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ROMAN'S FORUM

This will be the last edition before the New Year and hopefully you have booked for York at the end of the month because it is fully booked!! Although we are normally oversubscribed, John Inman informed us at the last committee meeting he had already a long waiting list, and that was by early October! We can only accept 75 units due to ground conditions, however if you haven't booked depending how kind the weather has been, we will make a decision ON THE DAY if we can squeeze some more units on.

As part of the Club's constitution we have to elect Youth Officers & a Treasurer by November each year. As Naomi Lockwood had already offered her services as Treasurer early in the year, she was formally elected to take over from Christine who'd undertaken both the role of Treasurer AND Social Coordinator during our time of need. As Vince & Lesley informed us earlier that they would be retiring from the Youth Leader roles, we duly elected Chris & Michaela Duffy who offered to be our new Youth Leaders. John Shedden also announced that he would not be seeking re-election at the next AGM after 9 years of arranging our sites. John has produced his final sites list to ensure we have continued camping throughout 2016 and will be available to offer advice to anyone who fancies taking on the role, but in the meantime you could help John by offering YOUR services to steward in double quick time so that he enters his well earned "retirement" with a completed programme for 2016!

My thanks go to all those retiring and those picking up the gauntlet to ensure the continued smooth running of our DA.

Bookings are now being taken for both the Dinner Dance & New Year and I would sincerely like both events to be fully patronised where possible as full attendance always creates a fantastic atmosphere at both events!and finally, If I don't see you at either of the above two events may I wish you all a VERY Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Roman

Nelson's Column

We had a lovely start to Autumn and it was good to be able to sit out in the sunshine at quite a few of our meets in September and October. Unfortunately the nights are drawing in and although the thoughts of staying at home in a warm house sounds tempting, we are still carrying on camping with meets in every month. What a hardy lot DA campers are. I'm looking forward to visiting our new site at Aeroventure Doncaster and also to our regular Christmas shopping meet at York Racecourse, always a popular meet.

Sites 2016

John Shedden will shortly be issuing his list of sites for 2016 and he will be coming round looking for stewards. Please try to help him as much as possible as it is hard to find enough stewards for the number of meets which we have. Stewarding helps you to meet more people and also to welcome new members and show the face of the DA.

Christmas Cards

It has been decided by the committee after a vote amongst the members, that we will not be exchanging Christmas cards within the DA this year. Instead there will be a collection for donations to our charity 'The Alzheimer's Society' Huddersfield & Halifax Branch. Lynda will have a large card for everyone to sign at our Dinner Dance at Durker Roods.

If you have anything you would like to include in the next publication, which is due out at the New Year Meet, please e-mail me at anne.nelson3@ntlworld.com.

Sports Meet @Pugneys August Bank Holiday 2015

“Sports for all” was the theme for this year’s games. We did most of last year’s games and replaced the odd one, Jaffa Oranges in place of Balloons for the last relay race, and shuffle board replacing the biker (beetle) game. We held the games on the Sunday not Saturday, as some of our older youth were going to Leeds Fest. I think the better day, weather wise was the Sunday, so a good decision.

My thanks to everyone who helped especially to: -
Scorers, (Anne Nelson, Eileen Jackson, Dot Shedden and Kath Hill)
Linesmen (or ladies) Eileen Jackson and Anne Nelson

The games were entered into with gusto, and we had too many people wanting to take part. The final scores were very close, with the winners being the Womersely family.

BBQ Tea!!

This year we had fewer campers and visitors, so we cooked for 75 adults and 12 children. We had the usual chicken breasts, burgers and sausage, and salad and for a change we had new potatoes, steamed in a school steamer, which Sue had acquired. They were quite delicious! The desserts were apple pie or fresh fruit salad with cream.

My thanks to the salad makers, Dot, Anne and Eileen, and the fruit salad makers, Sue, Kath, Bernie, Margaret, and Ann.

My thanks also to all the “barbequers”- too many to mention. And to “Jonny Onion” who, not only fried all the onions, but also served all the meat to everyone. (Or that was his intention!!!)

Our thanks to Peter Cobb for bringing his special grill on Thursday, on which Paul and John cooked the sausages.

Christine Wood
Entertainment officer

Steward's Report Pugneys

We put our name down to steward Pugneys not realising it was Bank Holiday, so we decided to go to Whitby the week before for four days.

We had a lovely four days and no Bank Holiday traffic. So then we were all set to steward the five day meet at Pugneys.

This year the site opened on the Thursday. We arrived at 11.30 am followed by a steady flow of units. Most were on site Thursday night with only a few arriving on Friday, then a couple on Saturday.

We had a group from Leeds D.A. from Lancs and Cheshire and one unit from Durham. We also had some first time D.A. Campers, Daniel, Stacey & Jenson (our son) who thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

It was a lovely weekend. We were blessed with beautiful weather up until Monday.

It was lovely to see all the children playing together. We had twelve under nines and mostly from our D.A. so watch this space, the new youth are forming.

Everyone rallied round to help with putting tents up, shopping, cooking, serving and clearing away, which all helped our Sports Meet and BBQ tea run so smoothly.

So all in all, what a good weekend we had.

Sue & Gary Pearson

Steward's Report Bolton Abbey

After last years 50+ units and nearly running out of pitches, we decided to arrive early and enlist the help of Mum & Dad, John & Dot & Tony and Anne to do a bit of pegging out ready for the rush, only to be directed to another field which was the size of 'Yorkshire' no problems pitching everyone no matter how many arrived.

That said the C&CC had a bit of a mix up, which meant the meet wasn't advertised in the magazine. After a little flurry around 12pm-1pm there was a steady flow of units all afternoon & evening. In the end we had 26 units on site, not bad considering it wasn't advertised. That was increased to 27 when Gary and Sue Pearson arrived Saturday morning after taking a detour via farmer's fields and country lanes.



Anyway Saturday morning arrived and after Welly walks around Bolton Abbey with the future youth, cycle rides around the dales with MAMIL (Middle Aged Men In Lycra) and general sitting in the sunshine on site, the pétanque competition got underway in the early afternoon with 44 players over 11 teams. 2 leagues were set up and off we went. Although with 44 players and only 24 ish steel balls it was well a little stressful to get everyone playing, but in true HDA style with everyone swapping and lending balls the games commenced. (Please Committee would it be possible to have some HDA pétanque balls for these occasions I don't mind transporting them to Bolton Abbey)

Semi Finalists of pétanque sorted and with time getting on we decided to break for tea and 'Sausage Sizzle'. Judges willing and ready, Dave and Kath had to choose a pork sausage and a speciality sausage. John Inman won the 'Speciality Sausage' with Pork and Jalapeno and Chris Wood won the pork sausage entry with Pork and Stilton Sausage!!!
..... Now after last years 'Sausage Gate' where the author's sausage won, (rightly so I must add) much has been said (all in good taste) about the decisions making process, Pork & Stilton for the Pork entry..... Good job it was Woody's or a re-cook might have been needed.



Everyone fed and watered semi finals time. A massive crowd assembled to watch close matches between Gary & Sue's family team V Michael's Youth Team and Chairman's select V the Stewards Quartet the games commenced.

The final followed with Michael's Youth V The Stewards Quartet until darkness stopped the game at 7-4.

Sunday Morning arrived with a slight drizzle followed by in true Bernie Words 'Beautiful Sunshine' ready for a Macmillan Charity Coffee Morning. Lots of cakes and buns were donated by generous member's (thanks to everyone) and with very generous auction contributors we raised a fantastic £129, I have to say for a simple coffee morning with a few cakes and buns it was a fabulous effort by all many thanks to everyone.

The pétanque final continued after the coffee morning with The Steward Quartet coming out eventual winners, I have to say that if darkness hadn't stopped play on Saturday evening then the result would have been different, with that in mind Nola suggested we split the wine and chocolates with Michael's Youth team, we took the wine and gave the youth the chocolates!!!!



A great weekend, with everyone joining in and enjoying the fun.

Robert & Nola, Kayla & Duffy

Celebrations

November Birthdays

6th Chelsea-Jo Balog
8th Chris Duffy
12th Jamie Moodie
16th Torey Bear
24th Ken Baldwin
24th Gary Wood
25th Amir El-Zebedi
28th Carl Shedden

November Anniversaries

25th Kath & Roland Vale

December Birthdays

2nd Charlotte Armitage
3rd Chris O'Neill
4th Thomas Houps
7th Vicky Boryslawskyj
10th Sam Houps
14th Michaela Duffy
14th Dot Shedden
18th Julie Coley
20th Sue Pearson
22nd Hollie Baldwin
26th Peter Gledhill

December Anniversaries

8th Geoff & Doreen Hopkin



**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**

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*

PRO Post

Hello Friends and Fellow Campers

Time seems to be moving along very quickly and we seem to have got to October very quickly this year. We have been very lucky with the weather this Autumn and have enjoyed some really good meets with HDA.

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 last week and were very busy planning for future events. John Inman (our Booking Officer) (e-mail jsminman@hotmail.co.uk) is currently taking bookings for our New Year Meet. This year for the New Year Meet we have the option of either booking for the 3 day New Year meet with the option of an extra 1 or 2 days to make it a 4 or 5 day meet. Christine has planned a really good programme with some old favourites but also some new ideas for your enjoyment. We are also intending to hold a party for our younger members at this meet. As a special treat for them. New Year Programme available on booking.

Sadly we had to take the decision to cancel the Halloween firework meet, as due to very small number of bookings, it was not a viable meet to run

The York Christmas shopping meet is now fully booked with a waiting list for cancellations.

Christine is also finalising menu choices for the Dinner dance so if you have not booked you do need to contact her a.s.a.p.

John Shedden our sites officer has let us know that he will be standing down as Booking officer at the next AGM. John has done the job for the last 8 years and has taken us to some lovely places. We will be needing a new Sites officer to book sites for us from next March. John has said he will be willing to help anyone new, so if you think this may be the job for you please have a word with either Roman or John.

The club Head quarters have asked us to thank everyone who supported the last NFOL. They are now advertising the 2016 NFOL (25th-29th August 2016), which is being hosted by Cambrian and Wyvern Region at Malvern. There is a full programme of entertainment for all the family including an Antiques valuation day wit TV's Mark Stacy and Kate Bliss. The meet theme is "World of Movies" and costs £72 for the 5 day meet.

For further up to date details about HDA 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.com

Hope to see you all soon.

Best wishes, Bernie Boryslawskyj (PRO)

Thank You

Hi Everybody,

I would just like to say thank you to you all for the many phone calls and cards that I received, also for the lovely flowers from the D.A. during my resent confinement. I had to stay in hospital for a few days extra due to a small problem, hopefully this will be O.K. in a few days, so we will be at the Aeroventure Doncaster all being well.

Once more thank you all for your kind thoughts.

Regards Dot.

Steward's Report Thornton Hall Farm

We went to get the caravan out of the lockup where we keep it, in the rain. Here we go again we thought a wet weekend, but before we got to Thornton Hall Farm it had dried up.

We had not been there long when Anne and Tony and Dot and John arrived. Victor went off to put out the road signs and when he got back our first visitor had arrived. We were able to sit out and eat our dinner and chat waiting for everyone to arrive.

We ended up with 10 units, some had not been before and were surprised how nice the site was, with lovely views across the valley and all the things for children to do, rides, children's play area and the animals for the children (and adults) to feed and pet. It was good to see the children having fun running around and enjoying themselves.

We went into Skipton on the bus on Saturday and had lunch then went round the market and shops. After we got back and had a cuppa we went round the farm on the safari ride. The young man who took us said as it was such a clear day we would be able to see for miles and he was not wrong. He pointed out Malham Cove, Inglebrough and the Ribble Valley.

We had the coffee morning and instead of a raffle, as there was not a lot of units, we asked people to put donations into the charity which people did. We were going to go for a long walk after lunch but the weather was looking as though it could rain so people started to pack up and leave.

Another good weekend was had by all.

Eileen and Victor

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.