

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



### 2008 Centre Trophy Winners

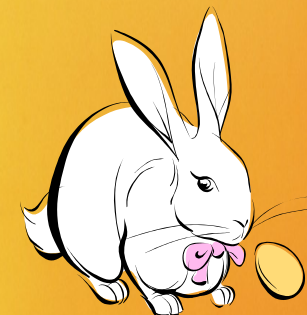
Well done to Jerry & Mo Waite who won the adult competitions, whilst the defending 2007 Junior Champion Matthew Gray retained his title for another year.



A great rally with darts competitions, cash darts and killer pool. Thanks to Steve, Karen, Jordan, Kyle, Rod & Jenny for organising a great weekend.



# Easter Rally Goer 2009



# Tommy's Titlers



**Yes a hole in one**, No sorry folks I wasn't talking about a round of golf, I was talking about a hole in the grass. This hole happened to be in a big field, it was pitch black and yes you guessed it. I ended up down the hole, well to be exact my good leg ended up down the hole up to my knee, the leg that had recently had the replacement knee was off at some angle. My thanks go to Geoff for finding me and Colin for lifting me out.

It's been an eventful year so far. With two winter walks, a Chinese meal, an auction, a quiz, together with a treasure hunt ..... I am still disputing the orange wheels in Silsoe! and a game of darts thrown in for good measure.

We have had wind, rain, heavy snow and glorious sunshine and all this in the first 3 months of the year. As rally officers you have put on some great rallies and some brilliant socials, which has given us, the ralliers a great weekend what ever the weather and I would like to thank you all for the hard work that you have put in so far this year.

And now it's Easter, and we look forward to loads more sunshine and far less rain. We have some great rallies coming up in the year. Caroline and I wish you all a wonderful Easter whatever you are doing and wherever you may be. We both look forward to sharing a rally with you in the very near future.

*Tom*

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.





**BEDFORDSHIRE  
CENTRE  
OF THE CARAVAN  
CLUB**



## **LORD MAYOR'S**

**13 to 15 November 2009**

**We rally at Home Farm, Cardington,  
Bedfordshire**

On Saturday 14 November 2009 a coach will collect us from the rally field and then take us to London to see the Lord Mayor's Show. Following the show we hope to meet up with another Centre to enjoy a drink in a pub, before the coach returns us to Cardington. We are still working on the details and therefore we are not able to give you a price for the coach just yet.

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

## ***Saving the Easter Bunny***

A man was blissfully driving along the highway, when he saw the Easter Bunny hopping across the middle of the road. He swerved to avoid hitting the Bunny, but unfortunately the rabbit jumped in front of his car and was hit. The basket of eggs went flying all over the place.

The driver, being a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulled over to the side of the road, and got out to see what had become of the Bunny carrying the basket. Much to his dismay, the colourful Bunny was dead. The driver felt guilty and began to cry.

A woman driving down the same highway saw the man crying on the side of the road and pulled over. She stepped out of her car and asked the man what was wrong.

"I feel terrible," he explained, "I accidentally hit the Easter Bunny and killed it. There may not be an Easter because of me. What should I do?"

The woman told the man not to worry. She knew exactly what to do. She went to her car trunk, and pulled out a spray can. She walked over to the limp, dead Bunny, and sprayed the entire contents of the can onto the little furry animal.

Miraculously the Easter Bunny came to back life, jumped up, picked up the spilled eggs and candy, waved its paw at the two humans and hopped on down the road. 50 yards away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around, waved and hopped on down the road another 50 yards, turned, waved, hopped another 50 yards and waved again!

The man was astonished. He said to the woman, "What in heaven's name is in your spray can? What was it that you sprayed on the Easter Bunny?" The woman turned the can around so that the man could read the label. It said: "Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave.

"Happy Easter"

*Andy*





## MOLSEYS MURMOURS



My life has a big change since I last put pen to paper, I've had a birthday, not just any old birthday, a 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, but I guess most of you would of heard about it as it wasn't the worlds best kept secret, I just don't know how these things get out.

I must say a big thank you to all of you who sent cards, emails and phoned me, some of the comments were first class, others just rubbed salt into the wound.

Talking about old age, while speaking to Bill Thompson on the Valentines rally, which I must say was fantastic, with a great three course meal followed by some dancing, well done to the rally officers. Oh, back to Billy, yes, he said whilst out shopping he brought some insoles for his shoes, but when he went to use them later on they were nowhere to be found, some days later he did find them, in the freezer!

On the same day at Arlesey, John Close went out to the local shop he asked 'did we want anything' yes three lucky dips on the lottery and a loaf of bread, he came back with a two pound scratch card. Women are no better, Cora, who constantly reminds me of my age since I received my bus pass, two weeks ago renewed the road tax for the motor home on line, when she went to put it in the window the tax disc was nowhere to be found, we looked high and low, then she said 'I shredded all the other paper work that came with it, I wonder if I?

The DVLA sent a duplicate in the post.

Moral of the story, don't get old.

## CENTRE EVENTS WEEKEND

Dear all,

May I thank all of you that have already sent rally slips in for the **CENTRE EVENTS WEEKEND** May 15th-17th 2009.

I look forward to receiving more rally slips from those of you that have not yet sent them in.

Over this weekend we will run the normal Centre competitions, Photography, Wine Making and an additional couple of fun competitions, cake baking and "special" examples of home brewing!

If you are one of last years winners of a Centre Trophy, can you please get it back to me as soon as possible.

Lastly, and just for fun we have the Victoria Sponge Competition, let me remind you the cake must be made and baked in your caravan.

We are hoping to have our traditional art and craft and hobbies display this year so if you would like to display your hobby or collection we would be delighted to see it.



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Colin Richardson*

# Sponsored Cycle/Walk



## Grafham Water Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July In Aid Of Centre Charity

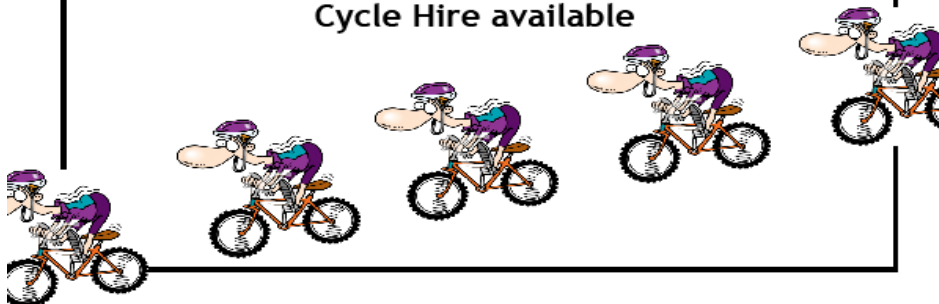
Sponsor forms available from

Colin Richardson

07802187292

Email: [vice@bedscentrecc.com](mailto:vice@bedscentrecc.com)

Cycle Hire available



Cycle hire is available at the venue for those wishing to hire.....if you do not wish to cycle a group will be walking. Look forward to seeing you there.....

Dear friends

Thank you so much for your cards and phone calls to me on the recent loss of my brother, John. Although John was one of four brothers, he was the closest to me and although I shouldn't have one he was my favourite, and I felt his loss very deeply.

Once again thank you for your kind thoughts and sympathy

*Jean Stewart*



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

- Glenn Miller Festival 2009
- National Rally 2009
- New Year 2009
- Lords Mayors Show 2009
- Burns Rally 2010

**Do you want a chance of winning a prize every month?**

**Do you want to be the one who isn't in it so can't win it!!**



**MONEY, MONEY, MONEY**

Your committee are looking at starting a 100 club or if we get more people who want to join, maybe it could be a 200 club? 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 between 1-100. 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 ( these will be at least £25 first, £15 second and £10 third). 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 in an effort to get an idea how many of you may be interested can you please return to any member of the committee the below reply slip, if we have enough interest we could look to start this at the AGM. You can buy as many numbers as you like, so if you want to spend £3 per month that would give you three numbers so three chances to win. The money would be taken up front as a yearly subscription.

Jerry Waite

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Name : .....

I would be interested in joining the Bedfordshire Centre 100 Club.

If the 100 club started up I would like..... (amount) chances.



Firstly, I would like to say what a real honour it is to have been chosen as your new sports officer for the forthcoming year. I feel this is going to be a tough one for me as I have taken over from Jerry, who had done a fantastic job. I wish to say a big thank to Jerry for the lots of fun that he has given myself and the centre throughout his time as sports officer and I wish him the very best in his new position as Junior Liaison Officer. As you are fully aware that the National Rally is coming round once again and my aim is to enter the Beds Centre into as many if not all of the competitions that the National holds.

The competitions that we would like to enter are:

5-a-Side Football (Teams ages: up to 14,  
14-18, 19-34, Over 35's)

Volleyball

Netball

Children's Sports (Up to 16 years)

Petanque

Darts

Lawn Darts

Baking

Wine Making

Quiz Team

Photographic

Once I get an idea of numbers, ages and what competitions our members are interested in, then I shall be able to compile the teams.

If you are interested in being part of what we hope is a winning team this year or just want to take part in the fun, then come and see me on the rally field, give me a call on 01525 633027 or 07940 069206, or just send me an email;

[sports@bedscentrecc.com](mailto:sports@bedscentrecc.com)

Please support The Beds Centre and let's hope we can come home with some more trophies from this years National Rally

**Steve Waite**

Beds Centre Sports Officer



# Pitch 'N' Putt Competition All Ages Welcome

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2009  
Ferry Meadows,  
Peterborough

Contact: Colin Richardson to register  
Mob: 07802187292



## CHARITY AUCTION RALLY

A massive thank you to everyone who attended the Charity Auction. In excess of £160 was raised for our Centre Charity, Sue Ryder, Moggerhanger.

Special thanks go to Barbara & John Close, Bill & Jill Thompson. Rita and Bob Kennedy and Sandy & Morris Mc Dowell all of whom donated their total funds raised at the auction to the Centre Charity Pot.

Everyone enjoyed Bill & Jill's hot dogs and a good laugh throughout the evening.



## National 2009

For those attending this years National the Centre are taking part in the walking procession the theme is  
**"All things Disney"**

We are looking for 101 Dalmatians to join Cruella and the dog catchers in the parade, the costume is simple, white paper suit and put your designer spots on and ears and you are ready. If you need assistance with design please speak to Sandy





# TWINWOOD FESTIVAL 2009

incorporatng the  
**Glenn Miller Festival of Swing Jazz & Jive**

**29 - 31 August**  
**Twinwood Arena**  
**Clapham, near Bedford**

**01923 282725**  
**info@twinwoodevents.com**  
**www.twinwoodevents.com**

*call or email  
us to request  
your free  
copy of the  
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brochure!*



Everyone loves your pooch.....on  
a lead please on the Rally field.  
Please ensure you clear up any  
accidents .



### *Rally Programme Updates Extra...*

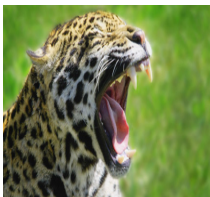
- Rally No. 17**      **Mitchelmore Trophy - New Venue**
- Venue:      Tall Trees Leisure Park, Gull Road, Guyhirn, Wisbech, Cambs. PE13 4ER
- Date:      1 - 4th May 2009
- Limit:      35
- Fee:      £ TBA
- Attractions: **Fishing Cancelled... Sorry!**  
Farm Shop with local produce. No fishing on site, but available approx 1 mile. Ideal location to go exploring. Visit Peterborough, Nene Valley Steam Railway and Burghley House.
- Directions: Take A47 East from Peterborough. Turn left for A47 onto B1187, SP Guyhirn. At 'T' jct turn left and continue on B1187, SP Wisbech St Mary. Site on RHS in approx 1/2 mile.  
Watch for rally signs.
- Rally Officers:      Pat & Win Eaton with Irene & John Cooper

Please ensure you request a pitch with the Beds Centre !!!!!





# Safari Supper



Join us for an action packed weekend, full of challenge and fun for all the family at the Chairman's' family weekend. 8-10th May 2009



We will be having a Safari supper on Saturday evening, where you literally pick up your chair and walk for your supper. We have called upon some great people in the Centre to make your weekend one to remember.



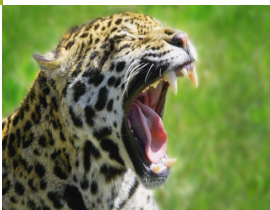
Don't miss a great opportunity to join us at Ampthill, great walks in close proximity of the venue.



See you there

*Tom & Caz*

*Colin & Diane*



## Juniors Update

In September the new committee was formed at the AGM. This year your junior committee is made up of a lot of very young members all of which have some good ideas to keep the juniors satisfied in the coming year.

During December the juniors helped Jerry and Steve with the children's Christmas Party. This was great fun for all of us but especially for Deanna and Kenneth who got to be Santa's little helpers. In the evening we were asked by the adults if we could help serve, which we did. We don't think we spilt any soup or dinner down anybody but if we did, sorry. At New Year the Chairman and the New Year Rally team asked us to help again. Matt and Aiden helped serve breakfast and the whole committee served Sunday lunch. It was really nice at the end of lunch when we all received a round of applause, and some really great comments were made about us by one of the visitors. It makes us all really proud when we get comments like that. Then our junior liaison officer asked for a tip from the ralliers to thank us for serving, we are really grateful to you all for the kind generosity that you showed and all the money will go back into the centre's junior fund for activities later in the year.

Since then things have been a little quite over the first couple of months of the year. We provided two lots at the charity auction, two aqua roll fills, and will honour those two lots at our rally in July. We will be arranging to be key players in the Chairman's charity rally in June and will definitely be taking part in the fundraising over that weekend. Plans are well under way for our rally in July. This is going to be a great weekend, with things happening Friday night, Saturday during the day & afternoon tea on Saturday. On Saturday night we will make sure you are fed and then something to get you thinking with our Saturday evening entertainment. If you have not booked in please do as we are a young committee putting a lot of effort into getting a good value weekend program together and we really want to put on a good rally for you. That hopefully has given you a bit of an idea about what the juniors have been and will be up to. There is always one of us on a rally and as the summer gets nearer we will all be out more weekends, so if you need an extra pair of hand to organise something at your rally please ask speak to one of us or our liaison officer, Jerry.

# Marketing Group

## Marketing Group

Our marketing sub group have been working extremely hard over the past year to come up with some ideas to attract non Centre members to try Rallying. As a Centre we need new people to bring new ideas and friendship to ensure the future of the Centre.

New introduction packs have been designed and are now sent to all new members along with a fabulous DVD Showing a short introduction to Centre activities and an insight into the warm welcome they will receive.

First ralliers receive a welcome pack and a discount voucher towards their next rally, this we hope will encourage them to come back!

The DVD ,the introduction pack and the welcome pack were all on display at the Rally Officers meeting in January. Copies of the DVD are available at a cost of £3.00 should any members wish to purchase for personal use.

If you have any ideas please pass them to our guys who make up the Marketing Group, Tom Gilks, Colin Richardson, Jerry Waite and last but not least the much appreciated Rod Waite, who actually put the DVD together as well as producing the packs.

Special thanks go to Martin Findlay who has assisted with the printing.

Ideas ??

### *Rally Programme Updates...*

- Rally No. 14** **Dog Gone, Ferry Meadows - Peterborough**  
Centre golf competition will be held at the nearby Pitch & Putt course on the Saturday morning. All centre members wishing to take part should contact Colin Richardson on 01767 314019.
- Rally No. 23** **National Follow-On**  
Venue: The Deepings Caravan Park, Market Deeping, Lincs. PE6 8LQ  
Date: 26 - 31st May 2009  
Fee: £ TBA  
Attractions: Club House, shop, toilets, children's play area and fishing available on site.  
Ideal location to go exploring. Visit Peterborough, Nene Valley Steam Railway, Burghley House, Kings Lynn, Hunstanton, Boston & Skegness.  
Limited electric available, 1st come, 1st served at extra cost.  
Directions: From A1 at Stamford, take A16 to Market Deeping. Do not enter Market Deeping, continue on A16 around Market Deeping. Go straight on at r/bout. In approx 2 ½ miles turn right onto the B1525 (Spalding Rd), SP Market Deeping. In approx. ½ mile turn right. Site on right in about 1/3 mile.  
Watch for rally signs.  
Rally Officers: Maureen & John Gauge with Jenny & Les Lambert and Margaret & Peter Wintle  
Rally Slips to: Mr. J Gauge, Tel: 01480 383579 Mobile: 07745 855159
- Rally No. 30** **Grafham Water**  
This Rally is fully booked. A waiting list is currently in operation.
- Rally No. 40** **Banham Zoo**  
Rally dates have changed. The rally will now take place from 23rd - 31st August 2009, and not as published in the rally book.

### *Additional Rallies...*

- Rally No. 21E Great Barford**  
Venue: Great Barford Meadow, Great Barford. MK44 3LQ  
Date: 22 - 25th May 2009  
Fee: £ 21.90  
Attractions: Relaxing Bank Holiday weekend by the river side.  
Sorry, **STRICTLY NO FISHING!** due to closed season.  
Directions: From Bedford take A428 to Gt Barford. Turn right at X roads passing through village and over river bridge. Site on left at end of bridge.  
Rally Officers: Janet & Lawrie Coleman with Sally & Nigel France  
Rally Slips to: Mr. L Coleman, Tel: 01234 305096 Mobile: 07771 868496