



PICKETS POST NEWSLETTER

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**Articles for the October issue must be with me by 10am, 23<sup>rd</sup> November.**

**Next Committee meeting is on 28<sup>th</sup> November.**

**[www.newforestda.com](http://www.newforestda.com)**

**Weekend stewards mobile number**

**is now**

**07514 555790**

## Chairman's Welcome

Well the DA camping season has come to a close but I am sat in the sunshine writing these notes at Norden Farm, Corfe Castle where we have a rally next October. We have just been talking to a Frenchman who Colin made a coffee for. He is a mathematics teacher from Bretagne. He has travelled by ferry to Plymouth, travelling with a small tent and backpack on his bike. His aim on this trip was to spend 9 days travelling up to Ilfracombe and then across to Portsmouth. Then back by ferry to Caen or St Malo. He did the same trip last year but in reverse from Portsmouth to Plymouth. We conversed in French & English which is good. I need to brush up on the French as our daughter Lisa moves to Etusson in France on 31<sup>st</sup> October and I will need to speak a bit of the lingo when we go and stay. There were quite a few tents on site with families enjoying the sunny weather. It is a good site as toilets, showers and a playpark for the children and a bus stop outside. We need to think about people's requirements when we book future sites.

I would like to thank Marian/Alan Bown, Sue/Kevin Tye for stewarding during October. It has been a mixed season for camping weather wise & I hope that next year we do not have to cancel meets due to adverse weather or for lack of stewards. The 2019 sites list is in Pickets post and on the website. Please if you can help steward a weekend rally, please contact Marian & put your names forward. If you have not stewarded before and want to know what is involved please contact myself or Marian. We are hoping to organise an informal get together for current and new stewards hopefully at the Easter meet, so we can go through paperwork, equipment & payment to the site owner.

It is sad to hear of the passing of Marion Evans. She was a very hardworking D.A. member and was very passionate about New Forest D.A. Our condolences have been sent to her family in Australia.

We have 50 people going to the Christmas Carvery. There will be the last fundraising raffle for my Chairman's charity and any donations of prizes would be most welcome. We have singer for 2 x 45minute slots & time for chatting with friends. We will have the usual Christmas card boxes to put your friend's cards in for distribution. PLEASE put YOUR NAME on reverse of envelope in case the person you are sending to is not there. They can then be returned to you for posting.

Please get your dinner dance (2<sup>nd</sup> March) bookings forms in as soon as you can.

As you are aware, we have a new treasurer starting in January. Also John Tompsett has agreed to be our auditor for another year. We would however like a second auditor for back up next year with the potential to take on the position in 2020. Please contact me if interested.

Previously mentioned, we are looking for new committee members to replace those who are standing down in March. There is a nomination form in this Pickets post. Please fill in and return to Dee Tester our secretary by 6<sup>th</sup> January. We especially need a THS Officer to shadow Janet as she is only going to do the THS job for one more year. Also we are looking for a PRO who can use the computer to help publicise the D.A (only basic skills needed) & liaise with the webmaster to promote our weekend rallies on Facebook.

Anyone interested in joining the committee & would like to attend our next meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> November at Bearwood Community Hall as an observer, please contact Dee or myself. We now only have 8 meetings a year and usually finish by 9.30pm.

## **Important Information**

Please read page 2 of your November magazine. The January, February & March editions of the magazine will have a separate Out & About supplement for meets and THSs. Members who are NOT on committee will have to OPT IN to keep receiving these. PLEASE REMEMBER TO DO THIS. Featured events will still be in the main magazine. The intention is to free up space for social camping (weekend rallies/THSs). In order for this to be successful we need to be taking photos and doing write ups of events to go to the magazine publisher. Hopefully some people will see what they are missing out on.

## **Youth**

2 of our Youth Rebecca Tye & Connor Hansford have passed their youth tests. We congratulate them both. This means that they can now camp on their own at reduced rate until age 21 & then apply for senior youth membership at a reduced cost until age 30.

## **Parents**

If you have a 12 year old or over – You can apply for their FREE youth membership. See details in club magazine. They will need their membership card in order to take their youth test at a later date.

## **Reminder**

**To get Pickets post by email or post you must register every year. The form for next year will appear in the December Pickets Post. Payment with the slip will be required for postal copy.**

**Next Committee meeting is WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

Look forward to see many of you at the Christmas carvery function.

Heather Brown

Chairman New Forest D.A.

Email [chair@newforestda.com](mailto:chair@newforestda.com) or call 01202 382778/07763332132

## **Sandyballs, Fordingbridge**

Wef from 1 November, Sandyballs is not taking any bookings for touring vans. All the touring pitches are being converted to static vans and lodges.



DINNER & DANCE, SATURDAY 2nd MARCH 2019

**SOUTH LAWN COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL, LYMINGTON ROAD, MILFORD-ON-SEA SO41 0RF**

Call **01590 643911** to book rooms @ £75 per room per night for Bed & Breakfast – ROOMS NOW RELEASED

Check in time 2pm – check out time 11am on the Sunday.

Rooms to be booked direct with hotel quoting Camping & Caravanning Club Dinner Dance Function

**Dinner Dance** arrive 6.30 for 7pm sit down Carriages at Midnight.

Dancing to OWEN & DARREN.

Raffle in interval

Choice of the subsidised menu provided by the DA will **cost £15 per person**

**Choose from:**

**Starter**

- **A** Cream of Mushroom Soup (Vegetarian option)
- **B** Smoked Chicken & Ham Hock Terrine, grain Mustard Dressing & Pickles

**Main Course**

- **C** Roast Chicken Supreme, Dauphinoise Potato, Mushroom & Pancetta Sauce
- **D** Honey Roast Gammon, Sweet Potato Mash, Parsley Sauce
- **E** Mushroom, Spinach & Pine Nut Gnocchi (Vegetarian option)

**Dessert**

- **F** Apple & Cinnamon Pie, Creme Anglaise
- **G** Vanilla Creme Brulée, Berry Compote & Shortbread

Any other dietary requirements please call Janet on 01202 649892 or 07513409978 or email [jsetchell20@talktalk.net](mailto:jsetchell20@talktalk.net)

**Final date for bookings is 1<sup>st</sup> February. No late bookings accepted** as final numbers have to be given to hotel .

**Cancellations** after the closing date will be chargeable, as the DA has to pay the hotel full price for your meal

	<b>Member 1</b>	<b>Member 2</b>
Name		
Membership Number		
Contact Tel No ( or email)		
Starter <b>A or B</b>		
Main Course <b>C, D or E</b>		
Dessert <b>F or G</b>		

Total sent @£15 per head..... £ (please add amount)

**Cheques** payable to **Camping & Caravanning Club New Forest DA** (No abbreviations as bank is refusing them)

Bookings to be sent to:- Mrs J. Setchell, 23 Milestone Road, Oakdale, Poole. BH15 3DR ( Please send sae if you require a receipt)

If you wish to be seated on the same table as someone else in particular please give details. Whilst your request cannot be guaranteed I will do my best to fulfil your wish.

Janet Setchell

## Your DA Needs YOU

We have spaces to bring the Committee up to our Constitution number of 12.

The **2019 AGM** will take place on **Sunday 10th March 2019** at the  
**West Parley Memorial Hall.**

The doors will open at 10am to give you all time to sign in, collect your paperwork, read the reports and be ready to start promptly at 11am. Below is a nomination form for you to cut out and return to our Hon Secretary by 6<sup>th</sup> January.



### **New Forest D.A. Committee**

#### **Nomination Form 2019**

Name of Nominee

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Printed Name

Signature

Proposed by

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Seconded by

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All nominations should be forwarded to the Hon Secretary

Mrs Dee Tester, 18 Carters Avenue, Hamworthy, Poole, Dorset, BH15 4JU

Any nominations received after 6<sup>th</sup> January up to the close for nominations at the AGM will be subject to vote if more nominations than places.

## THE THREE Bs: BREAMORE, BIRCHWOOD & BAGWELL

With three NFDA sites operating simultaneously, it was always going to be a challenge to find enough units to fill a weekend meet that had the highest tariff; and so it proved to be.

The journey to Weymouth on the Thursday afternoon set the tone, with a very strong headwind almost stopping the motorhome whilst climbing the hill on the A354 from Dorchester to Weymouth. Having crested the summit and taking advantage of the long downhill section, we were greeted by large warning signs announcing severe storms overnight (yet another **B** – Storm **Bronagh!**) and advice to drive with extra care and caution.

The site receptionist was extremely helpful and provided plenty of information including menus for the Red Barn. [We patronised the Red Barn on Saturday evening, finding the food to be hot, plentiful and good value.] The view down through to the beach and sea in itself made the trip worthwhile and with an air of optimism we proceeded to set up the rally field called The Grove. There were more than enough hook-ups, each having four provisions.

That night the predicted storm came through; the gusts of wind were strong enough to fold up the table that had been left outside. Friday morning saw the site ready to receive guests and it was now just a waiting game. By lunchtime 4 units had checked in. Mid-afternoon saw sleek units with gleaming white bodywork arrive one after the other and set up in the middle of the field without once reporting to the stewards, despite the notices! They were approached by the steward, clipboard in hand, and when asked for their ID cards etc. the only response was a refusal. Eventually, all the seagulls decided they had had enough and left ...

Later on Friday afternoon the storm clouds gathered again; strong winds prevailed and heavy rain fell for the rest of the weekend. Saturday morning saw the start of a charity event from the Red Barn and on Sunday an Ironman competition was held locally. Personally I think I won that, collecting in all the signs from outside and inside the site. Alas, no medal – just two shoes filled with rainwater.

Having settled the site fees and waved goodbye to the 4 units, we finished packing to leave. For us it was our fourth visit to this site which we have always found most agreeable. Presumably the weather and the cost had deterred people from attending an excellent location. As we left, the sun once again broke through – just as a tease of what might have been – leaving the Crazy Golf Pirates hanging their heads in disappointment and Moonfleet Manor watching over a magnificent coastline.

Many thanks to the people who braved the elements and supported this meet.

**Mike & Marilyn Gower.**

## EMERGENCY WARD 10 – NOVEMBER 2018

Hello everyone,

Well, as the weatherman has been kind to us recently, I hope you have been managing to get out and about in the van. The darker evenings will soon be drawing in and the weatherman is already warning us of a harsh winter .. as bad as 1962 if you can remember that far back! I can!!! I can remember waking up on Sunday morning to huge snow drifts. Just on the street corner near to where I lived between Winton and Charminster, was a little grocers shop called Nettles. Once we had got suitably attired, my Mum, Dad and I trudged through deep snow up the middle of Ripon Road, (snow too deep for cars!), in order to go to Mass. On our way back home we could see someone seemingly waving to us from near the Grocers shop. Once we got nearer we realised it was a little elderly lady calling for help as she was almost buried in a snow drift, she was crying and had lost her shoes in the drift!!! I helped her into Nettles and then went back and dived down into the snow to find her shoes! If the snow is that bad again this winter ..... Ha!!! the little old lady could be me this time!!!!

Well, I guess all the lovely summer weather has made you all fit as fiddles because I haven't sent any Get Well cards out in the past month!! So well done, and keep up the good work!! However, congratulations have gone to two long standing members of New Forest D.A. who have celebrated their Golden Weddings recently namely:-

### **Rina & Ian Fraser**

Also two young 80 year olds!!, namely **Brian Setchell & Dennis Legg**, and a Happy Birthday to both of you.

If you do know of anyone who is poorly or under the weather, please do let me know and I will get a Get Well card off to them right away ... many thanks!

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

### D.A. FEAST OF LANTERNS

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Meet. To those who took part in my Quiz and to the Juniors who took part in the Colouring Competition. We had 3 children on site but only 1 took part, however they were joined by 2 others who were visiting for the day!!! So in the end, as they represented all 3 age groups, they all won First Prize together with a bag of chocolates each. So well done to:-

### **Harrison Price - Joe Evans - Ethan Evans**

#### Just a thought .... From Marg (Miller) x

Okay, so you're 10 years old, you have a Laptop, iPod, Facebook & Blackberry... Listen....when I was 10 years old, I only had one thing to play with .... It was called

**“OUTSIDE!!!!”**

**SITES LIST 2019**

Date	Venue	Map Reference	Price	Stewards TBC	Open
15-20	Birchwood CP. Half term	195/897910	£11.25 pun	Marian & Alan Bow n	12
<b>March</b>					
1-3	Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Dinner Dance SouthLaws Hotel Milford On Sea				
8-10	AGM Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Parley Hall , Parley 11am	195/089980			
20-24	Monkton Wyld (Charmouth site B/MT	193/329965	£13 pun INC H/UP	Heather & Colin Brown lan Fraser	
29-31	Mother's day				
<b>April</b>					
4-7	Morton glade B/MT	194/782892	£11.55pun inc H/UP H/standing		
11-14	Breamore house	184/154191	£7.20 pun		
18-22	Furzebrook -Hall Fri, Sat , Sun Easter	195/932846	£8.40 pun	Dee & Tony Tester& Sue & Keven Tye	
26-30	Durdle Door B/MT	194/810606	INC H/UP	Marian & Alan Bow n	
<b>May</b>					
2-6	Dow nton Cuckoo fair B/HOL	184/174210		Marian & Alan Bow n & lan Fraser	
10-12					
16-19	New park Farm , Brockenhurst	196/300046	£12.00 pun		
23-27	Bampton Farm , Lymington B/H	196/337957	£ 8.50 pun		
30-2	Trevethen field	195/155140	£ 8.40 pun	Marian & Alan Bown	
<b>June</b>					
7--9	Candys farm, Corfe Mullen Fest B/MT	195/ 992987	£12.00 FUN		
13-16	Setthorns, club site B/MT	195/263004	£12.65pun inc H/UP &H standing	Marian & Alan Bow n	
20-23	Summerlands Coombe Bissett	184/109236	£8.10 pun		
28-30	Warren Park Farm	195/121114	£8.40 pun	Sue & Kevin Tye	
<b>July</b>					
5-7	Carrington's CP	196/297913	£11.10 pun	Heather/Colin Brown/Janet & Andy Seymour	
12-14	Oliver's Battery, Winchester	185/461274	£ 9.00 pun		
18-23	Bucklers Hard B/MT	196/406003	£14.00 pun	Dee & Tony Tester	12
26-28					
<b>August</b>					
	NO RALLY				
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	NO RALLY				
<b>Sept</b>					
6-8	Church Farm, Sixpenny Handley	184/996174	£12.00 pun		
14-19	Bushes Farm, Blandford, pre NFOL, Cheese Festival	194/888102			
20-22	NFOL Turnpike Show ground	183/835243			
27--1	Durdle Door B/MT	194/810606		Marian & Alan Bow n	
<b>Oct</b>					
3-6	Birchwood TP FOL	195/897910	£11.50 pun	Marian & Alan Bow n	
11-13	Riverside Lakes, Horton	195/931876			
18-20	Norden Farm, Corfe Castle	195/950829	£11 pun inc.. H/UP		
30-3	Burgate School Half term	184/152154	£10 .20		
<b>November</b>					
1-3					
8-10					
<b>Decemb er</b>					

Stewards Phone 07514 555790

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Updated 12/10/18

Dinner Dance Saturday 2nd March  
December – Christmas Carvery



Some of the entrants of the D. A. Feast of lanterns.  
Congratulations to all those that made the effort

