



**The Caravan Club
Bedfordshire Centre
Rally Goer**



**The Chairman, Officers &
Committee would like to
wish you a very Merry
Christmas & a Happy
New Year**



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Committee	Anna
Committee	Kalvin

Chairman's Chat

Welcome to this 2015 Christmas edition of the Bedfordshire Rally Goer. It only seems only yesterday when I took the Chair position for my second year at our AGM. Our average rally attendance continues to stay strong moving into our coldest season, We have some of our largest rally's to come over the next few months, New Year, Burns and Valentines. We hope you enjoy all the entertainment that will be offered.

Thank you for everyone who joined us at our Christmas carol service at St Andrews Church, Amphill at 3PM on the 13th December

Jacky, Tilly, Ruby and myself wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a super caravanning New Year.

See you all soon on the rally field.

Neil



Brighton – Sheepcote Valley club site (8-12 Oct)

After a weekend at Broom we went to Commons Wood Caravan club site for the night so that we could support Carrie & Jacky who were walking the race for life Lee Valley marathon. Monday morning we set off on our journey down to Brighton and it was how can I say WET!!!! We arrived shortly before Roland & Jenny (Rally officers for the rally) a couple of days before the actual rally started thinking this is going to be a wet week in Brighton. Thursday ralliers started to arrive to a beautifully SUNNY Brighton and this was the weather for the rest of the rally.

Friday morning a few of us FIT ralliers braved the hills of the South Downs and went for a 3 mile stroll. On our return we were greeted by the aroma of hot dog rolls and fried onions supplied by Ivor & Sylvia cooked by Tel & Roland.

Saturday we wandered off down to Maderia Drive to watch the local 5km colour run in aid of charity. Saturday evening saw us all eating at the local Harvester at the Marina followed by 10 pin bowling (where a certain rallier took a fancy to a pair of shoes that looked better than his own!) we wandered off back to Maderia Drive this time to look around a few thousand motorbikes & trikes that had gathered for a meet, there were some amazing vehicles on display. During the evening still in the sunshine although a bit cooler we had closing flag and thanked our rally officers for arranging the beautiful weather.

Monday morning we all packed up and headed homeward.

Bill and Ann.

Ode to Ron's 80th.

Medic 1, Medic1, That's his other name
We're gathered here at his request
Because he's older than the rest
Not by much, just a tad to some of us.
It makes no odd, for friends
Years matter not at all.

He sailed the seven seas,
Southampton to Singapore
Many other places and tales he likes to
jaw
But stores he dare not tell
Are hidden in Folk Law

Returning from his journeys
A terrible thing he did
He became a scooter king
With a peaky corker lid,
He ran around with blades and foil,
Bedford's own Elcid.

So then he took it easy
With caravans and kids
Hours were long, sang no song
But whistled tunes instead
And now he's able to do his bid,
Whatever lights his moon,
But he still keeps his whistle,
Ay Bloody tune.

He proudly wears his kilt,
Parading where he can,

And sometimes uses it to flirt.
Especially when he wears.
The Charlie jacket and Scottish embroidered shirt,
But to his friends in France
He's the man who wears a skirt.

He has raised the flag to follow,
And march with him we go.
Happy Birthday Ronald.
Here's to your good being,
While we wait for the next show.



The Irvin Christmas Message

We would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and wish you a Happy and Healthy 2016.

To our caravan friends who have lost loved ones this year, we especially send you all our love and you are all in our thoughts this Christmas time. As in previous years, we will not be sending any Christmas Cards this year. We have chosen instead to make a donation to CRUK, the centre charity, and also this year, we will make another donation to St John's Hospice Moggerhanger in memory of Pat Teague.

As the Bedfordshire Centre heads towards its 50th Birthday in 2017, we look forward to making many more happy (and definitely funny) memories with you all in 2016 in preparation for the celebrations.

Carrie, Mike, Hollie and Jordan Irvin



To all out friends in the Beds Centre.
We would like to wish them a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

From Ann and Danny Pickett. Donation will be made to Centre Charity in place of Christmas cards.

Happy Christmas and New Year, Happy caravanning in 2016
From Jenny and Les



Merry 
Christmas 

The BCCC Roving Reporter

Carrie Irvin is the Roving Reporter!

She would dearly love to receive your thoughts on the rallies YOU have attended so that Rallygoer can incorporate your memories of the rallies – not just hers as I am sure by the end of the year you will be very fed up of hearing her point of view!

Please email any reports to vice@bedscentrecc.com or alternatively, you can pass them directly to her or pass to any committee member.

Many thanks

Thank you to everyone who attended the Non-firework Rally at Cardington. We all enjoyed a lovely evening around the bonfire supplied by Mr Findlay.

Hot Potatoes, mince pies and Marshmallows in chocolate biscuits were enjoyed by all. Lovely firework display in the distance at Moggerhanger House.

Thank you once again

Pat & Terry

Maureen & John

Kind Regards

Maureen Gauge

Hon. Secretary

Bedfordshire Centre of the Caravan club



Bedfordshire Centre - Rally Reservation Slip

(Please send slip to Rally Officer - book early to avoid disappointment)

Rally Reservation Details

Rally Name				Rally No		Date	
Arrival Day/Time	Duration (nts)	Plaque?	1st Rally?	Disability?	ADU	TEEN	CHD
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Birthday/ Anniversary					ADU	TEEN	CHD
					Social Tickets		

Member Details

Surname		Forename	
House No. Street & Town			Postcode
Mobile	Home tel	Email	

Membership

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Outfit / Vehicle Details

Registration	Caravan	Mthome	Twin Axle	Outfit Length
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I agree to abide by the rules of the Centre and understand that I will be liable to an administration fee for non-attendance or late cancellation.

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Broom

What a lovely warm weekend. A get together on Saturday evening in the village hall.

Sadly we were let down by the Bedfordshire clangers not arriving, but the rally officers worked a miracle and got pizzas so we did not go hungry.

On Sunday afternoon sadly when most of the caravan's had left we had a great party atmosphere on the field with people coming with their picnics and the over flow from the pub, to watch a great fly past of the Vulcan bomber on its last flight. A super weekend to remember.

Jenny & Les Lambert

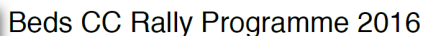


Broom ~ 02-04 October 2015 ~ Clangers and Quiz

An excellent turn out for the first rally after the AGM. For the Friday evening, Neil extended his awning with another awning to create a luxurious party tent!

Saturday evening, everyone gathered in the hall for a Clangers and Quiz night. Unfortunately, due to reasons beyond the organisers control, there were no Clangers. The super rally officers rushed around and provided pizza to accompany the salad and tortillas that were planned to go with the Clangers for those who were happy to "go with the flow". Maureen quizzed us on our Bedfordshire knowledge.....jury is still out on how good we are!

R. Reporter



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Ashwell, Loves Lane ~ 09-11 October 2015

In all my years of caravanning, this is the first time I have been to Loves Lane. (Mum says I have been, but I must have been really young!) What a fantastic little site!

Our rally officers put up a party tent for us to gather in and it was quite toasty! The rally officers took the security of the site quite seriously, staying up until the darkness had passed before heading to bed, and such is the commitment of our ralliers....some kept them company (no names mentioned!).....Colin

Saturday evening, we gathered in the party tent for a game of "Dice".

This is the first time I have played this – what a great game! Our Rally officers provided us with a hot snack too – delicious bacon rolls.

Thank you for a great weekend everyone, but especially to our Rally O's John, Bill and Jill

Carrie Irvin

Arlesey ~ 16-18 October 2015 ~ Darts Competition

A somewhat compact rally venue – especially with football matches on, but we always manage to make the best of every weekend.

The clubhouse was open on the Friday evening.

Midday Saturday, the Juniors kicked off the Darts Competition – Just the two of them so were guaranteed a rosette....and being siblings, the Irvin household was destined to bring home at least one darts trophy! Hollie beat Jordan 2:1. Well done Hollie!

The Ladies and Men's competitions ran alongside each other as there are two darts boards. There were a couple of by's the first round on both sides. The winner of the Ladies Trophy was Jo Gray (her first ever Beds Trophy!) and John Wilson took home the Men's Trophy.

Well done to the winners and a big thank you to Allan Brown for organising and overseeing the competition. Many thanks to everyone who scored the games – we couldn't do it without you!

R. Reporter

Gamlingay, Mill Farm ~ 23-24 October

Again – another site I have not been to before, and again.....what a lovely little site for a lovely relaxing weekend.

"A few good men" made their way over to Langford Football Club on Saturday morning to oversee the moving of the Storage Container.

Thanks Gents for making the journey over to see it into its resting place....although by all accounts, Allan Brown looked at one point like he wanted to stay there too, planted under the container! Allan, there is photographic evidence!

Another field, another party tent! Saturday evening our Rally Officers provided us with Cheesy Wedges.....mmmmmmmm!!!!

Thank you for a lovely weekend!

Carrie Irvin

The Caravan Club Bedfordshire Centre

**Nominated Charity
2015/2017**



**CANCER
RESEARCH
UK**

Ladies & gentlemen was honoured to be in a position to present a cheque to Diana Shooter (Chair of Bedfordshire Fundraising Committee of CRUK) to the value of £6777.88 at our 2015 AGM.

With the direct payments already paid to CRUK the total amount raised by the Bedfordshire Centre Caravan Club during the 2013/2015 seasons was

£9494.28.



Thank you all for your ongoing support



Gamlingay Village College ~ 30 October – 01 November ~ Halloween

Fun, Games, Songs, Great Food.....That is definitely what is on the agenda when Neil is in charge of a rally!

Neil pulled together a great team with 'his girls' and Ann and Bill Bowie at the helm and various helpers tasked with siting the vans, cooking, decorating the hall, serving the food and providing music and lighting. All this – on top of having to change venues just two weeks before!

A massive thank you to the college for accommodating us again – we really cannot ask for a better venue and they are genuinely delighted to have us there.

A memorable evening for our lovely Valerie – serenaded by the fabulous Lee Williams with a song named aptly.....Valerie! For those of you not there, you might be thinking of the version by Amy Winehouse, well think again! Same tune, definitely different words though! Keith "Chris" Coles also got himself a little song....Chirpy Chirpy Cheep Cheep...or was it! Neil's usual fun and games were also underway on Friday evening with most able bodied people getting behind the fun and if they weren't able bodied, they were definitely cheering.

There was a conker competition with proper rules and everything..... The final (at 01.11.15) is yet to be played as both finalists.....Katie Williams and Bronya Findlay.....were not available on Sunday morning when Neil had hoped to play the final – so the conkers are put on 'hold' and we still have this little bit of Halloween to finish.

Saturday Lunch: A Banquet of Tomato "Blood" Soup with crusty bread, followed by a giant Yorkshire with butchers minced beef, mashed potatoes, sweetcorn and PEAS! Chocolate Fudge cake for dessert or Eye-balls in Jelly if you were under 16 (or were named Valerie!) During lunch, a few classic episodes of The Munster's were shown on the big screen whilst back ground music played – some of us were quite hooked on watching the old episodes!

After lunch, tables were decorated and set for the evening of music hosted by Martin Findlay and Lee Williams. Thank you both very much for providing us with music for the evening. Everyone turned out in great fancy dress and special guests Maddie and Sam Thompson joined us all the way from New Zealand to judge the adults competition. Sam took home a prize for his fancy dress too!

A thoroughly enjoyable weekend – Thank you to everyone involved and who attended to make it such fun!

St Ives: Invite from Mid Anglia ~06-08 November ~ Bonfire & Fireworks

Being abandoned completely at this time of year as Mike is usually out providing Firework shows, I took Hollie and Jordan to the Mid Anglia rally at St Ives so that we didn't miss out on a fireworks show ourselves. We arrived on Friday evening – it was a bit boggy and dark, but we were made very welcome!

Once pitched, we made our way over to the Catering tent where we were provided with warm cups of soup and delicious Hot Dogs – saved me cooking dinner for the children!

Saturday morning we explored the beautiful town of St Ives, spending a fortune in Poundland!

We had to be back at the caravan by 4.30pm so that we didn't have to pay on the gate.

The fireworks were very very good! Given that my children are experts in fireworks, they were impressed!

Sunday morning, breakfast was provided in the form of bacon rolls. A most welcome treat on a Sunday morning to have a bacon roll but not have to cook it!

If you have not been to the St Ives invitation rally, I sincerely recommend you try it. A great family orientated weekend for a very good rate! (I mistakenly booked Mike in for the weekend – doh! – so for a family of 4 I paid circa £26.00 which included the food provided, the rally fee, admin, fireworks and VAT!)



Keysoe – NEW VENUE ~ 13-15 November

Arriving at a new venue on a dark Friday evening doesn't usually bode well, and I will admit that I did have a moment when I drove into the gateway and couldn't tell where I was going! I drove forward towards the building and there it was – the very welcome Yellow Beds Directional Sign!

Saturday morning – I was able to see my surroundings! It all seemed pleasant enough – even though the weather was not being kind to us at all – blowing a gale with rain, but we are hardy caravanners and you must not let the weather put you off!

There was a Juniors Horse event going on in the arena we were parked next to and there was a lovely café too to tempt you in. It was certainly a very busy/popular event site.

We made the short 20 minute journey into St Neots to take the Juniors to the Cinema – Inside Out was very good, but it did make the Adult Chaperones cry a little!

Sunday Flag; the hot sausage rolls and coffee were very welcome after a very windy night! Note to self, always remember to take the canopy off the side of the caravan when its windy – I thought it was joining us inside at one point!

Thank you to the Browns and the Findlays for running this rally at this new venue. I think a return visit in the summer might be nice?

Carrie Irvin

Banham Zoo

A lovely few day's were spent at the great caravan site. The trip to the zoo was on site and you payed once and can go in as many times as you wish, very good value for money. The weather was very kind to us as it was October.

A very good car boot sale just next door on the Sunday morning. Hope we can go back and enjoy it again with more rally goers.

Jenny and Les Lambert



SHOPPING

Henlow Bridge – Christmas Shopping – 20-22 November

We were fortunate enough to be able to arrive from 10.00am on Friday. For those of us still working, it was a very pleasant day to arrive in daylight. The complex at Henlow Lakes continues to improve visit upon visit.

With the Train just a short walk, you can hop on the train to visit Peterborough, Hitchin, Stevenage, Hatfield, Welwyn, Potters Bar and London. The Irvin family made a trip into London to celebrate two birthdays and see the Christmas lights on Oxford Street.

Arlesey is such a well situated site.

We awoke to a sprinkling of snowy sleet on Saturday morning and it has been a bit windy through the night (but not a patch on the wind at Keysoe!) Saturday daytime also saw some welcome sunshine for anyone brave enough to take up a fishing swim!

During Saturday evening the Rally Officers had organised to collect fish and chips for all those who were attending the social in the function room on site. By all accounts they were very tasty and seemed to go down very well.

A chilly flag with a nice warm cuppa and a biscuit provided by our Rally Officers Teresa and John, Margaret and Eric provided another little get together for everyone in attendance. Neil and Jacky had passed their apologies for not attending flag as they had gone to the Regional AGM to represent the Bedfordshire Centre, along with Colin and Diane Richardson as our Centre Member John Moules also standing down from his Chairmanship of the Regional Committee.

At flag, we all took a minutes silence to remember Pat Teague who had sadly passed away on Saturday 21st November.

Our thoughts and prayers were with Lin and their family at this very sad time. Carrie recalled how only at the beginning of August Pat and Lin had provided refreshments at Priory Marina for the cyclists undertaking the 26.2 mile ride for Cancer Research UK. A very sad loss to our centre; Rest in Peace Pat.

R. Reporter

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Bedfordshire Centre

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Welcome to...
the Bedfordshire Centre
of the Caravan Club

If this is your first visit to our website, then we're sure that you will find something that will be of interest to you...

We are one of 70 Centres that are listed in the Caravan Club Directory & Handbook. These are geographically based centres that are part of the Caravan Club. If you are a member of the Caravan Club you may join us on any Centre event and will be most welcome.

We organise a programme of weekend rallies throughout the year as well as a number of holidays which are either in the UK or abroad. Rallies are simply a gathering of Club members in which we pursue various pastimes and sports. For example we have fishing, boules, photography, Halloween to name a few of the events/rallies that are arranged during the year. Socials are organised on some evenings with a disco or a live band. We also have an active junior section, so children are always welcome.

If you want to get more from your caravan, have a look at the rally programme and give it a try.

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Other news
Bill Thompson finally reveals his new caravan!



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the BEDFORDSHIRE CENTRE
will be held at the Parkside Hall, Amphill
on **Saturday, 24th September, 2016 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 26th September, 2015
4. Matters Arising
5. Chairman's Report
6. The Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31st December, 2015 and Interim Report for 2016
7. Notice of motions
 - (a) Chairman
 - (b) Vice-Chairman
 - (c) Hon. Centre Secretary
 - (d) Hon. Treasurer
 - (e) Hon. Rally Secretary
 - (f) P.R.O.
 - (g) Social Secretary
 - (h) Committee
8. Elections
9. Any other business.

Date, place and time of next AGM.

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 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 centre of book or on our website.



May we present to you our new look 2016 Rally Book, below is a list of easy icons to show what is close or happening near to the rally.

Moving forward could you please include these when writing your intensions for future rallies.

Kindest Regards Lee Williams (Beds PRO)

Rally Icons

	Event Rally		Cycling		Waterskiing
	Electric hook-up		Fishing		Firework display
	Area of outstanding beauty		Lake or waterway		NO Fireworks
	Historic interest		Food offered		Motorhome show
	Shopping nearby		Live entertainment		Number of caravans
	Pub or bar		Dancing		
	Walking		Golfing		