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Chairman's Welcome

This being my first article as your new Chairman, I would like to personally thank the 41 members that attended our DA AGM. It is your support that keeps New Forest DA going year after year.

Special thanks also go to Tony & Dee Tester who have been fantastic as Chairman and Secretary over the last few years. Yes I know that Dee stood down before Brenda took on the job of Secretary, but she has been an essential support to Tony and always been there to help the committee. We wish them Bon Voyage in their planned year out. There is a big beautiful world out there and you deserve the right to travel and enjoy it. Please don't forget to come home with loads of stories of your travels.

With that said, It is my great pleasure to introduce you to the New Forest DA committee for 2023/24 as follows:-

Chairman:- Mr John Burst

Vice Chairman:- Mr Brian Setchell

Hon Secretary :- Mrs Janet Setchell

Treasurer:- Mrs Maureen Horswell

Minutes Secretary:- Mr Graham Morton

P.R.O.:- Mrs Susan Chappell

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Assistant ARC:- Mr Chris Sawkins

Sites Officer:- Mr John Burst

Assistant Sites Officer:- Mr Allan Horswell

THS Officer:- Mrs Janet Setchell

Assistant THS Officer:- Mr Chris Sawkins

Webmaster:- Mr John Burst

Assistant Webmaster:- Mr Laurence Jeffries

Pickets Post:- Mr Laurence Jeffries & Mr John Burst

Welfare Officer:- Mrs Margaret Miller

Committee:- Mrs Lynda Sawkins

Committee:- Mr Chris Sawkins (Executive Committee)

Committee:- Mrs Susan Chappell

Committee:- Mr Graham Morton (Executive Committee)

Committee:- Mr Alan Horswell

Committee:- Mr Laurence Jeffries

Your Vice Presidents for this year are:-

Mrs Margaret Miller

Mrs Janet Setchell

Mr Alan Bown

I am sure that you will join me in congratulating and thanking them all.

We have a full program of events planned for this year and hope you will all join us at many of our rallies. The Bank Holiday weekends particularly promise to be special as always with entertainment. You will read elsewhere in this edition that we are looking for volunteers to help with some or all of these events. We are not asking for a full year's commitment to join the committee. We are asking that some members offer to help with organising and preparation at meets they would be at anyway. Any help offered will be truly appreciated no matter how small or large the task undertaken.

We would appreciate help with:-

Easter events

All Three May bank holiday, including the coronation

The DA Feast of Lanterns

The January Dinner and entertainment agreed on at the AGM

If you feel that you could assist with any of the above, please contact Janet Setchell, our Secretary or any other member of your committee.

Until next time, Happy Camping and Safe Travels

John

The New Forest FA Feast of Lanterns

This years theme as decided by the members at the AGM is to be



Teddy Bear's Picnic in The Forest
5th to the 9th of October 2023
At Birchwood Tourist Park



What is a Feast of Lanterns, I hear some of you ask if this is new to you:-

Each year we celebrate the end of our season with a meet, usually on a site with hook up, such as Birchwood Tourist Park. An agreed theme is advertised in advance and if you wish to participate, you can decorate your unit with a display of lights etc in keeping with the theme. The best Awning or Tent display, The best Window Display and if in attendance, the best Youth and Junior displays are voted on by those attending, with a shield and prize presented to the winners each year. Your name will be engraved on the shield and your name will become part of the history of NFDA's Feast of Lanterns. You get to keep the shield for the year, returning it to the secretary to be presented to the next year's winning unit. Lighting up night is usually the Saturday of the weekend





So get thinking and planning your display now, as we know that some campers build their display over the summer. We have had some beautiful displays over the years. Any of the seasoned campers will recall that the club used to hold a National Feast of Lanterns, which was attended by most DA's and some of the NFDA entries were truly memorable. We were always well represented. This is our way of keeping those memories and celebrations alive to share with the next generations.

Photos of Feast of Lanterns over the years courtesy of Marg Miller





















Thankyou Marg for a lovely colourful trip down memory lane, showing some of the very clever displays in windows and awnings. I hope these give some inspiration to our members. I am sure you can all come up with something creative this year

YOUR DA NEEDS YOUR HELP



EASTER MEET AT SIXPENNY HANDLEY

Thank you to the couple who have volunteered to help do hot cross buns on the Friday morning.

Thank you too for the Saturday night event in the Hall being covered.

STILL NEEDED

The Hall is available for Friday evening. Who is going to do something for your fellow campers to enjoy? If no one volunteers then nothing will happen and the booking will be cancelled. Please contact me before 28th March with your offers of help.

I have devised a novel way to do the Easter Egg hunt that involves everyone's help.

Janet Setchell

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This Meet is at Warren Park Farm

The Hall at Alderholt has been booked for both Saturday and Sunday evenings but has to be cleared in between the 2 sessions as it is in use by someone else on Sunday daytime.

Nothing has yet been booked.

Again ideas and offers of help to me by 28th March or nothing will happen.

Janet Setchell

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Celebrate King Charles's Coronation

At New Park Farm

Your Committee are suggesting the following:-

Saturday am Boules & Horse shoe competitions

Saturday afternoon Dog Show

Sunday 1pm Street Party

Other ideas are very welcome but who is going to organise all these events? Volunteers please.

By 28th March please as we will be having a Committee Meeting to discuss and approve any finances.

Janet Setchell

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Temporary Holiday Sites – Latest

I am pleased to update you all on current situation regarding Temporary Holiday Sites.

The Rugby Club at Wareham is now too late for 2023. Natural England have had my request since Nov 2022!

I am not intending to book Holme Bush this year. I am waiting to see some site improvements before using again.

Breamore House has planning permission for use but only 28 days a year. Their conditions are such that they are no longer suitable for our use as they require numbers before hand and multiple use of the field to include other organisations camping at the same time..

Birchwood is on in September and booked. I have already had more applications to date than I would normally expect so far in advance of the event. My advice therefore is if you want to come you need to book in **NOW** as places are limited particularly if your unit is over 18ft long. Cost for 2023 will be £18 pun. The booking form for this is on the DA website. Do not leave it to the last minute and be disappointed.

Birchwood is also now booked for 28 days from 7th June 2024. Price available later in the year.

A message from South West Region THS Officer tells us that permission to use the Norden THS site has been refused so no Summer THS there this year. This refusal does not affect any bookings our DA may make to use the Norden Main Site at the other side of the road.

This and the Wareham site is all due to a ban by Natural England on camping within a certain distance of any water course draining into Poole Harbour..

Unfortunately going forward it will require payment of a mitigation fee but Dorset County Council are far from ready to implement this yet.

If anyone has any ideas of suitable sites I could look at for 2024 please do let ne know as these need to be booked early.






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

YOUR DA COMMITTEE 2023/24

NON COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

				
	<p>Mrs Janet Setchell</p> <p>Vice President</p> <p>Hon Secretary</p>	<p>Mrs Margaret Miller</p> <p>Vice President Regalia Officer</p> <p>Committee Member</p>	<p>Mr Alan Bown</p> <p>Vice President</p>	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

				
<p>Mr John Burst (Chairman) Sites Officer, Webmaster, Pickets Post 07740621551 chair@newforestda.com sites-officer@newforestda.com</p>	<p>Mr Brian Setchell (Vice Chair) vice-chair@newforestda.com</p>	<p>Mrs Janet Setchell (Hon. Secretary) THS Officer 01202649892 07513409978 secretary@newforestda.com ths-officer@newforestda.com</p>	<p>Mrs Maureen Horswell (Hon Treasurer) 07818088282 treasurer@newforestda.com</p>	<p>Mr Chris Sawkins Executive Committee Member</p>

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

				
<p>Mr Graham Morton Executive Committee Member</p> <p>07768512571 Minutes- secretary@newforestda.com</p>	<p>Mrs Susan Chapell Committee Member</p>	<p>Mrs Lynda Sawkins Committee Member</p>	<p>Mr Allan Horswell Committee Member</p>	<p>Mr Laurence Jeffries Committee Member</p>

Sites News April 2023

Easter will soon be here, and we are all getting excited. Your new committee are keen to make it the usual great success as always and have booked some of the entertainment for the evenings, including a live group. So we are sure that you will enjoy it.

We are at Church Farm Sixpenny Handley for Easter. If you have not been before, this lovely site on the edge of Cranborne Chase is in the small village and just off the high street. There is a shop that sells the essentials if you have forgotten anything, and the site has a restaurant and small bar as well as serving takeaway meals in the evenings. The local area offers great walking or cycling country and the village even retains a children's playground. As usual for us, we have an Easter egg hunt for the kids on Sunday morning, please let us know if you are bringing children with you, so we can get enough eggs ready. Please also let us know if any of your children are allergic to dairy etc so we can arrange some "free from" eggs especially for them. It would be nice to avoid disappointment for those that can't eat chocolate.

This is followed by a meet at Moreton Glade Club site. The village of Moreton is well known for the home of TE Lawrence. And Lawrence of Arabia as he was known is buried in the cemetery there. The village has a lovely Tea room and gardens to visit. The Beautiful windows created by Laurence Whistler, after a German bomb destroyed the originals in the church are well worth the visit on a sunny day as well.

There really is something for everybody this year, from laid back weekends for relaxing. Visits to the outskirts of cities with great walking and local attractions (shops for the ladies). We are working on something for the King's Coronation weekend, which we already have booked at new park Brockenhurst in the heart of the New Forest.

Not only do we have our popular rally at Bucklers Hard this year, which is always very enjoyable, we have the last weekend of Cowes week booked for Exbury overlooking the Solent too. You get to watch the round the Isle of Wight yacht racing, we also get an excellent view of the fireworks on the Friday night. It promises to be a lovely weekend

Can you offer to steward this year in case of last minute illness, it would be really appreciated. We do know that some people are not able to commit months in advance due to work or family commitments and therefore feel unable to put their name forward. But having a list of a few people we can call on last minute would be fantastic.

Our full programme of meets is detailed on the following pages and more detail on our website www.newforestda.com You will see, we still need stewards for several meets this year. Please do consider stewarding, as if we don't get volunteers, we will have to cancel the meets.

Regardless of the fact that you will get a free weekend's camping and payment to help cover transport costs, you get the opportunity to meet new people and form new friendships. The job of stewarding really is not hard at all, it is very straight forward in fact. You arrive before the other campers, often the night before, so you get time to set up in peace. Put out the DA signs at the entrance, on the water and elsan etc . Then you welcome the campers as they arrive, take payment via our card machine (simple step by step instructions given) and on most sites point out the water elsan and where we are allowed to pitch, then leave them to set up. If needed you will be a point of contact for any questions the campers may have. Absolutely everything is covered in the "steward's bible" which is a blue folder in the stewarding box. Oh, the box! The steward from the previous meet or I will hand over the stewarding kit to you ahead of the meet and the follow on steward for the next meet will collect it at the end of the meet.

More information on meets is available on our website of course, 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	Simon Wright	
March						
12th	12th	DA AGM St Leonards Hall	BH22 2PH	11am Start	No Camping	
April						
6th	11th	Easter Sixpenny Handley	184/996174 SP5 5ND	£15.50	Sue Chappell	
13th	Mon 17th	Moreton Club Site	194/782 892 DT2 8BB	£9.50 +£6.90 EHU	Christine & Terry Cole	
May						
27th	2nd	Warren Park Farm	195/129117 SP63DE	£15 +£6 EHU	Laurence Jeffries	
4th	9th	New Park Farm King Charles III Coronation Weekend	196/300046 SO427QH	£16.50	Steward Needed	
						12pm
25th	30th	Furzebrook	195/932 846 BH20 5AU	£12	Chris & Lynda Sawkins Margaret & Den Legg	
June						
						12pm
16th	21st	Bucklers Hard	SO42 7XB 196/406003	£16.50	John Burst	11-00
23rd	27th	The Homestead	195/093979 BH228SH	£14	John Burst	

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July						
29th	4th	Warren Park Farm	195/129117 SP63DE	£15 +£6 EHU	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	£16	Graham Morton	
September						
31 st	5th	The Homestead Parley Airshow meet	195/093979 BH228SH	£14.50	John Burst Laurence Jeffries	12pm
15th	19th	Salisbury Club Site	SP1 3SA SU139319	£9.50 +£6.90 EHU	Steward Needed	
October						
5th	9th	Birchwood NFDA FOL	195/893913 BH20 7PA	£18	Graham Morton	

Stewards Phone No - 07514 555790
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EMERGENCY WARD 10 – April 2023

Hello everyone!

I hope this finds you all keeping well and straining at the leash to get back “out in the field”. Since our last Pickets Post I haven’t been asked to send out any Get Well cards, so well done everyone! I did wonder if, with all this damp, wet weather, you may be developing a serious case of rust!! Keep an eye on the weatherman, he must have some lovely sunny days tucked away somewhere!!

If you do hear or know of anyone who is poorly or in hospital, please do let me know so that I can send them a Get Well card from the D.A. Those who do receive them often tell me that it cheers them up when they are feeling down.

Just give me a ring, or e-mail me and I will do the rest!! Many thanks!

Margaret (Miller) – Your new Welfare Officer!!

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NEW FOREST D.A. – AGM

Unfortunately, we were not able to attend the AGM this year but were glad to hear that 41 of you did and were able to form a Committee so well done everyone and we say “Welcome” to our new Committee members.

Marg, Ray & Stu (Miller)

Just a thought ...



Marg x

RAY'S JOKES

An Irish priest was driving along and he got stopped for speeding!! The Policeman smelt alcohol on the priest's breath and then noticed an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. The Policeman asked "Sir, have you been drinking?", "No" said the Priest, "It's only water". The Policeman asked "Then why do I smell wine??". The Priest looked at the bottle and said, "Good Lord!!!! He's done it again!!!.

Knatty Knitters

Following on from the announcement that the Gospel Hall, where Ray and I used to deliver the contributions from the D.A. "Knatty Knitters", has been sold, and there was no other way to deliver our knitting other than to post it to Market Harborough!!, sadly I had to say that our "Knatty Knitters Group" has finally come to an end. I contacted the lady in charge and I have received the following newsletter from Janet Stafford, the lady who received all our donations.

My dear friends, thank you for the way you have provided items for Malawi. I have literally sorted, packed, and documented many containers over the years, and then, for me to go to Malawi and see the container arrive and the goods sorted and distributed has been a wonderful joy. Yes, it has been a tremendous amount of hard work and financial expense to send the containers, but the sacrifice of all of us has been worthwhile. Thousands of people have been helped and received the love of Jesus through the items they have received.

In March I shall be 80 years old and, I guess, I have fought against the thought of the containers stopping but it seems the time has come. SO, I plan to send one more container in June and this will be my last one.

There are also a number of practical implications too, of regular helpers not being able to continue to help. Terrific increases of the rent of the storage container and then the cost of the transporting of the container which last time was £13,000. Considering all the factors, it seems the right time to stop. I will plan to go to Malawi once the container arrives there. Although this will be my last container, I do hope to still be able to go to Malawi as God provides, as the 20th anniversary of the Church approaches. I would just like to thank you all again for your love and support over the years. With love ... Janet Stafford.

After I received the above letter, I had a phone call to say that a couple from the Gospel Hall would be making one last trip to Janet in Market Harborough with the last consignment of knitting etc which had been collected. So I gathered together all the knitting that I had and, thanks to Jill (Smith), Carol (Broom) and myself! below are photos of the last items that we knitted and which will soon be on their way to Malawi.

It only remains for me to say a very big "thank you" to all those who have contributed over the years. I took over the Knatty Knitters from one of our D.A. members, Marion Evans, after she and her husband David emigrated to Australia about 18 years ago. Thank you and God bless you all ...

Margaret (Miller)







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CAN YOU FIND...



Happy hunting and colouring Juniors!! ... Marg x

A little Easter Quiz

Answers will be posted on our Facebook page at the Easter Meet at Church Farm Sixpenny Handley

And in next month's Pickets Post

1. How many Easter eggs are sold in the UK every year?
2. Which country started the tradition of the Easter bunny?
3. How many marzipan balls are traditionally on a simnel cake?
4. The first Easter eggs were dyed what colour?
5. What is the tradition behind the hot cross bun?
6. In Switzerland, what animal delivers Easter eggs to children?
7. What is the Sunday before Easter Sunday called?
8. What is the official flower of Easter?
9. Besides bunnies, what animal is considered an Easter symbol?
10. What popular game is traditionally played at Easter?
11. Where is Easter Island located?
12. When was the first recorded use of decorated Easter eggs?
13. What meat is traditionally consumed on Easter Sunday?
14. Where did the Easter bonnet originate from?
15. In the Bible, who betrayed Jesus just before his crucifixion?
16. When do Easter egg hunts traditionally take place?
17. What happens on Maundy Thursday?
18. Why is it called Palm Sunday?
19. What dance traditionally takes place at Easter?
20. What do the marzipan balls on simnel cake represent?
21. Which country first introduced an Easter tree?
22. In eastern Christianity, the end of Lent is called what?
23. Easter Sunday is also called what?



A Note from your Pickets Post Editor

Thankyou for the response to last month's plea, I am happy to say that we now have a willing volunteer to help out with the production of Pickets Post.

A huge thankyou goes to Laurence Jeffries

I will support Laurence as the role is handed over and of course continue to be there going forward with help and advice. Sharing the workload is great, but getting a fresh perspective on how your newsletter is produced is exciting too. I am certain that Laurence is going to bring new life and crucially something more relevant for younger members.

I 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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