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## **ROMAN'S FORUM**

Although Easter is about as early as it gets, I cannot recall the season having such a poor start. We have only had two meets since the New Year and even the one at Rufforth was touch & go due to it snowing around Huddersfield. I don't know if you have been like Debbie & me and took the opportunity to camp with other DA's? We have ventured off with Nottingham DA, Leeds DA and last week Lancs & Cheshire DA who were at Marsden of all places!

Taking stock of what has been posted on social media sites it seems we are not alone with meets across the country cancelled on a weekly basis. However our Easter meet is still going ahead as planned with me and Paul Wood inspecting the site last week and hopefully you should be reading this bathed in glorious spring sunshine at York!

A couple of weeks after Easter it is our AGM at the Ukrainian Club, and if you are thinking of camping, please book with John Inman as we are limiting it to 25 units. Due to the cancellation of photographic evening at Kirkburton we are taking the opportunity to reschedule the competition during the evening after the meeting.

Before we hold the AGM I should like to ask all of you to reflect on the enjoyment you have with your weekends camping and ask yourself if you could perhaps help continue with shaping the DA and assist by joining the committee. A number of committee members are stepping down this time after many years service and we do need new faces to replace them! A number of DA's are struggling to form committees and some have folded due to lack of volunteers, although we are not in such a desperate position, it is healthy to have a full & active committee and bring in fresh ideas.



Here's to a Happy Easter and let's hope the wet weekends fade into history and look forward to a sunny & dry summer ahead!

Cheers  
Roman

# Nelson's Column

## Photographic Evening

Due to the cancellation of the photographic evening at Kirkburton, the event has been re-scheduled to the evening of the AGM at the Ukrainian Club on the 16th April. The theme is DA camping and all photographs must have been taken during 2015.

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Please note that Janice & Clive Patterson no longer have a land line. Their phone number is now 07930919812 and their e-mail address is [janicepatterson90@gmail.com](mailto:janicepatterson90@gmail.com).

## NOTICE OF THE AGM

The 2016 AGM of HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will take place at 2pm on Saturday 16th April 2016 at the Ukrainian Club, Edgerton, Huddersfield.

If there are any Notices of Motion, they must be submitted to Lynda Baldwin, Secretary HDA no later than 10th April 2016.

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Camping is available, pre-booked only. Please contact our Booking Officer Mr John Inman 07483 240455.

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

## I NEVER KNEW THAT

Q: Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

A: When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

Q: Why do ships and aircraft use 'mayday' as their call for help?

A: This comes from the French word m'aidez -meaning 'help me,' and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday.'

Q: Why are zero scores in tennis called 'love'?

A: In France, where tennis became popular, a round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'egg.' When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans mispronounced it 'love.'

Q. Why do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses?

A: In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfil obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

Q: Why is shifting responsibility to someone else called 'passing the buck'?

A: In card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility of dealing, he would 'pass the buck' to the next player.

Q: Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast?

A: It used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

Q: Why are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'?

A: Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theatres by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the centre of attention.

Q: Why is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'?

A: Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

Q: In golf, where did the term 'Caddie' come from?

A: When Mary Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scots game 'golf.' So he had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into 'caddie.'

Q: Why are many coin banks shaped like pigs?

A: Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.' When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a container that resembled a pig. And it caught on.

## Steward's Report Skipton

We arrived at Skipton shortly after lunch on Friday, with quite a few units already there. After tea we decided to brave the wind, rain and cold weather to collect the fees. 34 units in all with the majority being visitors.

Saturday morning saw the wind and rain still with us. Deciding that it wasn't going to get any better, we went with Christine and Paul to a new farm shop that had opened nearby. We had lunch there and can highly recommend it. We bumped into a few other campers while there also.

Saturday evening we had the usual room. We had a quiz, bingo and a craft evening. Christine and Paul brought cardboard, paints, glue and anything else needed to make shields and swords for our Viking Easter Meet at York. I think everyone enjoyed themselves. (Paul don't know how you managed to fit it all in the car).

We also decided to hold the raffle on Saturday night as the weather forecast wasn't good for Sunday morning (so no coffee morning).

Good weekend. We know how to enjoy ourselves even in the wind and rain.

Margaret and John

# 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  
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

14th James & Naomi Lockwood  
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](mailto: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**

## 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](mailto: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*

**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



## **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.