



Your Newsletter Editor



February, what can I say. It's been another busy one for me, cheer related again. Hence the pic above, me in my team cheerleading competition kit. Taken at Wembley, the first competition of the year, then followed by Hamburg two weeks later. Both mine and Emilia's teams did very well! And immensely proud of them!

We've had Valentine rally this month at Kingfisher and it looked to be a great rally from what I can see in the pictures sent to me, and a great location. Which I have shared below.

We've had news that Alan Port and his wife Anne have had to say farewell to the club and sent a lovely farewell message, which I have shared below. We have recently heard of the passing of Colin Walker, if you would like to attend his funeral details of this are included in the announcements section.

Please keep sending over details of rallies you've attended during March, so I can add these to the March newsletter. There are some fun rallies coming up and excited to see and hear what you got up to.

If you have anything special you would like me to add, announcements or anything you wish to share within the centre. Please send to me on laura.randell@whampshirecc.co.uk



Centre Chair

It looks like Spring is well and truly on the way now, with lighter mornings and evenings plus lots of Spring flowers which all bodes well for our 2026 rallies.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Valentines Rally at Kingfisher Caravan Park. The lovely weather on the Saturday enabled many people to explore the local area although for those leaving on Sunday it was rather a wet pack up and journey home. Many thanks to the rally officers.

As reported in my last report we held the Open Forum in January and after committee discussions at the meeting, I'm sharing the main points with you all.

- Photographs on Social Media – Please advise rally officers, centre committee if you do not wish to be featured in photos that are likely to be added to our Facebook or Instagram pages.**
- Amalgamation of Centres – Centres can apply to merge with others if they are unable to form a committee. CAMC HQ are still reviewing options available to centres and will report in due course.**
- Centre Grants – Given by CAMC HQ to centres to cover AGM and meeting costs. Grants used to be banded based on membership, now all centres will receive the same amount, for West Hants that means a reduction.**
- Social Media – The centre continues to use a closed Facebook group, which only West Hants members can access. We also now have an Instagram account to enable us to promote rallies and events to a wider audience. Applications to join will be reviewed by Steph Maddern, who is the committee member responsible for social media.**

The Youth Section are gearing up in anticipation of their rallies in April and July, please do support them and help to raise funds for their chosen charity.

Emma, our Rally Secretary has been busy booking rallies for 2027, we hope to be able to share a draft programme with you soon.

As our rallies start to increase in regularity I look forward to catching up with many of you.

Helen

RALLIES

RALLY BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE - MAKE SURE TO GRAB YOUR COPY.

TO BOOK A RALLY ONLINE, FOLLOW THE BELOW LINK WHICH WILL TAKE YOU TO THE RALLY PAGE

[HTTPS://WHAMPSHIRECC.CO.UK/INDEX.PHP/2026-RALLIES/](https://whampshirecc.co.uk/index.php/2026-rallies/)

UPCOMING RALLIES -

RALLY 5 - 13TH MARCH TO 15TH MARCH - BACK FOR THE CRAIC - COPYTHORNE SCOUT HUT

RALLY 6 - 14TH MARCH - SWD QUESTION TIME - NATIONAL MOTOR MUSEUM BEAULIEU

RALLY 7 - 20TH MARCH TO 22ND - SPRING IN THE FOREST - CENTENARY SITE

RALLY 8 - 27TH MARCH TO 29TH MARCH - 80'S WEEKEND - DINTON VILLAGE HALL

RALLY 9 - 2ND APRIL TO 6TH APRIL - OUT OF THIS WORLD - MARY HARE SCHOOL

RALLY 10 - 10TH APRIL TO 12TH APRIL - YOUTH SECTION FUN - LITTLE METLANDS

FEBRUARY RALLIES

VALENTINES RALLY

13TH FEBRUARY - 14TH FEBRUARY

A RALLY OF ROMANCE AT KINGFISHER CARAVAN PARK IN LEE ON SOLENT. A SITE WHICH IS A SHORT STROLL TO STOKE BAY FOR A COASTAL WALK OR TO ALVER VALLEY COUNTRY PARK.

IN LEE THERE ARE CAFES, PUBS, RESTAURANTS, INCLUDING 2 TAP ROOMS. FURTHER ALONG IS GOSPORT WITH SHOPS, SUBMARINE MUSEUM, EXPLOSION MUSEUM. A LITTLE FERRY RIDE WILL TAKE YOU OVER TO PORTSMOUTH AND THE HISTORIC DOCKYARD, HOME TO 'THE MARY ROSE', SEE HMS VICTORY, AND VISIT GUNWHARF QUAYS FOR DESIGNER SHOPS RESTAURANT AND BARS.



RALLY NOTIFICATIONS

CHANGE TO - RALLY 44 XMAS AT SALISBURY.

**WILL NOW BE HELD ON THE WEEKEND OF
27TH - 29TH NOVEMBER 2026**

South West Centres
2026
1st-7th July
Live entertainment all booked
To coincide with the Cotswold show
Fun packed weekend for all
Southwestcentres.co.uk

To book this Event go to our website
www.southwestcentres.co.uk

Book this
<https://cotswoldshow.ticketmaster.co.uk/tickets/2026-show>

Book this
cristps.study.grief

You can book from the 1st-7th or just the weekend

CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB

The Man They Call G
SATURDAY 4TH JULY

DETOURS
FRIDAY 3RD JULY

COTSWOLD SHOW FOOD FESTIVAL
Sat 4th & Sun 5th July 2026

Fish and chips Saturday evening

pizza Friday evening

All this going on at beautiful Cirencester park

MAKE SURE TO BOOK YOUR SPACE ON THE SOUTH WEST CENTRES RALLY!! LOCATED IN CIRENCESTER PARK, RIGHT BY AND COINCIDES WITH THE COSTWOLD SHOW.

**TO BOOK VISIT
WWW.SOUTHWESTCENTRES.CO.UK**

WEST HAMPSHIRE YOUTH SECTION 2025 - 2026

FROM OUR YOUTH SECTION

EACH MONTH GET TO LEARN A LITTLE ABOUT EACH OF OUR YOUTH SECTION. WHICH RALLIES THEY ENJOY AND THEIR FAVOURITE ACTIVITIES.



Hi!

My name is Clara and I am 11 years old. I have been caravanning since I was 1-month old. I enjoy caravanning because I make lots of new friends and have loads of fun.

This is my first year in youth section so I am really excited.

Life outside of being on the rally field, I like hanging out with friends and family, going to school, singing, dancing and rock climbing.



Hi!

My name is Ella, I am 11 years old. This is my first year on youth section.

I've been caravanning since I was 2 months old. I enjoy caravanning because I get to see all my friends and stay up late.

Outside of caravanning I enjoy reading, netball and going to the park with my friends.

AS YOU ARE AWARE THE RALLIES FOR 2026 ARE AVAILABLE TO BOOK THIS INCLUDES THE TWO YOUTH RALLIES. FIND DETAILS OF THESE BELOW AND DON'T FORGET TO BOOK ON AS THESE ARE TO HELP SUPPORT THEIR NOMINATED CHARITY MIND.

RALLY 10 - 10TH - 12TH APRIL - LITTLE METLANDS

RALLY 26 - 24TH TO 26TH JULY - AWBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

**YOUTH SECTION NOMINATED
CHARITY
FOR 2025/2026**



SOLENT MIND | FOR BETTER MENTAL HEALTH IN HAMPSHIRE



WEST HANTS IS ON INSTAGRAM!!!!

WEST HANTS CARAVAN CLUB IS NOW ON INSTAGRAM, TO GET THE CENTRE SHOWN OUT THERE, TO WHAT CARAVAN LIFE CAN BE LIKE. SHOW THE AMAZING PLACES WE VISIT AND ADVENTURES WE GO ON. YOU CAN SHARE YOUR PICTURES, REELS AND VIDEOS OF RALLIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

THE PAGE IS MONITORED BY OUR SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE MEMBER STEPH MADDERN. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO SEND ANY CONTENT PLEASE REACH OUT TO HER ON STEPH.MADDERN@WHAMPSHIRECC.CO.UK

CHECK OUT THE PAGE BY FOLLOWING THIS LINK

[HTTPS://WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/WESTHAMPSHIRECC/](https://www.instagram.com/westhampshirecc/)

NOTICE!

THE CENTRE ARE LOOKING TO EXPAND THEIR SOCIAL MEDIA USE. IF YOU DON'T WISH TO APPEAR IN ANY PHOTOS TAKEN AT EVENTS PLEASE ADVISE EITHER THE RALLY OFFICERS, STEPH OR OF ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER.

CHARITIES

PLEASE FIND BELOW DETAILS OF A COUPLE OF CHARITIES THAT OUR FELLOW WEST HANTS RALLIERS ARE RAISING MONEY FOR.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THIER CHARITES, PLEASE FOLLOW THE JUST GIVING LINKS PROVIDED.

CLAIRE TARRANT IS COMPLETING THE WINDSOR MIGHTY HIKE MARATHON IN JUNE IN AID OF MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT.

IF YOU CAN SPARE ANY PENNIES OR POUNDS TO DONATE TO A VERY WORTHY CAUSE AND HELP CLAIRE RACH HER TARGET PLEASE FOLLOW THE BELOW LINK TO CLAIRE'S JUST GIVING PAGE.

[CLAIRE'S MIGHTY HIKE - JUST GIVING PAGE](#)



CHARITIES

FREDDIES MEMORIAL GOLF DAY 2026



HI ALL,

WE HAVE ASKED IF WE COULD HAVE A SMALL WRITE UP PRINTED IN THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER TO SPREAD THE WORD. AS SOME OF YOU KNOW ALREADY, THE UNIMAGINABLE HAPPENED TO US MADDERN'S 6 YEARS AGO. WE WELCOMED A PERFECT LITTLE BOY INTO THIS WORLD, BUT AFTER JUST A FEW DAYS WE HAD TO SAY GOODBYE TO HIM AS HE WASN'T READY TO FACE THIS WORLD JUST YET.

SO WITH THIS, HIS DAD TOM AND GRANDAD LES, WHO PLAY GOLF OR LIKE A LEISURELY WALK IN ALL WEATHERS AROUND A GOLF COURSE CHASING A SMALL BALL AROUND. WE DECIDED TO REMEMBER HIM BY HOSTING FREDDIES MEMORIAL GOLF DAY EACH YEAR TO CELEBRATE HIM IN OUR OWN WAY, AND RAISE MONEY FOR HIS TWO CHARITIES THAT HELPED US AT THE TIME, AND WHO ARE STILL SUPPORTING US.

THIS YEAR LIKE LAST, WE ARE RAISING MONEY FOR NAOMI HOUSE AND HOSPICE. THIS IS OUR WAY AS A FAMILY, THANKING THEM FOR EVERYTHING THEY DO! NOT JUST FOR US IN OUR HOUR OF NEED, BUT OTHER YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. WITHOUT THEIR SUPPORT AND DEDICATION, WE WOULDN'T BE AS STRONG AS A FAMILY AS WE ARE TODAY!

**[HTTPS://WWW.JUSTGIVING.COM/PAGE/TOM-MADDERN-1727278820260?
UTM_MEDIUM=FA&UTM_SOURCE=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/tom-maddern-1727278820260?utm_medium=fa&utm_source=cl)**

SO WE ARE ASKING IF YOU CAN SPARE A FEW PENNIES. IF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND TO DONATE ON THE JUST GIVING PAGE, VIA THE LINK ABOVE TO HELP US RAISE AS MUCH MONEY AS POSSIBLE. LET'S SEE IF WE CAN RAISE EVEN MORE THAN WE DID AT LAST YEAR'S EVENT.

WE HAVE A FEW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING THIS YEAR ON THE 21ST MARCH SO I'M SURE SOME PHOTOS WILL COME THROUGH, BUT IF NOTHING ELSE, CAN WE ASK AT SOME POINT ON THE 21ST MARCH, YOU JOIN US WHEREVER YOU MAY BE, LOOK UP AT THE SKY, AND A RAISE A GLASS AND SMILE.

**LOVE TO YOU ALL,
TOM, STEPH, CLARA AND GRACE
AND NOT FORGETTING BRUNO!!**

A FOND FAREWELL....

Anne and I have been members of the West Hampshire Centre since 1988. We joined the Caravan Club and West Hampshire when I was still in the Royal Navy. We have attended over 700 rallies with our Centre, plus many more with other Centres, as well as visits to Club sites and CLs. Many of these rallies were with our daughter Claire and son Andrew, who were both active members of the Youth Section. In the not-so-distant past, I was Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Committee member, Secretary and finally Centre Chairman.

Sadly, we lost our dear 'Andy' when he was 21, and the Youth Section Chairman's medallion and Fellowship Trophy were presented to the Centre in his memory. We will always be grateful for all the support we had from our Centre friends at the time.

The highlight of my time as Chairman was leading the Committee to run the Centre's 3,000th Celebration Rally at Broadlands in 2007, where nearly 400 vans attended.

We've always included a boat trip in our holiday rallies, whenever we can. I still need my 'sea fix' from time to time, especially since my navy days! We even ran a rally at Gosport in 2005 for the International Festival of the Sea, with almost 200 vans in attendance. I won't go into too much detail about the re-enactment of the 'Dunkirk Evacuation' during one of our Dawlish rallies! Some of our members might remember the Winter Programme event we organised a few years ago, when nearly 50 of us left Southampton on a cruise ship for a short pre-Christmas trip to Amsterdam. I don't think anyone else has tried running a 'rally' at sea before! As you can see, there's a bit of a theme going on here.

We moved to Devon nearly nine years ago to be closer to our daughter and her family, so we haven't been as active with the Centre in recent years. However, we have still added a few West Hampshire Rally Officer plaques to our collection of almost 100, as well as attending other rallies when we were able. We even managed to encourage over 20 West Hampshire outfits to join us for a week-long holiday rally at Dornafield, quite close to our new home in the West Country. The last rally we ran was at Devizes in June last year, and our final rally was at Lymington in July.

We've really enjoyed our 37 years exploring the United Kingdom in our various caravans and, finally, our motorhome, and even on one occasion, venturing to France.

Health issues have made us rethink our leisure plans for the future. After having the motorhome sit unused on our drive since last July, we have decided that it is time to move on from our Motorhome/Caravanning days. Making a decision while we can is far better than having a decision made for us. We finally said goodbye to our motorhome today. We'll undoubtedly miss it, but we already have plans to continue our other love of cruising, once I get the go-ahead to travel again.

Anne and I are sending our warmest wishes to all West Hampshire members, whether you are old friends or new faces, for many more joyful rallies ahead!

West Hampshire is truly a special Centre, and we hope you will all take great care of it.

Alan Port

Past Centre Chairman - 2005 to 2007

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sadly we must report the death of Colin Walker. Colin and his wife rallied with the centre for a number of years, also running rallies for others to enjoy. Colin was also Centre Treasurer.

Our thoughts are with his family. Funeral details for those who wish to attend are:

Friday 20th Mar at 1pm at The Oaks, Havant.