



# Beds CC Flyer



## UPCOMING RALLIES

- 4-11 October – Holiday Rally, Brighton CAMC
- 11-13 October – Illuminated Van Competition, Wyboston
- 18-20 October – Moggerhanger
- 25-27 October – Halloween/Harvest Supper, The Cock, Broom
- 31 Oct-3 November – Bonfire Spectacular, Hemingford Grey, St Ives invite from Mid-Anglia
- 1-3 November – No Fireworks, Home Farm, Cardington
- 15-17 November – Regional AGM, Alameda Middle School, Ampthill
- 22-24 November – Christmas Shopping, Ferry Meadows, Peterborough
- 6-8 December – Christmas Party, Edward Peake School, Biggleswade
- 15 December – Carol Concert – St Andrew's Church, Ampthill @ 3.00pm
- 29 Dec – 1 January – New Year Celebrations, Edward Peake School, Biggleswade

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### **Rally No. 13 Manor Farm Fishing Competition 10-12 May**

As rally Officers there was a good turnout with 17 vans and we were on the main site so all who wanted it had electric. We had put 2 shelters up which was great for a natter and chatter on both nights. I think a certain few would have carried on all night if ALLOWED 😊 with Gin and Peanuts!! The fishing competition was underway at 10am and weather was quite kind to us. Lawrie had organised the swims for the Men Ladies and Junior competition and at 3pm it was all over. Once it was over we had arranged for a Chippy meal from the local Shefs Chip Shop in Biggleswade, and very nice they were too 😊 then later we had a bit of a quiz for fun At Flag on Sunday the winners were announced.....Men's winner was the one and only Steve Edgar (by luck I think!!) Ladies winner was Bronya Findlay and Junior Champion was Daniel...

Well done to all who took part and thank you to our little helpers Peggy and Keith Slatter

Look forward to seeing you all again soon *Val and Steve* 😊



The winning fish – well done Steve

*My apologies to Val and Steve for forgetting to add their rally report to the Summer Edition – Sarah*

### **Rally No. 24a Family/Children's Weekend @ Hillson's Yard 19-21 July**

We had a lovely time at the children's rally, all set up before 2 of our grandchildren arrived from York, whilst Mummy and Daddy went 'adulting', first time staying in a caravan for Jackson and Skyler so it was a novelty to them; once they overcame their initial shyness they quickly made friends and enjoyed the space and freedom that only caravanning can bring. Unfortunately it was a rather windy and at times chilly weekend but that didn't stop some of the fun and games, the water fights were a great hit with all the children including Mike! In the evening we were all served with a lovely 2 course meal, many thanks to all those involved in making the weekend fab.

### **Rally No. 25 School's Out for Summer, Kimbolton 26-28 July**

Even though the weather was very wet for us, it did not distract from the beautiful location inspiring us to hopefully visit again and hope for better weather (good old English weather) So the weekend was spent with most of us spending quality time with friends, playing games in our second homes.

We did however all get to meet at flag. 🌂🌂🌂🌂

*Peggy and Keith*

### **Rally No. 25 School's Out for Summer, Kimbolton 26-28 July**

This was our first time to Kimbolton School, as Peggy and Keith have said in their rally report the weather really wasn't very kind to us, typical English Summer weather. This however didn't stop us from having a good time. We set up on Friday afternoon within the trees surrounding the school fields and caught up with friends old and new. Friday evening we walked into the village to the mobile fish and chip van to collect ours and Roly and Jenny's tea. Saturday saw us donning our rain coats and exploring the local village and visiting the coffee and cake shop, it would have been rude to have walked past 😊. Sunday morning was slightly drier and flag was held under a large tree which kept us dry. This is a lovely venue and it's just a pity the weather wasn't nicer.



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### **Rally No. 27 Happisburgh Holiday Rally 17th August – 1st September**

My first Happisburgh visit.

Being a late arrival (Monday) we missed what was said a very fun boules game.

Mr Moules also took everyone on a very informative village walk.

Over the two weeks we had a lovely balance of chill or activities; walks to chip shop, climbing to top of lighthouse, Games nights (don't mention the Slatter's winning all the time, got embarrassing 😊)

Bacon butties, plus much more to do outside of site. We went boating, a ride on a steam engine, carnival and so on, no stopping us.

All in all a great two weeks, even though first week's weather was not very kind.

Many thanks to John, Lawrie and Janet for a lovely two weeks.

Roll on 2021 hopefully we can experience it again.

*Peggy and Keith*



### **Rally No.29b Cockayne Hatley 23-26 August**

The sun shone on Cockayne Hatley (Potton for those who can't pronounce it like me 🙄)

Nice chill bank holiday near home.

Not only did Gill and Lawrie supply perfect weather, we were also fed a great BBQ Saturday evening.

We were then treated to a full English breakfast on Sunday morning.

Sunday afternoon we had a fantastic air show, accompanied by fresh cream scones

From then on the most we could do was sit out in the glorious summer sunshine ☀️

A great time was had by all 😊

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*Peggy and Keith*

### **Rally No. 39c Everglades, Denver 23<sup>rd</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September**

What a lovely site the Everglades is. We had a lovely 9 day peaceful rally and weather was absolutely fabulous. Colin Di Val n George did a grand job keeping us entertained throughout the week with a special Denver Burns evening.....Haggis or sausages with 'neaps n tats' followed by a pud....hmmmmm very nice. George got his bag out and blew his pipes....he addressed and killed the haggis 🍷🍷.....a lot of fun and whisky was present that night.....some fell over 😊😊. We had a Boules competition which was won by our visitors from Mid Anglia and Norfolk also we had a couple of friendly fishing matches 🎣🎣🎣....FYI Colin was beaten by Dianne... (girl power)...oh and we had fish n chips one evening as well.....not what was caught 😊😊 Hopefully we shall return to Downham Market soon ....very nice and thank you peeps for a great rally xoxoox *Val n Steve xoxoox*



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Thought I would save the best till last - The Three Amigos- Tiring this doing nothing and is only 10am!!!!



The Everglades Denver:

Colin, Diane, George and Val would like to express their thanks to all the ralliers for the cards, flowers and kind messages.

It was a very nice gesture and very much appreciated.

*Many thanks Colin, Diane, George and Val*

*As we haven't had as many rally reports this time, I've lifted a few of your lovely comments off our Facebook page*

**Rally No. 28 Bagwell Farm, Dorset Holiday Rally 17<sup>th</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September**

Great time at Bagwell, Weymouth. Our first rally for quite some time. Great to meet and catch up with some old friends. Big thankyou to the rally officers *Rob and Helen Dow*

**Rally No. 31 Comberton 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September**

We would like to thank Peggy, Keith and her crew for a fantastic weekend at Comberton – *Trevor and Muriel Cooper*

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### **Rally No. 32 Langford Football Club 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

Lovely last rally of the 2018-2019 season at Langford Football Club. Great to have a new family join us; a warm welcome to the Watkin family! We hope to see Brett, Samantha, Phoebe and Elvis (the dog!) join us on the rally field again soon.

Thank you to the rally officers for persevering with the location of the weekend, it was thirds time lucky *Carrie and Mike Irwin*

There are still spaces on both the Family Christmas Rally (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December) and New Year's Eve Rally (29<sup>th</sup> December – 1<sup>st</sup> January), please see Pat Darlow for special booking forms; having attended both the Christmas and New Year rallies I can thoroughly recommend them. Support your centre and spend this special time of the year with new and old friends

This is my last edition of Beds Flyer as Editor, I hope you have enjoyed reading the reports from your fellow Beds members and please keep sending in your rally reports, antidotes and items for sale to my successor.

It has been a pleasure to serve as a committee member on the Bedfordshire Centre of The Caravan and Motorhome Club Committee but the travelling to meetings after a day in the office was getting a bit too much (nearly 100 miles round trip) and not helped by all the work going on the A1/A14 upgrade.

Malcolm and I will still be active members of the Beds Centre and we will continue to support and rally with the Bedfordshire Centre.

*Sarah Lawson*

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