



NEWSLETTER NO.3 – CHRISTMAS GREETINGS DECEMBER 2023



As 2023 comes to an end, we can reflect over the year and really smile to ourselves about how amazing our lives are. We have helped raise money for charity, we have volunteered our time, we have met up with friends old and new and made some amazing memories that will stay with us forever. Who's ready to do it all over again? The 2024 programme looks amazing, and full of fabulous weekends/weeks away.

West Hants ran 39 rallies this year, putting on events all over the county/country, anything from 2 nights to 14 nights. There have been so many stand out moments this year for the centre, so here are some, in the form of the 12 days of Xmas. If you can actually sing them, then you are doing better than I am right now, as I write them haha. The 12 days of Xmas aka 12 months of rallying.....my true love gave to me...

Jan - Ruben running his first ever rally (on his birthday weekend)

Feb – Fire Engines at Burgate school

Mar – Dinner under a Concorde wing

Apr – Youth Section in their high vis tops (ready for their first van to arrive on site at Little Metlands)

May – Hayling Island pub and seaside rides (amazing location for a stroll to the pub and bus to the seaside for unlimited fair ground rides)

Jun – The famous Brocklands bike ride to the pub

Jul – Pylesmead festival vibes weekend

Aug – Dawlish rally and the pram race

Sep – Middle Wallop army air museum (with the helicopter and planes flying very low over the vans - spectacular)

Oct – AGM rally with disco fun

Nov – Olivers Battery Xmas market (cracking location to get the bus into Winchester)

Dec – Adults and Childrens Xmas parties



THE YOUTH SECTION YAPPIES



Hello everyone and welcome to this newest section of the West Hants newsletter - The Youth Section Yappies.

The Youth Section are very excited for 2024 rallying to begin. We have two Rallies next year, Little Metlands in April and Awbridge in July.

Myself and the Youth Section would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. We look forward to seeing you on the Rally field in 2024.

Bethany



THOUGHTS OF CHAIRMAN MIKE

Firstly, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all, it won't be long before we are back out enjoying the new season with West Hant's.

December has been a fun month, with both Christmas parties, being a great success and enjoyed by all who attended. We have also made a lot of progress with bookings for next year pouring in.

- The 2024 season Rally Book has been produced and is on sale.
- The Rally Program has been launched on the Web and events are filling nicely.
- December Committee meeting took place and "In Focus" has been issued.
- December Newsletters published.
- All electrical equipment (Tea Erns etc.) have been PAT tested and inspected.

I hope you all have a great holiday period and those of you attending the New Year rally enjoy yourselves.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Open Forum & ROOF (Rally Officers Open Forum) all welcome to join us at Awbridge Village Hall on Jan 14th at 1pm.

See you next year!!

Happy Rallying

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Is it a bird, is it a plane....no it's Super Mike.

This man is awesome. He is an amazing Dad and Husband, who puts up with a lot of stick from me over the years (I wonder if he will read this!). I post cheeky photos and funny captions in this Newsletter about this man, so this is my time to now say THANK YOU. You are so generous, giving, passionate, funny, kind and fair to all. You truly love this centre and will do anything for it. West Hants is in your blood and we love you for that. Don't ever change, and we support you in your Chairmanship for another year. Bring on 2024!

WHAT'S COMING UP IN JANUARY



January 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 January:
 - Open Forum
 - ROOF (Rally Officers Open Forum)
 - Early Sunnydale – Sunnydale Farm

OPEN FORUM AND THE RALLY OFFICERS OPEN FORUM

Saturday 14th January (1pm) - Awbridge Village Hall

The meeting will commence with the Rally Officers Open Forum (ROOF), followed by the Members Open Forum, where you can ask questions to the Committee and help shape the future of our Centre. Tea and biscuits will be served in the interval between the two meetings.

Why not come along and see what it's all about.

HAVE YOU BOOKED ANY RALLIES IN 2024?

HAVE YOU PLANNED YOUR YEAR ALREADY?

HOW ABOUT TRYING A RALLY THAT YOU HAVE NOT BEEN TO BEFORE?



GUESS THE SITE

What rally were these photos taken at?

Answers are on the last page of the newsletter



A.



B.



C.



D.

YOU DON'T
WANT TO MISS
THIS!

CHEEKY PLUG FOR 2 RALLIES IN 2024 THAT YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS

CIRENCESTER PARK - JULY

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LITTLE METLANDS - AUGUST



CALENDER PERSON OF THE MONTH



Mrs December



Name: Paulina Holloway

Age: Rapidly approaching 70

How long have you rallied for: Caravanned with West Hants since December 1997

Favourite thing to do on a rally: Chat to people as soon as I arrive while Alvin is trying to get set up. Our priorities are very different in that first half an hour.

Favourite BBQ meal: Has to be steak steak and more steak, but we usually get loin chops and sausages!

Favourite type of social: In a hall with a bit of music, I love to dance

Favourite tipple: White wine

Share a story.....

My happy memory would be Alvin's proposal. I was hoovering his lounge with a broken cylinder hoover and his exact words were and I quote, 'how would you like to do this on a permanent basis' unquote, to which I replied 'not with this ruddy hoover'.



THANK YOU TO THE BIG MAN IN RED

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ROSS FOR BEING OUR SANTA FOR ANOTHER YEAR. SEEING THE CHILDRENS FACES WHEN YOU CAME THROUGH THE DOOR, RINGING YOUR BIG SANTA BELL, IS ABSOLUTELY PRICELESS. THANK YOU TO GARY AND SHAUN AS WELL OF COURSE, FOR BEING HIS LITTLE HELPERS.

41 CHILDREN WENT TO THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY, AND EVERY SINGLE CHILD WAS FANTASTIC. THEY JOINED IN ALL THE GAMES, WERE REALLY WELL BEHAVED AND THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THEMSELVES.



SANTA NEEDS NEW REINDEER.
THE FIRST BUNCH HAS GROWN OLD.
DASHER HAS ARTHRITIS;
COMET HATES THE COLD.
PRANCER'S SICK OF STARING
AT DANCER'S BIG BEHIND
CUPID MARRIED BLITZEN
AND DONER LOST HIS MIND.
DANCER'S MAD AT VIXEN
FOR STEPPING ON HIS TOES.
VIXEN'S BEING THROWN OUT –
SHE LAUGHED AT RUDOLPH'S NOSE.
IF YOU ARE A REINDEER
WE HOPE YOU WILL APPLY.
THERE IS JUST ONE TRICKY PART:
YOU MUST KNOW HOW TO FLY.

IF CHRISTMAS IS TO CHILDREN
WHAT MY JOB IS TO ME,
DOES THAT MEAN I SHOULD GO TO MY BOSS
AND SIT UPON HIS KNEE?



RALLYING FUN IN NOVEMBER

Olivers Battery – Xmas Market

This site is a fantastic location for some lovely dog walks from the site, and a great big wooden playground and tennis court. It is also great to walk to the bus stop and hop on the bus to Winchester city centre. The city is lovely all year round, but it's especially lovely at Christmas with its amazing Christmas market in the Cathedral grounds, with the smell of roasted chestnuts and mulled wine, to soak up the happy atmosphere.

A rally of a small number of units attending, which was run in conjunction with the Winchester Christmas Market, everybody enjoyed their visit into Winchester. It was a cold weekend and a number of units had problems, a motorhome who had not used the heating system on gas and it would not work but stuck it out all weekend, a caravan who used two bottles of gas over the weekend, a young family with a caravan who's heating played up and went home after their trip into Winchester on the Saturday. But we had a first West Hampshire rallier, also three visitors one of which this was their first West Hampshire rally. We had a decorate a window competition and each person voted for their favourite window, and the motorhome with no heating won. Flagpole was taken by Leanne with mince pies and tea and coffee.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

From us to you, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Thank you for your support in 2023

We cannot wait to see you on the rally field in 2024



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. Summerlands B. Awbridge C. Wareham D. Little Metlands

Thank You, from your editor Emma Elsey



May your world be as bright as Barbie's