



# SE NEWS



## Obituary

It is with great sadness that I start this newsletter by advising of the passing to the great camping ground in the sky of Noel Williams MCS, Kevin Rose SDA, Terry Nunn ESDA, and Jenny White known to many as a very active club member and wife of Bob White Elected National Council member.

## Your DA/Section needs you

### DA & Section AGM's

It is that time of year again when all the DA & Section AGM's are held, it is very important to attend these and to ensure that you provide your committee with the support that they need and advice regarding your wishes for future camping events.

In date order the AGM's are as follows:

East Kent DA - 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Palm Bay Primary School, CT9 3PP – 17:00 hrs  
BCC-Kent - 24<sup>th</sup> February – The Lower Bell ME20 7EF – 1100 hours  
Surrey D.A. – 10<sup>th</sup> March – The Royal British Legion Frensham BN24 5EB – 14:00 hours  
MCS Kent – 10<sup>th</sup> March – Greatstone Primary School TN28 8SY – 11:00 Hours  
Folk Dance & Song Group – 16<sup>th</sup> March - St Nicholas Youth Centre, RH9 8DT – 15:00 Hours  
East Sussex DA – 13<sup>th</sup> April - St Luke's Parish Centre, BN24 5EB, 14:00 hours  
South Downs DA – 20<sup>th</sup> April - Isfeld Village Hall TN22 5XJ – 15:00 hours  
TTG & FCG – 21<sup>st</sup> April – Oasis Academy Sheerness ME12 2BE. – 11:00 Hours  
MCS S&SL – 21<sup>st</sup> April – Tillingbourne School Guildford GU4 8NB – 15:00 Hours  
MCS Southern – 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Tillingbourne School Guildford GU4 8NB – 15:00 Hours  
SER – 19<sup>th</sup> May – West Cross Field, Hole Park, TN17 4PF – 11:00 hours

**Please consider joining your committee, it does not take up too much time with only 4 to 6 meetings a year; it is very sociable and can be a lot of fun. Without a working committee, the DA/Section cannot function, and we all lose out on very sociable and fun camping weekends. The greater the committee numbers the less work each member has to do, and better meets are assured.**

If you have not been able to collect your South-Eastern Region Sites book before, you will be able to collect your copy at the DA/Section AGM.

# **Wow! What a way to start 2019 with a fabulous dinner & dance, and there is much more fun to come during the year.**

## **Dinner Dance Report & Feedback**

The Cumberland Hotel, Grand Parade, Eastbourne was once again the venue for the South Eastern Region's Annual Dinner Dance over the weekend of 18 – 20 January 2019. This very popular venue hosted a near capacity 100 diners on Saturday evening.

For the 'weekend breakers' Friday was the start of the festivities with a gathering in the lounge or Bar for lunch, afternoon teas and later for pre-dinner 'refreshments.' The three-course dinner Friday evening gave a little clue to the great cuisine we were to enjoy for the main event Saturday evening.

After dinner we spent a very pleasant evening catching up on all the latest news, with our friends back in the lounge and bar. Sadly, a couple of regulars were missing this year but new friends were made with the 'first timers' at this year's Dinner Dance weekend.

Saturday breakfast included all the best of heath foods or a full English breakfast treat for those whose diet 'Starts tomorrow!' The morning was dry but very blustery and freezing cold. However, many ventured out for sightseeing, shopping or just getting some exercise. Meanwhile Jenny and her little band of helpers had the task of setting up for the main event later in the day. The gifts and special purchases of prizes were credited with their donators and arranged in the Ball Room for the Grand Raffle. Followed by the setting up of the Dining Tables with their Name Plates, Centre Pieces and decoration raffle envelopes. All finished off with Jenny's handmade menu Cards and copies of the Region's 2019 Sites Fixture Booklet. (Another stunning Table Arrangement designed by Jenny – check the Picture Gallery for more)

Saturday evening before dinner we were all invited to the Bar for a Pre-Dinner drink of 'Bubbly' compliments of the Hotel! Next was the traditional greeting line where Diners were welcomed into the Dining Room by the Regional President, Chairman and Club Hon. Treasurer and their partners. The top table included the invited guests Trevor and Pauline Wilson, Steve and Carol Harris and Kat Espiritus from Alzheimer's Research UK.

A short break was taken between the sweet and the cheese & biscuit courses to make a couple of presentations. Jenny introduced her top table guests including Kat from Alzheimer's UK. Next Jenny presented her with a cheque from the Region. In the two years of charity fund raising, for Jenny's chosen charity, the amazing generosity of the Region's members collected a total of £1,510.00. (Over £600 of the total was through Jenny's head shave)

Kat gracefully accepted the cheque and thank us all for the donation, particularly Jenny's sacrifice of her 'crowning glory.' Kat went on to explain how Alzheimer's Research is working towards understanding Dementia, researching treatments and more importantly, the causes and possible prevention.

Jenny then handed over to Steve Harris (Club Hon. Treasurer) to make a presentation of the Club' Certificate of Honour to Trevor and Pauline Wilson. He read a glowing citation of their many, many contributions to the Club and its members both locally and at many NFOLs over the years.

With dinner completed, we all moved down to the Ball Room and Lower Bar for the dancing. We were entertained by four very accomplished musicians by the name the Mayfair Society Band. They played every type of music from 'strictly ballroom' to 'Rock n Roll' with everything in between. The dance floor was full for most of the evening. During the interval the grand raffle was drawn, and a lot of happy people collected some amazing prizes. Sadly, Auld Lang Sine came too soon, and it was time for bed (or back to the bar for a nightcap).

Sunday breakfast was once again a gourmet's delight, and all took advantage of the generous portions to start the day well. Later in the hotel reception we bade farewell to those departing and ventured out for a breath of fresh sea air. Jenny and I stayed on for the extra night together with a couple of dozen guests and were once again treated to a super three course dinner Sunday evening

Monday morning, we made our last goodbyes to the guests and to the Hotel Staff, with a promise of returning this time next year (The date Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020 has been reserved for us – you saw it here first!)

Another super Dinner Dance weekend enjoyed by all and we hope to see everyone again next year.

David Croney

**Editors note,** Not mentioned by David however Jenny was presented with some flowers for all her hard work in organising the event and a huge round of applause ensued.

### **Dear All DA's and Section and Camping friends.**

On behalf of the Regional Council, I would like to thank you all for your generous donation to the Dinner Dance raffle and supporting it by buying raffle tickets.

I hope everyone enjoyed the evening/weekend.  
Hope to see you out in the field somewhere soon.

Yours sincerely  
Jenny Croney  
Chairman and Social Secretary.

### **Some Feedback from attendees**

Thankyou Jenny and Dave  
We enjoyed the w/e and your company, everyone was very welcoming.  
Best wishes Pat and Alan Scott sdda

Hi Jenny, many thanks for the Email. Yes, we enjoyed the weekend very much & do appreciate all the hard work that goes into arranging it. The icing on the cake? - we won not one but two prizes in the raffle. We hope to see you & David on a field soon.  
Keep Calm & Carry On Camping!  
Margaret & Bob Still

Hi Jenny,

A huge thank you for being so welcoming on Saturday, I had a lovely time and didn't expect how warm you and the rest of your club would be.

I will see Georgi today and tell her about it, I will also pass on your amazing donation so we can get a proper thank you sent out.

How was the rest of your evening? I hope you got to boogie on that dance floor!

Warm regards,  
Kat - Alzheimer Research UK

Hi Jenny  
Thanks for your letter, it was good to catch up with everyone, and again a great weekend.

Thank you for all that you and your team do to make it work so well. Looking forward to the next one.

See you in a field somewhere during 2019.

Kind regards  
Kathy Giles

Hi, just a short one to thank you for last weekend once again it most enjoyable, we always look forward to coming down to South Eastern Region and in particular Eastbourne weekend.

See you soon  
Steve Harris  
(Hon. Club Treasurer)

Good morning,  
Trevor and I much appreciated the warm welcome you gave us as guests of honour at the weekend. We were very pleased to receive the certificate of honour from the club and for Steve Harris presenting it. Thank you for organising a lovely weekend once again.

Regards Pauline & Trevor Wilson

Hi Jenny,

Many thanks to you, David, Sue, George and the others who made this year's Dinner/Dance week-end a very enjoyable time, as usual planned with the hotel to perfection

Best wishes from Rosemary, Tony and family and friends.

Hi Jenny.  
Just to once again say thank you for a great weekend. All being well we will certainly be there next year. I will also promote the weekend to whoever we meet in our travels. Hoping to see you at the anniversary weekend.  
Best regards. Mike & Rita Woolmer

**You can see how much our members and their guests enjoy it so put it in your diary now 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 with the main event being on the 18<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Salient issues from the SER Council meeting of 07 January 2019**

**The club 2019 AGM and Chairman's Dinner** will be held on 26 October 2019 at the Crowne Plaza Resort Colchester - Five Lakes, Colchester Road, Tolleshunt Knights, Maldon, Essex CM9 8HX.

### **Sites Secretary**

It was noted that not all the DA/Sections delivered their completed sites lists by the due date – please ensure that the date is noted for next year.

When doing sites listing please add post codes and map references. Remember, if you use a full-page advert, you do get more members camping with you.

### **Countryside Care**

East Kent DA are doing two Countryside Care weekends at Canterbury Club Site in 2019; on the 28<sup>th</sup> February to 3<sup>rd</sup> March, and three nights on the 28<sup>th</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Surrey DA are working at Graffham Club Site from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Please assist these DA's if you can, it is greatly appreciated by the Holiday site stewards and benefits all club members who use the sites. Camping is FOC or if you don't want to camp, any time that you can give will be very much appreciated.

Please be aware that the club only provides insurance for countryside care at club owned sites, any works performed elsewhere whilst being of benefit to the countryside are not insured by the club.

### **Youth**

Due to the data protection act the RYLO is unable to obtain details of the 10 youth members within the region and thus it is impossible to make direct contact regarding youth events. The National Youth Rally and other youth event details are: -

**Friday 5th – Sunday 7th July National Youth Rally** (N.Y.R): Home Farm, Cople Road, Cardington, Bedford, MK44 3SN Hosted by Eastern Region "YOUTH ONLY MEET" Let your Youth Leader know if you wish to go to enable us to arrange transport BY EASTER. For full details contact your region RYLO.

**Thursday 19th - Sunday 22nd September National Feast of Lanterns (N.F.O.L)**: Turnpike Showground, Shaftesbury, Dorset Hosted by South West Region A full programme of entertainment is laid on for the weekend.

### **Facebook**

Region now has its own Facebook page which is fully compliant with green paper 5.14. All you need to do is look up "**south eastern region of the camping and caravanning club**" on Facebook, ask to join and complete the short questionnaire. Your request will be reviewed by an administrator and if fully compliant you will be authorised to join.

**SER 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Meet 2019**  
**West Cross Park, Hole Park, Rolvenden, Kent TN17 4PG**  
**16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

By popular demand we return to Hole Park for the Region's Anniversary Meet THS and AGM. It's easy to reach, being placed very near the centre of the South Eastern Region.

**A Grand Raffle** (tickets for sale throughout the Anniversary Meet weekend) will be drawn Sunday afternoon, 19th May and will include 'top of the range' camping or camping related items, many donated by Camping & Caravanning dealerships in the South Eastern Region...

The SE Region will be providing **complementary Saturday afternoon Strawberry Cream Teas** together with the now traditional welcome refreshment.

**CHARITY ARTS & CRAFTS, PRODUCE TABLE TOP SALE**

The Chairman's Nominated Charity for 2019 is again **Alzheimer's Research UK**. This Charity is constantly looking for new treatments and ultimately a cure for these mind affecting diseases. Your contributions could make the difference.

Once again SER Chairman Jenny Croney will be organising a Bottle Raffle and a Table Top Sale. Homemade Produce, including arts, crafts, cakes, preserves and potted plants, etc., will be for sale. We're hoping you will again support this fund-raising event by bringing your own table with items for sale and a donation to the charity from your takings.

*The theme for the weekend, the Children's Fancy Dress competition and Mardi Gras is: -*

***"ALICE IN WONDERLAND"***

The Anniversary Meet will include all your favourite events, including family sports, Boule, Horseshoes, Molki and Bat & Trap.

This year we are re-introducing the inter-DA/Section sports competitions which will take place on the Saturday - you will have to register your teams to take part and have a chance to win the Challenge Trophy for your DA or Section.

We would like to see more teams taking part in the Mardi Gras as well for which there will be a trophy as well.

We are hoping to have a Cadac cook off competition more details about which are included later in this newsletter.

We are also looking for ideas to raise even more funds for the chairman's charity. The Vice Chairman has even offered to have wet sponges thrown at him for a price if anybody can come up with some stocks to put him in - can you help?

We are also delighted that Director General Robert Lowden in his final few months before he retires will be joining us on the Friday through to Sunday.

Booking forms are available from the Region Website or in you Region Sites book. Early booking is advised to get a 20% discount on your camp fees.

Whilst as always, the programme may need to be tweaked due to unforeseen circumstances please see below the intended format: -

# Programme of Events

## Thursday

0900-1900 Stewards/Admin open  
1000-1700 Welcome tea and biscuits (in Marquee)  
1930-2300 Marquee open  
2000-2230 Quiz (interval circa 2100-2130)  
2300 All quiet

## Friday

0900-1900 Stewards/Admin open  
1000-1700 Welcome tea and biscuits (in Marquee)  
1100-1700 Games competitions Just for fun  
1930-2300 Marquee open  
2000-2115 Wonderland racing  
**NB 50/50 tote – income goes to chairman’s charity**  
2115-2130 Official Opening  
2130-2245 Sing along with artists from the SER  
2300 All quiet

## Saturday

0900-1900 Stewards/Admin open  
0930-1230 Inter DA/Section team competitions  
(Boules & Horseshoes – time limited)  
1000-1200 Joint table top and Artisan Sale  
Arts & Crafts exhibition/demonstration  
**NB donations go to chairman’s charity**  
1100-1200 Children’s Entertainer  
**Before 1230 Hand your Pennon design to Yvonne**  
1330-1630 Inter DA/Section team competitions  
(Bat & Trap)  
1300-1600 **Face Painting** available - **Free**  
1500 **Strawberry Cream Tea – Ticket only**  
1700 Children’s Fancy Dress  
1715 Mardi Gras  
1930-2300 Marquee open  
2000-2230 Entertainment by Atlantic  
2300 All quiet

## Sunday

0900-1100 Stewards/Admin open  
0945-1030 Church service

**1045-1230 AGM; commences 1100 followed by  
Open Forum,  
(please remember your membership card)**

1400 Prize giving, closing event, and raffle

1730 Communal BBQ outside the marquee –  
bring your BBQ, food and libations so we  
can socialise as we cook our various meals  
**(weather permitting)**  
The marquee will be open for socialising  
with background music

**You are welcome to stay until 03 June for the  
ongoing Temporary Holiday Site**

**All the Club rules apply.**

**N.B.** Drones and other Aerial devices are not  
allowed in or around the camping field.

**Please note that dogs are only allowed in  
the end bays of the Marquee.**

**Please respect our members by exercising  
your dogs around the perimeter of the field  
and not through the camping areas.**

**An Ice cream van should again be visiting us every afternoon.**

**72nd Anniversary Meet 2020 - PENNON DESIGN COMPETITION**

What would you like to see as the theme for the 2020 event? Think of a theme and design a suitable pennon to convey the theme and who knows? You might be the winner - the winner of the best pennon competition receives a free pennon of their design and a prize. You will find the guidelines on P15 of your Region Sites Book.



### **CALLING ALL SER CAMPSITE COOKS...**

Do you enjoy cooking on a campsite? Can you rustle up a camping-friendly feast on a gas stove or a barbecue? Would you like to win a fantastic bundle of Cadac prizes for yourself and your region/section including a top of the range barbecue and accessories? Then listen up!

After the success and fun of 2016's trial Cook-Off at the NFOL, the Club is launching **Club Campsite Cook of the Year 2019** - in association with CADAC, the Club's *Eat Local* sponsor - and want you to take part.

All regions and sections have been invited to hold heats in order to find their best campsite cooks to enter into the Club-wide competition.

To find our most enthusiastic, talented and keen campsite cooks, **The South Eastern Region** will be holding our own heat at **the 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Meet**. *The winner of our regional event will win a Cadac Carri Chef Barbecue worth £185.*

In August 2019, all region/section winners' recipes will be judged by the *Eat Local* team at HQ, and eight winners invited to take part in the exciting cook-off final at the **Cadac stand, NFOL at 4.30 on Saturday 21 September 2019**. The overall winner will be presented with a **Club Cook of the Year** Trophy and a fantastic patio barbecue. The winning recipe will also be published in the *Eat Local* pages of the magazine. There are fantastic runner-up prizes too.

#### **So, how do you get involved?**

The essence of the competition is to demonstrate skill and creativity in producing a simple campsite meal beyond burgers and sausages.

We are asking entrants to send us their recipe for one main course meal. This meal must be a camping-friendly recipe, one that is possible to prepare and cook at your pitch on a bbq grill or gas stove. (No ovens, microwaves or electric appliances allowed)

The actual cooking time (not including prep) must be 30 minutes or under.

The recipes will be judged on suitability for campsite cooking, creativity, and in particular the judges will be looking for a meal that embraces the spirit of our *Eat Local* campaign, whether it's using a fresh local, seasonal ingredient, incorporates a regional cheese, beer or fruit or perhaps just taking inspiration from a regional dish or flavour.

From easy but tasty one pan suppers, exciting salads, vegetarian feast a fabulous fish dish, great grilled meats to pasta with a twist... anything goes, we are looking to be inspired!

**If you are interested in taking part, then please email me ASAP whereby full details and entry forms can be emailed to you. We need a minimum number of entries to enter the club competition and all completed entries must have been received no later than 27 April 2019.**

**National Feast Of Lanterns 2019**  
**Turnpike Showground, Motcombe, Shaftesbury,**  
**Dorset, SP7 9PL**  
**19 to 23 September 2019**

The theme is **Down on the Farm** and I know that the South Western Region is working hard to put on another super event plus they have some wonderful THS's around the area so that you can explore the lovely county of Dorset.

This event is within easy reach of all our SER members and thus we trust that we will be taking a reasonably large contingent to the event.

The South Eastern Region intends to enter the Mardi Gras this year, details will be sent to all members who book via the Region.

Booking forms are available in Out & About and your DA/Section secretary should have a set of block booking forms.

Region block bookings will be coordinated by Jenny Croney.

**Exchange & Mart**

**For Sale**

Brand new Cadac Safari chef 2 cost £75.00 retail price £110.00

Coleman 5 berth tent used once. £80.00 Ono

Contact Trevor 07773485129

**The next newsletter is due out in April 2019 following the next Council meeting. Your articles are desperately needed especially adverts for your special events. please get your information in to me for inclusion ASAP.**