



The Apple Tree

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Biarritz Lodge lands at St Michaels

The Swift Biarritz Lodge is probably the biggest holiday caravan we have ever brought onto the park. It arrived on 31st July and we directed the delivery driver to head on up the drive and turn into the second park entrance.

After a few minutes he was stuck (lost it on the bend). The front was in the righthand hedgerow and the back (or halfway back) was in the lefthand hedgerow next to the tourer field. What to do?

Brian and Sandra left for a party in Hertfordshire leaving John to sort it out. After a long delay the caravan was off loaded in the right place ready to be pushed onto its pitch.

During the delay the new Biarritz was within a few feet of the front window of caravan number 1 so Mr and Mrs Lee, the owners who were staying there, might have been concerned. Not so. They asked for the key as soon



as the caravan was level and by the end of the weekend had agreed to buy it.

The new caravan includes a dishwasher and a washing machine and is built to a residential specification. It also has a built-in sound system which connects via bluetooth to a smartphone, and tv points to three rooms. Whatever will they think of next?

Apple picking made easy

"The best invention since the wheel" is how Brian describes his new apple collector which lets him pick up all the fallen apples without bending.

Now you see them ...



Now you don't!



This year's Tenbury Applefest is on Saturday 5th October on the Burgage in Tenbury

THE WEST MIDLANDS CARAVAN MOTORHOME & DESTINATIONS SHOW 2019

See the new 2020 models at

THE WEST MIDLANDS CARAVAN MOTORHOME & DESTINATIONS SHOW

Salop Leisure, Emstrey, Shrewsbury SY5 6QS
Sunday 28th September to Sunday 6th October, 10am to 4pm

What they won't tell you at the Salop caravan show ...

You can see all the latest holiday caravan makes and models in Shrewsbury at the Salop trade show at the end of September. The Salop advisors can tell you the prices, availability and options.

What they can't tell you is the part exchange value of your existing caravan, and the costs of delivery, siting, connections etc.

They don't know if a crane will be needed. They can't tell you if the new caravan will fit on a particular pitch and their knowledge of decking and what might be possible is limited.

So if you are serious about upgrading your caravan in 2020 please speak to John or Brian. We can arrange to meet you at the show if you like.

Caravans for sale

Now is the ideal time to trade up to a new caravan. These are available now.

2014 Willerby Chambery	£27,000
2016 Swift Biarritz	£25,000
NEW Willerby Shrewsbury	£39,995

If you want the caravan moved to your existing pitch then we can do the work during the winter (subject to size), but if you're happy to keep it where it is you can save the cost of moving and plan to move in within a few days.

We can offer a minimum part exchange of

£5,000 if your trade-in has central heating or £2,500 without. Alternatively you can opt for a market value part-exchange but claim a rent-free year in 2020 instead. These offers apply only to sales completed before 30th November 2019.

You should not rely on these values to represent the actual present market value of your caravan.

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

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) for £350 (jet wash only £120).

This is the stuff to use ...



Get ready for winter!

Winter drain downs (prices held from 2018) cost £100 for job completed before 12th December, and £140 after 12th December. 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 carry out your own work please do not use commercial antifreeze.

Next spring please call us about a week before you plan to use your caravan and we will reconnect you.

Accidents do happen



Imagine checking in for your holiday and nearly demolishing the park owner's house! This happened to one of our holiday arrivals at Wigley Orchard in August when her handbrake failed and her car ran down the hill and into part of Bank House. The porch and downstairs loo will now have to be completely demolished and rebuilt.

The car (a VW Golf) drove away with only its back lights slightly damaged and a scratch on the bumper – a tribute to German engineering!

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What the customers say

We found this poem on Trip Advisor, written by one of our satisfied customers:

Peace on Earth

If you're looking for a club house or perhaps a swimming pool,
An early morning children's club where kids can play the fool,
Perhaps you like a slots arcade where you can waste some cash?
If that's your scene, to book this place I'd consider to be rash.
But if life is mad and hectic, arrows and slings prevail,
Just pack a bag with your bits and bobs and hit the Stoke Bliss trail.
Wigley Orchard should be your goal, to give your brain a break.
To breath fresh air, soak in the views, if only for your mind's sake.
It's one step down from Heaven, like experiencing rebirth.
No need to wait for Christmas for a little peace on earth.

Other happy holidaymakers wrote:

"Fantastic time with a five-year-old and an eight-year-old. Got them playing again – just nature and making your own fun ..."

"There is only one word to say about this place, heavenly. Nothing here for teens, or children, but for a quiet relaxing holiday you will not find anywhere else so fantastic."

It's good to know we're doing something right!

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 or telephone Sandra on 01568 750665. We look forward to hearing from you!

You have to laugh

Over the years we've had some amusing incidents involving visitors, one as recently as 17th August when a daddy phoned at ten past midnight – he wanted the central heating on in case his daughter was cold during the night. Luckily we were still awake celebrating Brian's 71st birthday!

We're now considering writing a book with some of the many stories we have to tell since we bought Wigley Orchard in 1985.

Our tennis star!



Hannah (pictured far left with her team mates) played in the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Over 35 team at Eastbourne. The team ended as group winners, earning promotion for next year. Well done to them all!

Henry's holiday



Our American grandson Henry came to stay for four days in August. He travelled alone, in the care of United Airlines, and was met at Heathrow by his other granddad who lives in Maidenhead and took him to see The Lion King and Aladdin in London.

While he was with us he played tennis with Auntie Hannah and golf with Uncle John, but he especially enjoyed his ride in Great Uncle Richard's combine harvester!



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