



# Beds CC Flyer



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## **Upcoming Rallies**

6-8 July - Raft Race Langford – Langford Football Club  
13-15 July - Bedford River Festival – Home Farm Cardington  
20-22 July –Children's, Juniors & Chairman's rally – Hillson's Meadow, Maulden  
20-22 July - Norfolk Motorhome Show – Norfolk Showground, Norwich  
27-29 July - Waterway Museum – Stoke Bruerne  
30-11 July - HOLIDAY RALLY – Little Winnick, Cornwall  
10-13 August - Fox and Duck, Stotfold  
17-19 August - Marston Vale Forest Centre  
24-27 August - Bank Holiday Weekend Pitsford Reservoir, Northants  
31 August - 2 September – ~~Kimbolton~~ **NEW VENUE – Ferry Meadows, Peterborough**

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



## Roving Reports

### **Rally No. 8 Easter Away – Banham Zoo**

Boggy Banham!

Like most of the country, the Beds Easter rally at Banham Zoo was a tad wet! However 16 outfits braved what the British weather could throw at us and made memories to look back on and laugh at! Carrie rang everyone giving them the option of backing out before we arrived as they'd had to be towed in never mind towed out! It's times like this though that the true caravan camaraderie comes out, probably best illustrated by the trench our ralliers dug to get the lake that had formed on the road to drain away! Well done chaps!!

Carrie & Mike (Hollie & Jordan) and Sarah and Malcolm did a brilliant job of keeping spirits up. Hot cross buns, cake, chocolate, more chocolate and yep you guessed it more chocolate at least filled us full of happy thoughts!

The Zoo was a great venue and we managed to avoid getting too soggy by timing our trips in well around the April showers! The bonus of being here for a long weekend is that you pay once, but can go in as often as you like during your stay. The Easter egg hunt, bonnets and colouring competition also helped entertain the kids. We love Banham and will certainly be back again. Well done to our rally officers for a great rally in difficult conditions!!

*Kathryn and Simon Ward*

### **Rally No. 09 – Easter at Home, Wyboston**

Thursdays and Friday 21 vans arrived, to be greeted and sited by Maureen Alan and Shirley, umbrellas, rain coats and boots were needed, and soon became the norm for the weekend. Rain rain and more rain, but this did not take away the warm welcome we all received (fairly quiet one from Maureen as she was suffering with a sore throat, but she kept going and smiling).

Friday afternoon a much welcome tea coffee and hot cross buns was served in the party tent. The heavens remained open through the night, so most people stayed warm and dry in their caravans.

Saturday brought more rain, and it was decided that the American supper would not be held in party tent (too cold and damp to venture out for too long) however future activities (bingo) would take place before flag on Sunday.

Sunday

Surprise surprise no rain and the Easter bunny had been, leaving eggs around the whole site (shame Maureen ran over one ) after all the children collected eggs, we had another surprise, when Mr and Mrs Easter bunnies arrived, giving all children eggs plus an Easter bunny per van, yum yum .

The children spent the good weather outside playing, whilst the adults played bingo, followed by tea coffee and more cakes thanks to the rally officers.

It was decided that Shirley and the Slatters should be barred from playing future bingo, as they won most of games

Thanks to Maureen, Alan and Shirley a great Easter was had by all.

*Peggy and Keith Slatter*



### **Rally No. 10 – Loves Lane, Ashwell**

14 vans turned up for a lovely relaxing weekend on a surprisingly dry field considering the amount of rain that had fallen the weekend before.

On Friday evening we joined everyone in the party tents which were heated for an evening of catching up and a few tipples.

Saturday was a free day to explore the local area, some went to lunch at one of the local pubs and others who were feeling slightly more energetic had a nice walk to and around Ashwell Village. Saturday afternoon we were treated to tea and cakes by our rally officers. In the evening we all met in the party tents for hot sausage rolls, spring onions and nibbles.

Sunday morning we were fed again with sausage baps and flag was a very convivial affair. Thank you to our rally officers, Gail, Steve, Lynn and Phil for lovely relaxing weekend and thank you for arranging for some sunshine on Saturday, it was lovely to be able to sit outside for some of the day.

### **Rally No. 11 Centre Events, Cardington**

Winners were:

#### **Photographic - Senior**

Markwell Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Carolyne Lees, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carolyne Lees, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Waller

McIntyre Trophy 1<sup>st</sup> Carolyne Lees, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jill Thompson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Waller

#### **Wine, Beer, Flavoured Spirit**

Beer – 1<sup>st</sup> Marion Stewart-Darlow, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jill Thompson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bill Thompson

Flavoured Spirit – 1<sup>st</sup> Carrie Irvin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marion Stewart-Darlow, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Waller

Best in Show Thompson Goblet – Carrie Irvin for her Rhubarb Gin

#### **Chutney**

1<sup>st</sup> Maureen Leath, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carrie Irvin, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bill Thompson

#### **Victoria Sponge Gilks Spoon**

1<sup>st</sup> Martin Findlay, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maureen Leath, 3<sup>rd</sup> Keith Slatter

Looks like a good time was had by all, unfortunately there weren't any entries for the Junior photographic Owen Shield and Vass Shield, best uploaded photo to Facebook page Hannan Plaque, Red and White sweet wine or Red and White dry wine or Rose, maybe next year we will have a few more entries, please remember full bottles for alcohol entries.

### **Rally No. 14 May Day Away Weeley, Clacton**

Arrived at Weeley to a lovely surprise, the sun's out, the grass is short and a nice cup of tea with the rally officers, once we were all set up we sat outside soaking up the sun. Saturday evening Terry and Bill made pancakes served by Pat and Jill; after a quiz or 2 by Jill. Clacton and Frinton are both only a short drive away; there were also some lovely walks around the lake and a massive accessory shop and busy café on site. Many thanks to Pat, Terry, Jill and Bill for making us feel welcome and the sun was still out when we pulled away, must definitely go there again,.

*Janet, Lawrie and Barbara*



### **Rally No. 15 May Day Home at Cardington**

We arrived in brilliant sunshine and were greeted by Simon.

Friday was an easy day where everyone sat outside and enjoyed the beautiful weather.

Saturday was another hot day, Kathryn organised a short walk where we ended up at the local pub for a few drinks which was very much needed.

In the evening Kathryn and Jo picked up fish and chips and we all sat together and enjoyed our meal. During the evening there was a quiz in the party tent where we had a visit from quiz master Jeremy Vine (AKA) Gary Twyford, a great evening was had by all.

Early Sunday morning Simon got the spit on and 2 large legs of pork roasted for hours, Kathryn Jo and Emma prepared the salad and potatoes. We all sat down in the beautiful sunshine and enjoyed our meal. It was lovely to see all the children playing and how well they were behaved. Well done to Simon Kathryn Jo and Andy for a fantastic weekend.

*Lynn Phil Gail and Steve*

### **Rally No. 16 Manor Farm, Fishing Rally**

We were one of the last to arrive on Friday evening and were quickly sited by Tom and Colin. Party tent was open from 7pm for an evening of catching up with friends old and new and we were also treated to hamburgers and fishing entry forms were duly completed and handed in by those wishing to enter the next day's fishing competition.

Saturday morning we woke to glorious sunshine and the draw was made for the swims and those fishing set up and were ready for the starting whistle at 10.00am, unfortunately the fish had other ideas and very little was caught, though I'm sure there were a few that got away 😊. Results of fishing competition for Beds CC were 1<sup>st</sup> place Colin Richardson with 5lbs 9oz, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Michael Jackson with 4lbs 13oz and for the ladies 1<sup>st</sup> place Bronya Findlay with 3oz and 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Diane Richardson, well done to all those that took part.

Saturday evening we were treated to a lovely meal of sausage, mash and onion gravy followed by apple pie and cream. The evening was spent with good company and the chance to win a prize with Quiz bingo, heads and tails game.

Flag on Sunday morning saw the presentation of rosettes and trophies to the winning fisherman and ladies with first place going to Colin Richardson for the gents and Bronya Findlay for the ladies.

Thank you to our rally officers, Tom and Caroline Gilks and Colin and Diane Richardson for another fantastic rally

### **Rally No. 18 Ferry Meadows**

A nice short drive for me this weekend as I only work half a mile from Ferry Meadows which was nice not to be one of the last to arrive on a Friday night for a change 😊.

Friday evening we all met in the party tent for a catch up with friends old and new.

Saturday the sun was shining and some of us decorated our vans in readiness for the Royal Wedding along with a few good hearted grumbles from the men, the union jack bunting was out in force. Lawrie had brought along a TV so that we could watch the wedding and bucks fizz along with scones, jam and cream were served. Early evening the FA Cup was on for those that wished to watch, but I think the result may have disappointed some! We all took advantage of the glorious sunny weather and BBQ'd and ate outside, though the midges were a bit of a problem as the evening wore on so we retired to the party tents to continue our festivities.

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Sunday was another nice day and the warden came down during flag to encourage us to use the rally field more as it is currently under used.

Another relaxing fun filled weekend made all the better by the weather and company, thank you to our rally officers Janet and Lawrie Coleman, Maureen Gauge and for Bob and Sally Taylor for stepping in to assist at the last minute.

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

We arrived to a warm welcome on Friday with hot dogs in the evening. Thick mist cleared into a nice day on Saturday so some of us could play some outside games that gave us a good laugh and entertainment and some energetic ralliers cycled around the lake (17 miles). Fish and chips were ordered for those that wanted them in the evening followed by the left, right and centre dice game.

Sunday brought us a lovely warm day some ralliers went fly fishing and caught a trout. The rally officers did a fantastic barbeque with all the trimmings followed by a sponge and cream desert. I think I can safely say a great time was had by us all, many thanks to Peggy, Keith, Val and Steve and their helpers Sue and John.

*Pat and Win Eaton*

### **Rally No. 22 Yarwell Mill – 28th May to June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **Rally Officers – Pat & Terry Darlow, ably assisted by Maureen Gauge**

Once we had negotiated the dreaded infamous Yarwell Bridge (when will it be finished?) at the entrance to the Rally Field we started to relax. Within a short space of time Terry and Maureen had us pitched, now time to relax. But after everyone had settled along came the landowner and asked several units to move to accommodate another rally, having previously shown the Rally Officers the area they could use.!! Thankfully the weather was better than the previous Bank Holiday apart from Tuesday night when the thunder storms arrived, heaviest rain for quite some time.

Terry should be auditioning for Master Chef as his skills seem to be never-ending. One evening he battered and deep-fried Eccles cakes, Mars bars, Pineapples and Celebration chocolates. Must say all were absolutely delicious. Another night deep fried bacon and cheese rolls appeared.

During the week lots of places were visited including the caravan sales at Grantham Caravans, Stamford and local garden Centres. Roly's favourite was evidently Morrison's at Stamford. Mick Leith tried his luck fishing in the lake. Some took the NVR to Peterborough where Tornado was in the sheds.

All in all, an enjoyable rally on a pleasant site but the current works on expansion of the holiday homes could one day have an impact on the tent and rally field.

Must finally congratulate the Rally Officers for a "job well done", up to their usual excellent standard.

*Roy and Sue Brunsden*



### **2018 Dates for your diary**

Bedfordshire Centre AGM 29<sup>th</sup> September – Ampthill Parkside Hall – Juniors held at 2.00pm and Centre AGM at 3.00pm. Please send any nominations for the 2018/19 committee to the Centre Secretary 14 days before the AGM (by 2pm on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018), Nomination forms are available to download from the Centre website.

### **TWO NEW RALLIES FOR 2018**

**Rally 43a** 30<sup>th</sup> September-2<sup>nd</sup> October – **Flying Scotsman Rally, Ferry Meadows** as rally follows on from AGM please do not arrive before 1.00pm to allow rally officers time to arrive, rally officers are Sarah and Malcolm Lawson and Janet and Lawrie Coleman

**Rally 49a** 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> November – **Bonfire Spectacular, St Ives** this is an invite from Mid Anglia please send rally slips to Jackie and Alan Ward (Mid-Anglia) or book online via their website page

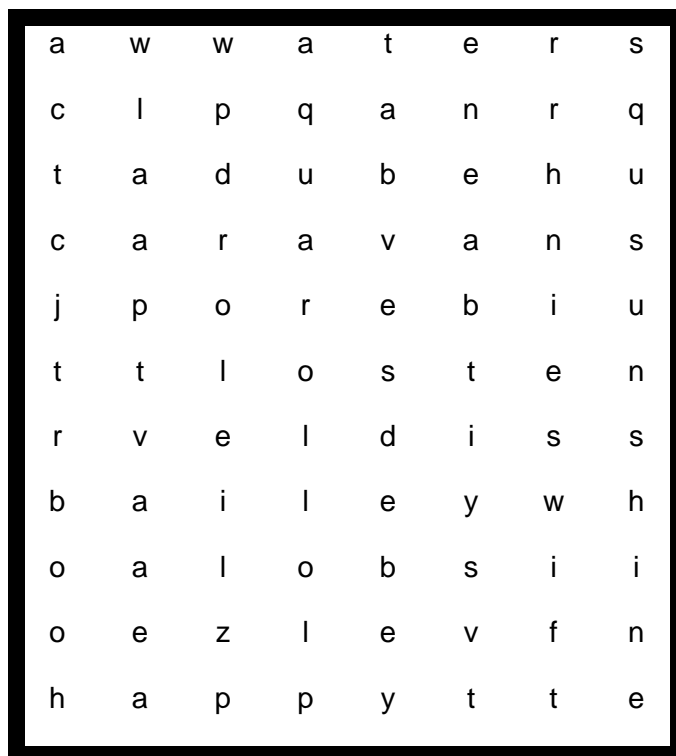
**Christmas Party Rally** 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> December at Edward Peake School, Biggleswade

**New Year Rally** 28<sup>th</sup> December-1<sup>st</sup> January at Edward Peake School, Biggleswade

### **Early news for 2019**

Burns Rally will be held at Edward Peake School, Biggleswade on 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> January 2019, the band has been booked

Just for fun, find 10 hidden words associated with caravanning, words are straight across, up, down and diagonal, answer will be in next flyer



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### **Rally Officers still required**

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

10-12 August – Fox & Duck, Stotfold

17-19 August – Marston Vale Forest Centre

21-23 September – Musgrave Arms, Shillington

Please contact Linda Horn if you are able to assist.

Apology I inadvertently got the rally officers names wrong for the New Year rally, thanks should have also gone to Bill and Jill Thompson, *Sarah*

If you wish to contribute to the next Beds Flyer please contact Sarah before 7<sup>th</sup> September for inclusion in the Autumn Flyer which will be available at the AGM.



Lets hope we see plenty of this, happy rallying wherever you are

*“The great thing about real life is that it belongs to you. You can make it up as you go along!”*

*Victoria Ashton*

*Sarah Lawson  
Bedfordshire Centre Newsletter Editor*

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