



News and Views

of

East Sussex DA

Obituary

Since our last newsletter it is with great sadness that we have said a final farewell to a much loved and hardworking member of our DA. There was a huge attendance as we sent Terry Nunn on his way to the great camping ground in the sky on 9th January 2019. The number of people in attendance was a superb testimony to a wonderful man.

We have also said goodbye to the following members of other DA's/Sections who were known to some of our members Noel Williams MCS, Kevin Rose SDA, and Jenny White known to many as a very active club member and wife of Bob White Elected National Council member.

Chairman's Chatter

I start this newsletter by wishing everybody a very belated happy, healthy and successful 2019 with lots of fun filled camping.

Currently our immediate focus is on the AGM.

Your DA needs you

As you are aware from previous communications, after some eleven years on the committee, Yvonne & I are standing down at the AGM due to increasing responsibilities (two to three years) within the South Eastern Region. The East Sussex committee has run for the last year on the minimum number of 6 members (we can have up to ten) and our departure means that unless we can gain new committee members the DA will not meet the minimum standards and thus the next step will be to go to an EGM. Should we still be unable to meet the minimum numbers then it will cease to exist in its current form.

The elected posts that will need to be filled are: -

Chairman – currently Harry Leach
Vice Chairman – Currently Colin Pannell
Secretary – Currently Yvonne Leach
South Eastern Region Representative – Currently Yvonne Leach
Public Relations Officer – Currently Harry Leach

I am delighted to say that Jane Tanner has agreed to continue as our treasurer.

Please! Consider coming forward and joining the committee, there are only four meetings a year lasting circa 1.5 to 2 hours each plus the AGM and I have to say that the committee has always been a very sociable bunch as well, so the meetings are fun as well as completing the relevant business. I know we will miss being a part of it.

Ideally, we would like to get back to our previous number of eight members thereby reducing the amount of work each member does.

There will be a seminar on the 23rd November 2019 for all elected and potential officers of DA's & Sections – See the Representative report later in the newsletter.

On a happier note and looking forward: -

Roger has again procured some excellent sites for us to enjoy ourselves, both the Easter & Mayday meets are fully organised, as is the SER 71st Anniversary meet – more about those later in this newsletter.

Finally, as this will be my last input to the newsletter, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the current and previous committees which I have worked with for their friendship and the pleasure which they have given me.

A message from Val Nunn

Dear Friends

We would like to thank everyone who came to Terry's funeral, it was lovely to see so many DA members there. I am only sorry that I didn't have the chance to speak to everyone who was at the Crematorium but didn't come back to the Bowling Club.

I was a bit overwhelmed by the numbers. but it was a great comfort to have the support of so many friends and family. Terry would have been really chuffed that so many DA members were there, he certainly had a good send-off.

Thanks also for the donations for the Seahaven First Responders. The total was an incredible £1000, which should do a lot of good. Thanks again. Hope to see some of you at the AGM.

Val, Naomi and Mark

Wow! What a way to finish the 2018 camping season and to start 2019

ESDA Christmas Social 02 December 2018

What a wonderful way to finish the camping season with 15 units camping at Seaford Head School and many more members visiting just for the party.

Friday evening, we socialised with background music provided by Richard Tickle.

Unfortunately, the weather on the Saturday was appalling and consequently the planned Seaford Christmas Magic day had to be cancelled, leaving the local charities without their needed funds and our members without the enjoyment of shopping in the market.

Notwithstanding the weather, the hall was delightfully decorated by a small band of volunteers led by Mick May and Roger Wynn and this was enhanced by a Christmas tree loaned by Phil Grant. Jeannie May coordinated a fabulous American Supper with so much delicious food.

As always, the opportunity was taken to exchange Christmas Cards.

The evening went off extremely well with lots of dancing to the music provided by Steve's Tropical Disco and during the interval the raffle was called. There was a superb selection of prizes available, so it took a while, (how did our chairman manage to arrange it so that Steve picked out the chairman's ticket for the first prize?). Our chairman also won first prize in the Presidents draw!

Sunday was a do it yourself coffee morning, clean up, pack up and go. All was quickly completed by a small band of willing workers.

A huge thank you goes to everybody who donated food and raffle prizes and all the attendees who made it such a wonderful party. A long standing and regular Christmas Party attendee commented that it was the best that she had attended and there had been very many good ones.

SER Dinner Dance 19 January 2019

What a superb way to start 2019 with a wonderful Dinner & Dance at the Cumberland Hotel Eastbourne.

It was fantastic to see so many old and a few new friends and again East Sussex DA had good numbers in attendance.

Before dinner we were all invited to the Bar for a Pre-Dinner drink of 'Bubbly' compliments of the Hotel! Next was the traditional greeting line where Diners were welcomed into the Dining Room by the Regional President, Chairman and Club Hon. Treasurer and their partners. The top table included the invited guests; Trevor and Pauline Wilson, Steve and Carol Harris and Kat Espiritus from Alzheimer's Research UK.

A short break was taken between the sweet and the cheese & biscuit courses to make a couple of presentations. Jenny presented Kat Espiritus from Alzheimer's Research UK with a cheque from the Region in the sum of £1,510.00 raised over a two-year period, a large amount of which was as a result of Jenny's head shave.

Kat gracefully accepted the cheque and thanked us all for the donation, particularly Jenny's sacrifice of her 'crowning glory'. Kat went on to explain how Alzheimer's Research is working towards understanding Dementia, researching treatments and more importantly, the causes and possible prevention.

Jenny then handed over to Steve Harris (Club Hon. Treasurer) to make a presentation of the Club Certificate of Honour to Trevor and Pauline Wilson. He read a glowing citation of their many, many contributions to the Club and its members both locally and at many NFOLs over the years.

With dinner completed, we all moved down to the Ball Room and Lower Bar for the dancing. We were entertained by four very accomplished musicians by the name the Mayfair Society Band. They played every type of music from 'strictly ballroom' to 'Rock n Roll' with everything in between. The dance floor was full for most of the evening. During the interval the grand raffle was drawn, a lot of happy people collected some amazing prizes. Sadly, Auld Lang Sine came too soon and it was time for bed (or back to the bar for a nightcap).

Coming soon to a campsite near you

AGM 13 April 2019 St Luke's Parish Centre, Stone Cross, BN24 5SL Commencing at 14:00 hours

Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting so that you understand what the committee have done for you over the past year. Both Yvonne & Harry Leach are not standing for re-election and as noted by the Chairman in his chatter, we need to replace them.

With only two retiring members prepared to stand for re-election we will have vacancies for up to six new members, three for two years and three for one year. The tenure is two years albeit you can then be re-elected or should circumstances change you may stand down after one year leaving a one-year vacancy to be filled if you took up one of the two-year vacancies.

The more committee members we have the less work each member has to do, it is not onerous work, we hold on average four meetings a year and apart from the general organisation performed essentially by the Secretary, Sites Secretary and Treasurer, the committee organises and runs the big meets vis Easter, Mayday, Birthday and Christmas Party.

Your committee needs you. Please advise Yvonne Leach (leachyvonne@btinternet.com) if you are prepared to stand for the committee or (worst case scenario) put yourself forward on the day, we will happily find you a proposer and seconder.

Easter Meet Roy Hill Wood TN22 5HU 18 April to 22 April 2019

This will be another fun packed weekend and given that it is a month later than last year we are as certain as we can be that ground conditions will not preclude our camping as it did last year.

The outline programme is as follow: -

Thursday	Social in the Barn.
Friday	Jane's games
Saturday	A mixture of Horse Racing and Oik Bingo
Sunday morning	Easter Egg Hunt for the children (if we have any)
Sunday afternoon	Easter bonnet or other children's arts and crafts – Parental supervision required.
Sunday evening	Beetle Drive
Monday	Coffee morning with Hot Cross Buns.

There will be a raffle and all donations will be very gratefully received.

Mayday
The Laughing Fish, Isfield, TN22 5XB
03 May to 06 May 2019

Again, this promises to be a very enjoyable weekend at this very popular location adjacent to the bluebell line. The pub, at the entrance, does good food and beer.

The outline programme is as follow: -

Friday Marquee up and social

Saturday Music to dance to provided by Richard Tickle

Sunday Quiz night – not too difficult.

Monday Coffee morning, Marquee down and packed away, depart the site

There will be a raffle and all donations will be very gratefully received.

SER 71st Anniversary Meet 2019
West Cross Park, Hole Park, Rolvenden, Kent TN17 4PG
16th to 19th May 2018

By popular demand we return to Hole Park for the Region's Anniversary Meet THS and AGM. It's easy to reach, being placed very near the centre of the South Eastern Region.

A Grand Raffle (tickets for sale throughout the Anniversary Meet weekend) will be drawn Sunday afternoon, 19th May and will include 'top of the range' camping or camping related items, many donated by Camping & Caravanning dealerships in the South Eastern Region...

The SE Region will be providing **complementary Saturday afternoon Strawberry Cream Teas** together with the now traditional welcome refreshment.

CHARITY ARTS & CRAFTS, PRODUCE TABLE TOP SALE

The Chairman's Nominated Charity for 2019 is again **Alzheimer's Research UK**. This Charity is constantly looking for new treatments and ultimately a cure for these mind affecting diseases. Your contributions could make the difference.

Once again SER Chairman Jenny Croney will be organising a Bottle Raffle and a Table Top Sale. Homemade Produce, including arts, crafts, cakes, preserves and potted plants, etc., will be for sale. We're hoping you will again support this fund-raising event by bringing your own table with items for sale and a donation to the charity from your takings.

The theme for the weekend, the Children's Fancy Dress competition and Mardi Gras is: -

"ALICE IN WONDERLAND"

The Anniversary Meet will include all your favourite events, including family sports, Boule, Horseshoes, Molki and Bat & Trap.

This year we are re-introducing the inter-DA/Section sports competitions which will take place on the Saturday - you will have to register your teams to take part and have a chance to win the Challenge Trophy for your DA or Section.

We would like to see more teams taking part in the Mardi Gras as well for which there will be a trophy.

We are hoping to have a Cadac cook off competition, more details are included at the end of this article.

We are also looking for ideas to raise even more funds for the chairman's charity. The Vice Chairman (and your current chairman) will be placed in stocks to have wet sponges thrown at him for a price. Now there is an opportunity that you cannot miss.

We are also delighted that the Director General Robert Lowden, in his final few months before he retires, will be joining us on the Friday through to Sunday.

Booking forms are available from the Region Website or in your Region Sites book. Early booking is advised to get a 20% discount on your camp fees.

Whilst as always, the programme may need to be tweaked due to unforeseen circumstances please see below the intended format: -

Programme of Events

Thursday

0900-1900 Stewards/Admin open
1000-1700 Welcome tea and biscuits (in Marquee)
1930-2300 Marquee open
2000-2230 Quiz (interval circa 2100-2130)
2300 All quiet

Friday

0900-1900 Stewards/Admin open
1000-1700 Welcome tea and biscuits (in Marquee)
1100-1700 Games competitions just for fun
1930-2300 Marquee open
2000-2115 Wonderland racing
NB 50/50 tote – income goes to chairman's charity
2115-2130 Official Opening
2130-2245 Sing along with artists from the SER
2300 All quiet

Saturday

0900-1900 Stewards/Admin open
0930-1230 Inter DA/Section team competitions
(Boules & Horseshoes – time limited)
1000-1200 Joint table top and Artisan Sale
Arts & Crafts exhibition/demonstration
NB donations go to chairman's charity
1100-1200 Children's Entertainer
Before 1230 Hand your Pennon design to Yvonne
1330-1630 Inter DA/Section team competitions
(Bat & Trap)
1300-1600 **Face Painting** available - **Free**
1500 **Strawberry Cream Tea – Ticket only**
1700 Children's Fancy Dress
1715 Mardi Gras
1930-2300 Marquee open
2000-2230 Entertainment by Atlantic
2300 All quiet

Sunday

0900-1100 Stewards/Admin open
0945-1030 Church service

**1045-1230 AGM; commences 1100 followed by
Open Forum,
(please remember your membership card)**

1400 Prize giving, closing event, and raffle

1730 Communal BBQ outside the marquee –
bring your BBQ, food and libations so we
can socialise as we cook our various meals
(weather permitting)
The marquee will be open for socialising
with background music

**You are welcome to stay until 03 June for the
ongoing Temporary Holiday Site**

All the Club rules apply.

N.B. Drones and other Aerial devices are not
allowed in or around the camping field.

**Please note that dogs are only allowed in
the end bays of the Marquee.**

**Please respect our members by exercising
your dogs around the perimeter of the field
and not through the camping areas.**

An Ice cream van should again be visiting us every afternoon.

72nd Anniversary Meet 2020 - PENNON DESIGN COMPETITION

What would you like to see as the theme for the 2020 event? Think of a theme and design a suitable pennon to convey the theme and who knows? You might be the winner - the winner of the best pennon competition receives a free pennon of their design and a prize. You will find the guidelines on Pg15 of your Region Sites Book.



CALLING ALL SER CAMPSITE COOKS...

Do you enjoy cooking on a campsite? Can you rustle up a camping-friendly feast on a gas stove or a barbecue? Would you like to win a fantastic bundle of Cadac prizes for yourself and your region/section including a top of the range barbecue and accessories? Then listen up!

After the success and fun of 2016's trial Cook-Off at the NFOL, the Club is launching **Club Campsite Cook of the Year 2019** - in association with CADAC, the Club's *Eat Local* sponsor - and want you to take part.

All regions and sections have been invited to hold heats in order to find their best campsite cooks to enter into the Club-wide competition.

To find our most enthusiastic, talented and keen campsite cooks, **The South Eastern Region** will be holding our own heat at **the 71st Anniversary Meet**. *The winner of our regional event will win a Cadac Carri Chef Barbecue worth £185.*

In August 2019, all region/section winners' recipes will be judged by the *Eat Local* team at HQ, and eight winners invited to take part in the exciting cook-off final at the **Cadac stand, NFOL at 4.30 on Saturday 21 September 2019**. The overall winner will be presented with a **Club Cook of the Year** Trophy and a fantastic patio barbecue. The winning recipe will also be published in the *Eat Local* pages of the magazine. There are fantastic runner-up prizes too.

So, how do you get involved?

The essence of the competition is to demonstrate skill and creativity in producing a simple campsite meal beyond burgers and sausages.

We are asking entrants to send us their recipe for one main course meal. This meal must be a camping-friendly recipe, one that is possible to prepare and cook at your pitch on a bbq grill or gas stove. (No ovens, microwaves or electric appliances allowed)

The actual cooking time (not including prep) must be 30 minutes or under.

The recipes will be judged on suitability for campsite cooking, creativity, and in particular the judges will be looking for a meal that embraces the spirit of our *Eat Local* campaign, whether it's using a fresh local, seasonal ingredient, incorporates a regional cheese, beer or fruit or perhaps just taking inspiration from a regional dish or flavour.

From easy but tasty one pan suppers, exciting salads, vegetarian feast a fabulous fish dish, great grilled meats to pasta with a twist... anything goes, we are looking to be inspired!

If you are interested in taking part, then please email Harry Leach ASAP whereby full details and entry forms can be emailed to you. We need a minimum number of entries to enter the club competition and all completed entries must have been received no later than 27 April 2019.

National Feast Of Lanterns 2019
Turnpike Showground, Motcombe, Shaftesbury,
Dorset, SP7 9PL
19 to 23 September 2019

The theme is **Down on the Farm** and I know that the South Western Region is working hard to put on another super event plus they have some wonderful THS's around the area so that you can explore the lovely county of Dorset.

This event is within easy reach of all our members and thus we trust that we will be taking a reasonably large contingent to the event.

The South Eastern Region intends to enter the Mardi Gras this year, details will be sent to all members who book via the Region.

Booking forms are available in Out & About and will be available at the AGM, Easter & Mayday meets. If we have enough units interested a block booking will be sent in under the DA, alternatively if there are not enough units interested, then those that are will be included with the South Eastern Region Block Booking.

The East Sussex block booking officer will be advised at the AGM.

Region block bookings will be coordinated by Jenny Croney.

Salient issues from the SER Council meetings of
07 January 2019

The club 2019 AGM and Chairman's Dinner will be held on 26 October 2019 at the Crowne Plaza Resort Colchester - Five Lakes, Colchester Road, Tolleshunt Knights, Maldon, Essex CM9 8HX.

Countryside Care

East Kent DA are doing two Countryside Care weekends at Canterbury Club Site in 2019; on the 28th February to 3rd March, and three nights on the 28th March to 31st March.

Surrey DA are working at Graffham Club Site from Thursday 28th March to Sunday 31st March.

Please assist these DA's if you can, it is greatly appreciated by the Holiday site stewards and benefits all club members who use the sites. Camping is FOC or if you don't want to camp, any time that you can give will be very much appreciated.

Please be aware that the club only provides insurance for countryside care at club owned sites, any works performed elsewhere whilst being of benefit to the countryside are not insured by the club.

Youth

Due to the data protection act the RYLO is unable to obtain details of the 10 youth members within the region and thus it is impossible to make direct contact regarding youth events. The National Youth Rally and other youth event details are: -

Friday 5th – Sunday 7th July National Youth Rally (N.Y.R): Home Farm, Cople Road, Cardington, Bedford, MK44 3SN Hosted by Eastern Region "YOUTH ONLY MEET" Let your Youth Leader know if you wish to go to enable us to arrange transport BY EASTER. For full details contact your region RYLO.

Thursday 19th - Sunday 22nd September National Feast of Lanterns (N.F.O.L): Turnpike Showground, Shaftesbury, Dorset Hosted by South West Region A full programme of entertainment is laid on for the weekend.

Facebook

Region now has its own Facebook page which is fully compliant with green paper 5.14. All you need to do is look up "**South Eastern Region of the Camping and Caravanning Club**" on Facebook, ask to join and complete the short questionnaire. Your request will be reviewed by an administrator and if fully compliant you will be authorised to join.

Salient issues from the ESDA Committee meeting **27 February 2019**

The majority of the meeting was spent in organising the AGM, Easter & Mayday meets which have all been dealt with earlier in the newsletter.

Entertainment for the birthday meet and Christmas Party was also discussed and is currently in the process of being booked.

Happy Birthday

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

On the 5th March Doreen Kirbell

On the 13th March June Webster

On the 19th March Wendy Dickson

On the 8th May, Will Dickson

On the 26th May, Jane Tanner & Rachael Leach

ESDA weekend meets 2019

2019 sites list				
	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>P/CODE</u>
JAN	Sat. 19th	S E Region Cumberland Hotel	Dinner Dance Eastbourne	BN21 3YT
APRIL	13th	St. Lukes Stone Cross	D.A. AGM 2pm.	BN24 5SL
	18/4 - 22/4	Roy Hill Wood	Easter w/e	TN22 5HU
MAY	3/5 - 6/5	The Laughing Fish	May Day w/e	TN22 5XB
	16/5 - 19/5	Hole Park Rolvenden	SER AGM (Sun)	TN17 4JB
5 days	24/5 - 29/5	SHARNFOLD FARM	Spring Bank Hol. w/e	BN24 5BU
JUNE	14/6 - 16/6	White House Farm	BIRTHDAY meet	TN22 2EA
	21/6 - 23/6	Sussex Farm	week-end meet	RH13 8JR
JULY	19/7 - 21/7	Roy Hill Wood	weekend meet	TN22 5HU
AUGUST				
THS	26/7 - 26/8	Wylands Lakes	THS	TN33 0SU
SEPT.	6/9 - 8/9	White House Farm	Uckfield Carnival w/e	TN22 2EA
	21/9 - 23/9	NFOL Turnpike Shwgd	Motcombe N Devon	PL20 6ST
	27/9 - 29/9	Sussex Farm	D.A. FOL	RH13 8JR
OCT	11/10-13/10	Seaford Head School	Sea Fishing	BN25 1AL
DEC.	6/12 - 8/12	Seaford Head School	Christmas party	BN25 1AL

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As this will be my last newsletter, I would like to thank you all for your input over the last five years and I wish the next editor every success with its continuation.