

# The Apple Tree

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## The robots are here!



We are very very pleased with our robot lawn mowers, who are named Henry, Annabel and Megan after our American grandchildren. Not only are they quiet, there are no grass clippings and, unlike Liz or their namesakes, they don't answer back!

If you want to use your garden area and would like to have the robot switched off, please ask – there is no problem with letting one have a day off on request.

## 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.

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

A hand sanitiser is mounted outside reception.

## Visit the tip!

In July our bill for rubbish collections from our two parks exceeded £700.

You can help contain this cost by using the recycling facility in Tenbury Wells. It's open on Thursdays, Saturday and Sundays and if you need to dispose of anything that doesn't fit into a standard sized black refuse sack for the grey-top bin or a clear sack for the orange-lid bin, please make the effort to visit. The centre is on the right travelling out of Tenbury on the Bromyard road.

Avoid the queue by visiting after lunch on Sunday.

When using our bins, please make sure you fold all cardboard boxes etc flat.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Enjoy your caravan all year round!

Last year we obtained planning permission to open the park for a full twelve month season. This is for holiday use only – owners are still not allowed to use their caravan as their primary residence.

If you would like to extend your St Michaels pitch licence agreement to twelve months use, please email Brian at [tenburycaravans.co.uk](mailto:tenburycaravans.co.uk).

## Welcome to our new owners

We welcome Mr and Mrs Baker from Warwickshire, Mr and Mrs Nickson from Hampshire and Mr and Mrs Jones from Northamptonshire as new owners here at St Michaels. We hope they will all settle in and enjoy the place as much as we do.

## SOLD OUT

In a lifetime of running caravan parks, Brian has never had to put up this sign. But St Michaels is now officially full with 27 privately owned caravans and six holiday hire units. If you want to book a holiday, then the first available date is in late September.

We will be offering the hire caravans for sale, but again not until late September.

The word "unprecedented" has been used over and over again in the last few months – but it really is the only word to describe the interest in caravans and holiday parks since we reopened on 4th July. We have never been busier with owners and holidaymakers.

The market for new holiday caravans is hectic. Dealer stocks are low and factories are already quoting November and December as lead times for new models. So if you are considering an upgrade, don't delay before placing your order. The upside of this situation is that part exchange prices are much improved from last year!

## Fame at last!

Following his appearance on Victoria Derbyshire's morning programme on BBC tv, Brian is now the go-to voice for information about holiday parks on BBC Radio Hereford & Worcester.



Brian being interviewed, with social distancing, on a very wet morning in April by Nina from BBC Radio Hereford & Worcester. Her second visit was on a sunnier day in July after we had reopened the park.

## A new caravan arrives at St Michaels



The new caravan arrives on a lorry ...



John plumbs it in while Sam builds the deck ...



John sites it on its pitch with his telehandler ...



and it's ready for its new owners

## Facebook

Brian has been posting regular updates on the St Michaels Facebook page and one of our regular followers is Richard Beddoes from Durham. Mr Beddoes is usually the first to "like" one of Brian's posts – and on 10th August we put out the red carpet when he and his wife arrived in person for their holiday!

## Looking after your deck

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.

## What a lovely view!



## CARAVANS FOR SALE

If you are interested in upgrading your caravan to nearly new, the choices we will have available from our hire fleet in late October are as follows:

- Pitch 18  
2019 model **Willerby Shrewsbury**  
(new in 2020)
- Pitch 29  
2016 model **Willerby Winchester**
- Pitch 30  
2018 model **Swift Biarritz**
- Pitch 31  
2019 model **Willerby Avonmore**  
(new in 2020)
- Pitch 32  
2016 model **Willerby Brockenhurst**

All the above have two bedrooms, are fully connectd and have a timber deck, double glazing and central heating.

We can offer better part-exchange rates now than for several years!

## Fun Wordsearch

How well do you know your caravan manufacturers?

Can you find the names of ten of them hidden in the grid? This is just for fun – no prizes!

These are the names you are looking for:

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| Carnaby | Willerby |
| Stately | Swift    |
| Victory | Regal    |
| ABI     | BK       |
| Atlas   | Europa   |

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## Have your say

If you have any stories or photographs for the next issue of The Apple Tree, please send them to [ronsmum@btconnect.com](mailto:ronsmum@btconnect.com) or telephone Sandra on 01568 750665. We look forward to hearing from you!



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