



# RAMS HEAD



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## **ROMAN'S FORUM**

Whilst I am writing this I can reflect on the recent successful events over the last month.

At York we were again fully booked for our annual "Shopping Meet" which coincides with York's St Nicholas Fair. A different theme was applied to make it a Christmas games night at our social which proved to be a welcome change with the majority of attendees sporting their Christmas jumpers!

This was followed a fortnight later with our Annual Dinner Dance at Elland, which again was well attended.

My thanks go out to **ALL** those who participated & helped to make both events so enjoyable.

So, now as you read this, we are on with the New Year celebrations, hasn't 2017 gone so fast!

Our Entertainments Officer, Chris is introducing a number of new ideas over the meet so please join in with the games, the sing along & the casino night.

To see the New Year in we welcome a new DJ, Chris Young who is no stranger to some of us as he married Anna Pyrah this year – so be gentle with him!

2018 holds a special place in Huddersfield DA history as we reach a 50 year milestone. You should be aware that we are holding a Celebration Gala Dinner at Elland on the 17th March, camping is available and we would welcome old & current members of the DA to celebrate with us. This promises to be a memorable event with live entertainment included in the very reasonable price of £25 per head for the meal.

However before that we have the AGM at the Ukrainian Club and I would again ask for anyone to consider joining us on the committee as it takes a variety of individuals to form a team to run the DA. Camping is available and we will be holding a social in the evening.

Finally you may have heard about the impending closure of Spen Valley DA. This is a saga that has been going on throughout 2017, a decision that other DAs and Sections have been faced with and subsequently folded.

However, Spen committee have expressed a wish for our two DA's to merge and this move has been agreed in principle by your committee.

This proposal will be put forward for your approval at the AGM.

So..... that just leaves me to wish you all **A Very Happy (and exciting) New Year!**

**Roman**



# Nelson's Column

We received the following note from Sue daughter of Roy Lockwood.

I am wondering if you could please publish a little note in the Rams Head for me.

Dad died in the early hours of this morning 7<sup>th</sup> November in Calderdale Royal following a battle with cancer after being diagnosed in July. He was 84 and had decided not to have any invasive treatment or surgery.

I don't know whether or not any of today's members will remember dad, but some of his happiest times were when he was camping and later caravanning with the club, and made fabulous friends. Mum is still with us and is coping well.

Roy was Social Officer when we first joined HDA and he made us very welcome right from the start. He used to organise some really good events. My best memory was the raft race at Kettlewell. There were some fantastic looking rafts and the competition was quite fierce, but Roy was very fair in his judgement. I can say this because we won. I'm not sure the "Battling Baldwins would agree with me!

I'm sure that there are still quite a few current members who remember Roy with fondness as I do. Our condolences go out to both Joan and her family.

We won't be going to the New Year's Meet this year as we are on holiday. I would just like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New 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).

## **Steward's Report - Eggborough**

In response to an urgent email requesting replacement stewards we took on the job.

The last meet in October tends to be Halloween so we packed our supplies of masks to cut out, pictures to colour, puzzles and games. Just in case this was the planned theme.

After pitching our van and putting out the signs, Pauline and I spent Friday afternoon sat out in the warm sunshine awaiting your arrival. The two visiting couples accepted our comments that nothing was planned until the crowds arrived from the Scarborough meet, and everyone else arrived after school/work.

Daylight diminished to darkness before we were forced to admit that so many of you were not coming.

The one HDA caravan stayed for the weekend but the motorhome left on Saturday morning.

Ray Milnthorpe

## **Steward's Report - Marsden**

Pauline and I set off early on Friday morning and were on site and set up by opening time. There was no difficulty finding space for everyone to park during the sunny afternoon.

On Saturday, the bonfire team did their work, as did the catering people, whilst others went off-site.

In the early evening, as usual, there was the bonfire and a good firework display during which the soup was served. After the fireworks, sparklers were shared amongst young people of all ages. As that

activity ended, your committee arranged for a light shower of rain to encourage everyone to go indoors for supper - before it went cold.

This led to a good social evening for adults and young people. Later Ann & Tony did a simple quiz which was most successful - it got everyone arguing and blaming their team mates.

Friendships were obviously not destroyed because everyone was smiling during Sunday coffee morning.

Ray Milnthorpe

Attached photographs show:-

1. Plenty of space at the site, and nice cloud pattern.
2. Roman and Alan loading the bonfire
3. The Super Moon in the background
4. Roman distributing sparklers.



# Celebrations

## January Birthdays

14th John Short  
15th Doreen Hopkin  
19th Paul Wood  
20th Margaret Inman  
24th Richard Houps  
26th Carolyn Armitage  
26th Jennifer Ward  
27th Elaine Peake  
28th John Inman  
30th Lynda Baldwin  
31st Daniel Inman

## January Anniversaries

1st Eileen & Victor Jackson

## February Birthdays

5th Joe Patterson  
8th Clive Patterson  
8th Eileen Jackson  
11th Maureen Short  
12th Helen Patterson  
12th Leo Knapper  
17th Evie Webster  
19th John Ward  
24th Lisa Moodie  
27th Robert Baldwin



**PLEASE LET ME KNOW OF ANY CELEBRATIONS BY  
E-MAIL [anne.nelson3@ntlworld.com](mailto: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**

## A Fond Farewell

On our arrival at Pugney`s Water Park , we told Tony, Anne, Vic & Eileen that we were giving up camping and this was to be our last meet. This is due to Dot not being able to walk very far due to shortness of breath. Over the weekend we think all the D.A. Got to know.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to you all, for all the cards and presents that we received that weekend. We have now sold the caravan and moved into a Bungalow. It go`s without saying that we have missed our weekends out with you all, but we hope to visit now and again at coffee mornings, hopefully when the sun is shining.

We wish you all the very best for the coming festivity and next year`s camping.

So to you all a Fond Farewell but not for ever.

John & Dot Shedden



## 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*

## **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.

