



News and Views

of East Sussex DA



Chairmans Chatter

It was fabulous to see so many units attend Roy Hill Wood for the Mayday meet despite the earlier horrendous weather forecast. We were so lucky with nice days on Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Tuesday and whilst the nights were cold Alan Thorpe did a superb job of keeping us all warm with the wood burner in the barn.

I apologise to the attendees if I appeared to be a little anti-social during the day, I had been given a book at Christmas which I was desperate to read thus I took the opportunity of the peace and quiet during the day to enjoy my book.

Everybody appeared to enjoy the Horse racing on Saturday run by Mick May and on the Sunday we had Pictionary run by Jane Tanner followed by Oik Bingo run by Mick & Jeannie May.

Monday's coffee morning went well although I suspect a few people are now questioning my mental status after I gave the answers to the cryptic camping goods quiz; it was won by Sue Bishop with a score of 17 out of 20 – well done Sue. Our thanks also go to Dave Abbey & Jeannie May for manning the refreshments counter also Mick May for bringing the equipment from the trailer.

We have many more meets organised not least of which is our birthday meet details of which are set out later in the newsletter.

As I am writing this I think that I must be due an outing with the caravan as it is currently raining hard however according to the Meteorological Office we are in for a scorching summer. So I will just wish everybody happy camping and I look forward to meeting up with you all again in fields around Sussex.

What's on in the South Eastern Region

SER 68th Anniversary meet

From 1200 hours on 16 June until 1200 hours on 20 June 2016

This year the event is again to be held at White House Farm, Budletts, Uckfield and the theme is "Stone Age". A booking form is included in the regional sites book and the cost of the event has been held at the same price as last two years.

On Saturday there will be a ploughman's Lunch provided in the Marquee and the sports competitions will again be Horseshoes, Boule & Mulky (very popular last year once people understood how to play it).

Please be advised that whilst dogs are extremely welcome at the meet they will not be allowed in the marquees at any time although there are some really good walks for dogs straight off the site.

Also in keeping with the club's latest edict the utilisation of e-cigarettes will not be allowed in the Marquees.

SOUTH EASTERN REGION

68th ANNIVERSARY MEET JUNE 2016

Site opens 2pm Thurs. 16th until

2pm Mon. 20th June 2016

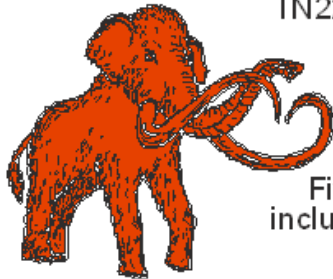
WHITE HOUSE FARM

London Road

Budletts,

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TN22 2EA - M/R 198/472229



The STONE AGE

Five Days Camping Meet with entertainment including all the Traditional Sports, plus some new 'Challenges'

A Special treat, complements of the South Eastern Region; Saturday noon.

Ploughman's Lunch,

including some liquid refreshments.



Charity fund raising events are planned with all proceeds being donated to the Chairman's Charity; *Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance*

Fancy Dress evening, theme The Stone Age and Saturday evening Entertainment, live Music with a mix of music for all generations, *right back to the stone age!!!*

The South Eastern Region Annual General Meeting Sunday 19th June 2016 @ 11am in the Marquee.

Please remember to sign in and bring your Membership Cards...



Pre booking is not essential however it is preferable as it allows the landowner to gauge how much of the field needs to be trimmed for the camping and just as importantly it allows the organisers to allocate the correct number of places to each DA/Section.

If you do not pre book, there will be some space allocated as a general area however you **will not** be able to be located with your DA/Section.

SER 68th AGM Sunday 19 June 2016 @ 1100 hours

Again this year there will be no vote as we are losing more Regional Councillors and we have not received enough nominations to require a vote.

The AGM will be held at White House Farm, Budletts, Uckfield as part of the SER Anniversary meet. Reports will be presented and there is an open forum to raise any questions you may have.

Motions may only be raised at the AGM if they have been submitted within the requisite time.

If you can't attend the camping weekend, then please do try to attend the AGM and have your say.

Don't forget to have your membership card with you as you will not be allowed to enter without it no matter how far you may have travelled.

NFOL Three Counties Showground, Malvern 25-08 to 29-08 2016

If you are attending, then please take a notepad with you to jot anything down whether good or bad and to send your notes to the Region Secretary so that it can be noted for our 2017 NFOL sub-committee to make sure that we do not make the same mistakes and to improve on the 'good' bits.

Traditionally the Mardi Gras is followed in by the next holders of the NFOL who also dress up and market the next event. Whilst we are aware that a number of our members will be involved in the working party we would like as many as possible to also be part of the Mardi Gras (more information to follow).

**South Eastern Region Seminar 15 October 2016
Hadlow Agricultural College**

It had been planned for this to be a full socialising and educational weekend however due to construction works at the college this will now be merely a one-day event.

The provisional Programme is as follows:

MORNING		AFTERNOON	
Time	Event	Time	Event
9.30-9.55	Registration	1.30-3.00	Secretary
10.00-10.55	Love your Auditor PRO Sites Co-ordinator		Treasurer Chairman
10.55-11.10	Coffee	3.00-4.15	Forum
11.15-12.10	Webmaster National Rep Spare		10 min presentation Youth 10 min presentation NFOL Question and Answers
12.15-1.25	Lunch	4.15-4.45	Tea and finish

As you can see this is a must for all existing and particularly potential new committee members – come along, have some fun, let us remove the myths, find out how with the input of just a small amount of time and effort you can not only help to improve your DA/Section but also gain enjoyment and rewards.

Lunch will be provided for all attendees and travel costs will be paid although the Club suggests that shared transport would be preferable where possible.

NFOL 2017 All England Jumping Course Hickstead 24-28 August 2017

This events preparations are progressing with currently just a small number of volunteers. A major concern is the lack of volunteers to be team leaders. There are still a number of vacancies for key officers on the organising committee that require filling urgently (including Surveying, H&S, Entertainment as a priority; also Bookings, Purchasing/stores, Working Party Steward and Sanitation).

Please Please Please! consider taking up one of these roles

This is "our region" and it is up to us to make it stand out for all the right reasons by putting on the best NFOL. – We need your help now!

Email jkg.ser@gmail.com for a registration form if you can help – she is waiting for your email!

70 plus licences

Following the articles in the last newsletter it has come to light that there is a lot of confusion with regard to 70+ licences and towing limits thus I have set out below the details as provided by the DVLA:

If you drive a motorhome (or I presume any other vehicle) with a stated gross laden weight in excess of 3500kg then you will need to retain the C1 category.

If you drive a vehicle which has a stated gross laden weight of less than 3500kg you can still tow a trailer up to 3500kg with the standard issue B+E licence.

Committee Meetings

SER Council meeting brief notes

There has not been an SER Council meeting since the last newsletter

Precis of the ESDA Committee Meeting of 01 May 2016

Open Forum Action Points

The following points were brought forward from the open forum and agreed as follows: -

Easter meets will in future be organised with hardstanding, some soft for tents and some form of hall including school premises as necessary.

A hall will be provided for the sea fishing meet on both Friday and Saturday.

The Club process is to be followed regarding the change and procurement of new pennons, Harry will place the matter before the South Eastern Region at their next meeting.

Treasurers report and Statement of Accounts

To the most part the report is as presented at the AGM however subsequent payments had been made of £50.25 for the AGM, £15.84 for the blocking up equipment for the trailer and the deposit had been paid to Seaford Head School for the Christmas party weekend.

Birthday Meet

It was confirmed that Kevin had agreed to provide the Disco at the same price as last year

It was agreed that we would again provide a ploughman's lunch, the food to be purchased on Saturday morning once the numbers were known. Volunteers will be required to procure and prepare the food.

It was discussed and subsequently agreed that as it was close to the Queen's birthday we would also provide a strawberry tea with sparkling wine (Prosecco) to celebrate and toast her majesty.

Given the two food events it was agreed that the traditional Penny Fayre would not take place this year.

Any Other Business

David Abbey reminded the meeting that a suggestion had been made by a member regarding the showing of films via a laptop. It was agreed that Harry would look into the relevant licensing and procurement of material whilst David would seek opportunities for the loan of a projector.

Harry raised the issue of a disco for the Christmas party, after some discussion it was agreed to invite Steve's Tropical Disco thereby allowing Kevin and Val to just enjoy the party given that Kevin will have officiated at two major events in a row.

Post meeting note, Steve's Tropical Disco has been secured.

Marketing 2016

Based on the success of the last two years we have embarked on another marketing campaign. Volunteers are essential and I have already had to reduce our opportunities due to a lack of volunteers.

Trevor & Pauline Wilson attended Caravan tech on 02/03 April and Johns Cross Motorhomes on a very hot 07/08 May 2016 gaining approximately 20 new memberships and more existing members showing an interest in DA/Section camping, my thanks to them for all their efforts.

Yvonne & I attended Camping World Horsham on the 7th of May 2016 and Allen & Ros Russell attended on the 8th of May 2016 gaining approximately 19 new memberships between us and more existing members showing an interest in DA/Section camping.

Further marketing weekends have been attained as follows: -

Saturday & Sunday 11/12 June 2016 – Currently I am on my own help would be appreciated

Saturday & Sunday 16/17 July 2016 – Currently Yvonne & I are attending both days (holidays have been re-scheduled to cover)

Saturday & Sunday 13/14 August 2016 - **I desperately need volunteers** this coincides with the Eastbourne Air Show and we will be in France on our re-scheduled holiday

Additionally, Alan & Chris Armstrong, Trevor & Pauline Wilson, Jill George and I will all be attending the Motor Home show at Detling as official club representatives on 02-05 June 2016.

Please support this initiative even if you can only do half a day, the more members that agree to help the lower the amount of work that needs to be done by the few.

Baby Boomers

Following the post war baby boom we have several members who are attaining their 70th birthday this year however I have been asked to make a very special mention of: -

Sandra Salvidge who reaches her 70th year on the 2nd June 2016 – Doesn't she look good? she definitely does not look to be anywhere near 70.

Also Alex & Sandra Salvidge who are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 4th June 2016

Family & friends send their love and best wishes to you both

I am sure everybody in ESDA joins with me in also wishing you a very happy birthday and Golden Wedding Celebrations, I/we hope that you have a great time.

Birthday Meet

As you will have seen above the format of the birthday meet will be as follows: -

Friday – Marquee erected and socialisation

Saturday morning – volunteers to purchase and prepare food

Saturday lunchtime – Ploughman's lunch

Saturday afternoon – Strawberry & Cream Tea with a glass to sparkling wine to celebrate and toast the Queens 90th Birthday

Saturday Evening – Dancing to Kevin's Disco

Sunday Morning – Coffee morning, Birthday cake, Raffle draw

Sunday lunchtime – Marquee to be taken down and placed back in the trailer

Sunday afternoon – please depart by 1700 hours

N.B. – The fee for the weekend will be £8.00 PUN for up to 2 Adults and 2 Children, extra adults will be charged @ £3.00 PN all in accordance with our DA rules and regs.

Additionally, there will be a fee of £2.00 per person (including children over 5 years) to offset some of the catering costs.

Saturday visitors will be charged a catering fee of £5.00 per adult and £2.00 per child over 5 years

Raffle in aid of Children with Cancer

A small break with tradition, as we are not able to run the Penny Fayre, (due to the Queens celebration addition), we will be running a raffle throughout the weekend in aid of Children with Cancer, donations will be very gratefully received.

I look forward to seeing you all there, I know that two families are dashing back from their holiday in Devon to be in attendance.

Just for fun

Sorry but no publishable humour has been sent to me since the last edition thus please find a Sudoku puzzle in lieu. This will give you something to do when you are sitting at a meet sheltering from the strong sunshine (or in the liquid sunshine). This one isn't as easy as it looks, it took me just over 20 minutes.

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Answer to the last newsletter puzzle

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5	4	9	8	6	1	3	7	2
7	2	3	9	5	6	4	8	1
9	1	6	4	8	3	7	2	5
8	5	4	2	1	7	6	3	9

Happy Birthday

We are pleased to send the following members our very best birthday wishes: -

On the 26th of May we wish Jane Tanner & Rachael Leach very Happy Birthday's

On the 2nd of June we wish Sandra Salvidge a very happy 70th birthday

On the 3rd of June we wish Jade Ann Louise a very happy birthday

On the 24th of June we wish Sandra Haywood a very happy birthday

On the 2nd of July we wish Paul Harber a very happy birthday

On the 17th of July we wish Arlene Thorpe and Richard Hart very happy birthdays

On the 29th of July we wish Arthur Hovell a very happy birthday

Exchange & Mart

For Sale

No items have been submitted for this newsletter

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Sites List 2016

<u>EAST SUSSEX D. A. SITES LIST 2016</u>					
	DATE	SITE	TYPE	MAP REF	P/CODE
MAY	27th				
THS	May	SHARNFOLD FARM	w/e + THS ***	199/605051	BN24 5BU
JUNE	5th June	SHARNFOLD FARM	w/e + THS	DITTO	DITTO
	10th-12th				
	16th-20th	White House Farm	SER Ann. Meet	198/472229	TN22 2EA
*****	24th-26th	White House Farm	BIRTHDAY meet	198/472229	TN22 2EA
JULY	1st-3rd	Paddock Wood Farm	quiet meet	198/187192	BN5 9AG
	8th-10th				
	15th-17th	Wylands Lakes	Fishing Comp	199/737137	TN33 0SN
5 Day meet	21st-25th	Roy Hill Wood	quiet meet	199/521226	TN22 5HU
THS	29th July	Wylands Lakes	THS ***	199/737137	TN33 0SN
AUGUST					
THS	29th August	29/7 - 29/8	N54.50.084	E000.27.168	
THS	5th. August				BN24 5BU
	10 Days	SHARNFOLD FARM	10 Days inc. Airshow	199/605051	
NFOL	27th - 29th	County S/Ground	MALVERN	HOL w/e	WR13 6NW
SEPT.					
	2nd-4th	Sussex Farm	<i>Quiet Meet</i>	198/187192	RH13 8JR
	9th-11th				
	16th-18th				
	23rd-25th	White house farm	FOL	198/472229	TN22 2EA
	30/9-2/10	Seaford Head Sch.	Sea Fishing	198/488987	BN25 4LX

OCT.	7th - 9th				
*****	15th	SER.Seminar	Hadlow Ag. Col	SE Region	TN11 0AL
DEC.	2nd - 4th	Xmas Party	Seaford Head School	198/488987	BN25 4LX

The next newsletter is due out in late June / early July 2016 which will contain information from the SER AGM and Open Forum.

Don't forget to get those articles in to me.