



NEWSLETTER NO.12 – BACK TO SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2023

Did you do the 'back to school' pic of your children on their first day back at school? I did, and I love seeing everyone else's children on Facebook, looking smart in their uniforms. It will soon be time to see our West Hampshire committee children looking smart in their Youth Section red hoodies at the AGM on 7th October.

Rallying is a great way to meet like minded people, whether you are young or less young, on your own, as a couple or as a family. We are able to go away for the whole weekend, starting from as little as £17 (this is the price for 2 nights) and you do not have to pay any extra for people/dogs/awnings/etc. If you are thinking, HOW, then feel free to ring the chairman (telephone number below in the 'thoughts of chairman Mike' section) and talk about all things rallying.

WEST HAMPSHIRE YOUTH SECTION



The children have raised £1656.02 so far this year, and they have one month to go. Come on everyone, let's give it one last push in September and see what we can raise. Do you have anything you would like to sell, and then give the funds to the YS charity? What about a scratch card game, a charity quiz night or a sponsored activity?

We have until 7th October 2023 so please tell Imogen Huntley (and/or Julie Huntley) of any funds raised, so they can add it to the total.



The Youth Section love their red hoodies that they receive when they join the Youth Section Committee. They are personalised with their name on the back, and they really make the Youth Section children stand out on rallies.

THOUGHTS OF CHAIRMAN MIKE

This is the final Newsletter of the 22/23 season, so accordingly these are also my final thoughts of the season.

I think that we have had a great West Hant's Rally season and I have been delighted to see the recovery in activity levels, made from the years before, that suffered from Covid restrictions. It has been great to see lots of old friends back out with West Hant's and it has been wonderful to greet all the new members, as they attend their first rallies, with us.

The youth section, of whom we are extremely proud, have had another marvelous year. Imogen and "the red swarm" (due to their red hoodies sponsored by Nick and Leanne Rogers, **Thanks Guys**) have run 2 very successful Rallies and raised a great deal of money for their charity, CICRA, which is a very worthy cause. The Charity will be presented with a large cheque, by the youth section, at this year's AGM, **well done all**. Seeing what the youth section achieves, every year, is one of the best parts of being with West Hant's, long may this continue!

Following our AGM, which I may have mentioned a few times lately, we begin our 23/24 season which I think will be very eventful in many ways. Most importantly, in 2024, **West Hant's is 60 years old!**

Although we never need an excuse for a party, we have a really good reason, to celebrate this wonderful achievement.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the AGM (1.30 pm. Sat 7th Oct, Awbridge Village Hall). Please come along and have your say, **you are all very welcome!**

Happy Rallying

Mike

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CALENDER PERSON OF THE MONTH

Mr September



Name: Ian Harley (don't ask what the grandchildren call me)

Caravan (how long): Well there may have been a tow ball on my cot – but I've been floating about on the rally field since I was a teenager, so best part of 50 years I guess (and I'm still hopeless at reversing!)

Favourite thing to do on a rally: Get up early, while everyone else is asleep and watch the sun come up on the rally field

Favourite type of social: Well a Disco – of course!

Favourite tipple: You can't beat a hot cup of coffee after a day out in the fresh air on a rally

Well I could mention the parachuting teddies rally – where we did a practice run and dropped a toy monkey above the Popham airfield, only to see it sail across the A303 in a sudden breeze, but I'd better not. Or maybe the water rocket rally where the launcher toppled at the last minute and sent a sizable missile sideways across the rally field, between the caravans and out through the hedge (I'm not sure it was doing 5 mph either!). But I'll settle for a very memorable rally some years ago in the bitter cold at sixpenny Handley. It snowed and a certain ex-chairman decided to roll around making snow angels in his pants. Not a pretty sight, or very PC come to think of it! Next morning the entire rally gathered outside the barn for a coffee and following several shrieks and lots of applause we were treated to the sight of a chap standing behind the frosted glass front door of his static caravan, in his birthday suit. All I can say is the glass wasn't frosted enough and indeed it must have been a very cold day...



October 2023

- Please see our website - www.whampshirecc.co.uk - to book your rallies and keep updated with the latest news (Posts, Newsletter and Focus)
- Rallies coming up in October:
 - Rally – Youth Section AGM at Awbridge Village Hall
 - Rally – Adult AGM at Awbridge Village Hall
 - Rally – AGM Rally at Awbridge Village Hall
 - Rally – Shamba in Autumn – Shamba Caravan Park
 - Rally – Spook-tacular Wareham – Wareham Forest Tourist Park
 - Rally – Spooky Parley – Parley Glade

BBQ SCRUMPTIONESS



This is Tom, who is great at putting fires out, but it seems he is not so great at starting them, as it took a few attempts to get this pizza oven going.

Handle up or handle down!

Why BBQ when you can have an actual pizza oven on site.

Great work lovely family.

4 LEGGED FRIENDS

Meet Skye, living her best doggy life in her caravan



Name: Skye Airey

Age: 11 years

She loves antler chewy toys, and sometimes when you stroke her on her head, she purrs like a cat!

She lives with Debbie, Mark and Ellen Airey and she has the best life, enjoying weekends away in their caravan.

LAST CHANCE TO NOMINATE.....

West Hampshire Caravan and Motorhome Club - A G M

Saturday 7th October 2023 - Awbridge Village Hall – SO51 0GQ

WEST HAMPSHIRE CENTRE COMMITTEE

Nominations for CENTRE OFFICERS and COMMITTEE to be received by the Centre Secretary by:
1.30pm on Saturday 23rd September 2023

Nominations for YOUTH SECTION OFFICERS and COMMITTEE to be received by the Centre Secretary by: 12.30pm on Saturday 23rd September 2023

GUESS THE SITE

What rally were these photos taken at?



I REMEMBER WHEN....

Youth Section Hamble from back in the day – 1987!

Left to right – Claire Hunt, Fred Fisher, Sharon Hunt now Dudley, Paul Hopkins, Andrew Dudley, Graham Kirby, Debbie Hunt, Lynn Dewey Kirby



I REMEMBER WHEN....

The 24th Wessex Rally, West Hampshire won every single cup. This was a huge team effort, entering everything they could, from flower arranging to sports events, from window displays to dancing/singing on stage. You name it, we did it, and we did it so well.



RALLYING FUN IN AUGUST

Views, Walks and Fun – Summerlands

A lovely site with beautiful views. Everyone socialised and enjoyed a knock out boules competition on the Friday evening. With questionable weather on Saturday, it didn't stop ralliers visiting local towns, pubs and various places of interest. An enjoyable time by all. Definitely a rally to visit again.



Dawlish Delights – Warren Farm

The location of this site is incredible. Where else can you find a site for £11 a night in the school holidays, which is walking distance to a sandy beach (with lifeguards) and it's on a bus/train route. This site is booked for next year too, so you are in luck.

The ralliers had a great week in Dawlish Warren, where the children played games on the field, all enjoyed a walk to Dawlish town to support Gary, Stu and Shaun in the pram race (thank you and well done to Paul for making the pram), spent pennies at the arcade and the car booty.

The cream tea from the rally officers was lovely. The photos say it all, so we look forward to seeing you all again next year.



Relaxing Parley – Parley Homestead

Not sure if this rally tops the least attended but am sure it is unique with having 3 x rally officers and 3 x vans in attendance! Not often we can give a 1 to 1 service 🤖. One of these vans being new West Hants members and another were visitors from Derbyshire Centre. (Rally totalled 6 vans in all). One good thing was that everyone had a lot of room in the one POD we put up.

Saturday, saw us on one of Nigel's walks which surprisingly provided us with a pub! Well done to Nigel and Carol who had 'tested' the walk and pub on Friday, whilst the rest of us sited the vans 🤖.

Sunday, late afternoon we had Flagpole followed by tea and cake to fuel us ready for 'Rogers Horses'. Good fun was had by all.

Thank you Caroline



Island Idyll – Lower Tye, Hayling Island

A relaxing bank holiday rally was enjoyed by all at Hayling Island at the end of August. Lots of ice creams, walking and cycling took place. The most taxing event of the weekend was the silly games evening on Saturday night where the youngsters led the way, showing the adults not only how to stack the cups efficiently, but also that they could calculate how many would need to be in a row at the bottom of the stack without a problem – there were a few adults scratching their heads at that! There was also a riotous bounce-off competition where ping pong balls were flying everywhere except the egg boxes they were meant to be landing in! Congratulations go to the eventual overall winner of the evening, Linda Tomlinson. It was a lovely chilled out rally and we were so lucky with the weather, allowing the ralliers to enjoy exploring the island.



Southern Centres – Walton On Thames

This was not a West Hants rally, but a lot of West Hants attended so I thought it would be a good one to share. This rally is on every other year, over the bank holiday weekend. It is right by the Thames so it is great for walks, bike rides and some river fun (paddle boards/kayaks). There is a huge car boot sale in the field next door and plenty to do on site as well. So if you like to throw a welly or a horse shoe, or a skittle or a dart, this rally is worth a look at. They did driving and reversing, a dog show, cooked breakfasts and burgers, and there was live entertainment Thu to Sun evenings. There were kids club and kids discos as well as a Caribbean cocktail afternoon. Something for everyone.





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. Woolsbridge C. Orchard Farm D. Chideock

Thank You, from your editor Emma Elsey