



NEWSLETTER NO.4 – NEW YEAR JAN 2025



If you don't make any changes, you will just have 'another year', instead of a 'new year'.

What do you think about that then? Thought provoking! Enough to think about making some changes.....or are you happy to have another year the same, because that is ok too.

I would like a similar year to last year, so I won't be making any huge changes in my life. I have thought about trading in the husband a few times, but really he's a keeper, so he will do for now! 😊

I feel super lucky for the life we have, being able to work so that we have enough money to be able to do the things we enjoy. Last year we had three main caravan holidays (Chideock/Dawlish/Blue Anchor) as well as a trip to Disneyland Paris. We also managed to squeeze in some kiddy free time, going to some gigs (music concerts) and live comedians.....enjoying all the fun and laughter that comes with making those memories.

We are trying a couple of new sites this year (new to us but they were in the rally programme last year). We have booked 2 sites by the canal so we can have some paddle boarding fun. If you have seen either Shaun or myself on the paddle board, then you will know it does not look fun...we manage to make it look very difficult hahaha, but I am really looking forward to both Canal side in June and 3 Magpies in August.

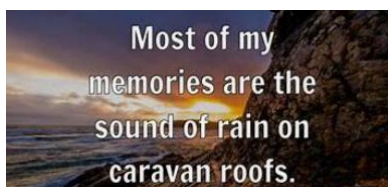
Are there any sites you have booked, that you have not been to before?

Are there any sites that you have been to before, that you think would be a good site to run a rally?

If so, please let Helen Walton know, so she can make contact with the site owners.

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Here's to a fantastic 2025, making even more amazing memories.



Have you purchased your whistle yet?

Fire Safety – Have you bought your whistle yet?

1. **We are adopting Whistles as our Primary Alarm signal.**
2. Whistles will be supplied in Rally Kits and placed with the Centre Fire Extinguishers by the Flagpole/Feather Banner.
3. **We strongly recommend / ask that all members carry whistles** and have them readily available to use in the event of a fire.
4. Whistles are inexpensive and readily available from sports shops and on-line.
5. **The Alarm Signal is Sharp Intermittent Blasts on the Whistle.**

We are lucky enough to have experienced Emergency Services Staff in our team now, and recommendations are that we should adopt Whistles as our primary alarm/evacuation signal.



Emergency Survival Whistle

The previous West Hant's rule is that in the event of discovering a fire we should sound a continuous blast on a car horn.

This has now been considered to be an inappropriate method for raising the alarm for several reasons!

- Most Cars are self-locking and need keys to access
- Most cars require the ignition to be turned on to operate the horn
- Many people are conditioned to ignore car alarms/horns sounding as this is often a false alarm
- Many members now have Motorhomes so sounding the horn when the vehicle is on fire is not practical

THE YOUTH SECTION YAPPIES



Hello, I'm Emilia and something about myself is I'm a cheerleader. I do cheerleading competitions and I swim every Wednesday. I'm 11 years old and I am in year seven at school, and I'm turning 12 in March.

**KNOCK, KNOCK WHO'S THERE INTERRUPTING COW
INTERRUPTING MOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO COW WHO**



Hi I'm Toby, and this is my 2nd year on Youth Section. I really enjoy going on rallies and like it when we do outdoor stuff like playing footy and man hunt. This year I'm looking forward to running our rallies again at Little Metlands and Awbridge. It's good to be part of a team. When I'm not in the caravan I enjoy playing snooker and football. I am a big Saints fan, but it's not been much fun watching them lately! They're still better than the team my uncle Shaun supports!!! The photo is from when I did crabbing at West Bay. We go there when we go to Chideock.



THOUGHTS OF CHAIRMAN MIKE

Well Christmas is over, and the New 2025 Rally Season has started, and it was really nice to get out again and see people enjoying themselves with West Hant's.

We appreciate that it is good to meet your friends in the new year for a good old chinwag, so we changed the Rally Officers Open Forum (ROOF), this year to "Coffee and Cake" to reduce the formality a little and let everybody get together and socialize. The slight change of format seemed to appeal as the numbers attending went up and the Café style meeting seemed to go down very well, so did the cake!

The first actual rally of the season took place at Sunnydale Farm CP and was a very enjoyable winter weekend. The weather forecast the week before was pretty depressing, but in reality, it was mostly ok and the team managed to put on a full program including a Pub walk to The Plough (Although the Pub is on Portsmouth Road, which runs from Bursledon to Woolston, I think the Pub is actually in Old Netley) for drinkypoo's and a pub lunch, returning to site via the very well stocked, Farm Shop, laden with boxes of fresh veg. The evening quiz was great fun with the Youth Section and their helpers running the question-and-answer papers around the vans, so we could all stay in the warm. I'm not bearing a grudge but, my playdoh model of a Teardrop Caravan was marked harshly I feel, not that it would have made any difference to the overall result. Thank you to the 2 Emma's and their team for a good time!

I hope that wherever you choose to go, with West Hant's this season you really enjoy your Rallying and feel the benefit getting away from the House or work and spending time relaxing with lots of like-minded friends and members of our great Centre.

Please don't forget your whistles!! Bleep, Bleep, Bleep.

Happy Rallying – Mike

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Make up your own caption.....

A fun addition to the Newsletter.

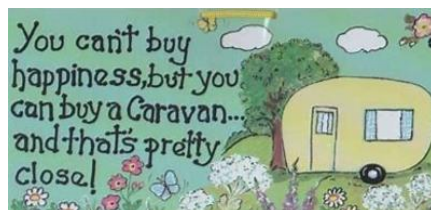
Here is a picture and now you can enjoy adding a caption to it.



'So peaceful here.....when the wife is asleep'

'get that bottle open Sandra, I'm coming in'

If you have any funny pictures like this, I would love to receive them and share them in the newsletter for this new fun 'make up your own caption' section. Please email me:-
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COCKTAIL OF THE MONTH

For those doing dry January, I thought I would share a Mocktail this month.
A Virgin Margarita.

Fresh lime, fresh lemon juice, simple syrup (or maple syrup), pickle juice (optional but recommended) and tonic water. Add some sugar round the rim of the glass, to taste.

You can actually have this drink and still drive, if you wanted to. You can't Shaun, because you can't drive! Haha



WHAT'S COMING UP IN FEBRUARY



February 2025

- 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 February:
Valentines at Kingfisher – Kingfisher Caravan Park
Romance is in the Air – Forres Sandle Manor School (invite from The East Dorset Centre)

GUESS THE SITE

What rally were these photos taken at?

Answers are on the last page of the newsletter



THANK YOU TO GARY WALTON AND SHAUN ELSEY

Thank you to you both for making and serving all the tea and coffee at the 'coffee and cake' event. It was the first event of the year and it was well attended. There was lots of talk about rallies, setting them up and attending them. It was great to hear the chatter in the room, showing everyone's passion for rallying, and excitement to get out in their caravan or motorhome in 2025. Thank you Mike, Pauline and Helen for all the cakes and in particular Helen's home made Christmas cake. Delicious.



CALENDER PERSON OF THE MONTH



Mrs January



Name: Clare Willis

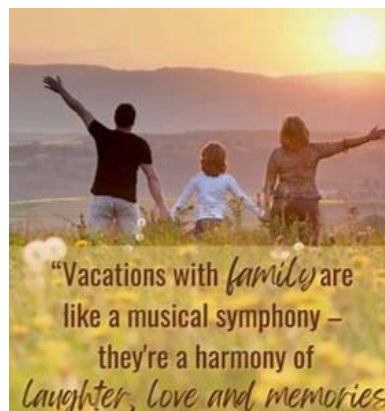
How long have you rallied for: I started rallying with Mum and Dad in 1996. David, Max and I started rallying as a family since Ava was 2 months old, so 8 years now.

Favourite BBQ meal: Burgers

Favourite type of social: Any type, it's just nice to see everyone for a chat and a drink

Favourite tippie: Pink gin

I really like the Dawlish rally and watching the pram race and the carnival.



PICTURES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE IN DECEMBER

Committee Christmas cheer from ear to ear.



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Feedback is a gift....

What would you like to read about?

Do you have a memory you would like to share, or your favourite cocktail recipe, or maybe you would like to share your pictures from rallies you have been on?

Please email me - emma.elsey@whampshirecc.co.uk

Answers

Guess the site - A. Sunnysdale B. Blue Anchor C. Little Metlands D. Awbridge

Thank You, from your editor Emma Elsey

