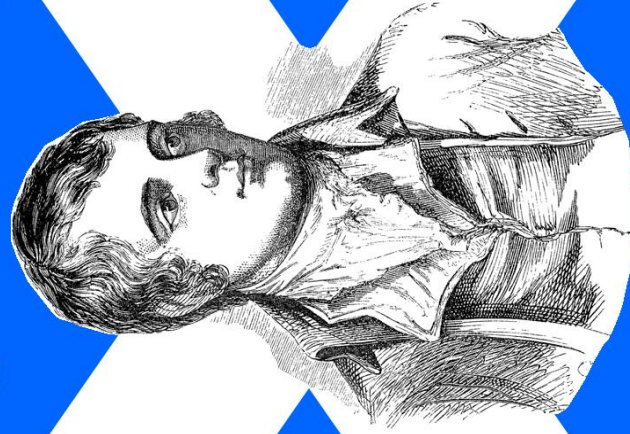


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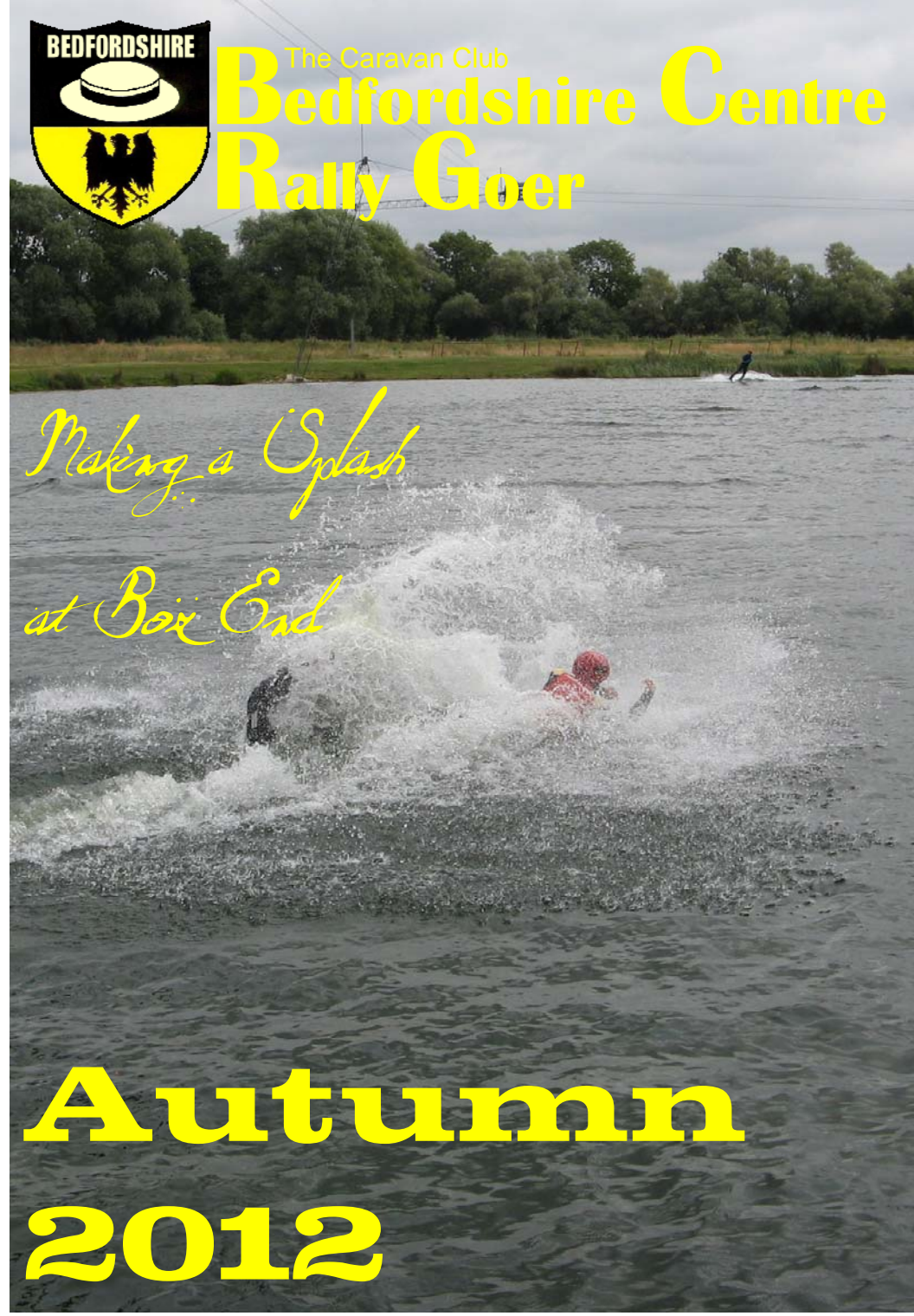


The Caravan Club

# Bedfordshire Centre Rally Goer

*Making a Splash  
at Box End*

# Autumn 2012



# Welcome to *Chairmans Chat*

Dear All,

Welcome to this the Autumn addition of the Rally Goer, since the last edition we have some change in weather with most rallies running to programme.

The Junior Rally at Maulden coincided with the start of the London 2012 Olympics with many sharing in the experience of the Opening Ceremony projected on the big screen in the party tent followed by the juniors own version of the games!

With Team GB's outstanding performance those that rallied at Stotfold were able to visit the Golden post box painted in honour of Victoria Pendleton's personal achievements. Hardly the Velodrome, but Peterborough and Gt Barford played host and witnessed some of our younger member's personal achievements by learning to ride their bikes, please remember not to ride in the vicinity of the caravans.

At time of writing preparations are well under way for the Birthday Celebrations special thanks must go to Martin Findlay and Kerry (My Daughter) for all there editorial, publishing and printing skills, many thanks to you both.

As my first year as your Chairman draws to an end, I do not know where the time has gone. I therefore would like to take this opportunity of personally thanking everyone for their support, in particular all the rally officers, the retiring officers and committee and look forward with enthusiasm to working with the incoming committee.

Diane and I wish you all well and look forward to enjoying your company soon on the rally field.

Kind Regards

**Colin Richardson**

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**



### Bailey Unicorn Mattress...

A Landrover Freelander 2 HSE genuine steel spare wheel including tyre to replace a M&S 235/60 R18 103V alloy wheel & tyre. Will fit in the boot tyre well. ....£130.00

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Tel: 01525 872973

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**Andy Gray,**

Tel: 01234 302746

### Solar Bag...

Bags4U Solar bag 16" x 40" maroon (good condition , little used).....£15.00

**John Gauge,**

Tel: 01480 383579

**Contact your PRO:**

*Andy Gray*



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## Letters

Your chance to communicate with your fellow ralliers.



### Farewell...

*I am retiring from Committee after many years, having served the Centre, as a Committee member in my first year, social secretary in my second year, Rally sec for two years, Secretary for four years and three of those I enjoyed supporting Tom in his Chairmanship as Lady Chair, and this last year as Rally secretary once again, it has been quite a journey and one that has had some great fun and laughter along the way. I would like to thank everyone for their support and friendship over the years.*

*I will be taking a back seat and taking time out to enjoy caravanning without the pressures of Committee life, and enjoying sharing these wonderful times with my family, particularly Tom and my beautiful grandchildren who are already keen on caravanning. I am also returning to college this month as well as a full time job so I think perhaps the weekends will be more precious than ever. I wish Colin and his new committee good luck and I hope to see the Centre and the warm friendship in the Centre continue to thrive*



*Kind Regards*

*Caroline Gilks*

## Letters Continued...



### Thank You...

Thank you to all of our friends in the Beds Centre

We would like to thank all of our friends in the Centre for the cards, good wishes, phone calls, messages, visits and support during Rita's recovery from her knee replacement in June, and again for all the support during her recovery from her current illness and lengthy hospital stay in August/September, as we write this Rita is still in hospital, but we sincerely hope she has now turned a corner and is on track to recovery and will be able to join the Celebrations at Maulden for the Birthday Bash. Thanks again, your get well wishes and support have been very uplifting for us both

Kind Regards

*Bob & Rita Kennedy*

### Thank You...

Dear Friends,

Can I thank you for all the cards, flowers and get well messages I received during my recent stay in hospital.

Kind Regards

*Cora Moules*

### Thank You...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their cards and wishes following on from my recent operation to have a pacemaker fitted.

Kind Regards

*Danny Pickett*

Here's a couple of computer funnies, thanks to Tom Gilks

Ever notice, the older we get,  
the more we're like computers?



We start out with lots of  
MEMORY and DRIVE  
then we become outdated,  
and eventually have to get  
our parts replaced...;

O.k., and now you'll do  
exactly what I'm telling you !



## 2012 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](http://www.bedscentrecc.com)

### Rally 45

#### 19 - 21 October, Darts

Rally officers have now been added to this rally.

**Rally Officer:** Mr Colin Pitts Tel: 07802 223699

### Rally 46

#### 26 - 28 October, Who Spooked it?

This rally is now at Alameda Academy, Station Road, Amptill MK45 2QR.

Fish & Chip Supper on Saturday Evening

#### Directions:

Take A507 towards Amptill. At roundabout take Flitwick Road and head in to Amptill. In approx. 1/2 mile at mini-roundabout turn left into Station Road. In approx 500 yds turn right, school at end of road.

**Rally Fee:** £23.50

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

**Slips to:** Mr W Thompson, Tel: 07708 431591

### Rally 49

#### 16 - 18 November, Regional AGM

Last two digits of postcode have been transposed in the rally book. The postcode should read MK42 9XA, unfortunately although it is correct for the school it will put you on the wrong road. For a better postcode please use **MK42 9UX**

**Note: Please do not arrive before 6:00 pm**

### Rally 51

#### 30 November - 02 December, Christmas Party

Please make sure that you have pads on your caravan feet otherwise you will be on the grass, as the playground has been resurfaced.

Please send all rally slips to Mr Win Eaton. Tel: 01234 302746

Here's another computer funny from Tom Gilks

### LIFE BEFORE THE COMPUTER

- \* Memory was something that you lost with age
- \* An application was for employment
- \* A program was a TV show
- \* A cursor used profanity
- \* A keyboard was a piano
- \* A web was a spider's home
- \* A virus was the flu
- \* A CD was a bank account
- \* A hard drive was a long trip on the road
- \* A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
- \* And if you had a 3 1/2 inch floppy  
...you just hoped nobody found out





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Slips to Jerry Waite – 07968 018517

# Hot off the Press!



## Good News for Centre Rallies and Events

The Caravan Club has just launched a **new search facility** on their website. You are now able to search **online** for all major Centre events and rallies.

# All you need to do is:

Go to

[www.caravanclub.co.uk/caravanclubapps/applications/centres/whatson.aspx](http://www.caravanclub.co.uk/caravanclubapps/applications/centres/whatson.aspx)

Centre rallies and events are open to all members of The Caravan Club - whether or not they are registered with a local centre. You can also find out about Club organised events or major rallies taking place this year, or if you prefer, you can browse through our What's on leaflets which highlight some of the featured Centre events.

### Search options

Use any of the options below to refine your search or simply click search and see all of the centre events coming up.

Rally/Event type:   
Centre:   
Location:   
Country:

You can refine the results by searching for events that take place on days specified by the date range below.



Royal County of Berkshire  
Show at Newbury —  
Sept 2011

☒ Weekend ☒ Holiday ☒ Overseas

[More info](#)

**Weekend** - these are rallies or events generally held over a weekend and last less than 5 nights.

**Overseas** - these are rallies held overseas.

**Holiday** - these are rallies or events which occur over a bank holiday and/or last over 5 nights.

Screen shots taken from The Caravan Club Website  
Photographs taken from relevant Centre Websites

London to Brighton BHF  
Bike Ride —  
June 2010



Please take the time to look at this exciting new service for members but remember, it cannot be successful without your support. This service can only be as good as the information you provide. Please send your updates and information to Kirsty Martin at the Caravan club — ✉ [kirsty.martin@caravanclub.co.uk](mailto:kirsty.martin@caravanclub.co.uk)

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