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ROMAN'S FORUM

I am pleased that at the AGM we had a number of “new” faces put themselves forward to join the committee, with Naomi, Chris Wood and John Inman offering their services, perhaps “not so new” in John’s case?

I was elected to be Chairman again this year, which I believe is a great privilege and you will see from the inside cover the positions that the individual committee members offered to undertake for the next twelve months. All of us on the committee, no matter which post we hold, all rely on your help and support and I hope you will continue to do this in this coming year.

For our nominated charity last year we raised a magnificent sum of £574 for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. This year let’s see if we can beat that for our nominated charity - **The Alzheimer’s Society**. Unfortunately this is an illness that has become more prevalent in recent years, perhaps due to our longer life expectancy, but is severely under funded in terms of research. We have already had a £50 “donation” to start us off. This was following a whip round to replace a “lost” jacket on John Inman’s retirement do.....which wasn’t “lost” at all!!

For a lot of members who enjoy camping, the season begins at Easter and I welcome you to join us whenever and wherever you can. Please ensure you obtain (if you haven’t already) a list of all our meets and events this year.

As I write this we still need stewards for Knaresborough in a couple of weeks time and for a week at our THS in Kettlewell in the summer. All those who steward don’t pay site fees and other expenses are payable to THS stewards, please see John or me if you can help out.

Finally, I will be out of action during May due to a foot operation which will restrict my driving but I will take this opportunity to wish you all every enjoyment during this summer wherever you park your wheels or canvas.

Roman

Nelson's Column

You should be reading this issue at our Easter Meet at York Racecourse and I am hoping that the sun shines, particularly for all the Easter entertainment on Sunday morning. It's lovely to see everybody sitting out to cheer along all of their friends and families taking part in the races.

With Easter being early this year, hopefully all of the daffodils should still be out all around the City Walls. It always adds to the enjoyable walk into and around York.



I was really pleased to see the coverage of DA camping in the April issue of the Club magazine. There are quite a few different articles all promoting the different groups and Temporary Holiday Sites, which is an inexpensive way for a family to spend their holidays. We long term campers already know the benefits of DA camping, but it can only help to support the different Regions by featuring it in the magazine.

Newly Weds

Congratulations to Naomi and James who were married on the 14th March. I hope you have a lovely life together.

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

PRO Post

Hello Friends and Fellow Campers

It has been a very busy time since my last PRO Post. Our AGM was held at The Ukrainian Club, Huddersfield. This was well attended and I am very pleased to say that we had three members who came forward to join the committee. Namely, Miss Naomi Boryslawskyj (now Mrs Lockwood!!), Mr John Inman and Mr Christopher Wood.

It is good to have new people coming forward and we are all looking forward to working together on the committee.

Elaine Peake and Diane Pyrah also came forward to take up office as Auditors. A cheque for £600 was presented to our charity for the Year (Yorkshire Air Ambulance) and Mike and Elaine Moores came from Yorkshire Air Ambulance to accept the cheque and talk to members at the meeting. I was very pleased that this event was covered by the local newspaper The Huddersfield Examiner, who rounded up the £574 raised to £600.

We had our committee meeting this week and were very busy planning for our Easter meet for your enjoyment.

Bookings are being taken for May Day at Ripon, Doreen who is stewarding Ripon is taking the bookings for this meet and Easter (contact her at hobby.37@sky.com).

From then all future booked meets (Ilkley and Yorkshire Region Meet block booking) need to be booked with our new Booking Officer Mr John Inman.

John can be contacted by e mail at, smjinman@hotmail.co.uk

Our President of many years Mr Geoff Hopkins stood down this time and has taken up post as Honorary Vice President of HDA. Dr Michael Boryslawskyj was proposed as the new President and has taken up the post.

Yorkshire Region council elections are once again via e-mail. One e-mail per household will be sent if there is more than 1 member to vote they both need to access the e-mail. Anyone who wants a paper vote must contact Club HQ to register after 20th March. If you do vote via e-mail you will be informed of the election results also via e-mail.

The theme for the Yorkshire Region Mardi Gras parade is "Holiday Destinations.

Christine is wanting Tombola donations for Easter please. If you have any Tombola prizes later for the Region meet please let Steve Coley or Roman have them before the Region AGM.

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)

THANK YOU

Bernie would like to say a really big THANK YOU for the lovely flowers, cards and good wishes she received from friends in the DA following her recent operation.



Naomi and James (the new Mr and Mrs Lockwood) would like to thank all friends in the DA who joined them to celebrate their wedding on the 14th March 2015. Thank you also for the lovely presents, cards and good wishes!!.



Celebrations

May Birthdays

4th Sarah Balog
5th Damien Fuller
7th Paul Armitage
11th Lesley Howells
12th Naomi Boryslawskj
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
29th Neave Inman

May Anniversaries

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

June Birthdays

3rd Josh Hirst
6th Isabelle Womersley
8th Abby Hirst
8th Ian Allsopp
8th Clifford Smith
13th Danny Mudd
13th Michael Womersley
13th Lewis Balog
18th Vicki Coley
22nd John Shedden
27th Kate Priestley
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**

Steward's Report AGM Ukrainian Club

As I negotiated with the club to hold the AGM I also took the opportunity to steward and “kill two birds with one stone”

The grounds at the club have changed since we last camped there and a large grassed area was made available for us at the side of the car park, which is used as an overspill car parking area when they hold larger functions. To ensure we utilised the space effectively I asked if we could make this a booked meet so I could allocate the hard standing for larger units.

When I turned up at 1205 hrs, Gary Pearson was already settled in to what I had envisaged as the stewards pitch which gave a direct line of site down the driveway! Although he offered to move, he had his legs down, so I thought of plan B. On checking the firmness of the grassed area I took the bold decision to park on it. After a few yards I reaped the error of my judgement as the wheels started to spin!! As my movement was compromised I asked Gary to tow me into position which he dutifully obliged, as I reminded him it would have been much easier if I had pitched where he was!!

A steady flow of units arrived through the afternoon and by 6pm all had arrived allowing a party of us to walk up to the Croppers Arms for a tasty meal. This was followed by a couple of drinks in the club bar and then to bed.

In the morning I was asked by a “new” member to HDA (Mike Murphy) if Greenhead Park was near. He was surprised when I gave him the directions out of the back gate how close this amenity was, and he proceeded to take his three grandchildren off for a day in the park! Although I had to prepare for my first AGM as Chairman, I decided to accompany Paul on sorting out our gas stock for York, collecting a spare bottle I had at home on route. Fortunately I took the opportunity to phone John (the Ukrainian Club Chairman) to remind him that we

needed access to the club from 1300 hrs. He had spoken with Sue Pearson on Friday asking when we needed the BAR opening (not the club!) to which she confirmed it would be 1900 hrs in the evening!

After a frantic exchange of numerous phone calls he managed to get his brother to abandon his shopping trip at ASDA to come and open up the club whilst he finished off his post round in Halifax.....Phew!!! Better get the boilers on for the complimentary AGM tea and coffee and after filling both up and switching on Debbie noticed that they were only lukewarm. On checking them I found that the power had tripped, but not only had it gone off in the entrance but also in the kitchen, which must have been on the same circuit. Scouting around for ANY available socket I found one functional near the stage in the hall, so everything was then transferred up there.

A quick check of the watch and it was 1345 hrs and I still hadn't got changed or got my papers together!!

Back in the hall at 1355 hrs the man from the local paper came to take the photo of the charity cheque handover to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance which he insisted be taken outside due to the glorious sunshine.



So with a later than planned start it was over to the main event...the AGM! Well, I felt it all went smoothly and with no contentious issues at all, closed in rapid time...what was all the panic for???

All were invited back for the evening for a "Free & Easy" social and quite a number of those not camping returned for Christine's quiz and a super Steak Pie & Pea supper.

We had the coffee morning inside the hall on Sunday morning as John from the club had remembered to open up at 1000 hrs, which was great as the weather was dull & wet, a huge contrast from Saturday. By noon there was just myself and Paul left, which was lucky for me, as I drove off my mats with only a couple of yards to the tarmac, I got that sinking feeling..... Paul (who was ready for off himself by this time) unhitched his van to tow me to "safety", only to find that his levelling ramp was jammed against his motor mover! Soon sorted, he followed me down the drive and on the road home after a very successful weekend.

During and after the weekend I received numerous comments on how pleasant the grounds and venue were since they last camped there, so with the venue booked for next year's AGM I hope that there will be more attending ON the field!

Roman & Debbie

Price of gas in France

A thief in Paris planned to steal some paintings from the Louvre. After carefully planning, he got past security, stole the paintings and made it safely to his van. However he was captured only two blocks away when his van ran out of gas. When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied, "Monsieur, that is the reason I stole the paintings."

I had no Monet

To buy Degas

To make the Van Gogh.

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 Wood with details of the photographs , at:

chris.4.wood@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*

**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.

