



Beds CC Flyer

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UPCOMING RALLIES

- 5-11 October – Holiday Rally, Daleacres Club site, Hythe, Kent
- 12-14 October – Illuminated van competition, Wyboston
- 19-21 October – Mill Farm, Gamlingay
- 26-28 October – Halloween/Harvest Supper, The Cock, Broom
- 2-4 November – Non-Bonfire rally, Willington
- 2-4 November – Bonfire Spectacular, Hemingford Grey, St Ives invite from Mid-Anglia
- 9-11 November – Moggerhanger
- 16-18 November – Regional AGM, Wheatly Park School, Oxfordshire
- 23-25 November – Christmas Shopping and Dogs, Ferry Meadows, Peterborough
- 7-9 December – Christmas Party, Edward Peake School, Biggleswade

2018/19 Dates for your diary

- 28 Dec – 1 Jan New Year Celebrations, Edward Peake School, Biggleswade
- 25-27 Jan – Burns Night, Edward Peake School, Biggleswade
- Special booking forms are available online or from any committee member

Any queries, suggestions, ideas please speak to a member of the committee



Roving Reports

Rally No. 21 Spring Bank Holiday Away – Lyndon Top, Rutland

Thanks to Keith and Peggy, I'm in charge, Val and Steve and side kick Sue and John. Was Steve there I only saw a pair of shorts and a glass walking about. What super weather.

Bill and Jill Thompson

Rally No. 22 Yarwell Mill – 28th May to June 3rd

Great rally at Yarwell Mill, thanks to Bill's Mum and Dad Pat, Terry and Maureen. Good food, Good company, Good weather

Bill and Jill Thompson

Rally No. 25 Langford, Darts Competition

19 Outfits in attendance, blessed with great weather and a quiet Friday night was enjoyed ahead of the Competition on Saturday!

A leisurely Saturday morning to do as we pleased before the Darts Competition commenced in the early evening in the Club House. An American Supper was available part way through the evening for all to enjoy.

The competition was a long and slow process with 3 competitions happening on 1 board – and many of us hadn't picked up a dart since last year's competition!

We called a halt to the evening around 11pm with a rendezvous time of 9am on Sunday morning (with tea) to complete the semi finals and finals of both ladies and men's competitions.

Finals done – we headed straight to flag to announce the winners and bring the weekend to a close.

Sophia Perkins played against her friend in the children's competition. Her friend won, however, not being a member, she was unable to receive the trophy and therefore, Sophia is the recipient of the Juniors Darts trophy.

Keeping it in the family, Tracey Perkins lifted the ladies trophy, with Carrie Irvin in 2nd place and in joint 3rd place, Linda Horn and Diane Richardson.

Andy Gray lifted the men's trophy, with Colin Richardson in 2nd place and in joint 3rd place, Lawrie Coleman and Geoff Buttrum.

Thank you to Terry and Pat for organising the Darts Competition.

A great weekend - thank you Terry and Pat and Pete and Linda for hosting a great rally.

Carrie Irvin

Rally No. 26 Vinegar Hill – Caravan Handling

21 Outfits in attendance to witness the 2018 Caravan Handling Competition, without any interference from the weather!

Early on Saturday Morning, Lawrie and Mike gave the caravan its annual bath, then set about laying out course number 13 for the 11 entrants – 3 ladies and 8 men. The challenge began. Everyone had 2 attempts – with the best time/least penalties overall being the winner in each category.

At the end of the competition, the results were as follows:

Ladies: 1 st Place	Carrie Irvin
2 nd Place	Bronya Findlay
3 rd Place	Peggy Slatter

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Mens: 1st Place Andy Gray
 2nd Place Keith Slatter
 3rd Place Mike Irvin

The course was cleared away in a fraction of the time it takes to set up – thank you to all who helped.

On Saturday Evening, Gill and Janet with their team of helpers dished up a 3 course meal in the party tent, consisting of Soup, Pie & Mash and Cheesecake, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Flag on Sunday wrapped up another great rally and weekend.

Thank you to our Rally Officers Gill and Mick and Janet and Lawrie.

Carrie Irvin

Rally No. 28 Gravelly Fruit Farm

A very dusty road in on Friday – mainly due to the great spell of weather we are experiencing, so we won't grumble as not that long ago, rallies were cancelled due to rain – how ironic! It was lovely to see members being able to sit out until much later than usual, enjoying the late evening warmth.

Saturday morning, for the early birds, the Car Boot sale in the next field provided a little bit of exercise walking up and down and some even scored a few bargains they didn't know they needed!

The fruit picking available on site was available although by Sunday morning the strawberry picking was closed due to lack of strawberries!

On Saturday afternoon, Tom organised a game of "Brick" – a popular game amongst regular members but new to some of our newer ralliers who seemed to thoroughly enjoy the experience. All embraced the competition and after a very long game in the sunshine, Val Edgar was crowned the overall winner! Another game was played for fun in the cooler evening for those sitting out.

Sunday flag with everyone huddling under /around the gazebo for the shade – brought the weekend to a close and due to the heat of the day, very few people were rushing around to leave.

Thank you to Tom and Maureen and John and Irene for a lovely weekend.

Carrie Irvin

Rally No. 30 Bedford River Festival 13-15 July

We arrived on site at Home Farm, Cardington and were quickly shown to our pitch, legs down, car unpacked, sun canopy up and let the weekend begin.

Friday night was a chance to catch up with friends as we have been abroad recently and so missed a few Beds rallies, was lovely except for the *June* bugs that decided to take flight and dive bomb me, though I suppose it created amusement for others when I asked them to "Buzz off", not that they took much notice of me as they re-appeared the following night though in lesser number.

Saturday morning was another glorious sunny start, after breakfast we headed out to catch the bus into Bedford for the River Festival, the less said about waiting times for the bus and the taxi that didn't arrive the better; we eventually arrived at the river festival and Bedford was in full swing party mode, the sun had certainly brought the crowds out. Some ralliers meant up with Beds members who have their own narrow boat and took a tour down the river, others walked both sides of the river and over the one-way bridge system occasionally bumping into other ralliers enjoying the festival. We returned hot and weary and decided to visit the Kings Head for dinner, this was a good decision, the ambience, food and drink were lovely, we will definitely return on our next visit to Cardington. We were lucky enough to be able to partially view the fireworks from the festival, if only the tall poplar trees hadn't been in the way it would have been a perfect view.

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Sunday flag was at 11am and we were advised that there was no need to leave early and in fact if we wished we could stay on another night, sadly for us we had to be at work on Monday☹, we left just after midday.

All in all another fabulous weekend many thanks to Terry, Pat, Bill and Jill.

Rally No. 31 Family Fun Weekend 20-22 July

We arrived at Hillson's Meadow, Maulden on Friday evening, quickly set up, had a quick bite to eat then joined the others in the 'new' party tents for hot dogs and a catch-up.

Saturday morning the children were treated to a morning at the cinema with pop-corn and drinks provided, they were all very well behaved and enjoyed watching 'Sherlock Gnomes', on return they had a picnic lunch and I think almost everyone had a different filling; once the children had eaten their picnic we were all treated to ice creams which were very welcome. Later in the afternoon there were water games which the children thoroughly enjoyed though I think their favourite part was when the 'big kids' joined in and a water fight with buckets and a hosepipe took place. Saturday evening a couple of fire pits were lit so that we could all have s'mores (a toasted marshmallow sandwiched between two chocolate biscuits) a real treat. Flag was held on Saturday evening as a few of our members were leaving early the next morning. Sunday morning was another lovely sunny day and it was nice not to have to rush off and to be able to pack away at our leisure in fact as long as we had left before dark there was no actual time to leave.

Thanks go to our rally officers Carrie and Mike Irvin and Kathryn and Simon Ward for another fab weekend

Rally No. 33 Stoke Bruerne 27-29 July

Thank you Sylvia & Ivor and Shirley & Allan for a nice weekend and fighting the weather, doing bacon rolls at flag. And a big thank you to all of you that came out to help us to take down our awnings in the wind. This is the picture we had Saturday night.



Jenny Lambert

Rally No. 34 Little Winnick, Cornwall – Holiday Rally 30 July – 11 August

We had a good mixture of Bedfordshire members and visitors and what a lovely group of people they were. We arrived before the rally started and settled in before the ralliers over the first few days. As people arrived Bill took a photo of the family group outside their unit and I am sure some of them wondered why on earth he would want to take a photo. All was revealed at 'opening flag' when they were presented with a laminated card with their picture. Thank you Bill for taking your laptop, a printer and a laminator. Very impressive.

During the holiday we held a few social events with a Boules competition, we set them all a challenge to make a plastic rocket for the 'rocket launcher' that went down really well and I wouldn't be surprised if a few other Centre's now follow suit and make their own rocket launcher; Neil Hannan should get a patent on it!!

We also supplied a delicious Cornish cream tea which was very well received. We also set a challenge to become beach combers and see what unusual stones, glass or anything else they could find on local beaches. What I didn't realise is that it is an offence to remove stones etc from the beaches – whoops!!

I think everyone enjoyed their holiday judging by the comments and cards we received. We certainly enjoyed our holiday and meeting all the visitors and Beds members.

Linda & Peter Horn and Ann & Bill Bowie

Rally No. 40, Beds Charity Rally, Maulden 7-9 September

The Beds CC fete opened on Saturday afternoon by our very own Carrie Irvin and there was soon a queue at the cake stall, one of the most popular items being the homemade sausage rolls (not to self – bring double the amount next time), there was also the chance to purchase books, raffle tickets, have a go at the tombola stall or even partake of a fruit sundae or ice cream cornet. In the evening we all gathered in the party tents for the raffle to be drawn and Bill, Jill and Maureen served us all with delicious hotdogs.

At flag on Sunday morning the 'lucky ball' was drawn and Maureen was the winner, over the weekend almost £500 was raised for our nominated charity for 2017/18 St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger so well done to everyone who attended.

Many thanks to Bill, Jill and Maureen for another fabulous weekend

Rally No. 41, Mitchelmore Fishing Competition, Phoenix Park Vinegar Hill 14-16 September

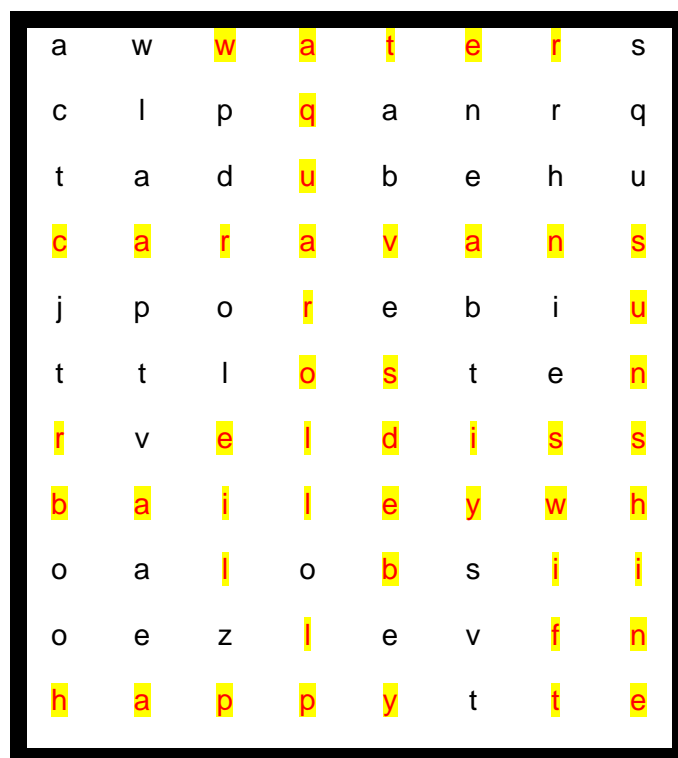
Nine caravans arrived on Friday which was a bit disappointing. Friday evening we had a natter and chatter in the party tent. Saturday morning seven fishermen went to the lakes next door in hope of winning the trophy after five hours fishing Colin Richardson caught the most fish followed by Michael Jackson and in third place was Mick Challis with just an ounce behind.

Saturday evening we were treated to a three course meal cooked by the rally officers, Gill, Mick, Lawrie and Janet which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. The weather was perfect for the whole weekend.

Deborah Jackson



Answers to the Summer Wordsearch



WATER

BAILEY

AQUAROLL

BEDS

CARAVAN

SUNSHINE

HAPPY

RALLY

SWIFT

ELDISS

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Centre News

New Party Tents

Some time ago on a windy weekend, we were unfortunate enough to lose two of our party tents. The committee took a decision not to replace these at the time and we continued to use our older party tents, when required.

Recently, it has become apparent that we miss having the opportunity to all get together on an evening at a rally, our vans are simply not big enough to entertain a rally field full, and even awnings are often selective. The existing party tents are bulky and the poles are heavy and understandably, people are reluctant to transport them in their cars and caravans and therefore, the centre party tents have not been seen on the rally field very often at all and we have missed out on some valuable evening conversations!

At a few rallies, a collection of members personal "event shelters" have been erected to enable us to meet up together, such as at Loves Lane in Ashwell and Lyndon Top in Rutland to name just two rallies where it made such a difference to all be together. Comments were received from various members regarding using these to replace the old party tents.

Bearing in mind all of the above, an opportunity arose to purchase the Coleman Shelters from Go Outdoors at a vastly reduced price when they were on offer recently. With the best interest of the centre in mind, we have purchased 4 of these shelters, with sides and doors to enable us to offer a variety of options, depending on the size of the rally/attendees.

Rally Officers - these shelters are available for your rallies. Please contact the equipment officer – Terry Darlow – to arrange collecting/returning the shelters as these are NOT part of the standard rally equipment. There are some guidelines to follow since these are expensive items and misuse of the shelters will not be acceptable/tolerated. The shelters easily fit into the boot of the car and are much lighter in weight than anything we have had previously and will be much easier to get dry IF/WHEN the wet stuff falls from the sky again!

We hope that you will all enjoy using the party tents, both as rally officers and members and hopefully by the time you are reading this, they will have been up and enjoyed many times and will continue for many years to provide the space for the friendship and conversation we crave.

Carrie Irvin

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone that asks after Mum and Dad, it's been a hard year for our family and after mum's 6 months stay in hospital and now she is in a nursing home. After a lot of consideration Dad has sold the caravan and they both wanted to say thank you for the cards and enquiries on how they are.

Jo and Andy and family x



I have served on the Bedfordshire Caravan and Motorhome Club Committee for the past year and have edited the newsletter during this time, I would love to thank everyone for sending in rally reports and I hope you have enjoyed reading them and if I am re-elected onto the committee for 2018/19 hopefully I will be able to continue

Remember this is your flyer so please feel free to send in rally reports, items for sale and any suggestions how you would like the Beds flyer to evolve.

Please send rally reports etc in before 16th November to be included in the winter flyer which will be available from the Christmas party onwards.

Please feel free to email lawsonsarah@sky.com with any rally reports, items for sale, anything you wish to be included in Beds Flyer

Should anyone wish to have their flyer posted out to them please hand an A5 envelope with your name and address and a large stamp (1st class currently £1.01 and 2nd class 79p) to any committee member and we can arrange this for you, there are usually 4 flyers produced each year, Easter, June, September and December.

Sarah Lawson

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