

PICKETS POST

Newsletter of the Camping and Caravanning Club New Forest District Association

At a glance:

Please take some time to familiarise yourselves with the minor changes to the Committee post the 2024 AGM.

Due to changing from a caravan to a motorhome, Laurence has a selection of caravanning accessories he would like to 'dispose' of. All of the items are free - or a donation to the Chairman's Charity. See Classifieds for details.



A note from your editor:

Welcome to the April 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:

Welcome to our new season with New Forest DA. On March the 17th, we held our 51st AGM and it is my pleasure to say that we have elected nearly a full committee as below.

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Thank you to them all, because without a committee of volunteers, we would have no DA and no camping. The role of Social Secretary remains open, and we would love to hear from anyone who might be willing to help. Not essential to be on committee.



Chairman's Pitch:

I am writing this as I sit in my van at the Easter meet at Verwood club site. Wow what a wet few weeks we have had. Because of flooding many many Easter rallies have cancelled, so we could easily have filled all our allocated pitches many times over. Sorry if you missed out on a place, I did all I could to try and get an increased allocation of pitches, but to no avail.

If you keep checking our website, you will see I am filling in weekends for rallies and have just added two at the Bluebird social club at Longham. This is a new location for us and is a nice big green field beside the clubhouse. The club will give members at the rally temporary membership so we have access to the bar in the evenings and live music on the Saturday nights for socialising.

If you can think of other places we could use or return to, please do let me know, as it is suggestions from members that are best supported. Over the last couple of years, a few of our meets have been very poorly supported so are being dropped from the calendar. It looks bad for the DA when only a few vans turn up and is very disappointing for the landowner.

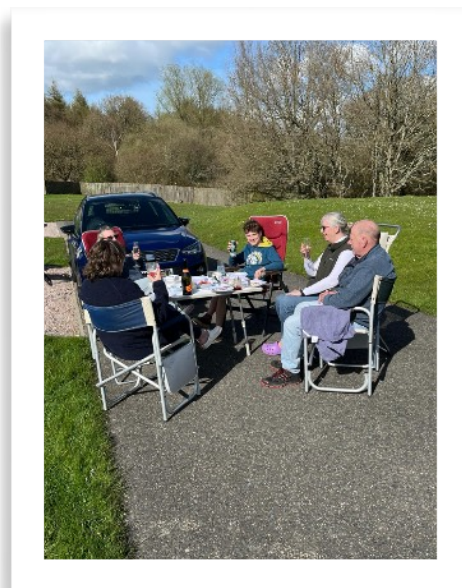
As you know, the middle year of a Chairman's tenure, we have a nominated Chairman's charity. This year we have chosen to support the cancer scanner appeal at Poole Hospital and will be raising money at various meets through the year. I am sure our members will appreciate us supporting such an important local charity. I know that many of us have seen this awful disease close up within our families. The hope is that this new scanner will improve early diagnosis and improve survival prospects for local patients.

Please don't be shy on site, if you see me, say hello and have a chat. I know that most members shy away from AGMs but your opinion matters on the path we tread with greenfield camping into the future. Myself, and the entire committee are listening and keen to try new ideas.

Anyway, see you all in a field some time soon.

John

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Ed: Photos taken in the 'Naughty Corner'. Outside one minute, in the next. Although unpredictable weather scuppered some plans, a good time was had by all! (Oh - just to clarify, Mouse was holding my beer whilst I took the photo!)  
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SITES LIST 2024

Opens	Closes	Venue	Map Reference & Post Code	Fee PuN	Stewards
15/02/24	19/02/24	Birchwood Tourist Park	195/893913 BH20 7PA	£22.40	John Burst
17/03/24	11am start prompt	MS Centre Parley	BH22 8TS	AGM	No Camping
28/03/24	02/04/24	Verwood C&CC Site	195/069098 BH218NQ	£20.40	John Burst
02/05/24	07/05/24	Warren Park Farm	195/129117 SP63DE	£20.40	John Burst
16/05/24	21/05/24	Bluebird Social Club	195/064992 BH229DA	£12	John Burst
23/05/24	28/05/24	The Homestead	195/093979 BH228SH	£22	John Burst
13/06/26	18/06/24	New Park Farm	196/300046 SO427QH		
28/02/24	02/07/24	Bampton Farm	196/339954 SO415SH	£12	Graham Morton
04/07/24	09/07/24	Bucklers Hard	196/406003 SO427XB		
11/07/24	15/07/24	SWR Summer Meet	Higher Listock Farm Wrantage	£50 weekend	
29/08/24	03/09/24	Bournemouth Airshow at The Homestead	195/093979 BH228SH	£22	John Burst
05/09/24	10/09/24	Bluebird Social Club	195/064992 BH229DA	£12	John Burst
03/10/24	07/10/24	Birchwood DA FOL	195/893913 BH20 7PA	£20.40	John Burst



Temporary Holiday Sites - March Update:

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

Birchwood is running 7th June to 5th July and at £20 pun is filling rapidly. If you want a slot do not wait to the last minute as you could be disappointed. Full booking details and booking form are on the pages below.

The **Rugby Club at Wareham** will not happen this year but I have already made a provisional booking for August 2025 and our Headquarters are already working hard to try to resolve the problems with regards to mitigation payments.

Furzebrook is in the diary for September but is looking unlikely due to possible sale and then mitigation fees to agree on.

Breamore House is in the Diary for August but again we are held up by Natural England who say they will reply within 28 days but are currently taking months to reply! Our Headquarters are trying to push this one and are working currently with the owners and New Forest District Council to try to find a solution.

South West Region Summer Meet

11 th to 15 th July at Higher Listock Farm, Wrantage, Nr. Taunton, Somerset. Cost £50 per unit.

Booking deadline is June 24th . Superb entertainment is being arranged for Friday and Saturday evenings. The theme for the weekend being "I am a cider drinker".

As this is the last Regional Summer meet in its current format and is reasonably local to us, it would be nice to see a bug turn out from New Forest members.

Full details and booking form can be found on the SW Region website.

Janet Setchell.



Birchwood Summer THS:

Birchwood was very popular last year and unfortunately some of you couldn't get in because you left it too late to book. Many return year on year and book very early to make sure of a place. It has become a meeting place of camping friends over the years we have been running.

2024 dates are 7th June to 5th July. It is already being advertised on the Out & About app so I have had to put my skates on and get a booking form done as I have already had members asking to book.

Due to the large number of cancellations in 2023 it has been decided to run 2024 slightly differently in as much as there will be a **£20 non refundable booking fee** which is the first night of your camp. That way if you do not turn up at least we do not lose the cost of a night if unable to re let it immediately.

The cost per night in 2024 is £20 which includes your EHU. The booking form for this is on the DA website. Do not leave it to the last minute and be disappointed.

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

Birchwood Payment details:

£20 NON RETURNABLE BOOKING FEE

PHONE 07513409978 to confirm availability before paying deposit.

Booking Fee and Balance: Please try to pay by BACS any balance due by 1st June to save congestion on arrival particularly if arriving on 7th June, as bus service may use the same one way system.

BACS Details:

A/c name:- Camping & Caravanning Club New Forest DA

A/c number:- 44684960

Sort Code:- 30-98-97

Ref:- B24 + (your surname) example - B24SMITH

Late payments to the Stewards on pitch 44. on day of arrival by card please.
(No cash or cheques on site.)

Please **do not pay at reception** as you will not get discounted price!!
Email completed form to ths-officer@newforestda.com by **01/05/2024**.
ONLY Telephone bookings available after that date.

If posting send to
NFDA THS Officer, 23 Milestone Road, Oakdale , Poole, BH15 3DR.

Birchwood Booking Form:

Members Name	
Membership number	
DA (from your card)	
Caravan, Motorhome, Trailer Tent or Tent	
Approx length	
Reg No of car or motorhome	
Reg No of any additional car	
No of Adults,	
No of children under 18	
Contact tel no (pref mobile)	
Email address	
Date of arrival	
Date of departure	
Total No of nights @ £20	

Notes:- (Janet's mobile contact no is 07513409978)

Not on a bus route. Wareham Approx 3 miles.

In 2023, busses did run from the site into Wareham. Plans for 2024 are not yet known.

Access and exit at site is by number plate recognition at barriers.

ARRIVALS between 1pm and 7pm **not** before 1pm please.

DEPARTURES by 11am

PAYMENT DETAILS ON PREVIOUS PAGE.



Your Committee:



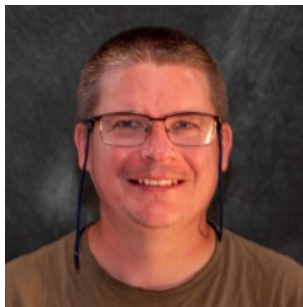
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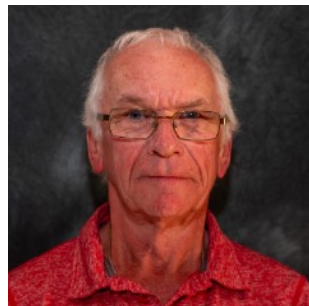
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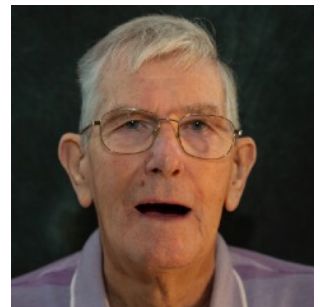
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Brian Setchell



Classifieds:

- 1x Aquaroll 40L
- 2x Aquaroll 29L
- 3x Wastemaster
- 2x Pairs of Milenco Towing Mirrors
- Nemesis Wheel Lock



All available for a suitable donation to the Chairman's Charity. Contact Laurence for details - laurencejeffries1976@gmail.com

There will be some more bits in the next edition as they get discovered no doubt!

