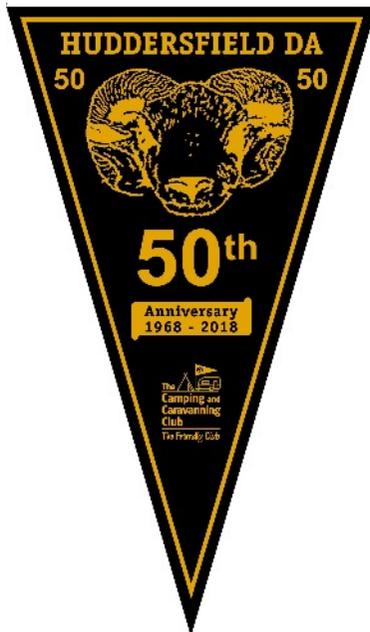


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# Roman's Forum

## 50th Anniversary Gala Event

After two years of discussion & planning we are here at Elland ..... celebrating 50 years of camping with Huddersfield DA !

I feel extremely privileged to be Chairman of the DA at this prestigious milestone in the DA's history and also delighted with the response from previous & current members that have chosen to join us at this event. I am sure that some old tales will be exchanged over the tables as the wine flows & the night progresses!

To help celebrate we are joined by Sue Woolston (Yorkshire Region Chair) and her husband Mick, together with Stan Williams (Yorkshire Region President) and his wife Sonia. Some older members will be aware that Stan was formerly the HDA Secretary.

Also attending as our special guest is Ronnie Proctor accompanied by his daughter Susan. Ronnie was a founder member of the DA in 1968 and was the designer of our Rams Head Pennon.

I sincerely hope that everyone enjoys this evening and takes the opportunity meeting old & new friends and that the memories of tonight remain fondly with you for years to come.

Finally, just to keep you informed, our merger with Spen Valley DA has gained approval from both National & Region Councils and that our positive approach may become a template for other DA's to follow. All that needs to be done is the transfer of assets and agree a date for the name change to become applicable. I hope you will extend a warm welcome "back" to our Spen members who were part of our original "family" back in 1968!

Roman  
Chairman HDA

# Nelson's Column

We were looking through all our old videos which could be used during our 50th Birthday meet in March. Some old cine films some old videos and a few more up to date versions. How times have changed over the years with the format for producing these memories.

When we first started camping, the caravans were very basic with no need for generators, solar panels or electric hookups. I don't think there was very much taken out of the batteries in those days. We only had cold water and you got your exercise using the Whale foot pump to draw the water. We used to have gas lights and the mantle used to crumble if somebody banged the door.

If there was a meet on a weekend, everybody turned up. We camped on farmer's fields and lots of events were organised over the weekend with most people being extremely competitive.

We had quite a lot of Youth and the one thing I noticed when we first camped, was how the older ones looked after the younger ones. There was no need to worry about the children playing on the field as everybody looked out for them.

Things have moved along dramatically since then. We all have modern larger units with more electrical requirements than Battersea Power Station can produce. Flatter fields and hard standing are needed in order to both level and prevent the necessity for towing units off fields.

Chris Duffy has started to organise different events both on and off the field which seem to be drawing more young people into camping and this can only be good for our future. Unfortunately I don't think this will include either the raft race at Kettlewell or the hard fought tug of war.

Maybe after another 50 years someone will be going through there old memories before setting off in there spaceship to camp on the moon!

# 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  
15th Anne Nelson  
20th Anna Pyrah  
22nd Nigel Peake  
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

## 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



**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 - New Year 2018**

We arrived Thursday and set up, didn't take long as we only had seventeen vans booked in, all for varying lengths of time, 3 days, 4 days, 5 days etc.

Friday was games day with most people taking part. The bowling proved very difficult on the new carpet, if you were a bowler you couldn't and if you weren't a bowler you could, so everything was equal and there were some excellent matches.

In the evening we had a sing-a-long to the film Mama Mia followed by a sop supper.

Saturday was Casino Night with everyone dressing appropriately, black tie and cocktail dresses. We had roulette, black jack and poker, the roulette proved very popular, we were all provided with tokens for playing, good job, some could have lost the shirt off their backs. All good fun. This was followed by a drinks tasting event, those taking part brought a bottle of whiskey or wine or both, these were then blind tasted by the other entrants who gave points accordingly, our Social Officer toted up the scores and announced the winners.

Sunday New Years eve. We had a coffee morning followed by dressing the room ready for the evening's festivities. Fancy dress was the order of the day and we had some super outfits. Late into the evening and several men and women disappeared only to reappear with their fancy dress costumes swapped which resulted in lots of laughter and cheers. The music was brilliant, the drinks flowed and everyone had a great time.

New Years day and we start with a coffee morning followed by the big cleanup of all the rooms etc. as usual a brilliant job was done by all, HDA know how to leave a place spick and span. Most people chose to go home then and we were left with only 3 vans on site plus ourselves.

We had all the seasons over the 5 days but a very enjoyable meet.

Finally, after 35 years of stewarding the New Year meets, Holmbridge, (many of you will remember this site), and Storthes Hall we have decided to stand down. We have many happy memories of these meets and of members who are no longer with us but who contributed in making them a great success.

New Year has always been a great family meet and so may it continue.

We wish you all a happy camping season for 2018.

HDA

Stewards

Geoff & Doreen

## **Entertainment Officer's Report New Year**

I am still recovering!! It is mid-January and I am still recovering from a fantastic festive period, which was topped off by a great few days at our New Year meet. Eighteen units and lots of visitors joined us over the five day meet and hopefully word will start to spread about the great time that was had by all and more will join us next year.

Due to a wedding in Dublin, Kayla and I were late to the party, however I had left the entertainment in the capable hands of our previous entertainment officer Christine. For those of you who have camped with us a while, you will appreciate the military style planning and execution Christine puts into her events. This one was no exception.

On the 29th she had organised a 'games day'. All the competitive campers came strutting out of their vans at lunchtime, limbered up and ready to take the crown. Children and adults alike were left crying as

the dynamic family team of Christine and Chris Wood took the field apart in the bowling. There was a steward's enquiry as some complaints were made about the suspicious circumstances around the host and organiser winning. I am reliably informed that chief adjudicator Paul Wood said there was no wrong doing, however we are awaiting the results from the performance enhancing drugs test.

That evening Kayla and I arrived and the normal chaotic, drunken, unorganised entertainment could resume. The ladies enjoyed a lovely afternoon of Temple Spa treatments and prosecco, whilst the lads grafted to set up that evening's festivities.

A Casino and Drinks tasting evening. Everyone looked fantastic in their finest ball gowns and penguin suits. The drinks flowed and chips won and lost. Everyone had a lovely evening, especially Bernie 'Rain Man' Boryslawskij, who is now banned from every Casino from here to Las Vegas.

New Year's Eve was a huge success. We had an open fancy dress theme, which was judged by Nigel 'Harry Hill' Peak as he was the only one not in fancy dress (unless you count the Harry Hill shirt, but he always wears that!). Roman and Debbie (Micky and Minnie mouse) won it, although later in the night there was some confusion as everyone seemed to keep swapping fancy dresses. The disco, dancing and laughter went late into the night thanks to our fantastic DJ Chris from Showbott entertainment.

All in all, a thoroughly enjoyable few days and I would highly recommend to anyone who didn't come this year, give it a go next as you will not be disappointed.

Duffy

## 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 - Ukrainian Club AGM**

I arrived at the site just before noon in brilliant sunshine, which was pleasantly surprising for the first Friday in February. Within half an hour I got company with Geoff & Doreen, Janice & Clive and Michael & Bernie arriving. A steady flow followed and we were soon up to 7 units, one less than last years number of eight units..... were we about to exceed this?

As the afternoon progressed the sun disappeared and just one more unit arrived – we had equalled last years number, which is quite disappointing to say we had the AGM the following day and that two of the units were our adopted Lancashire friends and a visitor from East Yorkshire!

As it got dark, some of the Ladies departed to bingo, whilst the Gents (and Debbie) went to the Black Bull for a meal and to watch the opening round of Super League. On returning Debbie & I went into the club to down a very reasonably price bottle of Sauvignon Blanc.

On Saturday Paul departed for the stores as he had forgotten the boilers for the AGM and Bernie & Christine bought ingredients for the evening buffet. By 1pm the hall was arranged and the boilers on for a prompt start to the meeting at 2pm.

We had an attendance of 43 at the meeting, 39 of those HDA members. A presentation of £500 was made to our nominated charity, Kirkwood Hospice which we have chosen as the charity again for this coming year.

As usual, all the officers on the committee gave their reports of how 2017 had gone and all those up for election apart from Mike B who stood down as Sites Secretary, were re- elected as no further nominations were received. The main topic at the end of the meeting was a Notice of Motion on the potential merger with Spen Valley DA. The committee had approved this at a previous meeting but decided to seek ratification from all members at the AGM. After much positive

discussion & debate the motion was carried with a vote of 37 in favour with 2 against. This will now go to Region Council & Headquarters for approval. At the end of the meeting an open invite to return in the evening was extended to all.

After going out for tea (again) we returned to find another unit had arrived, this looked like another visitor but we soon found out it was Alan & Alison who had come back from the youth rally and changed their motorhome –yet again!

Debbie, Bernie & Christine departed to the kitchen and prepared the buffet supper in the anticipation more would return, however only John Inman did. The barman at the club had a quiet night whilst Bernie organised a quiz and bingo was played.

Our special guest Grace also joined us in the hall. Grace was a trainee Hearing Dog for the Deaf and was being trained by our visitors from East Yorkshire (Terry & Pat)

A bumper raffle was held and the supper devoured with plenty to go round as we had anticipated more returnees!

On Sunday morning we held the coffee morning inside although the good weather had returned and Colin from “over top” claimed the remaining pork pies!

As I left at about 12.30pm only Paul & Christine remained and I knew they wouldn't be far behind.

Another AGM over in pleasant surroundings, it's a shame not a lot of members accompanied us but at least we exceeded last year's unit number!

Roman & Debbie

## **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.