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## **ROMAN'S FORUM**

When you read this I will be enjoying myself (hopefully) on my “grand tour” of Germany & The Low Countries and I know many of you are on the countdown to your summer break. However, if you are still undecided or not planned anything yet we are still looking for stewards for our THS at Kettlewell for the start of the meet on 5th August until 16th July.

If anyone fancies doing this we do make it worth your while with a full range of expenses paid, so why not combine stewarding with a break in this fantastic location?

This year looks as though we may bring the curtain down on our long standing THS in Weymouth , nearly 20 years since Nigel Peake and I got chatting to a local farmer whilst down there on holiday.

The popularity of this THS is legendary and the site has provided fantastic holidays to many from the DA and countless visitors. In addition it has been a valuable source of income to the DA and the revenue helps to fund our activities throughout the year.

So if you have not planned anything yet consider joining Anne & Tony Nelson and Eileen & Vic at Weymouth while you can for the very last time!

If you know of any location we may use as a replacement (it doesn't have to be on the South Coast!) please let our Sites Team (Mike Boryslawskyj or Phil Rutt) know so they can follow this up for 2017.

I hope you all have a great holiday wherever you go and the weather is kind to you.

Cheers  
Roman

# Nelson's Column

After we had stewarded Winterset, we set off up to Scotland and stayed for three nights on the club Site at Moffat. It's a lovely site and we all enjoy going there. We were invited to join the local walking club on their Wednesday walk. It was a lovely walk and they were all very friendly and informative. We have an open invitation to join them again if we are in the area on a Wednesday.

While we were there, we drove up to Lockerbie and visited the Memorial garden, it was very moving seeing all the plaques and dedications.

On the Thursday we set out for the Bridge of Allan for the Scottish Region Meet. We have always been made to feel very welcome there and look forward to going and once again we were not disappointed. There's always something going on both in the daytime and the evenings and everyone seems to work together to make it a great success.

We also visited the Cathedral at Dunblane, where there was a memorial stone for all the children who had died there, again very moving.

Our summer THSs' at Weymouth and Kettlewell will soon be upon us and I hope that they will be as well attended as previous years. Unfortunately, this is the last time that we will be stewarding the site at Weymouth, as it has been sold for housing development. We have had this site for nineteen years and it will be quite a wrench for our DA.

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).

## Steward's Report - Winterset

The weather forecast for Winterset was not very good so we were not expecting a lot of units. Fortunately, the weekend turned out much better than expected and we all managed to sit out in the sun for some of the time albeit a little chilly.

When we arrived on site the land owner told us that quite a lot of the field was still a little waterlogged so he had cut a different area for us to camp. It was on a slope and as we have quite a few Motorhomes in our DA we thought it could be a problem, but we were allowed to use some hard standing plots from the official campsite as it was not full. We were very grateful for this as we had more units than expected, 19 in all.

To celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Martin Cullen had made a beacon and we all gathered round as he lit it and sang Happy Birthday and God Save the Queen.



On the Saturday we went into Wakefield to buy the raffle prizes, We had not taken any with us as we weren't sure how many units would turn up. I had a voucher for 20% off at the local Crown Carvery so we all went there for a very pleasant (and cheap) lunch.

We all managed to sit out for the coffee morning on Sunday followed by our usual walk around the lake.

Anne & Tony Nelson

# Celebrations

## July Birthdays

1st Thomas Wood  
2nd John Patterson  
6th Victor Jackson  
7th Chris Wood  
7th Fred Netherwood  
13th Roland Vale  
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  
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## [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 - Lockside Ripon

The weather the week before our Ripon meet was atrocious and we wondered if the meet would be cancelled, however on contact with the site owner Malcolm were assured the field was holding up well.

We usually go early Thursday afternoon in order to put the signs out and peg out the field, but we had a funeral to attend so we didn't arrive on site until teatime, after travelling all the way in nasty weather and the weather didn't improve during the evening, so pegging out was a no-no. We did eventually get a bright spell for ½hr so Geoff got on his bike to put the signs out but was caught in some very heavy rain on the way back so he rode straight into the barn and dumped his bike there.



Friday morning Geoff was up very early as usual and pegged out three quarters of the field as we only had 40 vans booked in, but he made sure we had enough spare pegs for any unbooked that may arrive. It was a very slow start for vans arriving so Geoff and Ken took it in turns to site them while Caroline and I booked them in and made the tea of course, by dinnertime we only had about 20 vans on site.

We had a couple of phone calls from members who couldn't get their vans out at home because of the snow but would try and come Saturday, we did however have a couple from Todmorden and one from Stockport who set off from home in 4 inches of snow.



Members continued to arrive in a steady trickle through Friday night and Saturday morning along with a couple of unbooked units. During the day Geoff, Chris, Nick, Ken and Roman set out the room for the social Saturday night, then we all went into Ripon to buy some raffle prizes leaving Geoff in control on site.

Attendance at the social was poor so we decided to hold the raffle at the coffee morning on Sunday, however we had a brilliant quiz thanks to Lesley and bingo courtesy of Peter who also provided the heaters for the room.

Sunday was a day of showers and sunshine with only about 20 people turning up for the coffee morning so we deferred the raffle yet again to the Sunday night social when we had another quiz from Lesley and the bingo this time was called by Geoff and Julie operated the bingo machine as Cobby was indisposed!!!

The raffle was finally done with our friends from Birmingham winning a fair share of the prizes.

Monday morning we awoke to sunshine and members started to leave at a steady rate, the signs were collected and handed over to Roman along with the coffee morning stuff for the following weekend. We then had a heavy downpour of rain which we could have done without. Geoff thought it might cause problems getting some of the vans off the field but we only had one van who had difficulty getting out but this was sorted without any problem.



We had all the seasons over the four days but all in all it was a good weekend, our thanks to Nick & Caroline, assistant stewards, and all the help given from Ken, Chris, Charlotte and Tina.

Geoff & Doreen  
Stewards

## 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*

## Steward's Report - Hollingworth Lake

Well what a lovely weekend weather wise, it's been years since we had such a nice sunny weekend at Hollingworth Lake!!! We had over 30 units out, nice to see people we have not seen for years camping again.

The only trouble with the date of the weekend is that the rugby club is very busy, with presentations, cricket, dog agility, rugby and football games, so our new booking officers have decided to revert back to our original May dates next year to hopefully avoid any future disturbances.

May we thank the club for offering everyone who went to the social on the Saturday night, a free drink to say sorry for the unruly behaviour by their Rugby Youth on the Friday night.

We had our usual social evening in the club on the Saturday night, with a quiz and game of bingo, thank you for all who helped, but we had a few complaints about our bingo caller (this person, whose name we shall not mention, kindly accepted to call the numbers at the last minute, but was not up to Mecca/Gala Standards!!! So if anyone would like to volunteer their services (not Nigel or Mike, as we sacked these two many years ago) to take on this thankless task in future, please come forward?

Many thanks to our assistant stewards Ann and Tony Fuller for siting vans, collecting fees and coffee morning on the Sunday, not to mention trying to keep the vans from travelling over the cricket pitch. Hopefully next year we will get a more quieter weekend, with lots more sunshine.

Nigel and Elaine Peake

## **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.