

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



## 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 , Terry Darlow or Lawrie Coleman.

### **Please Note:**

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

# Summer Rally Goer 2009

## Bedfordshire Centre of The Caravan Club

The Bedfordshire Centre Raft Race Team—2009



# Tommy's Titters

Hello friends one and all,

Welcome to the summer edition of the Rally Goer, I hope that you enjoy reading this magazine and I also hope that you will place an article or just pen your thoughts in the future editions. A publication like this becomes very difficult when it's just the committee placing their articles in the magazine, we need to get a much wider view and stories, so please come forward and give your news to Caroline for publication.

Well what a few months we have had, the Committee and our merry band of Rally Officers have been very busy working on rallies and Events. Over the last few months we have had the Events weekend, National, Children's rally, Raft Race, Caravan Handling, Charity Bike Ride & Walk and Fishing Rally to name but a few. Many of you have taken the time and shown fantastic spirit to take part or support all of these. Rally Officers and Committee have given their time on these rallies so that we may enjoy ourselves and therefore my thanks go to all of you for your hard work and dedication to our Centre.

Nominations for the next committee are now coming in and if you think you would like to be on the 2010 Committee or would like to know what is involved in being on the Committee then please come and talk to Caroline, myself or any Committee member. No pressure, we have a fantastic team but many hands make light work!

Jo, our Rally Sec is busy putting the 2010 rally programme together and we have a few spaces for rally officers and if you think you would like to run a rally, please come forward, you will get all the support you need.

Well, here's hoping that we still have more sunshine to come, and I look forward to seeing you all on the rally field very soon.

Cheers

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

Ann & Danny Pickett would like to thank everyone that attended the Spring Walk on 19th May 2009. We have £10.00 to donate to the Centre Charity from the sale of hot dogs which everyone enjoyed after the walk.

Our thanks go to Win Eaton for helping with the cooking and to Martin Findlay for the Tea and Coffee.

*Ann & Danny*



*Thank  
You!*

A massive thank you to the "A" Team from Bob and Rita Kennedy for all your help week after week with putting up our awning and also to the Juniors who are always willing to fill our Aqua Roll.....it is really appreciated and makes our return to Rallying after Rita's illness a whole lot easier

*Bob & Rita*



# MOLSEYS MURMOURS



Many of you will remember some time ago when the Centre suffered from pipe cutters syndrome. It started one sunny evening when Geoff & Jean Stewart decided for the first time to put up their brand new awning, after struggling on their own for some time a small crowd gathered around the frustrated duo, still not able to complete the job with all their helpers it seemed the poles were not the correct ones to fit the canvas, on seeing this a passer by, namely Jim Pallet said 'if we cut a bit off of this one it should fit' so he did, he then went on to adjust the legs, as he did a length of awning pole slid out of one of the legs, backing off he said 'is this is the pole you were looking for?'

It happened again last September when I brought my motor home onto the rally field for the first time, the exhaust pipe seemed a bit low to the ground I laid on the grass and decided to cut a length off from the end, just then Jim Pallet arrived, I broke out in a cold sweat, but all went well, after he cut off the right amount I was able to remove the hacksaw from Jims grip and hide it from his view.

We all thought the problem had gone away until last Easter when at Turnpike Farm at a superb rally put on by Morris, Sandy, Jill & Roy (where they fed us all with a three course Sunday lunch and Julian & Tarquin arranged for us to take part in some games to pass the time away Saturday) sorry, back to the story, it appears Morris had purchased a new party tent just days before the rally and had no chance to put it up. When Morris and his team started to put up the tent they found that one pole was too long, it was then it stuck again, the dreaded pipe cutters syndrome! Morris said 'they have put the wrong pole in, I will have to cut about seven inches off'. Just after that they found they had made a mistake putting together the roof poles.

Moral of the story, 'Read the instructions first'



## Centre Events Weekend

Results of the 2009 Centre Competitions are;

### **Photographic**

Junior Humorous \* **Vass Shield**

1. Aidan Waite
2. Matthew Gray

Junior Open \* **Owen Shield**

1. Aidan Waite
2. Aidan Waite
3. Emma Gray

Senior Humorous \* **Markwell Cup**

1. Andy Gray
2. Morris McDowell
3. Andy Gray

Senior Open \* **McIntyre Trophy**

1. Morris McDowell
2. Ivor Gurney
3. Maureen Gauge

### **Wine**

Best Wine in Show \* **Thompson Goblet**

1. Bill Thompson

Just for fun.....

### **Victoria Sandwich**

1. Caroline Gilks
2. Maureen Gauge
3. Jenny Lambert

Many thanks to Colin & Diane Richardson for organising a great weekend and also to Jill & Bill Thompson for a Fabulous Ploughman's supper served on Saturday evening.....delicious.

## 2010 Provisional Rally Programme

Hi

Please take a look at the 2010 Provisional Rally Programme, the board is out on a weekly basis now and I would appreciate your continued support by volunteering to run Rallies next Year or provide ideas for 2011 rallies which I am now working on.

As you can appreciate we do have some excellent Rally Officers but it would be lovely to see some new people come forward, I assure you will get all the support you need . We try to provide a varied programme so we need ideas and volunteers to keep the inspiration flowing

Speak to you on the Rally field

*Jo Gray*

Dear Friends

Can I take a moment to thank you for all the calls, cards and emails received following my recent spell in hospital. I am sure that they all helped my recovery.....even the rude ones!

Thanks so much Geoff Stewart

*Thank you to everyone who sent cards and get well messages after my operation earlier this year. I am making really good progress*

*Irene Cooper*



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

- **Glenn Miller Festival 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.

**Rally Programme Updates...**

**Rally No. 40**

**Venue:**

**Date:**

**Note:**

**Banham Zoo**

Applewood Caravan & Camping Park,  
Banham

23 - 31 August 2009

Rally Officers: Maureen & John Gauge  
with Margaret & Peter Wintle

Please be aware that the dates for this rally has changed. The rally will now take place from 23rd - 31st August 2009, and not as published in the rally book.

**Rally No. 43**

**Venue:**

**Date:**

**Note:**

**Boules Weekend**

Musgrave Arms, Shillington

18 - 20 September 2009

Rally Officers: Doris & Ron Findlay with  
Marilyn & Alan Measures

Please be aware that this rally is now full. If you wish to attend the rally please contact the rally officers who will put your name on a waiting list. Should a place then become available they will then be able to contact you.

**Rally No. 45**

**Venue:**

**Date:**

**Note:**

**Centre AGM, Ampthill**

Lawrence Park, Ampthill

25 - 27 September 2009

Rally Officers: Jenny & Les Lambert with  
Helen & Rob Dow

Unfortunately the rally fee for this rally has changed from the published fee in the rally book as venue costs has increased. The Rally fee is now £11.15



## BBQ Rules.....

We are enjoying the BBQ season. Therefore it is important to refresh your memory on the etiquette of this sublime outdoor cooking activity. When a man volunteers to do the BBQ the following chain of events are put into motion:>

Routine...

- (1) The woman buys the food.
- (2) The woman makes the salad, prepares the vegetables and makes dessert.
- (3) The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces, and takes it to the man who is lounging beside the grill - beer in hand.
- (4) The woman remains outside the compulsory three metre exclusion zone where the exuberance of testosterone and other manly bonding activities can take place without the interference of the woman.>

Here comes the important part:

- (5) THE MAN PLACES THE MEAT ON THE GRILL.>

More routine...

- (6) The woman goes inside to organise the plates and cutlery.
- (7) The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is looking great. He thanks her and asks if she will bring another beer while he flips the meat.

Important again:

- (8) THE MAN TAKES THE MEAT OFF THE GRILL AND HANDS IT TO THE WOMAN.>

More routine...

- (9) The woman prepares the plates, salad, bread, utensils, napkins, sauce and brings them to the table.

- (10) After eating, the woman clears the table and does the dishes.>

And most important of all:>

- (11) Everyone PRAISES the MAN and THANKS HIM for his cooking efforts.

- (12) The man asks the woman how she enjoyed her 'night off', and, upon seeing her reaction, concludes that there's just no pleasing some women.



Hitch Lock \* £20.00

Hitch 50 mm \* £5.00

Aqua Roll & handle \* £10.00

Bradcott Porch Awning  
Burgundy\* £ 100

Contact Bob Kennedy  
01525 873368

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# 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 festival brochure!*

Please ensure you request a pitch with the Beds Centre !!!!!  
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Your dog may be friendly but the Centre Rules require dogs to be on a lead at all times on the Rally Field. ....

Please do not put Rally Officers or Committee in the position where they have to remind you. Of this rule.

More pictures from Langford.....





## Langford Raft Race

Our thanks go to Terry and Pat Darlow & Bill and Jill Thompson for a really fantastic weekend. Work began on Friday evening when many hands contributed to building the Centre Raft, Bronya Findlay came to the rescue with extra plastic barrels and by midnight the creation was complete. The Crew was selected from a group of "fit" volunteers, and the Centre Raft was ready to go!

We all gathered at the waterside to support our lads and walked along the course which was far longer than anyone realised.....but the lads paddled like professionals and were kept in time by Matt Gray, his counting 1-2,1-2 could be heard from the bank along the whole course. Flour bombs galore hit the boys but they never once faltered and came in a triumphant 4th place and made their way to the front cover of the local papers.

Well done to Colin, Richard, Bill, Dale, Steve and Matt, the Centre are so proud of your magnificent effort and you are booked for next year's crew!

Thanks to the Rally Officers for organising the weekend and for the lovely pancake supper!



## Vegetable Stir-fry

### Sauce.

2 tablespoon soy sauce  
2-3 tablespoon oyster sauce  
1 teaspoon sugar

Oil for cooking  
2 onions thinly sliced  
2 cloves garlic finely chopped  
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh ginger  
375g (12ozs) sliced mixed vegetables ie: mange tout, baby sweet corn, carrots, red and green peppers  
Combine the sauce ingredients. Heat the wok to very hot, add 1 tablespoon oil and Swirl around to coat. Stir-fry the onion, garlic, and ginger and sugar over high heat for 2-3 minutes or until slightly softened. Add vegetables and stir-fry for 3 – 4 minutes or until just tender. Add 1 tablespoon of water cover with lid and steam for 2 minutes. Remove the lid, increase the heat to high and stir in the sauce. Bring to boil and toss well, season and serve immediately.

## *Sandy's Recipes*



### Oyster Sauce and Cashew Stir-fry

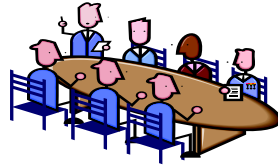
#### Best served with beef or lamb

Sauce  
2 tablespoon oyster sauce  
2 tablespoon soy sauce  
1 tablespoon dry sherry

Oil for cooking  
500g (1lb) beef or lamb cut into thin strips  
375g (12ozs) sliced mixed vegetables  
90g (3ozs) roasted cashew nuts

Combine the sauce ingredients and set aside. Heat the wok until very hot add 1 table-  
spoon of the oil and swirl around to coat sides. Stir-fry the beef or lamb in two  
batches over high heat until just cooked, adding 1 tablespoon oil in between batches.  
Remove all of the meat from the wok. Add vegetables to the wok and stir-fry over  
medium heat for 4-4 minutes or until just tender. Add 1 tablespoon water, cover and  
steam for 2 minutes. Remove lid, increase the heat to high and stir in the sauce.  
Bring to boil and toss until the vegetables are well coated. Return the meat to wok  
with the cashews, toss until combined and heated through. Season with salt and  
pepper and serve immediately.

## Junior Committee



It has been proposed by the Junior Committee that the age for Juniors to stand for an Officers Position on Committee should be lowered to the age of eleven. This has been agreed by the Senior Committee.

Any junior wishing to stand on Committee therefore must be eight years of age at the AGM, and eleven years of age to stand for an Officer Position at the AGM.

I am sure you will all continue to support this great bunch of kids who put a lot into the Centre.

*Caroline Gilks*

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**5 Miles per hour on the Rally  
Field Please**



## Centre Fishing Competition & The Mitchelmore Trophy

Another great weekend at Henlow Bridge Lakes for the Centre Fishing competition and additionally The Mitchelmore Trophy.

Fisherman gathered at 7am for the draw and the competition started at 8am. The men had a fairly good mornings fishing with the exception of the Chairman who struggled to fill a sardine tin with his catch!

### Results for the **Styles Trophy**

1. John Leath 10lb 7oz
2. Colin Richardson 9lb 13.5oz
3. Alan Jefferies 8lb 13



The Ladies and Juniors draw was at 12.30 pm and the competition started at 1pm.

### Results for the **Smith Trophy**

1. Aidan Waite 8lb 2oz
2. Matt Gray 5lb 1oz
3. Jordon Waite 4lb 5oz

### Results for the **Mandy Moore Cup**

1. Diane Richardson 23lb 9oz
- 1 Caroline Gilks 23lb 9oz
- 2 Karen Waite 9lb 13oz
- 3 Bronya Findlay 2lb 9.5oz

### **The Mitchelmore Trophy**

Diane Richardson & Caroline Gilks joint overall winners

*The ladies are not saying a word lads.....but you'll never wipe the grin off our faces!*

