



NEWSLETTER NO.13 – 60 YEARS WEST HAMPSHIRE 60TH CELEBRATION RALLY – AUGUST 2024

How do you know when something goes well.....you get a good feeling inside, you are buzzing for days/weeks after, you see the smiles on faces, and you receive a lot of thank you's.

I can safely say, the 60th celebration was an absolute success.

I have never known a team to work so well together. Everyone played their part, before, during and after the event.

These events only work if we get bookings from lots of ralliers, and if the ralliers join in the fun that has been organised....., and my gosh did you all do that or what!

Thank you for being such an amazing centre and making the best memories that will stay with us forever.



60TH CELEBRATION PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Thursday–Bingo / Quiz

Friday–Kids club / Coffee morning / Sausage & chips / Kids Disco / Steve Cherelle

Saturday–Bacon rolls / Kids club / Darts / Cocktails / Burger & chips / Kids disco / Boom Town

Sunday–Bacon rolls / Kids club / Kubb / Kids disco / Woodsiders

Monday–Cream tea / Prize bingo / Chinese Raffle

As you look through the photos in this newsletter, please take a moment to really feel the joy that shines through each and every one. The smiles on their faces are real, the fun and laughter is real, the celebrations are real.



THANK YOU

This super busy programme cannot go ahead without the help and support of a lot of people. The committee worked on the programme, and paid to attend the rally, and then worked all weekend as well. But we want to extend our thank you to those that also made this happen.....so a huge **thank you** goes to:

[Fiona and Liam Doyle-McLoughlin](#), for doggy sitting and selling raffle tickets
[Leanne and Nick Rogers](#), for arranging the printing of the programmes
[Clair Phillips](#), for the running of kids club
[Nick Randell](#), for offering to be the music man and fill in
[Nanny Sue \(Sue Young\)](#), for chalking the darts scores, prepping the fruit for the cocktails, picking up the cake, folding raffle tickets
[Kate Reynolds and Emelia Randell](#), for helping with the raffle tickets
[Pauline Cane, Bridget Fallows, Stuart Huntley, Shaun Elsey, Gary Walton and Sarah Walton](#), for your support, efforts and huge contributions all weekend and the lead up to the event (as committee member partners and family)

Really sorry if I have missed anyone, we do appreciate you all.

Thank you for donations to the raffle:

FM Valeting
Highbridge Motorhomes & Caravans
Marquis Motorhomes & Caravans
Viscount Leisure
Winchester Caravans & Motorhomes



THURSDAY EVENING 22ND AUGUST 2024

ENTERTAINMENT – BINGO / STU HUNTLEY AND SHAUN ELSEY

The weekend started with a very nerve wracking game of bingo, due to the size of the prizes (hundreds of pounds), and this was followed by Stu and Shaun entertaining everyone. Some might call them Ant and Dec, but I have also heard them being called, the Chuckle Brothers, Pair of Clowns, Starsky and Hutch, Bodie and Doyle, Dumb and Dumber, Morecambe and not so Wise...to mention a few names.

All credit to them though, they started the weekend off with a bang. Dressed to impress and with the 'chat' to match, they entertained us all evening. The music quiz was great, they had us all singing along, the picture round was fabulous, and the balloon modelling was a great alternative round. The jokes and the magic were the added extras that brought the whole evening together.



FRIDAY EVENING 23RD AUGUST 2024

ENTERTAINMENT – STEVE CHERELLE



Steve is a country/folk music singer who kept everyone entertained with his amazing voice, and his great sense of humour. He told jokes in between songs, and he even sang a special song for Chairman Mike “he doesn’t look good naked anymore” haha. Mike being the good spirited man that he is, was straight up onto the dance floor with his wife Pauline, smiling and swinging their hips to the new hilarious song. When Mike started to undo his top, I did not know whether to cheer or hide!



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SATURDAY EVENING 24TH AUGUST 2024

ENTERTAINMENT – BOOM TOWN



Boom Town are a rock and pop band from Hampshire, that entertained us with the dance floor classics, playing songs for all ages.



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SUNDAY EVENING 25TH AUGUST 2024

ENTERTAINMENT – WOODSIDERS

The Woodsiders are a barn dance band based in Hampshire. As soon as they started the first song, the dance floor was full (over full actually, but in a really good way) and it stayed that way all night. They were absolutely fantastic. The effort everyone put in getting dressed up in checked shirts/hats/horses/boots set the tone for the night of fun. I personally loved seeing everyone of all ages (children and adults), all dancing together.



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MONDAY EVENING 26TH AUGUST 2024

ENTERTAINMENT – PRIZE BINGO/CHINESE RAFFLE

For those that were lucky enough to stay an extra night, there was a very relaxed evening in the marquee for the very last night, and everyone played prize bingo, where we had some false calls and some very funny calls, of banana, mashed potato, yehaaa, bingo (classic). This was followed by a chinese raffle, where we saw people 'fight' for the winning prizes, of booze, pringles, water filter and some surprise prizes too. The kids entertained themselves with a self made volley ball (balloon) and table layout, in between joining in the bingo and chinese raffle.



CATERING – FRI 23RD TO SUN 25TH AUGUST 2024

**CATERING – BACON ROLLS / SAUSAGE AND CHIPS / BURGER AND CHIPS /
TEA & COFFE WITH BISCUITS / CREAM TEA**



The catering team worked tirelessly all weekend providing pre-ordered bacon rolls, sausage and chips, burger and chips and cream teas. You could tell this was not their first time, as they were a well oiled machine, getting the quantities spot on and better still the timing of making sure the food was ready in line with the programme. Impressive work and it tasted amazing too.



DAYTIME ENTERTAINMENT – SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST 2024

ENTERTAINMENT – DARTS & COCKTAILS

LETS....PLAY.....DARTS..... Stu worked really hard (with the help of his team) to set the dart board up safely. He had walk on songs for everyone, and special darts names, to introduce the players. The games started with 501, but because so many people entered, the games had to be reduced to 301, then 201, until it got to the final. We even had 3 pom pom girls (Imogen, Grace and Poppy) dancing for everyone at the start of the first game.

The cocktails and pimm's went down very well that afternoon too - Spiced rum / pineapple juice / orange juice / lemonade. Gin spritz and Pimms.



DAYTIME ENTERTAINMENT – SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST 2024

ENTERTAINMENT – KUBB

The sun was shining this day, which meant a lovely afternoon to play kubb. We had teams of 4, playing 'it's a knock out' and it was such a lovely atmosphere, with lots of oohhs and aaahs as teams were so close to hitting their blocks down. Such a simple game with wooden batons and blocks, but so much fun. The ice cream van made an appearance just at the right time, so everyone enjoyed an ice cream/drink, cheering on the teams. The winning team was 4 young lads, who had great hand/eye coordination. The camaraderie was so special, and the hugging and hand shakes meant great sportsmanship. Well done to Toby Phillips, Alex Phillips, Ruben Denney and Joe Randell.



DAYTIME ENTERTAINMENT – FRI 23RD TO SUN 25TH AUGUST 2024

ENTERTAINMENT – KIDS CLUBS/DISCOS

The kids really enjoyed time together doing arts and crafts, cards, parachute games, limbo, games and dancing. No parents allowed! The prop corner was a fantastic addition and the children loved being adventurous with the looks and their crazy funny attitudes to go with it.



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PAST CHAIRMAN

**SUE SOUTHWELL / MALCOLM WRIGHT / ALAN PORT / MIKE FIRMAGER /
GARY WALTON / PAUL HOPKINS / GRAHAM KIRBY**

We were very grateful and proud to have so many past chairman celebrating 60 years of West Hampshire. Thank you for volunteering your time to run the centre, and to continue to support West Hampshire. Here are some pictures of the cake cutting ceremony.

Sue Southwell 1999-2001 / Malcolm Wright 2002-2004 / Alan Port 2005-2007 / Mike Firmager 2008-2010 / Gary Walton 2011-2013 / Paul Hopkins 2017-2019 / Graham Kirby 2020-2022



FEEDBACK

AMAZING WRITTEN FEEDBACK RECEIVED BY EMAIL AND FACEBOOK

I would like to thank all the committee for such an enjoyable sixtieth celebration. The coming together of all your skills has made this a very special event. The siting of the caravans involved a lot of running up and down the fields. The artistic decoration of the marquee. The fun entertainment throughout the holiday for children and adults. The shopping and preparation of the catering team, resulting in delicious food on three days. The planning and organising behind the scenes, which we are not aware of. For us caravanners whether we are young or old, look good naked or not, it has been a fantastic rally. Thank You. **Linda Tomlinson**

What a brilliant BH wknd you gave us, we thoroughly enjoyed all of it. What a great team to put that together, a big thank you goes to you all involved. **Lyn Walker**

Thank you all for a great 60th celebrations rally it was fantastic. **Ann Goble**

Thank you all at the 60th anniversary rally at Little Metlands, the committee did a fantastic job of entertaining, food, fun and games. Absolutely brilliant weekend. **Julie Barker**

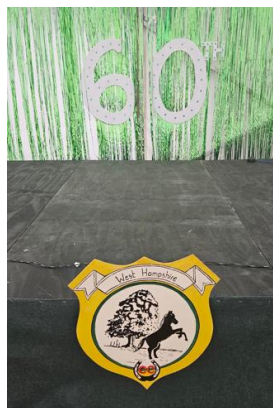
We would like to 2nd that (above), what a fantastic weekend. Thank you all for your hard work xx **Brenda Naish**

We had a great time as well, thank you to all the committee and their extra helpers, it is much appreciated!! We're tired out, so you guys must be exhausted! **Denise Fielding**

Thanks to all the Committee for all their hard work this weekend making it a very special 60th Birthday celebration for our Centre. Well done to you all. **Jenny and Malcolm Wright**

Well done to all involved running a great 60th West Hants celebration rally, very grateful for your hard work. **Chrissy and Will Baird**

Congratulations on a great 60th Rally. Thanks for all the hard work Team. **Lynne Kirby**



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Superb rally, so well organised. Thank you for everyone involved who made the weekend such fun and so social. What a great crowd! Proud to be a member of CAMC West Hants. Thank you.

Denise Robinson

Congratulations to Mike and the rest of the committee for a great celebration rally. **Brian Walker**

We had the best time. Thank you everyone who got involved with organising and running such a large rally. I'm exhausted so the committee must be even more so! x **Sharon and Ray Long**

It was great to be able to join West Hampshire Centre for this milestone 60th Anniversary rally. Many thanks to the chairman and committee members who put in so much hard work to make this such a memorable weekend. I hope you are all able to take great pride and satisfaction in a job well done. Thank you so much. **Alan and Anne Port**

Thank you to all of the members of West Hants commit for organising a brilliant weekend celebrating their 60th birthday. We all really enjoyed it. **Jan Ryland**

West Hants committee and partners – you absolutely smashed it! Fantastic 60th weekend with fun, games, food, entertainment, kids events, laughter, dancing, drinking, tuck shop!!! What a great way to bring everyone together to celebrate what centre rallying is all about xxx **Clair Phillips**

Thank you for a fantastic weekend meeting up with people we had not seen for a long time and making new friends. Happy 60th. **Lorraine Gregory**

Thank you to the committee and their partners for a fantastic 60th birthday weekend. So much fun and laughter with family and friends old and new. **Marion Alcock**

A great time, Jo and I loved it. Big thank you to all who put it together. **John and Jo Condie**

Thank you all so much for a great Rally. Everyone obviously worked very hard to ensure a successful celebration. I am sure that everyone had a wonderful weekend as we did. Thank you to all the caterers – the Bacon Rolls were great! Best wishes to you all for the future of the Centre. **Jan and Darill Moore**



THANK YOU FOR THE FEEDBACK, IT MEANS THE WORLD

This weekend has left a special feeling in my heart. The harder things are, and the more effort that is put into something, makes it so much more rewarding when it all comes together. I can honestly say I could not be any more proud of how the children behaved, how they threw themselves into everything, and how they all smiled and bounced their way through the weekend. I am also very grateful for how all the adults behaved, throwing yourselves into it all and joining in the activities, dancing, and bouncing your way through the weekend, putting smiles on each others faces. Seeing the children and adults dancing together on the barn dance night (with people you did not know sometimes) was so magical.

Thank you to you all. Thank you for being you.

Thank You, from your editor Emma Elsey



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May your weekends be full of laughter and love like the West Hampshire's 60th Celebration