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ROMAN'S FORUM

Well the 2017 season has started and this issue will be circulated at Boroughbridge. This is one of the three club sites we have booked for this year and it is a great opportunity to camp on a full facility site at a very reasonable price, so much so that our allocation has been fully booked for sometime! Please take note if you wish to go to Clitheroe or Scarborough later in the year.

As it stands our next meet at Ackworth needs stewards as Doreen & Geoff have had to pull out due to illness. I am sure we all send Doreen our wishes and hope to see them out again in the near future. In the meantime we would welcome any assistance in filling the stewards spot as the meet cannot go on without them.

Our meet at High Bentham has been altered slightly as we have been re-located to the golf club (the site owners own both the caravan site & Golf Club) so you will need to follow the signs carefully in High Bentham. As we are at the golf club, Chris Duffy is arranging a golf competition on the Saturday (normal rules will apply) with an entry that will cover green fees, etc. The club will have available meals during the evening.

Two events are looming on the horizon -

York Easter meet is filling up fast and John Inman is taken bookings on a daily basis, this is before the meet has appeared in the club magazine! - so the point is to BOOK EARLY to avoid disappointment! The other event is the AGM on the 8th April at the Ukrainian Club Edgerton. As in previous years can I urge all of you consider giving up some of your time and offering your services to join the committee? The lack of committee members is quite common across DA's and Sections which over the past year has caused some of them to fold. It is healthy to maintain a strong & diverse committee to ensure we don't follow the same path.

Finally, Debbie & I wont be with you this week as we are having a break in London, still celebrating part of my 60th birthday from last March and taking in the show " The Jersey Boys" so hopefully we shall see you soon!

Cheers
Roman

Nelson's Column

Once again it was decided to donate to our charity instead of sending Christmas cards within the DA. This year we collected a total of £105 at the dinner dance at Elland.

The New Year went really well again, with the entertainment and food planned and executed by Christine and her team. We had a few visitors again and as you can see from the two following letters, they seemed to enjoy themselves.

We had just returned from a Caribbean cruise and on the following weekend we had a DA meet at Skipton. Not much change in the weather then! We always get a good turn out at this meet and this time was no exception.

I suppose it's back to normality wearing a few more layers of clothing more suitable for camping in the UK.

High Bentham

Huddersfield DA are holding their first annual golf tournament this year at Bentham Golf Club on the weekend of 24th - 26th March. The tournament will be a 9 hole event and held on Saturday morning at 10am with a presentation evening and meal for all the family on Saturday night.

The price of the golf will be £11 and the price of the meal is TBC. If you are interested and want to enter please contact our entertainment officer Chris Duffy at duffy0009@gmail.com before the 3rd of March

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

To

All at Huddersfield DA.

Thank you so much
for a great New Year
Weekend and for
making us all feel so
welcome.

We all had a really
good time.

The games day and
New Year's Eve party
was great.

Hope to see you all
in the New Year.

Best wishes from
Angela & Mark
Aaron & Alicia & John & Trish

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Dear Geoff and fellow
Committee members /

Just a line to thank you
for all the hard work that
went into the New Year
meet.

but we especially want
to say thank you to all
concerned for the
wonderfully warm welcome
you gave us visitors, we
felt "right at home!"

Happy New Year to all

Rod and Sandie Hattan
Charlie & Carolyn Wardle

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
12th Joseph Moodie
14th Stewart Scargill
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
15th Jamie & Lisa Moodie
17th Nigel & Elaine Peake
20th Stephen & Julie Coley



**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**

Steward's Report Copley

Early January once more and back to camping and stewarding!! The weather forecast kept changing all week and we had snow, gales, hail and rain leading up to the weekend!! We got up on Friday morning to a white, snowy world up by us and a very icy road, but Michael assured me the forecast was to change and all would be fine. So off he set with me following on in the car. We got to Copley quite safely to find ice but no snow and glorious sunshine and blue skies. It was good to see that the approach road had been much improved and is now much smoother without the big dips in it!!

Tony and Anne Nelson were the first to arrive, but by lunchtime there were still only the two of us. Dot and John had a hospital appointment, Chris and Paul and Ann and Tony rang to say the men were both ill and then Sue rang to say Gary had hurt his back so we were four units down straight away!! Vic and Eileen were having problems with their electrics on the van but were still hoping to come.

By early evening we had six units (including Vic and Eileen thankfully), with Lesley and Peter and Holly and Daniel joining us on Saturday morning to make just seven units.

We were very lucky to have the use of the nice warm room throughout the weekend so after collecting the fees, Friday night saw us all getting together in the room for a drink and a catch up, with a food and drink quiz to entertain us. Congratulations to Janice and Clive for winning the quiz.

Saturday dawned bright and sunny but again quite cold and icy and we set off to buy supper for the evening, having a quick ring round to check if we were expecting any visitors. The lovely sunshine tempted most people out either walking or visiting nearby Elland and Sowerby Bridge.

The photographic evening had a good number and range of excellent quality photos entered in each category. I did not envy Ray having to decide the winners as the standard was very high. He did say it was very difficult this year as the photographs were all so good, but he did manage to find the winners. Tony Nelson won the “Snapper” trophy and also the trophy for the “Best four prints on the theme of “Playtime”, with Holly Cobb (first time entrant) taking the trophy for the “Best Individual print” !! (You must have been teaching her all your photographic skills Lesley!! Competition now from your own daughter!!)

Congratulations to Holly and Tony!!

Ray and Pauline did a sterling job of judging the competition, going through the entries giving tips and advice. Thank you Ray and Pauline once more for joining us as our Guest Judges.

The DA provided a hot beef sop supper for everyone, which we all enjoyed followed by Janice’s famous home baked scones!! Thank you very much to Janice and Clive for helping me with the making and serving of the sop supper and also for the baking of and donation of the lovely scones!! Delicious!! The evening was concluded with the raffle and a drink and chat.

Coffee, cake and mince pies were served in the room on Sunday morning as it was a rainy start to the day and people then wended their way back home after a very enjoyable weekend.

Thank you to all our willing helpers for your help with the chairs and tables and to Janice and Clive for all their help with the food and coffee morning. The site was clear by lunchtime and Michael collected in the signs, locked up and we set off for home.

Bernie and Michael Boryslawskyj.

HDA Annual Photo Competition

One of the most stressful things that I do each year is judging this competition. I know that this is a fun event for members but that does not allow me to be too light-hearted.

My only relevant qualifications are that I have had an interest in photography for several decades and I am willing to have a go. Unlike any formal examination, I do not have a list of correct answers nor is there a marking sheet with 'right or wrong' boxes to tick. I have to assess each entry - within my limitations. I openly accept other Peoples' styles of photography and, if your interpretation of the subject title is far different from mine - Good! That is why I suggest such an open title.

This year I challenge you with the word "Friendship."

I understand that getting a set of four pictures that complement each other is not easy, but that is what HDA specifies. Entering a set of three plus an odd one is unlikely to get you a podium place. You are allowed to use as much camera and/or computer processing as you want. You can have home or commercial printing. You choose any shape or size for your set. The same rules apply to the single picture except that it can be any subject. This year's entries were of very high standard and many were worthy of the trophy.

For those who said that the event was becoming too 'professional' we have the 'Snapper' Trophy for a single snapshot with the same title as the set of four. It is to encourage beginners to have a go; probably using a 'simple' camera; perhaps a cell phone or iPad or whatever - if they can extract any pictures to print. No processing in camera nor on computer, except to crop to size. This trophy is not for anyone who enters another class; play at your own level.

The evening is certainly not professional; you get me giving my personal opinion whilst trying desperately hard not to offend more than half the people present. When I have had time to look at all your entries, I talk to everyone about each picture; making my suggestions, giving hints and tips.

After announcing the winners, presenting trophies and receiving appropriate comments from others, there are open discussions with anyone and everyone. I have not yet had to go into hiding and it is possible that I will be invited back for next year. However, if you want the job - please volunteer.

Please remember that your webmaster and RAMS HEAD editor need continuing supplies of pictures and stories so "Keep Snapping."

Ray Milnthorpe



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Annual
Photographic
Competition
2017

to be judged early in 2018

All pictures must be taken during 2017

A set of four prints with the theme of

Friendship

(However you interpret that word)

Same subject for the HDA Snapper Trophy

This trophy is intended for those who take snapshots

Experts please play at your own level

Please remember to supply some pictures to your
Rams Head editor and to your webmaster

Huddersfield District Association
Annual Photographic Competition

Snapper Trophy

A new trophy awarded since 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 'set of four' competition

This trophy is intended for those who take snapshots,
usually with fairly simple cameras, cell phones, etc.
and do not use any photo processing software

Experts please play at your own level.

You cannot enter this if you have
entries in either of the other classes.



Trophy donated to HDA by Ray Milnthorpe



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*

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.

