



News and Views

of

East Sussex DA

Obituary

It is with great sadness that I start this newsletter by advising of the passing of the John Hawkins who was laid to rest on Tuesday 18 April 2017. John was an active member of the DA until quite recently including holding the position of vice chairman for a period of time. Our thoughts and empathy are with Margaret, Kevin, Val and the family at this difficult time.

Also, it is with much sadness that I record the passing of Peter Smith, chairman of the Kent Motor Caravan Section who many of our members will have known. Peter was laid to rest on Thursday 20 April 2017 our thoughts and empathy are with Wendy and the family.

The families would like to thank our members for their minute's applause at the start of the AGM in celebration of their lives.

It's the Camping Season again!.

Yippee!

Chairman's Chatter

It is the camping season again and we have got off to a great start with 68 camping nights at Roy Hill Wood at Easter and 38 members in attendance at our AGM last weekend.

I was disappointed however that we could not muster a few bodies to help our good friends at the Crowborough Club site to prepare for their opening. However I am delighted to report that a small group of members including at least one leading couple from our DA again spent time working at both Folkestone and Normans Bay club sites in preparing them for the opening.

This year is promising to be extra special, Roger has again arranged great camping locations for us at reasonable prices, we have the 69th South Eastern Region Anniversary meet at Great Wigswell Farm Robertsbridge, our birthday meet the following weekend, the 2017 National Feast of Lanterns at Hickstead, followed by a relaxing weekend at White House Farm where we can enjoy the Uckfield Carnival. These are just a few of the events we have planned.

Also not to be missed are our THS's at Stone Cross for the spring bank holiday, Wylands in August and the Free Eastbourne Airborne show when again you can join us at Stone Cross before you go to the NFOL, and there you may get some ideas about lighting up your unit at our own FOL.

As I write this newsletter the sun is shining although it is a little chilly, notwithstanding that everything is ready for the off tomorrow to White House Farm at Uckfield for another fun packed weekend. I hope to see you all there.

What's on in the South Eastern Region

69th Anniversary Meet

Theme a Day at the Races

As you should already know we are running a THS in conjunction with the SER 69th Anniversary meet this year thus the site is open from the 9th to the 19th of June 2017 with the main event running from 15th to the 18th of June.

On Sunday, the 18th we will be holding the Region AGM at 1100 hours.

We have set out this year to make the event more family friendly and to this end we have procured the services of a children's entertainer, (full listing of events and approximate timings below).

In an effort to try to ensure that friends and family are not drawn against each other in the games competitions (due to the times of arrival) we are asking competitors to pre-book the games so that we can better allocate the heats. We therefore request, (whether pre-booking or not), that you email leachh@btinternet.com the names of the teams which you wish to enter before the 1st of June 2017 and identify which of the games you wish to compete in vis Horseshoes, Boules or Mulki (one male and one female per team). There will also be children's versions if we have enough interest.

Anybody who has not pre-booked and would like to take part in the games competitions will be included wherever possible however they will probably then have to play the early rounds against their own family or friends.

We are hoping to gain enough interest to run a Region Heat for the campsite cook of the year which is sponsored by Cadac. **Here is your chance to win a Cadac Carri Chef 2.**

Entries to be received by no later than 15 May 2017. Full details and an entry form are set out below. **Currently there are no entries however there is still time to get your entry in so come on let us see your BBQ prowess.**

Pre-booking your unit into the meet is preferable to ensure that you are allocated to a pitch with your own DA/Section. Anybody who arrives who has not pre-booked will be extremely welcome however your pitch allocation will be in the general area vis you will not be able to camp with your DA/Section/Friends, please don't give the stewards a hard time, it is not their fault.

Next year is special as it will be our 70th thus we are considering a potential complete revamp to make it an extra special one. This is your event and your money therefore we would like to get as many of your ideas as possible so that we can make every effort to cover everybody's desires. Please contact leachh@btinternet.com ASAP and no later than the end of September 2017 to put forward your suggestions (yes planning does start that early).

We look forward to welcoming you all to the event and having a most enjoyable time together.

Booking forms are available in your Region Sites Fixture List booklet or the Region Website. **N.B.** The postcode on the booking form is incorrect and should be TN32 5SP

Draft Schedule of Events

Thursday 15 June 2017

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

Friday 16 June 2017

0900-1900 Admin Open
1000-1700 Welcome tea and biscuits
1100-1700 Potentially preliminary rounds of the Games competitions
1930-2300 Marquee open
2000-2230 Horse racing (Dice and wooden horses) (comfort break circa 2100-2130)
(NB – 50/50 tote – income goes to chairman's charity)
2100-2115 – Official Opening
2300 All quiet

Saturday 17 June 2018

0900-1900	Admin Open (Closed for lunch)
0930-1230	Games competitions
1100-1200	Children's entertainer
1230-1330	Ploughman's lunch
1400-1500	Joint table top and Artisan Sale – Donations to Chairman's Charity
1530-1600	Mardi Gras
1600-1800?	Games competitions
1930-2300	Marquee open
2000-2230	Entertainment by Glitter Boots – You may dance if you wish
2300	All quiet

Sunday 18 June 2017

0900-1100	Admin Open
1000-1045	Church service
1045-1230	AGM – meeting commences 1100 (remember your membership card)
1230-1300	Committee meeting
1330-1445	Final of games
1500-1530	Prizegiving and raffle
1530	Main Event closes



CAMPSITE COOK OF THE YEAR 2017

Competition Rules for Regional Heat Contestants

*You are required to cook one main course dish of your choice.

*It must be a meal that can be cooked at your pitch on a campsite using either a gas stove or gas barbecue. (All NFOL *finalists* will be asked to cook their meal on the Cadac

Carri Chef 2 Barbecue that they won in the region/section heat). Any Carri Chef accessory or top may be used but this must be brought to the cook off by the participant.

*No ovens/microwaves or electrical equipment allowed

*You must be able to **cook** your meal in 30 minutes or under. Contestants can bring pre-washed, peeled and cut vegetables, measured out flour etc. Meat can be pre-marinated. However, no finished sauces. Sauces must be made within the 30 minutes.

*Ingredients and all cooking utensils must be supplied by the entrant on the day of cooking.

You will be judged on:

*The taste and appearance of your food

*The dish's suitability as a campsite-friendly recipe.

*Whether you have included an *Eat Local* element in terms of ingredients used, style or flavour.

Terms & Conditions

*The competition is open to current members of the Camping and Caravanning Club, who are over 18, except employees of The Camping and Caravanning Club, and Cadac UK, their families or anyone connected with the running of the competition.

*Only one entry per person.

*No monetary alternative to the stated prizes is available and the prize is non-transferrable.

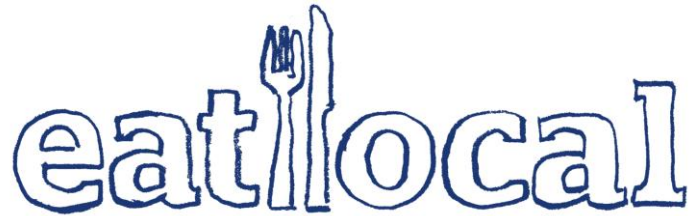
*The promoters reserve the right to provide an alternative prize of equal or greater value.

*The Club reserve the right to alter the rules at any time.

*The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

*Winners Publicity. The Winners accept that the Club will have the right, without additional payment or permission, to use his/her name, recipe, images, video footage, interviews and submitted materials for the purposes of announcing the winners and for related promotional purposes.





CLUB CAMPSITE COOK OF THE YEAR 2017

Region/Section participation registration form

Name of Competition Coordinator:

E-mail address:

Address:

Telephone Number

Region/Section

Date of Heat

Heat Location

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LIVE THE BRAAI LIFE

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

What an event this is going to be, hopefully you have all got your block bookings in to your coordinator in time to be part of the Region block booking. If not don't despair you can still book as an individual.

Disabled and Electric Hook Up pitches are located away from the block booking areas.

The event has been organised to ensure that every age is catered for with special items for the young and entertainers to suit all tastes and ages.

Full details can be obtained from the website <http://nfol.co.uk/> however as a taster please see below: -

For the younger members: -

Tea cup rides
Rocking Galleon
Dodgems
Climbing Wall
Clowns

For the youth: -

Disco Thursday and Sunday evenings

For Everyone: -

Van Burren Variety Show
Abba Inferno
Lianna Vocalist
Andre – Comedy Magician
Victoria Yellop – Entertainer violinist
Dance after Dinner Duo
Folk song & Dance Group
The Club band – last night at the proms

For the adults: -

All the above plus shopping, fast food, beer etc. Don't forget the fantastic Mardi Gras and Lighting up treats

Don't be deflated after the event

Continue the fun by Joining us again at White House Farm Uckfield 31-08 to 03-09 for the Uckfield Carnival

Brief notes from the SER Council meeting 03 April 2017

N.B. some issues have been covered elsewhere in this newsletter therefore they are not repeated here.

National Councilor

It was noted that the membership fees were to be increased by £1.00 from the 1st of April 2017 vis Paper membership becomes £43.00 PA and online only become £38.00PA.

PRO

Following the last three years' success we are back on the marketing trail and to date we have formerly signed up 17 new members between Trevor & Pauline Wilson (14 over two successive weekends) and Alan & Chris Armstrong (3 on a cold weekend with low footfall)

I am still in need of volunteers as follows:

Sites Coordinator

Ideas for where we can hold the 2018 Seminar are still required, we need a place to be able to camp and have rooms where the seminar can be held.

Constitution

Council approved the new constitution and retained 15 as the number of elected Councillors by a majority vote.

There are currently vacancies of 1 for 3 years and 2 for 2 years. There will not be a vote this year due to there being more positions available than Councillors standing.

PRO Marketing

Camping World at Hornbrook Park, Horsham, A281:

10-11 June 2017 – support needed by the PRO

15-16 July 2017 – support needed by the PRO on Sunday

12-13 August 2017 – support needed by the PRO

Brief Synopsis of the ESDA AGM of 22 April 2017

Chairman's report for 2016

We need more volunteers to steward meets, we cannot rely on a very small number of people to cover the stewarding. It is not onerous and in fact it is very sociable. Big meets are run by the committee however booking in stewards are still required.

Also, we currently only have one volunteer to tow the trailer which fully loaded weighs 1600kg. The use of the trailer is on average twice a year however if the one volunteer is not available then the meet will suffer as there will be no marquee or other items which it contains. Whilst mentioning the trailer I have to note that after talking about a change of storage location for almost two years since the land owner changed, we are now desperate for a new location as the current landowner is redeveloping the land where it is stored.

After delays in gaining the requisite club approvals due to the fact that they had again tweaked their logo, our new pennon has arrived.

Honorary Secretary's Report for 2016

Last year I advised that a draft new constitution had been circulated by HQ for comment. All the comments received have been taken on board by HQ and a final version has been agreed and circulated for incorporation. This was only circulated in February thus the committee have not had the chance to review it to present it to today's meeting therefore this will be held over until the 2018 AGM. As far as I can tell the key changes are:

1. The named Officers are now only the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. It is felt that each DA should consider who else they want on their Committee such as Sites Officer, PRO or Youth leader etc.
2. The minimum number of Committee to be six members. (we currently have 8 in our constitution), the Executive to remain at five
3. The DA, and section PRO's and Youth leaders may have a vote only if they are an elected member, this brings all in to line with the Regions Youth Leader and PRO structure.
4. DA's, Sections committees shall be divisible by two.

I am delighted to confirm that we have had three families who have requested a change from their allocated DA to ours. One family new to the club made a direct contact with me and we have been notified by HQ of another family who had shown an interest in joining our DA, welcome letters plus other issues have been sent to them. We are also delighted to have welcomed John & Doreen Hughes (formerly WKDA) to some of our meets.

Honorary Treasurer's Report for year ending 31st December 2016

2014 and 2015 saw a decline in camping numbers, however I am pleased to announce that we had a slight increase in 2016, that was with three weekend meets less but one more THS – the Air Show turning from a five-day weekend to a THS.

Looking at the Income and Expenditure Account you can see that we have a slight surplus.

The Balance Sheet shows that we still have more than adequate funds in the bank account and with HQ. The prepayment is a deposit with Seaford Head for the Sea fishing meet.

Site Secretary's Report

The `working party` meet at the Crowborough Club site last year was not the success I had hoped for due to a very disappointing attendance. The site managers were very grateful for the effort put in by the few, this is always a way of putting something back into the Club we so enjoy a little more support would be good.

June again this year saw the Region A.G.M. back at White House Farm attracting units from all over the South East, unfortunately also attracting some very wet weather causing the land owner to pull the plug on our own Birthday Meet which should have been held the following weekend.

A report back from Joan and Colin Pannell on the course fishing at Wylands lakes did not bode well, again due to very poor (nil) camping support and it is doubtful that it will run beyond this year. However again the T.H.S there through August produced very good numbers, as did the Sharnfold Farm Airshow meet, run as a T.H.S for 2016, so my grateful thanks to all those who helped to make these events successful.

The Sea Fishing meet seems to be attracting more and more units, not just for the fishing opportunity, but for the great walks from the site over the cliffs to the Cuckmere estuary, and the pub of course. Unfortunately, this year the fishing and walk on the Saturday were a wash out. However, some of us did manage to get the walk on Sunday.

Seaford Head School saw us back for our Christmas party and Disco, well supported both from campers and evening visitors, the consensus seems to be that Seaford is the better venue for this event so I am hoping to be able to coincide it with the Seaford town Christmas Fair week end as much as possible to add a bit more atmosphere to the occasion.

In conclusion, I do intend to carry on with the meets approximately two weeks apart, giving the members a chance to do other things. I would like to thank my Committee colleagues and the various Stewards for their support throughout the year. I am quite concerned that we are not getting `Booking in Stewards` for the Committee run meets, please think about this, Your Committee is small, we all do other jobs for the Club and are busy enough at these meets, all we ask is for someone to collect the fees and take care of the paperwork when on site, after all it is your D.A. please give this some thought.

Equipment Officers report

As last year, I have blocked up the trailer so that its wheels are no longer on the ground and the weight is not pressing on the wheel bearings which over a prolonged period is likely to damage them.

The owner, of the kennels where the trailer is stored, has started to develop the field for dog training so we need to find another storage place ASAP.

I have seriously searched for a locksmith to cut another key for the hitch lock without any joy, probably because of the age. We could have a serious problem if the only existing key goes missing so I suggest that the DA invest in a new lock which will have a number of keys and replacements being easily available.

By way of early advice my email address will be changing shortly due to the imminent closure of my current ISP.

Election of Committee

All members due for re-election were willing to stand and were elected en bloc.

The elected committee remains unchanged.

Post AGM Open Forum

1. Allen Russell from the South-Eastern Region was then invited to speak on behalf of the Region. He started by thanking the ESDA members for their support on the working party for the NFOL 2017. He continued by advising that whilst it was now too late to be included in the block booking there was still plenty of time to book a space that the event albeit the number of spaces is lower this year therefore early booking is advised. He finished by giving a brief resume of the layout, need to arrive together if you wish to camp together vis there will not be any saving of places by earlier arrivals. He also made a plea for Stewards at the Region THS at Maplehurst Farm, noting that it was likely to be cancelled until Harry & Yvonne had stepped in however more volunteers are still required.
 - a. Arthur Hovell thanked him for all his efforts on behalf of the South-Eastern Region, the NFOL 2017 etc.
2. Harry advised that the contact details had recently been deleted from the website, this was due to inappropriate use by hackers. Full contact details will still be included within the newsletter. Allen Russell advised that Surrey DA had been having a similar issue with SPAM and inappropriate emails etc.
3. Geoff Baldwin asked if it was possible to resurrect the table top sales for people to sell on their formerly loved equipment which was no longer in use. Harry advised that there was an opportunity at the South-Eastern Region Anniversary meet and the committee would consider this for one of or more of the bigger events.
4. Sandy Grant asked if we would be paid a hire charge for the use of our marquees. Allen Russell confirmed that a payment would be made.
5. Alan Thorpe questioned if our trailer insurance policy covered for it to be towed by any member of the DA as historically he believed that it only covered for committee members to tow it. This will be checked with the Policy and/or the insurer.
6. Harry then advised the meeting that he had been approached by a member some eighteen months previously about having a DA facebook closed group. Whilst at the time he was monitoring two other local Facebook groups and had found that they were only having items placed on them by the administrators however more recently they had taken off with a lot of useful information from members of the group including requests for advice and speedy responses by other members. He therefore put it to the floor as to whether the membership would like to have a closed group facebook page.

7. After some discussion, a show of hands was asked for and resulted in approximately one third for a facebook page, one third against and one third abstained thus there will be no further development of this item at this time.

Happy Birthday

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

On the 8th of May, we wish Will Dickson a very Happy Birthday

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

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

Just for Fun

HOW IMPORTANT DOES A PERSON HAVE TO BE BEFORE THEY ARE CONSIDERED ASSASSINATED INSTEAD OF JUST MURDERED?

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO "PUT YOUR TWO CENTS IN"... BUT IT'S ONLY A "PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS"? WHERE'S THAT EXTRA PENNY GOING TO?

ONCE YOU'RE IN HEAVEN, DO YOU GET STUCK WEARING THE CLOTHES YOU WERE BURIED IN FOR ETERNITY?

WHY DOES A ROUND PIZZA COME IN A SQUARE BOX?

WHAT DISEASE DID CURED HAM ACTUALLY HAVE?

Can you cry under water?

HOW IS IT THAT WE PUT MAN ON THE MOON BEFORE WE FIGURED OUT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO PUT WHEELS ON LUGGAGE?

WHY IS IT THAT PEOPLE SAY THEY "SLEPT LIKE A BABY" WHEN BABIES WAKE UP LIKE EVERY TWO HOURS?

IF A DEAF PERSON HAS TO GO TO COURT, IS IT STILL CALLED A HEARING?

WHY ARE YOU IN A MOVIE, BUT YOU'RE ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

**WHY DO DOCTORS LEAVE THE ROOM WHILE YOU CHANGE?
THEY'RE GOING TO SEE YOU NAKED ANYWAY.**

WHY IS "BRA" SINGULAR AND "PANTIES" PLURAL?

WHY DO TOASTERS ALWAYS HAVE A SETTING THAT BURNS THE TOAST TO A HORRIBLE CRISP, WHICH NO DECENT HUMAN BEING WOULD EAT?

IF JIMMY CRACKS CORN AND NO ONE CARES, WHY IS THERE A STUPID SONG ABOUT HIM?

CAN A HEARSE CARRYING A CORPSE DRIVE IN THE CARPOOL LANE?

IF THE PROFESSOR ON GILLIGAN'S ISLAND CAN MAKE A RADIO OUT OF A COCONUT, WHY CAN'T HE FIX A HOLE IN A BOAT?

**WHY DOES GOOFY STAND ERECT WHILE PLUTO REMAINS ON ALL FOURS?
THEY'RE BOTH DOGS!**

IF WILE E. COYOTE HAD ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY ALL THAT ACME CRAP, WHY DIDN'T HE JUST BUY DINNER?

IF CORN OIL IS MADE FROM CORN, AND VEGETABLE OIL IS MADE FROM VEGETABLES, WHAT IS BABY OIL MADE FROM?

IF ELECTRICITY COMES FROM ELECTRONS, DOES MORALITY COME FROM MORONS?

DO THE ALPHABET SONG AND TWINKLE, TWINKLE LITTLE STAR HAVE THE SAME TUNE?

WHY DID YOU JUST TRY SINGING THE TWO SONGS ABOVE?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

All the above courtesy of Colin & Brenda Tarrant

Exchange & Mart

For Sale

No items have been submitted for inclusion in this newsletter

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Sites List 2017

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>MAP REF</u>	<u>P/CODE</u>
27/4 - 3/5	Whitehouse Farm	MAYDAY w/e	198/472229	TN22 2EA Doreen &
12/5 - 14/5	Sussex Farm	quiet meet	1988/187192	RH13 8JR
opens 26/5	SHARNFOLD FARM	Spring Bank Hol. THS	199/605051	BN24 5BU
closes 4/6	SHARNFOLD FARM	2nd. w/e	DITTO	DITTO
9/6 - 19/6	Gt. Wigsell Farm	Ann`vsry + THS	188/761263	TN32 5SP
22/6 - 26/6	White House Farm	BIRTHDAY meet opens 2pm Thurs.	198/472229	TN22 2EA Booking
7/7 - 9/7	The Laughing Fish	quiet meet	198/451173	TN22 5XB
14/7 - 16/7	Wylands Lakes	Fishing Comp	199/737137	TN33 0SU
20/7 - 24/7	Roy Hill Wood	quiet meet opens 2pm.Thurs.	199/521226	TN22 5HU
28/7 - 28/8	Wylands Lakes	THS opens close Thurs. 28th.	199/737137	TN33 0SU N54.50.084
11/8 - 24/8	SHARNFOLD FARM	THS open Fri.28th. close Thurs. 24th.	199/605051 E/B Airshow 17-20/8	BN24 5BU Stajnd ins
24/8 - 28/8	Hickstead s/grnd.	National FOL	198/270285	RH17 5NU
31/8 - 3/9	White House Farm	Carnival w/e opens 2pm.Thurs.	198/472229	TN22 2EA
14/9 - 18/9	Sussex Farm	D.A. FOL	198/187192	RH13 8JR
6/10 - 8/10	Seaford Head Sch.	Sea Fishing	198/488987	BN25 4LX Competition

1/12 - 3/12	Willingdon School	Xmas party	199/605010	BN20 9QX
				Booking
		<u>nb. South Eastern Region AGM will take place Sat. 18th. June at Gt, Wigsel Farm THS</u>		

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