This has been approved by the Senior Committee and it is hoped this will inspire the younger juniors to support their Committee with lots of good ideas.....

THE BEDFORDSHIRE CENTRE OF THE CARAVAN CLUB

SUMMER RALLYGOER

Happy Rallying



Chairman's Chat



Dear Friends.

As the nights are lighter, and hopefully the weather is getting warmer, there is no better place to be at weekends than on a Bedfordshire Centre rally, we have a full rally program of events arranged for you including our county town river festival at Bedford, which is a short walk from our venue at Willington, we also have our juniors rally being held at Maulden with a full program of events planned.

For those of you going on holiday have a good time and drive safely, and those travelling further afield I hope you have a safe ferry crossing.

On a personal note Bronya and I would like to thank everyone for the phone calls during our recent illness, those that are not up to par hope you have a speedy recovery.

Hope to see you out on the rally field over the coming months.

Martin.
Centre Chairman.

The little ones ran round the rally field. Our older children had to run round the rugby club, but everyone appreciated getting to the finish line where a lolly was waiting.

A short break, then onto our crafts for the day. We made puppets of farm animals that we had to sow together and stick faces on and then cards for father's day.

In the afternoon the junior committee paid for all our rallying children to go swimming at Flitwick leisure centre. When we got there, up to the counter I went, 22 children to swim please. "Sorry how many", came the reply in startled astonishment. I thought, better explain, "No there not all mine, I'm just paying". "Oh" came the reply and a look of surprise. Another note to self, perhaps a phone call before may have been in order. Once 22 children from the beds centre got into the pool then all the others in there seemed to drift out, can't for the life of me think why. Maybe it has something to do with the fact our children seemed to take over, they got all the floats and balls and at one point the children (honest it was the kids, well mostly the kids, well some of the kids, well the big kids, Ok the adults) were throwing the balls the length of the pool trying to knock each other out.

A bit of a rest then an hour or so of bouncy fun for all, on the centres bouncy castle, the kids could bounce, as this was about the fourth or fifth time it had been on that day. At 6pm the kids took over the party tents for a disco, food and party games. Bumps, sleeping lions, statues and the ever so popular corners being just some of the games. Prizes galore and loads of fun, but the adults had to be catered for to so at 8.00pm we let the grown ups back in with some light background music being played by our centre chairman.

Then onto Sunday morning and the children's sports day. What a great morning of fun and races.

I hope every one who attended had a great time and I look forward to entertaining the centres children at next year's children's rally.

Anybody with any ideas for something to do with the children on Saturday afternoon next year please let me know.

Jerry Waite
Beds Centre Sports Officer

Kids, kids, kids, kids, ,kids, kids, kids.....

On Thursday evening as I pulled into Ampthill, having been delayed at work so stress levels were high, the thought crossed my mind that I must be mad, 30 kids to entertain for the whole weekend! Never mind at least I could get set up in my own time and worry about the children the following day, so a bottle of wine later and myself and Andy had put the world to rights ready for the onslaught ahead.

Friday came and Steve had kindly offered to collect the bouncy castle and party tent on his wagon, so a favour for a favour I had said "Feel free to bring your van in early". When I said early I had meant 9ish, just after 7.30am my phone goes, it's Karen. "Can you let Steve in please he is waiting at the gate". Woken from a great nights sleep, slept well thanks to the wine, I'm up out of bed and by the time I get to the gate he has let himself in and just wants to know where to pitch. Note to self, next time when you offer some one the chance to come in early clarify the time (there is always good learning from every situation).

So once Steve's set up, off to get the bouncy castle and party tent. Get the castle back and there is a great big hole by one of pillars in the corner. Do we use it; will it be safe for the children? Andy and I decide it needs testing, considered the options, we could test it our selves. No we have a better idea, let's get Matt and Aiden to test it, if anybody can break it those two will. Well it stands up to them so must be Ok for the rest of the rally field. Friday evening and a game of rounder's, sort of organised by our junior committee, and whilst playing I was sure we had forgotten something? A glance across towards the party tents and it is a party tent, not tents. It's 7.50pm and natter and chatter is to take place in 10 minutes. Well in the words of the musketeers "All for one and one for all" and in the true tradition of rallying it's all hands to the pump and within just over 10 minutes a fine team of very helpful individuals have put the second party tent up, thanks to them all..

Onto Saturday morning and we started our day with the fun runs. This year I decided to have two groups and made the older ones run a lot further than the younger centre members. With a few mums and dads, who I noticed only did the shorter course!!!



I would like to thank all those who made the social at the Husborne Crawley Rally such a memorable occasion. It was supposed to be just a social but turned out to be a celebration for my 80th birthday. Nobody was more surprised than me when Julia and I, together with Alan & Marilyn, Ron & Doris, entered the village hall, to find all the rally goers and my family sitting down and welcoming me in such a wonderful way. It was a great start to the evening.

I would like to thank everyone for his or her cards, gifts and good wishes and to Teresa & John together with Marilyn & Alan for putting on the rally, and arranging the hall nearby. Also to Bronya & Martin for providing the music, even though they were not 100% fit. Last, but not least, I would like to thank Sue for supplying the buffet. What a vast array of delicacies to delight the palate. It was difficult for Julia to keep the secret, but the end result was perfect.

Thanks to everybody

Stan Woodhouse



News from around the table

The year is moving swiftly on, the Committee have been busy organising Centre Competitions, Events and Rallies for you all to enjoy. It is with regret that we have cancelled the dinner dance planned for November, this is due to lack of interest as we only had six bookings. It was agreed that it may run at a loss so was not viable. Rallying has been really well supported, Easter being very successful with good size rallies in both Cheddar and Denver. We now look forward to the Summer and a chance to attend the many rallies in the programme over 2008.

As the AGM is only three months away if you are considering standing for election or would like an informal chat regarding any position on Committee. I do have an informative job description for each position so feel free to come and see me for a no pressure chat!

Caroline Gilks

Dear All,

I would just like to pass on my thanks to all that helped set up the course for the Caravan Handling Comp. My special thanks go to Jim and Barbara Pallet for coming along early on Saturday morning to get the course ready for 10.00, but thank you to all who helped and to all that took part. It was a good day and the weather stayed dry. The winners for the competition was Jim Pallet and Cora Moles, well done to both of you and many thanks for showing me how it's done.

Tom Gilks

Winston



A Special thank you to Rod & Jenny Waite who donated a beautiful bear to raise funds for our Centre Charity Sue Ryder at Moggerhanger. We ran a name the bear competition at Willington Loop in conjunction with the Great Bedfordshire sleep out and “Winston” raised a handsome £26.00.

A worthy winner Win Eaton stated that “Winston” would be donated to the local school fete the following week to raise even more funds for another charity.

Thanks to everyone at the Willington Rally who parted with their money in support of such a worthy cause it is really appreciated.

Reminders for the Rally Field



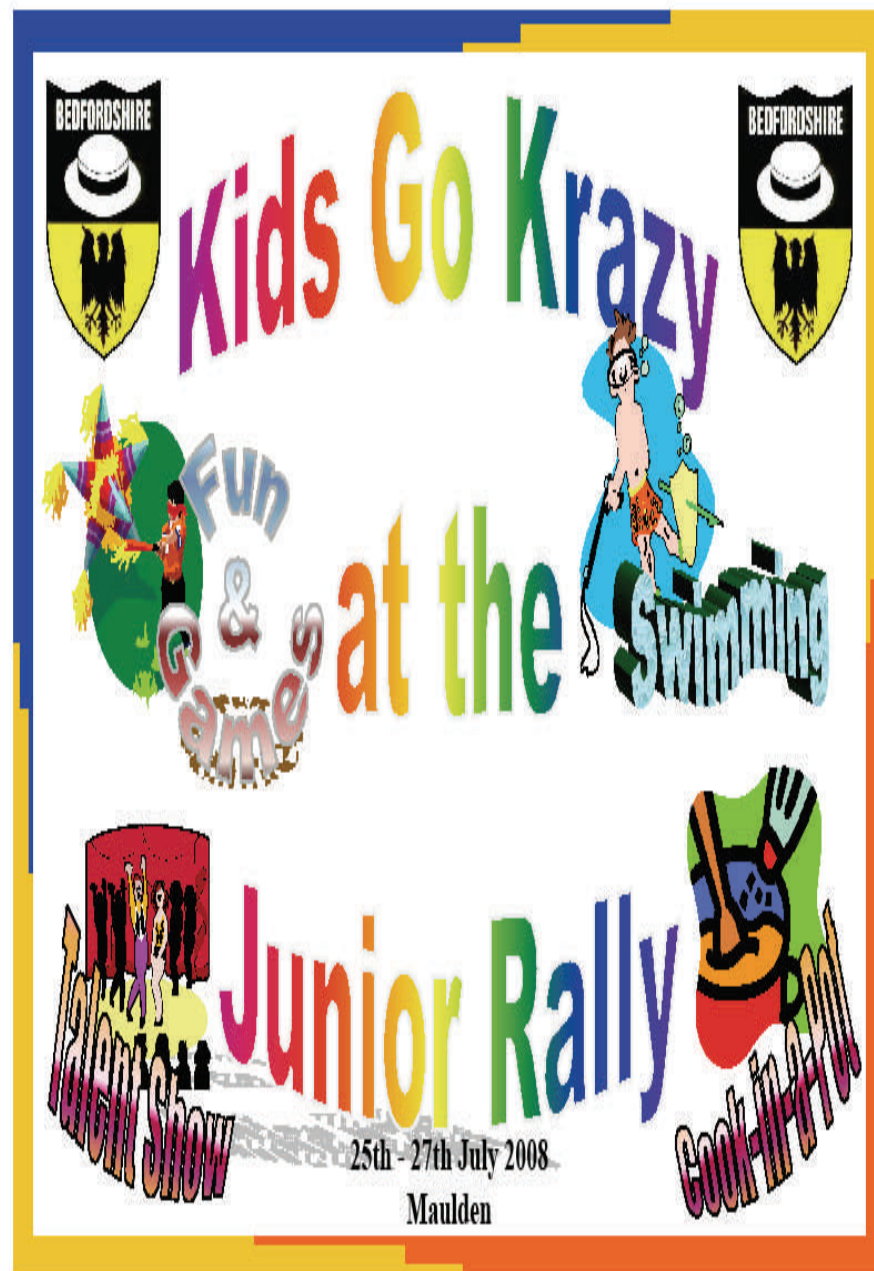
Please have the courtesy to stop at the Rally Officers van and wait to be sited on arrival. Please remind any visitors that they should stop and notify the Rally Officers of their arrival.

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





As you may know I am making a collection of Caravan Memorabilia, car badges, plaques, pictures, rally officers tokens, spoons, forks, napkin rings, badges etc. I am particularly interested in Bedfordshire Centre items but I would like to collect any caravan related pieces. Some members have already given me a number of very nice badges for which I am very grateful. I am more than willing to pay for any goods I receive but if payment is not required I will make a donation to our chosen Centre Charity.

Thank you in anticipation

John Mouses



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**60 Plus Fairground, Concert, Dance,
Street Organs Playing and on Display
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10th to 12th October 2008

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

You only get out what you put in

It's a fact of life whatever you do, whatever road you travel. Marriage, friendship, work, rest or play you only get out what you put in. What makes this Centre work is diversity, daring to be different, the range of the age group, the warm welcome we all receive week in, week out. Have you ever thought why the Rally Officers do what they do? If everyone run at least one rally a year it would keep the Centre alive with new ideas, quiet rallies, lively rallies, walks, Entertainment, discos, themes.....the choice is endless. The choice is yours, the support will be there from Committee members, experienced Rally Officers and most importantly your fellow ralliers. Please do not hesitate to contact Jo Gray our rally sec who is currently looking for rally officers for 2009.

Who says it is hard work???? Meet two of our regular Rally Officers demonstrating how relaxed you can be organising a rally !



I am sure all the members of the Centre would like to join me in wishing Lesley Jefferies a speedy recovery . For those that do not know Lesley has spent a long time in hospital and is still rather poorly. We have missed you Lesley and hope that you are well enough to enjoy rallying again in the near future



Richard Kempson has also been in hospital, best wishes for a speedy recovery Richard, hope you feel much better very soon

Gill & Roy Meredith would like to thank the Beds Centre for their kind wished for Roy's recovery after a stay in hospital.

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'.

The Great Bedfordshire Sleep Out.

What a night the wind dropped and the rain stayed away as we started to get comfortable for a long night. Matt & Aiden had made themselves a shelter and just after midnight we sang happy birthday to Aiden, 5 minuets later they where both asleep. Deanna and her mate jumped out of their skin at the slightest sound or movement. Jerry and Steve took turns to hog the heater all night, Andy and Emma also joined in the fun. While Mexican Terry wrapped in his blanket seemed to sleep the night away (Up right that is). Colin when asleep was laid out like a stiff, In fact we nearly called for the service of John Moules. Jo came over for a chat and stayed till 1.30am while Diane came over and cooked bacon rolls for us all at 2.00am thanks Diane they went down well.

My personal thanks for all that took part and for all that have sponsored us. I am still taking in the money so cannot give an exact figure but I believe that we will have raised over £500.00 So if you have money to give me please do so as soon as possible. I would just like to thank all of you and especially those that I spent the night with, I cold not have asked for better company.

Thank You.

Tom Gilks, Vice-Chairman



RALLY BOOK COVER 2009

ANY ENTRIES FOR THE RALLY BOOK COVER COMPETITION FOR THE 2009 RALLY BOOK MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CENTRE SECRETARY BY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2008.

ENTRIES CAN BE ON A DISC, DRAWING, PHOTOGRAPH. WINNING ENTRY WILL BE VOTED AT THE CENTRE AGM ON 20TH SEPTEMBER 2008.



Have you renewed your 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!!!



Remember these two guys from last New Year, well they are back this year !!! If you have not booked yet please forward your rally slips to Tom Gilks without delay to confirm your place with us at this years New Year Celebration Rally. We have a full programme of entertainment, food, wine and excellent company planned for you.



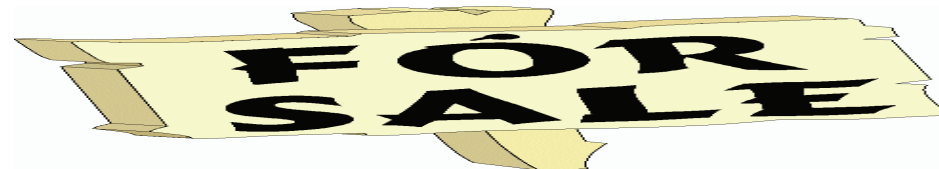
Ann and Danny Pickett would like to thank everyone that attended the Spring Walk and thank Martin for making the tea and Coffee



We would like to thank the rally officers (Pat and Win also Lesley and Alan) for all their hard work at Denver, as visitors to your centre we were made very welcome on our arrival and although we were a group of three and travelled on different days we were sited together, we had hot X buns, and on Sunday at flagpole the children were given Easter eggs, all for a very reasonable rally fee best of all and included in the price was the weather, on Sunday morning the children woke to see snow on the ground and by the time breakfast was over it was deep enough for a snowball fight, and to build a rather large snowman, it was a 75 mile tow back to Ipswich and we talked about our weekend all through the journey.

Many thanks to you all
Gail & Richard Haste, With grandchildren Dan & Tom
(Suffolk centre members)

This last weekend, at Rutland Water, was my first venture out with the Beds CC. It was great and I have since registered with HQ. Please pass my thanks onto to the Rally Officers, they were most helpful and courteous. Lovely weekend. Thanks,
Glenn Melrose-Brown.



Kia Sorrento EX 2005 - Manual...

Colour - Silver, 22,000 miles, MOT - March 2009, TAX - November 2008

Will accept £9,500 o.n.o.

Contact: **Pete Wintle** - Tel: 01767 260656

Bradcott Awning...

Colour - Green/Grey; Awning Rail length - 1050 cm; Poles - Aluminium; Year - 2007

Only used one weekend, cost over £800 new last year, hence will sell for £450 o.n.o.

Contact: **Neil Hannan** - Tel: 07831 511622 or 01582 881698

Ventura Trident Awning...

Colour - Burgundy/Grey; Awning Rail length - 875 cm; Year - 2001
Features:

- All zip out panels can be removed or rolled down
- Canvas: heavy fibre-dyed acryl
- Roof: coated polyester
- Frame: fibremax IXL (lightweight and corrosion-resistant - much lighter than the usual steel poles)
- Includes screw less FixOn brackets, which allow optimum placing of rafter poles for better tensioning. Enables quick and easy positioning, with no permanent fixing to the caravan.

Used mainly during summer holidays, excellent condition. Will sell for £300 o.n.o.

Contact: **Andy Gray** - Tel: 01234 302746