



PICKETS POST NEWSLETTER

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Articles for the September issue must be with me by 10am, 20th August.

Next Committee meeting is on 15th August.

New Forest DA website is at
www.newforestda.com

Weekend stewards mobile number
is now
07514 555790

SWRSM 2018 – Hosted by New Forest DA (see cover page)

A year ago I took on the task of Organising Chairman for this event. Now it is all over and my loft is less cluttered. I am pleased to say everything ran smoothly. We had the honour of having Mel Hill the club Chairman, attend the event. As a DA we did not receive any trophies but neither did we get the trophy for “Must try harder”. I would like to thank a few DA members for their help.

My Colin – my gopher/ recycling officer

Ian Fraser – checking paperwork, traffic & siting

Carole Hill – Booking Officer

Christine Cole - for administration

Jeff Hill – for advice before rally

Joy Gow – Treasurer and Admin.

Jon Gow – traffic/siting

Terry Cole – traffic/siting

Margaret and Ray Miller – Raffle & regalia.

Marian Bown, Lynda & Chris Sawkins - Raffle

Other members from the SWR rallied around to help fill rota slots.

Out of the 72 units on site we came top on unit numbers with Devon DA, each having 14 units on site. We also had Marian & Alan Bown’s daughter & grand children attend from Luxembourg.

During the weekend we had two couples receive the Region Certificate of Recognition Award. Marian & Alan Bown & Carole & Jeff Hill. Congratulations to them both and well deserved.

The weather was fantastic and all enjoyed a fabulous weekend of fun games, SWR 70th birthday barbeque and cake, together with entertainment from Owen & Darren & KB Sounds.

Proceeds from the raffle this year are going to my Chairman’s charity Pramacare. £368 was raised plus some money from other initiatives.

Thank you to the DA members that attended. Next year the meet will be hosted by the SWR in the Bristol/Avon area.

Some photos of the event are in this edition.

Heather Brown

Alan and Marion Bown would like to thank the NFDA Committee for nominating them for the Region Certificate of Recognition Award.



Carol and Jeff Hill (top), Alun and Marion Bown (bottom),
Receiving their Regional Certificates of Recognition Awards
From Mel Hill C&CC Chairman



Chairman's Welcome

I hope you are all enjoying the current weather. It seems a shame that early season we had to cancel two rallies due to the rain and now we are all wishing for some to help the gardens and cool us off a bit. Unfortunately something we do not have control over.

It was sad to hear of the passing of Janet Gale. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

I have only been home two days in the last three weeks. I have been looking after my granddaughter and two Welsh collies in Shaftesbury whilst my daughter and son in law have been on honeymoon in Tuscany. I then went on to the National Youth rally and South West Region Summer Meet at Turnpike Showground near Shaftesbury. Fortuitous that it was in the same area.

Reports on the above events further on in this edition.

I would like to thank the recent meet stewards for their time – Pete Gray, Marian & Alan Bown & Geoff Thomas.

JUST A REMINDER

If any members have children aged twelve that you can sign up for Youth membership for them. It is free and if the children take their youth test they will need their card in order to take the test. See page 13 of the SWR fixture book. Visit myccc.co.uk/ccy to find out more.

There are no rallies until September, so hopefully many of you will be making use of the THS that are available. Whatever you do, enjoy your holidays.

Next committee meeting is Wednesday 15th August.

Heather Brown,

Chairman New Forest DA

A "Thank you" message.

At the Southwest Region Summer Meet we were honoured to be awarded the Region's Certificate of recognition. A citation was read out by the Region's Honorary Secretary, which we know from past experience was put together by members of the DA and Committee. We were presented with the award by the Region Chairman, Mr Chris Porter, who also presented the Certificate of recognition to Alan and Marian Bown – deservedly – for all the work they have done for the DA in the past.

We would like to express our thanks to the DA for putting forward our names for this award and creating such a glowing citation, and also to the Southwest Region Council for approving it.

Many thanks to everyone involved in us getting this award.

Carole & Jeff Hill.

Your Summer Holiday Sites



Ballard School, New Milton.

Still open until Friday 17th August £10.50 pun

M.R. 195/243959.

Post Code BH25 5SU

Parley Glade 8th Aug to 5th Sept £11 or £16 with ehu if

available.

M.R. 195/085971. From B3073, approximately 600 yards east from junction with A347 (traffic lights) turn right (opposite equestrian centre) into Church Lane, site on right in approximately ½ mile – watch for N.F.D.A. signs. Entrance to the site is tarmac surfaced and the field is sheltered and level and has well kept short grass. Some planes will fly over the site.

Facilities Mains water, dry waste, toilet disposal, Basic toilet, Limited number of Electric Hook ups Advance booking not available. . Please note that unoccupied units are not allowed to remain on site overnight. Open during the Bournemouth Air Festival.



Wareham Rugby Club Site 3rd Aug to 31st Aug £11 pun



Please do not follow satellite navigation

Enter the Wareham bypass (A351) heading towards Swanage. At the roundabout junction with the A352 take the 1st exit towards the town centre of Wareham (B3070) Worgret Road then West Street. The centre cross roads are traffic light controlled. Go straight over into East Street which runs into Bestwall Road. At the end of this road follow NFDA signs onto site.

Facilities Mains water, dry waste and elsan disposal only. Club house may be available (see notice board) drinks at club prices and free wifi

Breamore House, Near Fordingbridge 31st Aug to 28th Sept £8 pun .

Easily accessible from A338. The field has some fantastic views over the countryside. Set in the grounds of a 4000-acre estate where there is a Countryside Museum, Tea rooms and a tour of the House available. Estate Management requests that dogs are kept on leads whilst anywhere on the Estate. Easy access to New Forest.



Birchwood Tourist Park, Wareham Forest



10th Sept to 3rd Oct £11.50 pun incl ehu **booking essential**

Centrally located in an ideal position for exploring Dorset and the Jurassic Coast. Full facility site & direct access into the forest for dog walks and general exploring!.

Tel or text 07513409978 leave name & contact details_ and I will ring you back if not available when you ring as I am stewarding in August

Going forward

Register your interest now

I am currently booking sites for 2019 however these will have to be cancelled if there are no stewards. This will be a big loss of income to the DA and mean fewer treats for our members. Please contact me – leave a message on my answer phone or send an email to jsetchell20@talktalk.net and register your interest as soon as possible please.

I have already had volunteers for Spring Bank Holiday. I am now looking for volunteers for the rest of the Summer 2019.

Please - Do not presume that the same members will still be available next year !

Janet Setchell

EMERGENCY WARD 10 – AUGUST 2018

Hello everyone,

Is it just me or are you getting a feeling of dejavu?? I keep remembering the summer of 1976 and how it didn't rain for months on end ... oh boy!! not again!!! I like a nice sunny day as much as the next man but this is taking the biscuit!!!

Since the last Pickets Post I have sent out **2** cards to:-

Judy Thomas – Hospital

Graham Gale – following the passing of Janet Gale

Janet's funeral was held on 19th July and, along with almost 100 people, Ray and I attended, both as friends and as D.A. members.

SOUTH WEST REGION SUMMER MEET

Well, if you didn't go you missed a good 'un. There were about 75 units (14 New Forest) who enjoyed a fun packed weekend. Along with the perfect weather (phew!!! a bit too perfect at times), we all enjoyed the activities and entertainment, including a presentation to four of our own D.A. members who were awarded the Certificate of Recognition for all their services to the Club over the years, namely Marion and Alan Bown and Carole and Jeff Hill. Congratulations and thank you for all your work over the years on behalf of New Forest D.A., the Certificates are richly deserved. We also celebrated the 70th birthday of the South West Region with a big barbecue and birthday cake provided. Thank you to everyone who did "the catering". Thanks also to Heather who provided all the Working Party with a lovely afternoon tea.

The Sports (Volleyball, Boule and Tumbling Towers) were exciting, particularly in the "play offs" and just to make sure you didn't get cold!!!??? sitting around, we had Darren and Owen and KB Sounds to get us up dancing on both evenings. Ray and I were in charge of the raffle and we did well raising £368 !! Thank you to the D.A.'s and everyone who donated a prize. One of our past members had given me a large quantity of old pennons and I took some time removing them from the strings/tape.

I then took them all to the Summer Meet and displayed them as “Pennons from the Past” and suggested a donation if anyone wanted any of them. At the end of the day they made £23 towards our Chairman’s Charity, Pramacare. So if you bought some of them, thank you very much!!!! Ray and I would like to say thank you to Marion (Bown), Lynda and Chris (Sawkins) and Carole and Jeff (Hill) for helping with the selling of the raffle tickets over the weekend and also to Lynda and Chris and Ian (Fraser) who helped us ferry the raffle prizes backwards and forwards to the marquee over the weekend. Thanks guys!!

All too soon it was time to go home. The Turnpike Showground, Motcombe near Shaftesbury is a lovely site, so just to give it a plug, the **National Feast of Lanterns** is to take place there next year **19th – 23rd September 2019**, ... it’s not that far to the Turnpike Showground ... roughly:-

From Poole – 27 miles

From Bournemouth – 35 miles

From Christchurch – 32 miles

So don’t forget put the date in your diary !!!

Little Red Hats for Poole Maternity Unit

Once again we delivered a quantity of “little red hats” to the Premature Baby Unit at Poole Maternity Hospital and they sent us the following letter. *“We thank you so very much for the knitted goods that you have so kindly made and donated. Our babies and their families are very grateful to you for your generosity. So please accept our thanks and appreciation for your support”.*



Knatty Knitters

This hot weather has given some of us an excuse to sit and do nothing ... except knit!!!! So, as you can see from the picture above, Ray and I made another trip to the Gospel Hall in Parkstone with another collection of knitted items from our "Knatty Knitters" group and this was the letter I received from them. *"Once again we write to thank all those who contributed to the wonderful collection of items. The beautifully knitted blankets are going to Malawi, the children's cardigans, jumpers, hats, toys etc are off to several parts of Africa and Eastern Europe. We do appreciate your continued support and thank you all once again for remembering this work". Grace Draper (Women's Missionary Fellowship).*

If you are interested in doing any knitting for this Charity, we set no targets or time limits, people just knit as and when they feel like it. You can knit any size, and colour and they appreciate all kinds of items, toys, hats, jumpers, cardigans, blankets, squares for blankets etc. If you have any queries, with no obligation!!, just give me a ring or e-mail me and I'll get back to you.

Many thanks!

Margaret Miller – 01202 241605 – ray.miller7@ntlworld.com

Just a thought (for July)

Never in the history of calming down,
has someone calmed down,
by being told to calm down!!

Just another thought!! (for August)

Oh my Goodness, I'M RICH!!!
I have silver in my hair
Gold in my teeth
Crystals in my kidneys
Sugar in my blood
Iron in my arteries
Lead in my butt
And an inexhaustible supply of natural gas!!

If you have been
Thanks for listening!!!

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National Youth Rally (Youth Fest) July 2018 hosted by SWR

Having been Youth Leaders and RYLOs, Colin & I were privileged to be asked to help at the above event. We knew roughly what to expect. 181 youth attended the rally. Some came by minibus and others flew into Bristol airport. The weather was fabulous and everyone enjoyed themselves. Unfortunately our youth could not attend due to other commitments.

The youth were provided with goody bags and Friday evening with pasties, steak slices etc. (even those who arrived at 1.30am on Saturday. There were even two youth from Holland. On Saturday the tannoy came on "Bing Bong" breakfast rolls ready! Bong Bing. Then the music played "I've got a brand new combine harvester". What a sightseeing youth crawling out of their tents looking like zombies to get their breakfast, walking in time to the music.

During the day there were many activities including zorbing, magic and art workshop. There were also elimination competitions in netball, football & volleyball. At lunchtime there was a cream tea. In the evening there were sausages & burgers followed by a disco. The finale was a secret with a few fireworks to light up the sky.

On Sunday, the day got competitive with the Austin Trophy sports and finals of the other events.

All in all, there were a lot of happy youth. The SWR RYLOs Gaynor & Marlon, should be praised along with their helpers for putting on such a good rally.

I must admit on Monday morning I did not miss the tannoy or breakfast music.

Caravan For Sale

Bailey Pageant Monarch 2004
2 Berth
End bathroom
Fitted motor mover
Recent Service, New leisure
battery
Excellent Condition
throughout
£4195
Contact - Mrs Russell 01202
699797



For Sale £1000 ono

2005 Mercedes B180 CDi
157,000miles well
maintained with tow bar and
electrics. MOT mid Nov
2018. New battery & front
discs and pads. Heavy duty
rear springs and shocks
fitted last year for better
towing. Has Bluetooth
phone system. A very
reliable and economical car.

Contact Dean, Editor,
(details on front page)



Some of the fun and games taking place at the SWRSM
Turnpike Showground

