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The Caravan Club

Bedfordshire Centre Rally Goer 2014



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

Welcome to Chairmans Chat

Dear All,

Welcome to the Christmas edition of the Bedfordshire Rally Goer. May I with Jacky, Tilly and Ruby wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our thanks go to Colin and Diane Richardson for all of the hard work they have done for our centre, it is truly appreciated.

2014 certainly has been an excellent year; New Year, Burns and Valentines were supported to capacity and prove to be as popular as ever. Barton le Clay featured an interactive film quiz, while Tattingstone saw a traditional May pole dance (in fancy dress). The around the world rally at Maulden proved memorable, cuisine from India, France, Mexico, Australia, China and Italy was enjoyed by all. The bush tucker trial on Saturday evening served a rather unusual meal. Thanks go to our past Chairmen for the help they gave in running this rally. The Langford raft race saw our brave members endure the flour and missile attack. Congratulations in finishing in 2nd place.

Little Winnick Holiday Park in Cornwall welcomed 41 caravans to enjoy some great weather and the Beds version of a duck race. The Halloween rally saw centre member Lee Williams entertain our membership with superb keyboard and singing skills, all who attended got into the spooky spirit.

Thank you to all the Rally officers that have given their time to run our rallies, your commitment to the centre is invaluable.

Jenny and Roland Wagstaff have attended a staggering 1400 Beds Rallies. It was a great honour to present engraved glasses for this historic achievement.

We have been raising funds for Cancer Research UK. I ran the 26.2 miles of the London Marathon while Carrie Irvin our Vice Chairman matched this with the Shine Walk. The Beds Fishathon was held in August at Henlow Lakes: 24 hours of continuous fishing and cycling by our membership. Please continue to help us make a difference to this worthy cause.

May I wish our new Junior Chairman Hollie every success with her committee. This year has seen new families join our centre and it is a pleasure to see new faces enjoying our flourishing centre. Our children showed off their rocket building skills at Ampthill, we will soon need to find a larger launching field.

Our closed group Facebook page has gained in excess of 75 members and is proving a great way to communicate with each other, The Beds storage cloud is in action, it provides an easy way to upload any Videos, Photos or media from Bedfordshire rallies. These could be used for future Rally Goers or Caravan Magazine articles.

The Officers and Committee hope to see you in the coming year and thank you for your continued support. Maureen our Rally Secretary has produced an exciting and varied program for your enjoyment. We truly have a fantastic centre with remarkable members.

Best Wishes Neil, Jacky, Tilly & Ruby Hannan

Camping Le Jardin Du Marais



16th - 28th August 2015

Invigorating, elegant and unspoilt, the Pays de la Loire's 450km of coastline is varied and diverse, boasting long sandy beaches, secluded creeks, lively fishing ports and attractive seaside resorts.

Le Jardin Du Marais is a delightful, family site located between the islands of Noirmoutier and Yeu, close to the Golden Coasts of the Vendee. It is beautifully kept and has excellent facilities including a well stocked shop, a pleasant bar/restaurant and a good pool complex.

From here, you can either drive or bike up to the Ocean, the site is located only 7km from the famous long sandy beach of Saint-Jean de Monts.



Site facilities include spacious 120 – 180m² pitches demarcated with small hedges and trees offering both shade and sunshine. Two bright modern sanitary blocks, baby bath and changing facilities. En-suite facility for disabled visitors. Washing up facilities and Laundry room. Shop, bar/restaurant and takeaway. Indoor and Outdoor pool with paddling pool and flume, solarium, terrace and loungers. Fitness room. Play area. Free fishing on small lake (fenced and gated). Children's club, daytime activities and evening entertainment. Games area. Volleyball. Go-karts. Children's cycle circuit. Bicycle hire. Internet point. Wi-Fi in bar area



THE CARAVAN CLUB

Special booking form required, please contact Colin and Diane Richardson.

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Email: colinr@innovationonsite.co.uk



Bedfordshire Centre of the Caravan Club

Valentines Social Booking Form

13th-15th February 2015

Name: _____

Address: _____

Membership No. _____ Centre: _____

Tel No: _____ Email Address: _____

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

No. Of Adults (16 & Above)	<input type="text"/>	@ £10.00 each	<u> Total £ </u>
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No. Of Children (Age 3 to 15 years)	<input type="text"/>	@ £5.00 each	<u> Total £ </u>
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No. Of Children (Age 0 to 2 years)	<input type="text"/>	@ No Charge	<u> Total £ 0.00 </u>
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Vegetarian option available if applicable please indicate
number required

Plaque	<input type="text"/>	@ £1.50 each	<u> Total £ </u>
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Total Amount Due	<u> £ </u>
Less (non refundable) Deposit of £10.00	<u> £ 10.00 </u>

Balance Payable by Monday 19 January 2015	<u> Total £ </u>
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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
Mr T Gilks, 4 Stratford Way, Lower Shelton, Beds MK43 4ND

Home Farm Baston Fen

Easter 2nd - 6th April 2015



Home Farm is a family touring park offering peace and tranquillity around open countryside with an abundance of wonderful wildlife. Located in the heart of Baston Fen in South Lincolnshire this new site is set in 4 acres overlooking a beautiful lake the site is an excellent base for exploring the market towns and villages of Market Deeping, Bourne, Spalding, Stamford and the city of Peterborough

Baston village is within 2 mile from the site and hosts 2 pubs, shop and post office. A short distance from the village there is also a garden centre and Springfields shopping outlet

Facilities on site include mains EHU, a new modern heated toilet block with washing up facilities, disabled wc and motorhome servicing point and Carp fishing by arrangement.



Rally Officers

Martin & Bronya Findlay

Colin & Diane Richardson

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2014 DARTS RESULTS.



Men's.

1st Andy Gray
2nd John Moules
3rd Tom Leath
3rd John Wilson

Ladies.

1st Carrie Irvin
2nd Diane Richardson
3rd Marion Stewart
3rd Margaret Benzie

Juniors.

1st Jordan 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 2015

Join us for a date this Valentines

13th – 15th February 2015

**Rufus Centre, Flitwick, Beds
For a Valentines Weekend.**

**3 Course Meal &
Live Entertainment**

BEDS GO

**Don't miss out!!
Book Now!**

Nil By Request
Interactive Female Vocalist

THANK YOU.

For all the good wishes and phone calls and also the cards sent to Stan, wishing him a speedy recovery after his short stay in hospital..

Julia & Stan Woodhouse

Join our face book page to find out the latest information about your Centre.

To join, search Bedfordshire Caravan Club on Facebook and request to join the closed group.
E Mail:- facebook-admin@bedscentrecc.com
For other enquiries

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STUFF YOUR GADGETS!!

People take a rather patronising view of people of the same minded as myself, a growling straight-faced old fossil for refusing to use e-mail. I prefer to make my own decisions rather than be swayed by commercial persuasion.

When approached to add to my solo personal tool of communication, pay-as-you-go mobile phone, I simply ask. Why do I need more?

After listening to the predictable deluge of high-tech waffle, no convincing answer emerges.

If this self-sufficient lifestyle makes us old fossils, I consider it in order to call others techno fossils whose chosen lifestyle enriches only the suppliers of modern technology.

I don't condemn modern technology, but its not for me. A light hearted view.

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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

Letters.



Thank You...

We would like to thank the rally officers, Gill, Mick, Janet & Lawrie for running the Wishbeach rally. The fishing lakes are fantastic, stocked with all different kinds of fish, Lawie caught one weighing 12lb we were all made very welcome when we arrived and each night we had get together in the tent. Hot dogs etc were ready available, it's a pity that the rally was not better attended, it is a lovely place to relax or fish. Come on ralliers don't let this dite be one that the Centre loses.

Thank you Rally Officers once again.

Edna & Pete Hall

Thank You...

Many thanks to the rally officers at the Pitsford Reservoir rally, for a great week-end, Can we have the same pitch next year.

Thanks Again

Jill & Bill Thompson

Bedfordshire Centre Caravan Club
The Shire Horse Show
Friday 20th March – Sunday 22nd March 2015
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.£ 55.00 (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 .

Bedfordshire Centre of the Caravan Club

The Shire Horse Show

Friday 20th March – Sunday 22nd March 2015

Arena UK – Grantham, Lincoln

Event Officers:

Bronya & Martin Findlay
123 Dells Lane
Biggleswade Beds
SG18 8LD

Tele No:- for any
enquires 01767 222097
or 07818 808115



All Shire horses
On display for both days

Letters Continued.....



Thank You...



August 2nd saw the arrival of 31 vans at Little Winnick Caravan site Mevagissey in Cornwall, all were welcomed by and sited by our happy and efficient team of rally officers Neil & Jacky, Bill & Ann.

They arranged a very good programme to keep everyone happy Neil did come in for ribbing for his Ranger Rover garage and one of the visitors put a sign Land Rover For Sale or swap for a Kia.

It was a very happy and enjoyable 2 weeks on a good site so much so that by popular demand he booked the site for 2 weeks in 2016.

Very well done Neil , Jackie, Tilly, Ruby & Bill, Ann

Thank you so much for a first class rally.

Thanks Again

Irene & John Cooper



Little Winnick 2014



A big thank you to all that attended this year's holiday rally in Cornwall, 31 outfits joined in with the fun in a typical Bedfordshire fashion. Bring and Batter, Poo Boats and Come Tin with Me quickly becoming a centre favourite. A round of golf at the nearby Porthpean Golf club took place one morning. Congratulations to Steve Cleaver (are you sure you counted right?)

A traditional Cream Tea was served at Flag and enjoyed by all.

(I still have the picture in my mind when I asked the local conveyance store for 100 scones!!)

We have secured the site for the Holiday rally in 2016, we hope to see you all there and repeat a great holiday.

We would like to thank Peter & Linda Horn who brought the Urn and also took it to Pitsford for us.

Thank you for your kind gifts and cards.

Jacky, Neil, Tilly, Ruby Hannan with Ann, Bill Bowie



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the BEDFORDSHIRE CENTRE
will be held at the Parkside Hall, Ampthill
on Saturday, 26th September, 2015 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 27th September, 2014.
4. Matters Arising.
5. Chairman's Report.
6. The Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31st December, 2014 and Interim Report for 2015.
7. Notice of motions.

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| (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. |

8. Elections:
9. Any other business.

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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 on page 53 or on our website.

2015 Rally Programme Quick Guide

January

- ☐ 23 - 25 Burns Night (Gamlingay)

February

- ☐ 08 Winter Charity Walk (Tempsford)
☐ 13 - 15 Family Valentines (Rufus Centre)
☐ 20 - 22 Barton-le-Clay
☐ 27-1 Henlow (Henlow Lakes)

March

- ☐ 06 - 08 The Cock (Broom)
☐ 13 - 15 Quiz Night (Mogerhanger)
☐ 20 - 22 Wyboston (St Patricks)
☐ 20 - 22 Shire Horse Show (Grantham)
☐ 27 - 29 Centre Events (Biggleswade)

April

- ☐ 02 - 06 Easter—Basten Fen
☐ 02 - 06 Easter-Knebworth House (Knebworth)
☐ 02 - 10 Easter—Holiday Rally Diglea Snettisham
☐ 10 - 12 Comberton
☐ 17 - 19 Motorhome Show (Peterborough)
☐ 17 - 19 Ferry Meadows (Peterborough)
☐ 24 - 26 Cardington (St Georges)

May

- ☐ 01 - 04 May Day - Holiday Rally (Lyndon Top)
☐ 01 - 04 May Day - Home Rally (Gamlingay)
☐ 01 - 04 May Day - Away Rally (Tattingstone)
☐ 08 - 10 Fishing Rally (Henlow Bridge)
☐ 15 - 17 Forest Centre (Marston)
☐ 22 - 25 88th National (Cornbury)
☐ 22 - 25 Manor Farm Fisheries (Lower Caldecote)
☐ 22 - 31 Branstone Caravan Park
☐ 29 - 31 Woodside Farm (Sandy)

June

- ☐ 05 - 07 Chairmans (Maulden)
☐ 12 - 14 Children's Rally (Ampthill)
☐ 12 - 19 Whitby
☐ 19 - 22 HCIR (Leighton Buzzard)
☐ 26 - 28 Caravan Handling (Phoenix Park)

July

- ☐ 03- 05 Raft Race (Langford)
☐ 10 - 12 Abbotsley (Golf Comp)
☐ 17 - 19 Willington
☐ 24 - 26 Junior's Rally (Maulden)
☐ 24 - 26 Norfolk Show (Norfolk Show ground)

August

- ☐ 31 - 03 Kimbolton School (Kimbolton)
☐ 07 - 09 Stoke Bruerne
☐ 08 - 22 Happisburgh (Holiday Rally)
☐ 14 - 16 Box End (Kempston)
☐ 16-28 France(Holiday Rally)
☐ 21 - 24 Emberton Park
☐ 28 - 30 Bank Holiday Weekend (Pitsford Res)
☐ 28 - 30 Bank Holiday Weekend (Cookham)
☐ 28- 30 Bank Holiday Weekend (Willington)

September

- ☐ 04 - 06 Fruit Farm (Graveley)
☐ 11 - 13 Mitchelmore Fishing Trophy (Vinegar Hill)
☐ 18 - 20 The White Horse (Husband Crawley)
☐ 25 - 27 Centre's AGM (Ampthill)

October

- ☐ 02 - 04 Autumn Fayre (Leighton Buzzard)
☐ 02 - 04 The Cock (Broom)
☐ 09 - 11 Loves Lane (Ashwell)
☐ 08 - 12 Brighton
☐ 16 - 18 Darts (Arlesey)
☐ 23 - 28 Banham Zoo
☐ 30 - 01 Halloween (Biggleswade)

November

- ☐ 06 - 08 Sparkler Weekend (Cardington)
☐ 06 - 08 Bonfire Spectacular (St. Ives)
☐ 13 - 15 Keysoe (Equestion Centre)
☐ 20 - 22 Henlow Lakes.
☐ 20 - 22 Regional AGM (Berkhamsted)

December

- ☐ 04 - 06 Christmas Party (Gamlingay)
☐ 13 Carol Service (Ampthill)
☐ 16 - 19 Christmas Spectacular (Fakenham)
☐ 28 - 01 New Year Celebrations (Gamlingay)

Thank You...

We would like to say thank you to Bill & Jill Thompson for taking the equipment to Win for us after the Pitsford rally

Jackie, Neil & Ann, Bill

Dear All,

Once again Christmas is fast approaching and therefore Caroline and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our friends a Magical Christmas and a Wonderful and Happy New Year. Like most years Caroline and I have decided not to send out Christmas Cards this year but instead we have made a donation to our favourite charity, but never the less whether we are together on the rally field or have gone our separate way for the festive season, we wish you all a joyous time.

Merry Christmas

Love

Tom & Caroline Gilks.

Mitchelmore Trophy 2014 (Fishing)



1st Colin Richardson 36lb 4oz

2nd Marion Stewart 16lb 7oz

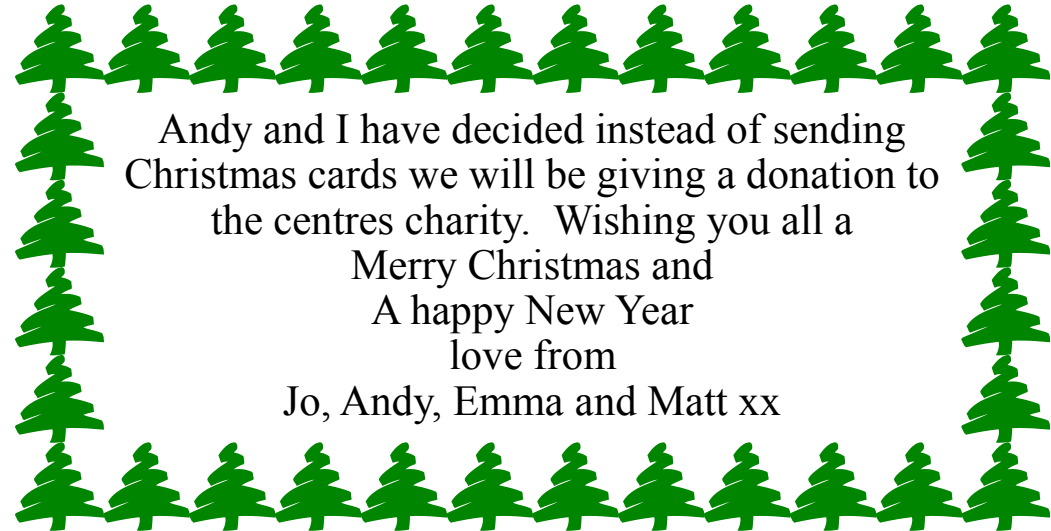
3rd Mick Jackson 12lb 0oz



Ann & Danny Pickett wish all our friends at the
Beds Centre,
A very Happy Christmas & A Happy New Year.
A donation to the Centre's Charity in place of
Xmas Cards will be made

Letters

Your chance to communicate with your fellow ralliers.



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

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.

With your help, we can
cancer.

ensure more people beat



Thank you

*Diane and I would like to thank everyone
for their kind words and cards following
retiring as Chairman and both look forward
to some free time and relaxing on the rally
field.*

COLIN RICHARDSON.