



Sites for March

Sandford park 12th - 16th March full facility site.

Site fully booked, opens at 12noon

Monkton Wyld CCC nr Charmouth 27th -30th March

This was a booked meet. 25th Feb was your final chance to book.

Site opens at 1pm.

If using sat nav **Do not turn off for Monkton Wyld at end of duel carriageway**, stay on A35 till you see the

CCC brown sign, then turn right. Follow NFDA signs on site.

Site ideal for visiting Lyme Regis, Axminster and surrounding area

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Articles for the April issue must be with me by 10am, 20th March.

Next Committee meeting is on Wednesday 18th March.

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Weekend stewards mobile number

is now

07514 555790

Chairman's Welcome

Although the weather has been bad I have put a picture of the almond blossom coming out just as a reminder that Spring is just around the corner. I have many Spring flowers coming up in the garden. One of my favourites is a dark purple crocus called remembrance. I have over 60 planted in the garden in memory of my cats.

A special thank you to Marian & Alan Bown who braved storm Dennis and stewarded for 10 units at Birchwood. You were very brave. Without such stewards members would not be able to enjoy reasonable priced rallies and with that thought in mind we urgently need two sets of stewards for the Easter meet at 6p Handley. If you can help, please contact Ian our sites officer or me. sites-officer@newforestda.com

The DA AGM is being held at Birchwood Sunday 26th April at 11am in the marquee. If you are not camping you will be able to park your car either on the site if not too full or by the shop. As the weather has been so unpredictable, the committee have decided to have a backup plan in case we are unable to put up the marquee. The AGM will then be held at The Grove Hall, Seaview Rd, Upton, Poole, Dorset. BH16 5NF

I am pleased to say that we have a volunteer to take over the treasurer's job from Tina & 2 auditors. The names will be given out at the AGM and have been approved by the committee for these positions.

We still need a replacement Secretary. Do not be put off by the job description. It is not an onerous job and help will be given. Please consider this position and if interested contact myself or Dee. We have 3 vacancies on committee to replace those that are standing down.

At the moment we have 12 on committee to take on the various job roles. We are volunteers but we do have personal lives and wish to enjoy our camping as well as other members. If you can help keep this DA going, please offer your help.

Heather Brown. Chairman New Forest DA. 01202 382778 (before 9pm)
chair@newforestda.com

Your DA Needs YOU

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

The **2020 AGM** will take place on **Sunday 26th April 2020** at the
Birchwood Touring Park in our Marquee

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 Secretary at anytime from now until the meeting starts.



New Forest D.A. Committee

Nomination Form 2020

Name of Nominee

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 Ave, Hamworthy, Poole BH15 4JU

All nominations **must be received before the AGM starts**

NFDA NEEDS YOU – Officer Vacancies

Treasurer – Committee and Executive position

Secretary – Committee and executive position

THS Officer – Non committee or committee position

Auditor x 2 – Non committee position. Must not be related to a committee member.

Sites Officer – Non committee or committee position

Social Organiser – Non committee or committee position

Other Committee positions

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Committee members – various job roles

November 2020

Dear Members

Unfortunately, due to work commitments, I will be stepping down at the next AGM Meeting from the role of New Forest DA Secretary.

I have enjoyed my last couple of years being a part of the Committee and getting involved with the activities that the New Forest arranges for the members. The role has lots of rewards and you get to learn about what the Camping and Caravanning Club does for the members. It is not a role that requires a lot of time as processes are already put into place.

Should anyone be interested, please let me know and I would be willing to discuss further what is required.

All the Committee Members are willing to help support new members.

Dee Tester
Secretary



NEW FOREST DA SECRETARY JOB ROLE

In general terms, your role as a Secretary for the club is to:-

Monthly

- The Committee meetings usually take place on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
- Information for the Agenda to be gathered from Committee members 2 weeks prior to meeting.
- Reports (including Green Paper updates) to be gathered and distributed by email to the Committee 1 week prior to the meeting.
- Attendees Signature List to be printed along with copy of the previous minutes for the Chair to sign off at meeting.
- Minutes to be taken at meeting and draft copy to be received by Chair for alterations before going out to the Committee, this is normally within 21 days. Copy to the SW Region Secretary and Auditor.
- Minutes to be held on file, (scanned onto hard-drive and filed accordingly).

Yearly

- AGM preparation – Reports required from Committee Members before end December prior to the AGM for Pack to be made up. Draft to Chair by end of January or earlier if ready. (AGM should take place between 1 February and 30 April).
- Arrange for the Nomination Form to be published in the December Picket Post and on the Web.
- Prepare the AGM Signing In Sheets. Arrange for final AGM Pack including reports to be printed
- (approx 50). The Treasurer will prepare own report for the AGM.
- Take AGM Minutes and the following meeting of the Appointment of Committee.
- Send copies of the AGM minutes, Annual Report, Accounts, Inventory and Auditors Statement to the Chair as draft prior to SWR Secretary, Auditor and Committee within 21 days of the AGM.
- If not already organised, arrange details for first Committee meeting.
- From the first meeting after the AGM, prepare minutes, complete List of Officers/Council members (take the new committee members membership number, address, telephone number and email address) send draft to Chair before distributing to the SWR Secretary, Auditor as well as Committee Members within 21 days.

General

- Send any interesting information to the Club Reporter at Camping & Caravanning magazine by 8th of the month before the month of publication.
- Before 2nd weekend in November, notify HQ of Treasurer's details for the following year January to December.
- Email Out and About with the first notice of the AGM, date, time, venue, start time, map reference etc (Green paper 1.3)
- Email Out and About with the second notice (reminder) to go in March magazine of the AGM date, time and venue. This must be done before 8th December.
- Help with the organisation of activities/events/design of leaflets if required.
- Inform HQ of any changes to member members.

National Feast of Lantern – Block Booking for DA

When the NFOL forms have been received from National, scan and send copy to editor of Pickets Post as well as the Webmaster. Blocked booking for DA's do not have hook up. Disabled pitches must be booked separately with NFOL organiser. Cheques payable to Camping and Caravanning Club New Forest DA and closing date 2nd weekend in April. Bookings and cheques to DA secretary and they are then forwarded to the DA Treasurer who will make a cheque to the CCC SWR and send to the SWR Secretary by end of April.

Your Temporary Holiday Sites

Thank you to the members who have stepped forward since my appeal to enable us to run Ballard School for the first 2 weeks, Wareham Rugby Club for the first 2 weeks plus a week at Breamore. This still leaves me with gaps for 7 weeks to completely run the THS sites this year.

I do therefore **urgently need your help.**

If you are wondering how this works I will try to give you an idea. Stewards arrive the day before members to give them time to set up their unit and put out signs etc.

After that with 2 sets on site you decide between you when and how best to cover the time. You all have time off, possibly a few hours could be a day the decision is yours to decide with your fellow stewards.

You are not left to suddenly do this on your own as all sites now have one set of stewards who have done this before and will show you the ropes. How we book members in and how we site them depends upon the site involved. We do ask them to come and pay their fees on the last evening they intend to be there so they can get away without any hold ups next morning as many are travelling long distances. We do not keep large sums of money on site so there is banking to be done - usually by the steward who is popping off to town to do some shopping. It is a very relaxed time as once the first rush of visitors is over they tend to trickle in and out on a daily basis. You have an information book giving you all the information you are likely to need but some local knowledge of the area is always useful. There is a list of nearest Dr, dentist vet, supermarket, campshops etc. These are the most common requests you will receive.

In return you have free camping and a nightly payment you can claim if you wish of £2 towards your gas/electric as some sites now charge the stewards for the electric they use. The DA also give you a mileage allowance for one trip from home to site and back, again if you wish to claim it. To do so you will need to supply a VAT receipt for fuel bought prior to your journey. Claim forms will be in the stewards paperwork.

The DA makes a profit on the THS sites which is the **only way we can fund** events for your enjoyment such as the Christmas Party, pantomime, ad hoc treats at some weekend meets.

Last year we also replaced the DA trailer, purchased an A frame for weekend stewards use, Purchased a new light weight pennon. We are heavily subsidising the Dinner Dance in March and your committee have other expenditure planned for 2020 so long as we can keep the THS sites running. The rest is in the hands of you our members as we cannot do it alone.

I have included in this issue a site list for 2020 which shows you all when and where the Holiday Sites are for the year.

The gaps to fill are:-

Ballard School :-

Swanage & Wareham Rugby Club:-

Breamore House

I also need someone to cover at Breamore from Thurs 10th Sept to Mon 14th Sept to enable Chris and Linda to attend a family wedding.

We would normally expect you to do a minimum of 1 full week but any help will be considered. Some of you might be able to do a weekend which would be a big help.

Do not forget to book up with me if you want a pitch at Birchwood. £15 pun including ehu.

Janet Setchell



Holiday Site ROTA 2020				
Week No.	Start Date	End Date	Stewards	
Birchwood (HS1295/2020)				
1 ,2,3,4	15/06/2020	13/07/2020	Setchell	Mueller-Davies
Ballard School (HS1288/2020)				
1 & 2	17/07/2020	31/07/2020	Setchell	Camburn
3	31/07/2020	07/08/2020	Setchell	HELP !!
4	07/08/2020	14/08/2020	Setchell	HELP !!
Swanage & Wareham RUFC (HSHS241/2020)				
1 & 2	07/08/2020	21/08/2020	Camburn	Broom
3	21/08/2020		? Setchell	HELP !!
4	04/09/2020		? Setchell	HELP !!
Parley Glade (HS1315/2020) ** Air Show THS				
1 & 2	19/08/2020	02/10/2020	Mansbridge	Mueller-Davies
Breamore House (H1302/2020)				
1	04/09/2020	09/09/2020	Sawkins	HELP !!
2	09/09/2020	15/15/2020	HELP !!	HELP !!
3	15/09/2020	19/09/2020	Sawkins	HELP !!
4	19/09/2020	26/09/2020	Sawkins	HELP !!
5	26/09/2020	02/10/2020	Sawkins	HELP !!

If you cannot do what you have said you would like to do please let me know

To contact me when we are stewarding please use mobile 07513409978

Thank you for all your help :- No help = No DA funding

If there is no help to fill these gaps then cancellations will have to be considered

Any offers of help please either phone or email me on jsetchell20@talktalk.net

Emergency Ward 10 – March 2020

Hello everyone – Well!!! I sincerely hope that no-one is suffering too much from this appalling weather. It seems at the moment that whatever weather you end up with ... it is in the extreme! We now need a few weeks of lovely warm sunshine to dry out all our camping fields ready for our next season!!

However, on the Emergency Ward 10 front I have sent out Get Well cards to **2** of our members, namely **Sue Tye** and **Debbie Hood** both of who have been “incapacitated” with their backs!! We hope that they are both now up and about again, albeit slowly!!!

This may be of interest to some of our more long standing members. I had a phone call recently from John Edginton’s sister. I have been in the habit of ringing John regularly for a chinwag but lately was unable to make contact with him, even when I sent him a note. It now appears that he has had a few falls and along with a diagnosis of Dementia he has now moved to a local Nursing Home at Milford House Care Home, Milford Hill Road, Salisbury.

Please let me know if you hear of someone in the D.A. who is not well, under the weather, or in hospital so that I can send them a card. If you have any queries or comments about “Emergency Ward 10” please get in touch. Many thanks!

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

PICKETS POST

Well now, hopefully you have remembered to get in touch with Dean, our Editor, and sign up to receive our D.A. monthly magazine, Pickets Post, **ONLINE** now that a postal copy is no longer available. Just contact Dean on the address/e-mail details below.

Did you know that anyone in the D.A. is free to write an article for Pickets Post?? It could be about a particular camp you have attended, a site report (I’ve done one in this edition about Sixpenny Handley), or a holiday site that you have stayed on, perhaps a Club Rally abroad or any hints or tips you feel would be of interest to your fellow campers. Perhaps you have a particular recipe that you always enjoy when camping whether it be in the van or on the barbecue. After all, it is **YOUR** magazine, and in recent years it has been somewhat difficult to encourage members to make the effort to contribute to Pickets Post, so now’s your chance, come on everyone why not give it a go!!!

PICKETS POST continued.....

So, if you would like to put something in our D.A. magazine ... this is what you do!
Either post "your article" to Dean or send it by e-mail to his address:

Dean Mueller-Davies
127 Craigmoor Avenue, Bournemouth. BH8 9LT
e-mail davdee46@gmail.com
Tel: 07754455276

Just be sure to get it to him by about the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next edition of the Pickets Post magazine. I'm sure you've got lots of interesting stories to tell, or things you would like to say and this goes for the Juniors and Youth as much as our older members. So come on everyone, put pen to paper or finger to keyboard and share your stories with your fellow campers ... Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!!!

Margaret Miller

SITE REPORT ABOUT SIXPENNY HANDLEY FOR THE EASTER MEET

Are you planning on going to Sixpenny Handley for Easter this year but have never visited the site??? Well, here's a few bits of information about the site to whet your appetite. Our camping field affords a lovely view out over the countryside. There are some lovely walks, from the site, hopefully with bluebells, and if you need a morning paper, loaf of bread or bottle of milk, then for just a short walk down the high street you'll find a very well stocked village shop. There's also a bus service outside the Roebuck Inn that goes to Blandford and Salisbury. On site there is Hanlega's Café serving breakfasts and lunches including Sundays. The village hall is a short walk away in the next field, or it is a very short drive away, and there is a small play park. Also, if at any time over the weekend you feel in need of some "spiritual guidance!!", there's St. Mary's Church which is situated right next door to our field. There has been a Church on the site going back a thousand years and parts of the present Church date back to 1350. There is usually a Service on Easter Sunday morning and I have memories from years ago when the Vicar at the time, Fr Ron, ate a daffodil to prove a point during his Sermon. I must admit, after he actually swallowed it I never thought about the point that he was trying to make, because all I remembered was the look on his face after he'd swallowed it and then he called out "Is there a Doctor in the house!!!" which caused great laughter in the congregation!! SO! do give Sixpenny Handley a try if you've never camped there before, I just know you will enjoy it.

Margaret Miller

KNATTY KNITTERS - 128 items!!!

As you can see we have not been idle throughout the winter months and once again Ray and I made another delivery of beautiful items to the Gospel Hall in Parkstone, and, once again!!, they were received with grateful thanks. Thank you to all who contributed to our latest consignment. I am grateful to anyone who is kind enough to do "a bit of knitting" for the Knatty Knitters. Our offerings, along with others, are all sent to the Missionary Depot in Coventry and are shipped out to the Missionaries in Africa where they are most needed. The last consignment, and the next one, is going to the Missions in Malawi. Recently two people who are Missionaries in Malawi where the knitting goes to, came to the Gospel Hall and gave a talk and showed a video about the devastation they suffered last year from Cyclone Idai. The video showed that so many people had lost everything and they were making bricks to try and rebuild their huts to live in so it's good to think that all our knitting efforts will go towards helping them rebuild their lives.

All kinds of items are most welcome, jumpers, cardigans, hats, scarves, gloves, socks, toys and of course squares for blankets and NO! you don't have to sew them together! (but of course you can sew them together if you wish!!). There is no time limit or quantity limit, so, if you just want a chat to see what it's all about ... just give me a ring or see me on site. Alternatively, if you have any spare wool, particularly double knitting, that you would like to get rid of, we'd be most grateful for it ... thank you!

Thanks again ... Margaret (Miller) – 01202 241605 – ray.miller7@ntlworld.com



SOUTH WEST REGION SUMMER MEET 2019

This is just a comment for anyone who was present at the Summer Meet in Axbridge in July 2019 and who attended the Church Service in the Marquee on the Sunday morning. The Service was conducted by a very nice lady Vicar and at one point she invited us all to stand up in a big circle. She then handed each of us a different coloured balloon and asked us to blow it up and as we were doing so we should imagine we were "blowing a prayer" into our balloon. We then had to tie them up and throw them up in the air. Much fun was had batting the balloons all over the place until we had to retrieve one that was a different colour to the one that we had blown up, in other words we were now holding "someone else's prayer". She then told us to keep them and think about that person. I took mine and Ray's back to our van and put them on the shelf. My past experience of balloons is that, after blowing them up they either voluntarily explode at some point or slowly start going down and end up as a wrinkled deflated piece of balloon. Bearing in mind the Summer Meet was in July 2019 I can report that the two "prayer" balloons in our van are still inflated!!!...

Ha! as the saying goes...

"SO MUCH FOR THE POWER OF PRAYER!!!"

Marg & Ray Miller xx

Just a thought ...

Whoever said

"Out of sight, out of mind"

Never had a spider disappear in their bedroom!!!

Marg x

Site List 2020

Opens	Closes	Venue	Map Reference & Postcode	Fee pun	Stewards	Opens
February						
14 th	18 th	Birchwood TP Half Term	195/893913 BH20 7PA	£12.00 Non /UP £13.50 H/UP	Marian & Alan Bown	12.00pm
March						
7 th		Dinner dance South Lawns Hotel	SO41 0RF			
27 th	31 st	Monkton Wyld CCC Charmouth (BKD)	193/330965 DT6 6DB	£15.00 H/UP	Ian Fraser Colin & Heather Brown	1.00pm
April						
9 th	13 th	Easter Church Farm Sixpenny Handley	184/996174 SP5 5ND	£12.50		12.00pm
23 rd	26 th	Birchwood AGM	195/893913 BH20 7PA	£14.00 Inc H/UP	Marian & Alan Bown	
May						
30 th	3 rd	Downton Cuckoo Fair (3 NIGHTS) **			Marian & Alan Bown Chris & Linda Sawkins	
1 st	3 rd	SWR AGM & SPRING BALL				
14 th	17 th	Exbury gardens	196/426987 SO45 1AZ	£13.00		
21 st	26 th	Furzebrook Wareham (Close Tues)	195/932846 BH20 5AU		Chris & Linda Sawkins	
27 th	31 st	Carringtons (4 nights Half term)	196/297913 SO41 0UQ	£11.10	Colin & Heather Brown	
June						
11 th	14 th	New Park Farm, Brockenhurst	196/300046 SO42 7QH	£13.00		
26 th	28 th	Warren Park Farm	195/121114 SP6 3DE			
July						
3 rd	5 th	Matley Wood (BKD)	196-318075 SO43 7FZ	£8.00	Tony & Dee Tester	
10 th	12 th	SWR Summer Meet				
17 th	19 th	Breamore	184/154191 SP6 2DF	£7.20	Del & Debbie Hood	

Site List 2020

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August						
CHECK OUR T.H.S						
28 th	1st	Bampton Farm B/H (Close Tues)	196/339954 SO41 5SH	£9.00	Ian Fraser Colin & Heather Brown	
September						
11 th	13 th	Highbench, Okeford Fitzpaine (Cheese festival)	194/801109 DT11 0RR	£8.40	Jill & Roger Smith	
October						
30 th	4th	Norden Farm (4 nights)	195/950829 BH20 5DW	£12.00 H/UP		12.00pm
8 th	11 th	Birchwood T P (FOL)	195/893913 BH20 7PA		Marian & Alan Bown	
15 th	20 th	Riverside Lakes, Horton	195/931876 BH21 7JL	£8.40 Non H/UP £12.40 H/UP	Tony & Dee Tester	
Stewards Phone No - 07514 555790						
Visit our website at Newforestda.com						

Sites officer notes

The worst part of being involved with the DA is the lack of support for the activities organised by the committee. I am talking about stewarding whether it is THS's or w/end rallies. There is a big BUT, no one is willing to put their names forward and just do one weekend per year, that is all that will be asked of you.

So this is a good opportunity to rectify this situation by volunteering. All help will be given.

Unfortunately if there are no stewards there will be a lot of cancelled sites which is not good for the land owner or the DA.

Give a thought and contact me or Heather and have a chat

Tel :- 07966487994 sites-officer@newforestda.com
Heather chair@newforestda.com

Thanks for reading this.

Ian.



SOUTH WEST REGION



SUMMER MEET

HIGHER LISTOCK FARM, WRANTAGE

TA3 6DP

9 - 13 July 2020

A WEEKEND AT
ROYAL ASCOT

This form is for ONE pitch and ONE vehicle only
Please complete this form in BLOCK CAPITALS

Surname:		Initials:	Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr	
Address:				
Postcode:		Contact No:		
Membership No:		DA/Section:	Car Reg	
Caravan	Motorhome	Tent	Trailer Tent	Disabled Pitch

	No	£	£
Thursday pitch required before Summer Meet		9.50	
Cost per adult for Friday 10 th to Sunday 12 th July		22.50	
Child 0-12 years		Free	
12-18 years & CCY membership to 21 if passed youth test		Free	
Pennon		6.00	
Sunday night pitch		9.50	
Total			

NB: Day Visitor Charge - £5.00 per visitor

Are you willing to referee, if required Yes or No – Boules Volleyball

Please send this form to your own DA/Section secretary if you wish to be in a block booking.

Otherwise please return to: Mrs Anne Dearling, 42 North Way, Quintrell Downs, Newquay, TR8 4LA

Closing date for bookings: 21 June 2020

Please make cheques payable to CCC South West Region

ALL MEMBERSHIP CARDS TO BE SHOWN ON ARRIVAL