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The Caravan Club
**Bedfordshire Centre
Rally Goer**

EASTER 2014



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Members Ads'

Do you have something to sell...

If your item has been sold, or you no longer wish to advertise it, please let me know so that I can be taken off the Website

Various Items...

Sunncamp Scenic Plus Porch Awning	£45.00
Sunncamp Scenic Plus porch awning - Grey To fit caravan heights 235-250cm high Floor dimensions 275 x 250 cm. weight 9.8kgs Used twice.	
Fiamma Caravanstore - 2.5M awning.....	£75.00
Milenco Noseweight Gauge (as new still in box)	£15.00
Pneumatic Telescopic Jockey Wheel	£10.00
Lightweight aluminium folding step	£10.00
1 pair Pyramid Tyresavers (10-20" tyres)	£5.00
Awning 3 man inner tent (used once) 200X180X175H	£10.00
TV Antenna - VisionPlus 530/14 UHF directional and A-frame mast.....	£10.00
2 x 19kg Propane Cylinders (empty).....	Free to collector

Mike Stephenson Tel: 01525 860823

Awnings...

Isabella Sun Blue Awning

£600.00 ono

Isabella Sun Blue awning 2011 with class fibreglass frame poles, fitted Buccaneer Schooner 1010 cm, very good condition, clear sides ideal for those summer evenings.

Isabella Magnum Porch Awning

£450.00

Isabella Magnum Porch Awning 2011 Fibreglass poles matching curtains, Good condition.

Robbie Brown Tel: 07775 850031

Wheel Lock...

SAS Twin Axle Wheel Lock

£75.00 ono

Fits any twin axle caravan with ALCO wheel nuts.

Requires simple lining up of two yellow bolt hole caps in fully visible position without jacking up of wheels.

Comes complete with carrying/storage case, spanner, bolts and lock with three keys

Allan James Tel: 0 1234 391389

More Items...

More items for sale can be found on the Centre's website.

www.bedscentrecc.com

Centre Membership

Please remember when you pay your annual subscription to the Caravan Club your Centre membership is not automatically renewed.

You need to tick the box and return your little slip on your membership form that comes with your cards, go on line to www.caravanclub.co.uk/centremembership to renew with the Bedfordshire Centre

There are 100's of reasons to be a member of the Bedfordshire Centre, make sure you get the most out of it by ensuring you are a member!

Caroline Gilks

Hon Secretary

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Welcome to *Chairmans Chat*

Dear Ralliers

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and are looking forward to a new season of caravanning. Welcome to this Easter edition of your Rally Goer, despite some of the wettest weather on record it hasn't put a dampener on a Beds Rally with all rallies going ahead as planned. We have already enjoyed some great rallies New Year, Burns and Valentines to mention a few and not forgetting Ramsey Barton Le Clay where the Junior Section spoilt us all with afternoon tea and cakes and provided a great evenings entertainment for all.

This year we see the return to some old venues and the inclusion of some new to provide a varied programme for all. Maureen is hard at work compiling the 2015 programme so if you know of a new or would like to return to a favourite venue please let her know. At time of going to print Neil is deep in training and preparation for his gruelling challenge of the London Marathon in aid of the centre charity Cancer Research UK. We wish him all the success and if you would like to pledge your support please go to

<http://www.justgiving.com/BedsCC>.

On behalf of the Officers, Committee, Diane and Myself, we wish you a happy Easter and a great season of caravanning, enjoying your travels where ever they take you

Kind Regards

Colin Richardson

Chairman

Bedfordshire Centre of the Caravan Club

Members Letters ...



Thank you very much for putting some great rallies on! We appreciate all your hard work. We've have had a great time.

Peter & Angela Thomson (Herts Centre)

Pat and I would like to thank everybody for the help we were given at the burns rally after the death of my brother, also we would like to thank people for the cards.

Pat & Win Eaton

Irene & John Cooper would like to thank all their friends in the Beds Centre for all the phone calls and visits when John was ill, we are glad to say he's back to his old self again.

Its nice to know we have such a lot of lovely friends.

Irene & John

Here you go!

On behalf of all of the 14 juniors that went bowling on the Barton-Le-Clay rally, I would like to thank Jerry and Aiden for organising the bowling extravaganza. I would also like to thank the senior committee for paying for the dinner at the bowling alley; everyone that came enjoyed the off the rally field and I'm sure many more will be organised. On the Saturday evening, the junior committee provided entertainment in the form of a quiz, thank you to all of the juniors that helped and an especially big thank you to Aiden for fronting the evening. Finally, I would like to thank all who baked or bought cakes at our afternoon tea, we raised a total of £60 from the cakes alone!

Hollie

Thanks Martin for the arrangements you and your team made for the shire horse show. We really enjoyed it although I must admit the cold in the arena didn't do a lot for me personally, but then we can't control the weather, Thanks again.

Regards
Pamela Beasley



AGM

Time flies when you are having fun.....it's only Easter and already I am thinking about organising our Centre AGM in September already.

This year will see our Chairman, Colin Richardson, and his lady Diane stand down after three great years in office. A change of Chairman rings change to the Centre and generally to the Centre Committee, so now's your time to think whether you would like to get more involved and be considered by the membership to stand as part of the Centre Committee.

Do you need experience? You do need to be a member of the Beds Centre to be nominated for Committee, but there are no hard and fast rules about previous experience. Centre Officers generally serve as a Committee member initially purely to understand how the Centre is managed etc, but again it's not a hard and fast rule. The Centre is pretty diverse and we have people from all walks of life, with lots of different experience and we welcome everyone.

Does it cost anything? Time is all you have to commit too, there 11 meetings per year and lots of Centre run activities throughout the year to support and organise which are put together by the Committee or its sub groups which are formally recognised smaller groups which are made up of Committee members, and other members who commit to a particular sub group such as the Burns Sub Group but they do not sit on full Committee. Reasonable approved expenses incurred on behalf of the Centre are reimbursed by the Centre treasurer.

Where can I find out more about a particular role if I am interested? Call, email or catch me on a rally field, I have a full job description for each role which you are welcome to read. Any Committee member can point you in the right direction

Who can nominate and second me if I decide to stand? Any Bedfordshire Centre member can nominate or second you

What's next if I stand? I will contact you to request a very short resume about yourself and what you feel you can bring to the Centre & a photograph of you, as some members may know your face but not your name. We have in excess of 500 members, not everyone knows each other so it's just a short introduction about you which will be displayed at the AGM. If there is a vote for any position it gives members an insight to the individuals they may like to vote for.

The Centre membership vote for their Committee either by confidential ballot if more than one person stands for an Officers position, or if more people stand for Committee places than required. Alternatively if we only have the correct number standing and only one person for each Officers position a block vote is required by the membership. The number of votes is undisclosed.

If you require any further information please contact **Caroline (Hon Secretary)** on **077414654137** **Secretary@bedscentrecc.com** or just grab me on the rally field!



Chairman's Around the World Rally

Sample delights from around the world.

A weekend of fun and laughter!

Book in early to avoid disappointment!

Join us for a journey around the world "Beds Centre Style".

BEDS CC

Prize for best themed decorate your van and fancy dress.

6th – 8th June 2014
Maulden, Beds
Bookings to Colin Richardson – 07802 187292

Members Letters Cont....



Many thanks to Maureen, John, Pat & Terry for running the Barney rally and organising the Thursford Christmas Spectacular tickets. Also for preparing the surprise supper afterwards for my 70th birthday



JILL THOMPSON

Just wanted to say thank you for a lovely stay at the shire horse show. We both thoroughly enjoyed ourselves - and a special thank you for being so accommodating about our request to be on the end! And you even arranged for a conservatory to be installed! All good fun and the show was excellent as ever. Did you see the dressage to music - unfortunately didn't finish until 10.00pm on the Saturday but there was one competitor (she won all her classes) who was just one of those rare combinations of a horse and rider in total unison. We will remember that test for a long time to come.

Hope to make it next year. And thanks again - hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did.

Kind regards

Barbara and John Reynolds.

Rally Report



Bedfordshire Valentines
Abbey Middle School
Bedford
14th – 16th February 2014

Who Said Romance is Dead!!

It certainly isn't in the Bedfordshire Centre, 39 outfits braved the high winds and rain to romance their loved ones attending the Valentines Rally at Abbey Middle School Bedford.

Some light fun and laughter was had Friday evening with a Mr & Mrs competition, Saturday evening they dined with a three course meal all cooked and served to their tables by centre members. The evening was made complete dancing the night away to vocal artist Graham James.



Colin, Diane, Tom & Caroline would like to thank all those that attended and everyone that helped and assisted to make the weekend a great success.



WRITE TO THE SECRETARY

If you have a concern about a Centre matter, a complaint or just a question regarding any Centre Business then please write to me as the CentreSecretary to:~ Caroline Gilks, 4 Stratford Way, Lower Shelton, Beds MK43 0LJ
or email me at secretary@bedscentrecc.com I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Caroline

THANK YOU.

Pat and I would like to thank everyone for the presents and our cards we received on our 50th wedding anniversary.

Pat & Win.

Rally Program Update

Rally No. 21 23-27 May 2014
Box End
Rally Officer:- Jackie & Neil Hannon
Tel:- 01582 881698

Rally NO.39 29—31 Aug 2014
Peterborough Ferry Meadows.
Rally Officers:- Margaret & Eric Benzie, Teresa & John Wilson.
Tel:- 01908 503365

Rally No. 48 24—26 Oct 2014
Colmworth Golf Club
Rally Officers:- Bronya & Martin Findlay, Jackie & Neil Hannon.
Tel:- 01767 222097

Thank You



To all the beer drinkers anonymous, from the party tent all has been recycled in Jill's allotment.



Join " Team Bedfordshire"

For a 24 hour sponsored Fishathon on Saturday 16th August 2014 at Henlow Bridge Lakes.

The team headed up by Tom Gilks & Scott Longhurst will be fishing from 7am Saturday 16th August 2014 to 7am Sunday 17th August 2014 to raise funds for



If you are interested in joining "Team Bedfordshire" please contact Tom Gilks or Scott Longhurst, don't delay there are limited spaces on the team. Dave Curzon of Henlow Bridge Lakes, has kindly donated the swims for the 24 hour fishathon.....we need your sponsorship and your donations for this and other fundraising activities which will be going on throughout the day at the Rally

Watch this space.....regular updates at Flagpole going forward

Wisbech Little Ranch.

22—30 August

2014

*Nightly Fee— stay as many
nights as you wish*

10Amp hook up included in price

Come and join us for as many nights as you want , which includes electric , there are two lakes on site that are stuffed full of fish , also there is a heated shower block and free laundry room .

We will be putting on games, quiz's during our stay including fishing competition.

There are plenty of places to go shopping near bye and there is a pub just down the road.

For further details contact:-

Gill & Mick Leath or Janet & Lawie Coleman

Tel:- 01767 682364

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Social Fees

It is the centres policy that junior social fees apply to all children from the age of three to sixteen unless stated otherwise. On reaching sixteen a full adult fee applies.

Mission accomplished



Hi Bedfordshire members, as you will know our nominated charity is Cancer Research UK. To support this charity I took on two running events. The Silverstone Half Marathon (a freezing cold day on 2nd March) and The London Marathon (a very hot day on 13th April). I am hugely proud to inform you all that both of these challenges have been completed.

The Silverstone Half was planned as a warm up for London, a warm up is was not, Unbelievable wind, rain, made the running a challenge and at times it felt like I was going backwards. A 2h 09min time was recorded, very pleasing.

The London Marathon however 26.2 miles around our capital was a very different day, water stations at every mile was a blessing, it was very difficult to keep cool. The first half went to plan with 10 minute miles being recorded. The second half was excoriating pain a short run and walk followed for the next 13 miles, my finish time was 5h 43mins, not as quick as I had planned but a finish it was.

A special thanks to Jacky, Tilly, and Ruby for supporting me through the hard training sessions, Colin and Diane for giving me a lift to Blackheath, and Bill Bowie for his support in London around the course.

Thank you all for you sponsorship, I still have some monies to collect but am expecting the total to exceed £500. A great effort, The just giving page is still open if you want to add to this total (just type in BEDSCC into to search page)

Kind Regards to you all

Neil Hannan
Vice Chairman



COMPETITION WINNERS 2014

Photographic

Senior humorous print (Markwell Cup)

1st Maureen Gauge
2nd Pat Eaton
3rd Pat Darlow

Senior Open Print (McIntyre Trophy)

1st Morris McDowell
2nd Ivor Gurney
3rd Ivor Gurney

Junior Print on rally field (Vass Sheild)

1st Hollie Irvin

Junior Open (Owen Shield)

1st Holly Irvin
2nd Holly Irvin
3rd Holly Irvin

Home brew

Beer

1st Marion Stewart
2nd Bill Thompson

Rose.

1st Bill Thompson
2nd Scott Longhurst

Red wine (dry)

1st Bill Thompson
2nd Scott Longhurst

Red wine (sweet)

1st Bill Thompson

White Dry

1st Scott Longhurst
2nd Bill Thompson

White Sweet

1st Bill Thompson

Flavoured Spirit

1st Jill Thomson
2nd Scott Longhurst
3rd Marion Stewart

Thompson Goblet (Best in show)

Winner Bill Thompson

Chutney

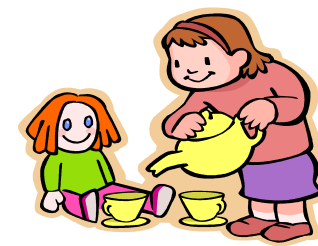
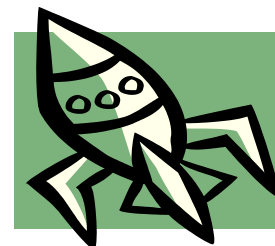
1st Terry Darlow
2nd Sandy McDowell
3rd Nina Darlow

Baking (Gilks Spoon)

1st Marilyn Measures
2nd Jo Longhurst
3rd Carrie Irvin

Beds Centre Kids Rally 13th-15 June 2014

Join the Beds Centre for a weekend of fun and laughter entertaining for all our juniors - bouncy castle, tea party, rocket work shop and launch, cake decorating, art & crafts, family rounders, old fashion fun at our kids sports day, junior marathon.....and more



Book now don't be disappointed -
Rally Slips to Mr Les Lambert



Join us for a fun packed home Holiday Rally August 15th -22nd 2014

Henlow Bridge Lakes & River Side

We have planned activities and family fun events over the week, the venue is a fisherman's paradise and a walkers dream.....kids play area, small pets area, beautiful site.

The riverside walks, lakes, hedgerows and the footpath areas are all planted with native tree species. Willow, holly, beech, hawthorn and blackthorn have all been established and wild flower and grass seed used wherever possible. Wildlife has now moved into the area, some common to the local countryside, pheasant, robins, magpie, rabbit, deer, kestrel, sparrow hawk, crow, swans, kingfisher and squirrels and some not so common - widgeon, buzzard, goldfinch, bullfinch, sedgewarbler, whitethroat, great crested grebe. During the summer an abundance of butterflies, moths and dragonflies can be seen. A walk along the riverside and lakes may also reveal moorhens, kingfishers and coots. It is hoped that in the future otters, which have been recorded in the River Ivel, will also return. In the river you will see pike, perch, chub, roach, rudd or even barbell. The changing seasons ensure that there is always something different to see. There is seating around the footpaths.

Access to the riverside can be arranged for the less abled persons to appreciate this part of the countryside. Controlled dogs on leads are welcome. Dog and rubbish bins are provided at the footpath access points.



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 him know



Dorema Awning
930cm Montana
Colour maroon, good condition
£120 o.n.o
Contact John Cooper
Tel:- 01234 870268

Have you got something for the next edition?

Send your letters, rally write ups, Jokes or whatever send to
rallygoeditor@bedscentrecc.com or personnel to Martin Findlay
Closing date May 2014

EDITORS NOTES



If you are arranging a social event on your rally that is not advertised in the rally book, then let the secretary and myself know.

I'm hoping to put out every month a flyer sheet telling ralliers what is happening on rallies over the coming months. If you require the Rallygoer mailed out to you (Easter, May & September) please supply me with 3 x 1st class stamps & your address.

Martin Findlay
Rallygoer Editor

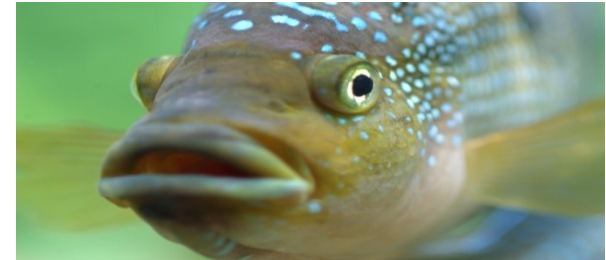
Winter Walk 9th February 2014

Despite the recent heavy rainfall Bedfordshire members donned their wellingtons and winter woollies for their annual winter walk at Tempsford.



Members of all ages enjoyed a pleasant stroll through the country side and meandering pathway along the River Ivel. On return over 30 took up the opportunity to sit down and enjoy a traditional Sunday lunch in the Wheatsheaf Public House. Our thanks to the organisers Maureen & John Gauge

Vincent's, Jordan's, Younger's & Roger's lakes are open all year round to anglers, with the River Hiz open during the 'open' fishing season from 16th June to 16th March inclusive.



Contact:-Tom Gilks on 07742556482 for further details

Limited Electric available

First come first serve

Rally Fee £9.00 per night plus admin

Congratulations Pat & Win On 50 years of marriage.



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



Join us at our AGM social evening which looks like it will be another great evening with the Beds Centre.....finest food.....professional entertainment.....great funand laughter.....and a massive thank you to our Rally Officers who have run Rallies on behalf of the Centre in the past year.....and a thank you to you the members, without you the Centre would not be the thriving community.....the little social club on wheels that it is.

There is a weekend rally at Lawrence Park, you are welcome to join the Rally, book with Jenny & Les Lambert on 07748763894



If you would like to attend the Social, but can't attend the Rally it is not a problem book your tickets directly with Jo Gray, Centre Social Secretary on 07914549749

Join us to Celebrate our success, enjoy the warmth of friendship and a real Bedfordshire Welcome

For any further information please contact Jo Gray, Social Secretary

The Bill Ramsay Trophy

The Award will be made annually to junior member of the Bedfordshire Centre of the Caravan Club who in the opinion of the, Centre Committee, following consideration of the nominations from the membership has made a significant and outstanding contribution to the Centre. The Committee decision which will be made at the September meeting is final and discussion about the decision will not be entered in to.

Please ensure your nominee has given their permission to nominate him or her. Nominations, with an explanation of what you feel the junior has contributed should be submitted to the Centre Secretary no later than 31st August annually in order that the nomination can be considered as the September Committee meeting.

If any member of the Centre Committee is a close relative of a nominee, they will be requested to abstain from the vote if applicable.

Name of Proposer.....

Name of Nominee.....

Reason for nomination

**** Please submit to Centre Secretary no later than 31st August 2014**