



Newsletter Issue 11

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Holiday Homes Trust

Chairman's Message:-

Welcome to another edition of our newsletter. I cannot believe how the time has flown since our last edition back in May, with the holiday season about to finish and autumn upon us. Bookings for next year are already in full swing! It has been a busy time here at the Trust, especially with the celebrations of our 50 years at the Gilwell Reunion and with our office staff, Marion and Hayley working flat out taking bookings, answering queries and sorting out any problems over caravan maintenance. They both manage to deal with things admirably and I'm sure that at times it's quite stressful, but they both manage to keep a cheerful appearance and sort out any problems. Thank you ladies.

The appointment of Russell Hurlock as our Professional Business Manager has been a great success, with Russell seeking out different ways of finding funding opportunities so that we may increase the number of caravans that we have and either replacing our current caravans or refurbishing them. The grants that he has managed to acquire for the Trust has been very beneficial, so much so, that as from next season we shall be opening at a new location with a caravan at Littlesea, Weymouth. David Ranger, one of our trustees, and myself will shortly be going to Littlesea to complete the purchase and handover of the caravan. The Trust is also investigating the possibilities of obtaining caravans on other new sites, should funds permit, with perhaps a location on the Isle of Wight. Despite the work of Russell, we still need and much appreciate any donations and fundraising that might come from our supporters, to help cover other areas of our expenditure that we cannot get grants for. We are facing two a rather large bills to replace a collapsed ramp at our Great Yarmouth site and the wet room at Paignton, which cannot be covered by insurance, so your donated money would be well spent.

I hope that those of you that holidayed with us this year will have time to reflect during the winter months on your enjoyable holiday memories and encourage you to stay with us again next year.

Best wishes,
Roger Hurrion, MBE
Chairman

New Caravan for 2020

Our new caravan at Littlesea Holiday Park, Weymouth is a 2013 wheelchair accessible caravan with two twin bedrooms and a large wet room. We are now taking bookings for the coming 2020 holiday season. Look on our website or UKCaravans4Hire Ref: 9946 for more details.



Will's Royal Park's Half Marathon Run



A big thank you to Will (son of Russell – our Business Development Manager) for completing the run on 13th October. He raised over £1,000 for our charity which is fantastic news.

Donations Received this year:-

Archer Trust -	£2,000	Rotary Club of Exmouth	-£250
Charles French -	£2,000	Robert Hall Foundation	-£5,000
Lottery -	£10,000	The Fritton Trust	-£300
Edward Gostling -	£5,000	The Hedley Foundation	-£3000
Masonic Dorking Lodge -	£500	Anonymous	-£500
Garfield Weston -	£15,000 (over 3 yrs)	Paul Bassham Charitable Trust	-£1,000
Sir James Roll -	£1,000	The Pennycress Trust	-£300
The Bssill Shippman & Alford Trust	£500	Boshier-Hinton Foundation	-£200

Donations are sometimes restricted and designated for specific purposes, ie. Site fees, purchase of new caravans etc. Despite a year of unexpected maintenance issues, with the generous donations received, we were still able to add to our caravan stock.

Gilwell 100

We attended the Gilwell Reunion on 7th September. We had lots of people stop by as we spread the word about our disability adapted caravans. They may have been drawn to us initially by our fabulous cake made by our Chairman's wife, but we made sure to take full advantage of their interest! Jo, who left in April, even returned to support Marion and Hayley on the stall.



Local managers

We are currently looking for volunteers to be our local managers at our caravans at Paignton and Mablethorpe. Our managers are local people, mostly from scouting backgrounds, who have some spare time and would be available to visit our caravans to either inspect, or help out with minor issues that arise occasionally. Our office is based at Gilwell Park, London and it is extremely helpful having someone local at hand to pop in from time to time to make sure everything is ship shape for our guests and minimise any problems. If anyone is interested or knows someone who may be, please get in contact with us for more information.

We would like to say a big thank you to all our current volunteer local managers who give their time throughout the year to look after our caravans. Everything they do for the Trust is greatly appreciated. They always go the extra mile to make sure that everything in our caravans is of a high standard for our holidaymakers. We would also like to say thank you to our cleaning teams who do such a great job to make sure that the caravans are all fresh and ready for the arrival of our holidaymakers.

Fundraising

You could help us with fundraising by holding an event such as a coffee morning, within your local community to help us raise funds. Please give it a go on our behalf. You could ask your friends to make cakes and bring them along to sell. The event can be held anywhere, like a Scout or Guide group meeting or in your garden or at a regular community meeting. Please contact us if you are interested and need some advice or would like your event listed on our Virgin Money Giving web page or we can help with posters for your event. Other ideas include a sponsored dog walk, raffles, quiz nights, St. George's day parades, wine tasting evening etc. Please contact us with any ideas you may have.

A Gift in your Will would enable us to make a difference

As a charity we rely on our supporters and members and it is only through your donations that we are able to continue to provide holidays for people with disabilities or individuals who are disadvantaged, whether through income or circumstances.

Perhaps you could consider mentioning us in your Will or even adding a codicil to your Will to help us plan for the future. Part of our long term plans are to replace our existing caravans, some of which are now quite old and larger legacies enable us to invest in new caravans.

If you are organising a funeral for a family member or a friend and would like to offer donations instead of flowers in memory of your loved one, then please contact us. We can supply gift envelopes for donations or you can ask the funeral directors to accept donations on our behalf. Alternatively we have a donations page at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com> – type Holiday Homes trust in the “find a charity” box. Please call us on 020 8433 7290/1 if you would like any help.

Please contact us if you would like to contribute to our Newsletters.

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Our caravans are located at the following parks:-

- Church Farm Holiday Village, Pagham, near Bognor Regis, West Sussex (Haven)
- Devon Cliffs Holiday Park, Exmouth, Devon (Haven)
- Blue Dolphin Holiday Park, Filey, Scarborough (Haven)
- Golden Sands Holiday Park, Mablethorpe, Lincs (Haven)
- Seashore Holiday Park, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk (Haven)
- Hoburne Naish Holiday Park, New Milton, Hampshire (Hoburne Holidays)
- Devon Bay Holiday Park, Paignton, Devon (Hoburne Holidays)
- Rockley Park Holiday Park, Poole, Dorset (Haven)
- Pentewan Sands Holiday Park, St. Austell, Cornwall
- Littlesea Holiday Park, Weymouth, Dorset



As the nights draw in and the colder weather is here, why not warm yourself up with a glass of mulled wine! Hic 😊

Ingredients

1/2 bottle red wine

1 cinnamon stick

2 star anise

2 cloves

1 orange, sliced

1 lemon, sliced

50g/1 3/4oz brown sugar

Method

1. Place all of the ingredients into a saucepan and simmer gently for 6-8 minutes, without boiling. Alternatively, place the ingredients in your slow cooker and cook on low until warm (1-2 hours, depending on your slow cooker).
2. To serve, pour the mulled wine into heatproof glasses.

