



The Caravan Club
Bedfordshire Centre
Rally Goer



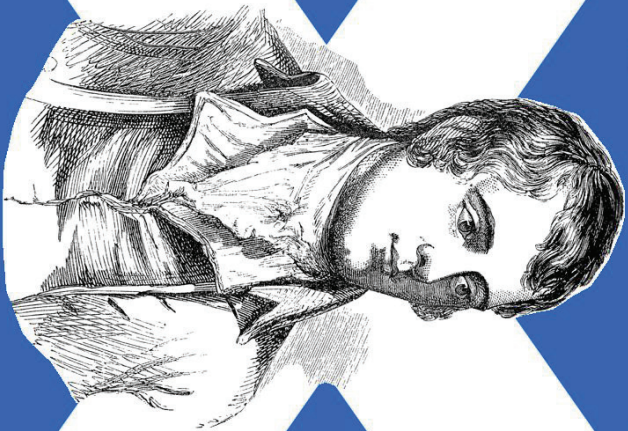
The Chairman, Officers & Committee
Wish you all A Very Merry Christmas
& A Happy New Year

BURNS Night

21st - 23rd Jan 2011

at

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Rally Slips to:

Mr. Tom Gilks.

Ring to Confirm Address

Mobile: 07742 556482



Welcome to Chairmans Chat

Dear Friends,

Can someone tell me where the last year has gone? Or where the last few years have gone. It only seems a few months ago that we were pulling onto our first rally and here we are 9 years later and into my 3rd year as your Chairman.

Caravanning has given us some of the greatest weekends we have had, seen some places in Bedfordshire that we did not know existed and now we can add a foreign holiday to our list.

Caravanning has given us some wonderful friends and some these friends are no longer just caravan friends, but friends that we see without the caravan. What! I hear you say in shock and horror friends outside of the caravan and my answer is yes, but remember it was the caravan that helped me to meet those friends. Therefore I'm happy when I say to new members that the Bedfordshire Centre is full of friends that you are still to meet.

If I had the time, I would come and thank each and every one of you for your support, you're a great bunch of people that all have the same hobby. Who would think that a tin box on wheels could bring so many people together at weekends and enjoy the fun and laughter of young and old on the rally field.

Caroline and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year and we look forward to sharing time with you on the rally field.

Merry Christmas

Tom Gilks
Chairman

Puzzle Page

Can solve the puzzle

Rivers

Can you find the hidden rivers? They may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal, forwards or backwards.



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GANGES
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MURRAY
NILE
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SEINE
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THAMES
TIBER
TIGRIS
VOLGA
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YUKON
AMBEZI

The Ghost of the Happisburgh Lighthouse

The ghost of the lighthouse can be seen on foggy nights walking round the top of the light tower wearing a long scarf and carrying a large cod in his left hand. The trouble started when the keeper told his apprentice to go and get a pint of paraffin for the lamp. The lad complained he had just walked to the village (two miles there and back) to get the milk and the papers. The keeper shouted down from the tower he would murder the boy when he came down from the light. The lad was terrified, then he heard the keeper coming down the spiral staircase, clump and a soft one, clump and a soft one, clump and a soft one. He had a wooden leg, you see, hence the sound. A fight ensued, whereby the keeper started to beat the lad about the head with a frozen fillet he had just got out for his tea. The terrified lad withdrew to the lighthouse steps and leaping up the first six (just like Errol Flynn) leapt out and swung out on the wick, which wrapped itself round the keeper's neck and strangled him. If you have seen the height of the lighthouse, you will have a rough idea of the length of the wick.

Don't forget to visit the Lighthouse when you join us on the Happisburgh holiday rally next year Aug 12 - 26.

Bill Thompson

For the latest information on Rallies, Centre News, Rally photo's and downloads, then why not visit our website.

www.bedscentrecc.com
The Best Place to be...



Why is a Ship Called "SHE"

A ship is called "SHE" because
There is always a great deal of bustle about her;
There is always a gang of men about;
She has a waist and stays;
It takes a lot of paint to keep her looking good;
It's not the initial expense that breaks you
It's the upkeep!

She can be decked out;
It takes an experienced man to handle her correctly;
And without a man at the helm,
She is absolutely uncontrollable!

She shows her top sides, hides her bottom and,
when coming into port, always heads for the bouys.

Letters

Your chance to communicate with your fellow ralliers.



Thank You...

I would like to thank everyone for all of the sympathy cards that you sent me.

It was nice to see so many of you at John's funeral, everything went very well and my thanks go to John Moules for the arrangements he did. At times like these its comforting to see so many friends.

We had some lovely years caravanning with you all, they were fun times and will be missed.

Thank You all

Barbara Close & Family

Sandy & Morris McDowell

Would like to Wish all our friends in The Beds Centre A Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

We will be giving a donation to the Centre's charity in place of sending cards.

Thetford refrigerators...

The Caravan Club Technical committee are investigating what appears to be "more than expected" problems with the Thetford fridges.

The refrigerators are designed in the US where one suspects the majority of users have either a generator or mains hook up and the use of LPG is almost an emergency "back up". This would also suit many users over here, but then we have our keen ralliers who use LPG for extended periods.

This is causing premature burner failures. Thetford have released a replacement stainless steel burner but it would appear that it too is failing.

We are anxious to hear from any members who have had Thetford Fridge failures and would ask them to email details to Dave Lee (Technical sub-Committee) at rockh@talktalk.net or to Technical Department at East Grinstead House

London to Brighton Bike Ride...

Thanks to your generosity and support, our riders raised in excess of £1500.00 for the British Heart Foundation.

We are also looking for more volunteers to take part in 2011. The Caravan Club have a new venue in Brighton which will take more caravans, but are still awaiting confirmation from BHF of the number of teams they are allowed to enter. They are hoping for 6 to 8 teams and 300 - 400 riders.

Any one is interested please contact Colin Richardson.

Thanks Again

Colin Richardson



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the BEDFORDSHIRE CENTRE
will be held at the Parkside Hall, Amptill
on Saturday, 24th September, 2011 at 3:00pm
To which your attendance is earnestly requested

AGENDA

1. Reading of the notice convening the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 25th September, 2010.
4. Matters Arising.
5. Chairman's Report.
6. The Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31st December, 2010 and Interim Report for 2011.
7. Notice of motions.
8. Elections:

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) Chairman. | (e) Hon. Rally Secretary |
| (b) Vice-Chairman. | (f) P.R.O. |
| (c) Hon. Centre Secretary. | (g) Social Secretary. |
| (d) Hon. Treasurer. | (h) Committee. |

9. Any other business.
Date, place and time of next AGM.

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1. As required by Rule 5C governing Centres, nominations for Executive Officer and Committee must be received by the Centre Secretary no later than FOURTEEN DAYS BEFORE the meeting.
 2. Incomplete or late nominations cannot be accepted.
 3. Notices of motion must be received in writing by the Centre Secretary not later than 35 days before the meeting.
 4. Only Full, Family and Joint Members are entitled to speak and vote, although the Club constitution does not forbid the admission of wives and other persons of the members families.
 5. The position at the AGM is that ALL OFFICES and places on the COMMITTEE are vacant, but each Office and Member of the Committee may be nominated for re-election.
 6. Full, Family and Joint members MUST produce their current Membership Cards in order to collect their AGM/Ballot Papers.
 7. Members requiring a copy of the minutes and balance sheet before the meeting please contact the Hon. Secretary (enclosing a stamped addressed envelope with their request).

Nomination Slips can be found in the insert in the rally book or on our website.

What does Life Teach you

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye.
16. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
19. It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
22. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
24. The most important sex organ is the brain.
25. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words 'In five years, will this matter?'
27. Always choose life.
28. Forgive everyone everything.
29. What other people think of you is none of your business.
30. Time heals almost everything. Give time, time.
31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
32. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
33. Believe in miracles.
34. People love you because of who you are, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
35. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
36. Growing old beats the alternative -- dying young.
37. Your children get only one childhood.
38. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
41. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
42. The best is yet to come...
43. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
44. Yield.
45. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift."

Caroline Gilks

2011 Rally Programme Updates

The following rallies have either been changed or have further information added since the rally book went to print. For more information visit:

www.bedscentrecc.com

Postcode changed

Rally 9 Mar 25 - 27 **Thriplow Daffodil Event, Fowlmere.**

Postcode: SG8 7RY

Rally officers Added

Rally 13 Apr 15 - 17 **Sandy.**

Rally Officers: Gill & Mick Leath with Jo & Andy Gray.
Tel: 01767 682364 Mobile: 07939 453899

Rally officers Added

Rally 45 Sep 16 - 18 **Grafham Water.**

Rally Officers: Jacky & Neil Hannan with Ann & Bill Bowie

Rally officers Added

Rally 51 Oct 21 - 23 **Sandy.**

Rally Officers: Gill & Mick Leath with Bronya & Martin Findlay.

Date Changed

Rally 59 Nov 18 - 20 **Christmas Spectacular, Fakenham.**

Rally Officers: Edna & Peter Hall with Brenda & John Walduck.

Contact your PRO:

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| (c) Secretary. | |

Date, place and time of next AGM.

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Events Weekend - 08th to 10th April...

Don't forget to book your place at the events weekend, and enter the competitions...

Do you have a hobby, craft or even a collection? Why not put it on display for all to see on Saturday afternoon...

Competitions held are;

Wine, Beer & Spirit making... Photographic... Cake Baking in the caravan... Home made Chutney's...

Rules for Wine Beer & Spirits, Photographic, and the cake recipe will be available on the rally field or the website early next year.

Don't be late in booking in or you'll miss out on the fun...

Why the Angel is on Top of the Tree

Santa was very cross. It was Christmas Eve and NOTHING was going right. Mrs Claus had burned all the cookies. The elves were complaining about not getting paid for the overtime they had while making the toys. The reindeer had been drinking all afternoon and were dead drunk. To make matters worse, they had taken the sleigh out for a spin earlier in the day and had crashed it into a tree.

Santa was furious. "I can't believe it! I've got to deliver millions of presents all over the world in just a few hours - all of my reindeer are drunk, the elves are on strike and I don't even have a Christmas tree!

I sent that stupid Little Angel out HOURS ago to find a tree and he isn't even back yet! What am I going to do?"

Just then, the Little Angel opened the front door and stepped in from the snowy night, dragging a Christmas tree. He says "Yo, fat man! Where do you want me to stick the tree this year?"

And thus the tradition of angels on top of Christmas trees came to pass.....

Andy Gray

PRO



Have you got something for the next edition?

Send your letters, rally write ups, Jokes or whatever it may be to your Centre PRO.

12th Home Counties Invitation Rally
Henlow Bridge Lakes, 9th - 11th September 2011

PUTTING THE GREAT BACK INTO BRITAIN



**ONE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE
FAMOUS SATURDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT!**

We are British through and through and it's time we enjoyed it! Let's celebrate everything British, from Famous sights to Famous people, Fabulous food to Fabulous Music - we lead the world in so many ways and next year sees us hosting a famous games - so lets start the party in this beautiful setting!

Attractions Include

Trade Stands + Fish 'n' chip van + Village Fete + Table Top Sale
+ Pete's Bacon Butties

Events Include

+ FUN DOG SHOW + BINGO + FUN RUN + WATER CENTRE
CHALLENGE + BRITISH PROCESSION

WITH GUEST OF HONOUR - CC CHAIRMAN GRENVILLE CHAMBERLAIN!!

2011 Rally Programme at a Glance

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Sep 30 - 02	Zoo Day's, Whipsnade. Rally Officers: Sylvia & Ivor Gurney Tel: 01525 372641 Mobile: 07808 817278
Oct 07 - 09	Darts, Drayton Parslow. Rally Officers: Karen & Steve Waite Tel: 01525 633027 Mobile: 07940 069206
Oct 14 - 16	Comberton. Rally Officers: Jenny & Roland Wagstaff Tel: 01767 314296 Mobile: 07885 319924
Oct 20 - 24	Brighton. Rally Officers: Val & Stuart Cirket Tel: 01525 404150 Mobile: 07759 918443
Oct 21 - 23	Sandy. Rally Officers: Gill & Mick Leath. Tel: 01767 682364 Mobile: 07939 453889
Oct 28 - 30	Halloween. Rally Officers: Jacky & Neil Hannan Tel: 01582 881698 Mobile: 07831 511622
Nov 04 - 06	Bonfire Spectacular, St Ives. Rally Officers: Steve & Anne Rayment Tel: 01954 267107.
Nov 04 - 06	Non Bonfire, Great Barford. Rally Officers: Gill & Mick Leath. Tel: 01767 682364 Mobile: 07939 453889
Nov 11 - 13	Cardington. Rally Officers: Jenny & Roland Wagstaff Tel: 01767 314296 Mobile: 07885 319924
Nov 18 - 20	Christmas Spectacular, Fakenham. Rally Officers: Edna & Peter Hall Mobile: 07788 503525
Nov 18 - 20	Regional AGM, Holton. Rally Officers: Jenny & Gerry Cox Tel: 01865 769156 Mobile: 07754 735799
Nov 25 - 27	Old Warden Rally Officers: Gill & Mick Leath. Tel: 01767 682364 Mobile: 07939 453889
Dec 02 - 06	Christmas Party, Gamlingay. Rally Officers: Committee. Slips to: TBA
Dec 11	Carols Service, Ampthill. Contact: Mr. T Gilks Mobile: 07742 556482
Dec 29 - 01	New Year Celebrations, Gamlingay. Rally Officers: Caroline & Tom Gilks Mobile: 07742 556482

2011 Rally Programme at a Glance

Don't Forget to book into our forthcoming rallies...

Please pull out the centre pages and pin it to your notice board as a reminder of what's on...

For more information on these rallies check the rally book or visit our website

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Jan 16	Winter Walk, Sandy. Rally Officers: Gill & Mick Leath. Tel: 01767 682364 Mobile: 07939 453889
Jan 21 - 23	Burns Night, Gamlingay. Rally Officers: Committee. Slips to: Mr. T Gilks Mobile: 07742 556482
Feb 06	Winter Walk, Tempsford. Rally Officers: Maureen & John Gauge Tel: 01480 383579 Mobile: 07745 855159
Feb 11 - 13	Family Valentines, Arlesey. Rally Officers: Janet & Lawrie Coleman Tel: 01234 305096 Mobile: 07771 868496
Feb 18 - 20	Rally Officers Weekend, Drayton Parslow. Rally Officers: Committee Slips to: Mrs. J Gray Tel: 01234 302746 Mobile: 07900 108633
Feb 25 - 27	Chinese Weekend, Dunstable. Rally Officers: Mo & Jerry Waite Tel: 01582 751036 Mobile: 07968 018517
Mar 04 - 06	Musgrave Arms, Shillington. Rally Officers: Jill & Bill Thompson Mobile: 07708 431591
Mar 11 - 13	Birthday Bash, Old Warden. Rally Officers: Gill & Mick Leath. Tel: 01767 682364 Mobile: 07939 453889
Mar 18 - 20	Paddy's Quiz Night, Offley. Rally Officers: Jenny & Roland Wagstaff Tel: 01767 314296 Mobile: 07885 319924
Mar 25 - 27	TBA. Rally Officers: TBA
Mar 25 - 27	Thriplow Daffodil Event, Fowlmere. Rally Officers: Sandie & Alan Evans Tel: 01767 640263 Mobile: 07887 541762
Apr 01 - 03	Par for the Course, Peterborough. Rally Officers: Maureen & John Gauge Tel: 01480 383579 Mobile: 07745 855159
Apr 08 - 10	Events Weekend, Cardington. Rally Officers: Committee Slips to: Mr. C Richardson Tel: 01767 314019 Mobile: 07802 187292



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Apr 14 - 18	Motorhome Show, Peterborough. Rally Officers: Sue & Ron Morgan Tel: 01462 811152
Apr 15 - 17	Sandy. Rally Officers: Gill & Mick Leath. Tel: 01767 682364 Mobile: 07939 453889
Apr 21 - 25	Easter at Home, Gamlingay. Rally Officers: Sandy & Morris McDowell Tel: 01908 311620 Mobile: 07966 288263
Apr 21 - 25	Easter at Away, Kineton. Rally Officers: Colin & Diane Richardson Tel: 01767 314019 Mobile: 07802 187292
Apr 21 - 02	Easter/May Day Holiday, Digle. Rally Officers: Pat & Terry Darlow Tel: 01462 700151 Mobile: 07864 356002
Apr 29 - 02	May Day Weekend, Gamlingay. Rally Officers: Sandy & Morris McDowell Tel: 01908 311620 Mobile: 07966 288263
Apr 29 - 02	May Day Away, Gorleston. Rally Officers: Maureen & Tom Leath Tel: 01767 312439 Mobile: 07885 31 9976
May 06 - 08	Emberton Park, Emberton. Rally Officers: Jill & Bill Thompson Mobile: 07708 431591
May 13 - 15	The Mitchelmore Trophy, Henlow Bridge. Rally Officers: Colin & Diane Richardson Tel: 01767 314019 Mobile: 07802 187292
May 20 - 22	Steam Festival, Belvoir Castle Estate. Rally Officers: Maureen & John Gauge Tel: 01480 383579 Mobile: 07745 855159
May 20 - 22	Water Ski Park, Box End. Rally Officers: Jenny & Les Lambert Tel: 01234 767488 Mobile 07748 763894
May 27 - 31	National Rally, Sledmere House. Centre Liaison Officer: TBA
May 27 - 05	National Alternative, Hatton. Rally Officers: Pat & Terry Darlow Tel: 01462 700151 Mobile: 07864 356002
May 31 - 05	National Follow-On, Clumber Park. Rally Officers: Colin & Diane Richardson Tel: 01767 314019 Mobile: 07802 187292
Jun 03 - 05	Offley. Rally Officers: Kate & Paul Dalton Tel: 01462 835211
Jun 10 - 12	Chairman Charity Rally, Maulden. Rally Officers: Committee. Slips to: Mr. T Gilks Mobile: 07742 556482
Jun 17 - 19	Medieval Weekend, Great Barford. Rally Officers: Gill & Mick Leath. Tel: 01767 682364 Mobile: 07939 453889

Jun 24 - 26	Caravan Handling, Vinegar Hill. Rally Officers: Gill & Mick Leath. Tel: 01767 682364 Mobile: 07939 453889
Jul 01 - 03	Raft Race, Langford. Rally Officers: Pat & Terry Darlow Tel: 01462 700151 Mobile: 07864 356002
Jul 08 - 10	Children's Rally, Ampthill. Rally Officers: Jenny & Les Lambert Tel: 01234 767488 Mobile 07748 763894
Jul 15 - 17	Fishing Rally, Henlow Bridge. Rally Officers: Carrie & Mike Irvin Tel: 01767 640004 Mobile: 07840 784660
Jul 22 - 25	Willington. Rally Officers: Jill & Bill Thompson Mobile: 07708 431591
Jul 29 - 31	Junior's Rally, Maulden. Rally Officers: Mo & Jerry Waite Tel: 01582 751036 Mobile: 07968 018517
Aug 05 - 07	Kimbolton School, Kimbolton. Rally Officers: Carrie & Mike Irvin Tel: 01767 640004 Mobile: 07840 784660
Aug 12 - 14	Loves Lane, Ashwell. Rally Officers: Rita & Tony Careless Mobile: 07935 721814
Aug 12 - 26	Happy Day's Holidays, Happisburgh. Rally Officers: Cora & John Moules Mobile: 07850 499713
Aug 19 - 21	Little Staughton. Rally Officers: Katherine & Simon Ward Mobile: 07980 653020
Aug 20 - 03	Some like it Hot, Palamos, Spain. Rally Officers: Pat & Terry Darlow Tel: 01462 700151 Mobile: 07864 356002
Aug 26 - 29	Glenn Miller Festival, Clapham. Rally Officers: Sandy & Morris McDowell Tel: 01908 311620 Mobile: 07966 288263
Aug 26 - 29	Great Barford. Rally Officers: Gill & Mick Leath. Tel: 01767 682364 Mobile: 07939 453889
Aug 26 - 29	Sandringham Estate. Rally Officers: Pat & Win Eaton Tel: 01234 852876
Sep 02 - 04	Barge Past, Stoke Bruerne. Rally Officers: Jill & Bill Thompson Mobile: 07708 431591
Sep 09 - 11	HCIR, Henlow Bridge. Rally Officers: TBA
Sep 16 - 18	Veggie Out, Grafham Water. Rally Officers: Jacky & Neil Hannan Tel: 01582 881698 Mobile: 07831 511622
Sep 23 - 25	Centre's AGM, Ampthill. Rally Officers: Jenny & Les Lambert Tel: 01234 767488 Mobile 07748 763894