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Bedfordshire Centre's
AGM
28 - 30 September 2012



The Caravan Club
Bedfordshire Centre
Rally Goer

Here Comes Summer



KEEP
CALM
AND
RALLY
ON



Welcome to Chairmans Chat

Dear All,

Welcome to this our Summer addition of the Rallygoer, as we enter the holiday season I hope that the sun will soon join us. We have had some of the wettest weather recorded for May and June and have seen many rallies cancelled or relocated due to water logged venues. This has been at time somewhat frustrating for our rally officers, rally sec and webmaster to source, book and advertise alternative venues at short notice. My thanks to you all for your dedication and commitment to enable these weekends to proceed. This said it didn't dampen the Beds Jubilee Celebrations at Dark Barns Gloucester, with "come tin with me", fun, games and a Jubilee Street Party, fun was had by all.

Some of the centre competitions have taken place, with the events weekend at Cardington earlier in the year and the baking competition increasing in popularity, Pitch and Putt at Ferry Meadows and Fishing at Henlow seeing some new names being added to the trophies.

Neil Hannan and Bill Bowie successfully completed the London to Brighton bike ride in June in a record time of 4 hours 12 minutes representing the Bedfordshire Centre for a third year and raising money for the centres charity BHF. A huge thank you to everyone for their donations and support it is much appreciated. Well done to you both hopefully I'll be back in the saddle slowing you down next year!!

Along with the Beds Birthday Celebrations in September we will also be hosting this years Regional AGM at Abbey Middle School, Bedford in November. Spaces for both events are very limited, please book in early to avoid disappointment.

Not forgetting our own AGM 28th-30th September with entertainment booked for Saturday evening and our AGM proceedings in the afternoon. Nominations have now commenced for the 2012/2013 committee with some vacant positions that require filling. If you are interested and feel that you can contribute towards the committee please come forward or speak to a member of committee who will be only too willing to advise.

Thanks to Caroline and her sub-group the 2013 rally programme is in its final stages of preparation with only a few spaces requiring rally officers. If you are available or would like the opportunity to run or assist a rally please speak to Caroline.

The officers, committee, Diane and myself wish you all enjoyable summer vacations and look forward to seeing you soon on the rally field.

Kind Regards

Colin Richardson
Chairman

Bedfordshire Centre of the Caravan Club

Members Ads'

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Brian Hornsby

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Tel: 01525 872973

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Andy Gray,

Tel: 01234 302746

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Mick Challis,

Tel: 01733 571332

Contact your PRO:

Andy Gray



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Letters

Your chance to communicate with your fellow ralliers.



Our 1st, but will it be our last rally?!!!!!!

After a mad ten minutes on e-bay at the end of last summer the Perkins family ended up with a 1991 Sprite Alpine!

What now? Where shall we keep it? How are we going to get it? We haven't got a tow bar and lastly we were going on holiday at the end of the week!

A good friend resolved the getting it and storing it until we got back. We arranged storage for it and got a tow bar fitted on our return.

After a lot of elbow grease it looked a "Bobby Dazzler", or was that the stuff we cleaned it with!?

We decided to join The Caravan Club and as my parents had done at the end of 1960's, join The Bedfordshire Centre.

"I had great fun on Caravan Rallies as a boy", I told my wife Tracy, "Our daughter Sophia will love it".

Imagine my surprise when the rally book turned up and a familiar name was still in it. We sent the slip off for our first rally, The Cock at Broom, run by Roland Wagstaff and his wife Jenny. My birthday weekend and a Pub with no Bar! Perfect.

The winter turned into spring (I think) and the weekend approached. We hitched up in a shower (It'll blow over!) and made our way to Broom.

We arrived in a down pour (never mind) got ourselves set up and given a soggy, but warm welcome by our rally officer.

Let the birthday celebrations begin. Fish and Chips with Champagne with good friends real ale and skittles in the bar for my two and half year old daughter (the ale for me you understand!). A social on Saturday evening in the village hall and a very warm welcome from all, complete with Birthday card and cake.

The pitter patter of rain drops on a caravan roof I have always found soothing, but after several hours on Saturday night/early hours of Sunday morning!!!! Not so sure about the roaring gale! We awoke Sunday Morning to the CALMING sound of rain drops and as I was contemplating, how are we going to get off the field, Tracy said, "Shall we come next weekend?" Looks like Bedfordshire Centre is stuck with Us!!!!

Who says caravanning in all weathers is not fun!!! Thanks to all for making it a very enjoyable weekend and we look forward to the next

*Simon, Tracy and Sophia
Perkins*

Editor's Note:

The eagle eyed of you may have realised that the same story appeared in the July edition of the club magazine.

Well done for getting into the July edition

Letters Continued...



Congratulations to Lee Davis for winning such a large number of Gold and Silver Medals at a recent Tae-Kwon-Do event

Well Done Lee!

Thank You...

We would just like to thank the rally officers for all their hard work at the Motorhome Show during the recent spell of bad weather.

Thanks Again

Jill and Bill Thompson

Thank You...

We would just like to thank the rally officers for all their hard work at the Dark Barn rally in Gloucester. Again bad weather struck and vans were moved numerous times to get away from the invading water. Come Tin with Me was great fun and a great time was had at the Jubilee Street party

Thanks Again

Jill and Bill Thompson

Congratulations to the winners of the centre fishing competition.

The winners were:

Men's:	Scott Longhurst
Ladies:	Bronya Findlay
Children's:	Aiden Waite

Caravan Handling...

Due to the bad weather, the caravan handling competition was cancelled. We are hoping to for this to take place on the weekend on 07-09 September and to run along with the Mitchelmore Fishing Trophy at Vinegar Hill.

Caroline Gilks,
Rally Sec

Beds Bygones...

We are collating pictures of bygone years of the Beds CC to be displayed at the Birthday Celebration rally. We require electronic or original photo's to be scanned.

If anyone has any photographs they would like to contribute to the collection please contact Colin Richardson.

Tel: 07802 187292 or email chair@bedscentrecc.com

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 17th June 2012

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

Rally 30

13 - 15 July, Pecks Farm

New rally officers have been found for this rally.

Rally Officer: Linda & Peter Horn with Maureen & John Gauge
Please send slips to Mr Peter Horn. Tel: 01525 872973

Rally 33

03 - -5 August, Henlow Bridge Lakes

Venue changed (for directions and postcode see rally 19) and Rally officers have now been added to this rally.

Rally Officer: Linda & Peter Horn with Jacky & Neil Hannan
Please send slips to Mr Peter Horn. Tel: 01525 872973

Rally 41

14 - 16 September, Grafham Water

Rally Fee: £25.09 with EHU
£23.55 without EHU

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.

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 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**

Rally 51

30 November - 02 December, Christmas Party

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

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Kind Regards

Colin

Chairman
Bedfordshire Centre of the Caravan Club

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Sun-baked Skin,
And dried out boots,
Away from kin,
Car horn hoots.

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