



Beds CC Flyer Easter 2018



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Junior Committee 2017/18

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Upcoming Rallies

6-8 April – Loves Lane, Ashwell
13-15 April – Centre Events Competition, Home Farm, Cardington
20-22 April – St George's Day, invite from Herts, Moggerhanger
27-29 April – Willington
4-8 May – May Day Away, Weeley, Clacton
4-8 May – May Day Home, Home Farm, Cardington
11-13 May – Fishing Competition, Manor Farm, Lower Caldecote
11-20 May – Holiday Rally, Hemsby, Norfolk
18-20 May – Ferry Meadows, Peterborough



Rally No. 31 Christmas Rally, Gamlingay

We all arrived on the Friday evening for a weekend of fun and catching up with our friends. Friday evening we were entertained with a "Carol-oke", mulled wine and mince pies and a natter.

Saturday morning we were back in the hall for Bacon Rolls followed by Magic Dave who kept both young and old thoroughly entertained. Father Christmas arrived later in the afternoon with a gift for all the children.



During the evening we were served a scrumptious 3 course Christmas Dinner and were entertained by an unforgettable love band, Heroes Journey a classic rock covers band who were amazing. A thoroughly enjoyable weekend was had by all, many thanks to Team Christmas.

Rally No. 34 New Year Rally, Gamlingay

On arrival Friday lunchtime we were met by an unusual sighting team of Snowmen, Father Christmas and Elves 😊.



Friday evening we all met in the hall where we were entertained by John Moules and served jacket potatoes with an assortment of fillings and a lovely desert.

Saturday morning we were served a full English breakfast along with cereal, orange juice, tea and coffee. Tea, cake and Bingo in the afternoon

Saturday evening was James Bond theme and we all dressed up in our finery, a chance to win our fortune on the casino tables and we were entertained by a poorly 'Ali by Request' who managed to keep us all thoroughly entertained even though she had a terrible cold, a buffet and desert was served during the evening.



New Years Eve we were served a traditional three course roast beef dinner, in the afternoon we dressed our tables for the evening and everyone had gone all out with some fabulous table decorations.

We partied the night away dancing to the sounds of 'Stevie C' and dressed as Gangsters and Molls, prizes were awarded for the best dressed table and best dressed; platters of cheese, pate and biscuits were served during the evening and at 12.30am bacon rolls for those that were feeling peckish.



Thank you to Colin, Diane, Martin, Bronya and fellow helpers for a truly unforgettable rally a brilliant time was had by all right from arrival to our last goodbyes.



Rally No. 1 Chinese New Year, Biggleswade

23 vans

Year of the dog..... Chinese New Year Rally

What a good weekend...Kathryn, Simon, Carrie and Mike put on a packed full weekend, Friday evening we were supplied with lovely homemade hot dogs, which were made by Simon's father. We then had an evening of dog racing. Tom and Maureen Leath seemed to be quid's up after the evening, even winning the bonus ball on Sunday at Flag.

Saturday the children's committee organised a coffee morning with cakes and all money that they made was donated to the Bedfordshire Centre Charity, St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger.

Saturday evening we were served with a 5 course Chinese meal, well done to Kathryn and her crew; games and a Chinese raffle was played during the evening where a bottle of red wine seemed very popular.

Sunday morning the snow began falling and after flag the playground was cleared within minutes, fabulous weekend.

Gail, Steve, Lynn and Phil

Rally No. 2 Valentine's, Biggleswade

32 vans

The Valentines rally took place at the Edward Peake School in Biggleswade on 9-11 February 2018. The rally officers were Diane & Colin Richardson assisted by Bronya and Martin Findlay. John Moules was also on hand to assist.

There were 32 outfits which included visitors from Mid Anglia, Norfolk, Bucks and some non centre visitors.

Friday evening started with a Mr & Mrs competition which was won by Peggy & Keith Slatter. Their prize was the spaghetti scene from Lady and the Tramp using strawberry laces!

Saturday day was free time and then we returned to the school hall for 18.30 reception of prosecco or Bucks Fizz. The hall had been magically transformed into a romantic venue with decorated tables and soft lighting.

As ever, Diane and her helpers produced a fabulous 4 course meal of Pâté with Melba Toast, followed by Chicken Breasts in a mushroom and red wine sauce, dauphinoise potatoes, carrot batons and green beans. This was followed by jam and coconut sponge with custard then heart shaped shortbread biscuits with the tea/coffee and mints.

This was followed by dancing to Lazy Dayz.

Overall a wonderful weekend – congratulations and thanks to the rally team!

Kate & Garry Bellamy

Winter Walk

A beautiful almost spring like day for our annual winter walk that was organised by Maureen Gauge with tea and coffee provided by Roly and Jenny Wagstaff, an enjoyable lunch at The Wheatsheaf followed.



Rally No. 3 Burns Night, Biggleswade

Even though we celebrated later than the rest of the world a fantastic time was had by all. A lot of effort went into making this a Burns Night not to be forgotten.

Friday evening the hall was open to pay rally fees and to catch up with friends and we were entertained with Scottish music and songs by Lee Williams. Saturday morning the committee and helpers set the hall up ready for the evening entertainment, potatoes and vegetables were peeled, onions chopped ready for the veritable feast that is a Burns Night Supper.

The evening's entertainment started at 6.30pm where we were greeted by our Chairlady and we all found our designated tables.

The first course was cock-a-leekie soup, the haggis and whisky were piped in and the address to the haggis was carried out by Eric Benzie we were then served haggis neeps and tatties, roast beef with trimmings, apple pie and cream then nicely finished off with coffee, tea, after dinner mints and shortbread biscuits, with plenty of whisky toasts interspersed between each course.

After our meal and speeches an evening of Scottish dancing took place with an excellent caller who taught us all the dances we had forgotten from our school days and the entertainment was by The Caledonian Reelers.

A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

Flag was held at 11.00am thank you committee for all the hard work that went into putting on a fantastic weekend

Rally No. 5 Rally Officers, Moggerhanger

The rally opened with Sunshine – warm enough to sit out in – but by mid late afternoon the rain set in, but considering the previous weekend's weather, we were really very lucky! 14 Caravans on the field this weekend – all Bedfordshire Members.

Saturday afternoon hosted the Rally Officers meeting in the village hall. Thank you to all for turning out and a special thank you to Jo and Andy Gray for providing the tea and scones after the meeting.

Saturday evening – a supper of jacket potatoes with bolognese, beans or cheese followed by a selection of desserts raised £82.00 for our charity; a big Thank You to Janet and Lawrie Coleman for their generosity in providing the food. After Supper – Pat and Terry, assisted by Jill and Bill organised the Games for the evening. The overall winners were Val and Steve Edgar who won a bottle of wine!

Flag on Sunday morning in the dry finished off the weekend nicely and everyone got off the muddy field – eventually and Neil Seward the land owner said the field would recover quickly!



FOR SALE

A disabled Bedfordshire Centre member would like to sell her 4 berth caravan due to bereavement.

2013 Lunar Quasar with Motor Mover, Tracker, TV, Solar Panel, Porch awning & full awning, 2 types of groundsheet plus loads of other extras, water barrels etc

£10,000

Looking on the internet this seems to be a pretty good price especially with all the extras. I have been to view the caravan which is garaged at home and looks in very good condition. Having recently lost her husband she would like to know that her beloved caravan is going to someone who will get good use and enjoyment from it.

Please contact Linda Horn 07799 232606 and I will put you in touch with the lady selling

Trophies

Lawrie has requested that all the trophies need to be returned to either him or a committee member before the Events Rally which is on 13-15 April

Rally Officers still required

We are still looking for rally officers for the following rallies:

28 May – 3 June – National Follow On – Clumber Park

10-12 August – Fox & Duck, Stotfold

17-19 August – Marston Bale Forest Centre

Please contact Linda Horn if you are able to assist.

“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step”

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Sarah Lawson
Bedfordshire Centre Newsletter Editor

