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## **ROMAN'S FORUM**

As we enter into the final phase of the 2016, we have a hectic time ahead! But first I must mention our meet at Thornton Hall Country Park at the beginning of the month.

On the Saturday, 17 of our younger members attended a treat which included a whole host of activities including animal petting and feeding, slides and rides and a super tea inside the activity barn. I think parents and grandparents enjoyed themselves equally too!!

Thanks go to Christine & Bernie for arranging this – the faces of the children on the day said it all.

This edition will be published for distribution at Scarborough Club Site where we are for a 5 day meet taking advantage of the clubs new offer of allowing DA's to use the facilities at a much reduced price than the advertised prices.

We also have coming up the annual bonfire meet at Marsden, with bonfire night actually falling on November 5th. There will be Guy Fawkes and Lantern competitions and we will be having a small controlled bonfire together with an organised firework display. A traditional Pie & Pea supper afterwards in the clubhouse. Booking is required via John Inman.

Our very popular November meet in York is virtually full (as I write this) and a social is to be held upstairs in the County Stand on Saturday Night.

As we move into December we will hold our dinner Dance at Elland Cricket Club and to date we have a fantastic 68 people already booked, an attendance figure we haven't had for a number of years! Camping is available both nights for £15 which may be the attraction when you consider the cost of taxis and hotel bills! Please let John Inman know if you intend to camp.

Again we will see the New Year in at Storthes Hall where you may attend for the 3, 4 or 5 days to suit your circumstances a number of suggestions have already been muted for the theme and entertainment over this meet!!

However it does not stop there!.....Michael & Phil have produced our sites list for 2018 and a host of new venues are planned for next year, along with some traditional favourites.

They will be looking for stewards to make those meets possible so please consider stewarding at least one of them when he comes round with the list. It's not difficult and help is always on hand!

Finally, We must congratulate James & Naomi Lockwood on the birth of our newest member Georgia Rose. Her arrival has meant that Naomi will no longer have time (or the concentration due to sleep deprivation) required to undertake the role of Treasurer and Christine Wood kindly offered to take up the cash book yet again!

This has coincided well as we have to re-appoint the Treasure annually before the second week in November.

And Finally, Finally..... Another appointment we have to make each year is that of Youth Leaders and Chris & Michaela Duffy have offered their services again for another year. Hopefully we may have some more youth for them next year....???

Cheers

Roman

# Nelson's Column

It's good to see that some of the Camping Club sites are now being made available for DA rallies at a reasonable rate. You should be reading this at the Scarborough Club site where we will be spending six days. As the days are getting shorter and the nights longer, it will be nice to have an electric hook up and have no need to worry about the gas going off in the middle of the night (not that I'm the one who has to change it)! I'm looking forward to visiting the site as it will be my first time there.

As the DA didn't have a meet at the end of September, we decide (at the last minute) to spend a few days at the THS at Seaburn run by MCS Northern. We had never been in this area before and were pleasantly surprised at how nice it is up there.

The site is directly across from the promenade and you can walk for miles along the seafront. We were lucky with the weather so were able to get out and about and visit the local amenities. I shall certainly be visiting this area again next year.

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).

## New Arrival



Georgia Rose born Thursday 29th September at 3.15am, to Naomi & James Lockwood, weighing in at 6lb 15 oz.  
Congratulations to both parents and grandparents.

The Committee received this lovely letter from a visitor at our Weymouth THS..... thanks Anne, Eileen, Tony & Victor your efforts are much appreciated.

Lynda Baldwin, Secretary

Hi Lynda

We have just come back from staying on your THS in Weymouth for 12 days, and we just wanted to say a personal thanks from Neil and myself and our daughter, husband and their family.

Anne, Tony, Victor and Eileen are an absolute asset to your DA. They were tireless in stewarding the site, and were friendly towards all those camping with them. From bingo evenings to bonus balls there was always something to do.

At the end of our holiday we ended up having to be towed home by the AA, and there was no hesitation by your stewards to come and help and tow our caravan out onto the road in order for the AA truck to be able to get us out of the site.

Please pass on our personal thanks to them, and we are planning to come back again next year!

Best wishes  
Mandy and Neil Raikes

## Steward's Report - Rudding House Farm

The site at Rudding House Farm is in a much understated location as the view from the vans was simply stunning. After being away in Spain for over two months, it came as a complete surprise that we did not have a steward for this meet. We had little option other than get our act together and steward.

Well, finding the site was not an exact science but, we arrived on such a good day and the field was in such a beautiful location, we were quite relieved. Bernie and I collected fees, and it does take longer than you think, despite me knowing how active Bernie's vocal chords can be. Thankfully, the daylight does not fade quickly at this time of year!

Saturday was fine and Oliver, Isabel and our Millie, had a whale of a time playing all sorts of games and running around for hours, simple fun. However, a group of somewhat younger people than us went into Harrogate to see if anything was occurring. It must have been as they spent the rest of the day there. What they discovered, apart from the odd ale house, was the Harrogate food and drink festival in the Valley Gardens Park.

So, on Sunday, they kindly gave us a lift into Harrogate and we all made our way into the park to sample the food and drink on offer. It was simply excellent fayre and we all had our fill. In addition to the food and drink, entertainers were playing music and singing throughout the afternoon. It was definitely worth a visit.

Being the Late Summer Bank Holiday, nearly everyone stayed until Monday and the weather was still with us. No hurry to leave and by mid-afternoon we were able to shut up shop and make our way home.

Mike & Bernie

# Celebrations

## November Birthdays

8th Chris Duffy  
12th Jamie Moodie  
24th Ken Baldwin  
24th Gary Wood  
25th Amir El-Zebedi



## 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  
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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 - Pugneys

When we arrived on Thursday, it was a lovely afternoon. We had ten units on site by Thursday evening.

Friday, the start of a steady trickle of vans making thirty in all. Some of our regulars had other commitments that weekend so our numbers were slightly less.

One of our members, the entertainment and catering co-ordinator was in hospital. Prior to her admission she asked me if I would do the catering. Friday evening, shopping!

We decided to do a reduced menu, which worked ever so well, as Saturday was such a terrible day.

Some of the games took place in the morning, as that seemed the best forecast. During the afternoon a team of us prepared the food.

At 4.30 pm under Mike's and our canopies, we served 60 plus meals. Everyone enjoyed it and we had lots of good positive feedback.

It fined up in the evening and a lot of us sat out in the Coleman Shelters that the DA have bought. We even played pass the parcel(well it was a bit of a laugh for 10 minutes or so). After this Debbie and Roman entertained us with some music.

Sunday we all woke up to a beautiful day. What a shame it wasn't like that on Saturday. Coffee morning was well attended and then everyone started to pack up. By 3.30 pm everyone had gone

Sue & Gary Pearson

## 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 Thornton Hall Farm

Due to heavy traffic we arrived at the site at 12.10 to find 2 units already there. Units continued to arrive steadily throughout the afternoon with two more units arriving on Saturday, to give us 19 units in total.

We were hosting the children's party treat here so Saturday started with making up party bags. After coffee, compliments of Paul we all went up to the farm at quarter past twelve to welcome 17 children and their families. The children had an excellent time with our hostess Lauren. She took them round the farm to see the animals telling them all about how to care for them. Egg collecting was popular, petting the animals and feeding the lambs. I think a lot of the younger ones really had to hold on to the bottles as the lambs were so keen!!

The children got lots of opportunity to enjoy the play activities with the giant slides, tractor pedal vehicles and sand being popular. They all sat down to a lovely party lunch in the barn and most of the adults visited the very good cafe for lunch. Lunch was followed by a ride on the caterpillar train, party bags distributed and then families staying in the farm to enjoy all the activities and the adventure playground for the rest of the afternoon. The very friendly farmer showed the men his two massive tractors and reassured us if anyone did ever get stuck here he would pull us out!!

Sunday morning saw the children heading back into the farm for more fun!! Coffee and raffle were held and enjoyed in lovely sunshine and several of us grandparents were tempted back to the cafe again for lunch. A good weekend enjoyed by everyone with lots of lovely photographs appearing on Facebook with thanks for the weekend!

Thanks to Christine for booking the event and to Sue for her help with the coffee morning.  
Bernie and Michael.

## Steward's Report - Wetherby

The weather for the weekend was forecast to be cool and some light rain. The forecast was not too far out. Ann and Tony arrived before lunch and signed the meet . We only found out when we got there that the club had to pay for at least 15 units per night. During Friday units arrived fairly slowly , we thought that we may struggle to meet the target. We managed it by Saturday morning. We had a grand total of 20 units.

As the club had only booked the function room for one night, people entertained each other in their vans on Friday. Saturday morning arrived, the weather had smiled on us. It was a lovely bright day, not over warm yet very pleasant. People seemed to do the usual trip into Wetherby. Most doing their annual pilgrimage to the Wetherby whaler.

As the function room was booked for the Saturday night we set out the tables, and warmed up the room. 7.30 was the start of the evening's entertainment. We had around 37 people attending the social, yet we only had 4 children. A warm welcome was extended to all, especially the none HDA members. The youngsters were entertained with various events , stand up bingo, quizzes and other games . Many thanks to Kath for organising and looking after the youngsters entertainment. The adults were given table quizzes and others with a couple of games of bingo, for good measure. No one got full marks for any quiz . The evening went down quite well.

Sunday arrived it was raining, we all braved the elements and attended the coffee morning and raffle . After the coffee morning had finished the weather picked up and some of us took advantage of the room and dried our silver screens prior to leaving .

I think the weekend was a success and enjoyed by all. We would like to thank everyone who attended and all those who helped . Many thanks to John Inman our resident bingo caller.

Your stewards Dave, Kath, Ann and Tony.

## **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.



