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The Caravan Club

Bedfordshire Centre Rally Goer



THE CHAIRMAN, OFFICERS &
COMMITTEE SEND YOU
SEASONS GREETINGS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome to
Chairmans Chat

Dear All,

Merry Christmas and welcome to this Christmas edition of the rally goer I trust that you all took advantage of the long awaited summer sunshine and enjoyed your vacations since we last spoke. We had twenty outfits join us on the rally in the Vendee France where we too experienced some fantastic weather, had a great time getting to know fellow rallier's and exploring the local beaches, towns and traditional French markets, not forgetting sampling the local cuisine and wines!!

This year the bi annual event of the Home Counties Invitation Rally (HCIR) returned to Great Barford this popular riverside venue was well attended with over 100 outfits including a large constituency from Beds.

I am pleased that the Juniors have a full committee and welcome Aiden to the helm as their new Chairman. I hope you will all join me in encouraging them to enjoy themselves and create some great family fun on the rally field. My best wishes to retiring Chairman Matty and for all his contribution to the junior section. The senior committee is also very fortunate to host a full committee and I welcome both standing and new members to the table and look forward with enthusiasm in working together and the challenges ahead.

My personal thanks and gratitude to the retiring officers and committee: Andy who has retired from committee after 5 years serving as PRO and Webmaster. Has been responsible for producing the rally goer, gaining the advertising and content for the rally book, and not forgetting developing and maintaining our website. Despite stepping down from his committee position Andy has still offered his help and support with the website and the new Technical and Marketing Sub Group.

Tom who after a decade of continuous service to the centre finally decided it was time to down his pen and blotting paper. During which time he has held positions as committee, Secretary, Vice Chairman, Chairman and once again as our Secretary. Has been a Centre representative on the HCIR and the Northern Home Counties Region Council. My sincere thanks for all your support and contribution over the years.

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Valentines Social Booking Form

14th-16th February 2014

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Membership No. _____ Centre: _____

Tel No: _____ Email Address: _____

Outfit Details: Caravan / Motorhome - Single / Twin Axle - Length _____
(Delete as appropriate)

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No. Of Children (Age 3 to 15 years)	<input type="text"/>	@ £5.00 each	Total £
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Plaque @ £1.50 each Total £

Total Amount Due £
Less (non refundable) Deposit of £10.00 £ 10.00

Balance Payable by Monday 20 January 2014 Total £

Cheques payable to:- Bedfordshire Centre of the Caravan Club

I agree to abide by the rules of the Centre and understand that I will be liable to
all expenses incurred on my behalf, including socials and other activities.

Signed _____ Date _____

All monies should be sent to
Colin Richardson, 16 Sage Close, Biggleswade, Beds
SG18 8WH

Can I take this opportunity to thank every one for their cards, kind words and support during both her illness and after the loss of my mother it's been a great comfort to me and all the family during this difficult time.

I am pleased to announce that the new Centre charity for the next two years will be Cancer Research. My family, and many other families in the Centre have been affected by this terrible disease, and I hope you all will support the fundraising events over the next two years. Vice Chairman, Neil Hannan, heads up the fundraising and I know you will all support him so that we as a Centre may contribute to this worthy cause. If you wish to make a donation please go to our just giving page <http://www.justgiving.com/BedsCC>

Just Giving sends your donation straight to Cancer Research and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you're a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more. I hope you'll join us in supporting Cancer Research UK. It gives me great pleasure in presenting the 2014 rally programme and as with every programme it takes a tremendous amount of organising and planning to compile, my sincere thanks to Maureen for all her hard work and efforts, the Rally Officers for their commitment and volunteering their time and not forgetting the landowners who without we would not be able to enjoy our pastime.

For those members who have not experienced rallying or are not sure if its for you I hope you find this edition of the Rally Goer informative and if you fancy giving it a go, join us for a weekend you'll be made very welcome.

On behalf of the Officers, Committee, Diane and Myself, we hope Santa brings you all you wish for. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year and look forward to enjoying your company soon on the rally field.

P.S. Apologies if I've gone on a bit but trying to make up as we missed the autumn edition of the Rally Goer due to unfortunate circumstances.

Kind Regards

Colin

Chairman

Bedfordshire Centre of the Caravan Club



2013 DARTS RESULTS.



Men's.

1st Mike Urvin
2nd Geof Butterum
3rd Neil Hannan/ Tom Gilks

Ladies.

1st Karen Waite
2nd Caroline Gilks
3rd Jo Gray/ Mo Waite

Juniors.

1st Matt Gray
2nd Jordon Waite
3rd Aiden Waite/Holly Irvin



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 1st March 2014

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14th – 16th February 2014

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Yes you guessed!! And poor Allan got the blame for loosing them!!



Turn to Page 20 to find out

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Matthew Gray

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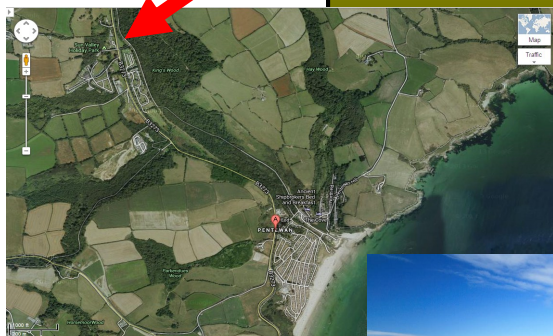
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Bedfordshire Centre 2014 Holiday Rally 2nd-16th August



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Contact No 07831 511622

Bedfordshire Centre Caravan Club
The Shire Horse Show
Friday 21st March – Sunday 23rd March 2014
Arena UK ,Grantham ,
Lincs .NG32 2EF

SurnameFirst Names and
Address.....
Tel. No Mobile No.
E-mail address
Caravan Club Membership No
Reg No.....Centre
My party consists of Adults Youth / Children
Does anyone in your party have any special needs. (Disabled).....

Event opens Friday 12 O'clock approx time of arrival.....
Cheques made payable to "**Beds Centre Caravan Club.**"
Full payment will secure your place on the event.£ 40.00 (2 adults, 2 children)
Deposit of £10.00 non refundable with final payment before March 1st

Total enclosed £

I promise to reimburse the Bedfordshire Centre for all expenses incurred on
my behalf, including Socials and any other activities and to abide by the
Centre's Bye-Laws.

Please sign Date

Please remember this is a temporary site set up on the Showground and there
will be limited toilet and shower blocks.

There will be fresh water supply and a chemical emptying point for your use.
Please return this to:-

Event Officers:

**Bronya & Martin Findlay ,123 Dells Lane, Biggleswade Beds .SG18 8LD
for any enquires Tele No :- 01767 222097 Mobil :- 07818 808115**

Please enclose a stamped address envelope for your
Entry passes to be sent to you .



Limited electric hook up, onsite FOC battery recharging!!

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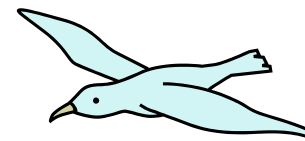
25 VAN LIMIT.....

10 ELECTRICS, (so if you want electric book early to avoid disappointment)

Pitch prices:- with Electricity £12 per night..... NO Electricity £10 per night

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Rally Officers: Bill & Jill Thompson with Terry & Pat Darlow.
Slips to Bill Thompson, 11 Church Street, Olney, Bucks MK46 4AD. Mobile:07708 431591.



COURT ON CAMERA !!

This is how two old men get there awning poles, out of the wheelie bin, you can not throw anything away?

I would like to thank you all for my retirement gift presented to me at the 2013 AGM. I have taken the difficult decision to take a year out after serving for a decade on the Centre Committee in various positions, Secretary, Vice Chairman, NHCH rep, HCIR rep and then again as Secretary for a further two years!

I am enjoying my time out and look forward with enthusiasm to the forthcoming year attending our favourite rallies, meeting up with old friends and making some new ones too.

We have made some wonderful friends in the Centre and created some fabulous memories to treasure and I look forward to many more happy times with you all.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy, prosperous peaceful New Year see you on the Rally field very soon

kind regards

Tom Gilks

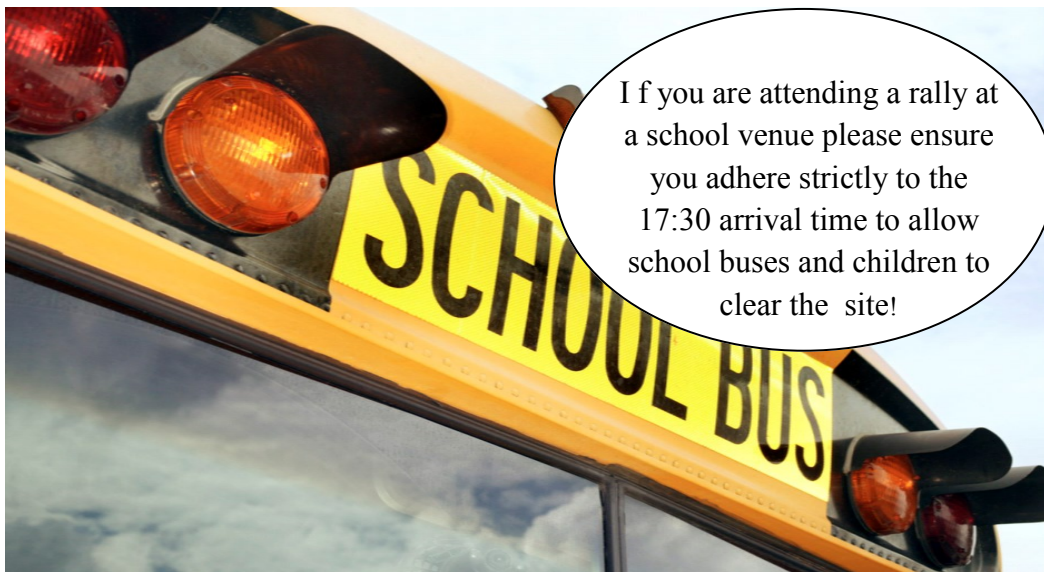
Halloween rally at Gamlingay

We had a good turn out of vans with over 35 units. With visitors from several centres. Friday night we had fun and games with face painting and apple bobbing. Saturday morning the rally officers and helpers did cake decorating with the children, they had a great time making spooky cake's. In the afternoon they put on a film for everybody to watch complete with popcorn!!!

Later in the day we went to the hall to dress our table's for Saturday night with creepy cobwebs and spiders, witches and ghosts. We arrived Saturday night at 6pm to have a great meal served by the rally officers and helpers, we then had the fancy-dress competition. We partied the rest of the night away to a great disco. We had a fantastic weekend every body on Sunday morning at flag thanked the rally officers and helpers for a great time.



Crowland Caravans & Camping have changed their number to the one advertised in the 2014 rally book
The new number is :- **01733 210186**



This is one up on us all having a driver come and pick the outfit up after a weekend away !!

THANK YOU.

Our sincere thanks to everyone that sponsored Steve for his big 4 races throughout 2013 which he ran in memory of, Rita Kennedy. Steve raised in excess of £1000.00 for the Wegener's Trust and we are all extremely proud of him and his commitment

thanks again to you all

Tom, Caz & Bob

COMPETITION WINNERS

Caravan Handling 2013 Results

Ray Wood Trophy (Men's)

1st Colin Richardson

2nd Tom Leath

3rd Lawrie Coleman

Hobbs Rose Bowl (Ladies)

1st Diane Richardson

2nd Bronya Findlay



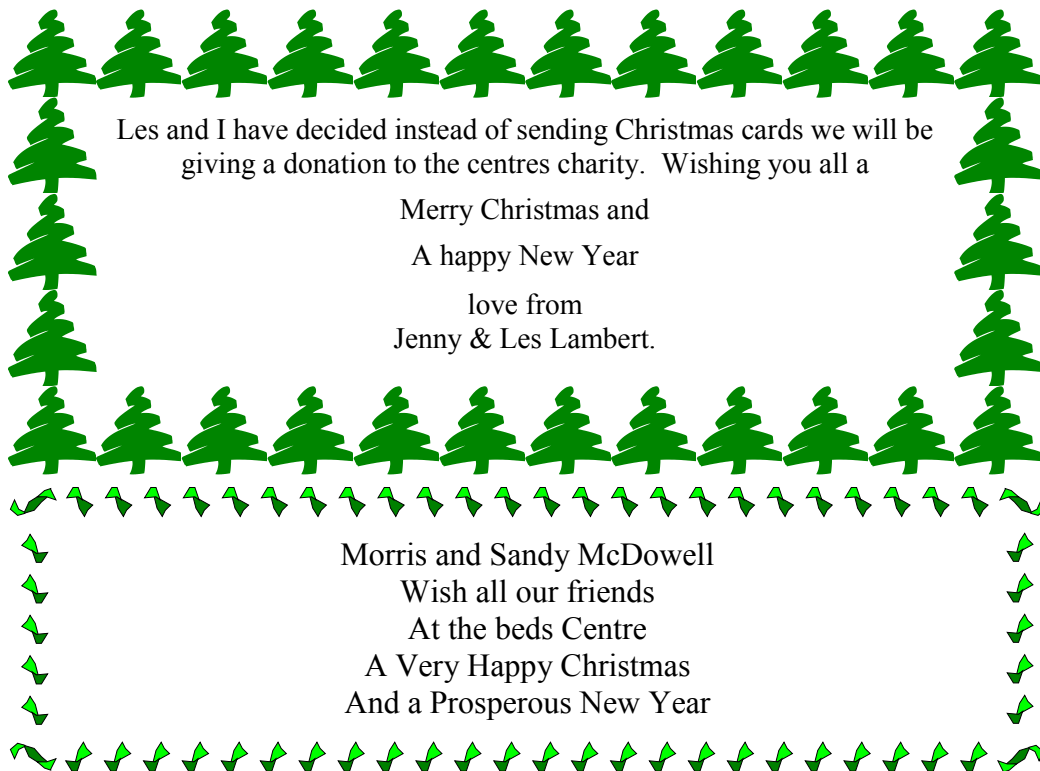
Mitchelmore Trophy 2013 (Fishing)

1st Colin Richardson

2nd Matt Gray

3rd Mick Leath





Cancer Research UK Bedfordshire Centre's Charity 2013 - 2015

Cancer Research UK, are the world's leading charity dedicated to beating cancer through research. They are fighting cancer on all fronts, finding new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat it to save more lives.

They have made a huge number of important discoveries which have fundamentally changed the way we prevent, diagnose and treat cancer.

Their work is entirely funded by the public – it's thanks to peoples donations and support that their researchers are leading the world in tackling cancer.

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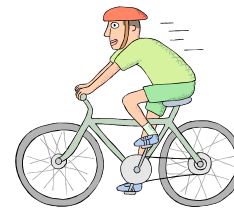
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TRIBUTE TO DORIS.

*She rode her scooter round Bedford town,
Petrol then was half a crown.
This was to advertise and promote
Cliff's "Summer Holiday" and keep him afloat.
So off she went Lambretta by two,
Ron and suitcases, knew what to do.
Braved Scotland's midges and Bagpipe bands,
Never said if she went on the sands.
She wouldn't sleep in a tent,
Went and found rooms to rent.
The Meltis sweet - taster she became,
Chewed and sucked to make her fame,
And still all those sweets didn't change her frame.
Then it was off with the "Old Tin Can"
Boot full of nappies and a large twin pram.
Next were the ventures to foreign lands
To search for sun, and the boys some sands.
She loved and toured this green Isle,
With many friends shared a smile,
Mostly after travelling many a mile.
Often travels were abroad,
Internationals were her accord.
Friendships made with foreign folk,
French, Dutch and Finnish to list a few.
The Irish Rally was quite an event,
Got her really soaking wet and there was no tent.
When she entered through a door
Her knickers dripped all on the floor,
And when she sat upon a chair
Her face was one of great despair.
Doris did like to shop,
Shoes and handbags were her lot.
She was always on the look for more,
Marks and Spencer was her favourite store.
To sew and knit was not hard,
And she could show us how to pack a card.
She didn't like the wind and frost,
And was very good at getting lost.
Sadness shared from friends across the sea
But please for DORIS smile with me.*

By Alan Measures.



Caravan Club
Charity Bike Ride
10th -14th July 2014
In Aid Of Cancer Research



Venue: Abbess Hall Farm, Abbess Roding, Ongar, CM5 0PA
Site available: Noon Thursday to 3pm Monday

Site Fee; All inclusive price for two nights £22, 3 nights £28,
4 nights £35. Please note this is a prepaid non refundable rally.

Directions: Map Ref 167/572115. From either Bishops Stortford or Chelmsford take the A1060. Pick up the B184 sp Fyfield/Ongar. Take the second right and follow NECC rally signs.

Programme: Thursday meet up with old friends. Friday morning ramble, quiz in evening, burger bar/curry available. Saturday breakfast, site close to North Weald market and Nuclear Bunker, bike checking sessions, 'Cockney' evening social including the North Essex Arms. Sunday morning charity bike ride 10, 25, 28 miles, Pimms riders reception, communal BBQ & Social evening.

Rally booking form from:

Rally Marshals: Mick & Joy Threadgold, 18 Jersey Rd, Rainham,
Essex RM13 7DR
Phone 07904 507741 (Mick)
Email joy.threadgold@btinternet.com

Assistant Marshal: Kevin & Sue Flexman – 07801 182337

Bike Ride booking form from:

Bike Ride Marshal: Ian & Liz Boughton – 077763 916776
Email izlani@hotmail.co.uk

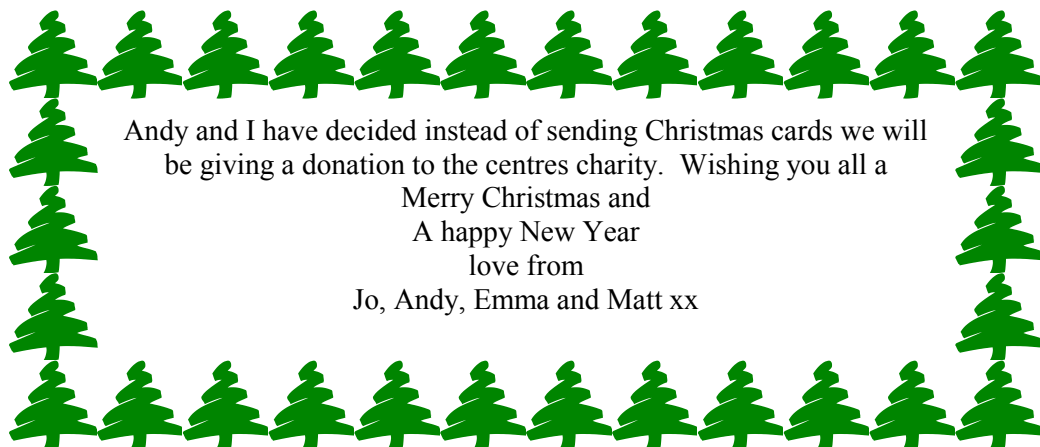
Letters

Your chance to communicate with your fellow ralliers.

Thank You...

For all your cards, sympathy messages of support in our hour of darkness, also for the comfort and love from you all. A big thank you for £220.00 collected at mums funeral which has been sent to Macmillan Nurses

Ron, Dale, Martin & Bronya Findlay



Andy and I have decided instead of sending Christmas cards we will be giving a donation to the centres charity. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and A happy New Year love from Jo, Andy, Emma and Matt xx

Thank You...

Thank you for all the people that helped pack the car & caravan up when Roland was taken ill at the HCIR

Jenny Wagstaff

Thank You...

Thank you to everyone for all the cards and good wishes for my speedy recovery after my operation. Hope to see you all in the near future

Maureen Gauge.

Thank You...

Thank you to everyone for all the cards and good wishes after my operation. Hope to see you all in the near future

Terry Darlow.

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, 27th September, 2014 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 21st September, 2013.
 4. Matters Arising.
 5. Chairman's Report.
 6. The Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31st December, 2013 and Interim Report for 2014.
 7. Notice of motions.
 8. Elections:

(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 Officer 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 separate insert or on our website.