



NEWSLETTER NO.8 – FESTIVAL VIBES JUNE 2025

Music festivals in the sun!

IOW festival looked fantastic this month, on the tv. We went a few years ago and had the best time. The weather was incredible, which always helps, and there was a great mix of old and new artists like UB40 and Rudimental. I have also been to Glastonbury, 4 times in my late teens early 20's. I have been there in the sunshine, chilling in the hippy fields, and I have also been there in horrendous rain. It rained so bad one year, that they had to send divers down into one field because the water was above the tents.

You can't beat wellies with shorts though, for a festival. I feel like that's how I pack when I go away in the caravan – wellies / raincoat / shorts / flip flops – ready for all occasions.

Have you been to any music festivals? I would love to hear about them.

Do you think you are at a home-made festival sometimes, when you are sat outside your van, in the sun, with the music playing. You get to choose the artists and enjoy a more luxury style of 'festival', in your caravan or motorhome with heating and a shower, rather than in a tent!

Shaun loves to have his music playing while cooking on the BBQ. Bit of time to himself, without me talking at him! He also loves playing music in the evening and taking it in turns to choose the next song. There are some absolutely cracking tunes played, sometimes songs you have forgotten all about, that are really awesome tunes.

Music takes you back to a time and a place doesn't it. Takes you to a stand-out memory moment in your life. Music is magical like that isn't it.



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



RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITY

The Youth Section are selling whistles for 50pence. All proceeds go towards their chosen charities.



A huge shout out to these gorgeous girls (and Charlie but she is not in the picture). They decided to paint rocks at Chideock, and sell them, and gave all the money they made to the Youth Sections chosen charities. No one asked them to or told them to, they did it because they wanted to. They are a credit to you parents. Our future Youth Section members.



THE YOUTH SECTION YAPPIES



My name is Ella-Rose, I am 14 years old and in Year 10 at school. I have been a member of the Youth Section team for the past 2 years. I really enjoy being part of a team and helping to organise the Youth Section rallies. I don't have a favourite rally, I really enjoy caravanning and going to lots of different places, I especially like being outdoors and climbing trees and spending time with my friends.

I love drama and theatre, In September 2024 I joined a Youth Drama group at The Mast in Southampton, I played the role of Doris in their recent show 'Fresh Air'. I got to act in the show at both The Mast Theatre in Southampton and at The Lighthouse Theatre in Poole. I am also in my school production of 'Matilda'. My favourite musical is 'Hamilton' which I went to see at The Mayflower with my friend Laura.



Hi, my name is Caroline. I have been part of the youth section for a few years now, I enjoy going to the rallies and seeing all my friends there. You may see me on the rally field walking my dog, Luna, she is very friendly and likes to say hello. However if we go on a group walk she always likes to be at the front and normally finds the muddiest puddle she can! My favourite rally is Chideock. It has nice walks and good scenery. If you see me on the rally field please say hello!

Riddles

- 1) I make two people out of one. What am I?
- 2) David's father has 3 children, called:- Snap, Crackle and _____
- 3) The more you take, the more you leave behind. "What am I?"



THOUGHTS OF CHAIRMAN MIKE

WOW we asked for the Sun, now we are all hiding in the shade! We have just returned home from running the Three Magpies Rally where we had a bit of all kinds of weather. It started wet and windy, but it was mostly scorching hot, mustn't complain though as we had a great long weekend behind the pub. During the Rally, we had a continuous stream of Helicopters passing close to the site, I was wondering what was going on until Caroline Frost told me about the Radar app for the phone which identifies all the aircraft and where they are going (thanks Caroline). Turned out we were under the VIP flightpath to Glastonbury, which was only 20 or so miles away, there must be a lot of VIPs at Glasto!

June was a very busy month for us as we hardly seem to have been at home. Being retired means we enjoy all the extended Rallies which this month included Chideock, South Lytchett Manor, Royal Victoria CP and Three Magpies. And guess what, we are only home for a week before we are off to Bampton Farm for another long weekend (we love it!!). It is a big thanks from me to all the Rally Officers that make it happen.

Now summer has arrived, let's hope it stays for a while and our July Rallies, and the summer holiday Rallies all have good weather. I know the Gardeners and the water company would like some rain, so I guess a *little occasionally* would be ideal, so we can carry on enjoying the summer.

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

Happy Rallying – Mike

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Make up your own caption.....

A fun addition to the Newsletter, where you can enjoy adding your own caption to it.



'Emma Richard's next caravan' - if Ruben lets her!

'Little did the caravan community know that Liberace was once a keen caravanner'

Please send me any fun pics you have for this section of the newsletter:-

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BBQ SEASON



Matt Salvidge and Sean Tarrant, fully committed to BBQ season. I am very impressed guys. Well done.

No fair-weather chefs here.

CALENDER PERSON OF THE MONTH

Mrs June



Sue Southwell

Hi my name is Sue and I am married to Frank and our three boys, now all grown up with families of their own, joined the Caravan Club as it was then and the West Hampshire Centre in 1984, our grandchildren also grew up attending rallies with us. We have run many rallies we lost count at 70 and taken part in all kinds of rallies and social events.

One of our favourite rallies was the bi-annual Rally of Wessex and it was a privilege to receive the winners' cup on behalf of the West Hampshire Centre in 2000, special rallies like the VE rally at Middle Wallop in 1995, the Easter rallies at Parley where the It's a Knock out competition always ended in a water fight, the Christmas rallies at Bashley park and Sandy Balls with mulled wine, hot chestnuts, mince pie and the raucous singing of the twelve days of Christmas, evening discos trying to follow the youth section doing a new dance routine to one of the latest songs, we use to dance all night. It's a fact that every rally has its own special memories,

Our favourite tippie is a long Gin and Tonic or an adhoc cocktail on a summers evening sat outside our van with friends followed by a BBQ of whatever takes our fancy or what's left in the fridge it could be a burger, sausages or a nice piece of steak or chicken. We don't tend to BBQ much these days but used to enjoy the communal BBQs at the rally office on summer rallies where we would all take our BBQ, table and chairs, food and drink and spend the evening cooking, drinking and having fun.

I am sure that all members past and present of The West Hampshire Centre agree that rallying is a great life and long may it continue.

The photo was taken at the Halloween Rally in Oct 2016.



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)

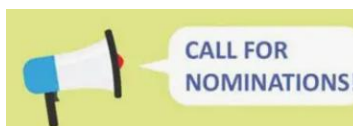
Notices of Motions, to be received in writing by the Centre Secretary by: **12.00 noon - Saturday 30th August 2025**

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:

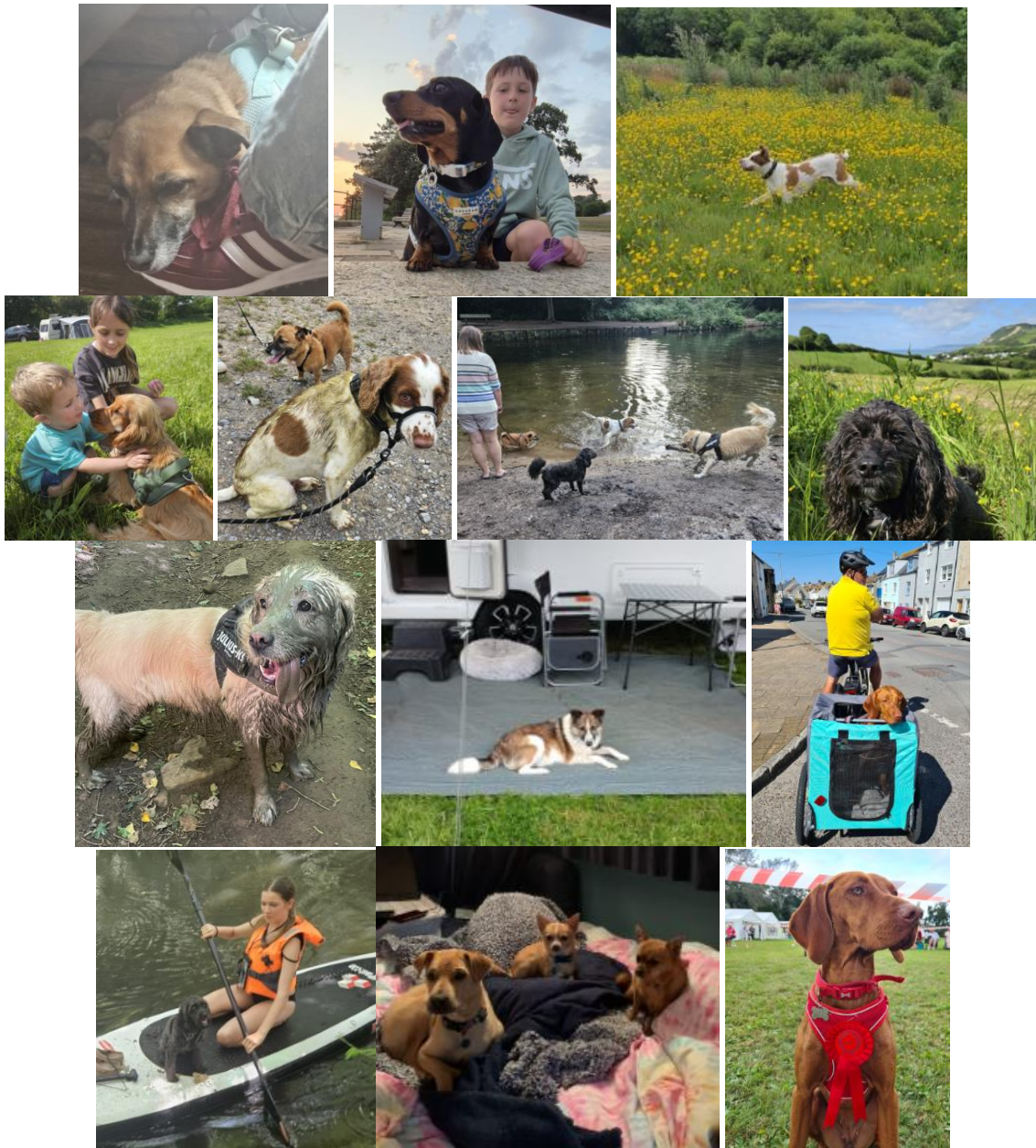
12.30pm on Saturday 20th September 2025

secretary@whampshirecc.co.uk



IT'S A DOGS LIFE

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



Thank you to Rick Hendry and wife Bernadette

Rick was playing his Alto Saxophone when we arrived on site at the Canal Side rally, and it was lovely to hear when we were setting up the van. The songs were all recognizable, they were classics (old and new) and we could sing along to them.

Rick has only been playing for 6 years, as he started when he retired at age 66, and he is now in 3 bands. Jazz Quest is the largest band he is in.



****RALLY OFFICERS NEEDED****

We have several rallies (events), next year, that don't have rally officers – weekends/weeks. We are lucky enough to have a thriving centre with over 40 events on throughout the year, already in the calender and booked in with sites/venues.

These events cannot happen without rally officers.

Current rally officers – would you like to run another one? Big or small?

New rally officers - If you are thinking you would like to run a rally, but you have not done it before, please do not worry. We can put you with experienced rally officers that will be able to show you the ropes.

If you would like to know more, and/or put your name forward to run a rally – please can you speak to Helen Walton (rallysecretary@whampshirecc.co.uk)

RALLYING FUN IN MAY

Island Fun - Lower Tye Farm

Look at the glorious sunshine (blue sky) and lovely short grass. The location of this rally is fantastic for walks, or a bus ride to the seafront. There is also a great pub near by that does really good food.



This picture shows the commitment to finding a lost sewing needle.



Relax in West Sussex – East Ashling Nurseries

Outstanding effort by the rally officers to make the VE day celebrations, one to remember.



Late Spring at Stedham – Stedham Mill Farm

American supper with fun and games, and glorious blue skies. The Task Master game was hilarious, where ralliers had to recreate classic computer games, so everyone enjoyed human versions of PacMan, Space Invaders and Pong.



Light up Chideock – Dog House Farm

What a wonderful part of the country. The Jurassic coastline. Lovely walks up the hills, to Golden Cap, to the beach, and to West Bay and Bridport. Bus rides to Lyme Regis were enjoyed by many. Cocktails, pimm's, cream tea and afternoon games were great fun. Skittles at The Clock was attended by many with the exciting game of Killer at the end. Kids club was well attended to do rock painting and play games. Some adults attended even if their children didn't!



Light up Chideock – Dog House Farm (continued)



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

Youth Section Riddles – 1. A mirror 2. David 3. Footsteps

Guess the words :-

1. The word is 'STARTING' (starting, staring, string, sting, sing, sin, in, I). Cool,huh!
2. Cane, Mane, Main, Rain, Brain, Bran, Brand, Band
3. Head, Heal, Teal, Tell, Tall, Tail, Mail, Mall

Thank You, from your editor Emma Elsey



Pork Chop Panties