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## **ROMAN'S FORUM**

Unfortunately I am writing this sat adjacent to my bed in ward 16 at the Leeds General Infirmary!

Most of you will know that following rigorous testing to ascertain the cause of what I thought was a form of indigestion over a couple of years, that in May I was diagnosed with a heart condition and ultimately recommended for bypass surgery. Well, whilst awaiting for the call for the operation, I went to rural Wales to help celebrate Helena's 30th. During that weekend I suffered a mild heart attack (there were SEVEN doctors and a VET in attendance so I suppose I was in good hands!) and after a longer than anticipated stay in Wales, I was subsequently transferred to Halifax and then Leeds!

My last "outing" with the DA was at Pugneys and what a beautiful weekend that was with wall to wall sunshine, games galore, a super BBQ tea and a good turnout of units! Well done to everyone who helped and participated. I can look back at the photos on my phone and remind myself of what I'm missing!

Behind the scenes work is ongoing to complete the 2019 fixtures and the task of finding stewards will begin again. A recent request has just gone out to cover a couple of meets where due to family circumstances our nominated stewards are unable to continue with the plan. Equally important to getting a nominated steward in the first place is to quickly respond to cover these last minute requests as the result is the same.....No steward = No meet!

As we draw close to the end of 2018 please remember to book for the forthcoming events - Scarborough THS, York Shopping Meet, Elland Winter Ball and of course, New Year at Storthes Hall!

Thank you to all those who have sent me best wishes and hopefully I will be "sliced & diced" shortly and be able to join you again soon, if not York but certainly Elland.

Regards

Roman

# Nelson's Column

Summer is now a distant memory and Autumn is well and truly upon us. The leaves on the trees are turning brown and the nights are getting darker and darker. It won't be all that long before Christmas is upon us.

Due to the complexities of modern caravans, dark nights always lend themselves to the problem of battery life on THS and weekend meets, where there is no electric hook-ups. We become more and more reliant on solar panels (as long as the sun shines) or generators. In this modern world you would think they could come up with some alternative source of power.

We decided early September to re-visit a THS at Seaburn in Northumberland, which is run by the Motor Caravan section. It's a lovely location with long flat walks along the sea front with interesting things to see and beautiful clean beaches. They've really done a lot with the area and it's well worth a visit. There's a bus stop not far from the gate and the buses run every ten minutes or so to Sunderland and South Shields. Morrisons is next door to the site so there's no reason to run out of food.

We went to visit Beamish as it was only 17 miles from the site. It was a very enjoyable day out and there were quite a few changes from when we were last there. We spent about six hours walking round, riding on trams, trains and buses, all the vintage types. I felt rather vintage myself when we eventually got back to the caravan.

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 - Pugneys

This meet was a joint steward's meet, as usual Tony and Ann arrived bright and early on Thursday. They had a little trouble getting into the site but eventually succeeded. Kath and I arrived a little later with one other person on site.

From the very start of this meet the weather was fantastic. We were sitting in the sun just booking campers in as they arrived. Thursday was a little slow, we thought that everyone was on holiday and we may not have a great turnout.

I think most people did the usual romp around the lake on Thursday night, then had a quiet night in.

Friday morning was another beautiful day and the campers arrived at a steady pace throughout the day. Everyone seemed to be nicely laid back as they arrived. The ones who didn't know about the Saturday meal were overjoyed at the prospect of a free nosh. Ann & Kath went out to do the shopping for the meal while Tony & I sorted the campers. They were away for about three hours, we expected them to arrive back with arms full of clothes but no, only food stuff. Most people just mingled in one another's vans and again had a quiet night catching up.

Saturday morning arrived and we had a few stragglers arrive. By around lunch time we had a final number of 37 units, a really good turnout. Thank you all for coming.

As usual we asked for volunteers to help with the catering, once again we were over subscribed. Thanks to all who helped on the day to serve to cook and to prepare. During the afternoon and the run up to the meal various games were played and enjoyed by all who took part and watched the action. Many thanks to Chris Duffy for bringing the equipment and organising the games. Also thanks to those who helped.

The evening meal of burgers, sausage, salad and trimmings, followed by the apple pie, cherry pie and cream, went very well. By the feedback from campers it was enjoyed by all. The rest of the evening was spent in the tents where we all took part in the quizzes provided for adults and children, again well received. Thanks to Tony Ann & Kath. Music was provided and copious amounts of alcohol were consumed, again a good night was had by all.

Sunday morning was again a lovely bright morning as the campers drifted off most commented that they had enjoyed a lovely weekend, and would love to return next year. Once again thanks to all who helped and took part .

Your weekend stewards Dave Kath Hill Ann Tony Fuller.



## Paraprosdokians

First time I heard about paraprosdokians, I liked them.

Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and is frequently humorous.

(Sir Winston Churchill loved them).

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you ... but it's still on my list.

Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up -- we only learn how to act in public.

War does not determine who is right, only who is left.

Knowledge, is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of an emergency, notify..." I answered "a doctor."

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find someone older than me.

Sadly this is true!!!

Spread the Laughter, Share the Cheer, Let's be Happy, while we're here!

Submitted by Bernie Boryslawskyj

## Steward's Report - Connonley

We arrived at Connonley on Thursday lunchtime for the 4 day meet. Thanks to Paul & Christine who had put the signs out for us. There was just the 2 of us there until late afternoon, then we were joined by another 6 units.

Friday was a bit of a dull day, but units started to arrive by lunchtime and by Friday evening we had 27 units on site.

Saturday brought us a brighter day. A few of us decided to catch the train all the way to Skipton(1 stop). A word of warning at Connonley, if you cross the platform to book your tickets, remember to bring your umbrella back with you before the barrier comes down, (Kath & Dave).

After John & Paul had a fish & chip lunch, we had a walk around the market and bought a few more raffle prizes, then we caught the train all the way back again.

2 more units had arrived while we were out. We managed to have a sit out in the sunshine before it clouded over again and came a bit cool.

Sunday morning we had the coffee morning in the drizzle, but I think most people came.

Good weekend with lovely surroundings, pity the weather wasn't a bit better for us.

Margaret & John.

# Celebrations

## November Birthdays

8th Chris Duffy  
12th Jamie Moodie  
24th Ken Baldwin  
24th Gary Wood  
25th Amir El-Zebedi



## December Birthdays

2nd Charlotte Armitage  
3rd Chris O'Neill  
4th Thomas Houps  
7th Vicky Boryslawskyj  
10th Sam Houps  
14th Michaela Duffy  
14th Dot Shedden  
18th Julie Coley  
20th Sue Pearson  
22nd Hollie Baldwin  
26th Peter Gledhill

## December Anniversaries

8th Geoff & Doreen Hopkin



**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 - Lightwater Valley

Well as Britain braces its self for storm Aileen and gusts of winds up to 70 mph, the Pearsons are getting ready for an early morning start for the 3 day meet at Lightwater Valley. Thursday morning turned out to be glorious arriving at LWV at 11 o'clock just giving us an hour to sign the rally and set up.

We were met by LWV manager who showed us where every thing was and handed over a very useful pack of all the information that you might need for LWV and surrounding area, along with a voucher to get your discounted tickets (very well organised). We made lunch and sat out in the early afternoon sun, then at 2 o'clock the big black cloud that was hovering about opened its doors, or was it the log flume from the park that sprung a leak. No it was definitely rain and more rain that never let up for the next 26 hours, along with the wind. Needless to say no one turned up .

Friday evening the wind and rain stopped, we did think then there was time for a few to turn up, whoopee 6 o'clock a van appeared and then 2 more we were getting excited then, thinking get the raffle tickets out and who's gonna boil kettles for coffee morning. No one else arrived.

Saturday wasn't a bad day ,and a few of our members who were put off by the weather did actually come to the park and said what a good day they had had, no queuing for the rides.

We watched the forecast on Saturday for Sunday and it was supposed to be bad again. Needless to say we didn't have a coffee morning as the 4 of us all decided to pack up and go home,what a shame as Sunday turned out to be a beautiful day.

It's such a shame the weather spoilt it for everyone, what a lovely site it is and very well looked after, nice short cut grass, bins emptied twice daily and a very accommodating manager.

Susan and Gary

PS Our awning survived but the pennon didn't.

## 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 - Thornton Hall Farm

Michael went to open the site at 11.30am after dropping me off in Skipton to meet Elaine for a little retail therapy!! We caught the bus to the farm from Skipton and the kind driver dropped us right at the Gate!!

There were only eight units in total with us for the weekend, with Elaine and Nigel, Lynda and Stephen, Sam and Richard Houps and family, a new family from H&SDA and the rest visitors.

The weather was not good Saturday morning but the farm had given us a good discount for entry and I think everyone camping did go in to the farm. We had our family visiting on Saturday and Elaine's family also came to join in the fun. The children really enjoyed their time at the farm with the animals, pony rides, caterpillar rides and all the indoor activities. Mili decided to stay with us for the night and went in for a return visit after coffee on Sunday!! Thankfully by the time we came out Saturday afternoon the sun was shining and we sat out and barbecued!!

Sunday morning dawned fine but dull, but unfortunately started to pour down and blow a gale just at coffee time!! Coffee, tea and biscuits were hastily served to the hardy souls who wanted a drink and the raffle was quickly drawn with all prizes being claimed!!

The farmer has put in a new gate at the bottom of the field so it is a lot easier now to get out if the field is wet!! However this time the field was very solid despite the rain and all units were able to leave by the top gate.

A good weekend despite the weather, just a shame there were not a few more of us there!!

Bernie and Mike

## 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.

