

Hurley Rally, Chichester 2014

After several rallies at the western end of the Solent and Poole, it was decided to head east for 2014. The destination was Sparkes marina just inside the entrance of Chichester harbour.

The date was set for 19th July, but Dennis Smith in 27 *Restormel* and Jim Gooding in 24 *Psamanthe* made sure of a space by getting there a couple of days early. On the day we saw Ian Sinclair 22 *Lalep La*, Tim Sharman 22 *Strider*, Ian Atkinson and Gerald 22 *Intrim*, David Gowers and Jonathan Millward 22 *Blaze*. Bob Eves who kindly audits the HOA accounts each year also joined us in his 19 foot *Prelude Red Pirate*.



The sun shone and there was live music to provide a spot of entertainment. In fact this meant there was a charge to go to the marina bar, but as most boats seemed to be well stocked, that was not a problem.

In the evening we headed to Hayling Island Sailing Club for a meal. Despite catering for the Moth world championships they still managed to provide us with a nice table overlooking the harbour and a good selection of counter-service meals. We were also joined by Tony and Rosie Sutcliffe whose *Meridian Seaswell* is still being restored. After dinner and with a background of party fever from the balcony above us (and the odd pint-glass 'grenade' from above), we enjoyed a night-cap in the cockpit of *Restormel*.

The good weather continued on the Sunday so everyone had a good trip home.