



Clarke's Fields at Henlow
A disabled & family-friendly venue
Bridge Lakes

ESCAPE
TO THE



COUNTRYSIDE

13 ACRES OF INDIVIDUAL GRASS FIELDS

A welcoming leisure venue for that special occasion or event in countryside surroundings



**IN ASH, OAK, MAPLE, HOLLY, THE
ROUNDELS OR JON'S FIELDS**

Introduction to Clarke's Fields

Opened in spring 2013 the 13 acres of Clarke's fields have been designed to complement the existing leisure facilities at Henlow Bridge Lakes. Running alongside the established fishing, camping, 'poddling' and conference facilities the fields provide multi use areas for a wide range of outdoor events.

Nestled on the Beds/Herts borders the site has utilised existing mature hedgerows, planting and trees to create a unique alfresco environment. With additional new planting, seven separate landscaped events and rally fields have already been created all with their own individual and distinctive character.

All areas are serviced by electric and water and can be adapted to suit and cater for various events and functions. With fire pits, party tents, marquees, full disabled facilities, and separate WC facilities the fields have already been used for an eclectic range of functions and events:

- Weddings
- Corporate teambuilding
- Treasure hunts
- Trade fairs
- Camping rally meets
- Family camping groups
- Company training
- Fire pit parties
- Bush-craft training
- Birthday parties
- Vintage vehicle meets
- Religious festivals
- Educational camps
- Father and son camps

The fields have their own separate entrance enabling larger vehicles easy access onto the site. Whilst all individual fields are enclosed in their own gated areas they are also interlinked enabling larger functions to be catered for.

As each event is different and requires separate consideration please contact us for a tour and a bespoke tailor made quotation.

We look forward to seeing you soon at Henlow Bridge Lakes and Riverside where conservation, sport and leisure go hand in hand.

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The Caravan Club
Bedfordshire Centre
Rally Goer

SUMMER 2014



Your Committee 2013—2014

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Vice Chairman

Caroline Gilks
Hon. Secretary

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Hon. Treasurer

Maureen Gauge
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Jo Gray
Social Secretary

Martin Findlay
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Carrie Irvin - Junior Liaison/Sports
Alan Brown - Competitions
Mrs Jenny Lambert - Advertising
Dale Findlay - Roaming Reporter
Bill Thompson
Roland Wagstaff

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

Muddy Hatton

Just to thank the rallgoers for their co-operation at Hatton Country World.
Many thanks to Terry, Bill and tractor Ted for getting us on the tarmac.
Jill & Pat



St Georges Day at Weeley



Bring In The Hay



The Party Tent With New Floor



Bill The Scrubber!

Welcome to Chairmans Chat

Dear Ralliers

Welcome to the summer edition of the rallygoer where we have already enjoyed some of the great British sunshine on offer.

A couple of quotes from — Kellie Elmore "It's summer and time for wandering..." "Some of the best memories are made in flip flops." I think she could be a rallier!!

The "Round the World" rally saw some great Bedfordshire participation and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to its success, in particular the past chairman and their partners for all their help and support with the "Round the World" culinary delights and Lee for starting us off on our journey with some great entertainment Friday evening.

With the 2015 programme near to completion there are still a few vacancies for rally officers, if you would like to run or assist with a rally please speak to Maureen.

In preparation for the AGM, nominations have commenced for the 2014-2015 committee positions, if you are interested or feel you can contribute or would like to know more please speak to an officer, committee member or myself. It would be great to see as many of you attend and welcome you all to the newly refurbished Parkside Hall where we have entertainment and a hot meal organised for Saturday Evening.

The officers, committee, Diane and myself wish you all the best for your summer vacations and look forward to enjoying your company on the rally field soon.

Kind Regards

Colin Richardson

Chairman

Bedfordshire Centre of the Caravan Club

Rally Report



Bedfordshire Centre Goes Pole Dancing!!! Maypole that is.



Those crazy Beds Centre Members, along with some first time ralliers and visitors, what must they have thought about their first experience? All took up the challenge to win the Mayday Pole Dancing competition organised on the Mayday Bank Holiday weekend in Tattingstone Suffolk.

Yes the Girls versus the Boys attempted to recreate the famous “Grand Chain” and “Gypsy Tent” around the Maypole, both of which looked like a poor attempt at basket weaving with the creator of the Maypole clinging on for dear life in keeping the pole upright and in one piece. (He did install some superstructure within the pole to stop it bending under the strain!) Nevertheless through great adversity and a few stumbles within the safe zone of the grass free fall area, some even tripping up on the safe zone string! Risk assessment carried out but can only lead a horse to water as they say! The girls won by points awarded from the Strictly Come Dancing Style judges. Strange how all the categories of the dance routines added up to “Seven”.

The weekend went well, the weather was kind to us and many thanks to the village of Tattingstone and the landowner Jeannette James, who always make us welcome on her site which overlooks Alton Water reservoir, one of many areas of natural beauty within the county of Suffolk.



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!



Welcome to the first Bedfordshire Centre meet the members page. Each month we will be asking members to answer a few questions to introduce their selves to our membership.

Roland and Jenny Wagstaff

**Roly has served as Centre Chairman twice
Vice Chairman three times and currently
holds a committee position
Roly has also served as the HCIR Rep**

Members of the family?

We have 2 children Keith / Dawn

What was your First Rally?

Stockgrove Park Leighton Buzzard Aug 1969

When did you join the Beds Centre?
1971

**How many rallies have you attended
with Beds?**

Around 1500 but we only started counting in
1975 so are officially around 1400

**How many caravans have you
owned in this time?**

We have owned 25 caravans up to present

What was your favourite rally?

Stockgrove Park, we ran the rally for 18 years, it even had an indoor
swimming pool for us to use.

What has been you best moment as a Beds member?

Going to Buckingham Palace, it was a great day.

How many rallies do you currently attended annually?

Around 40-45 rallies a year.



GOLF 2014



Mens
1st Geoff Buttrum
2nd Mike Irvin
3rd Simon Ward

Ladies
1st Marion Stewart
2nd Nina Darlow
3rd Maureen Gauge

Juniors
1st Jordan Irvin
2nd Holy Irvin



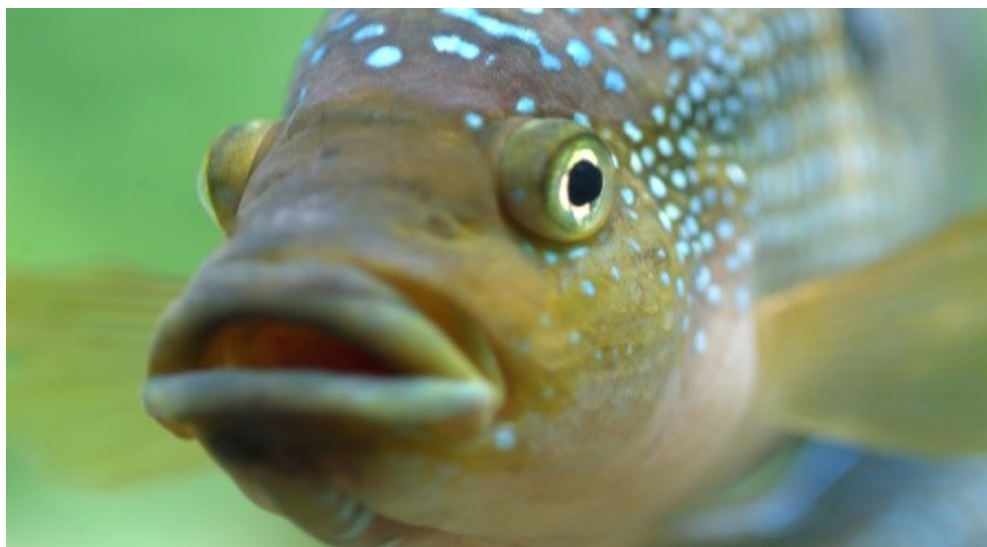
Overall winner of Trophy (Leath Cup)
Geoff Buttrum (left)



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

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 Centre Secretary 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

Rally Program Update

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 Hannan.

Tel:- 01767 222097

Contact your Rallygoer Editor

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Please note, that the information contained within this update is the authors own opinion and does not necessarily reflect that of any other member of the Bedfordshire Centre.

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

CARAVAN HANDLING 2014



LADIES

1st Bronya Findlay

2nd Kathryn Ward

3rd Diane Richardson

MEN'S

1st Neil Hannon

2nd Colin Richardson

3rd Peter Normington



Novice
1st Kathryn Ward



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.

CHILDREN'S RALLY 2014



The proud winners of the races on Sunday morning at the end of a fun packed weekend of events for the children young and old.

Listen Very Carefully!!

Our rally officers gave us instructions for the site at Peterbrough. Our intrepid Rolly sets off but pay attention as he should and found himself in an industrial site after a little while he came across a friendly policeman who escorted him to the site much to those already there.

Moral of story as the resistance say in Alo, Alo, listern very carefully I shall say this only once!!

AGM Social 27 Sep 2014

Join us to see "MOJESTIC"



& dance the night away, for tickets contact our social secretary

Jo Gray

Tel:- 01234 302746

Mobil 07914 549749

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

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**

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

Henlow Bridge Lakes & River Side

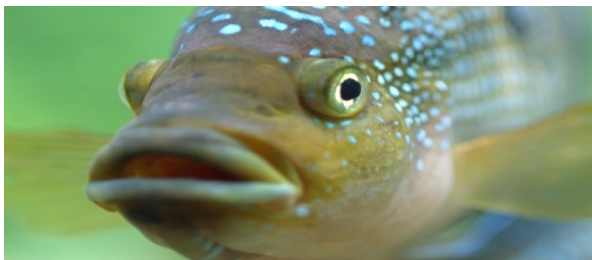
We have planned activities and family fun events over the week, the venue is a fisherman's paradise and a walkers dream.....kids play area, small pets area, beautiful site.

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.



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

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**THANK
YOU**



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