



SE NEWS



Obituary

It is with great sadness that I start this newsletter by advising of the passing of Bernard Davey who passed away following an accident whilst on holiday in France. On the same day, he was elected as a new member to the South Eastern Regional Council at the AGM. The funeral will take place at 1245 hours on the 11th of July at the Surrey & Sussex Crematorium, Balcome road, Crawley.

DA/ Section Reports

East Kent District Association
Northbourne Park School
Easter Meet 13-17 April 2017

This was the first time that East Kent had used this location to host its Easter weekend, and what a glorious location it was, the weather was very kind to us with warm sunshine every day, apart from a short period of drizzle on bank holiday Monday that soon fizzled out.

The meet opened at 4pm on the Thursday, and shortly after we were swamped with campers arriving, unit after unit poured in until darkness fell, with 37 units on site for the first night.

Friday morning came with a steady flow of campers arriving that could not make it on the Thursday, by the end of the Friday we had 48 units on site, socialising and background music was enjoyed by the campers in the school hall.

Saturday morning, arts and crafts was laid on for the children in the school hall making all types of Easter related baskets and bunny masks. Horseshoes and Boule were enjoyed in the sunshine on Saturday afternoon on the school field. A family disco was laid on in the school hall on Saturday evening that was enjoyed by all that attended.

Sunday morning was the Easter egg hunt for the children that was set up in the woods. The children were joined for the hunt by the Easter bunny, who was wearing a very sporty pair of Nike trainers that some of the children picked up on, only to be told that the Easter bunny was a very trendy bunny ha-ha. The children managed to find all the hidden Easter eggs, a great time had by all.

Sunday evening was spent in the school hall playing bingo and socialising with background music.

Monday morning was coffee morning in the school hall, where the raffle was drawn and bonus ball winner announced.

All in all a very successful meet which saw a lot of first time DA campers out, I would like to thank all our members for attending and a huge welcome to all the new members, and hope to see you all out again at our future meets.

Dave Buckenham
East Kent DA
Vice chairman.

South Eastern Region
Great Wigsell Farm
69th Anniversary Meet 15-18 June 2017

This year the event was preceded by a THS which was not very well attended however it did attract some members from other regions.

Despite excellent weather the first day was very quiet with few members arriving however the welcome tea and the chance to socialise during the day went well. The quiz in the evening was well attended and contested by those who were on site.

On Friday, the games had a delayed start due to a lack of entries however this did pick up and strong competition took place during the afternoon, Friday evening saw more arrivals and the Horse Racing was well received and raised just over £47.00 for the Chairman's charity.

Saturday the games continued and Mr Clumsy the family entertainer was extremely well received with members ranging from 4+ to 80+ all enjoying his excellent performance. It was so hot his iPad overheated at one point. The team of ladies had prepared an excellent ploughman's lunch which was very well received, and then it was back to the competitions and the Mardi Gras.

The children excelled with their day at the Races and the adults did well too (albeit there were some cheats as Yvonne and Harry had their eggs taped and/or blue tacked to their spoons), the LDA Oxford v Cambridge boat race was very well received, as was Surrey DA's individual white water canoeing and who could forget Maco!. A brand-new member very kindly performed the judging and announced the winners on the Sunday.

Regrettably we could not persuade members to take part in the Cadac Eat Local competition. Maybe next year.

Saturday evening, we were entertained by Glitter boots with many dancing in the marquee whilst others just enjoyed the music and the warm evening outside.

Sunday commenced with a church service followed by the AGM and we were delighted that Phil and Claire Henson were able to join us. More about that later.

Eventually it was closing ceremony and prize giving time after which many units left whilst some remained to enjoy the fabulous weather.

Based on the responses from those in attendance a good time was had by all who attended, the weather helped of course.

Nest year the 70th anniversary meet will be at Hole park from the 17th to the 21st of May 2018 with the AGM on the 20th. This will be followed by a THS through the following bank holiday weekend.

East Sussex DA
Birthday meet
White House Farm, Budletts, Uckfield 22-26 June 2017

Last year the birthday meet was cancelled as the field was something of a mud bath. After the heat of the SER Anniversary meet the weather wasn't quite so kind for this meet although we only got rain for a short time on Saturday morning. Notwithstanding the proximity to the preceding weekend's large meet we still had 23 units turn up on site which resulted in the need to erect both marquees, a first for the last few years.

The Friday night Social was well attended, there was an impromptu game of horseshoes in the marquee on Saturday although the table top sale never quite materialised. The BBQ on Saturday was a huge success thanks to the ladies (and Roger) who purchased and prepared the food and the two men who cooked it. This was followed by a disco which hit all the right notes, not too loud, right era of music, etc. and many members were happy to get up and dance.

More than £120.00 was raised for the chairman's charity "Children with Cancer"

Sunday saw the usual coffee morning and raffle draw, the top prize being a quality camping chair kindly donated by Chichester Caravans, the President's wife cut the cake and the two young ones on site ensured that everybody got a piece.

The feedback from all the visitors was that they had a most enjoyable weekend despite being coerced into helping to erect and dismantle the marquees.

The East Sussex DA members held an open air open forum before most packed up and made their way home whilst some stayed over until the Monday.

Editor's note – the following have been reprinted exactly as received.

Birthday Weekend

We had an enjoyable weekend, despite being up by 6.30 and cooking an early breakfast for Jasper and Evan! Thanks to everyone who made the weekend possible. It was great to see some new faces from other DAs. Looking forward to The Laughing Fish.
Val & Terry

Birthday Weekend

The weekend was fun. It was the first time me and Jasper slept in a tent all by ourselves, but then we didn't hear Grandad snoring! We liked playing the Horseshoes. We won a game then we got beaten in the semi final 11 – 9. We liked going in the forest and Cathy told us about the Crismas trees. We had eggy bread and beans for breakfast both days. We want to come again.

Evan

NFOL 2017 All England Jumping Course Hickstead **24-28 August 2017**

What an event this is going to be, hopefully you have all got your bookings in as the closing date was the 30th of June 2017. If you have missed it and still want to attend it may be worth contacting HQ as there may be an odd space available.

Full details can be obtained from the website <http://nfol.co.uk/> however as a taster please see below: -

For the younger members: -

Tea cup rides
Rocking Galleon
Dodgems
Climbing Wall
Clowns

For the youth (and young at heart): -

Disco Thursday and Sunday evenings

For Everyone: -

Van Burren Variety Show
Abba Inferno
Lianna Vocalist
Andre – Comedy Magician
Victoria Yellop – Entertainer violinist
Dance after Dinner Duo
Folk song & Dance Group
The Club band – last night at the proms

For the adults: -

All the above plus shopping, fast food, beer etc. Don't forget the fantastic Mardi Gras and Lighting up treats

Urgently required – Donations for the Tombola, please pass them via your DA/Section Rep to Chris Armstrong.

Don't be deflated after the event

Continue the fun by Joining: -

East Sussex DA at White House Farm Uckfield 31-08 to 03-09 for the Uckfield Carnival

Or

East Kent DA at Brenley Farm Faversham 31-08 to 03-09 for the Faversham Hop Festival

Or

Just Chill out at Maplehurst Farm near Horsham, open until 04 September 2017

What's on in the South Eastern Region DA's/Sections

SER Dinner & Dance – 20 January 2017 at the Cumberland Hotel, Eastbourne – details and booking form at the end.

For the second half of the camping season, I have detailed below some slightly more special DA/Section meets which may be of interest to you. All meets held within the Region are detailed in the Region Sites Fixture list and on the Region website.

BCC Kent

28-09 to 01-10 - Sissinghurst cricket club, TN17 2JA – Birthday meet

East Kent DA

14-09 to 17-09 Matunda, Chartham, CT4 7HG Feast of Lanterns

28-09 to 01-10 – Painters Forstal, Faversham, ME13 0EJ – Bollywood weekend

East Sussex DA

14-07 to 16-07 – Wylands Farm Catsfield YN33 0SN – Fishing competition

11-08 to 24-08 – Sharnfold Farm, Stone Cross, BN24 5BU – Eastbourne Airshow 17/20-08

31-08 to 03-09 – White House Farm Budletts, TN22 2EA – Uckfield Carnival

14-09 to 19-09 - Sussex Farm, Partridge Green RH13 8JR – Feast of Lanterns

Folk Dance & Song Group-SE

13-07 to 18-07 – Hole Park, Rolvenden, TN17 4JB – Bonfire meet

London DA

30-06 to 02-07 - Harvel House Farm- The village has its fete on Saturday 1st July, this has many small stalls selling, plants, bric a Brac, win a coconut shy, and a few others. There is usually a fun run for children, Sometimes horse rides and a dog competition. The village green is a short walk from site. The Farm also has its own shop selling local produce and fresh meats. In the evening, we shall be having cheese, wine and a quiz.

27-07 to 29-07 - Sissinghurst cricket club - We shall be having a BBQ brunch, this will be limited to the amount of vans. Please contact Marie Holmes to book 01622 862836

11-08 to 13-08 - Overshore - This is a quiet site, with fishing available nearby and a short walk to the local inn. We are holding a horseshoe challenge over the weekend.

MCS Kent

06-07 to 09-07 – Penny Spring Farm Detling, ME14 3HA – Kent County Show

13-07 to 16-07 – Sandwich Lakes, Ash, CT3 2DA – Fishing available

14-09 to 17-09 – Hole Park, Rolvenden, TN17 4JB – Bonfire Party

MCS Southern Area

Nothing of note to record.

South Downs DA

Nothing of note to record.

Surrey DA

14-07 to 16-07 Maplehurst Farm, Maplehurst RH13 6RV – Birthday meet and Strawberry Tea

27-07 to 31-07 Paddock Wood Farm, Wineham BN5 9AG – Fishing Challenge Trophy

07-09 to 11-09 – Sussex Farm, Partridge Green RH13 8JR – Last night of the proms

28-09 to 01-10 – Forest View, Ewhurst, GU6 7SA – Feast of Lanterns and Charity weekend

Trailer Tent & Folding Camper Group

19-06 to 10-07 Squibbs Farm, Etchingham TN19 7DB – Charity meet

20-07 to 25-07 Great Wigswell Farm, Robertsbridge, TN 32 5SP Communal BBQ Friday and Chinese evening Saturday

14-09 to 19-09 – Cokoos Rest Polegate, BN26 6QX – Charity weekend, race night & cheese & wine

A Brief Synopsis from the SER AGM 20 June 2017

Accounts for the Region for 2016

I am pleased to confirm South Eastern Region and all District Associations within the Region successfully completed their Audits for the year 1st January – 31st December 2016. All the Financial reports and Auditors' Certificates were forwarded to The Club Treasurer at Head Office.

Auditor's Report

The Region's Auditor, Mr. Cosby stated that he found the accounts to have been drawn up as per the Club's accounting principles with them being consistently applied. The accounts are true and fair in all material respects and reflect the financial position of the Region.

Annual Reports from Elected Officers of the Region

Chairman

Looking forward.

2018 will be our regions 70th Year. What a milestone! So, let's kick the year off with a super Dinner Dance. The Hotel has been booked and the band to entertain us. The date of the Dinner Dance is 20th January 2018 at Cumberland Hotel Eastbourne.

Region Youth Liaison Officers

At the National Feast of Lanterns at Malvern Showground, South Eastern Region had two youth camping in the youth area. I (Alan) was also involved in the youth challenge at the NFOL and this proved very popular and will be running again at this year's event.

Youth numbers within the Region and across the country continue to struggle.

PRO

It has been another exciting albeit busy year. We have continued with the marketing and I am extremely grateful to all those who supported this initiative again. It has been good to note that some new faces have again turned up at DA/Section meets. Interestingly whilst I was marketing the NFOL 2017 at Malvern I met with several people who had never attended a DA/Section meet including some from our own region thus I took the opportunity to promote the benefits of DA/Section camping as well as promoting our 2017 NFOL & summer THS's.

I would like to advise all members that in 2016 Alan and Chris Armstrong, myself and Jilly George and Pauline and Trevor Wilson manned the Club's stand at the Detling Motorhome Show. We were tasked in achieving a target of 50 new members. We signed up 62. Alan and Chris, Jilly, Pauline and Trevor along with Darrell and Irene Stubbs attended this year's show and was set a target of 64. Well, despite being a high target, they signed up 72. A great success and well-done guys. *End*

Social Secretary

Next year's Dinner Dance will be on Saturday 20th January 2018 a week later than in past years.

I have booked the Cumberland Hotel again and we are guaranteed to have exclusive use, if we take 100 bookings.

All prices are per person.	
DINNER Dance only.	£38.00
ROOM & Dinner Dance Saturday	£65.00
ROOM FRI/SAT & Dinner Dance	£105.00
Sunday lunch Carvery, Bed & Monday Breakfast	£37.00
Also available to all, Sunday Lunch Carvery with Pudding. Pay on the day. But must be pre-booked.	£13.50

I will be e-mailing forms to all who requested to remain in contact, on last year's booking form.

Region Webmaster

I'm pleased to report the all DA Websites in the South-Eastern Region are being well managed, kept up-to-date and fully compliant with the Club's Guidelines. The Region's Register of Unit Websites was submitted to HQ and when I last checked, all have working links via the Club's National 'Unit Websites' Listings Page.

Region Sites Coordinator

Once again, a successful year for the Region, total of 9224 camping night across the region an increase of 253 on 2015.

The Region held two THSs at Hole Park, Rolvenden and Great Wigsell Farm, Robertsbridge, both of which were successful.

Notice of Appointment of Regional Treasurer

David Croney was appointed as Treasurer by Council on the 3rd October 2016 for the period 1st January to 31st December 2017.

Notice of Appointment of Regional Youth Liaison Officers

Alan and Coren Moore were appointed Youth Liaison Officers by Council on the 3rd October 2016 for the period 1st January to 31st December 2017.

Election of Regional Councilors

Councillors due for re-election for a three period are: Jenny Croney, David Croney, Trevor Goodwin and Kevin Hawkins. Nominations were received from Jenny Croney, David Croney, David Buckenham and Bernard Davey.

Kevin Hawkins retired as an elected Member as did Trevor Goodwin, although he remains the South-Eastern Region President.

No vote is required as there are sufficient spaces to be filled.

Election of Auditor

Roger Cosby, who is our present Auditor, is willing to stand for this position for the next year and Jane Tanner, our Reserve Auditor, is also willing to stand as Reserve Auditor.

Roger Cosby (Auditor) and Jane Tanner (Reserve Auditor) were elected.

Date, time and venue of next Annual General Meeting

Date: Sunday 20th May 2018 at 11am. Venue: Hole Park, Rolvenden, Kent.

The Region would be holding a THS at Rolvenden from 17th May to 4th June.

Trevor Wilson advised that the meet date had been changed so that it did not coincide with Father's Day and historically established District Associations and Sections THSs. Ronald Marsh advised if all DAs and Sections would be advised of this. The Secretary advised that she had been tasked to do this as soon as possible. Bryan Puxley apologised for TTand FCG as they would be holding a birthday meet on these dates.

The Meeting Closed at 11.35am.

Presentation of Newsletter Trophy

The judges for the newsletter trophy were Alan Armstrong, Trevor Goodwin and Trevor Wilson.

Trevor Wilson explained that the Region would be considering including Websites with the Newsletters as only three DAs now produced Newsletters.

The 2016 trophy was once again won by Trailway and trophy was presented to Paul Skinner, Appointed Regional Councillor of TTandFCG.

The Forum - Unexpurgated South Eastern Region Constitution

Jilly George advised members that the Club have now approved the new Constitutions.

The main changes to the Constitution are: Youth Leader and PRO (appointed) no longer carry a vote unless the officer is also elected. Treasurer (appointed) retains a vote; Officers can now combine multiple roles with the exception of the four senior officers (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) who cannot combine these roles.

The Council considered how many Councillors should be elected and agreed to leave the number as 15.

NFOL 2017 – Allen Russell – NFOL Chairman

Following the recommendation that National Council no longer appoint representatives to the NFOL Organising Committees, and the secondment of the current NFOL Organising Committee Chairmen to the HQ NFOL Sub-Committee, I now attend a further six meetings at Coventry each year to review the future format of the NFOL and to bring to the committee's attention any problems or concerns that our Region's NFOL organising committee may have.

Our venue, The All England Show Jumping Ground at Hickstead, have extended the area available and we can now take nearly 1200 units. As at the start of May, we are around 50% booked, including 7 block bookings.

Following our appeal last year, we have established our team leaders, and throughout the year, they have worked to put in place the various services, marquees, equipment, and the like that are required, we have agreed site layouts, booked entertainers and trade and finalised the programme.

We have carried out marketing for the event at last years NFOL, The Goose Fair and a number of Regional AGM's. The magazine has carried articles on the event and the attractions of our Region nearly every month including advertising the various THS's.

Entertainment includes free rides and amusements for children of all ages, a variety of stage entertainment, disco's, craft show and barn dance by the Folk Group, the Proms night led by the Club band, not forgetting the Mardi Gras, torchlight procession and illuminated units provided by fellow members.

Sponsorship has been secured from Swift, Truma, Westfalia, Thetford, Whale, Baily, Calor, Adria, Cadac and Clubcare. Much of this detail is on the Club website.

I have, at various times, been both surprised and disappointed at the support received from our own Region.

We have a working party of over 80 units, less than a third from our Region. Eleven of these are Regional Councillors, six each from east Sussex and Surrey DA's, two from Trailer Tent and one each from East Kent and Folk Group. I would like to thank these for their support.

The Region's THS at Maplehurst does have a steward, thanks to Harry & Yvonne, but they do still need some assistance in running the site, so please don't be shy at coming forward, even if you can only manage a few days.

And finally, despite a delayed start finding the site and a few wobbly moments, we are managing at present to keep the event on budget and we now feel ready to receive our camping friends.

Bookings to the event are still climbing steadily and he was ever hopeful to turn away some people at the gate.

Harry Leach stewarding the Region's THS at Maplehurst for the two weeks before and one week after the NFOL, but would be grateful if someone could assist with steward for a few days prior and one day after NFOL. *End*

Sites Coordinator – Trevor Wilson 2017

The 2017 Sites Book was completed and distributed during December and January. Thank you to East Kent D.A and East Sussex D.A. for advertising their events.

Three SER THSs were booked for this year, Hole Park in June, and the Anniversary Meet and AGM.

One remains outstanding - Great Wigsell Farm 25th August – 3rd September

THS's booked for NFOL Hickstead area - there are nine D.A's and Sections, these are listed in the Regional Sites book also the Club Magazine out and about section.

We are still short of a steward for Maplehurst Farm, Maplehurst before and after the NFOL.

2018

The Region is hoping to hold a seminar in 2018, the venue and date to be confirmed.

The South-Eastern Region Anniversary meet and AGM 14th – 18th June 2018.

There are two SER THSs booked they are Hole Park, Rolvenden 24th May -5th June 2018 where we have interest from the Mountain Activity Section to join us with approximately 20 units, and Great Wigsell Farm, 23rd August – 3rd September 2018.

Sites Books

He noted that he had been to two meets where people were asking for site books and it was very disappointing that these had not been passed by their unit.

A request was made to DA Sections to consider advertise special events.

David Barrett requested that the booking forms for the Anniversary Meets could go back into the site books. It was confirmed that they had never been taken out and would remain in the books.

Region Council were considering making the Anniversary Meet not a booked meet but would appreciate confirmation of attendance. *End*

Rex Knight reminded all that the Club had issued a new travel expenses new form requiring Post Codes.

He advised that he was waiting for appointment for a joint replacement and had been overwhelmed with all the help and assistance he had received at the event and thanked everyone who had helped him. *End*

Alan Moore (RYLO) advised that he was pleased to see so many children at this meet, even if some of them were too young to join the CCY. He urged grandparents and parents to badger their units to appoint a Youth Leader. He was going to the Northern Ireland National Youth Rally this year, but without any youth. He reminded everyone that youth are the future of the Club. Current DAs with a Youth Leader are Surrey and London DA.

Jenny Croney reminded everyone that a unit could appoint Junior Youth Leaders.

David Barrett – Scouts organisation is booming because they do more with their members. He also said that in his opinion, the youth not the future but the veteran's because they are more of them.

Phil Hensen said that he understood what David was saying but that the RYLO is correct and we must encourage young families to join. Figures are going down and we must encourage more families as they are the future of the Club.

Paul Flemming told members that he had gone to a meet at Sharnfold and had seen an inconsistency between adults and children. The children had taken bikes but they were advised they could not ride them; the adults rode their bikes on sites going in and out. He also mentioned that the steward had a dog which nobody could get near so nobody could speak to the Steward

Harry Leach responded by advising that East Sussex had a policy of no cycling around member's units. Adults were stopped and advised not to cycle around member's units. The children had been told where they could cycle.

Jenny Croney reminded everyone that volunteering stewards were difficult to find and all Committees are always grateful for offers. She knows the dog well and had always noted that it was well tethered.

Wally Garner advised that the meet had young families with youngsters on site and we should encourage families, not so much to join the CCY, but try to get more families in.

There was a general discussion – the main points were: a lot of Regional Councillor had all been CCY; not many of the current National Council had come through the CCY. *End*

Harry Leach advised all members that Phil Hensen had not been very well and had wanted to come for weekend, but unfortunately, he was unable to do so. He had travelled across the country to be with us today and the Region were grateful that he could attend.

Phil Hensen was presented with bottle of wine and the meet pennon, and Kathy his wife with roses.

Phil Hensen thanked everyone for his and his wife's gifts and congratulated the Regional Council on their work the past year and for this event.

He also advised that it was wonderful to see two Vice Presidents of the Club and the Region; Captain David Barrett and Mr Wally Garner and reminded everyone that behind every man was a good woman and that it was good to see their partners.

He closed by wishing the Region good luck with the 2017 NFOL; he was sure it would be successful and he would see us there.

The next newsletter is due out in mid to late September 2017 (post the NFOL), please send me some camping reports.

ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE

SATURDAY 20th January 2018

CUMBERLAND HOTEL

Grand Parade, Eastbourne

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< NAME: If you would like to be informed of the **2019**
 < ADDRESS: dinner dance, please tick the box.
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BOOKING FORM

NAMES OF ALL PARTICIPANTS: Please advise of any dietary needs, i.e. can't eat fish or red meat, etc, on rear of form

TITLE:	FORENAME:	SURNAME:	Membership No. or Guest	DA/SECTION/GUEST:	Dietary needs VEGETARIAN:/DIABETIC

The price for the double or single rooms includes the dinner and dance. Do not order both.
 DEPOSIT secures your booking, optionally **Payment in full = total price.**

Rooms will only be reserved on receipt of deposit or full payment.

PLEASE NOTE; FINAL PAYMENT IS REQUIRED BY - 30th NOVEMBER 2017.

		No of persons	Price per Person		
DEPOSIT	DINNER Dance only		£20.00	@	
Payment in full	DINNER Dance only		£38.00	@	
DEPOSIT	ROOM & Dinner Dance Saturday		£30.00	@	
Payment in full	ROOM & Dinner Dance Saturday		£65.00	@	
DEPOSIT	ROOM FRI/SAT.& Dinner Dance		£50.00	@	
Payment in full	ROOM FRI/SAT & Dinner Dance		£105.00	@	
Sunday lunch carvery, Bed & Monday Breakfast			£37.00	@	
Please indicate Preference	Double	Twin Beds	Deposit Paid	=	£
Balance to pay or Payment in full				=	£
Also available to all, Sunday Lunch Carvery with Pudding. Pay on the day. But must be pre booked.		No.	£13.50	—	—
Cheques to be made payable to “ CCC South Eastern Region. ”					

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