



The Hopbine

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Thanks to our cleaners



Many thanks to (left to right) Ellie, Christina, Kayleigh and Hannah who have worked so hard since we reopened the park to prepare the hire caravans for visitors. There is a huge amount of extra work to do at every changeover to ensure the caravans are clean and sanitised.

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.

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) on request.

Track and trace

As you are all aware, we have 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.

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!

Welcome

We welcome these new owners at Wigley Orchard:

Valda and David Dawson from Cannock
Neville and Gillian Archer from Manchester

Lee and Catherine Teale from Redditch
Lee Stevens and Lorraine Bendle from Stourbridge

Joanne George and Peter Butts from Ponty-pool

Congratulations to **Mark and Angie Clayton** and to **Les and Karen Reeves** who have upgraded their caravans.

We wish you all many happy times in your new holiday caravan.

John's new toy

John's machine is probably unique! For cutting hedges and banks it has a scissors type cutter on the front and a flail on the back so he can cut off the new season's growth and then batter it into submission on one pass.



DANGER!

We plan to fell two large trees which have moved, with one leaning on its neighbour, once our tree surgeon has worked out how to do it.

The viewing deck is now 15 years old and will be replaced during the next few months. Please keep well away from both until our safety notices are removed.

Part exchanges

If you would like a valuation to part exchange your caravan, please speak to John as soon as possible.

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Caravans for sale

We are planning to reduce the number of letting caravans in 2021 which will allow us to offer some attractive pre-owned models for sale, eg:

2017 Willerby Shrewsbury 35 x 12, 2 bedroom on pitch 107 – easy access, facing south **£26,995**

2017 Rio Gold, 28 x 12, 2 bedroom on pitch 143, in a very private area **£18,950**

2015 Willerby Lyndhurst 35 x 12, 2 bedroom on pitch 148, an elevated position with nice views **£22,950**

All the above caravans have double glazing, central heating and a timber deck

We have the following new caravans on order:

2020 Willerby Sierra – arriving in September to go on pitch 128

2021 Pemberton Regent – arriving early 2021 to go on pitch 110 (this is the first Pemberton we have ordered since 1998)

2021 Willerby Linwood – arriving February 2021 to go on pitch 168

2021 Europa Maple, 28ft x 12ft, one bedroom – due February 2021 to go on pitch 124

All have a green environmental exterior except the Europa, which comes in a brown wood effect finish.



The Europa Maple 28x12 floor plan (above) and the lounge (right). We have never bought a Europa caravan before so this is a trial run. No other manufacturer offers this layout. As you can see from the floor plan the Maple has all the benefits of a much larger caravan and the space to fit it all in its 28 foot length by having only one bedroom.

The Pemberton Regent lounge showing the comfortable armchairs and the outlook windows at the front (below), and its well fitted kitchen (below right).



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



Work at Bank House



John and Hannah were busy during lockdown. Hannah has stripped the walls and repointed the stonework using lime mortar. John has made supporting beams from an oak tree that was felled on the park, and has replaced the floor with one made from an old squash court. They have also replaced the ceiling, and the floor in the bedroom above.

Get ready for winter!

Winter draindown (prices held from 2018) costs £140 less a discount of £40 if you agree to the work being done in the week commencing 30th November. 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.

If you would like an automatic floë 868 system fitted, this can be arranged for £300. This would pay for itself in three years, and for a nominal cost it can be moved to a new caravan if you decide to upgrade.



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