



# RAMS HEAD



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

Since our last Rams Head we were faced with cancelling our THS at Ilkley due to lack of stewards. However Phil & Karen and Alan & Alison stepped in at the eleventh hour to ensure that the meet continued.

We are now faced with another meet in July looming upon us where a similar situation could occur with a lack of a steward. This will not happen though as I will start the meet and Gary & Sue Pearson will take over following their work commitments if no one comes forward before then.

The shortage of stewards seems to be a problem encountered by a number of DAs and sections, and again we see a neighbouring DA giving notice of folding due to a lack of volunteers.

Is this due to expectations of members of CCC demanding social events or activities to be available every weekend? I personally feel there is an element of this and this is apparent in a letter we received from one of our stewards who was subjected to verbal criticism for not having any entertainment arranged.

We all need to look to encouraging & supporting our DA and steward wherever possible as this takes the pressure off a number of committee members who look amongst each other to pick up the gaps, I am sure they give up a lot of their time already.

I have asked our Sites Secretary to consider producing a basic guide to stewarding to give to potential stewards, particularly those who may consider doing it for the first time or those who

may feel that through previous experience will not undertake such duties again!

There is a need to emphasise the basics and that THERE IS NO OBLIGATION to do other than the minimal requirement for a normal weekend meet (which is generally fee collection, signage and coffee morning) and, where work or family commitments compromise any of these, there's usually a work around that can be found by someone arranging to sign early etc.

We do put on an extensive programme throughout the year and without stewards this may be compromised in the future. If you feel that you may be able to help please ask me or any committee member and we will reassure you about what is required,.

The 2018 programme is now being compiled and there maybe one that you may wish to take under your wing to steward – ask now what is available rather than wait until next year!

Remember, Stewards have their fees reimbursed and THS stewards get mileage and out of pocket expenses on top of the free camping.

As this will be the final edition before the main holiday period, may I take the opportunity to wish everyone a happy holiday wherever your destination and hope to see you at our meet at Pugney's Water Park in September.....unless you are planning to venture to the THS at Hinderwell near Whitby in August where I will be the Steward!

Roman

# Nelson's Column

Once again Easter was a great success with everybody working hard together to put on good all round entertainment. Unfortunately it rained for the games on Sunday morning, but we're all used to getting wet by now and most people stayed around to bring it to a conclusion.

After stewarding Winterset, we set off to a small site near Carlisle which allowed us to visit an area that we have not been to before. We went into Carlisle on the bus on Saturday morning and just missed getting caught in a storm with hailstones as big as I have ever seen.

Then on to the Scottish Region Meet, where the sun did shine for once. It was just a shame that it rained for the inter DA games. Full entertainment was once again provided for the whole weekend.

During our stay, we visited the Royal Burgh of Culross a beautiful place near Dunfermline. It's a village held back in time complete with palace and gardens managed by the National Trust. It's a really interesting place and I would highly recommend a visit if you're ever in this area.

It won't be long now until we are stewarding Weymouth for our four week THS (15th July - 12th August). This will be the last time for us, so I look forward to seeing anyone who would like to join us. It's a lovely area with plenty to do and a very regular bus service into Weymouth.

And finally I leave you with this thought

If you find something that makes you giggle, smile or laugh, buy it or marry it!

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).

## **Entertainment Officer's Report - York Easter**

This Years Easter meet at York was another fantastic weekend with a brilliant turnout as usual. The working party was there from Thursday, pegging out, sorting the water and putting up the tents.

We kicked off on Friday with the vans coming in thick and fast with food and refreshments available for all the hungry campers.

Saturday night was our themed event, this year we did a wacky races theme, which was well supported with some fantastic costumes. The race night went off well with everybody getting involved, either by entering the race, owning a vehicle or trying to win a few pennies by betting on their favourite.

Sunday unfortunately brought a touch of bad weather, however being the hardy campers we all are, we carried on regardless with the traditional Easter Sunday egg races and games. As the weather got worse we sought refuge in the party tents, only emerging to compete in the games. It was very slippery under foot and at times we feared for some of the participants and crossed our fingers that nobody broke a bone or put their back out! It is fair to say I don't think anyone broke any world records as the races were often reduced to a very steady (competitive) walk.

Sunday night we returned to the Ebor suit for bingo and a disco. The dance floor was packed all night with everyone enjoying music and dancing, ranging from barn dances to break dancing, there was even time for a little impromptu talent competition with gymnastics, singing and a boys vs girls dance off.

Thank you to all who attended and especially a big thank you to all that helped the weekend go so smoothly. It was another fantastic weekend and plans are already being made for next years Easter extravaganza.

Hope to see you there!

Chris Duffy

## Steward's Report - Winterset

It was a bit of a rush getting ready to steward Winterset on the Friday after Easter. We seemed to have no time at home before we had to pack the caravan again. It was made more difficult because we were going on after the meet to Carlisle and then on to Scotland.

We weren't expecting many units due to the meet being so close to Easter. A lot of members tend to go further afield for the rest of the holiday.

It was good to see Sandra and Colin out after his horrendous accident. Although he couldn't drive the motorhome yet, Sandra had managed to do a great job getting them there. We just hope that he continues to improve and look forward to seeing him driving again.

In all we had 10 units over the course of the weekend with the last one arriving Saturday morning. Martin's daughter had borrowed his motorhome to visit for the first time and by the sounds of it, it won't be the last.

We decided not to have a raffle with there being so few units and everybody agreed that this was a good idea. That meant no shopping on Saturday morning! We went to our usual Carvery in Crofton for lunch in the afternoon and then for a walk around the lake to get rid of the calories.

After coffee morning on Sunday, we went for a lovely walk in the woods to finish off a good weekend.

The weather over the weekend was lovely and we all managed to sit out in the lovely sunshine.

Anne & Tony Nelson

# Celebrations

## July Birthdays

1st Thomas Wood  
2nd John Patterson  
6th Victor Jackson  
7th Chris Wood  
7th Fred Netherwood  
9th Sylvia Scargill  
16th Andrea Smith  
17th Morgan Adkins  
22nd Gary Pearson  
22nd Ben Baldwin  
24th Joanne Wood  
30th Jake Houps

## July Anniversaries

1st Ann & Tony Fuller  
5th Stephen & Lynda Baldwin  
14th Frank & Diane Pyrah  
18th Judy & Peter Gledhill  
18th Lesley & Vince O'Neill  
23rd Michaela & Chris Duffy  
24th John & Dot Shedden



## August Birthdays

2nd Alisha Fuller  
5th Jeanne Baldwin  
11th Ben O'Neill  
14th Tony Fuller  
19th Peter Cobb  
20th Tony Nelson  
23rd Rod Curran  
24th Sam Hirst  
30th Ebony Stocks

## August Anniversaries

26th Paul & Christine Wood



**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**

## Steward's Report Connonley

The meet at Connonley was well attended with 37 units out.

The weather was dry but very blustery. The DA pennant was horizontal all weekend. It's a lovely site, with great views, 5 minutes walk to the train station, which will take you to Skipton and as far as Carlisle (if the fancy took you). If walkers wanted to take that route into Skipton it's about 3 miles.

Being on reception as the campers arrived was a good laugh, and some funny tales were told.

On the Saturday evening at 5pm Martin did a sausage sizzle, everyone had a glass of  and it was soon in full flow. Everyone said it was good to chat to people they had not seen for a while.

We were very lucky with the weather as the sun kept putting in an appearance. Great weekend had by all and a great site to visit .

Pat & Martin Cullen

## May Day 25 Years Ago

Sorting through the pictures prior to moving. I found this photo when we camped at Gargrave to do the three peaks . Picture at the trig point on Wernside. Kath, Katrina, Paul and Mike with hair.

Dave Hill



## Steward's Report Otley

Before we set off we were told that the meet was to be held at the club's training ground and not at the club. This did cause some confusion to some of the campers. Solution! Put up a poster at the club, redirecting people to the training field, which was about half a mile down the road. It's the field next to a large Garden Centre, well worth a visit by the way.

Gordon, an old boy of the club and a very nice man, greeted us. He walked Paul around the pitch, I don't know why, just for a chat I think. However, this did delay us setting up and quite a few people had arrived and had their chairs out and we still had the caravan attached to the car.

The rest of the afternoon was left entirely to Paul to sort out as I had a previous engagement.....'TAKE THAT' concert at Manchester Arena. (*The same arena, which was attacked on the following Monday, by the suicide bomber, how lucky were we*).The concert was FANTASTIC, that's the only word to describe it. If anyone likes their music, then try to go to one of their concerts. It's worth every penny. They put on a musical spectacle, fire, water, and holograms. This is the second one I've been to and they don't disappoint, but enough of TAKE THAT, as you will realize, I am a fan.

I got back to the site on Saturday morning, very early, but Paul was already up. The weather was very hot and sunny, but Gordon had said the previous day that it was the Otley Show on Saturday afternoon, and it always rains. We thought, not this year, as the weather was brilliant, but not to disappoint, it rained, and rained, torrentially till teatime. But this didn't stop anyone from going out. I think everyone went out walking, except us, as we preferred to stay dry. We only went to Asda up the road for raffle prizes, at teatime. On the Sunday we had a super coffee morning in brilliant sunshine. Can't understand why it rained just for the show, perhaps it is cursed! It was a good weekend, and I hope we can camp there again. The scenery is a delight.

Paul & Christine Wood

## 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 Settle

Bernie and I arrived at Settle on Thursday after travelling through some very heavy rain. We were to camp in the paddock adjacent to the river as the main rally field had not been cut and the grass was long. The paddock was surprisingly firm and we were happy with conditions. We were joined by Paul and Christine who had also volunteered to steward the meet as we did not have a steward to run the meet. By Friday lunchtime units began to arrive and by evening we had almost a full paddock. And then the rains came down, all night according to some, although I cannot fathom how they know this.

On Saturday morning, the river was alarmingly high but, in the best British tradition, we kept calm and carried on. Following an all-day breakfast, we went into Settle and experienced fayre in the local hostellers. On returning to the field to prepare for the Cadac cooking competition, the river was alarmingly high and on the point of over bursting its banks just a few metres from our units. It was a serious issue and some members were very concerned and considering immediate evacuation. I contacted the Environment Agency on it's floodline and was put in touch with a local representative who was very helpful. He made contact with other colleagues in the area who were monitoring the rainfall in the catchment together with changing river levels. After several phone calls, we were very relieved to hear that the levels had peaked and would begin to fall over the next few hours.

So on with the Cadac competition. It was raining heavily so we could not put up the shelters. All entrants cooked under their own awnings but were monitored by Sue Pearson and her assistant judges who were visitors from other DAs. Following thirty minutes of frenzied cooking, all the entries were taken to Steven Baldwin's awning to hear the result. Steven and Lynda Baldwin were the winners and Bernie and I came second.

We held a coffee morning on Sunday and units began to leave shortly after. I am grateful to Paul and Christine for their help over the weekend as they were also prepared to stand in and steward.

Mike & Bernie

## Judge's Report - Cadac Competition

I was asked to judge the cadac competition along with two visitors from Sowerby Bridge.

The 6 entries all had 30 minutes to cook a dish on their cadac. Each judge scored each category out of 10 then we total it all up.

X..locally sourced products

X...taste

X...appearance

The 3 of us all had different views on tastes and exactly what local products were.

But the overall winner was.

Stephen Baldwin

Who cooked

Panfried chorizo.

The 6 recipes have been submitted. Give them a try they were all really nice .

Sue Pearson

Bernie - Settle down to stir fry healthy eating

2 chicken breasts

1 large onion

Peppers - red & yellow ) half of each

1 large mushroom ) or stir fry

Beansprouts ) veg pack

Cabbage/grated carrot )

Garlic salt - sprinkle

2 packs noodles go wok

Fry light garlic spray

2 tbs soya sauce, 2 tbsps worcester sauce

½ tube tomato puree, cup of diet coke

### Ben - Lamb Burgers

500 g lamb mince                      1/4 cup cider vinegar  
1tsp rosemary                              Salt & pepper  
Sliced red onion

Shape into burgers

Cook 6 minutes each side

When cooked butt together

Top with brie, pickled onions, tomatoes & rocket

Serve in a brioche bun toasted

### Ken - Spicy corned beef hash

Chop Yorkshire potatoes into cubes

Chop French corned beef into cubes

Chop 1 Spanish onion

Add 250 mls red wine, 4 Oxo cubes

1 heaped tsp curry powder

Small cup peas, Small cup carrots

Cover with Yorkshire water

Bring to boil, simmer for 25 minutes

Serve with fresh crusty bread

### Kayla - Yorkshire spicy Paella special

Chorizo

Chicken

Onions

Peppers and paella rice

Seasoned with paprika, cayenne pepper, saffron .

The chicken and chorizo were sealed in the seasoning and put to one side. Into the cadac went the peppers and onions then the peas and 250ml of chicken stock. Once boiling the paella rice was added and then the chicken and chorizo were put back in and it all simmered for 20 minutes.

Rob - Pahaggerty

1 tbsp vegetable oil

250g/9oz streaky bacon

6 potatoes thinly sliced into rounds

2 onions, peeled, sliced

500ml/17½fl oz. chicken stock

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

150g/5oz. Cheddar cheese, grated

Crusty bread to serve

1. Heat the vegetable oil in a deep oven proof pan. Fry the bacon for 3 -4 minutes or until golden brown and slightly crisp  
Remove from the pan and set aside to drain on kitchen paper.
2. In the same pan used to cook the bacon, arrange a layer of the sliced potatoes in the bottom of the pan. Cover the potatoes with a layer of sliced onions then a layer of sliced carrots. Layer over some of the crisp bacon, then season with salt and freshly ground black pepper.
3. Repeat the process with the remaining potatoes, onions, carrots and bacon, finishing with a layer of potatoes on top. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper.
4. Pour in the chicken stock so that all the ingredients are covered, then bring to the boil. Cover the pan with a lid and reduce the heat to a simmer. Simmer for 15 - 25 minutes, or until the potatoes and carrots are tender.
5. Preheat the grill to high.
6. Uncover the pan and sprinkle over the grated cheese. Grill for 5 - 6 minutes, or until the cheese is bubbling and golden brown.
7. To serve, spoon the panhaggerty into bowls and serve with some crusty bread to mop up the juices.

The winning recipe and entry form are on the following pages.



CLUB CAMPSITE COOK of the YEAR 2017  
ENTRY FORM

**Region/Section:** Huddersfield DA  
**Your name:** Stephen Baldwin  
**Membership Number:** 304524  
**E-mail address:** stephen.baldwin@me.com  
**Home address:** 3 Coach Road, Meltham, Holmfirth  
HD9 4DF

**Contact phone number:** 01484 851834

**What is the name and description of your dish?**

For example: SCRUMPY PORK A Somerset inspired dish of grilled pork tenderloin with a cider and cream sauce. Served with fresh crusty bread.

**CHORIZO & CHEESE SPICY ONE POT WONDER**

A Yorkshire Lad's feast..... A super fast and easy crowd pleaser....

Look like a professional chef whilst the aroma entices the appetite you can sit back relax and enjoy a pint !

This hearty and spicy pan fried dish is tempered with the wonderful creamy texture of Wensleydale smoked cheese, fresh from the Dales of Yorkshire.

Served with a chunk of farmer's homemade with a good dollop of Longley Farm's creamy buttermilk butter.....

Tell the wife it still only comes in around 600 calories and means she can have a pud!

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Please list all ingredients and include quantities

450g jersey royal potatoes – scrubbed and cut into small cubes  
2 red onions – sliced  
1 red pepper – seeded and chopped  
1 tsp paprika  
300g piece of chorizo sausage, skinned and cut into chunky slices  
250g cherry tomatoes  
100ml dry sherry  
2 tbs freshly chopped flat leafed parsley

### **Method**

As briefly as possible tell us how you make your dish. Include any particular methods you use to make this campsite friendly (for example in the absence of electrical appliances)

As all good BBQ fella's do.... Get the wife to prepare all the ingredients before you take your seat at the grill!

1. Heat the olive oil in the large paella pan over a medium heat. Add the potato cubes and fry for 7-10 minutes until lightly browned, turning regularly.
2. Reduce the heat, add the onions and red pepper and continue to cook for 10 mins, stirring from time to time, or until they are soft but not browned.
3. Add the paprika and chorizo and cook for 5 minutes, stirring from time to time.
4. Add the cherry tomatoes and pour in the sherry. Stir everything together and cook for 5 mins, or until the sherry has reduced and the tomatoes have softened and warmed through.
5. For the last couple of minutes stir in the cheese chunks and stir carefully without breaking them up.
6. Sprinkle with the parsley and serve with a piece of buttered rustic crusty bread



What is the *Eat Local* element to your dish? For example have you used a regional cheese, a craft ale, some fresh or seasonal produce in your dish? Maybe you've used British game or seafood or given a campers twist to a regional favourite like Lancashire Hotpot or just been inspired by a regions flavours? ... Be creative - we want to be inspired and surprised.

1. Wensleydale Smoked Cheese (Hawes)
2. Longley Farm butter made with buttermilk (Holmfirth)
3. Chopped fresh parsley – my garden!
4. Settle village bakers crusty rustic Bread

### **Things to consider...**

Can it be cooked on a barbecue or gas stove?

Not including the prep, can it be cooked in 30 minutes?

Is this a recipe that can be cooked easily on a campsite?

Are you available to come and cook your dish at **NFOL 2017 in Hickstead on Saturday 26th August at 4.30pm?**

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## 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.

## **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.