

RAMS HEAD



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ROMAN'S FORUM

Spring Bank week is the busiest camping & caravanning week of the year and for the first year since I was a child I didn't manage to get off anywhere due to my foot operation. Not being able to drive for a month is VERY frustrating!

I did manage though, to get to our THS at Ilkley for the last weekend which was stewarded by Sam & Pauline Wilson. The Bank Holiday weekend had been busy and they had managed to secure a room in the complex and put some entertainment on for our visitors, which was much appreciated with a number of e-mails being received from happy "customers."

There will be a number of us missing from the Hipperholme meet as we are travelling to Rugby for James Haigh & Nikki Wardle's wedding that weekend. Also on the same weekend, Leeds DA are holding their Bogie Race & YDA are at Knaresborough for the Bed Race!

When sites are booked so far in advance it is difficult, nigh impossible, to gauge what competition there will be for a full attendance at our meets.

Where we will be represented well is at the forthcoming Region Meet which is being held at the new venue of Grange Park, Wetherby, just off the A1(M). Although our block booking has been submitted there is always room for anyone un-booked. The theme for the *Mardi Gras* parade this year is "Holiday Destinations" and we have chosen FRANCE as our entry. So get your berets, striped shirts and onions at the ready!! Christine has already bought some "props" including a number of Eiffel Towers!!

This will be the last edition of the Rams Head before we all set off, jet off or sail off on our well earned summer holidays so whenever & wherever you are planning to go I hope you all have a fantastic time and make sure you are back for our end of holiday meet at Pugneys in August ! (although Debbie and myself will be still on the Isle of Wight!)

Roman

Nelson's Column

It was good to return to camping at Knaresborough Lido. This is the first place I ever camped - in a tent! It has totally changed since the DA was last there and is now more for static caravans and seasonal tourers. It's a lovely site and the owner is very friendly. I look forward to going there again.

We've had referendums and elections all showing that Scotland and England are drifting apart. This is not how I have found it on all of my visits to Scotland. We went once again to the Scottish Region Meet at the Bridge of Allan and could not have been made more welcome by everybody there. Billy Martin the Region Chairman came straight across to us in the marquee and had remembered us from our visit last year. We have now been renamed as the "Yorkshire Pudding DA" and not Huddersfield DA. Perhaps I should write to the Club to be re-affiliated! It was a shame that the rain spoiled some of their planned events, but they stoically carried on and moved everything into the marquee. It was all great entertainment and the Chairman's reception was enjoyed by every member present. It was good to see such a successful Youth Section all working together and enjoying themselves.

E-Cigarettes - Please note that after discussion the Committee have decided that e-cigarettes will be classed in the same way as normal cigarettes by the DA. Therefore these will not be permitted in any venues, or marquees in the same way as normal cigarettes. We hope that you will all appreciate and adhere to this decision. We feel that as a "family" organisation we wish to discourage the use of any form of smoking that could in any way influence our younger members.

A gentle reminder.....please no glasses or drinking on the dance floor.

Thank you
Lynda Baldwin - Secretary

PRO Post

Hello Friends and Fellow Campers

I cannot believe we are already into June!! Time seems to be moving along very quickly and we have enjoyed some really good meets with HDA this season. It has been good to meet and welcome new members and visitors to our meets and we do hope to see them camping with us again.

We had our latest committee meeting and were very busy planning for future meets. We are proposing to hold a "Family Fun" event again at Pugneys water park in August, and also a Boules competition and sausage sizzle competition at Bolton Abbey in September.

We were informed by Headquarters that two members from our area had recently been awarded their badges for being members of the club for 50 years. We would like to offer our congratulations to Mr and Mrs T Sykes and Mrs C Smith for this achievement.

Discussion took place about social events following a concern raised by a member, following the Easter meet. It was agreed by the Committee that for all future social events either in marquees or in a room/hall there must be no smoking at all inside, this to include the smoking of E Cigarettes. There must also be no drinks at any time on the dance floors. This decision has been taken to ensure the well being and enjoyment of all our members.

John Shedden our sites officer still needs stewards for Kettlewell for 15th – 25th August and also for Pontefract racecourse for 11th -13th September. Stewarding is good fun and a good way to get to know people and our DA do appreciate your support and give the steward free camping for the meet when they steward for us. If you are willing to offer your help please see John Shedden or e-mail him.

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

Entertainments Officer Report. York - Easter Meet

We arrived on the field on Tuesday, as Paul and Tony wanted to get the stores (Shed) finished off, with shelving etc. This gave Ann and me a chance to order the sausage, bacon and eggs from a local butcher. The cost was only pence dearer than Batleys' and we didn't need anyone to store them in their fridges as we collected them when required. I had ordered the bread on the internet and that also was delivered on Friday morning. (I shall definitely do that again next year).

Friday was a bit damp weather wise, but the sausage and bacon sandwiches went down very well. We had plenty of support on the numerous stalls, Tombola, raffle, and cake stalls, and the majority of the camels were also sold on Friday.

Saturday started really early with a workshop in the marquee for the decorated egg competition. This proved very popular also, which resulted in a large amount of entries for the competition, and to a very high standard.

Saturday evening:- I was able to accost people coming into the venue and by cajoling, persuading and badgering, I got all the jockeys required for the set races. A lot of people were in Arabian costume which was nice to see.

Another exciting race night which was enjoyed by all and the Youth funds benefited by £217.67. My thanks to **everyone** who helped with this event, even the camels looked amazing!

Sunday morning: - another early start to get the burners and boilers on, although one of the boilers wouldn't stay lit, so another repair job on the list of, "Jobs to Do" We served the first breakfasts at 9.10 a.m. which was a super effort by the catering team, Peter, James, Amir, Chris, D and Chris W, Lizzie, Naomi, Mike, Bernie and Paul. (I hope I've

mentioned them all) We served a lot of food and everything that was left over- a few pounds of bacon and sausage, were sold off. The sandwiches and breakfasts made a profit of £123.63 - amazing!

The Easter bonnet parade was popular again but only by the children and ladies. I think we'll have a re-think for next year. Egg races were well supported and on some races we had to have heats! Congratulations to all the winners.

On Sunday evening we did get off to a late start but that didn't stop the bingo!! We had 2 games and the prizes were £50 for the full house, better than Mecca or Gala. Harold entertained the children with dances and games while the raffle and bingo tickets were being sold. After the raffle was drawn Harold entertained us for the rest of the evening.

Monday was a free and easy, and it was also the start of the fantastic weather. Another successful Easter meet. My thanks to everyone who helped in anyway



Christine

Celebrations

July Birthdays

1st Thomas Wood
2nd John Patterson
6th Victor Jackson
7th Chris Wood
7th Fred Netherwood
16th Andrea Smith
17th Morgan Adkins
22nd Gary Pearson
22nd Ben Baldwin
24th Joanne Wood
30th Jake Houps

July Anniversaries

1st Ann & Tony Fuller
5th Stephen & Lynda Baldwin
14th Frank & Diane Pyrah
18th Judy & Peter Gledhill
18th Lesley & Vince O'Neill
23rd Michaela & Chris Duffy
24th John & Dot Shedden



August Birthdays

2nd Alisha Fuller
5th Jeanne Baldwin
11th Ben O'Neill
14th Tony Fuller
19th Peter Cobb
20th Tony Nelson
23rd Rod Curran
24th Sam Hirst
30th Ebony Stocks

August Anniversaries

26th Paul & Christine Wood



**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**

The following article and picture were provided by The Huddersfield Examiner. The amount collected was rounded up to £600 by the Huddersfield Examiner. Also attached is the certificate from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Ambulance charity receives £600 cheque

A CHEQUE for £600 was handed over on Saturday at the Ukrainian Club, Edgerton, from the

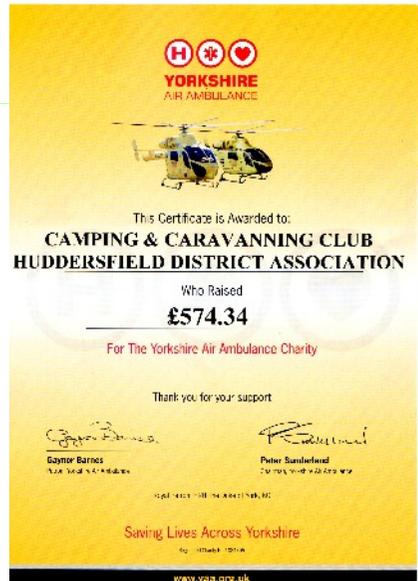
■ With the cheque to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance are, from left, Roman Boryslawskyj – chairman of the Huddersfield district association of the Camping and Caravanning Club, Elaine and Mike Moores.

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Huddersfield and District Association of the Camping and Caravanning Club of Great Britain and Ireland to representatives of Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

The money was raised through a variety of events including coffee mornings and fun evenings.

Each year the association chooses a charity and the cheque is handed over at the club's AGM.



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*

Steward's Report - Winterset

When we arrived at Winterset, the site owner met us with the news that they had mistakenly double booked for that weekend. There was a party of 21 units from the Caravan Club already pegged out with the prime spots. He was very apologetic and showed us to the parts of the field where we could camp.

The weather forecast for the weekend was not good so we were not anticipating many units. By lunchtime we had a very small turnout so as we collected the fees, I decided not to have a raffle as it did not seem worth it. Everyone seemed in agreement with this at the time. However slowly but surely the units drifted in until we had a total of 15 units.

On Saturday lunchtime we went for our usual carvery at the pub in Crofton. It's always very good value for money and we look forward to going. The rain came down quite heavily while we were in the pub and we thought this would be the theme for the rest of the weekend. Normally we would go for raffle prizes after our meal, but (as I will keep being reminded) I had decided not to have a raffle so that was one less job to do.

We decided to risk it and go for a walk around the lake when we got back as the rain had stopped. This year they have built an adventure trail for the children based on the "Room on the Broom" book, with carvings all around the lake for them to find. Over the years that we have been coming, the improvements which have been made to both the site and the Country Park have been excellent.

Sunday morning and the predicted rain did not come, so we were able to have our coffee morning albeit without raffle. I don't think I'll live this one down, but sometimes you have to be different!

Anne & Tony Nelson

**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.

