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Committee Notice:

Unfortunately, since being elected at the AGM, Linda Horn has decided to resign from her position on Committee.

We respect her decision and thank Linda for her presence and hard work on the Committee over the past years, and hope she and Peter will continue to enjoy rallying with the Beds Centre.

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



Upcoming Rallies

Sunday 16th December at 3.00pm **Annual Carol Service** – St Andrew's Church, Rectory Lane, Ampthill, MK45 2EL refreshments in Chapter House after service

29 Dec - 1 Jan - **New Year Celebrations** at Langford Football Club – this rally still has vacancies at time of going to press please contact Carrie Irvin

2019 Dates for your diary

13 January **Winter Walk**

25-27 January 2019, **Burns Night** at Edward Peake School, bookings are being taken now come and celebrate this very special night in true Beds style, special booking form can be downloaded from the website. Book early and save £5.00

15-17 February, **Valentines** at Edward Peake School

1-3 March, The Cock at Broom

8-10 March, **Centre Event Competitions**, Home Farm, Cardington

15-17 March **St Patrick's Weekend**, venue tba

22-24 March, Mill Farm, Gamlingay

29-31 March, Moggerhanger

5-7 April **Stamford Fair** at Ferry Meadows

12-14 April, Musgrove Arms, Shillington

18-22 April, **Easter Home** at Home Farm, Cardington

18-22 April **Easter Away** at Rutland Caravan & Camping

See website for further details and for any special booking forms that may be required



Chairladies Christmas Message 2018



With the Festive Season upon us, there seems to be more time to reflect on what the past year has brought us in our lives, both on and off the rally field. There have been highs and lows and there has been happiness, disappointment and sadness too – for this seems to be the way the world works.

The friendships that we build on the rally field, as I see it, are twofold: firstly sharing the common bond of sitting in/around our fibreglass and high-tech ali boxes on wheels in a field or playground and then those same friendships that extend beyond those boxes into our bricks and mortar and everyday lives – caring and sharing beyond the car/caravan/motor home.

Christmas time should be a time to reflect on what you can do as a good person - Peace on Earth and Goodwill to all men (and women). Take time to do something kind for someone less fortunate than yourself, say something kind to someone, pay forward a kind deed done to you.

We all lead busy lives and all have both good days and bad days. Several of these people sit alongside me on your committee and try to do our very best for the Centre at all times - not one person amongst our community is perfect and human nature means we cannot please everyone. We cannot 'love' everyone, for it is simply not possible to do so – even the kindest people in the world do not love everyone – but it takes a lot less effort to be nice than it does to be unkind.

The 2019 Rally programme looks set to be another full programme, so long as the weather plays its part. The **2020** Rally Programme will very shortly be being put together by Jo Gray, so If you have any wishes/desires for the 2020 rally season, please speak with Jo. Can you believe we are looking at what seemed like a fictitious date about to be talked about like we did the millennium?! I am sure there will be some kind of chainmail or computer bug rear its head!!

Wherever and whomever you spend Christmas and New Year with on behalf of my family and your committee, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 2019.

Carrie, Mike, Hollie and Jordan

Valentine's Rally

15th-17th February 2019

*Edward Peake Middle School
Biggleswade*



*Three Course Meal &
Live Entertainment.*

Special Booking Form Required: colin.richardson795@btinternet.com

Roving Reports

Rally No. 41 Mitchelmore Fishing Competition at Phoenix Park Vinegar Hill.

14th-16th 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

Rally No. 42 Charity Rally, Hillson's Meadow, Maulden 7-9 September

We arrived on Friday evening straight from work with sausage rolls and cupcakes for the cake stall on Saturday, our car smelt amazing.

Saturday morning was spent setting up the stalls in readiness for the fete to be opened at 2.00pm promptly, there were cakes, books, tombola, ice cream sundaes and bric-a-brac stalls to name a few to tempt us to part with our hard earned pennies. In the evening we were treated to hot dogs which raised a bit more money for our nominated charity. Another enjoyable weekend many thanks go to our rally officers Maureen, Jill and Bill for all their hard work

Rally No. 43 Centre AGM, Lawrence Park, Ampthill 28-30 September

As usual we were one of the last to arrive on Friday night, but there was a space saved for us in the committee lines. Friday evening was spent catching up with friends, Saturday morning was free time to visit local towns or just to chill, we went into Ampthill for a quick coffee fix. Saturday was all about the AGM, which was as usual held at Parkside Hall there was a good turnout with members and visitors that were not on the rally. It was lovely to see how much money had been raised for St John's Hospice and a cheque handed over to a lady from the Hospice, special thanks must go to Carrie for her sponsored marathon walk which contributed greatly to the total amount raised. Many trophies and friendship plaques were presented.

We finished the evening with a nice meal followed by music and dancing, it was lovely to see so many that had embraced the County and Western theme. Security was again provided for the evening.

Rally No. 43a, Flying Scotsman Rally, Ferry Meadows (Club) Site, 30 September-2 October

This rally was a late addition to our rally programme and what a fantastic time everyone who had the opportunity to attend had. We arrived directly from the AGM and quickly set up, we were so close to the Nene Valley Railway line we could hear the Flying Scotsman Train steaming past the rally field. Saturday morning some of our members had tickets for a ride behind the Flying Scotsman; however those that went on the train after lunch ended up being stranded at Wansford Station and Carrie and her Dad quickly came to their rescue. A lovely end to the AGM, think a follow on AGM rally should become the norm.



Rally No. 45 Daleacres Club site Holliday Rally 5-11 October

Would like to say a big thank you to Allan, Shirley, Ivor and Sylvia for the lovely rally held at Daleacres Club site Hythe Kent. We were greeted with a welcome cuppa on arrival which was very welcome. Tea and cakes were also nice after a day out, as were the hot dogs and coffee one evening. The quiz kept us busy in the evenings although none of us got all the right answers. The site was a really good place to get about from, some did a booze run, many of us took the miniature railway journey together. Think wherever we went we ran into somebody. So a big thanks you to whoever chose the venue and to the rally officers for their hard work.

Lesley and Terry Brinklow

Rally No. 46 Illuminated Van Competition, Wyboston 12-14 October 2018

15 vans checked into The Birches at Wyboston for the annual ILLUMINATED VAN competition for an unseasonably warm weekend! Caravan doors still open at 11pm on Friday and Saturday night.

Nearly all vans on the site were illuminated in one way or another including the visiting family from Mid Anglia.

Saturday evening as darkness fell, the lights were turned on and the creativity of our members available for all to see. Ralliers cast their vote as they walked around the field. Flag followed with Burgers provided by our rally officers. John Moulds announced the winner as Peggy and Keith Slatter for transforming their caravan into Santa's sleigh complete with reindeer and therefore lifting the Cora Moules Memorial trophy for a second year.

Rain forced the field to empty pretty quickly on Sunday, but I don't think it spoilt anyone's weekend.

Carrie Irvin

Rally No. 47 All Inclusive Weekend, Mill Farm, Gamlingay 19-21 October 2018

Wow....what a fab ALL INCLUSIVE rally Peggy Keith Sue 'n' John put on. Friday night we had a little feast of hot dogs with everyone having a natter and chatter.....however, little did Peggy know, gremlins had been at work, she was drinking water with coke....rather than her normal vodka, she did get a shock when taking a swig of water with her morning meds on Saturday early morning...oh dear cough splutter 😊

Saturday at 10am there was a huge full English breakfast feast enjoyed by all, early afternoon a few peeps had a game of SMITE won by Ross Slatter then a game of boules which was won by another Slatter....Keith.... All good fun was had by all

Saturday evening we were treated with tomato soup, a choice of shepherds pie, chilli or chicken curry, (seconds were popular too) followed by the infamous Darlow/Thompson pancakes, then all together for a sing-along, a few jokes....and a special raffle which raised some funds for the Beds centre charity, there was a lot of laughter, thank goodness for Tena Ladies

Sunday morning we all ended up having a tasty bacon or sausage bap before we enjoyed flag.....what a fantabulous time we had, thank you, very much appreciated

Val n Steve Edgar xxx



Rally No. 48 Halloween and Harvest Supper, The Cock, Broom 26-28 October 2018

Halloween weekend started a bit wet, causing our little ghouls and ghosts to save their tricks or treats until Sunday morning where weather forecast was better, also quite unique trick and treating in the daylight. Rain however did not stop Saturday's treats, lots of costumes, fun, games and lovely food was had at the hall, many thanks to all that organised, food, treats and games, also adults seemed to enjoy as much as the little munchkins.

Peggy and Keith Slatter

Rally No: 49 Non Firework Rally, Willington 2-4 November

Thank you Terry Pat & Maureen for a warming small rally....it was very cosy 😊

The twin turbo fire pits were a must to see and Patent!! Sat evening we were presented with welcoming hot soup followed by jacket potatoes, very cooked sausages were also on the menu followed by some yummy hot n melted marshmallows. Our grandkids thoroughly enjoyed themselves and didn't want the weekend to end.....however, we DID, come Sunday..... Thank you once again you are STARS *** *Love n stuff Val n Steve xoxox*

Rally No. 49a Bonfire Spectacular-invite from Mid-Anglia, Hemingford Grey 1-4 November

Rally opened on Thursday lunchtime for those that didn't have to work, on Friday evening we were treated to tomato soup and hot dogs along with a fire brazier to keep us warm, Saturday was a free day to spend exploring the local area, though I think most walked into St Ives. In the evening we had grandstand views of the bonfire, firework display which was set to music and sideshows, Sunday morning we were treated to a bacon roll before flag. Many thanks go to Mid-Anglia for once again hosting this rally, lets hope that we will be able to rally there next year.

Rally No. 50 Cockayne Hatley - 9-11 November

8 vans checked into Hatley Road courtesy of Clare and Shaun Izzard. Our second visit to this new venue. We saw Sun and rain and heard the wind, but despite being very really placed, the wind wasn't too gusty!

Saturday evening, we had planned to gather around the fire (no risk of dry grass this weekend!) where the jacket spuds were cooking, but the rain once again teamed down and the weather cooled quite significantly. Rallyers braved the weather to collect their spuds with a choice of chill, cheese, beans, or tuna to fill, them. Surprise donuts were delivered later to each van. The charity was the benefactor (as well as our tummies)

During Sunday morning flag, we lowered the flag and paid our respects to the fallen with a minutes silence to mark the 100th Anniversary. Lest we forget. The cockerel on site decided to provide his own equivalent of the last post.

Thank you to everyone who came for the weekend, I think we definitely made the right decision to move venues for the weekend.

Thanks also to Terry and Pat for stepping into help us.

Carrie & Mike



**Rally No. 52 Christmas Shopping and Dogs, Ferry Meadows (Club) Site
23-24 November**

Luxury this weekend, we all had electric hook-up due to being on the main site at a reduced rate. Saturday daytime was a 'do as you please', a chance to visit Peterborough and do some Christmas shopping, walk around Ferry Meadows Country Park or just chill out and catch up with friends. Saturday evening our rally officers had arranged for those that wished to partake and evening at Peterborough Greyhounds, we had track side seats in the Restaurant, a lovely meal, tote and drinks service to our tables, some where lucky most won't!! Even the 'hare' failing to run fast enough and a delay of 45 minutes didn't spoil the evening.

A few rally goers visited the local pub for a very nice breakfast on Sunday morning.

Flag was at 11.00am Sunday morning and we were informed that we could stay until 2.00pm. Linda and Peter Horn were presented with their 400th rally plaque, well done

Thank you to our rally officers Pat, Terry and Maureen for another lovely weekend

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





Easter

18th – 22nd April 2019



Rutland Caravan & Camping Site

Rutland Caravan and Camping Site is a family run caravan and camping park situated in the heart of the county of Rutland. The park is adjacent to the village of Greetham, there is a connecting small gravel path with pleasant walks through a newly planted woodland to the village with its two pubs and village stores.

The parks location offers you the opportunity to explore England's smallest county, renowned for its picturesque villages and towns. Rutland Water is nearby with its sailing, cycling, fishing, nature reserve and many other activities. With market towns of Oakham, Melton Mowbray, Stamford and Grantham close by.

The park has two heated toilet/shower blocks (1 x Adult Only), electric hook-ups, baby changing facility, dishwashing facilities, Wi-Fi access, a lovely children's play area and not forgetting the heated indoor swimming pool. (Don't forget your Cozzies!!!)

New Venue



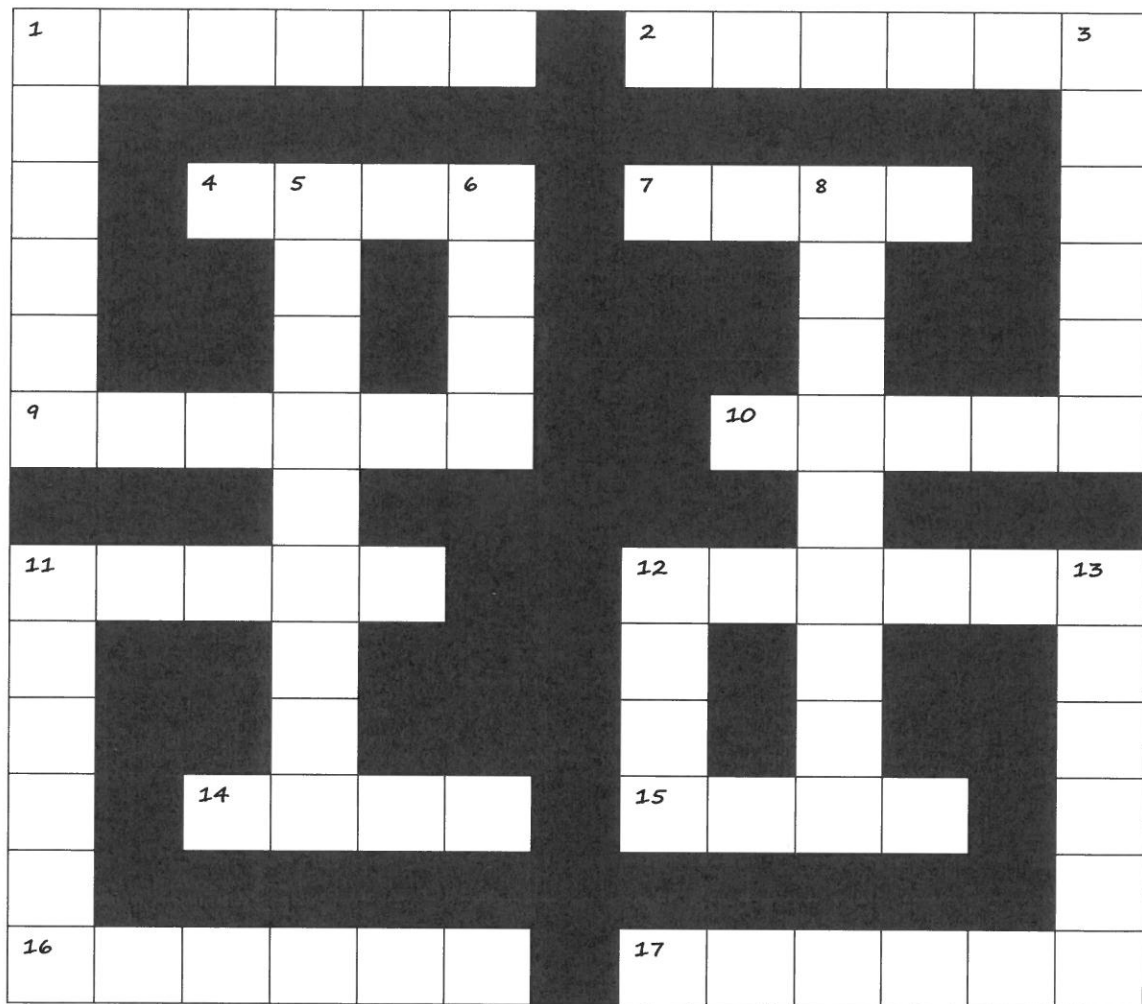
Limited Electric Hookups!!
Please indicate when booking if required.

Book Early.

Rally Officers: Colin & Diane Richardson

Assistant Rally Officers: Martin & Bronya Findlay

Christmas Crossword



Across

1. The place where Kanakaloka might bring you presents (6)
2. Who King Herod killed (6)
4. Sound a cracker makes (4)
7. The first Carol 'Angels _ _ _ _ '(4)
9. Hark the _ _ _ _ _ (6)
10. What candles first represented on Christmas Trees (5)
11. _ _ _ _ _ Peter who sometimes travels with St Nicholas (5)
12. What Epiphany is known as in Spain ' _ _ _ _ _ de los tres Reyes Mages' (6)
14. Another name for things like a nativity crib scene (4)
15. A decoration found in a lot of homes (4)
16. The instrument that Silent Night had to be learnt to! (6)
17. Two of the legendary Wisemen had these (6)

Down

1. Where a Yule log is put to burn (6)
3. People who started Wassailing, the Anglo _____ (6)
5. The place where the thickest ice was found, the _____ (9)
6. One of the gifts from the Magi (4)
8. A plant you can kiss under! (9)
11. The 26th of December is also known as '_____ Day (6)
12. Some people do this during advent to help them prepare for Christmas (4)
13. Who told the Shepherds about Jesus? (6)

Christmas Word Search

The words can be in any direction and backwards!

C	R	A	C	K	E	R	S	P	I
A	E	F	G	N	T	E	G	B	S
N	I	O	P	R	E	D	O	F	E
D	N	T	D	R	I	V	L	K	I
L	D	S	T	N	E	S	E	R	P
E	E	R	D	H	A	C	L	C	E
S	E	Y	E	C	T	J	U	B	C
E	R	K	V	I	N	O	Y	X	N
K	A	R	G	C	A	I	Y	V	I
C	A	R	O	L	S	R	J	H	M

- CAKE
- CANDLES
- CAROLS
- CRACKERS
- IVY
- MINCEPIES
- PRESENTS
- REINDEER
- SANTA
- TREES
- YULELOGS

Christmas Messages

As our Centre Caravan Season draws to a close I would like you to reflect on the past year. As a Committee we have had the usual negative comments but have also had some positive feed back from appreciative members.

For most of you, you will be aware how difficult and time consuming it is to be a Committee Member acting on your behalf. We try our best to listen to you but to also put into our Centre new ideas. This will not please everyone but we must not stand still, so what we did 2 or 3 years ago is not necessarily going to happen again. Please be assured that you can approach any of the Committee Members with your thoughts and ideas, which is better than letting it reach us via several members and sometimes changing the true context.

I wish each and everyone of you a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year and hope you will give the support the Centre deserves.

Maureen Gauge

On a personal note:

I have found at times this last year has been emotional for me out on the Rally Field but I have persevered and with the help of many of you look forward to next year. My thanks to you all for your help in many things especially to Terry and Pat.

Happy Christmas

Maureen

We will be supporting the Salvation Army with a donation this Christmas in lieu of sending Christmas cards however we would like to wish all our Bedfordshire Centre friends a very happy Christmas and an equally happy and healthy New Year with lots of special rallying memories in 2019.

Linda and Peter Horn

I would like to thank all our lovely Caravanning family for their kind messages and cards which I received whilst recovering from my major operation. Fortunately for me, the findings were of a 'low risk' cancer, which was taken away 😊 Job done....I am still healing but getting there.....Phew what a year!!! Looking forward to many more weekends away in our house on wheels, *Love as always Val Edgar*

To all our Beds Centre family.... Wishing you all a very merry hic! hic! Christmas and a fantabulous New year with love and hugs from Val & Steve xxxooooxxx

Christmas and New Year wishes in the flyer hope to see you all in the new year Best Wishes to all happy caravanning. *Jenny Lambert and Les Lambert*

This year again we are going to do a donation to a chosen charity that is close to our hearts this year. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and all the best for 2019

Love Jo Andy Emma and Matt xx

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Politically Correct Santa

'Twas the night before Christmas and Santa's a wreck.
How to live in a world that's politically correct?
His workers no longer would answer to "Elves",
"Vertically Challenged" they were calling themselves.

And labour conditions at the North Pole
Were alleged, by the union, to stifle the soul.
Four reindeer had vanished, without much propriety,
Released to the wilds by the Humane Society.

And gifts; nothing of leather, nothing of fur,
Which meant nothing for him. And nothing for her.
Nothing that might be construed to pollute.
Nothing to aim. Nothing to shoot.

Nothing that clamoured or made lots of noise.
Nothing just for girls. Or just for boys.
Nothing that claimed to be gender specific.
Nothing that's warlike or non-pacific.

He tried to be merry, he tried to be gay.
But you've got to be careful with that word today.
His sack was quite empty, limp to the ground;
Nothing fully acceptable was to be found.

Something special was needed, a gift that he might
Give to all without angering the left or the right.
A gift that would satisfy, with no indecision,
Each group of people, every religion;

Every ethnicity, every hue,
Everyone, everywhere .. even you.
So here is that gift; its price beyond worth....
"may you and your loved ones enjoy peace on Earth".

Harvey Ehrlich

I would love to thank everyone for sending in rally reports and I hope you have enjoyed reading them, let's make 2019 a bumper year for rally reports and items for the Beds Flyer.

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 **29th March 2019** to be included in the Spring Flyer which will be available from Easter onwards.

Please feel free to email lawsonsarrah@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 4 flyers produced each year, Easter, June, September and December.

Sarah Lawson

Our nominated charity for 2018/19 is Riverbank Children's Ward; which fund raising has commenced in earnest, though we are open to any additional suggestions for raising much needed funds for our charity.

On behalf of the committee I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope to see you on the rally field next year

Sarah Lawson

Bedfordshire Centre Newsletter Editor



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