

THE BEDFORDSHIRE CENTRE OF THE CARAVAN CLUB

January Update

What a great team!



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...

webmaster@bedscentrecc.com

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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Tommy's Titlers

To all my friends

My heartfelt thanks goes to everyone for the cards, good wishes, visits, phone calls, emails and presents I received following my recent knee replacement operation. The support I have received has been overwhelming and has kept my spirits up throughout my recovery. Thanks everyone, it is really appreciated.

I would also like to thank the Committee for their help and co-operation when I was not able to do things for myself or the things I had planned to do for the New Year rally. Not only did you all rally around to assist with the organisation, everything for New Year including fridges, freezers, catering equipment, food etc even our caravan had to be moved to Gamlingay, and moved it was, thanks to you, Caroline and I had a great time and the rally ran without a hitch.

Thanks also to our co rally officers who had to go the extra mile with both myself and Mick out of action! I will make up for it next year I promise!

Thanks again everyone, it is great to know you all care

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.



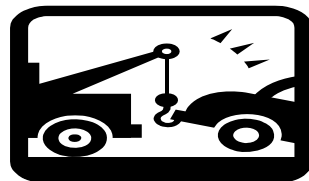
IF MY BODY WERE A CAR...

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull ... But that's not the worst of it. My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close

My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather. My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins. It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it --

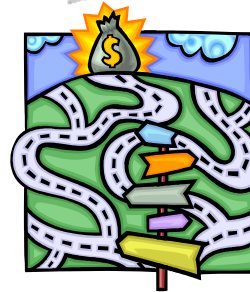
Almost every time I sneeze, cough or splutter ..either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!



20th-22nd March 09

TREASURE HUNT RALLY

Find the clues using your car



&
WIN



Saturday Night Social
with

DOG RACING
Rufus Centre, Flitwick

Rally Slips to Jerry Waite, 22 Hastings Rd, Barton-Le-Clay
Bedford. MK45 4NJ. Tel: 01582 751036 / 07968 018517

MOLSEYS MURMOURS



I've not been on too many rallies since the last news letter, so not too much to report, but all the rallies that have taken place have been a great success.

We did attend the Xmas rally which included the children's treat which as always turned out to be a great event. I did get a little worried though because whilst shopping in Biggleswade Saturday morning I came across some of the kitchen staff shopping in Aldi, then later they were in the Post Office discussing stamps, wonder who prepared the food? but who ever did made a fantastic job.

We spent New year in Tunisia, a little warmer than Gamlingay, but from all the text's sent to us the Beds Centre enjoyed themselves in the normal way.

A few of us attended the North London Centre Burns night where our Chairman Tom was invited to toast the Lassies, where upon he stood up with five sides of A4 speaking for which seemed like an eternity about the sex life of Robert Burns. No, to be honest he did very well, we should be proud of him.

A little bird told me we will be having our own Burns Night next year, but don't tell any one it's a secret !

That's about it for this time, but just a little personal news, Lyn our youngest daughter has become engaged to Stuart who even I must admit is a great lad, they intend to marry next year, the down side is it will be some where the other side of the world.

Moral of this story don't have children.

Many Centre websites already include links to other Club websites, but some do not. For those Centres the Regional site provides a good tool for doing so. Some members may not know that just a click of the mouse, from the Links page, can take them to the Centre they wish to contact.

Regional Officers for 2009 are:

Ron Morgan - Chairman
David Grover - Vice Chairman
Mike Pope - Honorary Treasurer
Joan Leonard - Honorary Secretary

Regional Centre Representatives for 2009 are:

Bedfordshire - Tom Gilks
Bedfordshire - Colin Richardson
Berkshire - John Ward
Berkshire - Peter Butler
Buckinghamshire - Josie Carlile
Buckinghamshire - Gordon Taylor
Hertfordshire - Sandie Evans
Hertfordshire - Stuart Weedon

North London - Mick Hubbocks
North London - Vic Harris
Middlesex - Anne Moss
Middlesex - Marion Tanner
Upper Thames - Alan Cadman
Upper Thames - John Pearson

Regional AGM 2009

Members of the North London Centre will be our hosts for the 2009 Regional AGM. Details will become available during the coming months. I hope you have found this to be of interest and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible throughout the coming caravanning season.

Joan Leonard

NORTHERN HOME COUNTIES REGION

December 2008

REGIONAL INFORMATION

Children In Need charity collection

Whilst the Region does not normally raise money for charity, we do hold a collection for The Children In Need charity during our AGM weekend. I am very pleased to say that, once again, members have been very supportive and this year the collection raised £170.23. Would you please express our thanks to all of your members who have helped us raise this money by giving to our collection.

The general purpose of the Region can be summed up as follows:

- To promote caravanning.
- To act as a forum and discuss issues the Club members wish to raise with the Caravan Club.
- To co-ordinate and promote activity and relationships between Centres

If members have anything relating to the Club's services they wish raised; be it information to be taken forward, or a request for us to investigate on their behalf, please ask them to speak to their Centre Regional Representatives during the coming year. Alternatively, members can contact me direct, or through the Regional website. The address is:

www.northernhomecountiesregion.info

In addition to Regional news and contact information the Regional website highlights caravanning possibilities within our area; with Centre Events being updated and highlighted each year, plus Caravan Club Site information.

The Regional website News page holds items of interest or changes received. Additionally, send photographs of your Events to the Webmaster. There is a link on the Welcome page to do this. (You arrive at the Welcome page as soon as you log into the website.)

Rally Programme Updates...

Rally No. 23	National Follow-On
Venue:	The Deepings Caravan Park, Market Deeping, Lincs. PE6 8LQ
Date:	26 - 31st May 2009
Fee:	£ 29.00
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

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
Rally No. 23E	National Follow-On
Venue:	Great Barford Meadow, Great Barford. MK44 3LQ
Date:	26 - 31st May 2009
Fee:	£ 36.35
Attractions:	Relaxing Holiday week by the river side. Sorry, STRICTLY NO FISHING! due to closed season. Sorry No Electric
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:	Gill & Mick Leath with Rally Slips to: Mr. M Leath, Tel: 01767 682364 Mobile: 07939 453899



News From Around The Table

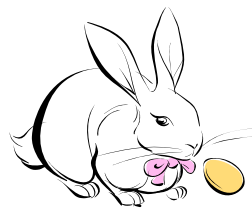
I am more than delighted to inform you that both Gill & Bill Thompson have been co-opted onto the Centre Committee. Gill is now our Social Secretary, whilst Bill is co-opted on as a Committee Member.

I would like to welcome both Gill & Bill to the Centre Committee and look forward to working with you both over the coming year. I am sure you will enjoy working with the team, we are already planning for 2010 with lots of ideas

So watch this space.

Tom

Chairman



EASTER IN BIGGLESWADE

Turnpike Farm, Biggleswade,
SG18 0EP

9TH – 13TH APRIL 2009-01-25

Why not join us for a relaxing weekend
In the pleasant surroundings
of Turnpike Farm.

For those who like to go off site shopping
Bedford, Biggleswade and St Neots
Are within easy reach.

We will be having open house in the evenings
In either Awning or Party Tent
Depending on numbers

We are going to try a Quiz night on Saturday
and

An Easter Bonnet competition on Sunday,
We would love as many as possible to
Join in, Men as well as the Ladies and children.

Hopefully the sun will shine on us
So come and join the fun

Morris McDowell 4 Craddocks Close, Milton Keynes MK13 9DX





Well that's another year over and a new one's just begun, well that's what the song states. 2008 has passed by with such a speed, I think I need to purchase a pair of running shoes. Okay stop laughing that was just a small joke.

My thanks to all that helped with the Christmas Party Rally. A good time was had by all and a number of people played a big part in the rally, the children's party and the party in the evening together with the fine meal that we had.

I would also like to thank all of you that attended the Carol Service and a special thank you to the juniors for doing the readings for me. I felt that as it was a Christmas Carol Service it would be ideal to ask the juniors to do the readings and what a splendid job they did. Also a big thank you for digging deep in to your pockets for the collection at the service. With your generosity we collected a total of £93.53 for the Centres charity.

Many thanks

Tom

CHARITY AUCTION RALLY

**Edward Peake School
6th—8th March 2008**



Join us on Friday evening in the school hall from 8:00pm
Bring your items that you wish to go into the AUCTION
 So we can list & number them, & lay them out for viewing.

PLEASE REMEMBER!

**10% of the selling price will go to the
Centres Charity.**

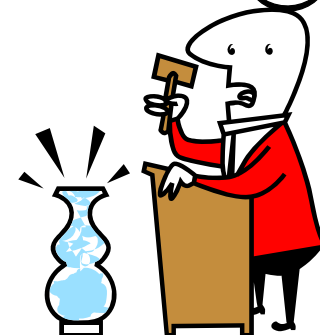
**For example, if an item is sold for £10.00 you get
£9.00 and the Centre Charity will take £1.00.**

**Please take this into account if you are going to put a
reserve price on an item you are selling.**

**TO FIND OUT MORE
Or
TO BOOK ONTO THE RALLY**

Contact:~

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





CHINESE WEEKEND

YEAR OF THE OX

20TH – 22ND FEBRUARY 2009

Come and join us for a weekend in
Downside School, Dunstable, LU5 4AS

No arrivals before 5.00pm

We will be having a relaxing weekend culminating with
A Chinese Meal at a
Local Restaurant in Dunstable.

Buffet style one payment eat as much as you like

We tried this last year and it was a
Great Success



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

Please stop at the Rally Officers van upon arrival on the
Rally Field.
You will be shown to your pitch and receive a warm
Welcome.



Please do not hesitate to ask
your Rally Officers for any
assistance you require
during the Rally.



Unfortunately I had to advise everyone at the Christmas party Rally regarding the recent theft of two of the Centre party tents and the Children's bouncy castle from our garage. Everyone was gutted as the party tents have provided the Centre with a focal point for social gatherings and an awful lot of fun since their purchase.

In traditional Bedfordshire style we set about raising some funds to replace them at New Year. On the first night Roland Wagstaff and Tom Leath and their other halves ran a tombola raising in excess of £118.00. The prize bingo added a further contribution of £19.00 to the pot on the second day of the Rally.

It was at this stage that one of our Centre members John Knight pledged that if we raised enough money for one party tent he would donate the funds for a second party tent. It was a real act of generosity but the £350.00 we needed was still a distant target.

Everyone had an amazing time at the Rally and thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment, good food, friendship, and the fun of remote control caravan handling, formation wheelchairs, you name it we did it!

Donations were kindly received for the surplus food on the last day, the kitchen team requested that the money I would usually spend on their thank you flowers be put in the party tent pot, and at flag the Rally Officers received a wonderful thank you from all of you that attended the Rally which was a wonderful gesture. We as Rally officers had a wonderful Rally and we enjoyed every minute of it and so we decided that the way we would like to spend the gift was to put it in the pot as well as we enjoy the party tents as much as everyone else.

Thanks to everyone's generosity we raised a grand total of £449.72 towards the party tent fund and true to his word John and Alison Knight have donated the funds for the second party tent.

On behalf of everyone in the Bedfordshire Centre thank you so much
Tom

What's changed for 2009 ??????

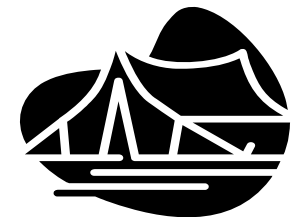
Rally Officers will no longer carry fire extinguishers in the Rally kits, members are encouraged to carry their own fire extinguisher in their unit and fire buckets will be available from Morris McDowell our saleable equipment Officer.



The big heavy notice boards have also been withdrawn from use. Details of local emergency numbers etc will be available from your Rally Officers on the Rally field.



Morris McDowell is currently working on a new set of marker poles for each Rally Kit and Lawrie Coleman our Rally Equipment Officer is the man to see if your Rally kit is incomplete or you need additional equipment such as an urn, party tent or gas bottles etc.





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



EASTER IN DIGLEA, NORFOLK

9th - 13th April 2009

Come and join us for a pleasant Easter weekend. Visit the Norfolk Lavender farms, Sandringham Estate, Hunstanton, Historic Kings Lynn, Sherringham and surrounding area. Socials over the weekend, Easter Egg hunt, Egg Painting.

Don't forget to look out for the Easter Bunny.

Limited electric available, 1st come, 1st served.
Shower blocks on site.

SEND YOUR RALLY SLIPS TO:

Mr. Colin Richardson
16 Sage Close,
Biggleswade,
Beds.
SG18 8WH

