

Happy Halloween



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



Fancy Dress Fun and Games



Childrens Trick or Treat



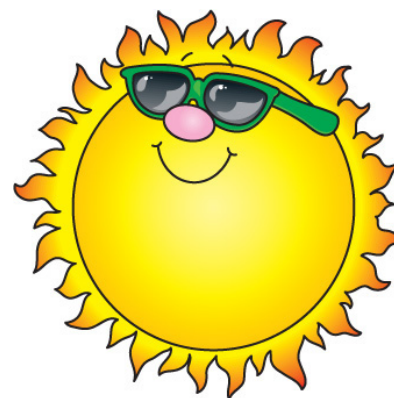
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Jacky and Neil Hannan Mobile: 07831 730207



The Caravan Club
Bedfordshire Centre
Rally Goer

Summer 2011



Welcome to *Chairmans Chat*

Dear Friends,

It only seems a few days ago that I wrote my last article for the last Rally Goer, and here I am with our PRO/Webmaster chasing me for this one. Has summer arrived? Has summer been and gone? That's the million \$ question that we all want to know the answer too. I hope for all of us that we still have plenty of hot sunny weekends to come.

Once again the last few months have been very busy, with Easter, Belvoir Castle, Fishing at Henlow Bridge and Golf at Ferry Meadows, The National, The London to Brighton Bike Ride, The Motor Home Show and The Chairman's Charity to name but a few. Some good rallies and good company. My thanks most go to Colin, Neil, Bill and Sean for a great ride, only floored by Colin's lack of keeping a chain on his bike. Well done lads the Centre is proud of you. My thanks must also go to those of you that took part in the Chairman's Charity Rally, by running a stall or just by spending your money. It was a great day and at the end of the weekend we raised just under £600.00 a Sterling effort by all.

Now we look forward to the rest of the year and a wide range of rallies coming up, but more importantly is the AGM. This year will see changes to the Centre Committee and therefore I would ask you to think hard about the committee and the work that is done in the background. If you feel that you may have a role to play on the committee, then please come forward as we will need new committee members. If you not sure what is involved then please talk to one of the current committee, who I'm sure will be happy to advise.

Lastly we need to talk about next year. We need rally officers and rally sites, Officers and sites are both becoming very hard to find these days and without them, we have no Centre Rallies to take us away for that weekend. Just think if each of us ran just one or two rallies a year, problem solved. May I also thank the rally officers that also do a brilliant job throughout the year. My thanks to you.

I hope to see you on the rally field very soon

Kind Regards

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

www.bedscentrecc.com



Fiamiastore...

Fiamiastore 9ft, used twice £70.00

Roy Meredith,

Tel: 01462 815036

Venture Trident Awning...

Venture Trident Full Awning to suit an awning rail length of 875cm. Colour - Burgundy/Grey with Fibreglass Poles. £200.00 o.n.o.

Andy Gray,

Tel: 01234 302746

Tyres...

175 x 13 (550x 13) Tyre, Brand New, never been on the road £30.00 o.n.o.

Winter Wheels, Heavy Duty Type £ offers

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

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!!

Letters

Your chance to communicate with your fellow ralliers.



Thank You...

Ann & Danny would like to thank everyone for all the get well cards, messages and phone calls that have been received following Danny's recent heart attack.

We hope to be back out rallying once Danny has fully recovered.

Thank You all

Ann & Danny Pickett

Thank You...

Ann would like to thank all those that donated cakes for the cake stall at the Chairman's Charity rally. The stall raised over £50.

Thank You all

Ann Pickett

Thank You...

John & Maureen would like to thank everyone for their good wishes on John's recent stay in hospital.

Progress is being made now and we hope to be out Rallying soon.

Thank You all

Maureen & John Gauge

Thanks to everyone that contributed to this edition of the rally goer.

Keep your letters and articles coming to help me fill this and the other pages.

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 by 19th June 2011

Belvoir Castle...

We arrived at the venue on a sunny Thursday evening to a very warm welcome from the Rally Officers and all the lucky folk who had arrived earlier that day! It was my birthday and I was greeted by lots of cards and a big birthday cake which was absolutely delicious! Thanks everyone for your kind wishes and reassurance that being 49 is not a major issue!!!

Friday was a beautiful day weather wise, the remaining three vans arrived safely and we were all set for the show to open on Saturday morning. Belvoir Castle is set in the most beautiful grounds and there are walks and views to die for, for those looking for a relaxing location this is definitely it.

The Steam weekend is on site in walking distance of the caravan parking, for those less mobile there is a little train which follows a circular route around the venue or alternatively you can take your car down to the main car park without further cost.

Once at the Show you are set for the day as there are so many things to see, from Steam Engines, Dog agility, heavy horses, tractor pulling, numerous trade stands etc. There are events in the two arena's all day long. If you fancy eating out there are various food outlets which were all very clean and competitively priced and they provided options from a full English breakfast right through to a Sunday Lunch!

There was wrestling, fortune telling, memorabilia, arts & crafts the list is endless and ~~the stall holders were all exceptionally friendly and happy to while away the time~~ chatting about their exhibits. If you want to ride in a tank or view the venue and surrounding area by helicopter it is all there to try out. You get the opportunity to meet the Belvoir hounds, quite an experience in itself as they are adorable.

All in all, this weekend offers a fabulous value for money weekend; this year's fee was under £35.00 for four days pitch, entrance to the show for two adults for two days, centre admin and our plaque!

A great weekend for all the family....highly recommended if you ever get chance to attend.

Caroline Gilks

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The Editor reserves the right to edit or decline any items sent in for publication

London to Brighton Bike Ride 2011

Despite one puncture and two broken chains team Bedfordshire successfully completed the 54 miles from Clapham Common to Brighton's Madeira Drive in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

Well done to everyone for another great effort.

Many thanks to everyone for their support and sponsorship anyone still wishing to donate can do so online by visiting http://www.justgiving.com/colin_richardson or with any of the individual riders.



The team pictured at the finish Bill Bowie, Sean Sycamore, Neil Hannan and Colin Richardson

2011 Rally Programme Updates

Continued...

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 59 Nov 18 - 20 Christmas Spectacular, Fakenham.

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

Illuminated Van Competition Cancelled & Date Changed

Rally 62 Dec 29 - Jan 02 New Year Celebrations.

Rally Officers: Caroline & Tom Gilks & Crew.

Holiday season is now upon us, and here's an airline that will get you and your van to some of the more exotic destinations quickly.



I wonder if there's any excess baggage charges?

Andy Gray
PRO

Chairman's Charity Rally 2011...

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Rally and special thanks to those who attended the fete on Saturday.

Despite the weather warnings for the weekend many people spent time collecting donations for the teddy stall, tombola, books, puzzles, bric a brac, building stocks and caravan manoeuvring courses all in their free time for the enjoyment of others and of course to raise money for the Air Ambulance which was our aim for this weekend.

The majority of us enjoyed a cream tea, took our chance in the Whisky raffle, and of course the bigger raffle which boasted a big range of prizes kindly donated by the trade stall holders at the recent National Rally. Most people purchased a cake or two from the outstanding variety of cakes on the cake stall.

The rain did in fact hold off and the fete ran without any hitches, much to the delight of everyone, we even had a volunteer fund raiser Paul, from the Air Ambulance set up his stall for the afternoon.

Everyone enjoyed bingo in the evening and hot dogs and hot drinks which again were sold for a small donation to charity.

Thanks to you the members and your generosity even in times when we are all feeling the pinch in the ever increasing cost of every day living we as a Centre raised a stunning **£647.00** for the Air Ambulance.

Your generosity will be so much appreciated by the Air Ambulance; our final cheque will be presented to them at our AGM on September 24th 2011.

Many thanks to those people who despite the weather on Sunday helped to take the party tents down, and put the equipment away.

A Great weekend was had by all and a very good cause will benefit from our work once again.

Tom Gilks
Chairman

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...



Consideration for Fellow Ralliers...

This is a family centre which thrives on the warmth of its welcome and the safe environment in which our children can play.

Please consider your driving speed on the Rally field; it should be no faster than walking pace

Please ensure your pets are safe, on leads where appropriate, not left unattended in hot caravans and please always pick up your pets poo!

Please ensure you consider your neighbours if you are using a generator - the rules in your rally book state the times that are fair to all

Please consider your neighbours if you do have children and make sure they are aware that bikes and ball games are not to be played or ridden near the caravans

Please ensure that flying crafts are flown outside the parameters of the Rally field – the only exception is the only exception being The Air Ambulance!

Please consider your Rally Officers who give up their time for your enjoyment – a small thanks goes a long, long way

Please consider your Committee, this team of volunteers work relentlessly for you the membership. It is our hobby too and we do like to relax and enjoy our weekends in our caravans with friends old and new. Centre business is dealt with at Committee meetings and the Rally field should be a place of relaxation for us all.

Any formal complaints must be put in writing to the Centre Secretary and they will be dealt with at the next available Committee meeting. Any thanks and notes of appreciation will also be gratefully received!

Please let me know directly if you have any queries

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

Date Changed

Rally 37 Aug 13 - 26 Happisburgh

Rally Officers: Cora & John Moules with Jill & Bill Thompson.

Venue Changed

Rally 38 Aug 19 - 21 The Cock Inn, Broom.

Postcode: SG18 9NA

Directions: From Shefford or Sandy take B658 and look for Broom turning. Follow rally signs.

Rally Officers: Katherine & Simon Ward with Caroline & Tom Gilks

Rally Cancelled

Rally 39 Aug 20 - Sep 03 Palamos, Spain.

Rally Officers: Pat & Terry Darlow With Maureen & John Gauge

Rally Directions

Rally 42 Aug 26 - 29 Sandringham.

Postcode: PE31 6AS

Directions: From Kings Lynn, take the A149 towards Hunstanton. At Babingley take B1439 toward SP West Newton & Caravan Club site. Watch for Beds Centre Rally signs

Rally Officers: Pat & Win Eaton with Irene & John Cooper

Rally officers Added

Rally 45 Sep 16 - 18 Grafham Water.

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

Dance Competition moved to Events rally 2012

Rally 46 Sep 23 - 26 AGM.

Rally Officers: Jenny & Les Lambert with Maureen & John Gauge

Limited spaces Available

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.

COMPEITION

Design the Front Cover of next year's Rally Book

Competition open to all Beds Centre members including Juniors.
All entries to be with the Centre Secretary by no later than:
Friday 23rd September 2011.

Winner will picked and announced at the Centres AGM.

Entries to be no bigger than 8" x 6"
Photograph or Drawing

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JUNIORS RALLY 29TH-31ST JULY



Join us for a Traditional Christmas

Friday: Christmas Eve
Saturday: Christmas Day

3rd / 5th December 2011

Family Entertainment

Gamlingay Village College

Limited to 100 guests
Contact Jerry Waite for booking form

Well I wish it could be Christmas Everyday !

The Beds Centre Christmas Party Sub Group can't make it Xmas every day, but they can bring it forward by a week or two.

Why not join the Beds Centre Family for a Beds Centre Family Xmas over the weekend of Friday 2nd December 2011 to Sunday 4th December 2011.

Xmas Eve (Friday 2/12/11)

The evening entertainment for Friday will be organised by the committee. A plan is in place for a secret Santa with a twist. It will involve each van coming to the rally with a wrapped Christmas present for another van around £5 in value. The presents will then be exchanged, but with a twist. Also during the evening a glass of mulled wine and mince pie will be served.

Xmas Day (Saturday 3/12/11)

A three course traditional Christmas dinner will be served at lunchtime. The first course will come out at 1pm, this will then be followed by traditional turkey dinner and Christmas pudding. Wine will be supplied as well as soft drinks for Children and those who do not wish to participate in wine.

We will then have family fun with our family entertainer on stage from 2.30pm. The whole family can enjoy this and it will be the children's Xmas party. If you're not on the rally and you want your children or grandchildren to come to the afternoon's festive fun, bring them along from 2.30pm. At 4pm we hope to see Father Christmas with a gift for all the children under 12.

The afternoon festive fun will finish around 5pm allowing the committee to prepare for the evening. Evening entertainment is in the plan so put your party clothes on for the Christmas Day party.

During the course of the weekend there will be a number of little twists and things that will add to the event. I do not wish to disclose the details of those to you all as this will somewhat spoil the surprises that are in store, but everybody loves surprises, especially at Christmas.

On Boxing Day we go home.

All this for only £15 per adult and £10 per child. Children coming to just the Xmas party need to book using a separate booking form at a cost of £3.50 per child. (No food will be served at the Xmas party)

Rally Slips to:

Jerry Waite, 22 Hastings Rd, Barton-Le-Clay, Bedford. MK45 4NJ. Tel: 07968 018517

Booking forms can be obtained from any committee member.

Xmas Rally Sub Group – Jerry Waite, Caroline Gilks, Karen Waite & Jackie Hannan.