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# The Caravan Club **Bedfordshire Centre Rally Goer 2015**



## **HAPPY EASTER**

# Welcome to *Chairmans Chat*

Dear All,

A warm welcome to the Easter Rally Goer.

It looks like we may have turned a corner towards better weather, many thanks to all of the members that have showed their support through the colder months. We have had good numbers attend our winter rallies and look forward to building on that into spring.

Our New Year and Burns rallies were a total success, thank you to all of the hard working volunteers that put so much effort into running these celebrations, the centre even received personal thanks from Grenville Chamberlain (Chairman of the Caravan Club) for a wonderful Burns rally.

We have also seen new rally officers in recent weeks, your efforts are appreciated for giving up your time for the enjoyment of others, we also saw the first visit to Moggerhanger, an impressive quiz night in a wonderful little hall. The games evening held at Broom with American supper reminded us all what fun could be had with 'old school' board games etc.

Looking forward we have a number of Bank Holidays to enjoy, hopefully a chance to get sit outside. Slightly further ahead we have the children's and juniors rallies, with The Chairman's Charity rally at Maulden, we will continue the fund raising for Cancer Research UK, a charity that is close to everyone's heart within the centre.

Neil, Jacky, Tilly and Ruby look forward to seeing you all soon on the rally field.

## 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 Vendée. 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 – 180m<sup>2</sup> 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



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*Dear Neil,*

I would like to record my most sincere thanks for the wonderful hospitality extended to Liz and I during the Bedfordshire Centre Burns Supper Rally last weekend.

Please pass on my sincere thanks to the dedicated band of highly professional volunteers who put so much effort and energy into ensuring that everyone had the most fantastic weekend which I have no doubt many will be talking about for months to come.

The decorations in Gamlingay Village College Hall were quite remarkable, the meal was superb with service to match whilst the music provided by Scotch on the Rocks was fabulous. The Burns Supper was undoubtedly one of the finest events Liz and I have attended and we salute you all for your efforts.

Finally, thank you very much for the gifts presented to Liz and I. I shall especially remember a terrific evening each time I use the magnificent engraved whisky tumbler.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Greille*



## Bedfordshire Centre Caravan Club Meet the Members



Welcome to the 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.

### Lee, Angela, Katie & Anna Williams

**Lee and Angela joined the Beds family last year when they bought their first caravan. Angela has caravanned for 18 years as a young girl with her parents and brother and taken up the "bug" again 20 years later with her family. Katie and Anna are part of the Junior Committee. Lee provided musical entertainment by playing piano and singing at the Ramsey, Maulden and Halloween rallies.**

#### **What was your First Rally?**

Ramsey School, Barton le Clay. Feb 2014

#### **When did you join the Beds Centre?**

2014

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

13

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

We only have had one caravan but have a new Lunar Delta RS coming in April.



#### **What was your favourite rally?**

Chairman's Around the World Rally at Maulden, it was a great holiday atmosphere due to the fantastic weather, company and global culinary delights!

#### **What has been your best moment as a Beds member?**

There have been many memorable moments from Lee's new (short lived) love of red wine, the unexpected effort and unique quiz content from the rally officers at Cardington and the amazing Halloween party enjoyed by all of us!

#### **How many rallies do you currently attend annually?**

As many as we can! Currently we are on track to do around 25 rallies a year.

## Centre Events 2015—Edward Peak School

### Competitions

#### Beer

1st Marion Stewart  
2nd Bill Thompson  
3rd Marion Stewart

#### Flavoured Spirit

1st Bill Thompson  
2nd Bill Thompson  
3rd Jill Thompson

#### Thompson Goblet—Best In Show

Bill Thompson

#### Cake Baking - Gilks spoon

1st Jo Longhurst  
2nd Carrie Irvin  
3rd Shirley Brown

#### Chutney

1st Marion Stewart  
2nd Linda Horn  
3rd Maureen Gauge

#### Junior Vass Shield.— Print Taken On A Beds Rally Field.

1st Katie Williams  
2nd Holly Irvin  
3rd Ruby Hannan

#### Junior Owen Shield—Open Print

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

#### Senior Markwell Cup— Humorous On A Beds Rally Field

1st Pat Eaton  
2nd Jenny Lambert  
3rd Neil Hannan

#### Senior McIntyre Trophy— Open Print

1st Ivor Gurney  
2nd Jackie Hannan  
3rd Neil Hannan

#### The Hannan Plaque-The Best Digital Photograph

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## 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 ensure more people beat cancer.



## THANK YOU

I would like to thank every one who sent cards and flowers also the many phone calls from you all, I would also like to thank you for the generous collection, we went out and had a lovely meal. I am pleased to say my leg is healing nicely though I still have a long way to go.

Hope to be back on the rally field to see you all shortly.  
Thank you all again especialy John for his patience with me.

Irene Cooper

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## Letters.



### NEW YEAR RALLY

*Hi Tom, Thank you and all the team who provided such an enjoyable celebration over the New Year Rally - we had a great time. We appreciated all the hard work and planning that went into making it such a success*

*Pat & Lin Teague*

*Hi Tom, Thanks for a fantastic New Year Rally.*

*Clive Bilcock*

### BURNS NIGHT RALLY

*Hi Tom, A big thank you to all who made the Burns Super such a great event, it was an honour for us to be your guests and to receive such lovely gifts, mine I'm sure you know will be used regularly used, once again thanks you.*

*John Moules*

*Tom, Can you pass on a big thank you to all your team for yet again a Fantastic weekend*

*Pete Smith*

### SHIRE HORSE SHOW

*Just wanted to say we had a fabulous weekend at the Arena UK. Great set up and would love to come south again.*

*Thanks*

## Letters Continued.....



### SHIRE HORSE SHOW

*Just to say 'many thanks' for all your efforts in organising the temporary site for the Shire Horse Show. We really enjoyed our stay - the site was well organised. the venue excellent and as for the Shire Horses - splendid doesn't quite seem to cover it! So much work goes into showing and maintaining this wonderful breed and long may it continue.*

*All in all a great weekend and we hope to see you again in 2016.*

Thanks to Beds Centre Members for good wishes.

The van was serviced, turned round ready to go,  
Valentines turned out to be no show.

I ended up somewhere I didn't want to go,  
Looked after by people I didn't know.  
They turned out to be the very best,  
Why? I could not guess.  
But they've dug me out of an awful mess.

Good wishes soon for me to arise,  
Roland's card from you all arrived,  
Much pleasure to me was derived.  
Medic 1 gave much support,  
I've yet to treat him to a healthy snort.

The van's now rolling,  
Guns dusted down,  
But from competition, for the time being,  
I've had to stand down.

So many thanks to all who wished me well.  
To return to your company will be swell.

Yours with thanks,