



West Hampshire Centre The Horses Mouth



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Editors welcome

Well here we are again with the latest edition of The Horses Mouth, the newsletter of the West Hampshire Caravan Centre, I apologise for it being a bit later than expected but our house has been going through the stress of G.C.S.E.s, I'm stressed and I haven't even been taking them, still, they're all over now and we can look forward to the 3500th rally.

For those of you who are attending, I'm sure you are going to have a great time, your Committee have pulled out all the stops to make it a very memorable occasion.

I have covered as many Rally's in this edition as I am aware of and to all those Rally Officers I've not mentioned, please accept my apologies, your efforts really are appreciated

I cannot do it alone and this is where you come in, could you please help by sending in reports of rally's that you have run or attended, your photos would also be much appreciated.

The plan is to publish the Newsletter quarterly on the Centres website, please feel free to contact me if you would prefer a paper version. The next copy deadline will be the 30th of September.

If there is anything you would like adding to the next Horses Mouth, please send it to. mike@whampshirecc.co.uk



Paul's Pitch



As the 3500th rally is only around the corner and all the planning that has gone in to this special event, I'm not sure whether I am coming, going or indifferent. I am really happy that we have had such a great up take on it, making all the sleepless nights worth it. thank you.

Watching the guys working together, saying I can do that, no problem, and its done in a jiffy, in all the years I have been in West Hampshire it still surprises me what talent we have.

We have had some lovely rallies this year, so far, the weather has been really kind to us, fingers crossed it continues. A couple of weeks ago, Brocklands farm was one where you just couldn't get enough shade, I think most of us got a little burnt that weekend,

Watching Facebook, it looks like most of you are posting information about the rally's you're running or talking about the rallies you have been on, thanking the rally officer's for a great weekend,

Only a short Pauls pitch this month as I have got just a little bit more to do for the 3500th hope to see you there, having fun and being part of our history.

Regards Paul Hopkins

Ice Cream Flavors Word Search

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Youth section updates

Hello all, my name is Zinnia Bridgman and I am the Youth Section Chairman for this year. I am very excited to be Chairman, and can't wait to get the whole team involved with our rallies. We have already run 2 of our 3 Youth Section Rally's, the Valentines Rally at Copythorne was a sell-out and love was all around.

Next to Little Metlands for Astronomical Fun, where amongst other activities we built our own rockets from 2Ltr. Pop bottles and then had great fun launching them.

I really look forward to seeing everyone at our 3rd Rally at Oliver's Battery in Winchester, on the first weekend in September. It's going to be a fun packed action sporting Superhero weekend and I know you'll regret it if you're not there.

I've been a part of West Hampshire Caravan Club for about 3 years and I have enjoyed it so far. Coming to a place that is so different to where I live, is a good feeling and I look forward to going to rallies every weekend.

My team this year is one of the biggest Youth Section we've ever had, apparently. With 13 of us, it brings great opportunities for the younger ones to learn. It's great being a part of the Youth Section with a subcommittee.

Unfortunately, a few of us, including myself, have been taking our GCSEs this year and so we have not been as involved with the Youth Section as we would like to have been. However, this gave our new subcommittee a chance to show what they have to offer. Now exams are over the more senior youth section members have got their heads back in the game and are ready to put on a full show at the 3,500th!

See you on the rally field!

Zinnia Bridgman



Youth section 2016-2017 (from left to right)

Andrew Kirby, Jerome Baker, Luke Gregory, Adam Collister, Josh Brierley, Jasmine Raven, Zinnia Bridgman, Emma Gregory, Emma Collister, Megan Roberts, Eleanor Roberts, Rebecca Kirby and Youth section liaison, Steve Brierley



Rally Reports

Broadlands Caravan and Motorhome Show

This was a weekend where I think most people would love to have had a limitless credit card. There was a caravan or motorhome for everyone, if only you had an understanding bank manager. The weather was on its best behaviour, and there were a lot of stalls selling things you didn't know you needed, until you saw them. The show organisers had even laid on evening entertainment for the exhibitors and visitors once the public had gone home. On the Friday evening, we enjoyed a 60's night of live music and dancing and on the Saturday evening an amazing Freddie Mercury tribute act.

Flower Power at Mary Hare School

A fab 60's Easter weekend was enjoyed by those ralliers who went to Mary Hare School for Easter. We were well fed, watered and entertained by our Rally Officers, Gary & Helen Walton and Dave & Lynne Huntley. On Saturday, a group took a stroll to a local Pub and had a bite of lunch before returning to the Rally field. In the evening people donned their themed fancy dress, flower power, flares and Afros, our Rally Officers looked great in their Beatle Suits and mop top wigs (if you're too young then ask your Parents/Grand-Parents) and a duo from Liverpool that kept us dancing to great covers of 60's hits. Sunday morning found children of all ages Easter egg hunting followed by Hot Cross buns.



Astronomical fun at Little Metlands

Running the Youth Section's Little Metlands rally this year was an absolute pleasure and one of the highlights of the year. Being part of this year's fantastic YS team was amazing - everybody really pulled together to make this rally wonderful.

Our 'Reach for the Stars' rally was based around space - and with skyrocketing amounts of fun had by all, I do think it was a great success. We spent the day on Saturday building our own rockets out of plastic bottles and it was so exciting to fire them into the air in the afternoon. Everybody seemed really engaged; it was an awesome activity for all ages to be able to decorate and fly their own space crafts, even though the morning activities were messy and the afternoon ones slightly damp! The funky rockets were a sight to behold - as were all the painted faces which we did for charity. There were many species running around the field that afternoon, from aliens and butterflies to ice queens and R2D2! But that was not all - we topped off the day with an evening social of a space-themed games night, where we perked up familiar gambols with out-of-this-world twists!

Thanks to the rest of the Youth Section for the large amounts of astronomical fun had on this weekend in May, and we hope everyone else enjoyed this rally as much as we did!

By Megan Roberts (YS Secretary)



Light up Chideock Again!

Thanks for lots of dazzling fun at the Light Up Chideock rally at Doghouse Farm in May this year. A wonderful team of rally officers made it a tremendous success. From treks up Golden Cap to spa sessions and pub walks, this week in the sun was chock-full with opportunities to get together and have a laugh. Fortunately, the weather was on our side - inside sources tell me that the rally

officers booked the heat especially for this rally - so anything was possible during this week away. Amongst numerous other activities, a large group went for a ramble along the coast up to West Bay and we had bacon and sausage sandwiches in the morning. It was a fantabulous holiday rally with a load of lovely ralliers and the perfect location for maximum enjoyment in all areas. A figure of £35.30 was raised by filling water barrel after water barrel in an effort for the 4Louis charity, and £260.35 worth of tuck shop was sold - the ralliers obviously had a sweet tooth! And of course, we had the solar light competition; it was joyous to cast your view over a darkened field and behold beacons of light twinkling and sparkling like stars which had fallen from the heavens to rest on Earth. It was a truly brilliant experience and we can't wait to go again next year!

By Megan Roberts (YS Secretary)

We are always pleased to hear of member's news, rallying experiences and any special events being celebrated. If you have something you want to share with other members just send in the details (and ideally an accompanying photograph) and I will be pleased to publish, subject to space



Rally Updates

The youth section rally which was based at Popham airfield is cancelled due to lack of attendance.



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