

ISLE OF WIGHT GROUP 23

Chine Farm, 31 August – 1 September with first time hosts Gordon and Patricia. Five vans arrived on Friday and after setting up enjoyed afternoon tea in the sunshine with Patricia's excellent homemade cakes. The afternoon was spent relaxing and picking blackberries. Members dined together and the evening was spent having drinks and a chat. Thanks to Steve for providing the lighting and music.

Saturday was another beautiful sunny, warm day. Heather and Steve brought the new Kings game, and we also had a go at Pie Rolling, which we were introduced to at Adgestone, followed by Afternoon Tea. Later we dined outside in the evening sun. Edwin BBQ'd for those who wanted, as he did for breakfasts. Activities followed in the rally tent; bingo and a quiz.

Sunday was sunny, we were fortunate with the weather. After coffee and the raffle, it was time to go home.

At the Fighting Cocks on 14 – 16 September, with hosts Andrew and Cheryl, three vans arrived and members gathered in Edwin and Pats new pop-up room to enjoy tea and cake. We set about a game of Kings, men vs women, no more need be said about the outcome. Edwin set up the BBQ and cooked for those that wanted. The evening was spent over a few drinks putting the world to right

Saturday morning Edwin cooked us a gourmet breakfast, and the smell gave us all a healthy appetite. Mike and Chris then arrived so we set up a game of 'roll the pies' which we all enjoyed, with Andrew and Martin the eventual winners, more by luck than judgement. Another game of Kings was played, and this time the men and ladies tied one game each, so a final needs to be played at some time (no pressure). Some of us checked out Thompson's garden centre, and needless to say ended up in their cafe with coffee, tea and cakes. In the evening we had dinner in the pub, and then back to the pop-up room for a couple of games of R L C the winners of which were kept within the same family.

Sunday morning coffee and biscuits were followed by announcements, then some had breakfast in the pub whilst others enjoyed a Sunday Roast before heading home.

5 to 7 October we had the AGM Rally at Appuldurcombe with hosts Steve and Heather. Ten vans turned up, the weather was pleasant on Friday but awful Saturday. Fortunately we had the use of their function room, with a rather smoky log fire. Some members came just for the AGM, with twenty-five altogether, this was followed by an excellent American Supper organised by Suzanne, and a raffle.

It is with sorrow I have to report the passing of Fred Print, a long term member of the Group, now at peace with his beloved wife Joan.

Upcoming rallies: 02 – 04 November at the Propeller Inn, Sandown Road, Bembridge PO35 5PW.
Starts: 12pm.