



NEWSLETTER NO.7 – HIP HOP HAPPY EASTER APRIL 2023



I hip hop hope you all enjoyed the easter break, especially as the weather is turning for the better and we have lighter evenings again. Who is excited to be sitting outside of your motorhome or caravan, with music playing, a drink in hand and the bbq on? I know I am! With British summers, it makes deciding what to take an interesting task doesn't it. Camping holidays are all about taking flip flips *and* wellies at the same time, as well as packing shorts *and* a raincoat. We pack for all seasons = No fair-weather campers here, we go all year round. Come rain or shine.....



THOUGHTS OF CHAIRMAN MIKE

The Rallying season is up and running and it's great to be out on the field with everybody at last.

Our new van had its wet field initiation last week on the youth section rally at Little Metlands Farm. It had been raining heavily on and off all week and was pouring on the Friday morning. It was one of those "test your commitment days", but we went and were so glad we did as we were treated to one of those inspirational weekends that reminds you why we go rallying.

The Youth Section and their paRENTS did a fantastic job, and everybody had a great time, and we are definitely booking back on next time. Well done Kids and Rents. The new Firmager van XXXX BFM (**Big Fat Mike**) got on and off the field un-assisted and I'm well pleased with the fancy new electronic traction control (I bet I get stuck next time now). We should all be dead proud of our Youth Section and their Rents, as they are the reason West Hant's can survive while other Centres sadly go into hibernation, so please support their efforts. They are collecting for their charity (CICRA) who support children with Crohn's disease and colitis, and they have already collected over £700. Also watch out for Pauline Cane selling books on their behalf.

During the next month we have 2 bank holidays and a Coronation to look forward to, so we are going to be busy out there rallying. Wherever you are going please stay safe and have fun. We look forward to seeing you all wherever that may be.

Happy Rallying

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HAPPY 71ST BIRTHDAY ON THE 28TH APRIL MIKE FIRMAGER

HE LOVES A HIGH VISIBILITY JACKET DOESN'T HE, BUT IF YOU HAVE MET MIKE BEFORE, YOU WILL KNOW WHAT I MEAN WHEN I SAY HE DOES NOT NEED THE JACKET, FOR EVERYONE TO KNOW HE'S THERE!



YOUTH SECTION CHARITY - CICRA



Wow we are so proud of the Youth Section for working so hard as a team. They have raised an incredible amount so far this year by getting water barrels and water buckets for you very generous ralliers.

A huge thank you from Imogen and her team, for all the donations, gifts to auction and items to sell (awning/pegs/books/mugs/te ddies/etc)



CALENDER PERSON OF THE MONTH



Mrs April



Name: Michelle Winstanley

Age: 49, 50 in October so if you see me in October feel free to bring me wine!

Caravanning: For 9 years

Favourite thing to do on a rally: Pub walk and relax with friends

Favourite BBQ meal: Salt and chilli pork belly with halloumi and asparagus

Favourite type of social: Love a good quiz

Favourite tippie: Wine, but have been known to drink cider, lager and cocktails

True story – I was at work when social media started showing a clip of a copper coming off his push bike in a truly spectacular fashion. (Ask me if you'd like to see the video, I saved it...). Turns out it was Steve but even with the broken ribs and torn wrist cartilage, he still got the bad guy!

We have made so many fabulous memories since we started rallying and have made some absolutely amazing friends. Hopefully we'll have many more years of fun and laughter with West Hants.



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- Please see our website - www.whampshirecc.co.uk - to book your rallies and keep updated with the latest news (Newsletter and Focus)
- Next years programme is underway and has been shared on the website (draft version). Rally officers please can you send your write ups to Helen our Rally Secretary
- Rallies coming up in May:
Orchard Farm, Bring a bottle
Lower Tye, Hayling Island – Island fun
Kelmars Hall& Gardens, Club fest
Dog House Farm, Chideock - celebrating 50 years of rallying there
Stedham Mill Farm, Peaceful Steadham
- Rally officers needed for Shamba in Dec (this site has electric hook up), so if you are interested in running the rally, please can you speak to our rally secretary Helen Walton (rallysecretary@whampshirecc.co.uk)

BBQ SCRUMPTIONESS

How amazing are our Youth Section. They were up early (well early for them!) to cook everyone bacon rolls on the bbqs at Little Metlands. They had music playing, and they were all dancing at 9:45am, living their best lives.



I REMEMBER WHEN.....

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Dear Pat

I am very ^{sorry} to hear of Ron's death
it must have been a shock to you and your
family. I can remember when I first met you and
Ron it was at the Gluscombe Holiday Rally
I had just lost my wife Evelyn. I had my
young grandson with me he is now married and
has a baby girl 11 months old. I shall never
forget your kindness to me. the fun we had
in the evening in the Barn playing left right
centre and how the boys did cheat. please give
love to Pauline and Tony.

May the Lord be with you
at this time of sadness.

from Bernie X



CONGRATULATIONS....



Congratulations and thank you to Pat and Roy Brierley for being a Caravan and Motorhome club member for 50 years.



GUESS THE SITE

What rally were these photos taken at?



RALLYING FUN IN MARCH

Aerospace Museum – Dinner with Concorde

Dinner with Concorde arranged by The South West Regional Committee. Visitors came from far away as Scotland and Essex.

On Saturday 130 guests had the pleasure of attending a dinner beneath the wings of Concorde housed at the Aerospace Museum in Bristol. The guests were allowed time to wander through the aircraft and wander around the displays before receiving a welcoming drink.

This was followed by a lovely 3 course dinner with wine before being entertained with a disco.

In conjunction with the dinner the Gloucestershire Centre hosted a rally at Slimbridge from Thursday until Tuesday. The site was located alongside the canal with a pub on site and lovely cafe across the road. The regional committee also arranged coaches to take guests from the caravan site to the venue and back.

In total 6 couples from West Hampshire attended the event



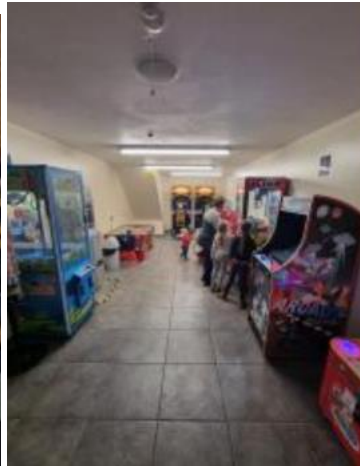






Shamba Caravan Park – Springtime Shamba

If you missed out on going to Shamba in March, don't worry, there is another opportunity to go there in December. The site is cracking, with its electric hook up, shop on site, free heated swimming pool (and when I say heated, it is like stepping into a bath). There is also a little arcade for the children to play in as well as a park. The clubhouse/bar was full of laughter on Saturday night at the quiz, where there were music rounds in foreign languages, playdough rounds, blindfolded drawing rounds all ran by one hilarious human, Shaun Elsey. The guy has funny bones which comes through the microphone for all to enjoy. A family on the site that were not part of the rally (but were in the bar Saturday night and joined in with all the fun) wanted to know when Shaun aka Shamba's seasonal entertainer was next going to be back there working haha. The pub that is in walking distance from the site has a lovely large garden indoor and outdoor games for the children.





Feedback is a gift....

What would you like to read about?

Do you have a memory you would like to share in the 'I remember when' section?

I would love to see and share your pictures from rallies you have been on....

Please email me - emma.elsey@whampshirecc.co.uk

Answers

Guess the site - A. Royal Victoria B. Lymington Hordle C. Wareham D. Stedham Mill

Thank You, from your editor Emma Elsey