



The Hopbine

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Accidents do happen!



Imagine checking in for your holiday and nearly demolishing the park owner's house! This happened to one of our holiday arrivals when her handbrake failed and her car ran down the hill and into part of Bank House in August. The porch and downstairs loo will now have to be completely demolished and rebuilt. The car (a VW Golf) drove away with slight damage to the back lights and a scratch on the bumper—a tribute to German engineering!

Welcome

We welcome these new owners at Wigley Orchard:

- Carl and Dawn Stewart** from Castle Bromwich
- Les and Karen Reeves** from Shirley
- Phil and Jan Satterley** from Sheldon
- Roger Whitmore and Shirley** from Leicester
- Frank Bagley** from Castle Bromwich

We hope they all enjoy their new holiday caravan for many years to come.

Get ready for winter!

Winter drain downs (prices held from 2018) cost £100 for job completed before 12th December, and £140 after 12th December. Call Brian on 01568 750665 to book the date and pay.

You should note that our drain down service comes with our guarantee so that if there is any frost damage after we have completed our work and before we reconnect you to the water supply we will carry out any repair entirely at our cost.

If you wish to use your caravan into the colder months remember the Compass insurance will cover any frost damage providing you have taken the precaution of turning off the outside stopcock and then flushing the toilets and opening all internal taps. This rule does not apply during January and February when the park is closed, so you do need a full drain down for these months.

If you do it yourself, please don't use commercial antifreeze as it damages the sewage treatment plant. (For the same reason you shouldn't use bleach for cleaning.) Next spring please call us about a week before you plan to use your caravan and we will reconnect you.

Care of your decking

Please use deck oil and not paint, and don't leave deck boards covered with matting, artificial grass or similar as the decking needs air and light.

We can jet wash your deck and oil it for you (when the sun is out) for £350 (jet wash only £120).

This is the stuff to use ...



THE WEST MIDLANDS CARAVAN MOTORHOME & DESTINATIONS SHOW 2019

See the new 2020 models at

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Salop Leisure, Emstrey, Shrewsbury SY5 6QS
Sunday 28th September to Sunday 6th October, 10am to 4pm

What they won't tell you at the Salop caravan show ...

You can see all the latest holiday caravan makes and models in Shrewsbury at the Salop trade show at the end of September. The Salop advisors can tell you the prices, availability and options.

What they can't tell you is the part exchange value of your existing caravan, and

the costs of delivery, siting, connections etc.

They don't know if a crane will be needed. They can't tell you if the new caravan will fit on a particular pitch and their knowledge of decking and what might be possible is limited.

So if you are serious about upgrading your caravan in 2020 please speak to John or Brian. We can arrange to meet you at the show if you like.

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Caravans for sale

Our letting season at Wigley Orchard ends on 28th September so this means that all fleet caravans are available to view.

These include one 2019 model, three 2018 models, three 2017 models, two 2016 models and two from 2014 or 2015. If you are considering trading up this is the very best time to seal the deal.

If you want it moved to your existing pitch then we can do the work during the winter (subject to size), but if you're happy to keep it where it is you can save the cost

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

of moving and plan to move in within a few days.

Here are some examples:

2016 Willerby Lyndhurst 35 x 12.5 (choice of two)	£28,950
2017 Swift Burgundy 32 x 12	£24,750
2018 ABI St David 35 x 12	£39,750

We can offer a minimum part exchange of £5,000 if your trade-in has central heating or £2,500 without. Alternatively you can opt for a market value part-exchange but claim a rent-free year in 2020 instead. These offers apply only to sales completed before 30th November 2019.

You should not rely on these values to represent the actual present market value of your caravan.

What the customers say

We found this poem on Trip Advisor, written by one of our satisfied customers:

Peace on Earth

If you're looking for a club house or perhaps a swimming pool,
An early morning children's club where kids can play the fool,
Perhaps you like a slots arcade where you can waste some cash?
If that's your scene, to book this place I'd consider to be rash.
But if life is mad and hectic, arrows and slings prevail,
Just pack a bag with your bits and bobs and hit the Stoke Bliss trail.
Wigley Orchard should be your goal, to give your brain a break.
To breath fresh air, soak in the views, if only for your mind's sake.
It's one step down from Heaven, like experiencing rebirth.
No need to wait for Christmas for a little peace on earth.

Other happy holidaymakers wrote:

"Fantastic time with a five-year-old and an eight-year-old. Got them playing again – just nature and making your own fun ..."

"There is only one word to say about this place, heavenly. Nothing here for teens, or children, but for a quiet relaxing holiday you will not find anywhere else so fantastic. The surrounding area is so tranquil. Lots of places to visit."

It's good to know we're doing something right!

Our tennis star!



Hannah (pictured far left with her team mates) played in the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Over 35 team at Eastbourne. The team ended as group winners, earning promotion for next year. Well done to them all!



A beautiful sunset at Wigley Orchard

Have your say

If you have any stories or photographs for the next issue of Hopbine, please send them to ronsmum@btconnect.com or telephone Sandra at St Michaels on 01568 750665. We look forward to hearing from you!

Henry's holiday



Our American grandson Henry came to stay for four days in August. He travelled alone, in the care of United Airlines, and was met at Heathrow by his other granddad who lives in Maidenhead and took him to see The Lion King and Aladdin in London.

While he was with us he played tennis with Auntie Hannah and golf with Uncle John, but he especially enjoyed his ride in Great Uncle Richard's combine harvester!



You have to laugh

Over the years we've had some amusing incidents involving visitors, one as recently as 17th August when a daddy phoned at ten past midnight – he wanted the central heating on in case his daughter was cold during the night. Luckily we were still awake celebrating Brian's 71st birthday!

We're now considering writing a book with some of the many stories we have to tell since we bought the park in 1985.



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