



# News and Views

of

## East Sussex DA

### Chairman's Chatter

It is with great sadness that I must start by recording the passing of Roger (Dollar) Dale. The funeral took place at Hastings Crematorium on Friday 15 June 2018 and was attended by several ESDA members, a good crowd attended resulting in standing room only and it reflected the affection and respect that people had for this great guy. Our thoughts and prayers are with Brenda and the family at this difficult time.

Staying on a negative tone, what a disastrous start to our camping year with our Easter and Mayday meets cancelled due to ground conditions and our Spring Bank THS cancelled by Wealden Council. However, getting upbeat, it was fantastic to see so many ESDA units at the SER 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meet and just last weekend we held our Birthday meet with a total of 25 units on site 17 of which were ESDA members. More about both of those meets later.

Looking forward Roger has again done a fabulous job of securing great places for our camping weekends albeit we are still in need of stewards for the Uckfield Carnival weekend 31 August to 02 September 2018.

We are delighted to report that Colin & Marion got married on Friday 08 June 2018 and a large contingent of ESDA were in attendance to ensure that they had a wonderful day. We send our hearty congratulations to them and wish them a long and happy time together.

We are indebted to Kevin Hawkins for donating the precious memory pennons which belonged to his parents and will now help to decorate the marquees when we erect them. He also donated a wide range of alcoholic beverages recovered from their home and motorhome, all the full and part bottles were auctioned off raising a total of £220.00 for the Chairman's Charity "Children with Cancer fund" [www.childrenwithcancerfund.org.uk](http://www.childrenwithcancerfund.org.uk). This was a fabulous result and we and the charity are extremely grateful to Kevin for his donation and to everyone who bid for their generosity.

As previously noted Yvonne & I are devastated that we are unable to come to our meets for the rest of the year due to other commitments clashing however we wish you all many happy camping hours and plenty of sunshine.

## **THE 70th ANNIVERSARY PARTY IN THE PARK**

We set out to make this event special and at the same time to increase the number of attendees. To achieve this, it was agreed that we would subsidise the event and thereby facilitate a 25% discount for pre-booking. We were delighted to find that there was a final flurry of bookings resulting in 76 pre-booked units with a projected 20 more un-booked units, in the event 26 units arrived without having pre-booked making a total on site of 102 units.

This gave us a late logistical problem of how we could accommodate more than 200 people within our marquees, whilst both East Kent and East Sussex DA's offered to provide their marquees there was a substantial mileage and hire charge cost consequence and given the number of poles interrupting the open space it was still not practical to accommodate so many people comfortably for lunch. Thereby just a week before the event a decision had to be taken by the executive to hire in a 24m x 12m marquee.

We were lucky with the weather which stayed dry throughout the weekend with plenty of sunshine however there was a continual cold wind from the north on the Thursday & Friday and consequently the evening entertainments were not too well attended.

We anticipated that given the number of people in attendance the games competitions would be heavily subscribed and thus took the decision at a pre-meeting on the Wednesday evening before the event to cancel the junior games (which were already published in the programme) especially as they had two entertainers on the Saturday.

Saturday was very busy Terry Axtel did a fantastic job of coordinating the competitions with EKDA providing the referees, the two children's entertainers were well received, and Sue Moore and her team served 232 people with a superb lunch within 40 minutes. The Home grown musical entertainment was very popular as was the arts and crafts. The Mardi Gras was moved to 17:00 hours and was a little disappointing at the lack of entries however those that did enter did a fabulous job with EKDA winning the team event with their Mexican Fiesta.

Saturday evening and Glitter Boots were again very popular and at the interval the chairman had her head shaved for charity raising lots of money. Well-done Jenny.

The church service on Sunday was not very well attended however Michael Froude and Chris Collins again did a superb job. This was followed by the AGM which was very well attended, and the reports given were well received. There were minimal questions at the Open Forum however several positive statements were made regarding the weekend.

The Pennon Competition was won by Sue Merret and sets next year's theme of "Alice in Wonderland"

I believe that we have set ourselves a huge challenge for next year as we look to equal or improve on this year whilst still balancing the books.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the small subcommittee who helped to plan it all and to everyone who helped before during and after the event.

Finally, I would like to thank everybody who attended the meet and made it such an enjoyable weekend with fantastic camaraderie.

Harry Leach  
Vice Chairman & Event Organiser

## **ESDA Birthday meet, White House Farm 14-17 June 2018**

There was a total of 62 camping nights with 25 units attending, comprising, 17 from East Sussex, 4 from South Downs, and 2 each from Surrey and West Sussex. One of the West Sussex units had never attended a DA meet before and they made of point of saying how much they had enjoyed it and that they would be attending again in the future.

Thursday saw a limited number of units on site with some fairly strong winds and given the lack of able bodied personnel it was decided not to erect the marquee.

Friday morning saw 6 of our onsite personnel go off to pay our last respects to Roger (Dollar) Dale where three more ESDA members joined us at a very well attended and fitting service. Upon return and having changed into more suitable attire the first marquee was erected and we gathered in the evening for some socialisation with background music provided by Richard Tickle. As noted earlier Kevin Hawkins donated a large quantity of various alcoholic beverages some of which were auctioned off by Arthur Hovell during the evening.

Saturday saw an early start by Jane & Jeannie who went off to buy the food for the BBQ, Horseshoes, & Jenga competitions were held during the day and a Boules competition was commenced however it regrettably petered out as we needed the personnel to erect our second marquee given the number of people that we were going to be feeding later in the day.

During the late afternoon the ladies prepared all the salads and later the Mick May and Kevin Hawkins cooked the burgers and sausages. Looking round the marquee at empty plates clearly everybody enjoyed their meal.

Richard Tickle provided a wide variety of music albeit dancing did not start until quite late on as people enjoyed socialising and partaking of the odd libation, there was however a "planking" competition which was won by Jane Tanner. Mid evening the remaining quality bottles that Kevin had donated were auctioned off and with some post auction donations the grand total raised for Children with Cancer fund was £220.00 a fabulous result and we are indebted to Kevin for his donation and the bidders for their generosity. All too soon we had reached our standard finale of the evening "You'll Never Walk Alone" and off to bed we went.

Sunday dawned with some rain however this cleared to give us yet another nice day. A coffee morning with the birthday cake was held at 11:00 hours and this was followed by the final of the Jenga competition won in a very competitive game by Jane Tanner however Louis still got a prize for his skilful and entertaining competition. This was followed by an open forum (details below) and then it was time to take the marquees down and pack them away, happily dry. So many got involved and followed the clear instructions perfectly that it all happened very quickly. Whilst this was going on the final of the Horseshoes took place and was won by Arthur & Beryl Hovell

Soon after it was time to say sad farewells until next time. Another highly successful weekend due to the hard work of the few and the camaraderie and support of the many.

### **The Open Forum 17 June 2018**

1. The meeting commenced at 12:05 hours.
2. The chairman thanked everybody for attending
3. Jane Tanner advised that a closed group Facebook page was being set up on our behalf in full compliance with club rules by Sue Bishop's daughter and would be administered by Sue Bishop and Jane Tanner. Once up and running it would be promoted on the website and newsletter. Harry Leach advised that it had taken East Kent circa 2 years to develop into a useful tool however it had subsequently taken off and their committee firmly believe that it has paid dividends in gaining new members.

- a. John Hughes questioned if it would replace the website, Harry advised that the website would continue however whilst he could not predict the future EKDA had stopped producing a newsletter as all the relevant information and more was now recorded on their Facebook page.
4. Jeannie May advised that at the AGM Harry & Yvonne had intended to step down, however they had agreed to stand as chairman & Secretary for a 4<sup>th</sup> year as Mick May was unable to stand for re-election. She went on to note that the current Vice chairman had taken the post to ensure compliance with the constitution however he was not prepared to take over as the chairman. If things don't change at the next AGM there will not be a chairman or secretary therefore no committee and the DA will be in deep doodoo and in danger of folding. Currently we have 4 regular working committee members and 2 who do their best however they are oversees for much of the early camping season. It is crucial that new members step up next year as Harry & Yvonne will be stepping down in anticipation of Harry potentially taking on a bigger role within the region.
  - a. It was noted that London was currently going through an EGM and was in danger of closing as indeed did West Kent a couple of years ago
  - b. Will Dickson advised that this was not a new problem and that we had been stressing the issue for several years now however there does appear to be a general view that it will never happen. There are only 4 meetings per annum plus the AGM thus it equates to a mere 10 hours commitment per year.
  - c. Harry advised that there is now a very new option in that DA's can merge where it can be shown to be in the best interests of the membership by agreement with and the full consent of Region Councils. Whilst this is a new option the preferred solution is to maintain our DA by having a strong committee.
5. There being no other business raised Harry thanked everyone for their attendance and input and closed the meeting at 12:18 hours.

## **A Synopsis from the SER AGM 20 May 2018**

### **Annual Report of the Region for 2017**

Members camped a total of 9,431 nights at 115 weekend meets and 22 THSs which included many organised events. The Council thanks all Committee members and stewards who, by volunteering, have allowed us all to have super weekends and holidays.

All who attended our dinner and dance at Eastbourne had an enjoyable time. 2019 has been booked, so do consider joining us next year.

The AGM and Anniversary Meet in June at Great Wigsell Farm was terrific with glorious weather and good fun; all who attended had a great time.

Our PRO and his small band of volunteers ran a fourth year of promotional weekends at various local shows; success was noted by many DA/Sections welcoming new members.

We hosted the 2017 NFOL. Good organisation and hard work together with Riviera type weather helped all Club members enjoy the event. Thank you to all who helped.

Happy Camping.

## **The Seminar**

Last year, we advised that the South Eastern Region Forum would be held in 2018. It takes some considerable time to organise a Forum, and as Council were heavily involved in hosting the NFOL 2017, it was agreed to delay the Forum until 2019.

As soon as the date and venue are known, we will advise all District Associations and Sections.

## **Accounts for the Region for 2017**

I am pleased to confirm South Eastern Region and all District Associations within the Region successfully completed their Audits for the year 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017. All the Financial reports and Auditors' Certificates were forwarded to The Club Treasurer at Head Office.

The South Eastern Region 'Cash Book' Year End Balance Sheet (appendix p1) confirms we do not have Cash in Hand, a Current Account Balance of £2,908.38, accounting for un-presented cheques, plus a Year End Statement confirmed balance at £8,151.40 in our HQ Deposit Account. This produces a total Balance of £11,059.78 as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017. With adjustments for VAT liability of £416.50, our net total Assets amount to; **£10,643.28**

## **Auditor's Report**

The Region's Auditor, Mr. Cosby stated that he found the accounts to have been drawn up as per the Club's accounting principles with them being consistently applied. The accounts are true and fair in all material respects and reflect the financial position of the Region.

## **Annual Reports from Elected Officers of the Region Chairman**

June 2017 was the start of my second year in the chair and it proved to be an unusually busy one, mainly due to the Region hosting the 2017 National Feast of Lanterns at the All England Jumping Ground, Hickstead, last August.

I'm sad to report that, whilst most DA and Sections have successfully formed committees for the current year, unfortunately London DA were unable to form a new committee. They will be holding an Extraordinary General Meeting in July and I wish them every success finding new volunteers. It would be a shame to loss one of the oldest DA's in the Region, who should be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Year in 2021.

All the S E Region's THS meets together with the SER Sites List Publication produced good surpluses, mainly thanks to efforts of our Regional Sites Officer Trevor Wilson and his wife Pauline.

The Anniversary Meet and Dinner Dance were both very successful and each event received subsidies from Region funds, this was by way of an extra 'thank you' to our members for supporting all our events.

Whilst it's been a hectic time for me, I've enjoyed my year meeting lots of fellow campers and I'm most grateful for the support of all the Elected and Appointed Regional Councillors and for all the hard work they do for us all. My personal thanks go to each of you.

## **Appointed National Councillor**

As your South Eastern Region appointed National Councillor, in 2017 I attended four National Council meetings, and the Club AGM at Wokingham. As a National Councillor, I am the elected Vice Chairman of the Exempted Camping Committee, and during the year attended a further four committee meetings and a seminar, all at Coventry.

Amongst the items discussed and reported to the Regional Council last year were: -

1. Agreement to recommendation that the annual NFOL sequence should be adjusted in order to implement a partnering support of adjoining Regions.
2. At the AGM Julia Bradbury was re-elected President.

3. Presentation of the Burnham Trophy for best newsletter was to Tamar DA, runner up was Cornwall DA

Presentation of the Brian Welham Trophy for the best website was to Nottinghamshire DA, runner up was Solent DA.

4. At the following National Council meeting, Mel Hill was elected as Chairman of the Council, and Bob Talbot elected Vice-Chairman.

5. General questions addressed to the various Committee Chairmen at meetings during the year included such varied items as:

- i) the charging electric cars on Club sites,
- ii) the map included with the Site Seeker book and its durability,
- iii) the CCI Carnet card and personal insurance,
- iv) communication from Club units to members,
- v) Pup Tent Definitions, (Green paper 3.18)
- vi) Certificated Sites and signage,
- vii) commencement of Region and Section Appointed Councillor appointments,
- viii) the withdrawal of Calor Lite Cylinders,
- ix) Advisory Officer seating at the Club's AGM
- x) updating of the insurance form attached to Green Paper 1.18.

Finally, a date for your diary, the Club AGM 2018 and Chairman's Dinner will be held on 27 October 2018 at Hilton St. Georges Park, Newborough Rd, Burton Upon Trent, DE13 9PD.

Another busy year, especially with the National Feast of Lanterns, including a lot of travelling on club business, but generally very enjoyable, meeting old friends and making new friends around the country.

### **Region Youth Liaison Officers**

The National youth rally was hosted by Northern Ireland Region but sadly we had no youth attending, we did attend the meet and enjoyed a superb event put on by the region, all the normal sports were held plus an afternoon trip out to the Dark Hedges (as seen in Game of Thrones) and also to the Giant Causeway. Finally, back to site for RYLO's Meeting and disco.

During the year we attended the National youth committee meeting in July at the National Youth rally, January at headquarters and the Youth leaders and Testers weekend in April at Drayton Manor Club Site.

Current number of youth across the country continues to fall as an overall number.

Enya Moore CCJ youth for Surrey DA completed her junior test in November.

### **PRO**

It has been another exciting albeit busy year especially as we were organising and marketing the NFOL which was an extremely successful event as I am sure all our members who attended will agree.

We have continued with the marketing and I am extremely grateful to the few who have supported this initiative again. It is worthy of note that some new faces have turned up at DA/Section meets. Interestingly whilst I was manning the General Enquiries Desk at the NFOL 2017 I again met with some new to the club families as well as some seasoned ones attending the NFOL for the first time but had never attended a DA/Section meet thus I took the opportunity to promote the benefits of DA/Section camping, this was also continued whilst taking refreshments outside the Farmyard Kitchen and just talking to others who were also taking their refreshments.

Currently our marketing is reliant on the few, this is essential to the ongoing success of our DA's and Sections as it is our best opportunity to get existing and potential new members to try DA/Section camping both boosting our numbers and hopefully gaining greater interest leading to succession planning for the future.

## **Social Secretary**

The South Eastern Region's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year celebrations started with the Annual Dinner Dance held at Eastbourne. This Year even more people booked the weekend break because it was extremely good value.

Friday evening 86 people enjoyed a superb three course meal, which set the scene for the weekend. Over the weekend, the weather was anything but good, however the atmosphere in the hotel was warm and friendly.

Saturday, the more adventurous explored the area around Eastbourne while many stayed in the bar and availed themselves of the liquid sunshine and watched the world go by from the conservatory.

Around 6pm we gathered in the reception area and were treated to a glass of bubbly, compliments of the Hotel, before dinner. All the ladies looked lovely in their sparkling evening gowns and the gentlemen scrubbed up nicely too.

The gala dinner ran to five courses and washed down with wine, compliments of the Region.

This year the Region's invited guests were Rex and Pat Knight also Trevor and Pearl Goodwin.

In the interval between the desert and the cheese board, presentations were made, first to Trevor Goodwin on his retirement from Regional Council and then to Rex Knight for his services to Region Council also on his retirement from Regional Council. Trevor is remaining as President of the Region while Rex, although moving to Devonshire, is still continuing to serve the TT&FCG in the role of National Treasurer.

Accompanying the Cheese board and coffee, David and Julie Barrett presented every table with a large box of luxury confectionery, inviting all to help celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. We then raffled the wonderful white Orchid table centrepieces accompanied by whoops of joy from the winners.

After dinner, all descended to the ballroom to be entertained by the excellent duo "Heartbeat". The dance floor quickly filled as everyone then danced the night away.

The raffle was drawn during the interval and had many superb prizes for the lucky winners. I would like to thank all who donated prizes to the raffle and to all who supported it by buying raffle tickets. The raffle tickets sold so well, all the coloured books were used and ended with only blue tickets left to sell (this was a book of 1000 tickets). As the raffle was drawn, a mixture of colours were called and then a great cheer went up when blue was eventually drawn.

This year for the first time, we booked the restaurant for the Sunday lunchtime Carvery. For those who availed themselves, it was probably a little too much food on top of a full English breakfast!

Sunday evening, rather like a coffee morning, we gathered in the bar and were treated to a late supper consisting of a selection of sandwiches and nibbles.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the weekend and before leaving were asking for booking forms for next year.

## **Countryside Care Officer**

Countryside care work began over the week end of, 22.02 18 at Canterbury Club Site with EKDA, Surrey DA also returned to Graffham Club Site for pre-season work continuing with head laying and pitch clearing.

Back in November 2017 I spent a weekend up at Blackmore Club site with the UK's Countryside Care Regional officers, for a Seminar on CSC, organised by Norman Hemsley our National Countryside Care officer.

On the Saturday we had four speakers and one demo. Health and Safety talk by Alan Shaw, then Risk Assessment by Trevor Cooke. I asked, "if when doing CSC on Club sites, are workers covered by the Clubs insurance", the answer was yes. Also, when working on Club sites the Holiday site Manager are responsible for first aid and are to inform members of what needs doing and how safely you go about it.

Trevor Cooke also guided us through (What is risk Assessment and How do we write one). This would be needed when taking on task other than Club Sites. Also, when doing work away from Club Sites it is advisable to have a first aider on your team.

Richard Cory from Wild Life Trust of Worcestershire did a slide show and talk on different types of work which we could get involved in. The Trust are involved with 58 sites, UK wide and are encouraging our Club to get involved. The areas they get involved in are Green Reserves which are open to all and Red Reserves which are sensitive areas where general public may be restricted.

After lunch we had another slide show and talk from Colin Wilkinson NSPB. He again was keen to get involved with our work on Club site, encouraging us to put up bird boxes and preserving the hedgerows for wild life.

Following two members did a talk and demonstration on first aid and on how to resuscitate someone, then on Sunday morning gave members the chance to have hands on with the supplied dummy.

The event was closed by Melvin Hill the Clubs Chairman who thanked the ladies who kept us supplied with tea and coffee and lunch.

The weekend was interesting, and I have some information printouts and a couple of goodies to hand out to our DA's and Section Reps. Please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to get involved in putting something back into the country we all love.

### **Region Webmaster**

East Sussex, East Kent and Surrey DA each have websites registered with the Club and together with the SE Region's website are all kept up-to-date and compliant with Club Guidelines.

The Region's website continues to provide DA & Section Event Listings, both THS and weekend meets. New features introduced during the year are a 'Small Ads' listing of members camping related equipment for sale and a 'Technical Newsletter' added to the News Pages providing details of new technical innovation and advise from the Club's own Technical Committee.

A news report on the Region's hosting of the NFOL 2017 at Hickstead has been included with some pictures. However, it would be good if there were enough pictures to create a 'Gallery' for this hugely successful event. If you took pictures at the NFOL, how about sending copies to the Website? Details of how to do this are included in the Gallery pages.

This year the General Data Protection Regulations Act (GDPR) came into force and is aimed at reducing the risk of personal data being 'stolen' by requiring organisation such as our Club to take greater care of its member's personal information. I can confirm the Region's website does not store any member's personal information. The webmaster has no personal data stored on IT Equipment used in the production and management of the website.

Thank you to all those who regularly visit [www.southeasternregion.co.uk](http://www.southeasternregion.co.uk) and like all forms of media, the Region's Website is only as good as the information it provides. Your news, information and topical contributions can make all the difference. How about sending us your pictures and stories from Camping Events around our Region? *End*

### **Region Sites Coordinator**

The 2018 sites book was completed and distributed during December and January.

This year we still have a THS at Great Wigsell Farm, Robertsbridge, East Sussex on 23<sup>rd</sup> August – 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Next year (2019) we have booked the Anniversary weekend 16<sup>TH</sup> -20<sup>TH</sup> May extended to a THS until 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

DA's and Sections should consider advertising in the sites book for next year.

I would like to thank all site secretaries for all their hard work over the last year.

### **Notice of Appointment of Regional Treasurer**

David Croney was appointed as Treasurer by Council on the 2nd October 2017 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

### **Notice of Appointment of Regional Youth Liaison Officers**

Alan and Coren Moore were appointed Youth Liaison Officers by Council on the 2nd October 2017 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

### **Election of Regional Councilors**

No vote was required as there are sufficient spaces to be filled and all retiring officers were re-elected.

### **Election of Auditor**

Roger Cosby, who is our present Auditor, is willing to stand for this position for the next year and Jane Tanner, Scrutineer is also willing to stand.

Steve Harris advised that it was always best practice to have two Auditors and one Scrutineer. Jilly George advised that Jane Tanner was willing to stand as Reserve Auditor.

A question was asked from the floor as to the difference between an Auditor and Scrutineer. Steve Harris advised that the Scrutineer was the person who was advised of the results of the votes for Councillors.

Roger Cosby (Auditor) and Jane Tanner (Reserve Auditor) were elected

### **Notices of Motion**

No Notices of Motions were received.

### **Award Ceremony – Newsletter and Website Trophy**

The judges for the newsletter and website trophy are Trevor Wilson, David Buckenham and Alan Armstrong.

Trevor Wilson advised that the judges had read all the newsletters submitted and had regularly viewed the websites. He complimented the District Associations and Sections regarding the information they provide on their websites.

The three judges agreed that the winner this year was the South Eastern Region Newsletter and Trevor Wilson presented the trophy to editor Harry Leach.

### **The Forum**

#### **NFOL 2017**

Allen Russell, Chairman NFOL 2017 Sub Committee

Well the NFOL is over for the next 6 years at least, when we are supposed to "assist" Southern Region.

Last year, as well as chairing the monthly Regional meetings, there were 5 meetings at headquarters, 3 with the site owners and several with suppliers there was also the correspondence to deal with, which exceeded 1500 e-mails in the year, most in the lead up to the event.

Two major disappointments were the lack of volunteers from our Region leading to the appointment of both Team Leaders and working party members from outside our Region. Whilst this brought on board the expertise, it did increase costs due to the travel distances.

The second was the negative publicity given by some members of our Region regarding both the NFOL venue and the THS's organised by DA's. None of this was in the spirit of The Friendly Club.

The working party was reduced to 80 units, and the set-up time reduced to 4 days, but the team pulled together to achieve the required result, which was generally well received. Comment was made by some regular working party members that it was one of the friendliest teams they had worked on.

Bookings ran around 10% below the previous year, which was not a problem, as our site was smaller, but tailed off significantly nearer the event, finally closing at around 750.

The trade area was fully booked despite some last-minute hick ups and the nonappearance of the pop-up shop caused some concern, but other traders did their best to fill the gap in supplies. We had a disappointing result for the proposed Artisans Market stalls.

The children's and evening entertainment was well received, and we have been thanked for our greater use of the Club band and the Folk Group.

We were congratulated on our choice of weather and the "good vibe" that generated around the hub area of the trade, arena and entertainment.

Collections over the weekend raised nearly £1400 for the Chairman's charities plus they each raised around £250 on their own stalls.

The staff at Hickstead have congratulated us for leaving a clean, tidy site.

The final report was forwarded to the Club and the accounts closed at the end of the year which regrettably showed a significant loss. However, it is clear that the event ran within the budget and if the bookings had reached the 1100 anticipated, we would have returned a surplus.

Regardless of the financial situation, National Council agreed to award the Region £500 for their contribution and effort in organising the event.

My personal thanks to all the members who assisted in running the event, the THS's before and after and those who attended, I hope you all enjoyed the event.

Steve Harris advised that it was a privilege to come to 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and he always enjoyed his visits to this Region.

He then spoke about the 2017 NFOL saying although the numbers were small, the atmosphere at the meet was one of the best he had ever attended and that the 2017 atmosphere would hopefully increase the numbers attending this year's meet.

He apologized for not being able to stay the whole weekend, but this was the second AGM he had attended this weekend although he was staying Sunday night.

Jenny Croney advised that the dinner and dance and booking forms were now available and these will be soon on the SER website and hopefully DA websites. She then went on to give information on the weekend and the prices.

Wally Garner – I am sure that there was a budget for the meeting but due to the number of attending members, the Executive made a decision to hire in a large marquee and thank goodness they did.

Chris Collins – Asked how much the marquee cost to hire. David Coney advised that the cost was £960 plus VAT.

### **Forming Committees in DAs and Sections**

Wally Garner - wondered that if DAs and Section were having problem forming Committees if the Club could look at reducing the number of officers required on a Committee.

Allen Russell advised that the new Constitution recently introduced had reduced the minimum number of officers to six. He also stated that the Club now let a DA merge with another DA in their Region providing both are in agreement.

John Webb - Asked if perhaps the new DATA Protect Act to be enacted on May 25<sup>th</sup> was causing this problem in forming committees. Steve Harris advised we have no choice but must conform with the requirements.

Trevor Goodwin – Advised that as a member of LDA he believed that the reason the LDA Committee was failing was because insufficient members come camping.

### **Catering**

John Woolgar thanked the catering team for both himself and his wife Dee and on behalf of all the members for the wonderful lunch and also thanked the Council for providing it. He said that it was in the true spirit of the friendly Club as the Club was all about getting together.

### **NFOL 2017-18**

Yvonne Leach Advised that at the 2017 NFOL, it was Countryside Kitchen who stepped in and assisted when the pop-up shop did not arrive; they were so impressed with members that they are going to Cheshire this year.

### **Presentation**

Steve Harris was presented with a bottle of wine and a meet pennon and his wife Carol with some flowers. He thanked the Region.

## **ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE**

**SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

## **CUMBERLAND HOTEL**

**Grand Parade, Eastbourne**

		Price per Person
<b>DEPOSIT</b>	DINNER Dance only	<b>£20.00</b>
<b>Payment in full</b>	<b>DINNER Dance only</b>	<b>£39.00</b>
<b>DEPOSIT</b>	ROOM & Dinner Dance Saturday	<b>£30.00</b>
<b>Payment in full</b>	<b>ROOM &amp; Dinner Dance Saturday</b>	<b>£66.00</b>
<b>DEPOSIT</b>	ROOM FRI/SAT.& Dinner Dance	<b>£50.00</b>
<b>Payment in full</b>	<b>ROOM FRI/SAT &amp; Dinner Dance</b>	<b>£107.00</b>
<b>Also available - Sunday Evening Dinner, 3 courses, Bed &amp; Breakfast Monday check out 12noon.</b>		<b>£38.00</b>

**This is always a fabulous weekend and booking forms are available from your Secretary now or on the SER website so come on get your bookings in now.**

## **Salient issues from the ESDA Committee meeting** **06 June 2018**

### **Item 8. Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts.**

The treasurer explained that there had been zero income to date due to the cancellation of our meets (weather and Wealdon Council). The accounts therefore show a deficit of £249.21 broken down as follows: -  
SER Raffles (2 Nr) £43.00  
Trailer Storage £100.00  
AGM £106.21

### **Item 10. PRO Report.**

Marketing was ongoing. A number of names had now been expunged from his computer as they had not formally opted in despite the circulated email, newsletter and final reminder.

### **Item 11. Site Secretary's Report.**

Roger reported that due to inclement weather and ground conditions plus the cancellation of our Spring Bank Holiday THS, there had been no ESDA camping so far this year. It was hoped that our members would still attend the upcoming meets.

Stewards are still required for White House Farm in September

The ESDA FOL now has stewards and a theme Celebrating 100 years since the end of WW1 – "Keep the Home Fires Burning"

### **Item 12. Equipment Officer's Report.**

The trailer is off the blocks and Jane & Roger have cleaned it up including the roof, so it now looks very good. The tyres have been checked and pressures adjusted thus it is again ready for the road.

**All other issues have been dealt with elsewhere the main thrust of the meeting being the final organisation of the birthday meet.**

## **Happy Birthday**

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

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of June, we wish Sandra Haywood a very happy birthday

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July we wish Paul Harber a very happy birthday

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of July we wish Ben Smith a very happy birthday

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

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of July we wish Arthur Hovell a very happy birthday

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of August we wish Mick May a very Happy Birthday

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August we wish Ian Kirbell a very Happy Birthday

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of August we wish Kevin Hawkins a very happy birthday

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of August we wish Terry Nunn a very Happy Birthday

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of August we wish Jeannie May a very Happy Birthday

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of September we wish Amanda Leach a very Happy Birthday

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of October Gwen Harber

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of October Brenda Tarrant

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of October Yvonne Leach

### [Remaining ESDA weekend meets](#)

<b>EAST SUSSEX D.A.SITES LIST 2018</b>						
	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>MAP REF</u>	<u>P/CODE</u>	<u>STEWARDS</u>
JUNE	29/6 - 1/7	Sussex Farm	week-end meet	1988/187192	RH13 8JR	
JULY						
	13/7 - 15/7	The Laughing Fish	week-end meet	198/451173	TN22 5XB	
	27/7 - 29/7	Roy Hill Wood	weekend meet	199/521226	TN22 5HU	
THS	27/7 - 27/8	Wylands Lakes	THS start	199/737137	TN33 0SU	Colin & Joan
				co-ordinates	N54.50.084	E000.27.168
AUGUST						
THS	15/8 - 20/8	SHARNFOLD FARM	5 day meet	199/605051	BN24 5BU	Mick, Jeannie
			Airshow 16-19 Aug.			& Roger
	<a href="#">23/8 - 27/8</a>	<a href="#">NFOL</a>	<a href="#">Arley Hall Cheshire</a>	<a href="#">N.W.Region</a>	<a href="#">CW9 6NA</a>	<a href="#">Block booking tba.</a>
SEPT.						
	31/8 - 2/9	White House Farm	Uckfield Carnival w/e	198/472229	TN22 2EA	<b>stwd</b>
	14/9 - 16/9	Sussex Farm	D.A. FOL	198/187192	RH13 8JR	Sue & Laurie
	28/9 - 30/9	Seaford Head School	Sea Fishing	198/488987	BN25 4LX	Ian for Comp.
DEC.						
	30/11 - 2/12	Seaford Head School	Christmas party	198/488987	BN25 4LX	D.A. Committee
					<b>Bkg.stwd.</b>	

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**The next newsletter is due out October 2018 with details of the Christmas meet so please get some articles in to me for inclusion.**