

The Hopbine

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Applefest at St Michaels – or what Brian did in September



The apples look lovely on the tree but the long hot dry summer meant that they were very small and started falling onto the ground before they ripened. So Brian spent most of September raking them up and filling his trailer – and as soon as the trailer was full, there were more on the ground!

The **Tenbury Applefest** is on **Saturday 6th October** from 10am to 5pm on the Burgage.



2018 holidays

We've had a busy summer for holidays – over 700 bookings which is a big increase over 2017.

Thanks to Christina, Teresa, Kayleigh, Ellie and Jacky for making our holiday caravans presentable for every new arrival and to Liz for keeping both parks spick and span.

And it's really good to see ex owners who have given up their caravan still returning to enjoy the park.

This year we welcomed back June Hubbard, Mr and Mrs John Melton and Val and Jim Chance. Jim booked to leave on Monday but thought he was going on Tuesday so the next guests nearly had to share the caravan with him!



32 happy years

We're nearly at the end of our 32nd season at Wigley Orchard.

In 1985 the park had no mains electricity, a few water stand pipes, six pitches connected to electricity and drains, no tarmac roads and a very dilapidated toilet block. Like every other park, we've made lots of changes and improvements and will continue to do so in the future. Today's customers wouldn't accept things as they were in 1985 – in thirty years time will we look back on 2019 and think, gosh, that was quaint, how old fashioned we were!?

Hello and goodbye

We welcome these new owners at St Michaels:

Robert and Carolyn Blair from Enville

Mr and Mrs Alan Johnston from Birmingham

and at Wigley Orchard:

Mr and Mrs J Shelton from Worcester

John and Marlene Bayliss from Bromsgrove

Thanks to **Peter Fisher** for deciding to trade up from the last 10ft wide caravan on the park to a newer 12ft wide model.

Goodbye to **Mr and Mrs Baker** and **John Jones** who are leaving St Michaels. John was already at St Michaels when we bought it in 2008 and when we move his caravan we will lay our last concrete pad on the park.

Maria Hodgetts and **Chris McGurk** are leaving Wigley Orchard. We wish them all the best for the future.

A new member of the family



Welcome to Jacob (above), Bramble's son and a welcome addition to John and Hannah's family. He's settling in well at Bank House and is a lively and inquisitive puppy who enjoys winding his mother up ... don't we all know boys like that!

Have your say

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New caravans

At Wigley Orchard:
Willerby Rio Gold 35 x 12, 2 bedroom
 £33,250
Willerby Granada 38 x 12, 2 bedroom
 £46,600

At St Michaels:
Swift Biarritz 38 x 12 2 bedroom £39,995

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

Used caravans

At Wigley Orchard, all with spectacular views:
2003 BK Lulworth 38 x 12, 2 bedroom
 £12,995
2015 ABI Oakley 38 x 12, 2 bedroom
 £24,500
2016 Willerby Brockenhurst 35 x 12, 2 bedroom
 £35,595

At St Michaels:
2005 Willerby 35 x 12, 2 bedroom (inc 2019 pitch fees) £14,500
2016 ABI Elan 36 x 12, 2 bedroom £25,000
2016 Willerby Brockenhurst 35 x 12 2 bedroom £31,000

Drain down your caravan for winter

We've written to you separately about your winter drain down. We don't mind you dealing with it independently, but please don't forget to have it done. Beware of Jack Frost – he will bite!

Gas Safe

Gas Safe checks are best done in the spring so we'll write to you about these early in 2019.

Treatment of decks

We don't recommend applying stain or paint onto the treated timber we use for decks. If you're concerned about it fading in the sunlight we suggest using deck oil.

If you do decide to colour your deck, please consult with us first. We will usually agree but we wouldn't want some garish bright Lawrence Lewellyn Bowen deck to appear on either park.

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See the new 2019 models at the West Midlands Caravan & Motorhome New Model Show at Salop Leisure, Emstrey Shrewsbury SY5 6QS
10am to 4pm until Sunday 7th October
Download your free entrance ticket at www.caravanevent.co.uk or call 0844 2473526

The large show ground at Shrewsbury always has a good selection of new models. If you're interested in trading up to a new holiday caravan then a visit to Shrewsbury would be a good place to start.

Then talk to John or Brian about part exchange values + costs for delivery, siting, connections and a deck.

We went to the show on 27th September and there are lots of

new 2019 models on display. We particularly liked the 13ft wide Swift Biarritz Lodge (see below) so one may be appearing at St Michaels next year.

If you're considering an upgrade for your caravan then we have a choice of at least 20 less than five years old with double glazing, central heating and deck – and in the autumn we can offer very generous terms.



A family day out



All dressed up and somewhere to go! In August we went to our friends' wedding in Stoke Bliss church followed by a reception at the White Pheasant in Stanford.

Our photo shows Brian and Sandra with our American grandchildren, Henry, who was an usher, and flower girls Megan and Annabel.

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