



## ***“THE HORSES MOUTH”***

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.....LEGS UP LET'S GO!!!!!!!

### **DEAR RALLIERS**

Welcome to the long-awaited Autumn 2021 Edition of your Newsletter!

Unfortunately, it has been over a year since our last newsletter, the pandemic being to blame for a lack of West Hants activity, rallies or otherwise. However, we have come back with a bang with a successful number of well attended rallies and a schedule for the remainder of the year.

I hope you have managed to stay well and have kept yourselves busy during the lockdowns. I am aware that a few members have been hit very hard by COVID and we hope that you all made/will make a speedy recovery.

If you have anything you would like to have considered for inclusion in the next edition, any articles, ideas for new regular topics, any comments or suggestions then please let any Committee member know or e-mail [newsletter@whampshirecc.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@whampshirecc.co.uk)

I hope to see you on a rally soon.....

Paul Worley

### **CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE.....**

Hello all West Hampshire Rallier's and welcome back to the rally field, hopefully by now you have brushed off all the cobwebs and got back into the swing of things again.

Mine and Lynne's first rally for 2021 was Exbury Gardens run by the Centre's terrific Youth Section, even though we rallied under Restrictions everyone had a great time meeting up with friends and safely socialising outside. THANK YOU TEAM and PARENTS for a great weekend, WELL DONE.

Talking of cobwebs and forgetting how to set the van up, it's always worth remembering to switch your fridge on when you arrive on site. There's nothing worse than warm milk in your tea first thing in the morning, but to my defence it had been eight months since we last used the van.

Our next rally was running SunnyDale Farm in Netley, a small rally but the weather was kind to us all weekend and again meeting up with friends not seen for a long time was really good, we even had a four legged first rallier, Andrew and Sharon's puppy "Luna" had her first weekend in the van. Before the rally started Friday morning we had some visitors on site from another field, when I put the blinds down there were horse's wandering around the vans and the site owners trying to get them back in the field next door. Funny thing to watch them trying to gather the horses and not something you see on the rally field often.

## CHAIRMANS MESSAGE Continued.....

We then had a quiet week in Weymouth at Bagwell Farm, same site as last year just the field next door. Staycation year two, but the advantage this year we knew the pub walk directions from the site and this year the on-site Red Barn was open, win win!! It's a lovely site with good amenities and again the weather was kind to us.

We moved onto an overnight stay at Summerlands Caravan Park, this site is a must if you've never been there before. The owner keeps the grass cut like a lawn and the views are amazing.

The season as we all know has been late starting but we are back on the rally field and hopefully you are all enjoying meeting up with friends and family again. I would like to thank all the Rally Officers for running their rallies this year and for ralliers stepping in at the last minute to run rallies when members have to pull out through having to isolate. There is not a lot we can do about the situation but i am truly thankful for members stepping in as it lets us continue to run the rally as planned. This may not happen all the time but fingers crossed the remainder of the season will run smoothly.

Finally from me, the Centres AGM will be held on Saturday 2nd October at Plaitford Village Hall. If you would like to be involved in the running of the Centre now is the time to get your nominations in to serve as either an Officer or Committee Member, I cannot lie to you the centre needs members to come forward and serve.

Hopefully see you all on the rally field soon enjoy your holidays and the remainder of the season.

Graham



New ralliers (horses) at SunnyDale!!



The route to the pub at Bagwell



Bagwell Pub Refreshments!!

## YOUR COMMITTEE.....



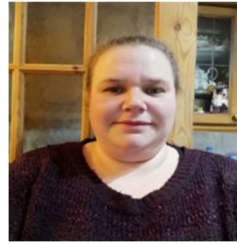
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## YOUR YOUTH SECTION.....



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Hello West Hants Members,

I am Issy and the Chairman of the Youth Section. This is my first year of being the Chairman of the Youth Section, I have missed going on rallies, but I am now looking forward to returning and seeing everybody back on the rally field!

The Youth Section held a rally in June in Exbury that many of you attended. The Youth Section organised the entertainment mainly games, due to restrictions we were limited in what we could do however Exbury has a lot to offer, including lovely views of the Isle of Wight.

Our next rally is in November in Awbridge and I can't wait to start making plans along with the rest of the Youth Section for more fun and games. We look forward to welcoming you there.

If you or know someone who would like to join the Youth Section please look on the website for details. Thank you for your support and thank you for supporting our charity Amazing Alice.

Issy



## **LIFE MEMBER – KEN AVERY.....**

One of our members does not need to remember to renew his annual Caravan & Motorhome Club membership as he has Life Membership status. When our Secretary, Caroline, noticed this on the regular notifications she receives regarding membership it prompted her to ask Ken how you achieve a Life Membership, Ken takes up the story.....

It's quite simple I have been a member of the Caravan Club for over 50 years this gives you life membership of the club and no membership to pay each year.

When I started caravanning well over 50 years ago it was a case of big car small caravan as the years went by the caravans got bigger until the move to motorhomes some 35 years ago, and yes I remember those gas lights, bucket and chuck it, and foot operated pump for the water, plus the gas bottles fixed to the front A frame!!!

How times have changed.....



## **HINTS, TIPS & TRICKS.....**

### **Water Heater**

Did you know you should descale your water heater in your caravan/Motorhome?

We were away on a week's holiday when the fuse went in our water heater. Not the fuse that was easy to get to, no, the one that required the whole heater unit to be taken apart and the use of a mirror to actually find it!!

Luckily, we were away with my parents and Dad asked if we'd descaled our water heater. We've never done this before in the six years we've had the caravan and didn't even know you had to (we've not read the manual either!) So Dad told us we'd need 2 litres of white wine vinegar to about 8/10 litres of water. We pumped this through the system and left it for the 2 hours recommended and then rinsed it out. We were horrified at how much froth came out of the system!!

A good job done as now our water is piping hot in the caravan.

Matt and Alison Tracey

## WEST HANTS NEEDS YOU.....

We have had a few vacancies on the Committee this year, including the Rally Secretary role. If possible, we would like to fill these, but we are particularly keen to fill them for the forthcoming year.

Being on Committee enables you to have an insight/input into how the Centre is run and involves attending a monthly meeting (which is currently being done online – so no travel required - you can attend from home!) and possibly a secondary meeting if you sit on one of the Sub Committees.

For more information or to express your interest then please talk to any of the existing enthusiastic Committee members.....



## HOW NOT TO LEAVE A PITCH.....



One of our members was recently holidaying in Devon and had to park on a pitch that had just been vacated.

The pitch had been left in a disgusting state, enough to warrant this picture being taken!

Please remember to leave your pitches (hopefully) as you find them in a clean and tidy state.

## FAREWELL VIC PRAGNELL.....

Sadly Vic Pragnell lost his fight with cancer on 15<sup>th</sup> October last year. Vic was a long serving and very passionate West Hampshire member who ran many rallies and events for the Centre. Being very practical he was always very keen to help you out if you had a problem. Vic's ashes were laid to rest at Chideock (Seatown) Beach where he loved to fish and often visited as a child with his parents. His wife Liz said some lovely words which was followed by a drink at the Clock to celebrate his life.





## CONGRATULATIONS.....

Huge congratulations from all at West Hants to Ross Oliver and Debbie Cleave who announced their engagement on 25th June. I am sure most, if not all of you know, Ross and Debbie from their time rallying with the Centre. They would both like to express their thanks for all the kind words and cards that they have received emphasising that it has meant so much to them. Rumours that Ross has already turned Debbie to drink (see pic below) are unfounded!!!



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Ross and Debbie show off their rings



## A BLAST FROM THE PAST.....YOUR FIRST RALLIES.....

Alan Aitken started an interesting thread on the Facebook site about which first West Hants rally people attended. From the responses below Chideock was the most popular destination for a first rally and it appears that we have some long suffering ralliers!!!

Alan Aitken	Dawlish Warren	1989
Helen Sykes	Winchester Hat Fair	1992/3
Gary Walton	Sandy Balls	1999
Sarah Hurcombe	Gang Warily	2016
Bridget Fallows	Chideock	1976
Jennifer Wright	Holmsley Fireworks	1987
Alison Tracey	Brockenhurst	2011
Paulina Holloway	Hobourne Christchurch	1997
Emma Elsey	Sparsholt	1984
Clair Phillips	Sparsholt	1984
Brenda Naish	Winchester Rugby Club	1998
Lyn Walker	Naish Farm	1993
Will Baird	Chideock	2014
Paul Worley	Chideock	2014
Alan Port	Naish Farm	1988
Caroline Harvey	Hobourne	1998
Linda Fox	Bashley	2016
Sue Southwell	Glastonbury	1984
Liz Dodds	Chideock	2015
Steve Brierley	Wellington Country Park	2007
Sarah Willis	West Parley	1992

If you have any old photos or stories of your old rallies than please send them through.



## FOR SALE.....

ISABELLA SUN CANOPY complete with 3 carbon adjustable poles, 3 guy ropes and pegs.  
Dark grey in colour, very little use, excellent condition.

£75.00

Contact Bob Lackford 07417 680401 or Nicky Lackford 07917489145 if interested or have an queries.

Pictures below show canopy at the recent Bamptons Rally.





## RALLY ROUND UP

### Chill at Chideock - Doghouse Farm - Chideock – 28th May to 6th June 2021

After a nonstop drive to Chideock without any delays/holdups we arrived onsite to glorious sunshine which continued for most of the week with the exception of Wednesday. During the course of the week we walked over 50 miles! To West Bay to watch the power boat racing, to Golden Cap and along plenty of other footpaths along the coastal route. Enjoying an ice cream or two at Seatown on our return to the rally site. Sadly the market at Charmouth was not on due to the pandemic, but most of the pubs were open, so a fairly normal holiday! Our thanks go to the rally officers Paul, Helen, Emma, Shaun, Emma and Brodie for our welcome and chats – at a safe distance.

Roger and Caroline Harvey





## Youth Section – Exuberant Exbury – Exbury Gardens – 18<sup>th</sup> June to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021



Having not been to Exbury Gardens for a little while, we were looking forward to our first rally after the extended lockdown period. We were not disappointed at the location. To say the view from the rally field is stunning would be an understatement. Just watching the clouds and sunshine roll in off the Solent was one of the things that made our weekend great.

Unfortunately due to Covid Restrictions, the Youth Section were unable to plan and carry out their normal activities. But a good time was had by us regardless.

This is a fantastic venue and I look forward to coming here in the future.

Matthew and Alison Tracey

## Pirates at Pysmead – Plaitford – 9th July to 12th July 2021



This was our second rally out this year. It was great to just wander round the field catching up with our friends.

The theme was Pirates and a lot of ralliers joined in with the dressing up. It was good to see that most vans had pirate flags up.

The local festival was also being held close by. I am pleased to say that though we could hear the music, it was not intrusive.

Good Venue and a very good rally

Matthew & Alison Tracey

## Explore Lymington – Bamptons Farm - 15th July to 19th July 2021

Fantastic to be back at Bamptons where the sun shone very brightly virtually all weekend upon those rallying. Obviously no social events to mention but some did get across to the golf course to play a game in memory of our dear friend Vic Pragnell. The crazy golf was also popular and there was an abundance of fresh strawberries making their way back to the rally field. Trips to Lymington were common to visit the market, various hostilities, fish and chip shops and the seafood festival. Big thanks to the rally officers Mike & Pauline Firmager and Graham & Linda Fox for a great rally.



Vic Pragnell memorial golf trophies



Winner (Richard Fielding) and runner up Bernie Winstanley with their trophies



## Orchard Farm -29th July to 2nd August 2021

New Rally at Orchard Farm was put on late in the day once we knew we were allowed to rally again. Then as the rally approached was beset with issues and both rally officers had to pull out. Several options were given to those ralliers who had booked and had already paid for their long weekend. Fortunately on hearing the options new rally officers came forward (Paul and Helen Hopkins assisted by Roger and Caroline Harvey) and the rally was able to go ahead. On arrival at the site, it was found to be a little damp in areas ie puddles!!! With several tree branches perilously close to falling down! The wind was gusting, making it unsafe to be near the trees.

Fortunately by the following day the wind had dropped and the rain had stopped too and ralliers started to arrive. It was lovely to see people out again and this time we were all allowed visitors and I think most of the ralliers had family to visit for a bbq.

Weekend rallies are over all too quickly, even if they are extended by a day or two, lets all hope that Covid doesn't spoil our hobbies any more and that we can all enjoy getting out there in the fresh air.

Instead of being able to thank the rally officers for running the rally - as I was one of them I would like to thank the ralliers for turning up after a frantic few days of working out how to manage the rally without the initial rally officers.

If you would like to run a rally please come forward as it is times like these when you are needed, I personally find that West Hants is like a second family.

Thank you to West Hants ralliers.

Roger & Caroline Harvey



The Rally Officers await the Ralliers!!

## Top of the World - Summerlands Caravan Park - 13th August to 16th August 2021



The kids playing horse racing at Summerlands rally.  
A good time was had by all although several people did get wet due to cheating!!

## AND FINALLY.....

Rum is the currently the “trendy” drink, so here’s a simple rum cocktail to try throughout the Summer months

### Dark N’ Stormy

Ingredients: 50ml of Dark Rum  
10ml of freshly squeezed lime juice  
2 handfuls of ice  
Ginger Beer  
Mint sprig and wedge of lime to garnish

Instructions: Fill a shaker with ice  
Add Rum and lime juice  
Shake vigorously for at least 15 seconds  
Strain mixture into a high ball glass  
Top with ginger beer and stir gently  
Garnish with mint and lime wedge



Any queries on the above or for even a sample then please contact my better half “Cocktail Karen”!!!!



## COMING UP.....

Your rallies for the next 3 months are as follows, do not hesitate to book up and join in the fun (assuming that they do go ahead – regular updates will be provided) :-

September	Thu 9th – Mon 13th	South West Region AGM (Exeter Racecourse)	
	Fri 10th – Sun 12th	Autumn Approaches Again (Eden Gate, Sway)	
	Fri 10th – Sun 12th	Moors Valley Experience (Woolsbridge)	
	Sun 12th – Wed 22nd	Rousdon (Lyme Regis)	<b>FULL</b>
	Fri 24th – Sun 26th	Shamba in Autumn (Shamba Caravan Park, St Leonards)	
October	Fri 1st – Mon 4th	AGM Rally (Pyesmead Farm)	
	Sat 2nd – Sat 2nd	AGM (Plaitford Village Hall)	
	<b>(please remember to book the AGM even if just coming along for the AGM &amp; not the rally)</b>		
	Fri 8th – Sun 10th	Smashing Pumpkins (Royal Victoria Country Park)	<b>FULL</b>
	Fri 15th – Sun 17th	Orchard Farm (Orchard Farm)	<b>FULL</b>
	Fri 22nd – Sun 26th	Wareham Forest (Wareham Forest Country Park)	<b>FULL</b>
	Fri 29th – Sun 31st	Scarey Parley (Parley)	
November	Fri 5th – Sun 7th	Return to the Lawn (Lytton Lawn, Lymington)	<b>CANCELLED</b>
	Fri 12th – Sun 14th	Youth Section (Awbridge Village Hall)	
	Fri 19th – Sun 21st	Hill Cottage (Hill Cottage Farm)	<b>FULL</b>
	Fri 19th – Sun 21st	Christmas Market Rally (Olivers Battery)	

For more information, please see the Website (<https://www.whampshirecc.co.uk/>) or 2021 Rally Book.

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