

PICKETS POST NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2020

TOMORROW IS THE REWARD FOR STAYING SAFE TODAY



The Editor is to be decided

Articles for the next issue must be with the editor by 10am????

Next Committee meeting is on ??????

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Weekend stewards mobile number

is now

07514 555790

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Welcome to this Autumn edition of our newsletter. For some of you this might be the first one you have read as you may have joined this year. Although we might not have met I wish you a warm welcome. We do have a closed DA Facebook group which has approximately 450 members. If you wish to join, send in a request and answer ALL the questions in full and you will be accepted by an admin. Failure to answer all the questions, then your request will be declined. The facebook group enables you to see all the up to date news and you can ask questions from other members.

This year has been something that none of us were prepared for and has affected our social camping. With Government and Camping Club guidelines we have had to change the way we camp. The committee has been having zoom committee meetings. I am still not used to putting up my hand to talk!. Discussions took place as to the safest way to run weekend rallies.

It has been difficult trying to get booking forms out in the correct format for people to download from computer and phones and not realising that Lloyds Bank uses the app to find an account name. We seem to be getting there. A lot of work has been done behind the scenes & I would like to especially thank our sites officer Ian & Tina our treasurer for their extra work and to Tony for his work on the website.

We have been able to run 3 rallies at Bamptons Farm, Norden Farm & Birchwood Caravan site but unfortunately not with social activities due to social distancing. I would like to thank all the stewards for their time, with the added pressure of wearing PPE, sterilising taps and elsan point and siting members. In one way it has been easier, as no cash has had to pass hands. A few people commented why they could not pay by cash or cheques. This was because we were trying to protect our booking officer. Can you imagine receiving 40 cheques, bank notes, envelopes etc, posting them to the treasurer who then has to bank them. Handling that amount of paper is not viable with virus around, so I hope you understand. It is encouraging that we have had 2 new stewards this year Matthew Kelham / Family & Susan Chappell.

We will be publishing a sites list for 2021 when it is available. At the moment all future meets will be run as covid meets which will be pre booked. When the covid restrictions are removed we will re access the situation. We will be needing stewards, so if you can spare some time please contact our sites Officer Ian sites-officer@newforestda.com Remember as a steward you will have a free camping pitch, a second steward so you can have some free time and can claim 25p per mile to and from the site.



A list of THS for 2021 is already published on the website. Please we do need stewards in order for these to take place. If interested please contact Janet

Jsetchell20@talktalk.net

As a THS steward you get a free pitch, mileage to and from the site and a gas allowance. You also get a second steward to allow you to have free time. Please read Janet's

article in this edition.

Our 2021 AGM will be held (fingers crossed) 11am Sunday 7th March at West Parley Memorial Hall. Doors will open at 10am. We are in need of a few committee members. Please see your DA needs you poster. More committee members are needed as some are finishing and we cannot expect the same people to keep standing. If you are interested please contact myself or Tony Tester. We hold approximately 8 meetings a year. At the moment we are running meetings by zoom. A nomination form for committee is in this edition of Pickets post. Please send it to our Secretary Dee Tester.

Next May will be the 50th birthday of the DA, so please help it carry on.

Many of you will have read my post on DA Facebook. WE NEED A TREASURER TO TAKE OVER 1st JANUARY 2021. We need to have a name to give to HQ by second weekend in November.

As I said in the post we cannot function without a treasurer. Do YOU want to see the DA fold and all the money we have earned go to HQ? If not please consider standing. Without a treasurer we will not be able to hold any rallies or THS 2021. I am hoping that there is a volunteer out there. Please contact myself, Tony Tester or Tina Evans our current treasurer.

Heather Brown.

Chairman. New Forest DA

NFDA NEEDS YOU – Officer Vacancies

NO COMMITTEE = NO DA

Treasurer – Committee and Executive position –

****NEEDED BY 1st JANUARY 2021****

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.

Social Organiser – Non committee or committee position

Other Committee positions

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Appointed region councillor

Committee members – various job roles

Your DA Needs YOU

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

The **2021 AGM** will take place on **Sunday 7th March 2021** 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 5th January.

New Forest D.A. Committee

Nomination Form 2021

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 5th January up to the close for nominations at the AGM will be subject to vote if more nominations than places.

Your Temporary Holiday Sites

Hello all,

I trust this finds you all well and having escaped so far from Covid 19. How this has impacted on all our lives and our camping. Brian and I have sat and looked at our caravan. This last month we bought a new cover for it, removed the old one washed and polished the van and recovered it for the winter! We have spent our summer changing our back garden and making it less labour intensive. Hopefully, this means we can spend more time in the caravan in 2021. It will of course need to be serviced and have new tyres fitted before it goes anywhere. Fortunately, we did not pay for a service in 2020 due to the engineer being ill to start with and then having lockdown.

From a THS point of view we had some sites cancelled due to the lockdown , another by the landowner who decided not to have any camping this year then following a committee meeting (the new virtual type) we decided it best to cancel the other two and I found the landowners very pleased about our decision. They have all been very supportive and I now have dates for 2021 in the hopes of being able to run our THS sites again.

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 all of which we have not been able to do in 2020..This is another good reason for wanting to return to a more normal pattern of camping.

This cannot happen without your support. I am looking for a band of helpers for 2021.

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

We must have two couples at all times on a THS due to the long hours. It is not hard work in fact it is quite enjoyable but with 2 sharing time off is then available to eat and to shop etc.

I will list the sites and dates below and look forward to offers of help at each venue. Failure to get enough help will result in cancellation. There is plenty of support, you are issued with a book listing all the details of the site and surroundings and hopefully the answers to any questions you may be asked. I am usually available on the end of my phone throughout if you can't find an answer and if I do not know it I will endeavour to find it.

**Please contact me NOW to
help with the following sites**

Ballard School, New Milton_ 16th July to 13th August

Swanage & Wareham Rugby Club, Wareham 4th August to 1st Sept

Parley Glade, West Parley. 25th Aug to 8th Sept (incl Air Festival weekend)

Breamore House, Breamore Nr Fordingbridge 1st to 27th Sept

Birchwood Tourist Park, Wareham Forest 2nd to 30th Sept

Contact on 07513409978 or email jsetchell20@talktalk.net

Janet Setchell



Pumpkin Pie Recipe

Ingredients

- 2 Large Eggs
- 1tsp Pumpkin Pie Spice
- 16 oz Pumpkin Puree
- Unbaked Pie Crust
- 14 oz Sweetened Condensed Milk

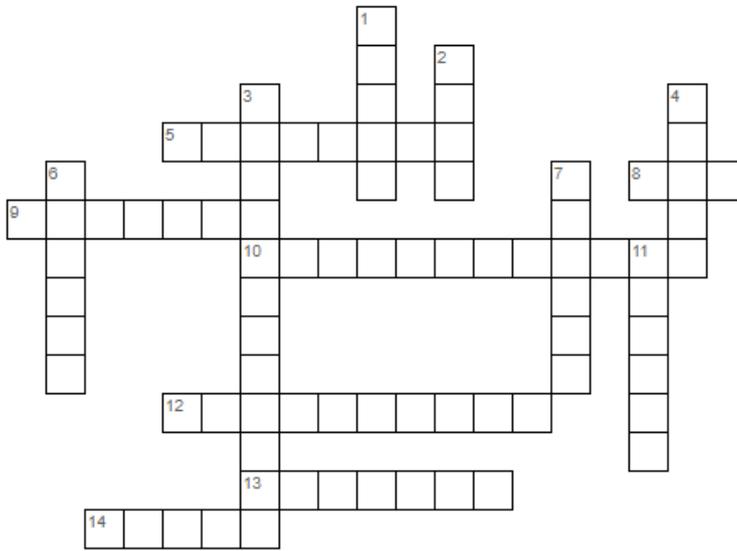
Directions

1. Preheat oven to 220°C
2. Combine the eggs, pumpkin puree, condensed milk, and pumpkin spice in a large bowl.
3. Fit your pie crust into whatever pie dish you have to hand and then pour your pumpkin mixture into the crust.
4. Place pie on a baking sheet and bake in the oven for 15 minutes. Then reduce the heat to 175°C and bake until the filling is set, likely 35-40 minutes. Remove from oven and serve.



Halloween Crossword

Use the clues to find the answers in this spooky Halloween themed crossword puzzle.



Across

- 5 Household animal, which is often associated with bad luck, because of the colour of its fur. (5,3)
- 8 Weather that is often associated with spooky settings. (3)
- 9 Jack o' Lanterns are typically made from this food. (7)
- 10 Young children say this when they knock on someone's door, usually in fancy dress, in order to obtain sweets on Halloween. (5,2,5)
- 12 Magical mode of transport, which allows the user to fly, or can be used to clean with. (10)
- 13 The ancient Pagan festival that preceded Halloween, on the same day. (7)
- 14 A bad spell placed on a person that may have devastating consequences. (5)

Down

- 1 A person possessing magic, often depicted as a woman. (5)
- 2 Winged mammals associated with Vampires. (4)
- 3 A building inhabited by spirits and is often an attraction at a funfair. (7,5)
- 4 Spirit of the deceased. (5)
- 6 The season in which Halloween occurs. (6)
- 7 Film genre that Halloween movies are often described as. (6)
- 11 Contestants 'bob' for these fruit in games often held at this time of year. (6)

Caravanning Meals

Scallop/king prawn starter. Adapted by Tim Cooper

Quantities as you require depending on number of people.

Ingredients

Chorizo sliced thinly

Onions finely chopped (ideally spring onions)

Mushrooms sliced

Chilli finely chopped

Garlic finely chopped

Seasoning

Garnish of your choice

Scallops sliced in half or king prawns raw & shelled

Method

1 Put small amount of oil in wok & when hot add chorizo (do not use too much oil as will come out of chorizo).

2 When chorizo slightly crisp add onions & chilli

3 When all cooked add mushrooms, garlic & seasoning

4 When cooked remove from heat and put onto garnished side plates

5 Wipe wok with kitchen roll, then place back on heat straightaway, so pan does not cool down

6 Add small amount of oil to wok. Place scallops or prawns in & cook. (It's very important to have wok hot for cooking fish).

7 When cooked present neatly on plates and enjoy.

EMERGENCY WARD 10 – OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER 2020

Hello everyone – Here we are with Pickets Post back online thanks to Dean and we hope that he is now feeling much better.

Since the last Pickets Post in April, some of you may have seen my “Emergency Ward 10” entry every month on the New Forest D.A. website. For those of you who haven’t, since last April I have sent out 5 Get Well cards to: Jill Smith, Dean Mueller-Davies, Carol & Jeff Hill, Marian Bown and Roger Smith. I also sent sympathy cards to Pete Clarke following the passing of Phyllis and to Joy Stevens on the passing of Richard.

Please remember my number or e-mail if you hear of anyone in the D.A. who is poorly, feeling under the weather or is in hospital, just let me know and I’ll do the rest!!

Many thanks! – Margaret (Miller) – ray.miller7@ntlworld.com – 01202 241605

GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR 2020

Most big events in this year’s calendar have been cancelled, and the Great Dorset Steam Fair was one of them, but seeing as Ray, Stu and I have been going there every year for the past 40 odd years we saw no reason why we shouldn’t at least “turn up” at Tarrant Hinton over the August Bank Holiday, as you can see from the pictures!! with a cuppa and a natter about memories of days at the Fair.



ANYONE SEEN A STEAM FAIR???...



GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR 2020 ... WELL, WE'RE HERE ... WHERE ARE YOU!!??

RECIPE FOR HALLOWEEN!!!! - CURRIED PUMPKIN FRITTERS

(Makes 24)

250g pureed pumpkin

1 egg, lightly beaten

125g plain flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

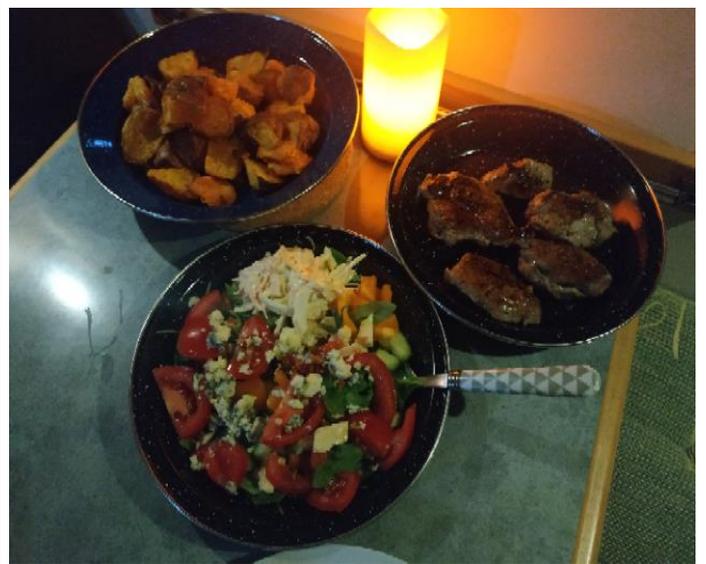
1 teaspoon curry powder

1 teaspoon salt

Vegetable oil for frying

In a medium bowl combine all the ingredients and mix until smooth. Heat oil in deep saucepan to 170 degrees C. Drop heaped spoonful's of the batter into the hot oil and fry till golden brown, about 2 minutes. Remove and drain on kitchen paper, serve immediately!!

Enjoy – Marg! X





Final note from the editor.

This is my last edition of the Pickets Post. I have several health issues which makes my camping future uncertain. I am waiting for a possible spinal operation to help ease my back pains, but with the current situation, there is no knowing of when this will be. I also have other problems that make our camping experience exceedingly difficult.

Moreover, Ruth came off her bike 10 days ago and badly broke her ankle so it is a case of who's helping who at the moment.

I would like to thank everyone for their input to the Pickets Post in the past and long may it continue.

Hope you all manage to keep safe and well.

Best wishes from Dean and Ruth.

Over and Out.