



Beds CC Flyer Easter 2019



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Upcoming Rallies:

26-28 April – St George's Day at Wyboston
3-6 May – Grove Lock, Leighton Buzzard
3-6 May – Assington Caravan Park, Sudbury
10-12 May – Fishing Competition, Manor Farm, Lower Caldecott
17-19 May – Emberton Park, Emberton
24-27 May – Spring Bank Holiday at Wyboston
24-28 May – The National Rally, Ragley Hall, Alcester
24-31 May – Spring Bank Holiday, Digglea, Snettisham, Norfolk
31 May – 2 June – Darts Competition, Langford FC, Langford
7-9 June – Charity Rally, Lawrence Park, Ampthill

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14-16 June – Beer Festival, Grove Lock Marina, Leighton Buzzard
17-23 June – Holiday Rally, Great Yarmouth
21-23 June – Fruit Picking, Graveley Fruit Farm
28-30 June – Golf Competition, Ferry Meadows, Peterborough

2019 Dates for your diary

10-23 August – Holiday Rally, Happisburgh
17 August-1 September – Holiday Rally, Bagwell Farm, Dorset
27-29 September – Centre AGM
4-11 October – Holiday Rally, Brighton

Congratulations go to Terry and Lesley Brinklow have completed 50 years with the Caravan and Motorhome Club and they have been awarded free lifetime membership to mark this special milestone

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Roving Reports

Rally No. 54 Christmas Party, Edward Peake Middle School, Biggleswade

Friday evening we all met in the hall for a catch up, Christmas tunes were playing and our rally officers plied us with festive nibbles, sherry and port. Saturday morning 'Arthur Christmas' was shown on the big screen for all those that wished to watch. After lunch we all returned to the hall for another visit from Magic Dave who managed to amuse not only the children but adults too, Christmas party wouldn't be the same without Magic Dave 😊. Then we had a visit from Santa himself and all the children had a chat and received a small gift from him, I must say he was extremely patient and accommodating and didn't promise to bring anything too expensive. The rally officers then served us a wonderful 3 course festive meal; there were a lot of clean plates too. The evening was completed with a disco and raffle. Sunday morning flag was held 'alfresco' and our chairlady wished us all Happy Christmas. I would like to pass on my thanks to 'Team Christmas' for all the hard work you put in ensuring that the Christmas party was once again a success.

Rally No. 55 New Year, Langford Football Club

Due to personal reasons we booked onto the Beds New Year Rally at the last minute. When we arrived we were welcomed by the 'air stewards' the faces looked familiar; from then on it was laughter, good humour, good company, all inclusive from the time we got there to the time we left, BRILLIANT.

The group The Blueberries were first class, Bedfordshire cracked it again.

Many thanks Bill and Jill

Rally No. 1 Burns Celebration - Cancelled

Unfortunately the committee had to take the sad decision to cancel this rally due to the lack of interest by members; those that had booked and paid a deposit had all their money refunded to them.

Valentines Rally 15th to 17th Feb

Oh what a night.....sounds like a song coming on...ha ha The ambience was lovely, mood was set, food was excellent, music was sound...little pun there 😊... and of course the infamous Beds Dancing Competition....lots of fun had by alland the winners are.....Maureen and Tom Leath.....great weekend and the weather was kind as well

Thank you Colin Di Martin Bronya and all your little helpers 😊 *Love Val n Steve oxox*



Rally No. 2 Valentines, Edward Peake Middle School

Friday afternoon we rolled onto Edward Peake School's playground and were quickly set up, in the evening a group of us went for a meal at the local restaurant that has recently opened The Kings Head at an average of £26 a couple it was really good value and very nice too. Saturday daytime was free time to do as you pleased, some ralliers visited Pope's Caravans, others went to the local retail park others just relaxed ready for the evening ahead. Saturday evening we all dressed in our finery for the Beds Valentine's Dinner and Dance, we were served an amazing 4 course meal of Tomato Soup bread and butter, chicken breast with a mushroom and onion red wine sauce, dauphinoise potato gratin and a medley of vegetables, jam and coconut sponge and custard followed by tea, coffee, shortbread hearts and after dinner mints. Mark Farren was our singer for the evening and it was nice to see so many couples up on the dance floor. During the interval the Beds Dancing competition was held and the winners were Maureen and Tom Leath, second Sue and John Waller and third Trevor and Jackie (caretakers from Gamlingay School), who would have thought I would have got through to the semi-final. Flag was also held during the evening we welcomed Trevor and Muriel Cooper to their first Beds rally, John and Irene Cooper received their special plaque for attending 400 rallies. Thank you to our rally officers Diane, Colin, Bronya and Martin and special thanks go to Lisa, Kerry and Ali for helping the rally officers and serving us, you all worked really hard to ensure that everyone had an amazing time.

Beds Gathering for John Moules 70th Surprise Birthday Party 22-24 February

Even though this wasn't a rally a group of us stayed at Hillson's' Yard for the weekend to celebrate John Moules 70th Birthday. We had unseasonably warm weather for February and were able to sit outside during the day. Saturday evening we were ferried to the Village Hall where a large group of John's family, friends and colleagues were waiting to surprise him I think we managed to do that. A small collection had been held and we presented John with a card and some holiday vouchers, there were also rather a large number of bottle bags and cards too, wonder what was in the bottle bags? 😊

Many thanks go to Colin for organising the weekend stay at Maulden and to John's daughters for inviting us to share in their Father's special birthday celebrations.



Rally No. 3 Games Night at Broom

Rally opened nice and early and we arrived around 2 o'clock, we were shown to our pitch and set up nice and quickly, Friday afternoon and Saturday during the day we caught up with friends and some of us had time for a little retail therapy or a special coffee and some members even popped out and did some decorating!! Friday evening some of us played bar skittles, novices and pro's pitted against each other for the fame of winning the name of 'bar skittle champion' though there were only 6 of us playing

Saturday evening we walked down the road to the Village Hall armed with our plates and dishes for the 'American Supper' and for a night of traditional games. There was shove ha'penny, jenga, dominoes and sequence and finally left, right and centre and the winners of the games overall were Colin and Diane, left, right and centre was also won by Colin; Colin kindly gave the box of biscuits to Jenny and Roly and the 20p's from L, R & C to Ruby who was celebrating her 11th birthday.

This was our first time attending the Games night rally and we had a thoroughly good time, I would like to thank Terry, Pat and Maureen for all their hard work.

Broom Games Rally 1st-3rd March

Pat Terry and Maureen put on a great Games evening....An American Supper was well supported with some yummy food then there was Table top Jenga, Dominoes, Shove Halfpenny and Sequenceand the winners were.....Colin and Diane Richardson 😊 this was followed by an exciting dice game Left Right Centre.....we were all on tenter hooks waiting to see what we threw....in the end Colin WON the pot. An enjoyable fun evening with a few laughs thrown in. *Thanks to the Rally Officers Val and Steve xoxox*

Rally No. 4 Centre Events, Cardington

Eighteen outfits braved the March weather to compete for the coveted title of best baker, preserver, photographer and brewer. Whilst the serious task of judging the photos, chutneys, cakes and most importantly the 18 flavoured spirits took place (hic!), we enjoyed tea and Carrie's lovely homemade cakes in the hall in the afternoon. A chip shop delivery for dinner made sure no diets were spared this weekend! Well done to Lawrie for organising the competitions and thank you to Pat, Terry and Maureen for being our Rally Officers.

Kathryn, Simon and Children

Rally No. 5 St Patrick's Weekend, Cockayne Hatley

Cockayne Hatley is a great venue, the landowner let us use their Event Tent Friday and Saturday evening for a natter n chatter, which helped us keep out of the imminent wind that was brewing up.

On Saturday Gill was busy with her little helpers preparing and serving a lovely meal for us all, with seconds available to those that wanted it, delicious, well done you are a good cooker Gill..... with Mick Lawrie & Janet *Thank you all Val and Steve xoxoxo*



Rally No. 7 SUPERBOWL – Invite from Mid-Anglia

On Friday 29th March 2019, 46 vans descended on the Littleport Leisure Centre to take part in the 2019 Superbowl - 16 of those vans belonged to Beds Centre. It was very much a fun weekend which kicked-off with a quiz on the Friday evening. Saturday daytime the ralliers were free to do as they wished. Some chose to venture into Ely to look round the market and take in the wonderful Cathedral which was hosting free admission to the Stained Glass Museum to celebrate its 40th Anniversary. Others chose to just relax and the weather was perfectly suited for sitting and enjoying the lovely sunshine. The main event started at 16.30 – this was when the fun really started! There were 20+ teams taking part and most were in it for the fun of taking part although some teams took it all very seriously. Some people were new to indoor bowls but took to it like a duck to water. Others had been going for years but still struggled to get their bowl past the 'cheese in the middle of the mat. Partway through the evening we were served a meal of ham, egg and chips followed by apple pie and cream before the quarter finals took place. Eventually we had a winning team:

First - Jasmine Kent (Skip), Bill Bowie, Bob Swain and Geraldine Osborn

Second - Jill Francis (Skip), Diane Richardson, Martin Finlay and Pat Turner.

The trophies were presented at flag on the Sunday morning.

Kate and Garry Bellamy

Rally No. 8 Stamford Mid Lent Fair, Ferry Meadows 5-7 April

We rallied here by kind permission of the wardens and Caravan and Motorhome Club on the rally field, 24 vans were in attendance. Everyone had arrived by 7.30 and the fish and chip van on site was doing a roaring trade, though I think it was a tad too late when the ice cream van came round.

Saturday was a relaxing day, some choose to go shopping, others walked around Nene Park and some went into Stamford to visit the Mid Lent Fair. We were very lucky with the weather even though it wasn't over warm it was pleasant enough to sit outside



UPCOMING RALLIES

A little more info about our upcoming rallies, just to 'wet your appetites'

St George's Day Rally, The Birches, Wyboston – 26-28 April

Don't forget to bring your shields for the competition

There will be afternoon tea on Saturday and hopefully a meat raffle in the evening

Rally slips to Sylvia and Ivor Gurney

Grove Lock Marina – May Bank Holiday 3-6 May

For those who are booked in to Grove Lock Marina May Day weekend there is plenty to see and do in the area. Leighton Buzzard narrow gauge railway, Saturday market in Leighton Buzzard plus there are delightful canal walks into Leighton Buzzard (just over 2 miles) or for serious shoppers there is Milton Keynes. There is also a great Sunday car boot at Billington. We are hoping that the weather will be kind to us so that we can have a pancake afternoon or evening, we will do the pancakes, you supply the fillings whatever your fancy, you bring it we'll fill it! We may also try to arrange a boules competition, all weather permitting of course.

Looking forward to seeing you at Grove Lock Marina – Linda and Peter Horn

Charity Rally, Lawrence Park, Ampthill – 7-9 June

We require stall holders with games or items for sale, there will be a cake stall and ice cream stall (yum), calories don't count on a rally 😊. We also have a water rocket stall so save all your 2ltr plastic bottles. Bring your pennies and £'s and lets raise some money for Riverbank Children's Ward.

Contact Maureen Gauge if you are able to assist with a stall or an activity

Bagwell Farm, Dorset Holiday Rally 17 August – 1 September

This commercial site is situated on the other side of the service road, with a separate entrance to the rally fields. There are two rally fields, one very large one and one smaller one. All pitches have electric. Use of the Commercial site facilities; showers, toilet blocks etc are available to rally field users but you are asked to avoid the main busy times if at all possible. Ideally suited to visit the following locations:

Tank Museum	Jurassic Coast	Durdle Door
Portland Bill on Portland Island	Brownsea Island	Jurassic Skyline
Chesil Beach	Lulworth Cove	Old Harry Rocks
Poole Harbour	Nothe Fort	Corfe Castle
Dinosaur Museum	Abbotsbury Swannery	Sherborne Castle
Adventure Wonderland	Dorset Teddy Bear Museum	Durston Country Park
Bournemouth Aviation Museum	Swanage Pier	Highclere Castle
National Motor Museum	Beaulieu Abbey	Marwell Wildlife
Weymouth	Bridport	Sealife Centre
Weymouth Rib Rides		

Please book online using the "button" on the website and then complete the special booking form. £23 per unit per night plus admin fee (£6.00 per week)

Come for a week, come for a weekend, come for the fortnight! It's up to you!

Carrie, Mike, Kathryn and Simon

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NOTICES & MESSAGES

It was noted by John Kent of Mid Anglia Centre that a number of Beds members were hooked up and brought their vans to flag at Super Bowl, this isn't in the spirit or our ethos of rallying, maybe in future Beds members could possibly consider waiting until after flag has been concluded before moving their vans unless leaving early before flag.

EASTER GREETINGS

Steve and I would like to wish all our Beds Centre 'House on wheels' Family a very Happy Easter and enjoy your 'chooky eggs'..... hard boiled or chocolate ones whatever the Easter Bunny delivers!! *Much love as always Val n Steve xoxox*

FOR SALE

Milenco hitchlock £40 contact Tom Lawson 07801 460228

On behalf of the committee I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter and hopefully see you on the rally field soon

Next Beds Flyer will be available beginning of August; last date for items to be included is 28th July, in the meantime happy rallying

Sarah Lawson

Bedfordshire Centre Newsletter Editor

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