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## ***ROMAN'S FORUM***

Following last weeks AGM I would like to take the opportunity to welcome Frank Pyrah on to the committee.

This gives the DA a full committee for the first time in some years.

As I write this we are urgently seeking stewards for our May Day weekend at Ripon & our Spring Bank THS at Ilkley.

This plea has arisen due to unforeseen personal circumstances to our stewards who were down to cover both of these venues.

Please contact Mike Boryslawskyj if you could cover any of the periods in question.

I am currently sat in the motorhome writing this article with the sun beaming down on us at Whitby.

Lets hope this is the start of a glorious Easter and the time to trigger the change of the contents of the wardrobe from winter woollies to shorts & tee shirts!

Cheers  
Roman

# Nelson's Column

Can I firstly just apologise to anyone who either had a birthday or anniversary in April. For some strange reason I left the column blank. I hope you all enjoyed your celebrations and I will try harder in future. Following is a list for completeness.

## **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

Everything seems to be happening at once this year with very little spare time to plan anything.

The weekend after the Easter meet, we will be stewarding Wintersett and from there we set off once again for the Scottish region meet at the Bridge of Allen. An event I always look forward to. I'm hoping that the weather is kinder this year with lots of sunshine. Well anyone is allowed to dream!

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 - Ackworth

Due to this meet having no stewards booked in and despite Lynda sending out blanket e-mails, I re arranged my diary to cover this instead of cancelling the meet, something we only consider at a last resort!

Having gone a few years ago I tried to remember the site layout but finally resorted to Google Earth! On arrival I was met by "Tiny" the groundsman who was busy rolling the cut grass anticipating our arrival. Whilst the discussion was underway I had my first arrival who had come from nearby Upton primarily to watch Friday night's band performing in the Boot & Shoe just behind the ground. By 5pm our total number of units had risen to the dizzy heights of.....five!

I went off to pick Debbie up at nearby Fitzwilliam train station and got a thorough soaking as the heavens opened on the return journey of just 2 miles!

Late on in the dark I got a knock at the door and found the Steve & Julie had arrived bring our tally to six.

Saturday began with sunshine and we took the chance to visit the nearby garden centre and a couple of hostelrys. We repeated the visits to the hostelrys in the evening before having a night cap in the clubs own bar.

On Sunday we held a coffee morning for one! Ken Gledhill joined us but others had taken the opportunity of wall to wall sunshine to go for a stroll.

I was well impressed with the site despite my initial apprehension. There were sufficient room for hard standing and the edge of the field had been prepared for us in advance.

Don't miss this venue on the 2018 calendar!

Roman & Debbie

## Steward's Report - Knaresborough

We arrived at 10 o'clock to meet Club Secretary Johnathan. It was a new site for us this year. He showed us round and explained where to park the units. We also had a key for a nice function room to do with as we pleased over the weekend. Part of the field was quite firm and we were able to take a few motorhomes on the car park.

People started to arrive about lunchtime. It was a steady flow to begin with. Mid afternoon, we had a lot more arriving with quite a few motorhomes. Panic as it started to rain. We managed to accommodate everyone. Friday evening a few of us went into the Clubhouse for a drink. We were all made very welcome .

A few more units arrived Saturday morning. We had 34 in total. John, Margaret, Tony and me set off into Knaresborough. The bus stop was right outside the gate and the buses ran every 20 minutes. There was also a lovely walk that took you to the river and into the town. The weather was fine and dry.

A small market in the square complete with "Town Crier". We found a lovely little Tea Room. It was the oldest chemist shop building in England. You had to keep your head down up the stairs. We had a phone call from Sue & Gary to say she had hurt her knee and was not able to walk any further. They managed to get a taxi back to the site and Gary took her to A&E. When she arrived back, they decided to pack up and go home, strapped up, crutched and pain killers. Gary was going to have to be head cook and bottle washer.

Saturday evening, we all went into the room. Tony did a new Family Fortunes quiz and everyone took part. Thank you to John for the usual Bingo. We had our raffle because some people were going to be missing Sunday morning.

Sunday morning we had our coffee morning in the room. We packed up mid afternoon and left. We had a lovely weekend with lots of visitors. Very "busy" enjoyable weekend. Thank you John & Margaret for your help.

Tony & Ann Fuller

# Celebrations

## May Birthdays

5th Damien Fuller  
7th Paul Armitage  
11th Lesley Wood  
12th Naomi Lockwood  
13th Sarah El-Zebedi  
15th Christopher Peake  
18th Debbie Jessop  
23rd Johanne Hirst  
25th Geoff Hopkin  
26th Oliver Womersley  
26th Rosalind Allsopp  
27th Joyce Scott  
28th Ann Fuller  
29th Neave Inman

## May Anniversaries

4th Chris & Lesley Wood  
11th John & Yvonne Ward

## June Birthdays

6th Isabelle Womersley  
8th Ian Allsopp  
8th Clifford Smith  
13th Danny Mudd  
13th Michael Womersley  
18th Vicki Coley  
22nd John Shedden  
27th Kate Priestley  
29th Dianne Robinson

## June Anniversaries

4th Carolyn & Nick Armitage  
6th Nola & Robert Baldwin  
14th Liz & Michael Womersley  
17th Janice & Clive Patterson  
17th John & Margaret Inman



**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 Skipton

We arrived Friday lunchtime, there were quite a few units already there, it's a very popular meet. Phil & Karen were going to steward but unfortunately Karen was called in to work Friday, Saturday & Sunday unexpectedly. Phil was also working Friday night. After talking with Karen, we agreed it would be easier for Tony & me and John & Margaret to steward the meet.

On Saturday morning we all set off into Skipton. What a lovely walk from the site, through the park and onto the canal. We had a snack for lunch at the Antiques fair. We were just off in search of raffle prizes. We bumped into Nigel & Elaine and they gave us all a lift back to the site.

We had managed to sort a quiz out for Saturday night. We had a lot of visitors and it was a good night. The quiz seemed to go down well along with Bingo and a raffle.

As there was no coffee morning on Sunday, we walked round to the farm Shop newly opened at the entrance to the site, where we had coffee and a cake and a bit of shopping. I can thoroughly recommend it. Most people left just after lunch.

A very enjoyable weekend. Thank you very much Ray for standing in with the stewarding until someone was able to take over. We had over 30 units.

Many thanks to John & Margaret for helping out at the last minute.

Tony & Ann Fuller  
John & Margaret Inman

## UPGRADE ANYONE?

The young woman who submitted the tech support message below (about her relationship to her husband) presumably did it as a joke.

Then she got a reply that was way too good to keep to herself. The tech support people's love advice was hilarious and genius!

The query:

Dear Tech Support,

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewellery applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0. In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as: AFL 5.0, NRL 3.0 and Golf Clubs 4.1.

Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and House cleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system. Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail. What can I do?

Signed, Desperate

The response (that came weeks later out of the blue):

Dear Desperate,

First keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an operating system. Please enter command: I thought you loved me.html and try to download Tears 6.2. Do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewellery 2.0 and Flowers 3.5.

However, remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0, or Beer 6.1. Please note that Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will download the Farting and Snoring Loudly Beta version. Whatever you do, DO NOT, under any circumstances, install Mother-In-Law 1.0 as it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources.

In addition, please do not attempt to re-install the Boyfriend 5.0 program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0. In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend Cooking 3.0.

Good Luck!

Peter Brunner Webmaster MIPC

Submitted by John Inman

## **Golf Tournament - High Bentham**

Huddersfield DA held their first annual golf event at Bentham golf club. It was a beautiful day and a fantastic golf course overlooking two of the three peaks.

Seven players enjoyed a competitive 9 holes, won in the end by Sam Wilson. Thank you for all who took part and hopefully we will see more keen golfers next year.

## **Steward's Report - Ukrainian Club**

What a beautiful weekend in tranquil surroundings we had! Only 6 units although obviously a lot of visitors throughout the weekend!

After the AGM we decided not to use the main hall and the bar and the merry few decamped in the evening into the buffet room where we were re-joined by Gary & Sue Pearson.

We were entertained with a bit of background music from Debbie, Sam and me, utilising our mobile devices and blue tooth speakers! Sam also brought out a selection of his own made alcoholic beverages for us to sample!

On Sunday morning we were blessed with blue skies and brilliant sunshine so we held the coffee morning on the picnic benches outside the hall whilst watching a squirrel or two.

Roman & Debbie

## 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*

## Lexophilia

How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.

Venison for dinner yet again? Oh deer!

A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crêpes.

They told me I had type 'A' blood, but it was a Typo.

Jokes about German sausages are the wurst.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

I didn't like my beard to begin with. Then it grew on me.

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

Broken pencils are pointless.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

I dropped out of Communism class because of lousy Marx.

I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

Velcro - what a rip off!

And finally, there's no need to worry about old age - it doesn't last!

Submitted by Victor Jackson

## **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.



