



NEWSLETTER NO.7 – FOOL ME ONCE APRIL 2025



No fools here!

For hundreds of years, people all around the world play practical jokes and hoaxes on each other, on the 1st of April, which is called April Fools day. The jokester shouts 'april fools' when they expose their actions, and there are lovely happy vibes in the air, where kids (and adults) can be playful with each other.

The Youth Section got Shaun a good'en once. They pulled apart an oreo biscuit, scraped out the cream, and replaced the cream with tooth paste. "Would you like a biscuit Shaun?" as they waited with excited eyes to watch him bite into it. "April Fools" they shouted, giggling away to themselves.

Another time Oscar gave Shaun a cup of 'tea', that was actually cold gravy. "April fools" giggle giggle.

What's the best April fools you have done on someone. I would love to hear them next time you are on a rally field, pop over and say hi, and tell me your practical jokes you have done.

We spend a lot of time together in a field (on rallies with friends), so it's great to have a laugh and a giggle together.



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



Hey caravanners and motor homers ! My name is Jess I have been part of the youth section for 3 years. I am always eager to be on the rally field having fun and messing about. On the rally field I love the social aspect of it and seeing all the crazy events happen. At home, I really enjoy playing football and watching the matches as well. I love hanging out with my friends and smiling and laughing. See you out on the rally field soon.



Hi I'm Ruben. I'm 13 years old and enjoy caravanning with my mum and dogs. I play the guitar and have weekly lessons. I am in a band at school called 'The rate of Decay', I enjoy playing Queen songs and Metal, like AC/DC and Metallica. One day I hope to play the whole Queen Live Aid set with my band.

Jokes

1. Why was the donkey annoying his friend?
2. What is a prankster's favourite toy?
3. Why did the computer go to sleep?

THOUGHTS OF CHAIRMAN MIKE

Well hasn't April been a lovely month! I am always pleased when we can get back out into the fields for some "proper" rallying, and the youth section rally at Little Metlands is always an early highlight of the season. This year's Rally, under Ethan's leadership, was a great success, and I congratulate the youth section team and their supporters, on everything they achieved over the weekend, and for the magnificent amount they raised for their Charities. Well done all!

Although we didn't attend the Easter Rally (Doggy sitting for Shaun and Emma) I have heard lots of positive feedback, and it sounds like the Rally Officers worked really hard and everybody had a great time. The team that run this rally are a bit special, and I don't know how they manage to fit so much in, while dealing with all their own family stuff, another well done all!

I would also like to send Ray Carter all our best wishes, and hope he is feeling better soon. We sadly had to cover for Ray last weekend at Wilksworth Caravan Park, we enjoyed working with Nigel and Carol, but would have very much preferred Ray, to have been well enough, to be there.

We hope we will see many of you on the Rally field soon.

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.



‘ecarte-toi’

‘you have the map upside down Pauline’

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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Upcoming



WHAT'S COMING UP IN MAY

- 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 May:
 - Relax in West Sussex – East Ashling Nurseries
 - Island Fun – Lower Tye Farm
 - Light Up Chideock – Dog House Farm
 - Late Spring at Stedham – Stedham Mill Farm

A TRUE STORY....THIS TICKLED ME....

When you leave the rally field after having a lovely weekend, you get home, you don't really expect to go back a couple of hours later!

Graham Kirby and myself have done some funny things over the years - never a dull moment! But when he phone's you up to ask "did you see any of my equipment that had fallen from my caravan locker whilst on my travels home?". As it happens Graham, yes I did see a few items!

Then I found myself thinking, typical Graham shedding weight - saving fuel!

Graham decided to re-trace his journey to try and regain his possessions. I offered to go to support him - I could hear how down he sounded, he has had a tough time of late . All that said and done, I knew we would be making memories! Off we went and soon we started to come across his treasure, the more gear we collected the more happier he was!!

We came across his mallet, he was so happy until he saw the road rash it had (which made me very happy) oh how I laughed.

The moral of the story, please make sure you double check all your lockers before setting off.

Paul Hopkins.

CALENDER PERSON OF THE MONTH

Mrs April



Well, here I was in my mid-forties, assuming my days of being a calendar girl behind me! Hello! My name is Zecci Carter, the wife of Dan, mum of Evie & Clara and daughter in law to the infamous Ray!

Despite adamantly telling my late mum-in-law, Angela, many moons ago I would never own a caravan (believing I was way too hip and trendy, also known as 'delusional'), I have now been rallying for just over 11 years. You may have seen me 'taking the dog for a walk' (even though we no longer have one) at about 4am with sunglasses because it was Friday and I should have known better by now.

So, a few things about me you never realised you needed to know in your life...I love steak on the BBQ (only if Dan is cooking, I have a tendency to cremate it despite loving a pinky tinge). Could quite easily eat it on its own but Dan makes me eat vegetables!

Can often be seen enjoying a glass of fizz (not Asti) or rosé (dry) or if a little later in the evening, a cheeky glass of red (or 3 – who am I kidding? – 5!).

As for socials, I enjoy a party and counting to '4' to Mr Brightside (if you know, you know). But am equally happy tanking a quiz in a pod on a Saturday night. It's all about the company for me and I have the pleasure of being part of West Hants where this is plentiful!

As for a little story about me...I'm really rather dull but I did join the Kirbys, Palmers and Harveys on stage a few Christmases ago for an ABBA tribute night – I can honestly say I lived my best life that night! 😊

Anyway, if we have not met, come and say hello if you see my name on the rally list...I am the super short one with the really tall husband!



West Hampshire Caravan and Motorhome Club - A G M

Saturday 4th October 2025 - Awbridge Village Hall – SO51 0GQ

ANDREW PORT FELLOWSHIP AWARD - This award is for members to nominate a West Hampshire member (young or old) for their fellowship / friendship to others at any given time during the year to the centre and / or its members.

Nominations for The Andrew Port Fellowship Award to be received by the Centre Secretary by: 12.00noon Saturday 23rd August 2025

THE OLIVER SHIELD - This award is for members to nominate their most enjoyed rally run by West Hampshire in the current rally season.

Nominations for The Oliver Shield to be received by the Centre Secretary by: 12.00 noon - Saturday 23rd August 2025

RALLY BOOK COVER DESIGN 2026 (Members vote at AGM)

Email PDF entries for the Rally Book Cover Design 2026 (which must include the official CAMC and West Hampshire logo) to be received by the Centre Secretary by: **12.00 noon - Saturday 23rd August 2025**

NOTICES OF MOTION (to be received 35 days prior to AGM)

Notices of Motions, to be received in writing by the Centre Secretary by: **12.00 noon - Saturday 30th August 2025**

Nominations for CENTRE OFFICERS and COMMITTEE to be received by the Centre Secretary by: 1.30pm on Saturday 20th September 2025

Nominations for YOUTH SECTION OFFICERS and COMMITTEE to be received by the Centre Secretary by:

12.30pm on Saturday 20th September 2025

secretary@whampshirecc.co.uk



PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR 2026

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

RALLY OFFICERS NEEDED – PLEASE SPEAK TO RALLYSECRETARY@WHAMPSHIRECC.CO.UK

West Hampshire Centre Programme - By Date Order 2026

January

??	Sun 18	Sun 18	Coffee and Cake	Awbridge Village Hall	Romsey	<input type="checkbox"/>	Centre Committee	Approved	West Hampshire
WE	Fri 23	Sun 25		Sunnydale Farm		<input type="checkbox"/>	Emma Richards	Approved	West Hampshire

February

BH	Fri 13	Mon 16	Valentines at Kingfisher	Kingfisher Caravan Park	Gosport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Matt and Rachael Salvidge	Approved	East Hampshire
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March

WE	Fri 6	Sun 8		Black Knowl CAMC Site		<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Requested	
WE	Fri 20	Sun 22		Copythorne Scout HQ	Southampton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Luke and Zoe De Ste Croi	In Negotiation	West Hampshire
WE	Fri 27	Sun 29		Dinton Village Hall	Salisbury	<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved	

April

SH	Thu 2	Mon 6		Mary Hare School	Newbury	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stuart and Julie Huntley	Approved	Berkshire
WE	Fri 10	Sun 12	Youth Section	Little Metlands Farm	Bishops Walt	<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Section	Requested	West Hampshire
SH	Thu 30	Tue 5		East Ashling Nurseries	Chichester	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tony and Pauline Cane	Approved	West Sussex

May

WE	Fri 8	Sun 10		Wilksworth Caravan Park	Wimborne	<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved	East Dorset
WE	Fri 15	Sun 17	Flying High	Museum of Army Flying	Andover	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved	West Hampshi
HR	Fri 22	Sun 31		Dog House Farm	Bridport	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul and Helen Hopkins	Approved	West Dorset
SH	Fri 22	Tue 26	Clubfest	To Be Arranged		<input type="checkbox"/>	National Liasion Officer	Approved	
SH	Fri 22	Tue 26		Stedham Mill Farm	Midhurst	<input type="checkbox"/>	Colin and Sue Davis	Requested	East Hampshire

June

WE	Fri 5	Sun 7		Exbury Gardens	Southampton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved	West Hampshire
SH	Thu 11	Tue 16		Royal Victoria Country Park	Southampton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clem and Bridget Fallows	Requested	West Hampshire
WE	Fri 12	Sun 14		Setthorns Campsite		<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved (Confir	
WE	Fri 19	Sun 21		Brocklands Farm	Petersfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dan & Zecci Carter	Requested	East Hampshire
SH	Thu 25	Mon 29		The 3 Magpies Caravan and Camping Site - Devizes	Melksham	<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved	Wiltshire
WE	Fri 26	Sun 28		Basingstoke Canal	Mitchett	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matt and Rachael Salvidge	Approved	West Surrey

July

SH	Thu 2	Mon 6	South West Centres	Cirencester Park		<input type="checkbox"/>	Centre Invitation	Approved	
WE	Fri 3	Sun 5		Pyesmead Farm, Plaitford	Romsey	<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	In Negotiation	West Hampshire
WE	Fri 10	Sun 12		Sopley Farm	Christchurch	<input type="checkbox"/>	Colin and Sue Davis	Approved	West Hampshire
WE	Fri 17	Sun 19		Bampton Farm	Lymington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved	West Hampshire
WE	Fri 24	Sun 26	Summer Fun with the Youth Se	Awbridge Village Hall	Romsey	<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Section	Approved	West Hampshire
WE	Fri 31	Sun 2		Summerlands Caravan Park		<input type="checkbox"/>	Emma and Shaun Elsey	Approved	Wiltshire

August

HR	Sat 15	Sat 22		Little Winnick Touring Park	St Austell	<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved (Confir	
SH	Fri 28	Tue 1		Lower Tye, Hayling Island		<input type="checkbox"/>	Colin and Sue Davis	Approved	East Hampshire
SH	Fri 28	Tue 1	East Kent 60th Birthday	Ashford Rugby Club	Ashford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Invitation From Other Cent	Approved	

September

WE	Fri 4	Sun 6		The Kiln	Farnham	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matt and Rachael Salvidge	Approved	
WE	Fri 4	Sun 6		The 3 Magpies Caravan and Camping Site - Devizes	Melksham	<input type="checkbox"/>		Approved	Wiltshire
HR	Sat 12	Sat 19		South Lychett Manor Caravan Park	Poole	<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved	East Dorset
WE	Fri 18	Sun 20		Copythorne Scout HQ	Southampton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	T B A	In Negotiation	West Hampshire

October

WE	Fri 2	Sun 4	AGM Rally	Awbridge Village Hall	Romsey	<input type="checkbox"/>	Centre Committee	Approved	West Hampshire
??	Sat 3	Sat 3	AGM	Awbridge Village Hall	Romsey	<input type="checkbox"/>	Centre Committee	Approved	West Hampshire
HR	Sat 24	Sat 31		Hoburne Blue Anchor	Minehead	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emma and Shaun Elsey	Approved	
BH	Thu 29	Sun 1		Parley Glade		<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved	East Dorset

November

WE	Fri 6	Sun 8		Dinton Village Hall	Salisbury	<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Approved	
WE	Fri 13	Sun 15		Longleat Caravan Club Site		<input type="checkbox"/>	T B A	Book	

December

WE	Fri 4	Sun 6	Xmas Party	Salisbury Camping & Caravan Club Site		<input type="checkbox"/>	Alvin and Paulina Hollowa	Book	
??	Sun 6	Sat 5	Childrens Xmas Party	Plaitford Village Hall		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emma and Shaun Elsey	Book	



RALLYING FUN IN MARCH

Spring in the Forest – Centenary Site

Lovely site situated in the New Forest, with gorgeous walks and cycle routes. Burley (known as the Witch village) is near by, as well as Bransgore and Christchurch.

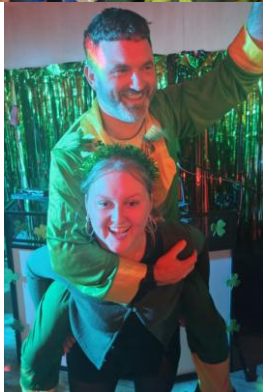


Back for the Craic – Copythorne Scout Hut

A weekend of celebrating St Patrick's Day. The sun was out so everyone enjoyed some countryside walks. The potato throwing game was a hit, after having morning wobbly coffee (whiskey/baileys tippie treats). The evening was in full swing with Irish music, our fabulous Irish dancer Esmea, and everyone partied the night away to DJ Ian. Guinness and Whiskey Jac jugs helped with the energy levels in the room, as the dance floor was full all night.



Back for the Craic (continued)



Back for the Craic (continued)



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

Youth Section Riddles – 1. April Mules' Day! 2. Silly string! 3. Because it had a hard drive!

Thank You, from your editor Emma Elsey



HERE FOR A GOOD TIME, NOT A LONG TIME X