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ROMAN'S FORUM

Welcome to my first opportunity to comment since my election to Chair of the DA.

I must say it is an honour and privilege to be able to take on the post.

For those of you who attended the AGM you will know that for the first time in many years we were over subscribed for candidates to form a new committee which resorted to election and voting. It is warming to know that many of you are committed to ensuring the future success of the DA by offering your service to it.

A list of the new committee members are on the opposite page and you will see there is a mixture of new and existing names which I feel is an excellent platform to move forward with new ideas and have the backing of experience.

My thanks go out to Lesley for her stewardship as Chair for the past few years and wish her and Peter many relaxing and hassle free camping days ahead.

Finally, please feel free to approach me or any of the other committee members with your suggestions or concerns as we are all elected on the basis that we are there to serve you, the members to ensure the future success of this DA.

Cheers

Roman

Nelson's Column

I have been thinking about how things have changed since we first started camping with HDA over 30 years ago.

Back in those days, we camped in farmer's fields and because of the area we live in, they were mainly at the top of a hill. The towing cars were predominantly Landrovers, we needed them to pull our caravans off the fields when it decided to rain! After a while the more modern 4X4s started to slowly increase in number. They were still a good towing car but also a good road car. One by one, we all seemed to change.

Nowadays, the major change is to Motorhomes. They are quickly increasing in number and certainly in our DA outnumber the caravans on many weekends. The whole concept of camping has changed with their arrival. A lot more consideration has to go into the sites where we camp. Farmer fields are very rarely used as there tends to be problems if it rains or the fields are very soft. Sites with a combination of hard standing areas and grass are used more and more to accommodate the different types of units. We are after all still a camping club and we still have campers with tents.

I still look back with a little nostalgia, to the weekend we were camping just above Hollingworth Lake when all the lads got into their Landrovers and slowly appeared in one long line over the brow of the hill. What a wonderful site it made.

Oh the good old days!

If you have anything you would like to include in the next publication, please e-mail me at anne.nelson3@ntlworld.com.

Celebrations

May Birthdays

4th Sarah Balog
5th Damien Fuller
7th Paul Armitage
11th Lesley Howells
12th Naomi Boryslawskij
13th Sarah El-Zebedi
15th Christopher Peake
17th Kerrie Shedden
18th Debbie Jessop
23rd Johanne Hirst
25th Geoff Hopkin
26th Oliver Womersley
26th Rosalind Allsopp
27th Joyce Scott
28th Ann Fuller

May Anniversaries

4th Chris & Lesley Wood
11th John & Yvonne Ward



June Birthdays

3rd Josh Hirst
6th Isabelle Womersley
8th Abby Hirst
8th Ian Allsopp
13th Michael Womersley
13th Lewis Balog
18th Vicki Coley
22nd John Shedden
25th Ivan Purkiss
29th Dianne Robinson

June Anniversaries

4th Carolyn & Nick Armitage
6th Nola & Robert Baldwin
14th Liz & Michael Womersley
17th Janice & Clive Patterson
17th John & Margaret Inman

**PLEASE LET ME KNOW OF ANY CELEBRATIONS BY
E-MAIL anne.nelson3@ntlworld.com**

[HDA WEB SITE](http://www.huddersfield-da.co.uk/)

**Don't forget that up to date information about our DA is
Available on the web site**

<http://www.huddersfield-da.co.uk/>

**FORUM section now ready for members to chat and
pass on information.
Why not take a look**

PRO Post

Hello Friends and Fellow Campers

As the newly appointed HDA PRO (Public Relations Officer) I am trying to meet and welcome any new members to our DA. I have been giving out copies of our “Out and About” leaflet. This lists HDA camping meets, giving a short description of the site and locality and also includes the map reference/ Post code to help you find us!

I have also been giving new members a “Dinner Dance” card. This little card has been introduced this year to help you keep track of the number of HDA meets you have attended. Every time you camp with us you need to have your dinner dance card signed either by the meet steward or any committee member. When your card is full, please hand it in to our Treasurer (Carolyn) and you will receive a 50% reduction on the price of your dinner dance tickets. If you have camped 6 times with us this season and you hand in your signed card you will get 25% discount. If I have missed you and you need a leaflet or a card please let me know!!

The Committee have agreed that it is a good idea for me to use the Ram’s Head to feed back anything our members need to know that has been discussed at the Committee meeting, so please keep your eyes open for the



Our last committee meeting was held on Monday 24th March and we were very busy finalising the details for our Easter meet at York which you are hopefully enjoying as you read this!!

Future events with HDA:- for further details and photos/maps see our web site.

2nd - 5th May. May Day meet at Lockside Caravan Park Ripon.

A booked meet, please book in advance with our Booking Officer Doreen Hopkin (e-mail:- hoppy.37@sky.com). This is a very popular site on the canal and within walking distance of Ripon centre. There will be a get together on Saturday evening with a free supper of burgers/ hot dogs!!

A large group of our members (including several committee members and two of our Youth) are doing the "Coast to Coast" Cycle challenge this weekend to raise money for Kirkwood Hospice in Huddersfield. They are riding their bicycles from Morecambe to Bridlington over the weekend!! They will be popping in to see us at Ripon on Sunday morning at the coffee morning and would really appreciate any donations for this very worthy charity event so please give generously!! It has been agreed that all proceeds from the raffle this weekend will be divided between this year's HDA charity:- Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Kirkwood Hospice.

23rd May- 1st June. Spring Bank Holiday 10 day meet at Ilkley Rugby club

A popular site for a 10 day THS meet (with toilets and showers), very near to the centre of Ilkley. For the more adventurous, take a walk over Ilkley Moor (baht 'at) and visit the Cow & Calf. New clubhouse on site. Booking forms can be obtained from Doreen (see above for e mail address).

19th-22nd June. Yorkshire Region Meet hosted by Leeds DA at Carlton Towers (Theme:- Musicals) We are sending in a block booking from Huddersfield DA for this meet. If you want to join us please complete the Region meet booking form (found in the centre of the small Yorkshire Region handbook) and hand it to Doreen with your cheque. Don't forget if you went to the Region meet last year you should have your £5 discount voucher!!

Please note the bookings for the HDA block booking must be to Doreen by 9th May at the latest!!

Leeds DA have asked for donations for the Tombola stalls for the Region meet, particularly children's prizes. If you do have anything to donate please give it to me to pass on.

I hope that you all have a lovely Easter and enjoy your time with our DA.

I am not able to be at York this year due to a pre booked holiday to Tenerife, but look forward to meeting you at future meets with HDA.

Best wishes,

Bernie Boryslawskyj (PRO)

Quick quips

**My pet mouse Elvis died yesterday. He got caught in a trap.
What do you get if you cross a dog with a telephone.?
A golden receiver.**

WEB SITE

In order to improve attendance by visitors and members alike, we would like to add photos of the sites at which we camp and their surrounding areas and local places of interest.

If you have any such photos, please send them to Chris Duffy with details of the photographs , at:

duffy0009@gmail.com

May we please remind parents of young children that, when camping with HDA, they are responsible for their children's behaviour, and must supervise them at all times. If we are in a room which is part of a larger building , children must not wander around, but stay in our booked room.

Dogs must be tied up at all times.

*Thank you for your cooperation
The Committee*

Thank You

Thank you to everyone at H.D.A. For my lovely gift from you all



The flowers lasted for ages and the canvas print of Tilly and Cassie will be a lovely memory of all of our years camping with Huddersfield as they camped with us all from being tiny puppies.



The day was one of mixed emotions, sad at leaving the committee after all this time, but happy with the new sense of freedom!

Thanks for everything
Lesley

Stewards Required

We still need Stewards for the following meet. Can anyone who is interested please let John Shedden know.

Sep 12 - 14 Rolls Royce Club Barnoldswick

Carbon Monoxide Kills!
NEVER put a **BBQ** in your
Tent or Awning!



Carbon monoxide fumes from BBQs are invisible, odourless, and lethal. Even if you think it's safe, and the flames have died down, don't do it. The smouldering coals may be warm, but they may kill you. Even with the tent doors open. Even just in the porch. Please don't do it!

Male or Female

FREEZER BAGS: They are **male**, because they hold everything in but you can see right through them.

PHOTOCOPIERS: These are **female**, because once turned off it takes a while to warm them up again. They are an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed but can also wreak havoc if you push the wrong Buttons.

TYRES: Tyres are **male**, because they go bald easily and are often over inflated.

HOT AIR BALLOONS: Also a **male** object because to get them to go anywhere you have to light a fire underneath them.

SPONGES: These are **female**, because they are soft, squeezable and retain water.

WEB PAGES: **Female**, because they're constantly being looked at and frequently getting hit on.

TRAINS: Definitely **male**, because they always use the same old lines for picking up people.

EGG TIMERS: Egg timers are **female**, because over time all the weight shifts to the bottom.

HAMMERS: **Male**, because in the last 5000 years they've hardly changed at all and are occasionally handy to have around.

THE REMOTE CONTROL: **Female**. Ha! You probably thought it would be male but consider this: It easily gives a man pleasure, he'd be lost without it and while he doesn't always know which buttons to push he just keeps trying

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR WEEKEND MEET STEWARDS

Huddersfield DA weekend meets will commence at noon, 12.00h.

Stewards are not expected to arrive at 12.00h as they may have work or other commitments.

The first person to arrive at the meet must act as temporary steward until an Officer of the DA or appointed Steward for the meet arrives.

It is the responsibility of the appointed Stewards to ensure the site is signed.

Appointed Stewards may ask someone who will arrive at the site before them to sign the meet, giving thought to members who may never have been to the site.

Members arriving at 12.00h must recognise that signs may not yet be in place.

Members arriving on the site before the Appointed Steward must be prepared to move their units if requested as areas for Youth, Catering Teams and Marquees may be required.

A space for the Appointed Steward must be left vacant near the entrance to the meet, although the Steward may choose not to camp there.

Members on site (Each Unit) may reserve only **ONE** space for friends/family.

Basic Camping & Caravan Club Rules

1. The steward is a volunteer. Help the steward to help you by observing the rules.
2. All vehicles to be restricted to 5mph on the meet field. Learner drivers are not allowed.
3. Try to restrict movement of vehicles when wet to prevent damage to the field.
4. Please do not allow your children to play ball games, fly kites etc. close to camping units, as damage is easily caused and expensive to repair.
5. It is strongly recommended that all units carry a suitable BSI and/or F.O.C. approved fire extinguisher. Fire buckets should be placed outside the front of the unit at all times.
6. Chemical toilets must not be taken/washed or primed at drinking water points and only emptied at designated elsan disposal points.
7. Motorhome owners should not open waste water tanks until they have left the camping field. Waste water containers should be emptied around the perimeter of the camping field, unless there is a designated waste water point. (DO NOT USE THE ELSAN POINT).
8. All animals should be kept under control and must not be allowed to run loose on the field.
Recommended: length of lead when tethered is a maximum of 2 metres. Animals must be exercised away from the units.
9. Generators are permitted and must be used reasonably. It is expected that generators should not be used for more than 4 hours each day, unless for medical reasons. Generators should not be used between the hours 9pm to 10am.
10. There should be no noise between 11pm and 7am.
11. Each pitch should be left clear of litter at the end of the meet and a careful check made before leaving the field that nothing has been left behind.

