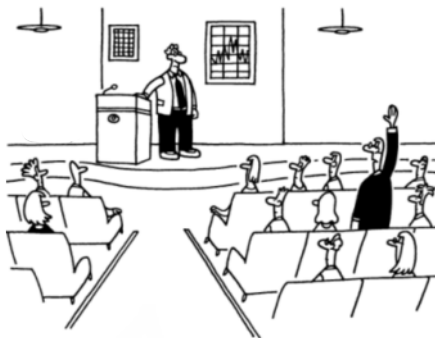


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**Huddersfield District Association
AGM 2015
Newsletter No. 330**



**"Could we extend the annual meeting? I still
have a lot of complaining to do!"**

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ROMAN'S FORUM

It doesn't seem like a year ago since the AGM, but it's upon us again! During the year we sadly lost Barry Robinson from the committee, and since then Nick & Carolyn Armitage have come off the committee and Doreen Hopkin will not be seeking re-election this time, so hopefully there are some of you out there are willing to come forward to help run and shape the DA by offering your services by filling the gaps on the committee.

I am aware that there are a few meets that still require stewards, so if you can't help by filling a committee place, then you might be able to spare a little time and steward a weekend meet. Please see John Shedden or me for details.

Easter will be upon us very shortly and I know Christine has been very busy organising a full programme of events and you will be pleased to know that the "wind up race meet" is back on Saturday evening - this time using camels heads not horses!

As we have a vacancy for a booking officer until after the AGM please look on our award winning website for up to date details on how to book for York. If its anything like previous years it will be fully booked before the event, so don't leave it too late!

Now the evenings are getting lighter and the dreariness of winter is lifting I hope you are like me, looking in anticipation to another full year of camping, hopefully blessed by excellent weather and good company!

Roman Boryslawskij
HDA Chair

Nelson's Column

The one thing about camping with a DA is that we do not let the weather deter us. The last meet of 2014 and the first meet of 2015 just proved this.

The grounds of Storthes Hall for the New Year Meet were covered in snow and very slippery. In DA fashion everybody was out clearing pathways to make it easier to get to the hall so we could all join in the entertainment provided by Christine. The wind started to get up with some force for the last evening but we still managed to enjoy ourselves.

The weather forecast for the photographic evening was not good at all with strong gales predicted. Once again we all turned out, call us dedicated or maybe just stupid. Friday night saw the worst of the winds and being rocked to sleep put on a different meaning! However we all survived and had a good weekend.

Congratulations to Roman & Debbie who got engaged on Valentines Day 14th February. I understand it was quite a Roman-tic proposal.

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

New Arrival



Evie Annabelle Webster on the 17th February to Charlotte & Chris, weighing in at 7lb 13oz. Congratulations to both parents and grandparents.

PRO Post

Hello Friends and Fellow Campers

Happy New Year to you all!! I hope you all had a good Christmas and managed to escape from the colds and flu that seems to have been going around.

We all enjoyed a good New Year at Storthes Hall Park with a good programme of events organised by Christine Wood and her team of helpers. Le Mans disco entertained us on New Years Eve and we celebrated the New Year in our usual lively way!!

We started our camping season early this year with the photographic weekend at Kirkburton being held last weekend . Michael and I were stewarding and the weather was not kind in the week following New Year!! We had snow , gales, hail and lots of rain!! Despite this we welcomed 15 units to the site (9 from Huddersfield DA and 6 visitors). After a very windy Friday night we all enjoyed the weekend. Christine provided a picture quiz on Friday evening and we all got together in the clubroom. Lee, Amy and family, (some of our visitors from Leeds DA) had a good computer app and also kept us entertained with playing "Heads up" a type of computer "articulate" game against the clock.

A group of campers went into the hall Saturday afternoon and Pauline kindly offered to share her crochet skills and her patterns with us. Thank you!!

The photographic evening was very well attended and Margaret and John Inman very kindly provided a hot beef sop supper and lots of cakes to celebrate John's forthcoming retirement. Thank you!! It was delicious!!

There were lots of entries in the competition and Ray and Pauline did a sterling job of judging the competition and then going through the entries

giving tips and advice. Thank you Ray and Pauline once more for joining us as our Guest Judges, I did not envy you having to choose the winners as there were some very good entries this year.

The trophy for the best set of four prints (theme of "Pattern") was once again won by Lesley Cobb!! The trophy for the best individual print of the year was won by Paul Wood. Congratulations to both of you!! The evening was concluded with the raffle and two videos of earlier Easter and New Year meets with HDA. Thanks to Tony Nelson for making and bringing these along for our enjoyment.

Coffee was served on Sunday morning and people slowly wended their way back home after a very enjoyable weekend. Thank you Ann for helping Michael with the coffee morning!!

We had our first committee meeting of 2015 this week and discussed lots of forthcoming events. Our next meet is a booked meet at Eden Camp , Malton on the 6th February. This meet is on hardstanding and the fees include entry into the Eden camp museum so is very good value. There is a social on Saturday evening with a World War 11 theme and you can dress up for the evening if you want to!!

On the 20th February we are camping at Skipton Auction Mart (again on hardstanding) , always a good idea at this time of year!! We have use of the room on Saturday evening and will be having a get together then.

Bookings will shortly be opening for our very popular Easter Meet at York racecourse. This is a fully booked meet and there will be a full programme of entertainment over the long weekend.

Advance notice:- there is a race night on Saturday and the theme this year is "Arabian nights" if you want to be looking for fancy dress!!

Our AGM is on the 7th March. The DA are camping at the Ukrainian club , Huddersfield and the AGM is on the Saturday afternoon in the hall. There will be a social on Saturday evening so please come and join us for the weekend. We will be needing some new blood on our committee as there are some vacancies. If you are interested in joining us on the committee please have a word with Roman, Lynda or myself.

John has almost completed his list of stewards for 2015 meets but there are still one or two meets left if you want to have a go at stewarding. It is good fun and a good way to get to know people and our DA do appreciate your support and give the steward a free weekend camping when they steward for us. If you are willing to offer your help please see John Shedden.

For further up to date details about our meets/ events have a look on our web site www.huddersfield-da.co.uk

If I can help in any way I can be contacted via e-mail:-
Bernie9012@aol.co.uk

Hope to see you all soon.

Best wishes,
Bernie Boryslawskyj (PRO)

The following article has been sent to the Huddersfield Examiner.

Huddersfield District Association of the Camping and Caravanning Club recently held their Annual Dinner Dance at Durker Roods Hotel, Meltham. The evening was very well attended and very successful.

During the evening, our Chairman, Mr Roman Boryslawskyj announced that our web site had been the runner up in the National competition for the "Brian Welham Trophy". This trophy is presented annually for the best web site within the Camping and Caravanning club. Roman presented the " certificate with high commendations" to our web officers Mr Chris Duffy and Mr Chris Wood.



Huddersfield District Association
Annual Photographic Competition

Snapper Trophy

A new trophy to be awarded from January 2016

For a single print
"As Taken"

Not altered / enhanced / changed
by computer or camera software,
except to adjust the size

Paper size no larger than 21 x 15 cm (A5)
no smaller than 6" x 4" = 15 x 10 cm (A6)

Home printed or commercially printed

Same subject as the main competition

This trophy is intended for those who take snapshots,
usually with fairly simple cameras and
do not use any photo processing software

Experts please play at your own level



Trophy donated to HDA by Ray Milnthorpe



Celebrations

March Birthdays

3rd Laura Wood
7th Sarah Richards
7th Frank Pyrah
10th Lesley Cobb
10th Harrison Adkins
12th Lesley O'Neill
12th Imogen El-Zebedi
12th Joseph Moodie
15th Anne Nelson
20th Anna Pyrah
22nd Nigel Peake
24th Pat Gibson
25th Roman Borysalwskyj
25th James Lockwood
25th Janice Patterson
31st Michael Boryslawskyj
31st Judy Gledhill

March Anniversaries

17th Nigel & Elaine Peake
20th Stephen & Julie Coley

April Birthdays

2nd Nick Armitage
3rd Peter Scott
6th Emilia Duffy
11th Jonathan Gledhill
12th Diane Pyrah
17th Kate Patterson
24th William Baldwin
25th Harriet Inman
29th Paul Hessey

April Anniversaries

1st Jeanne & Ken Baldwin
5th Mike & Bernie Boryslawskyj
2nd Joyce & Peter Scott
21st Sue & Gary Pearson



**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**

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

Entertainment Officer's Report

Dinner Dance

62 people ate a very enjoyable meal. The only down side was the room size. Some tables were very near to each other which caused problems with the serving staff and diners, also Durker Roods didn't have a table plan of the meals for each table, so the service was slow due to food served in food type to every table. Diners were waiting for their food while others had finished but were on the same table. Also wine - next year I will sort out the requirements for each table. I struggled trying to remember who ordered what! Otherwise it was quite a good night with a good disco

New Year

A disappointing meet this year.

Only 21 units camped this year (half the number of the units allowed to camp). This had a huge effect on the activities including New Years Eve social. The fancy dress evening and New Year's Eve social lacked atmosphere.

Games Night

27 people enjoyed 5 different games this year. The usual bowls and skittles with dominoes and darts and a new game for us, shuffle board. Everyone enjoyed the variety of games. The finals took a long time in the evening so we didn't get time to play beetle. Shame!!

Fancy dress "When the ship went down"

A good theme which allowed everyone to come in anything.

Unfortunately I wasn't there during the day when the titanic sank and all the sandwiches needed making, but the room looked great and the supper was very enjoyable. Thank you to all the sandwich makers and the ship builders! We played the bingo/ quiz game. It was very competitive but everyone enjoyed it

New Year's Eve

We invited everyone to decorate the room so the balloons got blown up in double quick time! The helium balloons made the room look very festive.

Harold and Jayne provided the music and the New Year Eve was once again celebrated in the usual way.

We went home on 1st Jan so I don't know how many stayed the extra day.

This year we are booked again at Storthes Hall so it would be good if more units could camp. I'm sure the atmosphere would be improved with more people attending. Would everyone please make a note of the date and try to camp.

I would like to give a special thank you to everyone who helped throughout this meet as without this help we would have struggled.

Christine

Five blokes in an Audi Quattro arrived at the ferry checkpoint.

Tracey, in her brand new uniform, stops them and tells them: "I can't let you on the ferry. It is illegal to have 5 people in a Quattro. Quattro means four. One of you will have to get out and stay behind."

"Quattro is just the name of the car," the driver replies disbelievingly. "Look at the papers, this car is designed to carry five persons."

"You cannot pull that one on me. This is Tracey you're talking to here," she replies with a smile. "Quattro means four. You have five people in your car and you are therefore breaking the law. So I can't let you onto the ferry. It's more than my job's worth to let you all on."

The driver is now very cross and replies angrily, "I've had enough of you. Call your supervisor over. I want to speak to someone with more intelligence!"

"Sorry," responds Tracey, "but Sharon is busy with those two blokes in the Fiat Uno."

Submitted by Margaret Inman

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*

Steward's report for Kirkburton

The weather forecast for the weekend was dire and we did not expect many units to arrive. The field was very soft and we were pleased to see that Keith, the groundsman, had laid down an area of plastic matting in the entrance. John and Dot were the first arrivals and John kindly gave me a lift back to the main road so that I could put the signs out. We had about seven units on site when one of our visitors informed me that he was not able to get up onto the site as his motorhome was stuck on the very sharp bend leading from the village onto Riley Park. A very helpful chap who was a tree surgeon, offered the services of his four wheel drive truck and a tow rope to extricate the vehicle from its precarious position. We thanked him for his invaluable assistance and he was only too pleased to have helped.

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I was grateful for the help of a small team to set out the Clubroom in preparation for the photographic competition. We changed the habits of a lifetime and laid out the room completely differently to that of previous years.

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Mike & Bernie Boryslawskyj

Wanted

Spare wheel for a Fiat Ducato Motorhome registered in 2010.
Size required is :- 15inch 5 stud , to take tyre size 215/70/R15.
Please contact Dave Hill on 07733186499.

Steward's Eden Camp

We arrived on site at 12 noon and was met by the man in charge who informed us that the top car park, where we usually camp, was covered in snow and ice as they had had a heavy fall of snow on Wednesday. We had seen some snow on the hills on our way there but thought nothing of it, however, he said we could have a look and see what we thought. We went up there in the motor home and it was covered and really icy, no way could we camp there. We were taken to the bottom coach and car park behind the reception which gets the most sun and this was clear, also we could have Mess Hut No 1 which was smaller than Hut 12 and was fully heated, lovely.

So we set up and Geoff put out the signs, we had some lunch and then the sun came out and it was lovely and warm, I even sat out while waiting for the vans to arrive. We had a steady stream of units throughout the afternoon who all settled in and wandered around the site visiting the huts.

As the gate is locked from 5pm Geoff had to be on hand in the evening to let in the poor souls who have to work, however it wasn't as bad as being up on the top car park as we were within walking distance of the gate. Geoff had taken his bike so he could cycle up and down the site for the late comers but on this occasion it wasn't needed. He was very grateful for this as he was watching the Six Nations Rugby match on TV between England and Wales.

Saturday dawned and the sun was shining again which made it very pleasant for people to continue their tour of the huts. I went out with Lesley and Peter to Pickering and Malton to stroll around the shops and have lunch, when we got back Geoff had put out the tables in the hut for the evening and Roman had set up the music system.

Later in the afternoon Janice, Geoff and I made the supper we had organised, mucky fat sandwiches, what else could you have, however we did have a chocolate cake, almond rounds and a super very large iced sponge cake provided by Janice. We did four large loaves of sandwiches

and wondered if they would all be eaten.

Saturday night social and we all gathered in the hut, we wondered if anyone would dress up and we weren't disappointed with most of our visitors turning up dressed in all sorts of costumes, we had land girls, nurses and Roman and Debbie resplendent in their RAF uniforms, we had Captain Wainwaring from Dads Army who won the prize for best costume chosen by a couple of our visitors.

Roman and Debbie had devised a themed quiz for the evening which was in four parts, first you had to colour and make a spitfire plane from a template they had made plus it had to FLY!! we had a questionnaire about the war, a photo gallery of stars of the era you had to name and a wordsearch containing all things to do with the war years, it was great and went down very well with everyone. The flying of the planes was entertaining with some dive bombing after only about a 2" flight, then came the experts who weighted the noses of the planes and managed to fly them the length of the room, it was brilliant and everyone had a great time, thanks Roman and Debbie for a super Night's entertainment.

We then held the raffle when we had several prizes followed by the supper, we needn't have worried about the pile of sandwiches and cakes, they disappeared like magic, well it is lean times and people looked forward to good food. Roman then played some war time music and we had several dances on the floor, all in all a brilliant night.

Sunday morning the sun was shining again and as we weren't having a coffee morning campers were able to do their own thing, have a lay in or continue the tour of huts. Geoff cleaned the hut and collected the signs and then we went and paid the site fees. We then decided to go to the Prisoners Tearoom and have lunch, it was a lovely and fitting end to a super weekend.

Geoff & Doreen

Eden Camp

Approximately half of the members dressed for the 40's evening on Saturday night. Nine teams competed in a four part themed competition, which comprised of a picture quiz, word search, general knowledge quiz and finally a construct, colour and then fly your own team spitfire. The Cobb family aka "the Cobwebs" missed first place by one point as Peter's perfect plane failed in the big "fly off"! The best dressed of the night was won by the "Mr Mainwaring" look alike, Tony White from YDA. (He's in the third picture).

The following photos were taken during the evening.



Roman Boryslawskij

**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!

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.