

We felt happy and content that our daughters were able to enjoy all the delights of the countryside, and they were fortunate to have lots of camping children to make friends with.

However our lives were shattered when in September 1985 Claire fell from her pony and died from her injuries. Nothing can change this, and we were so lucky to have the support of a loving family, and brilliant staff that all pulled together and saw us through those very dark days.

We are now very proud grandparents. Doina is a physiotherapist living in Barcelona with her husband, and two little boys. Sally, a chartered accountant lives locally with her partner, and they are expecting their 1st baby in March. We have a lot to enjoy and look forward to.

We are extremely privileged to own Broadhembury, and to be involved in the holiday industry. Each day brings new visitors from all over the world, ready to have a good time. We have always benefited from the fantastic support of excellent staff, some of whom have been with us since those very early days.

Like anyone else our age, we look back and wonder where the past 40 years have gone, and then we remember all the happy times and wonderful experiences we have had. We look forward the years ahead, and to making 2009 extra special.

Hoping to welcome you in our anniversary year, with kindest regards for a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year,

*Keith and Jenny Taylor*



*Pony rides on Stroller - 1985*

# Broadhembury Holiday Park



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**40th ANNIVERSARY**

2009

**Keith, Jenny and Family Celebrate  
40 Very Happy Years  
at Broadhembury Holiday Park**



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As a young couple with a small daughter, Doina, the first thing we thought on viewing Broadhembury Farm was “We’d love it, but could never afford it” however, we both became determined to make Broadhembury our home. At that time Broadhembury consisted of a 4 bedroom house, 3 chicken sheds housing a total of 2000 laying hens, an egg round, various pigsties and other old ramshackle barns and sheds. There was also 10 acres of sheep meadows where campers put up their tents. Payment of 5 shillings (25 pence) for one night’s camping was made at our kitchen door. Water was drawn from the sheep trough, and toilets emptied into the manhole.



*Jenny & Doina in our original kitchen - 1969*

We eventually obtained a mortgage and a large unsecured loan – very common nowadays, but rare then, and were able to purchase Broadhembury. Making ends meet, and paying off this loan was our main criteria. We were totally focused on getting out of debt. Jenny tried her best to manage the hens, the egg round and the baby. We even had a doorstep round selling dog



*Campers in the early Seventies – c1975*

food. As farming was completely new to us, Keith worked on various farms to learn all he could.



*Doina outside Old Reception – c1988*

neighbours. Everyone was ready to help us, doing anything from grading eggs, laying paths and driveways to babysitting, making our work load so much easier and enjoyable.

After 5 years of hard work trying to produce pork and eggs with little reward, we decided that running a camping park was a much better idea than farming, and so the gradual progression towards Broadhembury Holiday Park as we know it today, began.

Through the years that followed Broadhembury Camping & Caravan Park went from strength to strength. We knew little of camping or caravanning, never having done it ourselves, and worked on the principle of providing facilities we would be happy to use ourselves. We began by building 3 toilet cubicles (one even had hot water!) and started to seriously market Broadhembury as a camping park. Since then, the investment, updating and development has been continual and never ending, but we have never looked back.



*Our Girls, Doina, Sally & Claire -1977*

Our family also went from strength to strength; in 1971 Claire was born and in 1977 along came Sally.

Three of our bedrooms accommodated bed & breakfast guests whenever possible, and fortunately the campers arrived every summer. There really was so much to do, but we were never without the help of family, friends and brilliant