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ROMAN'S FORUM

I'm writing this from my pitch on the Isle of Wight where the sun is out and in the background not the noise of seagulls but that of scooters buzzing around the islands roads! It's a couple of years since I joined the North Warwickshire DA THS at Bembridge, a place we frequented as a family many years ago. Little has changed!

This is after a 2 day gap from stewarding Hinderwell, which despite the beautiful weather was sparsely attended. From those who did visit they gave positive comments on what a good location the site was in, but due to the magazine insertion recommending advance booking were nearly put off! Perhaps this was the cause of the reduced numbers as a few commented they normally give sites advertised this way a wide berth! From conversations with Christine & Paul at Kettlewell it seems to be going somewhat better!!

However on social media there are some adverse comments about the pricing of THS and weekend meets but it is rare that landowners keep their prices static and our biggest costs "hidden costs" are VAT and waste disposal!

You should be receiving this Rams Head at our "end of holiday's meet" at Pugneys Water Park which to me marks the run into the dark nights and colder weather. However we can't complain on the bumper summer we have experienced!

There are plenty of meets yet to join us for the rest of the year and also the opportunity to gain your maximum credits towards our winter ball in December.

Bookings will soon be available for Scarborough, York, Elland & the New Year meet at Storthes Hall....

Where has 2018 gone??

Roman

Nelson's Column

When I was a child I seem to remember that it always snowed in the winter and the sun shone in the summer. Well this year has conformed to my memories. Hasn't it been a wonderful summer. It has been so hot and dry and well deserved after the terrible winter which we had.

We decided this year to go for a little bit more of home comforts for our summer holidays for a change, after stewarding our THS at Weymouth for the last six years. We went to a lovely site in Devon for two weeks, with electricity, toilets and showers. It was really enjoyable touring around all the lovely beaches and towns and not thinking about opening and closing gates early morning and late evening.

After this we travelled half way home and stayed for a week at a THS at Stow-on-the-Wold RUFC in the heart of the Cotswolds, run by the Motor Caravan Section. It was a really good location for touring around the Cotswolds and surrounding areas and we were made very welcome by the stewards.

The only downside to the holidays, was returning home to find a very barren and dry garden. All of my lovely flowers had died or shrivelled up. I have had to spend my time trying to give them the kiss of life or replacing them with new ones. I suppose we can't have everything perfect.

We have a few good weekend meets coming up which should be enjoyable for the children. Including Thornton Hall Farm, where they can be interactive with the animals, and Lightwater Valley, where I'm sure there is plenty to do for both adults and children.

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

Steward's Report - Bamford

What a fantastic weekend with wall to wall sunshine. Not only that, a weekend packed with treats, music and games.

Frank and I arrived on Friday with the grandchildren around 5.20pm to find 15 units already pitched and booked in. A big thank you to Anne & Tony Nelson for stepping in and doing that. Thank you .
A total of 23 units attended.

Saturday Sue & Gary Pearson arrived with a car full of goodies and equipment.

Strawberries & cream kicked off our afternoon along with a glass of Pimms for the adults, juice and ice cream for the children. Thank you for doing that Sue and Gary and a thank you to Chris Duffy for bringing the PA system and playing the music.

I think all will agree with Frank and me, that it all went down rather well.

This was followed by tennis, bouncy hoppers, croquet, football, boules and much more. While the games were being played Martin Cullen cooked his sausage for those who got a little peckish before tea.

BBQ's were lit about 5.30pm and a communal area was set up for everyone to eat together. After we had all eaten, we had a game of rounders and to finish the evening most of us sat around fires which were lit to try and outwit the midges. That's the glory of camping near water (Not).

Sunday and the sun was still shining. At 11.00am we had our coffee morning. However I must apologise to Martin for his delayed drink of coffee after his wife had knocked his first one over. (Something I

learned was 'your kettle won't boil if you haven't set it on top of the burner you have lit').

Frank and I would like thank everyone for joining them and we hope to see you out and about again very soon.

Diane & Frank



Steward's Report - Ricall

Victor & I arrived at the site to find a lovely flat, peaceful and friendly place. There are three hard standing pitches, but there will be more. Electricity if wanted at a small extra fee.

We had just finished putting out the signs when Anne & Tony arrived, so we thought, just wait now for everyone to come as it was another hot & sunny weekend. Just before lunch a motorhome came and after lunch John & Eunice arrived. So we waited, what a shame that no one else came. We could not believe it, the site owner told us that he had turned people away thinking there would be more coming to the rally.

It's close to the cycle track to York with buses outside the site. There's a lovely walk into the village of Ricall, where there are two pubs, an Italian restaurant and a couple of shops. There is also a big park for the children to play in. A bus runs through the village to the Outlet centre and it's only one hour to the East coast.

The raffle and the coffee morning were cancelled as the motorhome went early and John & Eunice were going to visit their son.

We went off for a walk before lunch and then set off home. If we come again, it would be better if it was not so close to the holiday period and perhaps more would come. It was such a shame.

Eileen & Victor



Celebrations

September Birthdays

4th Archie Knapper
7th Ken Gledhill
9th Helena Boryslawskj
12th Nola Baldwin
19th Elsie Netherwood
21st Vince O'Neill
23rd Leanne Fuller
23rd Fearne El-Zebedi
26th Christine Wood
28th Stephen Coley
28th Stephen Baldwin
28th Sam Patterson
29th Georgia Lockwood

September Anniversaries

23rd Andrea & Clifford Smith

October Birthdays

8th Ruby-Ann Moodie
10th Yvonne Ward
12th Danielle Baldwin
20th Elizabeth Womersley
26th Andrew Ward
29th Hollie Cobb
30th Bernie Boryslawskj

October Anniversaries

2nd Maureen & John Short
6th Anne & Tony Nelson
22nd Lesley & Peter Cobb
31st Joanne & Gary Wood



**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**

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*

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.

