

## Wicked Welsh Weekend 2021

Lakeside Caravan & Camping Park, Llangorse Lake, Brecon, Powys, 17th-19th September  
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After two years of planning, a 2020 cancellation due to the pandemic, and seemingly endless forced changes of plan in the final couple of weeks before the event, WWW 2021 finally got underway at Llangorse Lakeside on Friday 17th September. Although the camping field was originally fully booked out a few people were unable to attend due to COVID-19 or contact alerts (sorry not to see you but thank you for doing the right thing) or breakdowns *en route* to the event.

In general the weather was good to us throughout the event and we were very lucky that the

only fuel problems encountered concerned the limited availability of E5 petrol at some petrol stations – had the event been a week later we would all have been hunting for any petrol *anywhere* and probably replicating the 1963 Imp Economy Run rather than devouring the Welsh roads with gusto!

Many hands make light work. Left to right: Bob Hawes, Gary Mathews, Roy Blunt, Phil Smith, Peter Hurst, John Keane and Baz Blackmore  
Photo: Andy Smith



The Friday afternoon run took us out on scenic roads (some narrow with passing places) through the Brecon Beacons, passing Talybont reservoir and the entrance to the Brecon Mountain Railway, to Bryn Bach Park in Tredegar. Just to make sure everyone was fully immersed in long-standing local customs the run included a short delay in the seemingly forever ongoing A465 roadworks! The run back was again along scenic roads but included some lovely wide sweeping roads across the Llangynidr moors before crossing the ancient and very narrow Llangynidr bridge over the River Usk, and returning to Llangorse via Bwlch. A warm and dry Friday evening gave people a chance to get together around the tents, caravans, gazebos, or in the bar. After two years since the last major club event there was a lot to catch up on and talk about.

Dragon at Bryn Bach Park  
Photo: Roy Blunt



The Saturday run also took us on some more great driving roads, initially heading up through Erwood before turning onto the B4519 towards Upper Chapel and on towards Beulah. The entire UK population of Caterham 7s seemed to be on this road at the same time as us! After Beulah we climbed the Devil's Staircase near Abergwesyn, skirted Llyn Brianne reservoir, and then headed to a lunch stop at Llandovery. The weather let us down a bit as we left Llandovery after lunch but had improved as we went across the A4069 Black Mountain Pass, better known locally as The *Top Gear* Road. For old time's sake we stopped briefly in the car park used for the *Car SOS* Imp photoshoot featuring our own *Suzy* before heading back to Llangorse past the Dan-yr-Ogof caves and Cray reservoir viewpoint. Owing to the Lakeside bar having double booked the evening and put on a band we were unable to hold the traditional WWW 'naffle' and quiz so we congregated



Andy & Jules Smith  
Photo: Tina Gurner





Dom Smith &  
Steph in the Nymph  
Photo: Roy Blunt

Best Amp-powered vehicle!  
Nicola Sephton's Sinclair C5.  
No fuel shortage problems  
with this baby!

Photo: Roy Blunt



John & Kathy Hall with  
Jane Rhys  
Photo: Tina Gurner



Time to admire the scenery

Photo: Andy Smith

around the club gazebos for some excellent food delivered by a local caterer and another evening of catching up with friends. Rain around 10 pm sent those outside the gazebos running back to shelter but, for those under cover, the evening continued.

Sunday morning was dry and sunny – ideal for the 'Show & Shine' which took place on Llangorse Common itself, attracting quite a number of the casual visitors to Llangorse Lake, a truly impressive sight in the sun. All but one of the awards were decided democratically by popular vote, the exception being the 'Organiser's Special Prize' which is entirely the gift of the organisers – no matter how wrong or controversial their choice might be! Last time it went to Baz Blackmore for having the 'Dirtiest Imp'; this year it went to Nicola Sephton for her Sinclair C5 ('Best Amp-powered Vehicle'!) which had been whirring around the site over the weekend. Particularly appropriate in view of Sir Clive Sinclair's death earlier in the week and that the C5s had been assembled relatively locally in Merthyr Tydfil.

Sunday afternoon saw us heading up towards Builth Wells mostly on main (but still scenic)

roads including a stretch of 16 miles (on the B4520) with no other instructions allowing navigators to relax for a time. Once in Builth Wells itself we stopped in the town centre car park allowing us to take a walk around the town and the riverside park or enjoy a coffee (and possibly a slice of cake) in one of the local coffee shops. The return run skirted the side of the Royal Welsh Showground at Llanelwedd before returning to the campsite via Erwood and Llyswen. For those stopping overnight on Sunday an evening meal had been arranged in the large marquee at the rear of the bar and went very well.

Special thanks to our fellow organisers (Phil & Lesley Smith, Peter & Regina Hurst) and all those





Gordon Ritchie (right) receives his Show & Shine award from Phil Smith  
Photo: Roy Blunt

who helped with this event. Thanks also to everyone who attended – it wouldn't be the same without you all! People seemed to have a good time and we look forward to next year – hopefully as the *finale* to a full year of Imp Club camping events!

**Right: Saturday run leaving the site – Peter & Regina Hurst leading**  
Photo: Roy Blunt



**Sunday's 'Show & Shine'**  
Photos: Roy Blunt

### Show & Shine Results

Best Rootes Imp	SOP 49E	Paul Makin
Best Chrysler Imp	NVP 200R	Sue Ellis
Best Sunbeam	OPM 274F	Drew Thomas
Best Singer	CAN 476C	Neil Makin
Best Husky/Van	VVP 972J	Gordon Ritchie
Best Imp-based Vehicle	KVG 665A	Dom Smith
Organiser's Special prize	Sinclair C5	Nicola Sephton

