

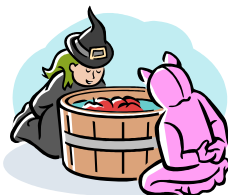
Happy Halloween



28th - 30th October
at Arnold School
Barton le Clay



Fancy Dress Fun and Games



Childrens Trick or Treat



Rally Slips to:

Jacky and Neil Hannan Mobile: 07831 730207



The Caravan Club
Bedfordshire Centre
Rally Goer

AGM



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2011



Welcome to Chairmans Chat

Dear Friends,

And so another Rally Goer hits the news stand. Summer seems to have been and gone, I'm not sure where, but I'm told we did have a summer, but I think I must have slept through it.

Once again we have had some good rallies over the last couple of months. I hear that Happisburgh was great fun and the double duo Johnny & Billy kept the ralliers entertained and on their toes.

We have also had some new Rally Officers come forward and run rallies this year, and my thanks go to the new Rally Officers for running their first rallies. Once again the Glenn Miller Festival was a great success although we did not get the numbers that we expected; we believe that this was due to a siting error by Twinwoods.

We have some great rallies coming up over the remaining months; The Darts Competition, Halloween, Christmas Spectacular and Christmas Party rally, to name but a few.

My thanks go to all of the rally Officers for giving up their time to run the rallies, Thank You, and to you for attending the rallies, Thank you.

This is my last Rally Goer as your Chairman, three years have flown past and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your help, friendship, trust and support over the last three years. I could not have done it without all of you.

Tom

Tom Gilks

Chairman
Bedfordshire Centre of the Caravan Club

Members Ads'

Do you have something to sell...

Let the PRO know, and it will appear here and on the Centre's Website.

If your item has been sold, or you no longer wish to advertise it, please let me know

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Awning...

Green Cardinal Awning

Size 13 fits 950 - 975 cm Caravan. Complete with fixings and pegs, draught skirt and curtains. In good condition. £125.00

Charlie Atthews,

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Andy Gray,

Tel: 01234 302746

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Mick Challis,

Tel: 01733 571332

Various Items...

Wheelie Waste Water Bin, never been used £10.00

Bill Thompson,

Tel: 07708 431591

Lady's Bikes...

Lady's 18 Geared Mountain Bike, Very good Condition £30.00

Lady's 3 Speed Bike, as new £50.00

Irene & John Cooper,

Tel: 01234 870268

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

Rally Full

Rally 50 Oct 20 - 24 Brighton.

Rally Officers: Val & Stuart Cirket with Jenny & Roland Wagstaff

Rally officers Added

Rally 51 Oct 21 - 23 Sandy.

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

Venue Added & Rally Full

Rally 52 Oct 28 - 30 Halloween.

Venue: Arnold Middle School, Barton-le-Clay

Postcode: MK45 4JZ

Directions: Take A6 to Barton-le-Clay. In village take B655 towards Hexton. Site on left in approx 1/2 mile. Watch from rally signs.

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

Date Changed & Rally Full

Rally 59 Nov 18 - 20 Christmas Spectacular, Fakenham.

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

Rally Full

Rally 66 Dec 02 - 04 Christmas Party.

Rally Officers: Committee.

Illuminated Van Competition Cancelled & Date Changed

Rally 62 Dec 29 - Jan 02 New Year Celebrations.

Rally Officers: Caroline & Tom Gilks & Crew.

Have you got something for the Christmas edition?

Send your letters, rally write ups, jokes or whatever it may be to your Centre PRO by 13th November 2011

Letters

Your chance to communicate with your fellow ralliers.



Anniversary...

Wishing Bob & Rita Kennedy every happiness on their 56th wedding anniversary today 24th September 2011.

Have a great day and a great time this evening

Lots of Love

Tom, Caroline & the family

X X X X

Get Well soon...

We would like to wish Danny Pickett a speedy recovery following his recent heart valve replacement operation.

Lots of Love

Jo, Andy, Emma & Matt

Thank You...

Where have the four years gone...

When I took over the Rally Secretary position, I thought to myself I would only do it for a year. I hated doing futures on the rally field at the beginning, but this has helped me, by giving me more confidence both on the rally field and at work.

I would like to thank everyone for the support & help that has been given to me, whether it was by people running rallies, finding new venues, or just giving me some general support.

I wish everyone that is stepping down from the committee or taking on a new role all the best in their new positions.

Many Thanks

Jo Gray

Thank You...

Tilly would like to everyone who sponsored her for the "Race for Life" run on 24th July, where she raised £110.

Many Thanks for your Support

Tilly Hannan

Thank You...

Thanks to all who helped at the Habbisburgh Holiday Rally. We had a brilliant time... No rain or wind. Everybody enjoyed it. Billy & Jonny hope to see you all in two years time.

Many Thanks

Jill & Bill Thompson

Letters Continued...



Farewell..

I thought I would bid you farewell as Bedfordshire Centre Secretary as I am retiring from the post on 24th September 2011.

It has been an interesting four years; a great learning curve, as there have been some interesting things to deal with along the route. The life of the Centre secretary is a little like riding a roller coaster, full of highs and lows and my experience in the role has been no different to my colleagues before me. Basically a home office full of documentation and a postman that hates me due to the volume of post which goes in and out of my letterbox. Even in this age of technology there is nothing like good old Royal Mail dropping the post on the door mat. Emails are fast but I love a letter!

I would like to thank Colin Smith who served as Centre Secretary for many years and who has been supportive with advice and help along the way, and also Tom Gilks who has been an absolute star when I have been working cross boarder in Berlin and Madrid as he has completed all the Secretarial work whilst I have been away! Without this level of support the Centre would not be up to date with our affairs which would be detrimental for our Centres future.

There is no need to wish Tom every success in his new Secretarial role as he had plenty of practice in the three years he served in the role prior to becoming vice Chairman and then Chairman of the Centre.

So I hang up my Secretarial hat and wish you all many years of happy Rallying – be happy everyday for the rest of your lives, and live life as though nobody is looking!

Regards

Caroline

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Illuminated Van Competition...

Many of you will be aware that two of our members Tony & Rita Careless had the unfortunate experience last November when their caravan caught fire on the way home from the Christmas Spectacular Rally in Norfolk.

I am pleased to advise that Tony, Rita & the dog were all fine but unfortunately the caravan and the Illuminated Van Trophy were destroyed in the fire.

The Committee has considered in great length as to whether the trophy should be replaced but after looking at the statistics relating to entries for this particular competition it has been agreed that the Competition will not be run going forward and the trophy will not be replaced.

Please address any queries in relation to this decision to The Centre Secretary

Caroline Gilks

Hon. Secretary
Bedfordshire Centre of the Caravan Club

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3rd / 5th December 2011




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Gamlingay Village College





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Contact Jerry Waite for booking form

Rallies & Rally Officers...

The Rally programme is put together for the benefit of all members and therefore we aim to achieve a varied programme that has something to please all our members throughout the year. Jo & her team have done an excellent job with the 2012 programme and hopefully we will see you enjoy the programme throughout the coming year.

Rally Officers are all volunteers; we all have our favourite venues however there is no rule that if you run a rally at a venue in 2011 that you have the right before anyone else to run a rally there in 2012. It is courteous to ask Rally Officers who have previously run successful rallies in the past at a particular venue if their intention is to run the rally in the forthcoming year as the whole volunteer network works more harmoniously if everyone shows common courtesy and uses a little common sense.

There are usually around 40 rallies to choose from throughout the year and often any venue can be as successful as the next if the Rally Officers create a weekend of fun, friendship and the traditional Bedfordshire welcome.

The programme is open to everyone and the provisional programme is available for all members to volunteer to run rallies throughout the year. Names can be added as and when the programme is available and you can approach the Rally Secretary at anytime.

And finally, you must be a registered member of The Bedfordshire Centre to run a Centre Rally or Event.

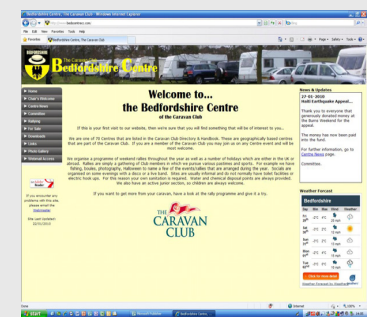
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For the latest information on Rallies, Centre News, Rally photo's and downloads, then why not visit our website.

www.bedscentrecc.com

The Best Place to be...



Thank you to an amazing group of volunteers

The AGM is effectively the right time for the Centre to formally thank our team of hardworking Rally Officers who relentlessly give up their free time for the benefit and enjoyment of others.

We have taken this opportunity by extending invitations to all of our 2011 Rally Officers and their children to enjoy a meal and an evening of professional entertainment on the AGM evening.

It is with this in mind given that the formalities of the AGM will be over by tea time that we as a Committee have decided to move the Centre dance competition to our Events weekend in 2012 in line with the other Centre competitions. This leaving this evening free for all of us to enjoy a meal together, be entertained by our entertainer and dance the evening away with a bit of music.

More information in regard of Centre Competitions will follow in the Christmas mail

Caroline Gilks

Hon. Secretary
Bedfordshire Centre of the Caravan Club

Warning...

Be careful while cooking on any appliance you may have, things can catch fire very easily...

Especially if you are in Broom or Happisburgh...



I'm sure we will get more of the stories later...

Andy Gray

PRO

Twinwoods 2011...

Once again The Twinwood Event went off really well, except for the typical English weather, what other race would sit under umbrellas listening to swing bands playing their hearts out. Well over 5000 people did just that.



The event is getting more popular each year and we have visitors from Wales, Scotland, Yorkshire etc and even one from Portugal. Lots of people dress in the 40's period costumes which make for a colorful sight. Lindy Hopping is very popular and the ladies dresses are quite stunning, I know Morris's eyes were popping as the skirts were twirling; the chaps look great as well.



Since we starting doing the event some five years ago now, we have made lots of friends who we keep in touch with, and have hopefully put more people in touch with rallying. God willing we will be at the same place next year.

Morris and I would like to take this opportunity to thank John & Dawn Clark for their help during the rally, without them we couldn't run this event.

Sandy & Morris

Lost Identity...

Here's a vehicle that's lost its identity.

Is it a motorhome, trailer, caravan or a car? This concept might prove to popular with those that prefer motorhome's and tow a small car with them.



Andy Gray

PRO