



## NEWSLETTER NO.9 – SHINE BRIGHT JUNE 2023

How lucky have we been with the weather this month? Such an English thing to do, to talk about the weather isn't it, but the sunshine deserves to be the centre of the conversations right now.

Please all enjoy the photos throughout the newsletter and in the Rallying Fun section. This truly shows the fun we have, in a field, for such little cost. If you are reading this, and would like to know more about rallying, feel free to contact myself or any of the committee.

Shine bright in everything you do – You Are Enough



### GRAHAM KIRBY – PAST CHAIRMAN

GREAT TO SEE YOU OUT ON THE RALLY FIELD

Our past Chairman Graham Kirby and wife Lyn would like to say thank you for his Chairmans gift voucher. This is what they bought.



## THOUGHTS OF CHAIRMAN MIKE

Well from predicting a heatwave last month, we have had 4 glorious weeks of sunshine and Summer seems to be here to stay for a while. For those of you, like myself, who remember the scorching summer of 1976, this year has the same feel about it.

Pauline and I were lucky enough to be touring for the last 4 weeks and thoroughly enjoyed all the rallies we attended, especially; Chideock, South Lytchett Manor and RVCP, so thank you to all the Rally Officers involved for a splendid time.

Mentioning Rally Officers, you are the lifeblood of West Hampshire, **and we need your help next year PLEASE**. West Hampshire is bucking the trend, of declining membership, and is growing at a rate not seen for decades, which is very positive for the future of the center. This seems to be a combination of members transferring from other declining Centres, added to a significant number of New CAMC members. We are talking in the hundreds, which is very positive for the future but needs to be managed in the present.

We very much need both our experienced Rally Officers, and an influx of New, keen, enthusiastic Rally Officers, to help us through the immediate period of expansion.

If we all pick up one or two events, then we will retain the new members until, they too, are ready to join in and run rallies. This is definitely not the time to take a sabbatical or retire from running events, your centre needs you, every one of your events is special because of you, so please look at next years draft program and call Helen Walton to help us move ahead.

I am in for a Heart ablation next month, so providing I am fitter than now, I too will be calling Helen to do my bit on next year's program!

In the meantime, please carry on enjoying this year's rallies, and please greet and include all the Newbies you will undoubtedly meet on the West Hant's rally fields.

### Happy Rallying

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## CALENDER PERSON OF THE MONTH

### Mrs June



Name: Zoe Harley

Age: 32

Caravanning (how long): As a child, since I got chickenpox as a baby and my parents had to cancel our trip to Florida in favour of purchasing a caravan instead as I wasn't allowed on the flight 😊  
As an adult, we bought our first family caravan in 2017 having been borrowing both my Dad's and Luke's parents caravan for weekends away the previous year.

Favourite thing to do on a rally: Watching our children making new friends (from a distance with a gin)

Favourite BBQ meal: Chicken kebab skewers

Favourite type of social: We love a disco (I have to say that) 😊

Favourite tippie: Pink gin and lemonade

Share a story – I would write my own here but Emma has already chosen the accompanying picture of me folded in my camping chair courtesy of Freddie (and Julie's cocktail concoction) so I will go with that one!



### July 2023

- Please see our website - [www.whampshirecc.co.uk](http://www.whampshirecc.co.uk) - to book your rallies and keep updated with the latest news (Newsletter / Focus / Posts)
- Rallies coming up in July:  
Peaceful Pyesmead – Plaitford  
Summer at Bamptons – Bamptons Farm  
Youth Section - Awbridge
- 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

## BBQ SCRUMPTIONESS

Freddie Peter De Ste Croix, age 7, caught 6 mackerel at the beach whilst on holiday at Chideock. He had some help with the gutting (thank you Will and Shaun) before cooking them on the bbq for everyone to taste. Well done Freddie. Great catch.



## 4 LEGGED FRIENDS

Meet Murphy, living his best doggy life on his first ever rally.



Name: Murphy Fletcher

Age: 3

Murphy loved his first holiday in a motorhome. He did not have a clue what was going on, but neither did his owners haha. They hired the motorhome, just to try out the camping life and they looked like they had been camping for years.....so it was a success for all. Kerry, Steve, Millie, Ava and Murphy, loved every minute.

## I REMEMBER WHEN.....

One day at Wareham, Shaun Elsey:

Tried to blow up the awning using the wrong hole, so all the air was going in and then straight out again. Paul stood there for ages watching, and then eventually burst out in laughter, knowing exactly what Shaun had done.

One day at Wareham, Shaun Elsey:

Put the car keys down in the boot of the car, then shut the boot and the car locked, with the keys inside. The AA were called out and they managed to break into the car and retrieve the keys. Shaun got some stick for this, with the theme tune of the weekend being the song 'where's my keys, where's my phone'.

One day at Wareham, Shaun Elsey:

Put the car keys down in the boot of the car, for the second time. His wife lost her head at him! The AA man was called out, again, and this time they knew exactly how to break into the car, because the same AA guy had broken into the car the day before. The AA man could not believe someone could have done it again, and he was convinced the job raised on his work ipad had been duplicated in error. The AA man said to Shaun....."when I am having a bad day, I will think of you and then I will feel a lot better".

*A day in the life of Shaun!*

## GUESS THE SITE

What rally were these photos taken at?



A.



B.



C.



D.

# RALLYING FUN IN MAY

## Bring a Bottle – Orchard Farm

The long weekend started off very well with lovely sunshine. Once the PODS were up and tv installed for the Coronation the rain started! A number of ralliers braved the drips in the PODS to make a lovely cheery atmosphere to watch our new King being crowned.

That evening Jim and Kim provided an excellent quiz.

The next day we had sunshine; tables were laid up and the lunch 'street party' took place. The evening, with the tv on broadcasting The Concert had us seeing who could tear a sheet of newspaper into the longest strip of paper, not sure who won!

Hopefully, the rally provided a memory of what people were doing the day King Charles 111 was crowned.











### **Island Fun – Lower Tye Hayling Island**

Absolutely cracking location. Walking distance to a farm shop and a pub, as well as the beach. Bus route outside to take you down to the sea front where you can swim in the sea, walk to a pub, and go on the fair ground rides. £15 for 2 hours to ride as much, and, as many rides as you like, meant the children were very happy. If the children are happy, the parents are happy, and a cheeky stop off at the pub on the way home, meant the parents were happy so the children were happy. Fabulous weekend and for those not having to work, it was a glorious week.



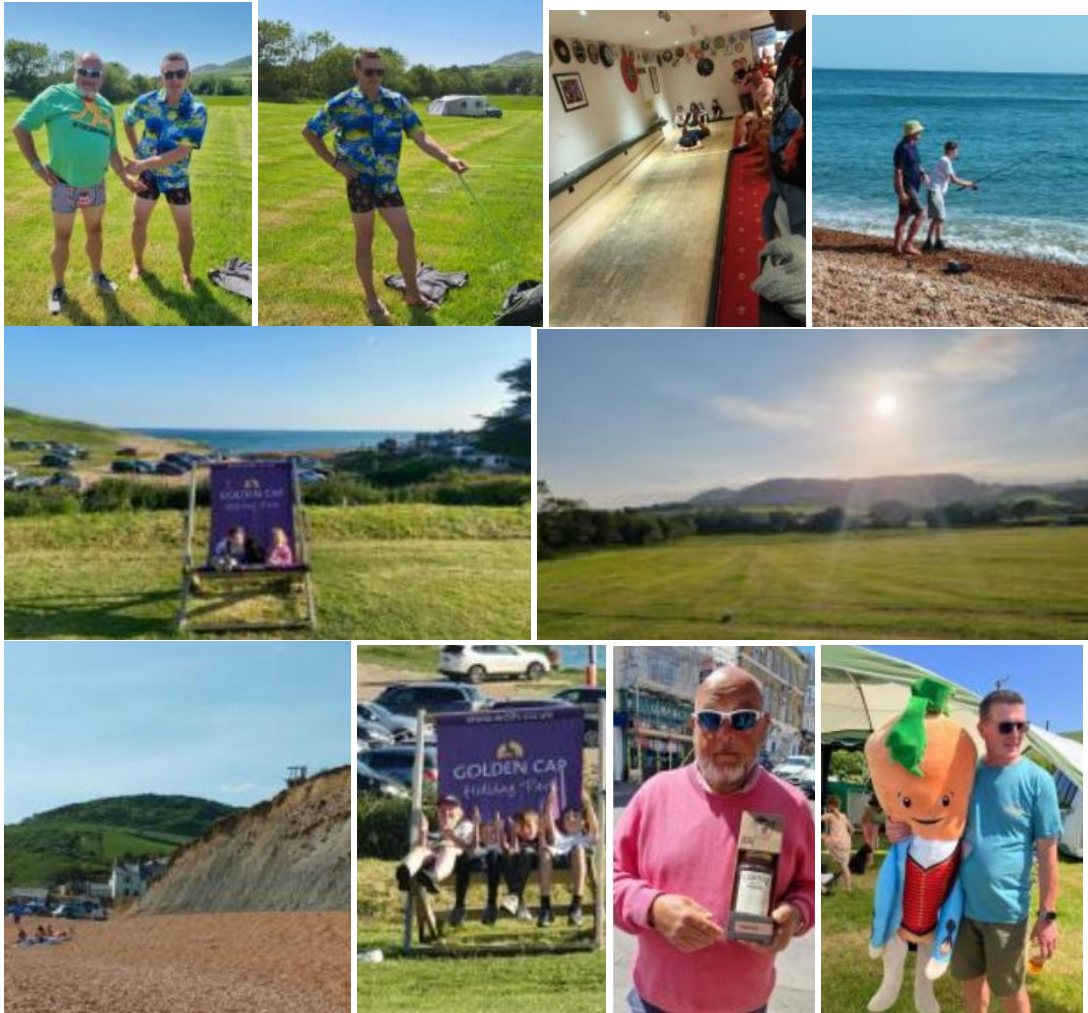


## Dog House Farm - Chideock

Chideock for 10 days with not a spot of rain. The sun was shining down all week and the ralliers enjoyed every second of it. The 50<sup>th</sup> celebration started off with a bang, with Tom's 5 piece band playing Saturday evening. The dance floor was full of kids and adults all enjoying the array of songs. The street party the next day was well attended, and everyone joined in the games from Chideock over the years – pegs, feely bags, bean bag hole. We filled the Clock pub for skittles evening, with lots of fun and laughter, around the football table and on the skittle alley. The night ended with a thrilling game of Killer. Dark Bear (also know as Lloyd) shared lots of knowledge about gin and rum at the tasting session on site. The ralliers carried on with the

'tasting' all afternoon, and some people were zig zag walking back to their vans. Others were folded up in the camping chair on the floor, weren't they Zoe! The group walk to West Bay with our biggest group to date. The dogs and children were fantastic on the 2 hour walk, and we all enjoyed a well earned chippy lunch and ice cream in West Bay, as well as some ciders and cocktails. The last activity of the rally was the nighttime game of armies for the kids. They started off toasting marshmallows on the bbq and then they were put into two teams (paired up within their teams so we did not lose anyone) and then set off with a team leader (adult with a chair and a torch). The aim of the game is for the first person to touch the opposite teams chair. We have never heard the children be so quiet. The game was taken very seriously and the absolute buzz in the air when two of the boys touched the other teams chair, was electric. Smiles all round from children and adults, all week long. Some might say it was the perfect holiday.

Thank you to Shaun and Paul for being such great sports, raising money for the Youth Section Charity Cicra – by banging in awning and tents pegs in your pants. Shaun's pant has Paul's face on them, and Paul's pants have Shaun's face on them.

















**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?

Would you like to see less pictures/bigger pictures, or is it nice seeing lots of members and lots of activities?

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

Please email me - [emma.elsey@whampshirecc.co.uk](mailto:emma.elsey@whampshirecc.co.uk)

**Answers**

Guess the site - A. Olivers Battery B. Shamba C. Coombe Bisset D. Orchard Farm

*Thank You, from your editor Emma Elsey*