



SE NEWS



Obituaries

It is with great sadness that I again start this newsletter by noting the passing to the great camping ground in the sky of the following: -

Pat Constance who was a Surrey member for many years and camped with the DA until they moved to Lincolnshire. Keen lightweight campers they camped also with the ALC, Pat eventually becoming President of the Lightweight section.

Their children, Catherine (Katy) and Heather were both Surrey Youth members and are still campers. Our condolences to Hazel (past Club archivist), and family
Information provided by Allen Russell

George Prior who passed away on Sunday 12th July at the age of 92 He was well known in the region His late wife Rosemary was a National Councillor, they were both worked hard for the club and West Kent DA.
Information provided by Trevor Wilson

Pat Sims who had been a member of the Camping and Caravanning Club since about the 1950's up until he and his wife Connie moved to East Preston, West Sussex about 20 years ago.

Pat had held many offices within the Club at both DA and Region level. Over many years he held the office of Secretary and then Chairman of the London DA. He was very active in the South East Region, for many years being London DA Rep to the Region, Regional Secretary and Regional Chairman and was also the Chairman of the SER NFOL Committee for the very successful NFOL held at Brands Hatch in Kent. He also took an active part in the CCY and helped train the Region's Youth and was also a Youth Tester.

Due to their Age and illness Pat and his wife Connie went into a Nursing home in March this year and unfortunately Pat passed away at the grand age of 91,

Give my best wishes to all the Region and would you please pass on my Condolences on the passing of Darrell to Irene Stubbs if possible - such a sad and unexpected loss.

Alan and Sue Spooner

Former Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Youth Leader London DA and Chairman, Secretary and Regional Youth Officer SER.

Our thoughts and sympathy go to all their families and all other members who have lost loved ones recently.

Chairman's Pitch

Yippee! Social camping is back from the 1st of August albeit not in the way we are used to. My wife and I are really looking forward to being out in our caravan again and attending three of the Regions THS's, meeting up again (at a distance) with many old friends and potentially some new ones

A huge vote of thanks must go to all our site secretaries for ensuring that we have places to camp. They have worked tirelessly in liaising with landowners to confirm that it is safe and acceptable for meets to take place and they have suffered frustrations of having to cancel meets throughout the lockdown plus some where landowners are not happy to currently accept campers again given the ongoing situation.

We must also acknowledge the amount of work put in by our various committees in taking the Government and HQ guidelines and putting together practices, procedures and risk assessments for us all to follow to ensure that our meets are happy and safe.

Finally, a very big thank you to all the members who have stepped up to steward our meets and readily accepted the additional responsibilities placed on them to ensure compliance with the practices and procedures and everybody's safety.

Given the amount of people opting for a staycation this year our meets are likely to be pre booked only so that members do not turn up to find that there is no space available. Even if you cannot pre book due to work constraints etc, do please ring the stewards before you set off to ensure that there is a space available. Likewise, if for any reason you are not able to attend a meet that you have pre booked, do let the stewards know as others may want that space.

**Follow the steward's advice, stay safe and keep well,
I hope to see many of you as we travel around.**

AGM's

The following is an extract from the HQ green paper dated 13 July 2020: -

"The Club itself, as a legal entity, is required to hold an AGM, with the next one planned to take place in January 2021.

The individual Club Units are required through the Club Constitutions to hold AGMs. Some of you were able to hold your AGM earlier this year, and those AGMS stand. For those of you who have not been in a position to hold an AGM, the Executive Committee have made the decision to suspend the requirement for AGMs to be held this year, as we continue to face restrictions in relation to the coronavirus pandemic.

For those Units who have not been able to hold their 2020 AGM, we are asking that a formal 'Appointments Meeting' be held (as a virtual meeting). This should comprise of the current members of Committee/Council including any change in Councillors that would normally have been announced at the AGM earlier this year, further to the Region nominations and elections that took place earlier this year.

The Executive Committee ask that the Appointments Meeting be run as it normally would, with appointments for all positions being documented, along with the appointment of the Treasurer. This meeting needs to take place before the 2nd Saturday in November, with the names of Region and Section Appointed Councillors, and Section Advisory Officers, being submitted to the Director General by 30 November 2020.

At the same meeting, the Executive Committee ask that the consideration and approval of the audited annual accounts, for the year ended 31 December 2019, takes place. This should not be left until 2021.

At this moment, we are hopeful we will be able to run next year's AGMs in the normal way".

Whilst the above may change because of the temporary legislation announced by the Government regarding virtual AGM's since this green paper was distributed it is important that members are aware of this and especially potential new committee members.

It is not unusual for DA's and Sections to gain new committee members from the floor at the AGM, thus please advise your current secretary if you are willing to stand for committee but you have not previously completed a nomination form. (only applicable where the AGM was postponed).

South Eastern Region Appointments Meeting

In accordance with the above it is currently planned to hold the appointments meeting on the date of the next scheduled Council meeting 13 October 2020 @19:30 hours.

As you may know the council has lost several members and is in dire need of new members however new members to the council who have not completed a nomination form can only be co-opted or adopted.

Co-opted members have a voice but no vote until they are formally elected at an AGM

Adopted members who fill key roles or bring the numbers back up to the minimum have both a voice and a vote but must be formally elected at the next AGM.

The following are the positions which must be filled at the appointments meeting: -

Chairman – executive position

Vice Chairman - executive position

Secretary - executive position

National Councillor
Deputy National Councillor
Public Relations Officer
Sites Coordinator
Social Secretary
Regalia
Webmaster
Countryside Care Officer
Data Protection Officer
Facebook Administrators

Also, in accordance with normal procedure the following need to be elected at the October meeting: -

Treasurer - executive position
Region Youth Leader Officers (RYLO)

N.B.

As previously advised: -

At the AGM in 2019 Allen Russell took on the post of Vice Chairman in name only to provide quorate compliance

At the October Council meeting in 2019 Jenny Croney took on the post of Treasurer for one year only to ensure that the council did not fold.

The site secretary is looking for a replacement to compile the 2022 sites book and it would be good if somebody would volunteer urgently so that they can work with Trevor and Pauline this year on the 2021 sites book in preparation for the following year.

New volunteers are urgently needed

With no meets there is little to report however I would be extremely grateful to receive reports from our August events in time for the next newsletter in September.