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Articles for the February issue to be with me by January 20th please

Next Committee Meeting 11th of January 2023 by Zoom

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Merry Christmas



It only seems a moment ago that 2022 had started and here we are at the end of this year. This year has certainly been packed with highs and lows and now looking forward to having some time with friends and family before we start again in 2023. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members who have helped throughout the year. Whether stewarding, running events, working on committee or just being a helping hand making coffee. I thank all of you, because without you nothing would have happened.

What does 2023 have for us? Well we are kicking it off with a fun evening at the Dudsbury Golf Club with a meal and a fun Casino. Followed by our first meet at Birchwood in February and then the AGM on 12th March.

Dee and I will be leaving in April, off on an adventure away for a whole year! Our plan is to be in our caravan in Europe for about 7 months before heading off to more distant destinations in the South and fully plan to be having next Christmas in Australia. Sadly I will be standing down at the AGM but will be back in 2024 even if just to camp.

Tim our treasurer will be standing down at the end of this year and we would like to thank him for all his due diligence on the DA books and wish Helen and Tim all the best for their trip to Australia in January.

We welcome Maureen as the new Treasurer and thank her for taking on the books.

I ask all that if you have some time to spare the DA you consider joining the committee at the AGM. With numbers falling now is the time to offer your services if you can. We all enjoy green field camping and hopefully we can keep low cost camping for all.

Lastly my thoughts are with those that we have lost over this year and past years. They maybe gone but not forgotten.

Have a good Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2023

Tony

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Annual Dinner

21st of January 2023

Dudsbury Golf Club & Spa

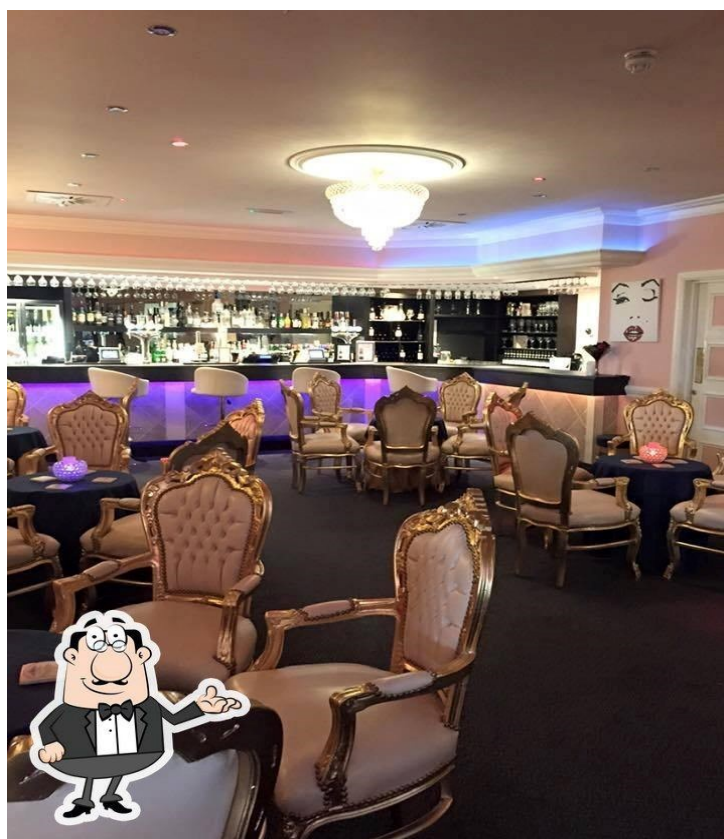
64 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth, Ferndown BH22 8ST



Where else can you get a 3 course dinner for just £25 in sumptuous surroundings? (just £15 for under 16's)

This includes a free family fun (no money exchanges hands) casino.

Fish & Chips now costs £10+ per person, so, our Dinner is a bargain night out with family and friends



The fun Casino is playing with monopoly style money, no real money changes hands, all you need to buy is your drinks.

So hurry up and book what promises to be a fabulous night out bring your family and friends as well,

Booking Closes on the 5th of January 2023



We will also be holding a raffle in aid of the Chairman's Charity,
all donations for the raffle gratefully received



Full disabled access and facilities including a lift to the first floor

Discounted rooms available by booking direct with the venue

quoting the NFDA function on 01202 593499

For any more information, please contact me

secretary@newforestda.com

or 07753616032

Many thanks everyone

Brenda

The booking form is on our website

<https://newforestda.com/annual-dinner/>

Your Temporary Holiday Sites – January 2023

I am pleased to update you all on current situation with regard to Temporary Holiday Sites. The Rugby Club at Wareham is still hopeful for 2023. I have had a reply from Natural England and sent them the extra information they requested including a photograph of the part of the site that we use. I am now waiting a response once more but am still hopeful of success for this site in August.

Birchwood is on in September and booked. I have already had over 20 requests to reserve pitches as frequent visitors are eager to ensure they have a pitch. Cost for 2023 will be £18 pun.

Holme Bush have contacted me and we are going to talk again in March as I am still uncertain about going ahead with a booking for this site. I have had 1 volunteer to steward but I want to be certain that work has been done to improve things before going ahead.

Moor Farm, Chickerell for which I have had 1 volunteer to steward is still a possibility in place of Holme Bush. June/July

Lymington was suggested as a possible venue but unfortunately both sites there are fully booked for summer 2023.

It is now time for other members to come forward and help to raise the funds for the DA to function. All your paperwork and site signage will be provided with lots of support but I do need able bodies on the field to do that side of things.

Any offers of help with stewarding for 2023 please let me know. No help = no THS = no income for the DA = no treats for you the member. Looking at June, July, Aug .




Janet Setchell Email me at ths-officer@newforestda.com

I hope to see many of you at Dudsbury Golf Club on Jan 21st. In the meantime Brian and I wish you all a Happy, Healthy New Year and enjoy your camping wherever it may be.



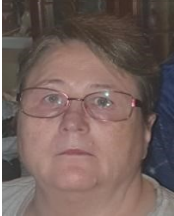



YOUR DA COMMITTEE 2022

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Sites News January 2023

Wow! Where did that year go? It only feels a few weeks since I was putting plans in place for the 2022 season. And what a season it was as well, with a highlight being the Queen's Jubilee meet at Sixpenny Handley with all that went on including the fun dog show. A few low points too, with losing friends and her Majesty the Queen. They may be gone, but will live on in our memories and thoughts of happy times. As much as things change though, mostly everything stays the same and our happy band of helpers on the committee continue to bring us all cheap social camping.

I mention the price, as this year will see a few changes, as with everything, landowners have increased their charges to cover costs. Our social way of camping does continue to provide excellent value for money though at a fraction of the cost of those booking campsites or taking foreign holidays. With the crunch on our personal finances, we expect that a lot more families will join us, seeking out a better value of holiday. A return to the way the DA used to be, we can only hope.

As you can see below, we have a good program of rallies through 2023 and as usual, I am making an appeal for more volunteers to help steward meets. I have a list of the usual volunteers that have already expressed a wish to steward certain meets, but as it stands we have a few meets still left to fill. Volunteering as a steward gives you free camping for that weekend and if requested, we can contribute towards your travel cost to the meet. The role of steward is really not very stressful and provides a great opportunity to meet other members and make new friends. Full guidance is always provided and includes the basics, such as taking card payments and keeping records of attendees to the meet.

I have deliberately not filled in most of the steward's names to show you what we need to continue camping. If anyone would like to chat with me or any other committee member about possibly stewarding, without pressure to commit, please do get in touch. We are always happy to talk you through it. But please do consider it, as no stewards means no meets

More information on meets is available our website www.newforestda.com If you are interested or would just like more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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John

Site List 2023

Opens	Closes	Venue	Map Reference & Postcode	Fee pun	Stewards	Open s
February						
16th	20th	Birchwood	195/893913 BH20 7PA	£18	Graham Morton	
March						
12th	12th	DA AGM West Parley Hall	BH22 8SL	11am Start	No Camping	
April						
6th	11th	Easter Sixpenny Handley	184/996174 SP5 5ND			
13th	Mon 17th	Moreton Club Site	194/782 892 DT2 8BB			
May						
27th	2nd	Warren Park Farm	195/129117 SP63DE			
4th	9th	New Park Farm King Charles III Coronation Weekend			!	
						12pm
25th	30th	Furzebrook	195/932 846 BH20 5AU		Chris & Lynda Sawkins	
June						
						12pm
16th	21st	Bucklers Hard	SO42 7XB 196/406003		John & Brenda	11-00
23rd	27th	The Homestead	195/093979 BH228SH		John & Brenda	

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July						
29th	4th	Warren Park Farm	195/129117 SP63DE		Colin Stock	
8th	10th	SWR Summer Meet				12pm
20th	24th	Leylands (Vicars Hill)	196/328964 SO415QA		Graham Morton	12pm
August						
3rd	8th	Exbury Cowes Week	196/426987 SO451AZ			
September						
31 st	5th	The Homestead Parley Airshow meet	195/093979 BH228SH		John & Brenda Burst	12pm
15th	19th	Salisbury Club Site	SP1 3SA SU139319			
October						
5th	9th	Birchwood NFDA FOL	195/893913 BH20 7PA			

Stewards Phone No - 07514 555790
Visit our website at newforestda.com

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EMERGENCY WARD 10 – January 2023

Hello everyone!!

A very happy new year to you all! May 2023 bring you health and happiness and lots of wonderful camping in lovely green fields with beautiful blue skies and sunshine!!!

I hope you all had a really good enjoyable Christmas and managed to spend some peaceful and happy time with family and friends.

Since last month I have sent out **2** Cards to **Dee (Tester)** who was poorly and also **Jeff (Hill)** who found himself in hospital again! Hope you are both feeling better. **Ray (Miller)** also received a “Get Well card from the D.A.” in hospital (thanks for doing that **Brenda (Burst!)** and Ray said “Thank you very much for the good wishes”.

It is now over 25 years that I have been doing “Emergency Ward 10” and, to date, I have sent out **920** cards to our New Forest members (yes, I do keep a record of them all!). Looking back, it is interesting to see what ups and downs, illnesses, operations, sadness and happy times we have all been through over the years.

8 members of the New Forest D.A. attended John Edginton’s funeral near Salisbury. The Service was live streamed so Stuart and I were able to “be there”, although Ray couldn’t see it as he is in hospital. It was a lovely Service and an interesting Eulogy spoken by two of John’s relatives.

If you know of anyone in the D.A. who is poorly either at home or in hospital, please don’t hesitate to let me know and I will get a card off to them right away. You can ring me or e-mail me on 01202 241605 or ray.miller7@ntlworld.com.

Many thanks! ... Marg x

Just a thought ...

I just realised that
“Let me check my calendar”
is the adult version of
“Let me ask my Mum first!”

Marg x

RAY'S JOKES

Travelling through Greenland, I had an accident and ended up in hospital.

On the first day, the nurse brought the lunch menu.

It read:

Sperm Whale pattie on toast

Orca steak and chips

Beluga burgers

Or a Vera Lynne special...

"What's this" I asked

"That's Whale Meat Again" she replied.

COUNTRYSIDE CARE by Jim Evans-C.C.Officer

A little "something" from the Archive 20 years ago

At last we were able to begin playing our part in the formation of the Japanese Garden at Kingston Lacy. The day started off murky and several people telephoned to make sure it was still on after heavy rain. I'd already checked with the National Trust and so 26 members including some welcome new faces arrived in the car park, greeting one another, exchanging cards and eager to get started. We finally moved off and after a brief outline by David Smith we split into two groups.

Two fires were lit and the serious work of the day commenced - cutting, clearing and burning. Being Christmas, elevenses had an extra bonus - a Kit Kat topped with a miniature Father Christmas (the last of the big spenders!)

Lunchtime we all grouped together and awaited Margaret's famous mince pies and all agreed they were as good as ever. Thanks Margaret (Legg).. We raised our plastic cups of white wine to toast the compliments of the season and then it was back to work. We finished about 3p.m. and made our way back to the Car Park where David thanked us for a supreme effort.

I must say it is a very nice feeling being part of something so special. It was a very happy day and I thank all the team - it's great to be back.

To the regular members of the team who are presently 'under the weather' take great care as we need you back fit and well. You are missed.

SUNDAY 12 January 10.15 for 10.30 is our next date. Please follow the signs. Details as before or ring me on 01202 485832 for info.

To all NFDA members June and I hope that 2003 will bring all you wish yourselves and peace worldwide....Jim Evans



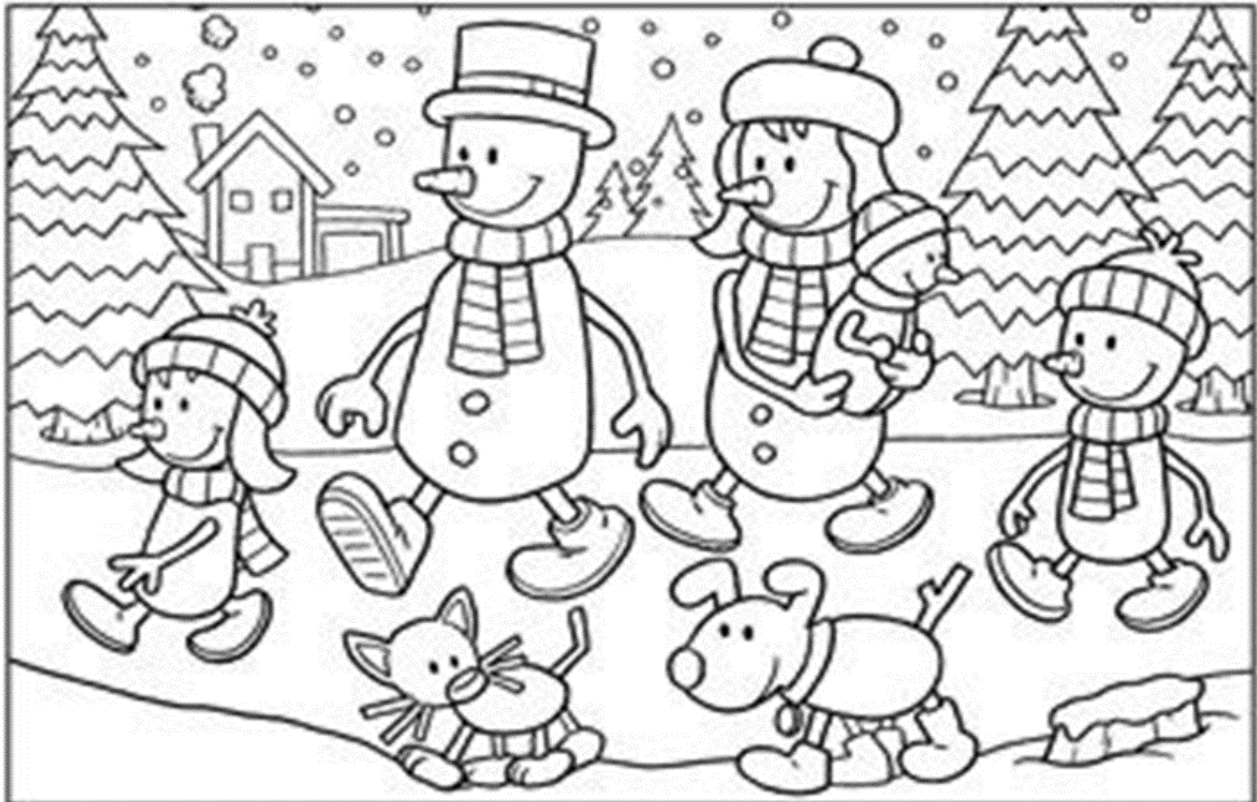
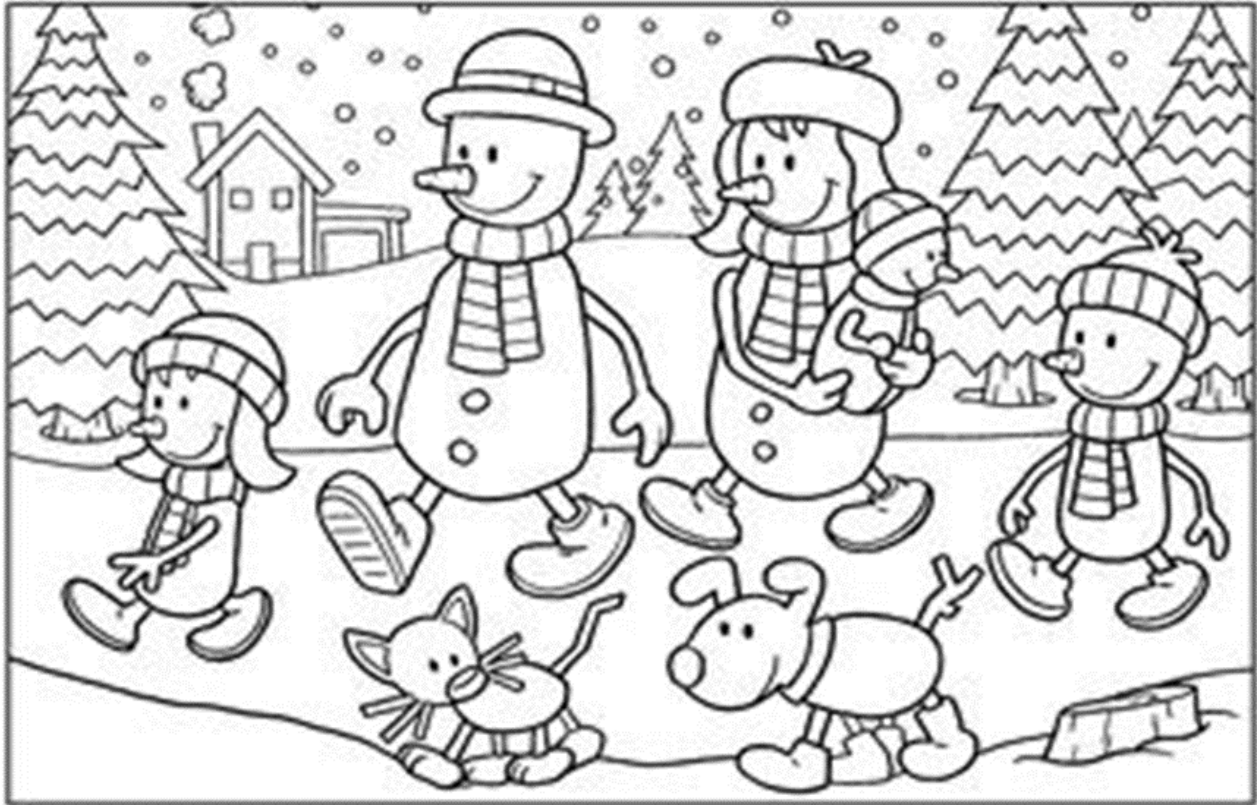
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HAVE YOU MANAGED TO BUILD ANY SNOWMEN YET!?!?

HAPPY COLOURING ... Marg x

Spot the Difference

Spot 10 differences between the two pictures.



HAPPY HUNTING EVERYONE! ... Marg x

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.



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| Baby | Confetti | Music |
| Balloons | Countdown | New |
| Calendar | Dancing | Old |
| Celebration | Holiday | Streamers |
| Champagne | Hourglass | Time |
| Cheers | Kiss | Toast |
| Clock | Memories | Tradition |

Can you find them all??

A Note from your Pickets Post Editor

Happy New Year to you All

The last couple of years have flown by in a flash as far as Pickets Post goes. As I sit here typing beside the Christmas tree I have just looked at the folder with all the editions that I have produced. This is my third January edition and although they keep the same feel and content type, news and upcoming events have increased.

Every month I ask you all for input into anything else you would like included in this, "you news letter". What I would like to avoid is that the content becomes stale. So I would love to see pickets post evolve, with a view to being more on point with our busy lives. Many, but not all of you, are now also signed up to our Facebook page, So I would like to add more content from here to Facebook and an update on what you missed here in a monthly "digest" of everything that has happened along with the usual updates on upcoming events.

If you would like to include anything within news to your friends, please do send it in or add it to our Facebook page. Everything from Births, Birthdays, Marriages and Celebrations, we would love you to share it.

Don't forget, we also have a "for sale" section at the back of each edition of Pickets Post. Although we can't allow advertising on the website or facebook, it is perfectly acceptable to put in our news letter. All those camping items sitting unused could be sold on to other members, who will give them a second life. We all started out camping at some point and had to buy loads and loads of camping gear. But if like us, your camping has evolved from tents -> caravans -> motorhomes, then you will have things you no longer need or use. There is always a bolt to fit every nut as they say and what you no longer need might be that "must have" for somebody else.

We look forward to seeing you all out in a field very soon.

For our very latest news and up to date details on this year's meets, please do join our Facebook group or visit our website.

If any of you have anything to add for next month, please do get in touch.

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Pickets Post Classified Section

You are welcome and encouraged to advertise for sale your spare equipment, caravan or motorhome here in pickets post. We have a growing readership and you have direct access to fellow DA members.

The DA and The Camping & Caravanning Club hold out no responsibility for any item advertised for sale. Any purchaser is advised to respect due diligence in the purchase of any item or vehicle. Only exchange money on collection of the item.

Please contact the seller directly

To place an advert here, please email the editor pickets.post@newforestda.com

Please include a clear photograph of the item for sale, the description, asking price and a contact telephone number or email for buyers to contact

Dear Friends,

I have decided to give up caravanning. After 55 years (50 of those as a club member), at 87 I find my body is not up to it. For many years Margaret and myself enjoyed our trips in the UK and abroad. The last 11 years I continued on my own, but it was not the same and my joints are not so flexible anymore. So, I have decided to sell the van.

The van has now been sold

Loads of other camping equipment for sale

Please phone to enquire about camping items

Brian Kitcatt 01202 744171



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