



News and Views

of

East Sussex DA

Wishing all ESDA members, a very Happy, Healthy and Successful 2017 with plenty of sun filled camping days and warm nights.

Chairman's Chatter

What a way to end the season with a fabulous Christmas party at Seaford School. The ladies did us proud with a wonderful American Supper where there was something for everyone and the tables groaned under the weight however we managed to demolish most of it. The few did a great job decorating the hall and special thanks must go to Mick May & Roger Wynn for the array of fairy lights around the room, these were greatly enhanced by the streamer decorations provided by Jane Tanner and installed by the ladies. We were fortunate enough to obtain the services of Steve's Tropical Disco who as always provided suitable music for the evening.

There were 27 camping nights (some units arriving Saturday morning) and many others just came for the night.

A big thank you goes to everybody who provided the food, raffle prizes, helped to get the hall ready and/or cleared up on the Sunday. Also, a huge thank you to the stewards without whom we would not have a meet.

We are now looking forward to the 2017 camping season starting with Easter at Roy Hill Wood and then the all-important AGM at St Lukes Parish Centre BN24 5EB – 1400 hours on the 22nd of April where we will be joined by our Region Representative on the National Council and the chairman for the NFOL 2017 (Allen Russell) who is an absolute mine of information about the club thus it is a golden opportunity to get those nagging questions answered in the open forum. I look forward to seeing the usual excellent turnout of our members.

Finally, as you will see later we are still in need of some stewards for our meets (especially those run by the committee which still need booking in stewards), please contact Roger ASAP to offer your services. No Steward equals no meet.

Camping Reports (in order of receipt)

Report Nr 1

CHRISTMAS MEET, SEAFORD HEAD SCHOOL

Thanks to everyone involved with this meet, we had a great time. Saturday evening was one of the best.

Thanks also to those of you who helped us get to grips with the new van. It is still a bit "hit and miss" with the digital controls but we are nearly experts!

Happy New Year to everyone. Look forward to seeing you in a field in 2017.

Val & Terry

Report Nr 2

NEW YEAR GATHERING

A fantastic end to the year with some 16 units and 33 persons in attendance. The organisers as always had done a fabulous job and the ladies ensured that we were royally fed. King of the sink Richard ensured that everything was properly cleaned and put away and the other males all did their bit in drying the post.

Great company, superb food, wonderful entertainment and good friends, including three units from West Sussex DA who as always were most welcome and not only joined in but also provided a bit of magic and an easy quiz (well the quiz was easy it was the answers that were hard).

Our thanks go from all attendees to the small band of people who organise, plan and do most the work at this get together

Harry

Report Nr 3

SER DINNER AND DANCE, CUMBERLAND HOTEL, EASTBOURNE

What a fabulous way to start the camping year with circa 100 people in attendance, excellent food and service and a lot of dancing to "Heartbeat". It was good to see many familiar old faces and quite a few new ones although a few of the regular faces were unable to attend for various reasons.

Many braved the weather and road conditions to arrive on the Friday and stayed for the full weekend whilst others just attended the evening.

The raffle prizes were superb and thanks go out to all who donated them even if neither I nor my guests didn't win anything.

The organisers were presented with some flowers in recognition of all the work that they had put in to organise the event.

We are now looking forward to the next Dinner & Dance however there is a lot of items to enjoy before we reach that next milestone.

Harry

Brief Synopsis of the ESDA Committee meeting of 18 January 2017

Treasurers Report

This year has been a good year for camping. Last year we had a total of 1072 nights camped. This year it is 1198.

Last time in my report I said that we had not yet had the bills from Veolia. When we did they wanted to charge us for 13 general waste removals at Wylands and 3 recycling. Colin had helpfully kept details of when they had actually been. We get this trouble all the time. They try to charge Wylands for our bins, they complain then we get charged for all theirs!!! Got it sorted after several phone calls. An alternative supplier is being sought for the future.

The surplus is again due to the Temporary Holiday Sites that we run. Without those we would not be able to supplement the big meets. Big thanks to the stewards.

A date has been arranged to perform the audit with a few queries raised already.

Report of Representative to the Region

Covered separately in this newsletter

Report of PRO

The PRO Seminar at HQ on the 1st of October was cancelled and is being re-scheduled for March 2017. I did however attend the AGM in Grantham on the 29th of October where I was awarded the Burnham Highly Commended Certificate for our newsletter as you will have seen in your January 2017 club magazine.

Following agreement by the Region Council we will again be attending dealerships to Market our DA's/Sections and of course the club. We can now sign people up at these events. Dates and locations will be provided in due course and assistance would be very much appreciated.

There is however an issue with the early dates as detailed below:

Camping World at Hornbrook Park, Horsham, A281:

18-19 March 2017 – volunteers needed as the Region PRO will be at HQ in Coventry

06-07 May 2017 – Volunteers needed as the PRO will be at Winchcombe

10-11 June 2017 – Volunteers needed as the PRO should be setting up the Anniversary meet

15-16 July 2017 – support needed by the PRO

12-13 August 2017 – support needed by the PRO

Sussex Caravan Centre at Colestock Cross (A264 near Edenbridge)

14-15 October 2017 - support needed by the PRO

There will also be opportunities at Johns Cross caravans and Caravan Tech which are still to be agreed.

Report of the site secretary

Since the last meeting, the sites list for 2017 has been completed and entered on the Club data base, entered into the Region sites booklet and been made available to our members via the D.A. website.

To update on Camping since our last meeting,

The Feast of Lanterns held at White House Farm was down on numbers against 2015 meet at Sussex Farm which usually attracts units from other D.A.s

The Sea Fishing meet at Seaford Head School had very good support, although for the fishing people the weather could have been kinder. However, the traditional walk to the Cuckmere Inn was thoroughly enjoyed by all the participants.

Seaford Head School was the venue for our Christmas party, well supported and enjoyed by all. The town had a Christmas market on the Saturday which added to the party atmosphere over the week-end.

The take up on Stewards has been a little slow, although to be fair the list has been restricted to only a few members so far and will be discussed with the members at the AGM in April.

The meets concerned are:

Requiring booking in stewards only (Committee run entertainment).

Easter Roy Hill Wood, Birthday meet White House Farm

Sea Fishing Seaford Head School, Christmas Party Willingdon Sch.

White House Farm Uckfield ordinary meet on Carnival w/e 31/8 - 3/9

The committee agreed that Seaford was a superior venue for the Xmas party despite the increased cost. It was also noted that there is a new contract being used by Seaford which may have a bearing on the cost (TBC following the sea fishing meet in 2017).

For the attention of all D.A Members

The D.A. Needs Booking in Stewards for the following meets over the 2017 season:

Easter at Roy Hill Wood 13/4 – 17/4 - Stewards required only to book in

Birthday Meet White House Farm 22/6 – 26/6 - Ditto

White House Farm Uckfield 31/8 – 3/9 Standard Meet Carnival in Town over w/e.

Sea Fishing Meet Seaford 6/10 – 8/10 - Stewards required only to book in

Christmas Party Willingdon School 1/12 – 3/12 - Ditto

Please contact Roger Wynn 01273514998 or any Committee Member.

Report of the Equipment Officer

Last time I spoke to the owners of the kennels, they had shelved their plans for redeveloping the field for the time being but may want the trailer moved as there is a chance that they may level the field. They will let me know when that will be.

We still need to keep our ear to the ground for an alternative storage place in case the situation changes and we will need to find somewhere in the long term.

Easter meet 2017

The following was agreed:

Thursday would be a social get together in the barn

Friday would be a split of Pictionary and Scattergories

Saturday would be a Race night with Horses on strings

Sunday

There would be an Easter Egg Hunt, if required a decorated egg and Easter Bonnet construction by the children in the afternoon

Sunday Evening would be a quiz

Monday would be a coffee morning, clean up and home

Mayday meet 2017

The following was agreed:

Thursday would be arriving and if Marquee can be erected just a gathering of those on site

Friday Marquee up (if not on Thursday) and Social evening in the Marquee

Saturday – brought in entertainment; TBC – all suggestions welcome

Sunday Oik Bingo interspersed with a mini quiz

Monday Coffee morning, Marquee down and packed away.

NFOL Block Booking 2017

Harry will be the block booking officer and forms can be obtained at Easter, AGM, & Mayday meets or via the post if members send him a request together with their postal addresses. Please note that cheques should be made payable to ESDA.

**The closing date for block bookings to Region is 15 May 2017
thus we will need them to be with Harry by 08 May 2017**

Salient Points from the Region Committee meeting of 09 January 2017

N.B. The South-Eastern Region Newsletter dated October 2016 was circulated and contained the salient points of the SER meeting of 03 October 2016 thus they have not been replicated here.

National Appointed Representative

Mel Hill has been elected as Chairman of the Council, and Phil Henson, elected Vice-Chairman

The Committee approved the Budget for the 2017 NFOL with the proviso that the Treasurer follows up on some of the details in the budget.

2017 AGM and Chairman's Dinner would be held on 28 October 2017 at Hilton St. Anne's Manor, London Road, Wokingham RG40 1ST.

Sites Co-ordinator

I did receive all Meets/THS/AGM'S in time for Pauline and I to compile the 2017 site fixture list.

There is always room for more DA's/Sections to advertise their events in the 2018 sites book at a small cost.

This year could all site secretaries have their Meets/THS/AGMs and events 2018 for the Sites Book by 15th October.

The following THS's are being run by the Region

Hole Park, Rolvenden 26th May – 4 th June

Great Wigsell Farm, Robertsbridge 9th June – 19th June (AGM Sun. 18th)

Maplehurst Farm, Maplehurst 12th August -4 th September (STEWARD REQUIRED)

Great Wigsell Farm, Robertsbridge 25th August – 3 rd September.

Countryside Care Officer

Surrey DA with Norman Hemsley's band of merry workers, worked hard at Graffham Club Site at the of this year's season, to complete the 3 year plan set by the TPO for the South Downs National Park. The final trees earmarked to be cut down, was achieved and much of the Rhododendrons which were overpowering the pitches have also been cut back.

In 2017 we have three DA's doing work at Club Sites: • EKDA 24th - 26th February, Canterbury • ESDA 24th - 26th March, Crowborough • SDA 24th March, Graffham Club Site.

Additionally, advised that two members of ESDA will be working at Folkestone and Normans Bay.

NFOL 2017

Since the last meeting, we took the publicity stand to the Goose Fair, and would thank Trevor & Pauline Wilson for their help over the weekend. It was quite well received with a good number of enquiries particularly for the THS's in the area.

We have received around 80 applications for the working party, disappointingly only about 20 from our region, we also have applications from the 2018 team that will be shadowing our event, booking forms have been issued.

2016 Seminar Report

Although the attendance at the Seminar was disappointing, those who attended enjoyed it very much and found it helpful.

Below are some points from the survey. Satisfaction scale was 5 – good to 1 – poor. Not all parts of the survey were answered. 17 Surveys were completed.

Was the presentation informative / helpful: 2 x 3, 4 x 4, 5 x 10

Questions answered 5 x 4 10 x 5

Know what is expected of role 14 x yes, 1 x no

Confident to carry out role 2 x 3, 8 x 4, 6 x 5

Enjoy the Seminar 1 x 2, 1 x 4, 14 x 5

Recommend the Seminar 17 x yes

It was agreed that the 2018 Seminar would be held over the weekend from Friday 19th to Sunday 21st October. Venue to be advised. Trevor Wilson to contact DAs and Sections for a suitable school venue near Hadlow and to advise the date.

To encourage a larger attendance perhaps an open forum could be held.

Club Certificate of Honour and Region Certificate of Merit

Entries for the Club Certificate of Honour and the Region Certificate of Merit must be received to be discussed by the Region at the April meeting. Entries should be sent to the Secretary by no later than the 17th March 2017 Full details on how to submit an applicant can be found on the Club website, Green Papers 1.7 v10.

Region Events coming up

South Eastern Region 69th Anniversary Meet, Great Wigswell Farm, Salehurst, TN32 5SP

For the first time, we are incorporating a THS into the Anniversary meet, this will start on Friday the 9th of June and run through until the 19th of June 2017.

The Anniversary meet will start on Thursday the 15th of June 2017 and end on Sunday the 18th of June 2017 with all campers welcome to stay over until the 19th.

The South-Eastern Region AGM will take place on Sunday the 18th of June commencing at 1100 hours. You must have your current membership cards with you or you will not be allowed to join the AGM no matter how far you have travelled, sorry but this is a club rule which we must adhere to.

We are looking at some revisions to previous meets to make it even more family friendly including trying to procure the services of a children's entertainer for the Saturday. We are also considering various options with regards to the games competitions to ensure that families/friends do not have to compete against each other in the early rounds just because they arrived on the Thursday or the Saturday.

The following are a selection of what will be taking place:

Fun quiz

Race Night- 50:50 pay-out – funds raised to go to the chairman's charity

Children's entertainer – TBC – funded by the South-Eastern Region

Boules, Mulkey and Horseshoe competitions

Fancy Dress competition – A day at the Races

Pennon competition

Table top and Artisan sales

Raffle – **donations please**

Saturday Ploughman's Lunch - funded by the South-Eastern Region

Saturday night entertainment by "Glitter Boots" – you may like to dance

Church service on Sunday

The field will hold just under 100 units however pitches will be allocated to ensure the best use of the available space therefore pre-booking is preferred to ensure that you can camp with your DA/Section.

Anybody who has not pre-booked will be extremely welcome however please be advised that you will be allocated to pitches within the general area. There is a special section set aside for C&CC youth to camp.

Booking forms and pennon competition information are in you Region Sites book and available from the South-Eastern Region website:

<http://www.southeasternregion.co.uk/>

A detailed programme will be published in the next newsletter.

Help is required with the following:

Monday 12 June 2017

Erection of Marquees

Marking out of the Arena and bunting erected

Entrance delineated with bunting

Tuesday 13 June 2017

Marquee decorated with bunting

Pitches to be marked out

Wednesday 14 June 2017

Any remaining pre-works to be completed

Thursday 15 June 2017

Welcome Tea/Coffee in Marquee – rota of individuals throughout the day – more volunteers mean less work per person

Parking warden(s)

Friday 16 June 2017

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Parking warden(s)

Potentially games referees

Saturday 17 June 2017
Games referees
Assistance with food preparation – Ideally 6 persons

Sunday 18 June 2017
Games referees
Assistance with removing Marquee decorations and dropping the marquees
Assistance with removing the bunting, entrance and arena posts
Assistance with the removal of pitch markers

Monday 19 June 2017
Finalisation of site tidy up and trailers placed into storage

If you can help with any of the above, please contact Harry Leach ASAP at
leachh@btinternet.com

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

The best NFOL in 2017

All working party members should have received their special booking form which needs to be returned by 31 January 2017.

Block Booking Forms are now held by your DA/Section Secretary, individual forms are in your January C&CC magazine or available online from the club.

Rex Knight has agreed to be the SER Block Booking Representative and he needs all DA/Section block bookings to be with him by 13 May 2017 together with a single cheque from the DA/Section to cover all the bookings.

The entertainment officer has worked wonders in providing a wide selection of entertainment for all tastes and families of all ages.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are currently in need of full or part used paints (all types) **especially bright colours** which Coren Moore can utilise to provide bright welcoming site decorations. Please go to your sheds/garages etc. and get out all those paints that you have not used and pass them to your Region Council Representative who will ensure that they get to Coren. You will also gain some space and tick one of those many jobs on your list of to do's.

Happy Birthday

Firstly, my most sincere apologies for missing out Roger Wynn's 70th birthday on the 27th of November 2016 on the last newsletter.

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

On the 7th of February Sue Bishop

On the 23rd of February Debbie Evans

On the ?? of March we wish Doreen Kirbell a very happy 70th Birthday

On the 13th of March June Webster

On the 19th of March Wendy Dickson

On the 8th of May, Will Dickson

On the 26th of May, Jane Tanner & Rachael Leach

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Just for Fun

New N.H.S. Proposals

The Royal College of Nursing has weighed in on Prime Minister Theresa May's health care proposals for the junior doctors in the National Health Service.

The Allergists voted to scratch it,

But the Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves.

The Gastroenterologists had a sort of a gut feeling about it,

But the Neurologists thought the Administration had a lot of nerve.

The Obstetricians felt they were all labouring under a misconception,

Ophthalmologists considered the idea short-sighted.

Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!",

While the Pediatricians said, "Oh, Grow up."

The Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness,

White the Radiologists could see right through it.

The Surgeons were fed up with the cuts and decided to wash their hands of the whole thing.,

The Ear Nose and Throat specialists didn't swallow it, and just wouldn't hear of it.

The Pharmacists thought it was a bitter pill to swallow,

And the Plastic Surgeons said, "This puts a whole new face on the matter."

The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward,

But the Urologists were pissed off at the whole idea.

The Anaesthetists thought the whole idea was a gas,

But the Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no.

In the end, the Proctologists won out, leaving the entire decision up to the a***holes in Whitehall.

Provided by Colin & Brenda Tarrant

What's the Nail For?

Carol, a blonde city girl, marries a Australian dairy farmer.

One morning, on his way out to check on the cows, farmer John says to Carol, 'The insemination man is coming over to impregnate one of our cows today. I drove a nail into the rail above the cow's stall in the barn. You show him where the cow is when he gets here, OK?'

So then the farmer leaves for the fields.

After a while, the insemination man arrives and knocks on the front door.

Carol takes him down to the barn. They walk along the row of cows and when she sees the nail, she tells him, 'This is the one...right here.'

Terribly impressed by what he seemed to think just might be another ditzy blonde, the man asks,

'Tell me lady, how did you know this is the cow to be bred?'

'That's simple; by the nail over its stall', Carol explains very confidently.

Then the man asks, 'What's the nail for?'

She turns and starts to walk away and with complete confidence, says over her shoulder,

'I assume it's to hang your trousers on.'

Provided by David Abbey

Sites List 2017

	DATE	SITE	TYPE	MAP REF	P/COD E	STEWARDS
JAN						
**** *	13/1 - 15/1	S E Region	Dinner Dance	Cumberland	Hotel	Pre Booked only
MARCH						
TBC	24/3 - 26/3	Crowbro` Club site	possible wkg pty	188/5203 15	TN6 2TN	see web site
APRIL						
	13/4 - 17/4	Roy Hill Wood	Easter w/e	199/5212 26	TN22 5HU Booking	D.A. committee in stewards req.
AGM	22/4...2 pm.	St. Lukes com. Cntr. Stone Cross	D.A. AGM	no camping	BN24 5SL	D.A. Committee
MAY						
	27/4 - 3/5	Whitehous e Farm	MAYDAY w/e	198/4722 29	TN22 2EA Doreen &	D.A. COMMITTEE John Hughes
	12/5 - 14/5	Sussex Farm	quiet meet	1988/187 192	RH13 8JR	Yvonne & Harry
JUNE						
THS	opens 26/5	SHARNFO LD FARM	Spring Bank Hol. THS	199/6050 51	BN24 5BU	Jeannie, Mick
	closes 4/6	SHARNFO LD FARM	2nd. w/e	DITTO	DITTO	Lyn & Dave
S.E.R egion	9/6 - 19/6	Gt. Wigsell Farm	Ann`vsry + THS	188/7612 63	TN32 5SP	S E Region
**** ****	22/6 - 26/6	White House Farm	BIRTHDAY meet opens 2pm Thurs.	198/4722 29	TN22 2EA Booking	D A Committee in stewards req.
JULY						
	7/7 - 9/7	The Laughing Fish	quiet meet	198/4511 73	TN22 5XB	Sue & Pete
	14/7 - 16/7	Wylands Lakes	Fishing Comp	199/7371 37	TN33 0SU	Colin & Joan

	20/7 - 24/7	Roy Hill Wood	quiet meet	199/5212 26	TN22 5HU	Sue & Laurie
			opens 2pm.Thurs			
AUGUST						
THS	28/7 - 28/8	Wylands Lakes	THS opens	199/7371 37	TN33 0SU	Colin & Joan
		open Fri. 28th.	close Thurs. 28th.	co-ordinates	N54.50.084	E000.27.168
THS	11/8 - 24/8	SHARNFOLD FARM	THS	199/6050 51	BN24 5BU	Jeannie, Mick
		open Fri.11th.....	close Thurs. 24th.	E/B Airshow 17-20/8		& Roger
					Stajnd ins	req. for 18/8-24/8
****	24/8 - 28/8	Hicksteads/grnd.	National FOL	198/2702 85	RH17 5NU	S.E. Region

SEPT.						
	31/8 - 3/9	White House Farm	Carnival w/e	198/4722 29	TN22 2EA	
			opens 2pm.Thurs			
4 Days	14/9 - 18/9	Sussex Farm	D.A. FOL	198/1871 92	RH13 8JR	Kevin & Angela
OCT.						
	6/10 - 8/10	Seaford Head Sch.	Sea Fishing	198/4889 87	BN25 4LX	
					Competition	Ian Kirbell
DEC.						
****	1/12 - 3/12	Willingdon School	Xmas party	199/6050 10	BN20 9QX	D.A.COMMITTEE
****					Booking	in stewards req.
			<u>nb. South Eastern Region AGM will take place Sat. 18th. June at Gt. Wigsel Farm THS</u>			

Exchange & Mart

For Sale

No items have been submitted for inclusion in this newsletter

Last but not least

We are in desperate need of volunteers to tow the trailer, currently we are wholly reliant on a single member.

The trailer has been weighed fully loaded at an approved weighbridge and it registered **1600kg. Please check your tow vehicle/motorhome kerb weight and towing capacity and consider if you can tow it safely and if you would be willing to do so on an occasional basis.**

We currently utilise it on only two or three occasions a year however if our current member is unable to tow it on one of those occasions then a big meet will suffer for the lack of the Marquee(s).

What do you need to tow it?

Suitable tow vehicle

50mm Tow ball and electrics

7N socket or 13/7 converter

License plate to clip onto the affixed one

The correct licence (B+E)

Please let a committee member know if you can and are prepared to help on occasion.

The next newsletter is due out in late April/Early May 2017 Don't forget to get those articles in to me.