



The Hopbine

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Welcome back

We understand that we'll be allowed to open the parks and welcome you all back on 12th April. So we're working as hard as we can to make sure the parks are in tiptop condition for your return.

The caravan industry has met huge problems in the manufacturing sector with high demand for new caravans combined with Covid-secure working practices, sick leave by workers and shortages of components, especially those coming from Europe. The result is that we have had to deal with late and sometimes VERY late deliveries of new caravans.

Nevertheless John and his team of Blonty, Barney and Greg have done a huge amount of work during the winter.

As we've had our wrists slapped by the local council as it worries about the spacing between caravans, we are taking opportunities as they arise to improve the situation without disturbing existing owners.

So here's what we've done during the last few months.

Mulberry and Bordeaux

Mike Wilmer traded up from pitch 104 to 145, and Martin and Gail Tuck ordered a new caravan on pitch 105. This was our chance to move pitches and increase the space between them. We broke the concrete bases, poured new concrete, moved gas, electricity, water and drains to the new positions. Martin and Gail's new Swift Bordeaux has been sited and connected with a new deck. The new Europa Mulberry for pitch 104 is just visible on the photograph below.



The Tucks' new caravan waiting for the grass to grow!

Europa Maple

Further up the park, pitch 124, vacated by Mark and Angie Clayton last year, has been turned by 90° so the new Europa Maple (pictured below) faces down the valley towards the view. This is the prototype van for our 2022 fleet. It has a timber effect exterior and only one bedroom. The extra space provides a larger car parking area and for pitch 125 to be moved to improve spacing in due course.



Pemberton Regent

Further up again, pitch 110, which was home to Mrs Lowe's caravan for many years, has been redesigned to accommodate a new Pemberton Regent 38ft x 12ft. This has also been turned by 90° to take advantage of the view from its outlook front doors. Several tons of soil were excavated to create the level pitch and a retaining wall has been built around the back.



The lovely view from the Pemberton Regent

Atlas Debonair

Pitch 109 is ready for Bob Gough's new Atlas which has been delayed until May.

Victory Lakewood Lodge

Pitch 115 is ready for Ian and Karen's new Victory Lodge. A new gabion wall has been built at the front to accommodate the longer caravan and to make the crane lifting easier. At 42ft x 13ft, this will be the biggest caravan we have ever had at Wigley Orchard!



The new gabion wall ready for the Victory Lodge

Willerby Linwood

Pitch 169 is ready for its new caravan but sadly the Willerby Linwood ordered in August last year is now scheduled for delivery in June or July.

Ash dieback

The threat from ash dieback means that all our large ash trees will have to be felled and removed during this year. We are advised that they may pose a health and safety risk in the future as the disease takes hold, especially on a park open to visitors. We plan to replant with a mix of new trees and shrubs and also to open up the area as a more easily accessed recreational space.

The viewing deck is being dismantled and we hope to build a replacement before too long.

More winter work!



We've also built a new deck for the 2020 Sierra with a new car park alongside (above), a new footpath and steps for David and Biruta Kelly (below) and new steps and a parking space for pitch 103 (above right).



We've built a wall

A concrete and steel retaining wall has been built at the top of the park to provide a new flat area which will be ready for a new row of four caravans in early 2022.



Details of caravans for sale are published on the website. Go to www.wigleyorchard.co.uk and follow the links to the For Sale page



Coronavirus update

We continue to follow guidelines and encourage all park users to do so. Where possible, please maintain safe distancing, wash your hands and wear a face mask when shopping.

In dealing with us, please use the telephone or email unless you have a practical problem on the park. We cannot enter your caravan while you are in it.

Please be especially careful when visiting the bins and wait for others to leave.

If you feel ill while you are at the caravan, please return home as soon as possible.

A hand sanitiser is mounted outside reception for your use.

Caravans for sale

New caravans for sale, all with central heating, double glazing and timber deck:

2021 Europa Mulberry 32 x 12, 2 bedroom
£38,850

2021 Europa Maple, 28 x 12, 1 bedroom
£39,950

2021 Pemberton Regent 38 x 12, 2 bedroom
£58,500

Used caravans:

2010 Swift Moselle 30 x 12, 2 bedroom

2008 BK Grosvenor 38 x 12, 2 bedroom
£17,950

Speak to John if you are interested in an upgrade or have a friend to introduce.

Track and trace

We have to continue to comply with the government's track and trace requirements, which means that we have to know who is on the park at any time.

So please don't forget to email Sandra at ronsmum@btconnect.com every time you visit the park, and to give her the names and contact details of any friends and family who are with you, are visiting you or are using your caravan.

Most importantly for Sandra, could you please send her your email with **your name and date of departure** in the subject box and the other details in the body of the email. This helps her to file the information so that she can see at a glance who is on the park.

If you don't know your date of departure when you arrive, remember to send her another email when you leave the park.

Goodbye

We say goodbye to Sue Watkin who has been on the park since 2010. We wish her well for the future. Her Swift Moselle will be available for resale soon.

Tarmac



Duncan Purslow and his team have been on site to lay tarmac and patch up many of the park roads and parking spaces.



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