

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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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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Have a wonderful  
Christmas and a  
Prosperous New Year



Thanks to Martin Findlay for his  
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of the Christmas Rally Goer



## THE BEDFORDSHIRE CENTRE OF THE CARAVAN CLUB

### CHRISTMAS RALLYGOER



**The Chairman, Officers & Committee  
Would like to wish you all  
A Very Merry Christmas  
& A Happy New Year**

# Tommy's Titlers



Dear Friends,

When we turned up on our first Bedfordshire Rally in 1990, with four little boys, a scruffy dog, a bright orange trailer tent and a clapped out Lada Samara, little did I know that those people that greeted me would become such a wonderful group of friends and play such a big part in our lives.

The Bedfordshire Centre has given us a wonderful way of life, a hobby that we love and a lot of friends who we cherish.

Thank you for all your support and over the next year I hope with the support of a great team to lead the Centre into 2009 and the best year ever for the Centre.

Our Centre is renowned for its welcome, the sound of children's laughter and the hand of friendship which we extend to everyone who joins or visits our Centre.

My personal pledge for 2009 is to continue the excellent work of all those who have put a little of themselves into the Centre, Past Chairman, Past Committee, Rally Officers and most of all you, the Ralliers, as without you the Centre would not be thriving Centre it is today.

Caroline and I would like to wish you all the happiness at Christmas and a prosperous new year and we both look forward to seeing you on the rally field very soon.

Tom

**9th - 11th OCTOBER, 2009**

**OLD-TIME**

**BARN**



**DANCE**

**LIVE BAND & DANCE CALLER!**

*Pot Luck Supper*

*Bring your own beverage for the evening*

**- THE GAMLINGAY BARN -**

**COME ONE, COME ALL!**

**- LET'S HAVE A RIGHT GOOD HOE DOWN! -**

Contact Andy Gray 01234 302746

## A Doggy Wonderland

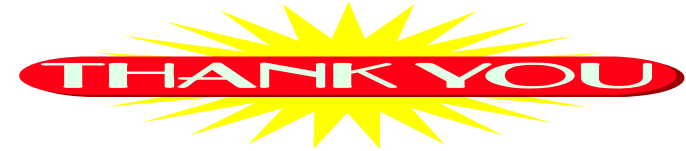


Dog tags ring, are you listenin'?  
In the lane, snow is glistenin'.  
It's yellow, NOT white - I've been there tonight,  
Marking up my winter wonderland.

Smell that tree? That's my fragrance.  
It's a sign for wand'ring vagrants;  
"Avoid where I pee, it's MY pro-per-ty!  
Marked up as my winter wonderland."

In the meadow dad will build a snowman,  
following the classical design.  
Then I'll lift my leg and let it go Man,  
So all the world will know it's  
mine-mine-mine!

Straight from me to the fencepost,  
flows my natural incense boast;  
"Stay off of my TURF, this small  
piece of earth,  
I mark it as my winter wonderland.



Thank you for your hospitality at your AGM rally and Social evening. We enjoy visiting the Bedfordshire Centre and this weekend lived up to expectations;-  
Excellent company, good food, a fun social; and even wall to wall sunshine- what more could we ask for?

We look forward to future visits and wish the Chairman, his Officers, Committee and Ralliers every good wish for 2008/2009 season.

Thank you

*Louis & Enid Pearson*



We have an exciting programme for 2009, thanks to our Rally sec Jo. As we cannot exceed rally limits please book early to avoid disappointment. ( No stacking allowed! )



## News from around the table

Well .....the year has got of to a busy start for the new Committee under the leadership of Tom Gilks who is already cracking the whip! Plans are in place for the Centre Rally equipment to be serviced or replaced as required, if anyone receives rally kits with anything missing or damaged please do not hesitate to contact Lawrie Coleman who will happily resolve any issues.

Saleable goods stock has been reduced to sale of toilet fluids and fire buckets only, these are available from Morris McDowell. Tom will have a small supply should anyone need any if Morris is not about.

The Junior Committee are busy with plans for next year under the guidance of Jerry Waite ,our Junior Liaison for 2009.

Our Vice Chairman, Colin Richardson heads up the Charity Fundraising and Centre Competitions for the coming year. Sports for those “fitter” members falls under Steve Waite, no doubt we will be looking forward to lots of team entries at the 2009 National.

Last, but not least we welcome Pat Darlow on board as the Centre Treasurer for 2009. Thanks Pat, your support is really appreciated.

Thanks to all for your support, we as a Committee are enthusiastic and we work really well together as a team. We look forward to running our Centre for the benefit and enjoyment of all throughout the next year.



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.

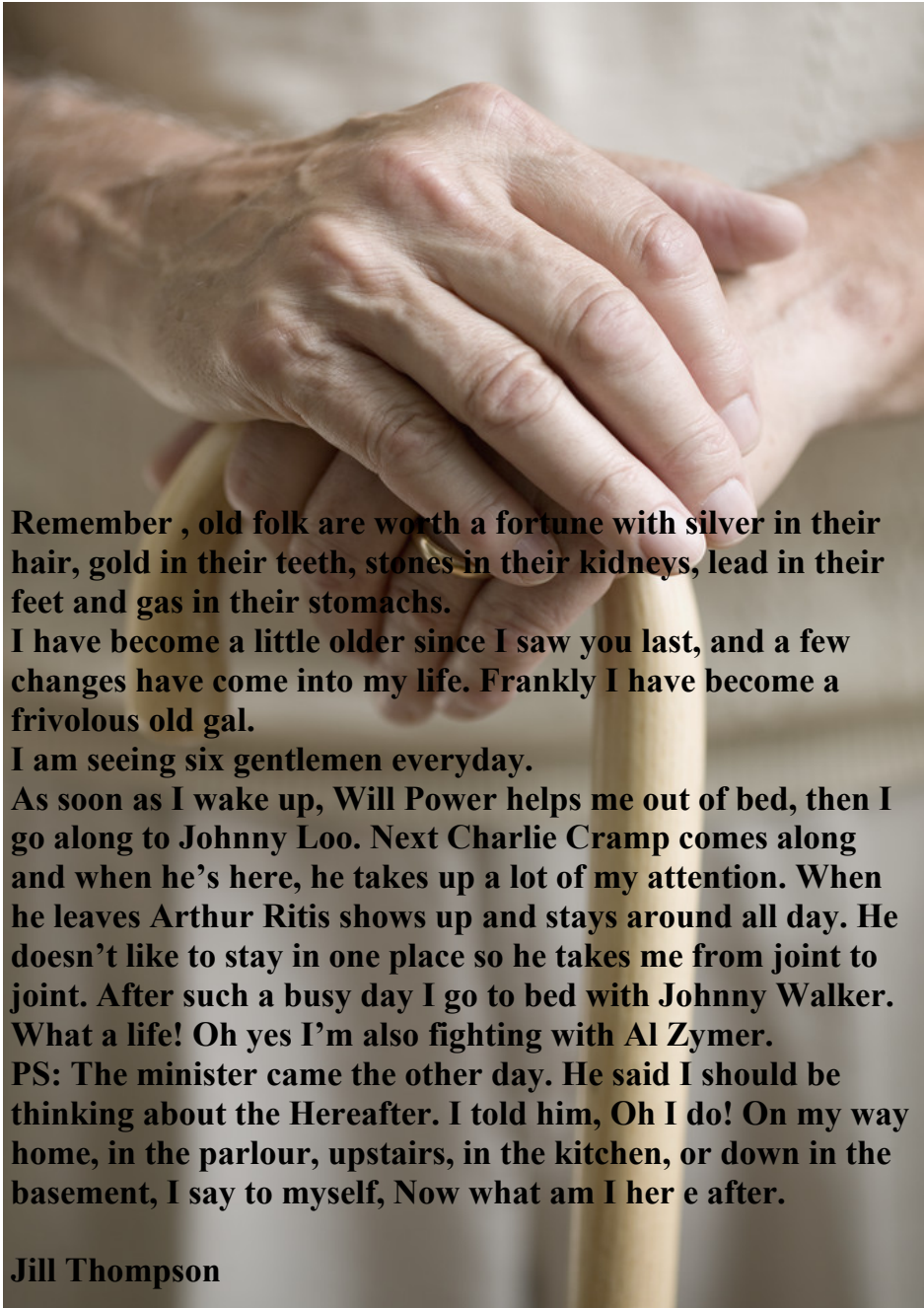
Please remember that the Rally Officers decision is final and that some rally Officers have to work and early opening is not always possible.



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



## What are Seniors Worth?????



**Remember , old folk are worth a fortune with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs.**

**I have become a little older since I saw you last, and a few changes have come into my life. Frankly I have become a frivolous old gal.**

**I am seeing six gentlemen everyday.**

**As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me out of bed, then I go along to Johnny Loo. Next Charlie Cramp comes along and when he's here, he takes up a lot of my attention. When he leaves Arthur Ritis shows up and stays around all day. He doesn't like to stay in one place so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day I go to bed with Johnny Walker. What a life! Oh yes I'm also fighting with Al Zymer.**

**PS: The minister came the other day. He said I should be thinking about the Hereafter. I told him, Oh I do! On my way home, in the parlour, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement, I say to myself, Now what am I her e after.**

**Jill Thompson**



Winter Blues ?????.....Christmas is over and the nights are long . Don't sit at home feeling miserable, we have a great weekend planned at Gamlingay 30th January– 1st February 2009.

It's the weekend when we say a big thank you to all of our 2008 Rally Officers and to all of you who have committed to running a Rally for the Centre in 2009. But the good news is that the Rally is open to everyone, it's a great way to start the new year, catch up with old friends and indeed meet some new ones. We have a n evening of Entertainment with Dave Ryka Howard and a home cooked meal on Saturday evening.

Please forward your Rally Slips to Jo Gray.....don't miss it.



## CENTRE MUSIC EQUIPMENT



We have recently purchased some music equipment for the Centre, the equipment includes everything you need to run a disco, background music, party night etc.

The music will be stored on the Centre laptop, kindly donated by Colin and Diane Richardson. The equipment is available for use by any Rally Officer running a Centre Rally or Event for the Bedfordshire Centre. Please contact Tom Gilks for further details.

The equipment does not come with a DJ but there are a few talented individuals in the Centre who may oblige if asked nicely!



13TH - 15TH NOV, 2009

# The Lord Mayor's Show

Coach trip from the rally field to see the show in London.

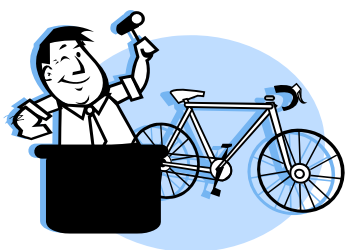
Your chance to see this spectacular event of floats and bands parading through the streets of London. Have a meal and finally finish the day off watching the Thames lit up by a massive firework display.



## CHARITY AUCTION MARCH 6th - 8th 2009



Join us at Edward Peake for our Charity Auction Rally or just come over for the evening to snap up a bargain. If you spring clean your garage or cupboards bring your unwanted items to our Auction. 10% of the sale will go to our Centre Charity, Sue Ryder at Moggerhanger, the rest of the cash is yours.



Awnings, pup tents, accessories, doesn't even have to be Caravanning equipment, you could have someone else's bargain in your shed!!

# Thanks

Our thanks go to Andy Gray, Centre Webmaster, who works relentlessly in the back ground to provide the Centre with our superb website and has also with the support of the sub group produced a great Rally Brochure for 2009.

Thanks Andy, your hard work is really appreciated by us all.

## 30th Jan - 1st Feb, 2009

# FRIENDS

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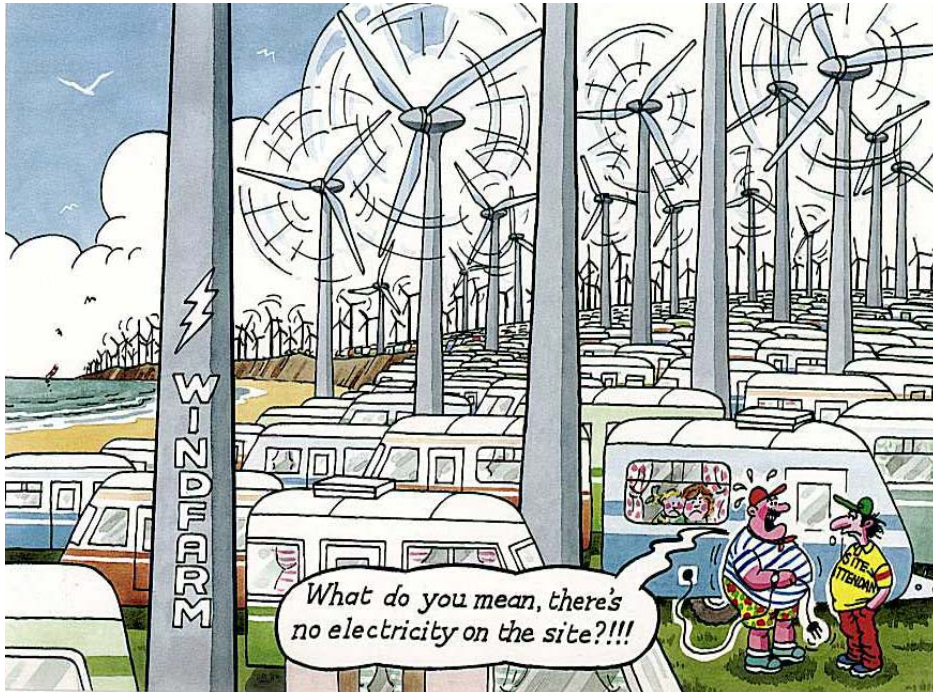
### · EVENING ENTERTAINMENT ·

Dave 'Ryka' Howard



## Evening Meal

*Bring your own beverage for the evening*



We have **three** Events planned for 2009. The Peterborough Motor Home Show in April, the Glenn Miller Festival in August and the Lord Mayors Show in November. I am sure you will all enjoy at least one of these Events over the coming year. The concept of Events is to attract our to our friends within the Caravan Club who have never tried Rallying by providing parking on site or nearby to Events such as the aforementioned planned for 2009 by our Centre. If they enjoy the experience and the warmth of our welcome we hope they will join us again in the future. Please support Events and our efforts as a Committee to keep the Programme interesting for everyone.

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'.

On behalf of Bronya & I, I would like to thank the Centre for my retirement present of a nice vintage bottle of port in it's presentation box and Bronya's orchid plant . We look forward to seeing you all out on the rally field over the coming months.

May we wish you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

Martin & Bronya.





# Valentines 2009



Join us for a family evening at our Valentine Celebrations.  
A three course meal will be served  
during the evening, followed a disco.

Ticket price £8.00 per adult £5.00 per child.



Rally Officers:  
Martin & Bronya Findlay with Lawrie & Janet Coleman.

Tel: 01234 305096 / 01767 222097

## For Sale Board...

Below is a selection of the for sale items available on the website. If you interested please contact the seller...

## Bradcott Awning...

**Bradcott Classic Full Awning** to suit an awning rail length of 1006 to 1035cm, Aluminium frame, All panels zips out, Only used for two weeks.  
Will accept £425.00 o.n.o.

## Rolland or Jenny

Tel: 01767 314296 or Mobile: 07885 319924

## Towing Mirror & Caravan Cover...

### Deluxe Towing Mirror

Used only a few times  
Cost £39.75 new, will accept £19.99 o.n.o.

### Protec Caravan Cover

Colour - Green; Will fit Archway Woodford, Swift Charisma 230, Abbey Vogue 460, or vans of a similar size.  
Cost £300.00 new, will accept £99.00 o.n.o.

## Danny Pickett

Tel: 01234 854822

## Awning & Groundsheet...

**Venture Neptune Awning** to suit an awning rail length of 950cm; Colour - Grey/Blue; Fibreglass Poles

V.G.C. £175.00

### Large Breathable Groundsheet

V.G.C. £35.00

## Roger Medlock

Tel: 01767 318445

## Kia Sorrento EX 2005 - Manual...

Colour - Silver, 22,000 miles, MOT - March 2009, TAX - November 2008  
Will accept £9,500 o.n.o.

## Pete Wintle

Tel: 01767 260656

## MOLSEYS MURMOURS.....



Don't blame me for this, but I've been asked by Caroline to be a Roving Reporter and fill an empty space in the next few updates, and this is the first of them.

The first rally to be reported on is the weekend we spent at Sandy.....

Most of the venues we rally at I have normally visited before but the site at Sandy was new to Cora and me so before we left home I put the post code in the sat. nav. and away we went,. Everything was OK until we got near to Sandy roundabout, I thought I knew the way but the sat nave said turn across the A1 then it took me past the railway station then told me to turn right and then right again. I will never trust that thing again !!!!!!!

With darkness falling fast and the trees brushing both sides of the van the lane probably looked a lot narrower than it really was but it was with relief we could see the rally field a few hundred yards to the left, but we had been sent to the wrong side of the farm, the only problem we had now was to find a place to turn around which we did at the top of the lane. On arriving at the rally officers van we were greeted in the usual way given a brown envelope and asked for money and taken to our pitch, we were lucky, electric hook up this weekend, so no battery worries as some of you know we have had, but that's another story. We were invited to the poly tunnel transformed with plastic and lights by Gill and her team for the usual natter and chatter and to meet every body on the Rally, a good evening had by all.

Saturday morning comes with the head ache from Fridays scotch, time for a walk in the fresh air.

So off I go chatting to a few people then stopping at Mick Sully's van to marvel at his antique charcoal barbeque, It was then I was joined by Cora and after the normal banter between families we decided to go back to our van and cook our breakfast.

When we got back to the van Cora said 'The door's locked' putting hand in my pocket, no key, Cora puts hands in air ,no key. After blaming each other its not a problem ring daughter to bring spare key, putting hand in pocket no phone, Cora puts hands in air ,no phone.

By this time a crowd starts to gather, we explain, van is dead locked by pressing button inside if you open and close door from inside door is still dead locked. People come with ideas and their keys ,none work. Windows locked solid no entry there, no access via lockers, very secure these Auto trails. I know, ring the AA no one on rally field has number (it seems they all belong to Mayday) our AA card in van. Then a knight in shining armour appears, Bill offers to take us home to pick up spare key, on the way back I wonder will the key fit, never used that one before, Thanks Billy.

After cooking lunch our van seemed to be the rally meeting place, never made so much tea and given away so many biscuits not to mention the Tia Maria.

Time soon comes to get ready for the evenings social, all we have to do is turn up with plates cutlery and chairs. Again the team had transformed the polytube and prepared for us a superb two course meal, many thanks to all who helped in any way to make the evening so good it just goes to show what can be done in a greenhouse.

Moral of this story keep your hand on your key.

