



Beds CC Flyer Summer 2019



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Dates for your Diaries

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 – FULL waiting list in operation
6-8 December – Christmas Party, Edward Peake School
29 December – 1 January – New Year Celebrations, Edward Peake School

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



Upcoming Rallies

12-14 July – Cockayne Hatley – no longer caravan handling limit 15 vans so book in early
19-21 July – Children/Family rally, Hillson's Maulden
19-21 July – Norfolk Motorhome Show
25-26 July – Schools out for Summer, Kimbolton
2-4 August – Willington
10-23 August – Happisburgh Holiday Rally
17 August – 1 September – Bagwell Farm Holiday Rally
23-26 August – Invite from Southern Centres, Apps Court, Walton-on-Thames

Roving Reports

Rally No. 9 Hillsons Meadow, Maulden 12-14 April

On Saturday afternoon we braved the Winter chill and played a game of boules – some of us were more competitive than others! The winner of the adults' competition was Bill Thompson and the junior winner was Lewis Edgar. We then enjoyed hot drinks and crepes. The crepes were made by Simon Perkins and they were "flipping" yummy especially the Crepe Suzettes (laced with Grand Marnier). Despite the Winter chill a fun time was had.

Tracey, Simon and Sophia Perkins

Rally No. 10b Easter at Rutland 18-22 April

We travelled up the country from the New Forest on Maundy Thursday and brought with us the sunshine. We were met by our rally offices Colin, Diane, Martin and Bronya and quickly shown to our pitch, a treat for us on a rally in that we had EHU. As the day wore on the rally field slowly filled up and in all there were xx units on site for the weekend. We were treated to Hot Cross buns on Good Friday, an Easter egg hunt for the children on Easter Sunday which was a great success as every child managed to find their matching card which they exchanged for a chocolate egg from the Easter bunny. Some of us took advantage of the on-site swimming pool and had a swim to cool down, though it was a lovely warm indoor pool. A few went fly fishing at nearby Rutland Water but there wasn't any rainbow trout for tea. We also had a game of rounder's which got rather competitive between the children and adults, not sure who actually won but everyone had a good time. Many thanks to our rally officers for another very enjoyable Easter weekend.



Children collecting their Easter eggs after the Easter Hunt

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Rally No 12a Grove Lock Marina 3-6 May

We arrived Friday evening and was welcomed by Linda and Ann to a bank holiday weekend rally. On Saturday morning we had a wander around Leighton Buzzard, looking at the local market as well as short walk along the canal. Sunday we visited Billington car boot sale before heading back to the site ready for the afternoon get together for Special Caravan Made Waffles – with lots of lovely ice cream and other sweet tasting fillings.

Thank you Linda and Pete, Ann and Bill for a very relaxing bank holiday with lots of laughs.

Lee, Donna, Alfie & Chloe Xx

Rally No. 12b Assington Barns 3-6 May

We arrived at this new venue after a nice two hour journey through some lovely villages. Allan, Shirley and Maureen greeted us with a welcome offer of tea and coffee, Maureen suggested a lovely walk through the woods which was carpeted with bluebells.

The site was set behind a restaurant, farm shop and a florist. We was amused to find a goat and three ostriches on the site too.

Saturday night we all enjoyed hotdogs cooked by the rally officers and on Sunday afternoon beautiful homemade cakes.

Suffolk is a nice area with several National Trust properties nearby and it's not too far from the coast. We enjoyed it very much and we are hoping to come back here.

Many thanks to Allan, Shirley and Maureen for running this rally.

Deborah and Michael Jackson



Woodland Walk



On Site Ostriches



Local village

Rally No. 14 Emberton Park 17-19 May

We arrived Friday afternoon and squeezed through the narrow entrance to Emberton Park, we had been allocated the small rally field for the weekend and it looked as though someone had forgot to cut the grass but as the weekend turned out rather wet it was a good thing it hadn't been cut. Party tents were assembled in the middle and on Friday night hot soup and rolls were served which were very welcome. During Saturday many of us visited the nearby town of Olney for coffee and lunch; though as the day wore on it got rather wet and our umbrellas were put to good use. Saturday evening we were treated to a veritable feast as it was a 'you bring it we will cook it BBQ' and our rally officers provided us with potatoes, salad and trimmings. After everyone had eaten we played 'Mr and Mrs' which was hilarious, though we were frequently reminded that it was Peggy's rally and therefore Peggy's rules 😊 Many thanks go to our rally officers Peggy and Keith, Sue and John for an exceedingly fun rally

Rally No. 15a Spring Bank Holiday, The Birches, Wyboston 24-27 May

A pleasant weekend with reasonable weather and good company. The weekend kicked off with breakfast bacon rolls, a leisurely day visiting the chilli farm and koi fisheries. Saturday night get together in the party tents with a "Catchphrase" style quiz which tested our grey matter. Sunday brought an afternoon cream tea over traditional garden games. Another FUN Beds rally! With thanks to rally officers Jo & Andy Gray and Carrie & Mike Irvin.

Tracey, Simon and Sophia Perkins

Rally No 15b The CAMC National Rally at Ragley Hall 24-27 May

We arrived Friday evening and was welcomed by our regional block Marshall's from the Buckinghamshire Centre who swiftly saw us onto our pitch. We were fortunate this year to be sited on an elevated pitch close to and overlooking the main arena and as with all the pitches now at the National we swiftly plugged in the blue plug something us ralliers don't frequent very often!!

After setting up the awning and having something to eat we wandered over to the arena. The main Marque was buzzing with the sounds from JIVE Talking playing repertoires from the Bee Gees. The Whale Bar for the first time was run by Members from the Gwent Centre and what a fantastic job they done. This is the place to meet up with friends old and new and experience a great variety of entertainment.

Saturday Morning everyone was invited to the Home Counties Regional reception for hot dogs and a little tippie a great opportunity to catch up with everyone.

Sunday Morning BCC hosted a breakfast reception serving up breakfast baps and orange juice. Thanks to Louis our on-site delivery man who delivered to those BCC members working on the gates.

This year the National surpassed itself and I feel took on a new dimension providing both daytime and evening entertainment for all ages. The Tourer Explorer and Have A Go arena kept all ages entertained from early morning until lights out!!

The Band Stand in the main arena providing a Festival in the Park theme with tribute acts Meat Loaf, Neil Diamond and Gary Barlow.

There was a great variation of stalls and dealer stands providing plenty of opportunity to spend a penny or two.

All in all a Great 2019 National, our special thanks must go to all the volunteers who contribute so much to make The National a great success.

Thank you xx

PS For those who thought the National had run its Course or for those that have never experienced it! Why not give it a go next year, it doesn't get much more local than the splendid Belvoir Castle!!

Perhaps if we get enough participants we could win the Presidents Cup.

Now there's a challenge!!!

Colin and Diane

This was mine and Malcolm's second visit to The National, (first one was 11 years ago) and we had a fabulous time, everyone was so friendly, there was a lot of free entertainment both during the daytime and the evenings and the opportunity if you wished to try something new. Next year the Caravan Club Band will be performing the Proms again which I know has been very popular in recent years. There were plenty to do for all ages, zip wire, zorbing, climbing wall, picnics, shopping, eating plus so much more, it is certainly value for money for all the family. As Colin has said next year it's at Belvoir Castle from 22-26 May 2020, details will be announced in Caravan and Motorhome club magazine very soon.





Grenville pouring Colin's pint



Aerial view



Bandstand



ELO in concert



Climbing wall



Zip wire and centre flags

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Rally No. 16 Darts Rally at Langford FC 31 May – 2 June

A warm welcome was given on Friday to 18 outfits, 15 beds and 3 visitors from Bucks. We all took advantage of the nice weather outside enjoying a drink until quite late. We were all entertained Saturday afternoon by the darts match, which ended up with the ladies final being played between mother and daughter Jean and Marion and the men's between Martin and Mike. A good day was rounded off by a choice of fish, pie or sausage and chips from the local chippy.

Many thanks to Pat and Terry and Nina and Marion

Pat and Win Eaton

Rally No. 17 Charity Rally at Ampthill 7-9 June

A bit of a surprise for the rally officers when they arrived on Thursday evening to find most of the area had been seeded ready for the new football season, however after a quick think they managed to set us up around the perimeter of the cordoned off area. Friday evening was spent catching up with friends. Saturday morning the hoped for sunshine didn't arrive in time so the Fete was held in the party tents, there were hot dogs, cakes, ice creams (the Cornish Cream Tea flavour was lovely), raffles, tombola, guess the name/how many sweets etc. for everyone to spend their money on. Saturday evening we were treated to hog roast, salad, potatoes followed by meringue, fruit and cream. We were really pleased to hear at flag on Sunday morning that over £700 had been raised for this year's charity

Rally No. 18 Beer Festival/Father's Day at Grove Lock Marina 14-16 June

This is a lovely venue alongside the Marina with direct access to the canal path, as the field is sloping it was well drained and no issues were experienced from the rain we had all experienced during the previous few days. Saturday was an opportunity to do as you pleased and as Leighton Buzzard was about a 30-40 minute walk from the site along the tow path this was fairly popular with some ralliers. Saturday evening saw us visiting "Hannan's Hostelry" whereby we were encouraged to partake upon a beer tasting quiz, some had more discerning palates than others and the Guinness' managed to guess all 15 beers correctly. We were also treated to "an easy pub quiz" for fun whilst real homemade chips were being fried. Donations to our nominated charity for 2019 'Riverside Children's Ward at Bedford Hospital' amounted to £55. There were 17 vans in attendance, 15 of them being Bed's members, 1 visitor from Ulster who had made the journey to the UK to meet their new grandchild and stopped off at our rally on the way and non-centre members Steve and Lynn Sargeant who re-joined Beds Centre during the weekend.

Many thanks to our official rally officers Neil and Jackie, Simon and Kathryn and their helpers Linda and Peter and Bill and Ann



Along the canal



Hannan's Hostelry



Rally field

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Rally No. 19 Great Yarmouth Holiday Rally, 17-23 June

We seem go on rallies with exceptional weather and Great Yarmouth didn't let us down. It's very straight forward to get to and the wardens were welcoming and very helpful. It was a very laidback time with Terry and Bill cooking on 3 separate occasions. I suspect Jill and Pat had a lot to do with the organisation! There's plenty of places to get to and the bus for us pensioners was very welcome. A thoroughly good rally with the "A team" to look after us. Thanks to everyone there.

Barbara and Jim Pallett

Rally No. 20 Fruit Picking at Gravelly Fruit Farm, 21-22 June

We enjoyed a small rally of eight vans, two of which were visitors, the weather was beautiful all weekend.

Friday afternoon we had a walk around the farm and down to the village, which has two lovely ponds.

Saturday morning we went to pick strawberries which were large and juicy.

This is a nice site for children as there are tractor rides around the farm, a nice playground and cafe.

Saturday afternoon the rally officers organised a game of 'bricks' followed by flag.

We look forward to coming back to this site and thank the rally officers for a lovely weekend.

Deb and Michael Jackson

Rally No. 21 Golf Competition – Ferry Meadows, 28-30 June

We had glorious weather all weekend and Saturday was the hottest day of the year so far. 20 Beds members and 1 visitor from Norfolk Centre, On Saturday morning 29 participants played golf with the winners being Children 3rd Rhiannon, 2nd Daniel and 1st Aaron, Ladies 3rd Kathryn Ward Joint 2nd Bronya Findlay & Carrie Irvin and 1st Pat Eaton, Men's Joint 3rd Simon Ward & Tom Lawson, 2nd Colin Richardson and 1st Jeff Buttrum. Saturday afternoon saw most seeking shade or having water fights (children big and small), though the arrival of the ice cream van was very welcome. Saturday evening our rally officers treated us to hot dogs as we sat at in the late evening sunshine. Flag was held on Sunday morning where the winners of the golf competition were announced, many thanks to our rally officers Deborah and Michael and Lawrie and Janet for a thoroughly enjoyable weekend, please can you continue your sunshine order?

UPCOMING HOLIDAY & CELEBRATION RALLIES

Manor Caravan Park, Happisburgh, Holiday Rally 10-23 August

Situated in the heart of Happisburgh village on the beautiful North Norfolk coast, Manor Caravan Park is a small coastal retreat owned by the Lomax family for over 50 years. All pitches have EHU, you can book as many or as few nights as you wish just £15 per night plus admin (£6 per week). Social get together's in nearby village hall, guided walks, bowls green nearby, private tours of the lighthouse and depending on weather activities on the field. Nearby towns include Cromer, Wroxham, Great Yarmouth and Norwich. Book via website or rally slips to John, no special booking form required.

[Contact John Moules or Lawrie and Janet Coleman for more details](#)



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

Beds Christmas Party, Edward Peake School 6-8 December

Once again we are having a Christmas Party with fun for all ages, Father Christmas will hopefully find time in his busy schedule to visit, Christmas Lunch, entertainment for all. Book online or pass rally slips to Pat and Terry Darlow, special booking form available online or see a committee member. A good way to start off the festivities. Fun and Laughter guaranteed.

New Year's Celebrations, Edward Peake School 29 December-1 January 2020

Come and celebrate with Beds to see out 2019 and welcome in 2020, professional entertainment, home cooked food, opportunity to party each night, bring the family, make it a party to remember, book early to avoid disappointment. Book online or pass rally slips to Pat and Terry Darlow

2020 NEWS

Early notification of a rally to Somme, France 9-16 April 2020

Neil and Jackie Hannan are proposing to run a rally next Easter in France, full details will be published online and via Beds Facebook page. Site is La Ferme des Alunes, Nampont-Saint Martin, Somme which is only 52 miles from the Euro tunnel so will not be a strenuous drive. The rally fee for 2 people sharing will be £160 including electric and taxes (subject to 2020 price confirmation in September) this also includes a booking for the function room for one night. Usual Beds admin fees will be applicable.

The site is in an idyllic location a few minutes from the beaches of the Bay of Somme and the bird park of Marquenterre a charming Picard farm awaits you in an authentic environment. Facilities include a heated swimming pool, bar and entertainment room, large level grass pitches. There is a limit of 20 vans, spaces will be on a 'first come, first served basis' The caravan clubs overseas specialists will be taking bookings from Monday, please call 01580 214070 or email rallies@alanrogers.com. They can also help with channel crossings if required. This rally will be in high demand and will be advertised in the club magazine.

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Neil and Jacky Hannan 07831 511622



NOTICES & MESSAGES

ITEMS FOR SALE

2 x 25m electric hook up cables £14 each contact Roly Wagstaff on 07885 3129924

Universal front towing cover £40, Specialised front towing cover to fit Swift Elegance/Continental 580 2016 model £40 contact John Cooper on 01234 870268

I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer wherever your travels take you and hopefully see you on the rally field soon

Next Beds Flyer will be available for the AGM and last date for items to be included is Friday 20th September, in the meantime happy rallying

Note: All rally reports are the views of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of Bedfordshire members and committee.

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