



NEWSLETTER NO.9 – DRESSING UP JULY 2025

Caravan hair!

I am very excited to share prom pictures (further down in the newsletter – keep reading) of 5 of the Youth Section children, that finished school this year. They all look incredible. It's amazing that our older Youth Section members still enjoy rallying, and they enjoy volunteering and raising money for charity too. The younger Youth Section members really look up to the older ones, and what an amazing example our teenagers set.

This made me think about caravan attire, as we don't often see each other all dressed up do we, unless you are lucky enough to go to the Xmas party rally, where everyone makes such an effort and looks lovely all dressed up.

I have caravan hair most of the time (not looking particularly tidy!), and it's all about the comfy clothes for me when I'm away. Wearing shorts most of the time, so we can bend over and sort stuff out in the van!

Who owns a nice hoody or oody or fleece? Bet you are all nodding now! Something warm to pop on in the evening, because we love to sit out with friends having a drink and natter don't we. I have a cream fluffy jumper that I leave in the van, for those colder evenings. Shaun says I am wearing a sheep (bring out the sheep!), but I think deep down he's a little jealous of the sheep jumper! When I bought Poppy and I an oody (oversized hoody), Shaun wanted one too!

Do you leave your clothes/jumpers in the van? Do you have two of a lot of things, so you can have one for the van. I have two pairs of walking boots, so I can leave one pair in the van.

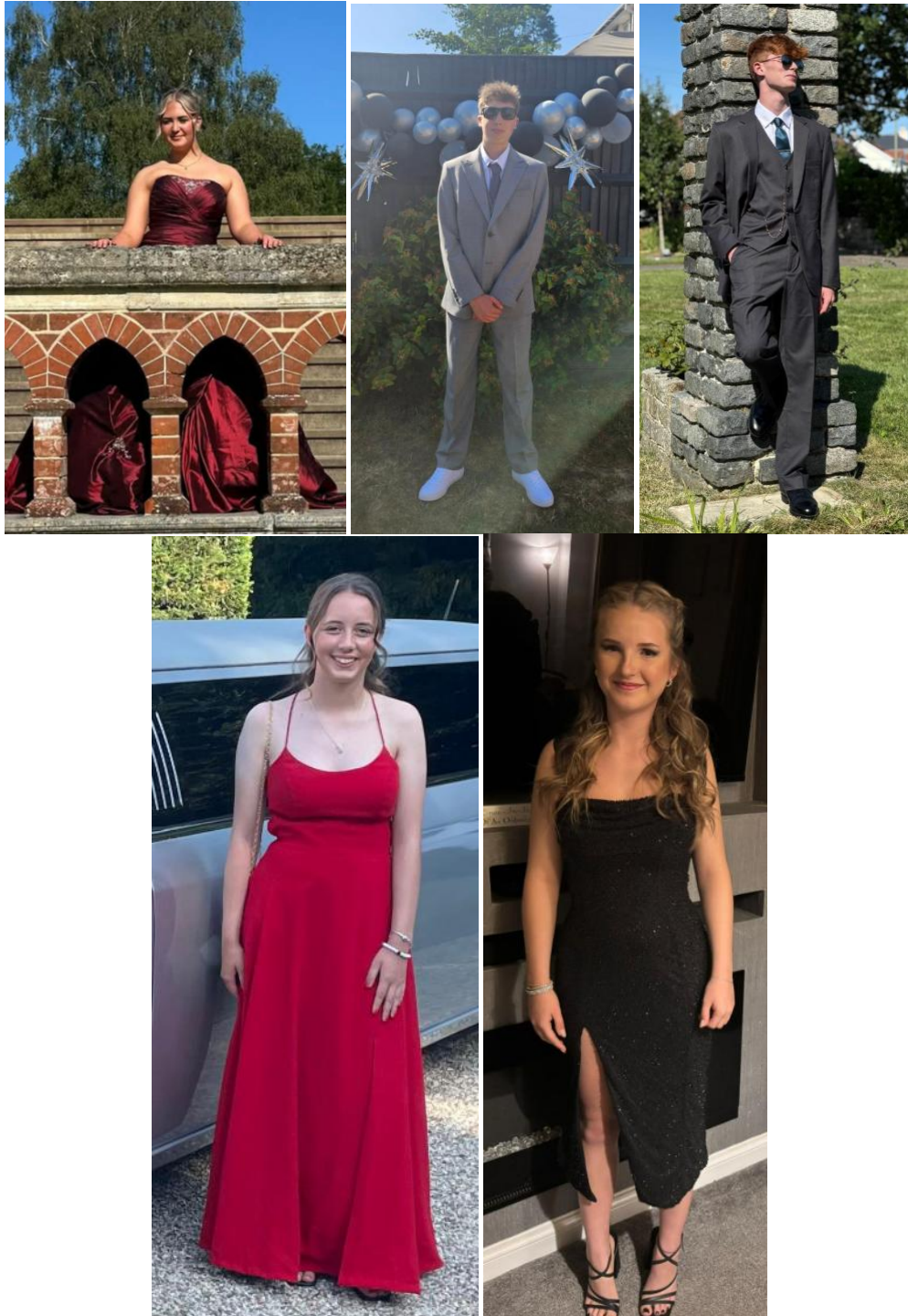
Check me out....I'll have two please! Alright princess!



PROM NIGHT 2025

5 of our Youth Section finished school this year. Look how incredible they all looked on their prom night, all dressed up, looking very grown up.

BETHANY / ALEX / ETHAN / CAROLINE / GRACE



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



Hi, my name is Mason. I am 12 years old and this is my first year on youth section. I started caravanning when I was 9 months old with my parents and have also enjoyed many holidays with my grandparents. I love rallying with my family and friends. Outside of caravanning I enjoy watching and playing football.



Hello. My name is Luke and I have been on the Youth Section for a few years now and maybe a few to come! I have enjoyed rallying and playing manhunt these past few years and my favourite rallies are Mary Hare and Chideock. I enjoy these ones because there are lots of opportunities for games and spending time with friends.

I also used to work in a library. Funny story about that, actually. One day a chicken comes in and says 'bok' so I gave him a book and he left. The next day he comes in and the same thing happens. This goes on for a few more days until finally I wonder why on earth this chicken needs so many books. So I follow him out and all the way to our local pond, where he's throwing the books at a frog. The chicken keeps throwing books and saying 'bok, bok' and each time the frog replies with 'redit, redit'

Thank you, I'm here all week if you want another joke come find me on the rally field and I will be happy to oblige.



THOUGHTS OF CHAIRMAN MIKE

We are full on into Summer now and so far, it is a good one and the Rally Fields have been sunny and dry. The schools are breaking up for summer this week so let's hope it stays nice for all the families to enjoy their holidays.

We hardly seem to have been at home this month, which is the way we like it, flitting from one rally to the next, and the next couple of months should be more of the same for us.

I know you are all concentrating on the summer holidays, and correctly so, but for us the AGM is coming into focus and will be here with us very soon. It is a sort of regime change year as I have completed my second term of office and will be handing over to a new Chairman and a New Team of officers and committee members, I wish them great success for the future, and I hope to watch the centre thrive and adapt to the challenges ahead.

If you have considered stepping forwards to join the team at West Hant's, now would be a very good time to throw your hat into the ring, so to speak. **We need good people of all ages**, to work together to keep the centre vibrant and to keep our events developing and wonderful for us all to enjoy, which is what it's all about. If you're thinking about standing for election, please get a nomination form and send it in to the Secretary ASAP.

We also need Rally Officers, past, present and future, to keep the Rallies running for everybody to enjoy. Please come forward and take part as the Rallies will not run themselves!

OK that's enough from me, back to holiday mode for another couple of months at least!

I hope we see many of you soon on the rally field with West Hant's.

Happy Rallying – Mike

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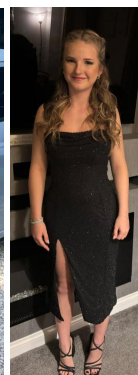
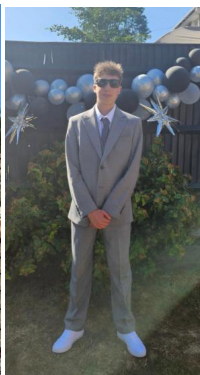
A fun addition to the Newsletter.
Here is a picture and now you can enjoy adding a caption to it.



Sticking with the prom theme.....

'Grandad offered to take you to your prom in his motorhome'

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:-
emma.elsey@whampshirecc.co.uk



Upcoming

EVENTS

WHAT'S COMING UP IN AUGUST

- 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 August:
 - Summertime at Summerlands – Summerlands
 - Summer at Chideock – Dog House Farm
 - Summer at Dawlish – Warren Farm
 - Southern Centres – Walton on Thames
 - Late Summer at Hayling – Lower Tye Farm
 - Canalside – 3 Magpies PH

PROM VENUES

Where were their proms held – guess the venue?

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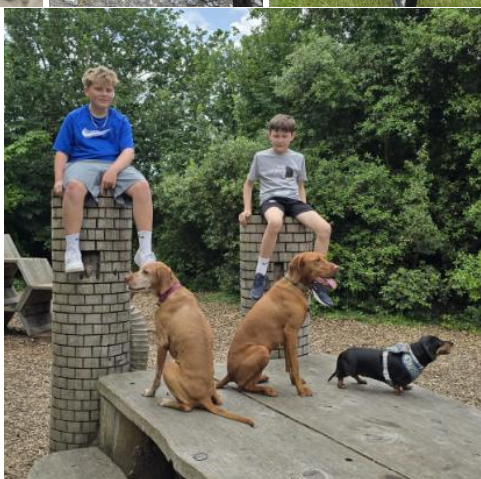
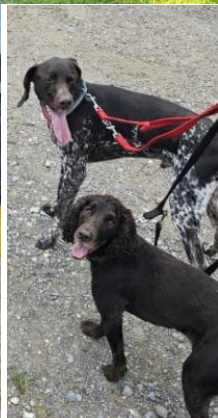
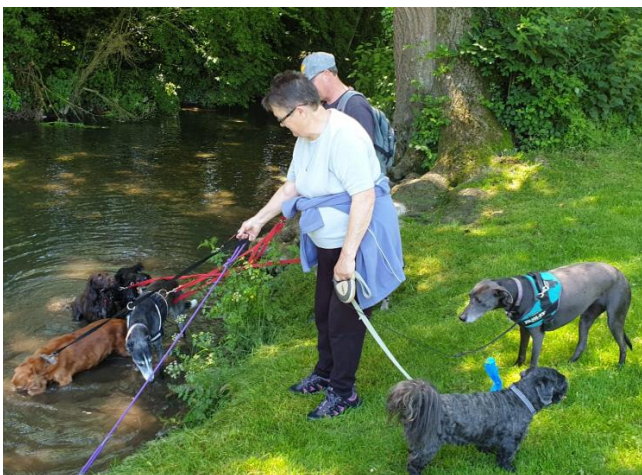


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IT'S A DOGS LIFE

Our lovely pets, our family, have an amazing life. Visiting wonderful places and going on lots of new adventures.



CALENDER PERSON OF THE MONTH

Mrs July



Me with my beautiful granddaughter

Suzy Smith

I've been rallying since 2001, when my kids decided they wanted to keep meeting up with the other children they had met on the Bashley rally we booked to get a good deal at a posh site . Both Eloise and Leon went on to be in the Youth Section, and I was on the committee for a good few years.

We loved the good old ASK and the Wessex, and we ran endless holiday rallies .

Now I take my lovely mum, Maggie, and our dogs away with me, and I help run much smaller, more laid-back rallies.

I love socials where there is food. Our last two rallies had awesome American suppers!

I love a decent G&T or a good local ale, as a vegetarian, I'm not a huge BBQ fan, but mention a cheese board, and I'm your gall!

I was reminded the other weekend of a story. Whilst at the social at Chideock, lots of the kids were in my van, as usual. Unbeknownst to me, Leon had prepared a surprise for me...

That night, we tucked into our bunks, and I switched off the light...the entire caravan lit up in a crazy splatter show of glow in the dark colours. Over the ceiling, the blinds, the cupboards and the curtains. Leon had opened and flicked about a dozen glowsticks everywhere!

It took the rest of the holiday for them to fade. There was no lasting damage, but Leon went without tuck for a month and had to attempt to clean it all.



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: 12.00 noon 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



RALLYING FUN IN JUNE

Relaxing Dorset - South Lytchett Manor

Enjoying bacon rolls together, cooked by the rally officers. Thank you to Steve and Yvonne from the Cheshire Centre who played and sang for everyone, after the fun music bingo evening.

John and Nicky's first rally and their towing vehicle broke down, so good luck to your second trip away.



Play in the Park – Royal Victoria Country Park

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the 10 days at RVCP, being by the sea in the scorching sun. Perfect place to relax. The rally officers had an inspection from the CAMC health and safety officer, and they were very happy with everything they had done and put in place. They are happy with West Hants, which was great to hear. They did make one suggestion about us using 'what3words' for exact locations, in case of emergencies, which was really warranted and useful feedback, that is being looked into.



Chill at the farm – Brocklands Farm

Gorgeous site (as you can see by the lovely pictures) and fun had by all. Name that tune with Zecci, and smoke that meat with Dan.



Feedback is a gift....

What would you like to read about?

Do you enjoy the amount of photos I put into the Newsletters or is it too many?

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

Prom venues :-

1. All Hallows Catholic School
2. Bayhouse School
3. Botley Park Hotel
4. Park Community School

Thank You, from your editor Emma Elsey



#PROMNIGHT