

## The Rally Goer

As you may be aware we have been without a PRO for a couple of years now so it has fallen to me to produce the Rally Goer in addition to my Secretarial role.

The good news is Andy Gray has now decided to take on the PRO role, which means he will be doing the Rally Goer going forward. Judging by our first class website I think the Rally Goer is about to go up market!!!!

Please forward any information for the Christmas Rally Goer to;

Andy Gray on the Rally Field or alternatively email  
[Webmaster@bedscentrecc.com](mailto:Webmaster@bedscentrecc.com)



Thanks for your support over the past couple of years with items for the Rally Goer

*Caroline*

## Centre Equipment

Please note that if you require a Party Tent, Music Equipment or any additional equipment to the standard Rally Kit you can arrange to collect the equipment from ;  
Tom Gilks, Bill Thompson , or Terry Darlow

### **Please Note:**

The Centre is not liable for any equipment used by Rally Officers if it does not belong to the Centre.

# Autumn Rally Goer 2009 Bedfordshire Centre of The Caravan Club



# Tommy's Titters

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Rally Goer and as my first year as your Chairman draws to a close I would like to thank you for all the support you have given me over the past year.

My heartfelt thanks goes to my Committee, without the commitment of such a fantastic group of people this Centre would not be where it is today. We have only cancelled one Rally due to lack of support as it would not have been financially viable, all other Rallies have been well supported and as a Centre we are financially comfortable. This would not be possible without a hardworking Committee and a strong band of Rally Officers who provide first class rallies week after week.

One of my pledges as Centre Chairman was to give my personal commitment to support the future of our Centre, the children, and I am delighted to see a full Junior Committee standing this year for election. I am sure we are all very proud of our young Ralliers who are outstanding in their support of the Centre.

Our social club on wheels thrives on the Community spirit.....well spirit most evenings ! No seriously, the Beds Centre is renowned for the warmth of its welcome, and I firmly believe it is that that will keep attracting new families and keep the Centre growing in numbers. I am glad to see you this weekend and I look forward to seeing you again on the Rally field again very soon, hopefully willing perhaps to lead a Rally and put just a little something back into the Centre. If each of us gives a little of ourselves, the Centre will flourish and we can all enjoy the spirit of Rallying.

*Tom*

13TH - 15TH NOV, 2009

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Don't be disappointed and miss out, please complete the details below and send a £5.00 deposit to:~ (Rally Officer)

**Tom Gilks, Second Chance, 16 Evelyn Road, Dunstable,  
Beds, LU5 4NG  
Tel:~ 01582 652 531**

Name.....  
Address.....  
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Postcode.....  
Centre.....  
Telephone Number..... No Places

## Sandy's One pot casserole.

1lb sausages  
Large onion  
Can of tomatoes  
Can of Mixed beans  
Stock cube, or I use Knorr ready stock, chicken or vegetable.  
3 large potatoes quartered.  
Tomato puree  
Salt and pepper  
Pinch of mixed herbs



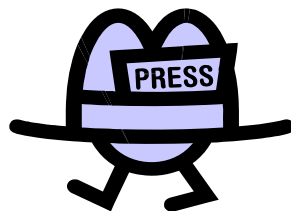
Peel and quarter potatoes ,slice onions, place in casserole dish, put in sausages, tomatoes, beans and puree and can of mixed beans which have been strained and rinsed. Put in stock then just cover with water and season to taste. Place in medium oven for approx an hour, until potatoes are cooked. An easy casserole for winter rallying.



Our thanks got to Win Eaton, who has done some work on the original party tent which was in need of repairs due to extensive use since it purchase a few years ago. I am please to say that the party tent is now up and running and available for use along with the two new party tents which were purchased earlier this year. I am sure you will all agree that the party tents provide a social area for everyone to gather and enjoy each others company at rallies and without them we would not have the socials that we have so regularly.

Thanks Win from us all your hard work is appreciated.

# MOLSEYS MUMOURS



I would like to thanks John for his contribution to the Rally Goer over the past year. John has kept everyone on their toes, reporting any misdemeanours, incidents or misfortunes on the Rally field and has created a smile every time. We have had stories about short poles, chopped poles, insoles in the freezer, shredded tax discs, you name it he sniffs out a story.

Due to a heavy work load the roving reporter has missed this publication, but the good news is he will be back! So watch this space and your back as you never know where or when the story will crop up in the Rally Goer.

Thanks John, you've been great this year



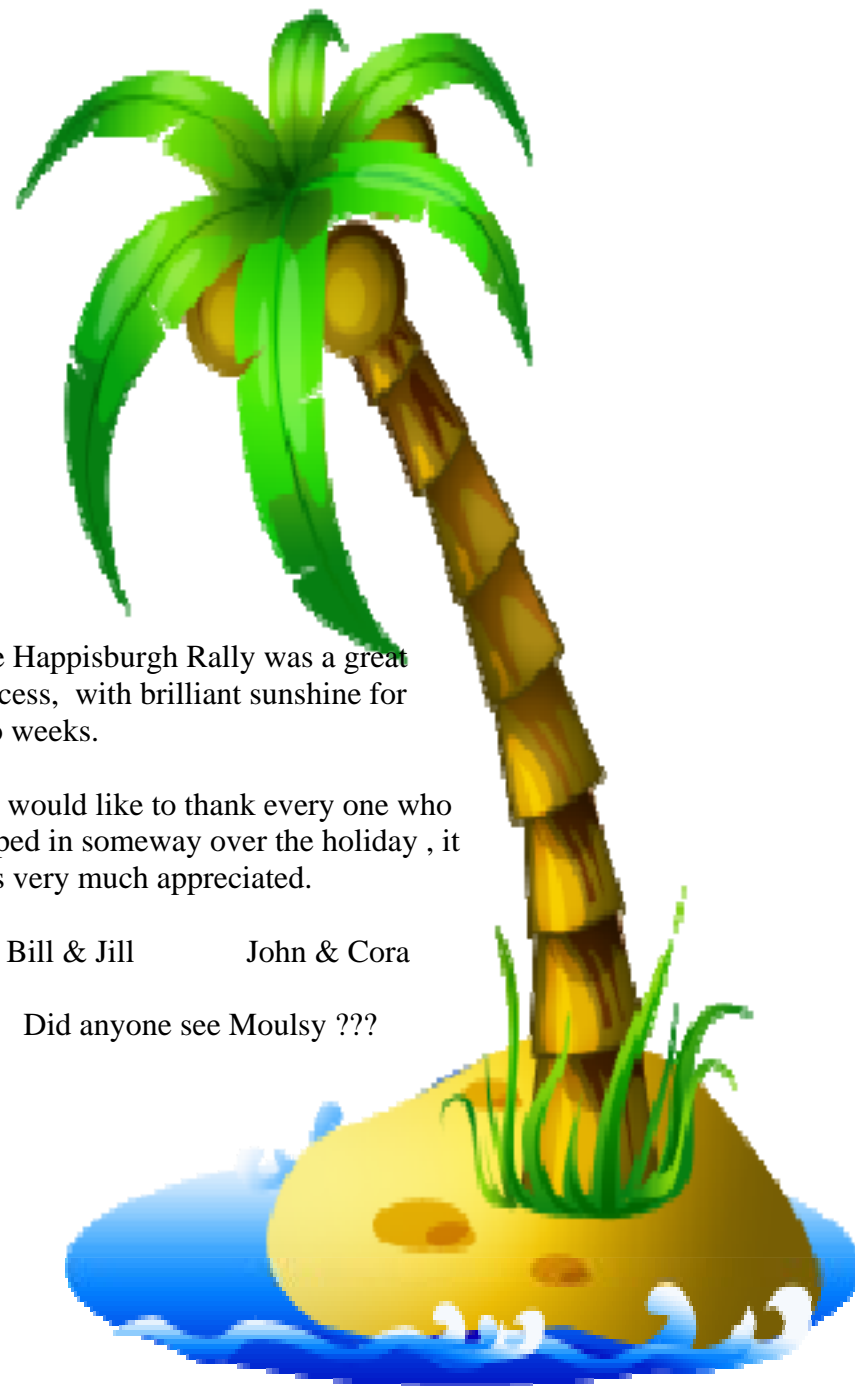
For the past few years Tom & I along with a few other Centre members have been joining other Centres to Celebrate Burns Night. They have been fantastic it has to be said but all of a sudden the penny dropped, last January I turned to Sandy and said those magic words "We can do this". Sandy looked at me with that oh god here we go again look, luckily Morris had drunk to much whisky celebrating and was very acceptable to the idea! It was quickly decided that we would advise Tom who was busy toasting the lassies at a later date !!!!!

Without further ado we have formulated a sub group, all with previous experience of the unforgettable 40th birthday Rally in 2007 to put on what will be a night to remember in January 2010.

We have a superb format, a five course meal and an evening of entertainment with "Scotch on the Rocks" which will be fun for all the family. The Social tickets for this wonderful evening are priced at £17.50 per adult and £12.50 for children. There is a Rally available should you wish to Rally for the weekend.

This will be a weekend to remember and we need your support to make it a success, The Hertfordshire Centre have accepted our Invitation and we would like you to be there to share the hand of friendship. Booking forms available from;

Colin, Jerry, Jo, Caroline ,Bill & Jill or Sandy



The Happisburgh Rally was a great success, with brilliant sunshine for two weeks.

We would like to thank every one who helped in someway over the holiday , it was very much appreciated.

Bill & Jill

John & Cora

PS: Did anyone see Moulsey ???

A Special Thank You to Martin Findlay who has assisted with all the printing of the Minutes for the Centre AGM and the Christmas Rally Goer which goes out to over 500 Centre members. Without Martin's help we would have to arrange other facilities for the large volume of printing and I am sure we all agree that he always does a very professional job.

Martin will also be assisting the Burns Sub Group with the design and printing for the Burns Supper in January 2010. Without people like Martin who give their time freely to the Centre we as a Committee would be up the creek without a paddle. Martin is a past Chairman who leads by example, so if we have any other members with hidden talents or a service or talent that could benefit the Centre, please do not hesitate to let one of the Committee know.

We need you to make the Centre a success for all of us!

Thank you Martin, it is really appreciated by everyone.



24th September 2009

Happy 54th wedding anniversary to  
Bob & Rita Kennedy.

Lots of love and best wishes from all  
the family xx



## The Victoria Sandwich

We have never laughed so much this year than on the day of the Centre Competitions. Ladies and gentleman commenced battle early in their vans to produce the best Victoria sandwich.....just for fun, they all said ?????????? Vans were checked after previous entrants confessed to cooking theirs at home, which is definitely against the rules, hands were checked to make sure blisters appeared from beating the sugar and butter and soon the moment of truth when our guests judged the cakes.....

It seemed to be an issue when my cake was awarded first prize, me a novice, without a food mixer that works on an inverter, no previous experience and no cooling tray! I do confess it was slightly soggy in the middle but hey it was alright micro waved with ice cream! But the rules state the judges decision is final so soggy or not I am keeping the Rosette!

As this was such fun and created a real laugh Tom and I have sought Committee approval to present the Centre with a Centre Trophy for the Cake Competition in 2010. So girls and boys the gloves are off and the competition will take its rightful place next to the other Competitions and have an annual Trophy for the Overall winner in addition to a Rosette. I hope it will be as much fun in years to come as it was this year.....and I will leave mine in a bit longer this year!



**Special booking forms for the following are available  
from Tom Gilks for the following;**

- **New Year 2009**
- **Lords Mayors Show 2009**

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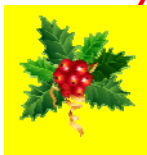


## CHRISTMAS

WITH THE **PHEASANT PLUCKERS**

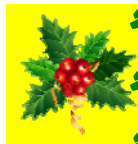


**4<sup>TH</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2009**



at **EDWARD PEAKE SCHOOL  
BIGGLESWADE.**

**SLIPS TO: TERRY DARLOW  
Mobile: 07759 775597**



## A Nanna's Tale..... Grandchildren are not just for Christmas

I can honestly say that I never thought there could be anything better in the world than being the proud mother of four sons, but as they have grown up we have gained three beautiful daughters. I used to look around at the kids Rally and at the Christmas Party when so many little faces join us on the Rally Field and dream that one day we too may share the joy of grandchildren.

Well folks, this year has been the best of our life with young Arron moving with his mummy, Lynn, all the way from Scotland to be with our son , Simon who make a beautiful family.

In July our eldest son Steve and his wife presented us with Oliver , who is just adorable. The boys have visited various Rally fields in the last few months and we are now armed with a toy box, travel cot and various other requirements for the boys. I am biased but they are absolutely lovely kids.

The moral of the story is.....don't keep your grandchildren for the Christmas Party.....bring them out more often and let them enjoy the



Benefits of being able to enjoy the freedom of caravanning. It gives their parents a break and gives the Rally Field a tonic. There is nothing better than the sound of children's laughter and at the end of the weekend when they are bursting with excitement and "E" numbers from all the sweets from the tuck shop you just clean them up and take them right on home .

*Caroline*



## Kids who'd Av Em ????

I feel sure that at one time or another all parents have uttered those words above. I also feel sure that a number of us on the rally field have spoken those words or similar when a group of kids are shouting spoiling the afternoon peace, playing ball a fraction too close to a caravan or riding a bike round the back of a car nearly knocking the nearest adult flying. At a time when the press paint a picture of teenagers being abusive, violent and anti-social it is great to be able to dispel that myth and hopefully restore in us all the belief that the future is bright and not gloomy.

In April I received a letter from the chairman of the HCIR asking if our juniors would like to run a stall on Saturday afternoon at the HCIR fete. The invitation had gone to all the centres in the hope there would be stalls of juniors from each centre helping to raise money for the HCIR charities. I took the letter to our junior committee, who jumped at the chance of getting involved. Following some discussion they decided to do a tin and bottle tom bola, with donations coming from the ralliers. They wrote back to the chairman who agreed.

So we arrived on Friday evening at the HCIR rally and the collection commenced and they never looked back. They worked as a team, collecting on Friday, then preparing on Saturday morning and working together in the afternoon to set up the stall and run it. I had little to do (result) just offering a little guidance and encouragement along the way. Apparently I also got in the way but I'm sure that was not the case.

So at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon the fete opened and the customers come running. The kids loved it. They ran the stall themselves and raised £74 for the HCIR charities. Team work was alive and kicking amongst the group. They were polite, professional and only laughed a little when people spent £2 or £3 to win a tin of peas. At the end of the afternoon they were rewarded, one packet of Hob Nobs left and no more customers, it seemed a shame to throw them away so the kids made sure they were disposed of in an environmentally friendly way!

So when I next hear those words 'Kids who'd Av Em' I will be saying the Beds Centre will have them, with open arms as rallying is clearly helping to turn these young people into responsible young adults. So well done to Kenneth, Emma, Matt, Aiden and Jess along with their two committee helpers Jordan and Shane. A credit to the Beds Centre and their parents, but most of all a credit to themselves.

Jerry Waite  
Junior Liaison Officer

Please ensure you book early and show your support to a fantastic band of Rally Officers who have put together a fine weekend of entertainment for our Christmas Party Rally this year. It is going to be something different and it is going to be a whole lot of fun so don't miss out of the opportunity to join us on what promises to be a laugh a minute.

The children's Christmas party for the children aged 12 and under will take place on the same weekend during Saturday afternoon and will be arranged by the New Centre Committee. It promises to be an afternoon of fun with a visit from you know who, so please watch this space for special booking forms.



I would like to thank those who said they are going to run a rally in 2010, we still need rally officers for the 2010 rally programme.

If you are interested in being a rally officer or would like to take on one of the available rallies please contact me. The following 2010 rallies need rally officers or they will be removed from next year's programme;

August Bank holiday	Cookham
13-16th Aug	Wicksteed Park
12-14th Nov	Lord Mayors Show – Cardington
19-21st Nov	Christmas Spectacular

Please help by putting your name down for one of these rallies. Thank you for your continued support

Jo Gray

Rally Sec

## Glenn Miller Experience 2009



Once again we all met at the festival. Over the three years that we have now ran the event, we have made lots of new friends and gained some new rally goers.

This year we had 69 vans from all over the country, Devon, Yorkshire, Scotland to name a few. The weather was kind to us which for an open air event makes all the difference.

The music was fantastic as always. The event is hosted by John Miller, the nephew of Glenn. We were spoilt this year with three big bands, Chris Smith & His String of Pearls Orchestra, Sticky Wickett and his Swing Orchestra, The Garry Allcock All Stars Big Band, also Peter Donegan, Lonnie's son, with his band, The Mike Sanchez Band, The Kremlinaires, and Ricky Cool and the Hoola Hoola Boys, and The Swing-time Sweethearts, to name but a few. For those who enjoy the drums, Sticky Wickett is one of the best; he kept a drum solo up for a good 15 minutes, fantastic.

The music is wall to wall from 10am in the morning to midnight. As well as the big band music, there are dance classes for those with enough energy to learn how to 'Lindy Hop' and jive. For me I find my pleasure in watching everyone else and eye-balling all the fashions. A lot of people really get into the spirit of the event by dressing in period clothes; I have to say that the girl's did look like girls during the 40's. Unfortunately my waistline doesn't allow me to indulge in dressing up, but there's always next year when I might have lost a pound or two.

On Sunday Morning the Salvation Army gave their usual service. This is always very well attended and is a lovely way to start the day. It was with pride that veterans from the war were escorted into the arena by members of the armed forces of today including personal from the USA.

On Monday afternoon we gave all of our visitors a cream tea in one of the marquees. This was very well received and was a chance for us to have a chat and get feedback from the event. Quite a good proportion informed us that they booked again for next year, so we are looking forward to lots more fun and music.

All in all this event has grown and we look forward to increasing in strength next year.

Sandy

Your dog may be friendly but the Centre Rules require dogs to be on a lead at all times on the Rally Field and that any deposits are cleared up immediately.

The Rally field is a family environment and a place of safety for all of our members and visitors, the rules are kept as simple as possible and we do ask that common sense prevails.

Please do not put Rally Officers or Committee in the position where they have to remind you. Of this or any other infringement that may spoil the enjoyment of Others.

Many Thanks

Hon Secretary







**The Beds Centre Lottery Club**  
**You Have to be in it to WIN it**  
**MONEY, MONEY, MONEY**



Your committee will be starting a Lottery Club from the New Year, with the first draw taking place at the committee's January 2010 meeting. For those of you who have not experienced this before, you pay a pound a month, that's only £12 a year. For your pound you will get given a number. Each month we will draw three numbers at the committee meeting for a first, second and third prize and the winners will then receive sums of money, 75% of the money taken in will be returned in prize money, with the remainder going towards things like party tent and rally equipment maintenance ( a table below gives examples of the amounts that can be won depending on how many members join.) Having been part of one of these clubs for a few years I can say even with just one number I win a lot more often than on the lottery (I have one first at least three times). So if you wish to join the Beds Centre lottery you need to provide £12 for a year's subscription. You can have as many numbers of as you like, but each number will cost you £12, so if you want three numbers that will be £36 for the year. All cheques should be made payable to Bedfordshire Centre Caravan Club.

**ALL MONEY MUST BE TO ME BY 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2009**

Anybody wishing to join after this date will not be able to do so and will have to wait until December 2010.

Members	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
30	£12	£7.50	£3
50	£20	£12.50	£5
70	£28	£17.50	£7
100	£40	£25	£10

Jerry Waite  
 22 Hastings Road, Barton-Le-Clay, Bedford. MK45 4NJ. Tel: 01582 751036.  
 On receipt of your payment you will be notified of your number(s).

Name : .....Contact Tel: .....

Address:.....

I would like..... (amount) chances @ £12 per year. Total to pay £

**For Sale Items...**

**Tyres...**

175 x 13 (550x 13) Tyre, Brand New, never been on the road.  
 £30.00 ono  
 Winter Wheels, Heavy Duty Type £ offers

Contact: Mick Challis - Tel: 01733 571332

**Awning...**

Dorema awning (Calypso 12) to suit an awning rail length of 955cm  
 Includes: bag and curtains. Colour: Blue £200.00 ono

Contact: Rosemary Spilling - Tel: 01525 753571

**Caravan Cover...**

Caravan Cover  
 Breathable Caravan Cover; Custom made for a Bailey Indiana  
 £80.00

Contact: Jacky & Neil Hannan  
 email: NeilandJackyHannan@NTLWorld.com

**Colour Television...**

10" colour TV 12/240 £30.00

Contact: John Gauge - Tel: 01480 383579

**Dismantling Fish Pond...**

Various fish; ie: goldfish, shubkins, golden rudd, golden orfe, carp.  
 Filter (1000 gals), Ultra Violet light, Pump, Large pond liner / pond plants

Offers:

Contact: John Gauge - Tel: 01480 383579

**Awning & Groundsheet...**

Bradcott - Duchess Full Awning to suit an awning rail length of 930cm,  
 Colour - Grey/Burgundy, complete with large Breathable Groundsheet.  
 £75.00

Contact: John or Dawn - Tel: 01582 502240



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