



NEWSLETTER NO.8 – FEEL THE FORCE MAY 2023



Feel the force of West Hants. Feel the power of the children. Feel the passion of the rally officers. Feel the excitement of the ralliers. Do you feel it...I do and I am extremely proud of who we are, what we have built and what we have become. We have it all, with our amazing Youth Section, our rising stars of the centre.

The force is strong – The force is with you

YOUTH SECTION CHARITY - CICRA



So far this year, the Youth Section has raised £646.03 and we are not even at the half way point. Wow Wow Wow. Thank you to everyone that has donated. #FeelTheForce



THOUGHTS OF CHAIRMAN MIKE

It seems to have been a very wet spring, with a wet Coronation and a couple of wet bank holidays, but finally it looks like Summer is on its way.

We ran a nine-night rally at Hayling Island last week. When we arrived on Sunday the 7th the field was very wet, and we were worrying how we could get the vans on and off the field. The forecast was cold and windy, but gradually throughout the week the weather improved, and we ended up sitting out in glorious sunshine.

Now they are forecasting a heat wave, by the end of the month, and we will all be scrambling to get into the shade and trying to avoid heat stroke. Let's hope they have got it right and summer is actually here for a while.

Wherever you are heading for your Whitsun bank holiday, I hope you have a great time. Us Rallier's will generally have a good time whatever we are doing and wherever we are, so please enjoy yourselves and stay safe.

We are very much looking forward to three continuous weeks away at Chideock, South Lytchett and RVCP.


We're old so we can!! See you all soon.

Happy Rallying

Mike

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May the 4th be
with you

CALENDER PERSON OF THE MONTH



Mr May



Name: Matthew David Huntley

Age: 44 and a half

Caravanning: First time I went away in the caravan I was 3 months old

Favourite thing to do on a rally: Meet people and socialize

Favourite BBQ meal: Burgers – I love baps!

Favourite type of social: Talking to all different people

Favourite tittle: Beer. I do home brewing so come over and have a try the next time you see me on a rally

Growing up in the centre has meant I have met so many different people, of all ages, which is a great opportunity.

As a child, we used to love a game of armies, where we would go out to the next field, in the dark, with two adults. The adults had a chair and torch each. We would be split into two teams and the aim of the game was to make it to the opposite teams chair, without being spotted by the adult with their torch. Great fun – kids being kids.



June 2023

- Please see our website - www.whampshirecc.co.uk - to book your rallies and keep updated with the latest news (Newsletter and Focus)
- Rallies coming up in June:
 - Relaxing Dorset Holiday – South Lychett Manor
 - Play in the Park – Royal Victoria Country Park
 - Chill with the Still – Brocklands Farm
 - Strawberries at Sopley – Sopley Farm
- Have you planned your summer holiday yet? If not, have a look at the Dawlish holiday rally. The location is amazing - walking distance to a sandy beach and the rally is on a bus route, train route and cycle routes

DRAFT RALLY PROGRAMME FOR 2024

RALLY OFFICERS NEEDED – PLEASE CONTACT RALLYSECRETARY@WHAMPSHIRECC.CO.UK

January									
??	Sun 14	Sun 14	Open Forum and ROOF	Plaitford Village Hall		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Centre Committee	Book	
WE	Fri 26	Sun 28		Sunnydale Farm		<input type="checkbox"/>	Emma Webb	Approved	
February									
WE	Fri 9	Sun 11		Salisbury Camping & Caravan Club Site		<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Requested	
WE	Fri 16	Sun 18		Burgate School		<input type="checkbox"/>	Dan & Zecci Carter	Approved	West Hampshire
March									
WE	Fri 1	Sun 3		Centenary Site	Brockenhurst	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved	
BH	Fri 8	Mon 11		Lytton Lawn	Lymington	<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved	West Hampshire
WE	Fri 15	Sun 17	St Patricks Day	Copythorne Scout HQ	Southampton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Luke and Zoe De Ste Croi	Approved	West Hampshire
WE	Fri 22	Sun 24		Shamba Caravan Park	Ringwood	<input type="checkbox"/>	David and Clare Willis	Requested	East Dorset
SH	Thu 28	Mon 1		Mary Hare School	Newbury	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stuart and Julie Huntley	Requested	Berkshire
SH	Thu 28	Mon 1	Easter	Burgate School		<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Requested	West Hampshire
April									
WE	Fri 5	Sun 7		Little Metlands Farm	Bishops Walt	<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Section	Approved	West Hampshi
??	Sat 27	Sat 27	SWR Question Time	To Be Arranged		<input type="checkbox"/>	Regional Committee		
May									
SH	Thu 2	Mon 6	Wiltshire 60th Anniversary Cele	Charlton Park Estate		<input type="checkbox"/>	Centre Invitation	Approved	Yes
SH	Thu 2	Tue 7		East Ashling Nurseries	Chichester	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tony and Pauline Cane	Approved	West Sussex
BH	Fri 3	Mon 6	Invitation to Breamore House	Breamore House	Fordingbridge	<input type="checkbox"/>	Centre Invitation	Approved	West Hampshire
WE	Fri 10	Sun 12		Orchard Farm	Chichester	<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved	West Sussex
WE	Fri 17	Sun 19		Lower Tye, Hayling Island		<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved	East Hampshire
??	Sat 18	Sat 18	SWR Question Time	To Be Arranged		<input type="checkbox"/>	Regional Committee		
SH	Fri 24	Tue 28	Clubfest	To Be Arranged		<input type="checkbox"/>	National Liason Officer	Approved	
SH	Fri 24	Tue 28		Stedham Mill Farm	Midhurst	<input type="checkbox"/>	Colin and Sue Davis	Requested	East Hampshire
HR	Fri 24	Sun 2		Dog House Farm	Bridport	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul and Helen Hopkins	Approved	West Dorset
June									
WE	Fri 7	Sun 9		Exbury Gardens	Southampton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved	West Hampshi
HR	Wed 12	Wed 19		Royal Victoria Country Park	Southampton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clem and Bridget Fallows	Approved	West Hampshire
WE	Fri 21	Sun 23		Dummer Down Farm (The Ferguson Estate)	Basingstoke	<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved (Confir	East Hampshire
WE	Fri 28	Sun 30		Brocklands Farm	Petersfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dan & Zecci Carter	Approved	East Hampshire
July									
HR	Wed 3	Tue 9	South West Centres	Cirencester Park		<input type="checkbox"/>	Centre Invitation	Approved	
WE	Fri 5	Sun 7		Basingstoke Canal	Mitchett	<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Requested	West Surrey
BH	Fri 12	Mon 15		Bamptons Farm	Lymington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved	West Hampshire
WE	Fri 19	Sun 21		Sunnydale Farm		<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved	
WE	Fri 26	Sun 28		Awbridge Village Hall	Romsey	<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Section	Approved	West Hampshire
August									
WE	Fri 2	Sun 4		Sopley Farm	Christchurch	<input type="checkbox"/>	Colin and Sue Davis	Approved	West Hampshire
WE	Fri 9	Sun 11		Summerlands Caravan Park		<input type="checkbox"/>	Emma and Shaun Eisey	Approved	Wiltshire
BH	Fri 23	Mon 26		Lower Tye, Hayling Island		<input type="checkbox"/>	Colin and Sue Davis	Approved	East Hampshire
WE	Fri 30	Sun 1		The 3 Magpies Caravan and Camping Site - Devizes	Melksham	<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved	Wiltshire
September									
WE	Fri 6	Sun 8		Olivers Battery	Winchester	<input type="checkbox"/>		Approved	West Hampshire
??	Sat 7	Sat 7	SWR AGM	To Be Arranged		<input type="checkbox"/>	Regional Committee		
WE	Fri 13	Sun 15		Orchard Farm	Chichester	<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved	West Sussex
WE	Fri 27	Sun 29		Pyesmead Farm, Plaitford	Romsey	<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Requested	West Hampshire
October									
WE	Fri 4	Sun 6	AGM Rally	Awbridge Village Hall	Romsey	<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved	West Hampshire
WE	Fri 25	Sun 27		Parley Glade		<input type="checkbox"/>	Colin and Sue Davis	Approved	
November									
WE	Fri 1	Sun 3		Hill Cottage Farm	Fordingbridge	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clive and Kate Dupont	Requested	West Hampshi
BH	Fri 8	Mon 11		Lytton Lawn	Lymington	<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved	West Hampshire
WE	Fri 22	Sun 24		Olivers Battery	Winchester	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tony and Pauline Cane	Approved	West Hampshire
December									
WE	Fri 6	Sun 8		Salisbury Rugby Club	Salisbury	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alvin and Paulina Hollowa	Approved	
??	Sat 7	Sat 7	Kids Christmas party	Plaitford Village Hall		<input type="checkbox"/>	Emma and Shaun Eisey	Book	
HR	Fri 27	Thu 2		Swanmore Secondary School		<input type="checkbox"/>	Alvin and Paulina Hollowa	Requested	East Hampshire

BBQ SCRUMPTIONESS

Who single handedly cooks a full fry up for 9 people.....this guy does. Matthew David Huntley. Thank you Matt for cooking Oscar's special birthday breakfast, it was lovely.



4 LEGGED FRIENDS

Meet Dede, living her best doggy life on her first ever rally.



Name: Dede

Age: 2 and a half

Dede loves having a good old run, playing with her favourite Peppa Pig toy sock, and playing with her best friends Sammy and Lucy (her cat brother and sister)

Jackie and Adrian Finch saved Dede from a death kennel in Romania

Welcome to rallying Dede x

I REMEMBER WHEN.....



John has been a member of West Hampshire Caravan Club since 1978 (45years)
He has attended every Dog House Farm rally at Chideock (50 years) in fact he has attended more than 50 rallies because in addition to the Spring Bank Holiday, during the 80's and 90's in August and September another rally was held each year at Bank Holiday
First with his parents then he got his own caravan in 1978.
John's parents, his sister and her husband and family with their son Paul Worley and his uncle and aunt also attended.

So Many Memories of...50 Glorious Years at Chideock

Exceptional location with wonderful views from every angle of our caravans. Mixed weather over the years with glorious sunshine to torrential rain at other times.

One year there was so much rain that the bottom of the field became flooded with ducks swimming on what became a lake and caravans towed to a higher level! All taken in our stride but still a memorable occasion.

Reg Smart a former Chairman (1975-1977) and rally officer had a wooden hut positioned at the entrance to the field with the slogan 'Smartie people are happy people!'

There have been many Chideock rallies that have coincided with Royal occasions and Jubilees with caravans and the field being decorated with flags and street parties with plenty to eat and drink with a toast or two!

We have often walked to Eype and other places with a drink at a pub at the end or climbing to the top of Golden Cap with only a picnic!

One year on a walk to Eype John's aunt was chased by a bull! The case was taken up by Lord Peter Melchett who at the time was associated with The National Trust and was particularly interested in potentially dangerous animals on land accessible to the public and to hear of this incident had taken place on National Trust Property. On a BBC radio programme shortly afterwards, he asked that people who had experienced such a situation contact him with details so John wrote to him and in his reply, Lord Melchett enclosed an Ordinance Survey map requesting that John identify the exact location of the bull with the mark of a cross. Rather bizarre and brings a whole new meaning to the quiz 'SPOT THE BULL (ball)' It is worth noting that this did take place in the 80's!

Many guided tours of Palmers Brewery with a sample or two of ale! On one occasion a great storm took place and our awning took off and rose above the caravan and had to be rescued! It did not seem quite so bad for those visiting the brewery who were numbed by the intake of ale! Most grateful, however, to fellow caravanners in our hour of need.

Also there has been cider, wine and gin tasting and lovely Chinese suppers and buffets in the pods and the many quizzes including Jenga with a short or two!

Anyone remember 'The Blue Lagoon'? ...worth a mention! It was a very 'crude' Elsan pit and unfortunately one year someone fell in!!

Many happy times have been had playing skittles at 'The Clock' pub and Pizza's at 'The George' also a lovely walk to 'The Anchor' at Seatown for a crab sandwich lunch, a stroll along the beach or fishing for mackerel with many stories about the ones that got away!

With our immense thanks to the very hard work of **all** the rally officer's past and present not least Paul and Helen Hopkins and their teams who have worked so hard and looked after us for at least 12 consecutive years or more. We have had so many wonderful holidays that is why we return every year. This must be the centres oldest rally and still going strong!

The ultimate star has to be Chideock itself located in the stunningly beautiful Dorset countryside and Jurassic coast with Seatown Beach a short walk away, Bridport/West Bay and Weymouth to the East and Charmouth, Lyme Regis, Seaton and Beer to the West. No wonder we return every year.

Does anyone remember?

Fred and Joan Turner, Don and Maureen Belbin and Don and Evelyn Woodward
Fred ran many West Hants rallies and was well known for his '**feely bags**' - he had a string of little bags with several familiar little items inside and we had to guess the item, the very first quiz was born!! Fred and Joan attended the Chideock rallies on many occasions.



Fred had a sign at the rally office: **'Old people playing'**

A rally at Gorley in the New Forest for 'Bygone Days' where a fair was held opposite the rally field. Amusements all afternoon with Military Vehicles and the Air Force Memorabilia. In one of the barns was a Dam Buster's Bouncing bomb, brought to the field on a trailer. In the evening everyone sat on hay bales in a barn with 'The Yetties' folk group from Yetminster to entertain us all, a magic evening was had by all.

Mary and John Squire-Meanwell

I REMEMBER WHEN.....

I remember in the year 2000, when Sue Southwell was chairman, we were at The Wessex Rally, which was a rally where all the centres would come together, and compete in lots of different events – Netball, Football, Cross Country, Driving and Reversing, Decorated window, Cake making, Photography, Talent show, to name just a few. The Walking Tableau was always the last event of the weekend, and this particular year, our centre was joint winners after all the

points had been counted up over the weekend, and all that was left, was The Walking Tableau. So whichever centre won the walking Tableau, meant they won the trophy for the entire weekend. Our Centre did Star Wars. It was amazing, the whole Bath and West Showground was captivated by the 'show'.

Yep you guessed it, Star Wars won the Walking Tableau which meant West Hants won the trophy for the whole weekend. The entire building erupted, and this is a memory that will stay with me forever. All the adults called into work to book the Tuesday off (or pulled sickies!) and everyone partied all of Monday.



GUESS THE SITE

What rally were these photos taken at?



A.



B.



C.



D.



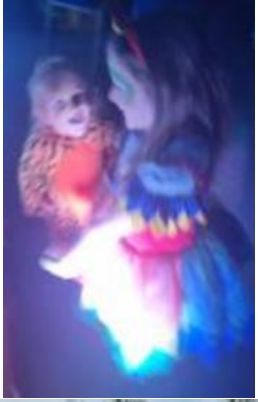
RALLYING FUN IN APRIL

Mary Hare School - Easter

The atmosphere was electric. The Ralliers turned up Thursday and it was raining the whole day, but that did not dampen any spirits. The rally was in full swing from 10 am Friday morning when kids club started. The children painted jungle animals, played musical games and finished off the hour with a game of wink murder. The ralliers enjoyed hot cross buns and the sun was shining. Friday evening the whole rally was entertained by the bravest most talented children, as they did 'Mary Hare has talent'. Every child was involved, whether that was on the microphone, lights, music, comparing, playing instruments, singing, doing karate/kick boxing, magic, telling jokes. You name it, our West Hants children did it. Saturday the ralliers had sausage baps to fuel them ready for their group walk. They were greeted half way round their walk with refreshments (alcoholic and non alcoholic) whilst dancing to the theme tune of the weekend, Waka Waka by Shekeira. Saturday night everyone was entertained by the lovely Laura, singing us into the night, with a packed dance floor all night long, there were some hot animals around – everyone's fancy dress outfits looked amazing. Sunday the children were very excited as it was Easter Sunday, so the day started with bacon rolls for all, followed by an easter egg hunt for the children, then an easter egg hunt for the adults. We then had the famous egg toss game, with winners Charlie and Ennis for the children, and Tom and Sammy for the adults (who even threw it backwards to each other). Sunday night ended the weekend well with Music Bingo (the longer you dance the longer the song will play!) followed by coin toss to the bottle and an auction to raise money for the Cicra charity. The kids ended the night on the football court, in 6 teams, competing to get all of their teams glow in the dark eggs. The chanting, singing, noise and excitement was through the roof – an Eggsellent finish to an Eggsellent weekend.

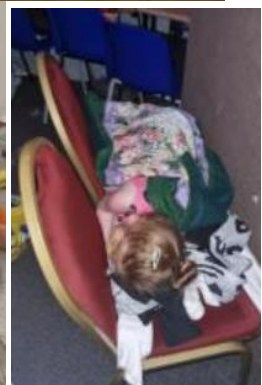












Little Metlands Youth Section Rally – written by Ella-Rose



West Hants Caravan Club Youth Section's Rally Little Metlands (Apr 2023)

My name is Ella-Rose and I'm a proud member of the centre's Youth Committee (ages between 12 & 18) for the West Hampshire's Caravan Club.

As part of the Youth Committee, we organise and run 2 rallies (a gathering of like-minded families) in 2 locations in the South. The 1st rally is held at Little Metlands Farm in April and I wanted to share what we get up to.

Thursday:

This year, we arrived on site Thursday afternoon and got straight into putting out the rally direction signs, showing where to turn off the main road and where to turn into the site. We then put out the signs for water, and where they could empty their loo (yuk!!)

Next, we marked out the field for the 27 units who were going to turn up. This involved pushing in high-vis sticks 12 meters apart to comply with Fire regulations in straight lines (the 1st attempt was definitely a little wonky). After that we put up the West Hants Caravan Club and Caravan and Motorhome Club flags on the flagpole and put up the pods.

After tea, the 2 Steve's lit their fire pits for us, so we could all cook s'mores over them. Never had a s'more? You should, you'll love them! It involves cooking marshmallows on the end of a stick and just before they start to fall off, squishing them between to chocolate digestive biscuits... they are just the best 🥰



Friday:

After breakfast, we put on our high-vis vests again, in time for the ralliers who started arriving at 12 noon.

We had to stop them at the gate and work out where they were going to be sited (i.e. at which of one of our high-vis sticks).



After taking them to their place (at a walking pace), we then offered to go and get their water for them... for a small donation to the charity of 'CICRA: better lives for children with Crohn's and Colitis', which we are supporting this year.

We managed to raise over £100, which was absolutely fantastic... thanks so much everyone!



Saturday:

The adults insisted we walked to a pub, bless them! After leading us along a wooded muddy trail, it was OK though and good fun as it was chips and pop all round.



The Pub did have a big swing as well, which allowed us bigger kids to entertain the smaller ones... obviously us bigger kids didn't have a go, we're much too cool for that 😊



When we 'finally' got back to the site (we had to drag the adults away, honestly!), it was time for some field games like volleyball, an assault course, tug-of-war and to finish, a massive game of rounders. We told the adults the exercise would be good for them, but I'm not sure they believed us.



Saturday evening Evie and I put on a quiz for the adults in the pods, and even though we had to get them to behave and listen, it was amazing fun, especially the 'chicken' round.



Sunday:

Our final day... this started with bacon baps on the BBQs. The dads set them up for us, but we did the cooking, with maybe just a little supervision 😊



Then it was time to gather in all the signs, pack up and go home... for a rest before school the next day. Thanks for a great weekend everyone... until next time



Ella-Rose Brierley

Little Metlands - Youth Section Rally...continued....

More pics of the Little Metlands Youth Section Rally











East Ashling – Sussex Stroll

What a lovely weekend at East Ashling where we held a boules afternoon and the finalists were Karon & Brian, with Karon coming out the winner (she had not played boules before) so an outstanding effort, well done Karon. We also went on a lovely walk to the Bluebell woods with a great turnout.







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. Orchard Farm B. Little Metlands C. Lower Tye D. Lymington Hordle

Thank You, from your editor Emma Elsey