

PICKETS POST

Newsletter of the Camping and Caravanning Club New Forest District Association

At a glance:

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Please have a look at pages 13 & 14 of this month's Pickets Post for information on our Annual Dinner and Fun Casino night!

There are no classifieds this month. If you have anything you wish to advertise to members, please send details to the Pickets Post email address (below). Unless otherwise asked, any items will be advertised for two consecutive editions.

It is with much sadness that I have to inform you of the passing of our dear friend Margaret Miller. Now reunited with her beloved Ray at eternal peace. We send our deepest condolences to Stu on his loss.

Margaret (and Ray) devoted their lives to serving others and we are proud to have known her as New Forest DA President, Chairman, committee member and all other voluntary roles over the decades. Most recently Margaret was Vice President and a committee member, passing on all those many years of wisdom and DA knowledge. Her memory was quite remarkable and encyclopaedic on all matters Camping & Caravanning Club and so many members both past and present. We will truly miss her.

God Bless Marg, and may you have green fields to enjoy in Heaven for eternity.

John

Chairman NFDA.

A note from your editor:

Welcome to the October edition of Pickets Post. I hope you find it both enjoyable and informative, and as always, if you have any suggestions for articles or content then please drop an email to:

pickets.post.nfda@gmail.com

Chairman's Pitch:

Well here we are quickly approaching the end of the camping season for 2023. It really has been a summer of three parts, glorious sunshine to start off with but as soon as the school summer holiday started, the sun went into hiding, only to return again when schools reopened. Not saying the two are connected of course, but if schools could please stay open next summer it might help.



Once again we had a superb meet at the Homestead at West Parley for the Bournemouth Airshow. A very well attended meet each year, it will be such a shame if BCP council cancel the show next year.



Bournemouth sees about a million visitors specifically for the weekend. Cuts need to be made. We do hope they decide to keep it, but we won't know until October. I have booked the site in anticipation of the show going ahead anyway.

As I write this Chairman's Pitch we are getting ready for the DA Feast of Lanterns at Birchwood Tourist Park in Wareham. The theme this year is "Teddy Bear's picnic in the Forest".

We have a shield for Best Awning Display, Best Window Display and Best Junior's Display. Please come along and join in.



Despite the camping season drawing to a close, we do have plans for Winter social events. Following on from last season's casino evening in January, and the excellent feedback received from members who attended, we are repeating it in February 2024. Again hosted at the beautiful surroundings of Dudsbury Golf Club, but in a different function room. The same as last year, there will be discounted rooms available to book, giving access to the gym and pool.

There will be a three course meal served, followed by the evenings entertainment. Booking forms and details will be on the website very soon. Please let us know if you wish to be seated together for the meal. There will be a raffle raising funds for the Chairman's charity. Please bring along a prize for the table.

We are also trying to put together an End of Season Supper with a follow up talk from Michael's Scout Leader "Noddy" about just how well the Uganda trip went this summer. Michael and the other Scouts went out to Uganda helping to build a school. Details on the website and Facebook. This will be a Jacob's Table type event, please bring a plate of food to share along with your own cutlery, crockery and drinks.



Now for a bit of sad news, as we pay tribute to Marg Miller. Now reunited with her beloved Ray after a long battle with Cancer. Both Marg and Ray devoted many years to making the New Forest DA the special friendly family club that we all love. We will all miss them and it was an honour to have been their friend.

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

John

Chairman NFDA.



Funeral for Margaret Miller

Margaret's funeral will be held on **Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 11.a.m.**

The Barn, Harbour View Woodland Burial Ground,
Randalls Hill, Lytchett Minster, BH16 6AN

This will be followed by the Committal at Harbour View.

Afterwards refreshments will be served in the Barn.

We perfectly understand that you may not wish to accompany us to the graveside and we understand that, so please do not feel you are obliged to do so, instead sit down, have a cuppa and we'll be along shortly.

Please feel free to come in any bright colours or NFDA stuff you fancy as mum would like that.

We are requesting family flowers only.

We would be grateful for any donations to go to the following charities
Cancer UK or Marie Curie

[Click Here For Details](#)

We thank you for your generosity.

If you are intending to come to the funeral and stay for refreshments, it would help if you could let me know either way for numbers and catering purposes!

Please use the Email below ASAP.

Thank you so much! If you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch I'd love to hear from you.

God bless ... Stuart

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Margaret Miller 1944-2023



Hi Everyone, Stu here.

Here is just a little bit about the lovely soft and cuddly lady who was my mum who sadly passed away on the 16th September.

Mum was born in Bournemouth at the Royal Victoria Hospital in 1944, the only child of Alfred and Winifred Robinson she first went to St Walburga's Catholic Primary School and then onto the Convent of the Cross School in Boscombe (now a Chiropractor school).

After leaving school she first worked in a posh shop in Boscombe selling fancy light fittings and lampshades for all the big houses in the area. She then went and trained as a typist and began working for Bowmakers Asset Finance in Bournemouth until she had me. While raising me she trained again and became an Auxiliary Nurse which she did for many years, she then went onto to being a Dinner Lady at Kemp Welch School which was my Dad's old school, and then finished off as Head Secretary at the Poole Numeracy and Literacy Support Service till retirement.



Ray and Margaret as colourful aliens



Margaret Miller 1944-2023

Mum and Dad met in the Signals Section of Civil Defence. She asked him one day if he would like to help her organise a cub pack outing as she was Akela for the 37th Bournemouth Cub Pack which he did. My dad then disappeared off the scene for a bit busy buying a bungalow the one I'm in now actually. They then started seeing much more of each other and eventually they got married in June 1969 and went on Honeymoon in sunny Brixham. In 1971 I was born and when I was 8yrs old mum went back to Scouting at the Branksome St. Aldhelm's Pack.



And here began another chapter of the story as the Akela of that Cub Pack was a lady called Joyce Brewster who with her husband Cecil her sister Kath Andrews along with Kath's husband Fred who were all acorns in the growing New Forest D.A., So my Mum and Dad were invited to something called "Tea Round the Pole". In 1979 with large tent in trailer being towed by either a Hillman Avenger or Morris Marina at that point, we were signed up by Fred Andrews at the "Steam Rally meet" now the "Great Dorset Steam Fair".

Over the years she had various positions on the NFDA committee Junior Leader, Social Committee, Pickets Post Editor, Countryside Care, Countryside Care Officer, Get well Cards, Vice Chairman, Chairman, Past Chairman and Regalia Officer.

Also, South West Region Certificate of Recognition 2008 and along with my dad who was awarded the Burnham Trophy 2013, so all were quite busy over the years and I know my mum and dad and I were always grateful for all the wonderful times that we had with the NFDA and the people that were and are a part of it.

God bless you all Stu



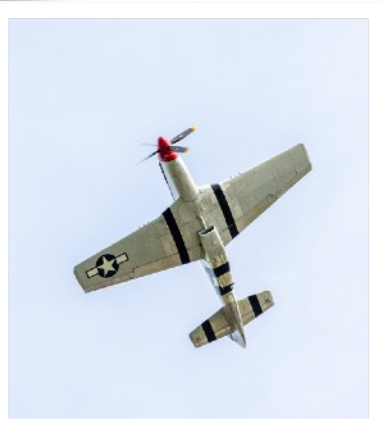
Airshow Meet:

Yet again, the Airshow proved to be one of the most popular meets on the calendar. The site filled quickly from the off, even though it was raining heavily. Sarah and John performed the paperwork duties, and Laurence played what he likes to call 'Million pound Tetris' armed with a shouty voice and a 6m piece of rope! After a few hours, close to 30 units were on site.



There was little flying on the first day due to the weather. Even the Red Arrows had to perform what they call their 'Flat Display'. I thought there was only 9 of them, but at least 45 flew over the field that afternoon.

The site filled up to nearly 50 units over the next couple of days.



The bus stop just up the road with a direct route into Bournemouth proved popular with many members heading off to the sea front or 'Night Air'.

Of course, being so close to the airport, and on a 'downwind leg' meant most of the aircraft had to fly directly over our field. All of the photos in this article were taken directly from the field.



Uganda with the Scouts:

Hello everyone, I am back! My time in Uganda was an experience I will never forget. From back flipping into the river Nile, to helping build the classrooms, my whole time out there was brilliant. On day 1 we landed in Entebbe and waited a long, long time to get through immigration, we got our luggage and jumped onto a bus where we met Joseph and Peter.

When we got to our weekend site in Buendia, it was amazing, a beautiful view of the Nile, brilliant food, a good night's rest and a good place to play football. We waited here until the weeks, where we went out to camp and build. This site was in Lubani, a poverty filled area deep into the centre of Uganda. The first week was laying the foundations, the second was adding the frames and the roof buffer, and the last week was adding on the frame. They added the roof on and told us after we departed to the capital before we departed home.



On the weekends, we did all sort of fun things like white Nile rafting, swimming, football, cooking, relaxing, joking and hanging out. Out of these Moments, the rafting was probably the best. We had just departed and were being taught how to raft, then the first rapid came along, Jaws, a grade 3 rapid, it was easy work, if you were on the left side of the boat. The right side were flung in, but anyway, it was plain sailing from there... until Train, it's roar could be heard from 2 miles away, so down we went, cruising down big waves, and then it hit us, a massive six-foot wave flipped us up, and capsized us. It was over in a flash. When we had passed the catastrophe, a still bit of pool had shown up and we could swim in it. That was when I did it, leapt off the boat tucked, and in... I had done a back flip into the river Nile.

When it was time to socialise and relax after work, the kids would be released from school. I bought a football, and we would play for hours, everyday after work. We would be joined sometimes by the Ugandans who helped build, these included Ceasaer, Steven, Isacc, Toko-Ekambi, Rhashid, Joseph, Elisha, and Peter. This was the team that helped us feel so welcome in the Pearl of Africa.

When it was time to leave, We said our goodbyes to the team and waited in Entebbe airport for a while. After we got through security we waited in the lounge where me and my friend Jayden bought some Milkyways, bad idea, we never noticed that these sweets, were massively out of date!



More of that in a bit, we departed Entebbe and landed in Qatar, Doha. This place was amazing. A massive airport that had a rain forest, a bus system, and not one, but two trains running through the airport. It even had shops like: JD, Gucci, Louie Vuitton, and TWO Gordon Ramsey Restaurants. The place was massive. When we left Doha, we departed back to England, however remember those Milkyways... they made me and Jayden feel dreadful. Once we landed in Heathrow (our violent illness ceased) We made it through luggage, and the first thing that caught our eyes before we departed back home to Bournemouth? A Costa, A freaking Costa, this was a dream, bacon baps and a hot coffee ended our adventure...

Tony's Travels:

As we waved goodbye to the South of Croatia we headed for the Istria region and a campsite near to the city of Pula. This was a very posh and all inclusive style site with swimming pools, bars and restaurants. We planned to meet up with some friends and spend 4 days in the area. This part of Croatia was much busier than the south, but we still found great places to visit and get away from the main hustle and bustle.

We also took the opportunity to visit Venice for 3 days leaving the van behind and traveling from Trieste by first class train (£8!)

Venice was absolutely splendid and didn't disappoint.

We spent most of our time in the museums and restaurants. We visited the Glass Island and also went out on the water in a gondola style boat to learn to row. This was great fun especially when in the main canal surrounded by lots of water taxi's and larger vessels. We stayed on one of the islands opposite St Marks Square which allowed us to have a view of the city at night while in a



Moving on from Istria and our friends we headed for Zagreb and a couple of nights in the city. Sadly this is where the car had an issue and I had to use my RAC Arrivals policy. The good news is that the RAC was worth every penny, they not only got the car repaired but also towed us to Hungary and provided a hire car for the duration of the repairs.

During this time we visited Budapest for two nights in a hotel overlooking the Danube. The city is fabulous with its Tram and train system making it easy to get around. Hungary as a country has some excellent inexpensive camping sites and the people are so welcoming. We had a big thermal spa resort next to our site which Dee & I enjoyed a day of relaxing in all sorts of therapeutic pools.

Due to a few issues with the car and the weather turning in Northern Europe we made the decision to return to the UK for August and then continue again in September. So we slowly made our way back via Vienna and Germany arriving back on 1st August.

We have covered some 6000 Miles and had a great adventure so far. As I type this we are just back in France and slowly spending the next 7 weeks here.

Tony & Dee.



Sites List:

Opens	Closes	Venue	Map Reference and Post Code	Fee PuN	Stewards
25/05/23	30/05/23	<u>Furzebrook Bank Holiday</u>	<u>195/932846 BH205AU</u>	£12	Chris & Lynda Sawkins
01/06/23	06/06/23	<u>Orchard Farm</u>	<u>197/793055 PO188PP</u>	£15 + £8.40 EHU	John Burst
16/06/23	21/06/23	<u>Bucklers Hard</u>	<u>196/406003 SO427XB</u>	£16.50	John Burst
23/06/23	27/06/23	<u>The Homestead</u>	<u>195/093979 BH228SH</u>	£14	John Burst
29/06/23	04/07/23	<u>Warren Park Farm</u>	<u>195/129117 SP63DE</u>	£15 + £6EHU	John Burst
05/07/23	10/07/23	<u>SWR Summer Meet Anniversary</u>	The Beehive Field Bradford-on-Avon		
20/07/23	24/07/23	<u>Leylands Lymington</u>	<u>196/328964 SO415QA</u>	£11.70	Graham Morton
03/08/23	08/08/23	<u>Exbury Cowes Week</u>	<u>196/426 987 SO45 1AZ</u>	£16	Graham Morton
31/08/23	05/09/23	<u>Airshow Meet The Homestead</u>	<u>195/093979 BH228SH</u>	£14.50	John Burst
15/09/23	19/09/23	<u>Salisbury Club Site</u>	<u>SP1 3SA</u>	£9.50 + £6.90EHU	Stewards Needed
05/10/23	09/10/23	<u>Birchwood DA FOL</u>	<u>195/893913 BH20 7PA</u>	£18	Graham Morton



Ed: The following correspondence was received from Marg just a few days before her passing.

Emergency Ward 10:

Since the last Pickets Post I have sent out quite a few cards for people who have been poorly or hospitalised or accident prone!!! (now we don't want too much of that campers!!).

A sympathy card was sent to Alan Bown and family after the sad passing of one of our long-standing members, **Marian Bown**, who passed away in hospital. A stalwart member of the D.A., Marian was a Committee member serving as our Sites Officer and along with her husband Alan, who served as Chairman at one time, together they stewarded many times, more often than not stepping in and offering to run the site when no-one else wanted to steward. So, it is thanks to them and their stewarding that allowed us to enjoy many happy weekends "out in the field". Our sincere condolences go to Alan, Alison, Tina and Steven and all the grandchildren.

Our lovely members, **Jill Smith, Rina Fraser, Brian Setchell and Dennis Legg** were those responsible for hospital admissions and A & E visits and our love and best wishes go to them all for a good and speedy recovery!!

Also, a "CONGRATULATIONS" card was sent to **Lynda and Chris Sawkins** on receiving the Certificate of Recognition from the Camping & Caravanning Club awarded at the recent South West Region Summer Meet to thank them for all their hard work, support and dedication to New Forest D.A. over the years. Well done you two, and thank you!

We have so many wonderful Wedding Anniversaries to celebrate recently, the oldest one being a Platinum one ..70 years!!! namely June and Jim Evans! As both D.A. and Committee members, over the years, including Jim as Countryside Care Officer at Kingston Lacy House in Wimborne and along with his "assistant June", plus also June helping with "backstage work" with the production in the shows that we put on for the D.A. with Marion Evans, we are truly grateful for all their dedication and support for the New Forest D.A.

"CONGRATULATIONS" must also go to **Margaret and Dennis Legg** who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 31st August. Well done both of you and keep up the good work!!!!



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From the Archives.... 20 years ago!

As is customary when you are elected Chairman you usually take one of your three years in Office and dedicate it to raising money for a Charity. In 2003 during my “stint” as Chairman of New Forest D.A, I chose a Charity called “About Face”. This was a Charity dedicated to helping patients in Poole Hospital who had developed Head and Neck Cancer, and at the time they were raising money to provide a Specialist Head and Neck Cancer Nurse. Throughout the year we held lots of different events and fundraising activities and finally ended up with the magnificent sum that you see below.

**“About Face”
£3,416.47p**

This is the New Forest DA’s Charity for 2003. The above amount has been raised by the closing date and a presentation to the Charity will be made in due course. The money will be used to help pay for a Specialist Head and Neck Cancer Nurse.

Sarah Morton has worked in Poole Hospital since returning to nursing in 1995 having originally completed pre-registration training at Southampton University Hospitals. Some of you may be familiar with the name as she has been a nurse on Cerne Ward and previously E3 during the last five years as well as extended periods before that whilst working throughout the hospital on the Nurses Bank. Sarah is currently in her 2nd of her Masters in Practice Development at Bournemouth University.

Sarah was appointed to the role of **Specialist Head and Neck Cancer Nurse** in May this year (2003) and began her induction to the role in July. Sarah has met other Specialist Head and Neck Cancer Nurses in the country, enabling her to share their experiences and knowledge, as well as seeing a Specialist Head and Neck Cancer Nurse at work. She is also meeting members from the other departments within the hospital that make up the vital multi-disciplinary team that is involved in the treatment of patients.

All of this will help her in her main role of co-ordinating the patient’s treatment, including providing support in accepting physical changes, advice on camouflage make-up, exercises to increase and control facial movements and expression, and advice on speech and hearing.

Sarah is keen to work with About Face to lessen the suffering of patients during this traumatic period and is eager to offer feedback from patients with regard to improving About Face's input during their treatment.





Annual Dinner and Fun Casino at Dudsbury Golf Club

Brabant Suite - Saturday 3rd Feb 2024 - 6pm for 6.30pm meal

Three Course Meal & Fun Casino for just £35 per head.

Tables ideally of 8 but max 10. Please state when booking if you wish to be in a group on 1 table.

Menu

Starters:

Goats Cheese, Cherry Tomato & Spinach Tart
Prawn, Crab & Avocado Gateaux
Garlic and Stilton Mushrooms

Main Course:

Baked Fillet of Cod With fresh Tomato &
Cheese Crust
Roast Tenderloin of Beef
Root Vegetable Spinach & Vegan
Mozzarella Wellington
(All served with roast potatoes and
seasonal vegetables)

Puddings:

Black Cherry & Brandy Crème Brulee &
Shortbread Finger

Any changes to the menu for medical needs to be sent to secretary@newforestda.com who will liaise with the hotel.

We have reserved some bedrooms which can be booked direct with the hotel on 01202593499 as follows:-

Double £90 Single £70 this includes breakfast on Sunday morning. To get this discounted rate please quote 'Camping &

Please email completed booking form to:
secretary@newforestda.com

or post to:

Mrs Janet Setchell
23 Milestone Road
Poole
BH15 3DR



Booking Form for 2 please use another form for any extra

Event	<u>Dinner & Fun Casino</u> Dudsbury Golf Club BH22 8ST
Date	3 rd Feb 2024
Times	Arrival 6pm for 6.30pm Meal

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Membership No.& DA	

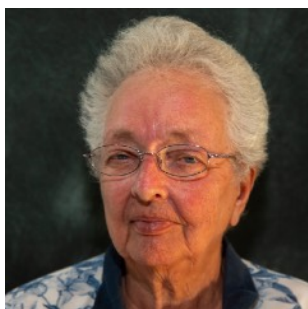
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Tel No.	

Number of Adults		<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>
Number of Youth(12 -17) Use another form please			
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2 Prawn,Crab Avacado	Starter No		
3 Garlic Stilton Mushrooms			
4 Cod	Main No		
5 Beef			
6. Vegetable Wellington			
7 Creme Brulee	Dessert No		
8 Sticky Toffee Pudding			
9 Profiteroles			
Payment Methods	Full Fee upon booking £35 each		

Payment by Bank Transfer	<p>Electronic banking payments accepted please use:- Sort Code 30-98-97 Account 44684960 Reference please use "Dud24 + name Once paid please forward your complete booking form either by email to secretary@newforestda.com or post to Mrs J. Setchell, 23 Milestone Road, Oakdale, Poole. BH15 3DR</p>
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Last date for bookings	5 th Jan 2024



Your Committee:



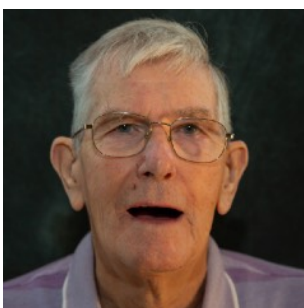
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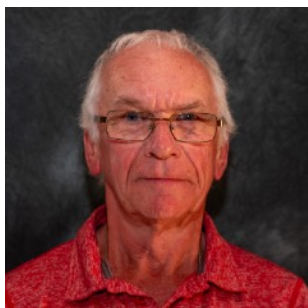
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Chris Sawkins



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