



Bear Facts

The Newsletter for North Warwickshire DA

How did the AGM go?

The AGM of 2006 took place this year in February at Rowington Village Hall.

Proceedings went ahead without any issues raised from the floor, much to the relief of the Committee!

Trevor Cooke, the Regional Representative, congratulated our Chairman on an excellent professionally run AGM. We thanked Garry Mills and Sarah Davis as they left the Committee, and welcomed Aneel Khanna as Treasurer and Shaun Roberts to the stage as Assistant Youth Leader.



The AGM was followed by an open meeting to update the members of where we are with the plans for our CCRM in June.



The Committee of 2007 is largely made up of the Youth of the '70s and '80s. After the formalities of the AGM, some of our little ones took to the stage to show us all what the Committee of 2025 could look like.

Prompted by our current Chairman, (Steve - you will be as old as Trev by then!). They carried out little anecdotes acting as their parents. The 11 o'clock rule was abolished!! It was a great moment, and one we should really keep our eye on!

Message from the Chair

Welcome back to the campsite everyone—I hope you enjoyed your winter break from the field, but if you are anything like me—you are glad to be back out in the fresh air.

Spare a thought over the weekend of two of our CCY—Nikki and Hatz who are on the FICC International Youth Rally in Slovakia—hard life!

After the positive feedback from the AGM and the enthusiastic committee organising this years events, I know that you will enjoy the season that we have planned for you.

As hosts of the Regional Meet this year we out to impress—and I hope you are all on board to be part of this striving DA. I look forward to chatting to you all.

Steve Kennings

Let the Season Begin

An overview of what's coming up over the next few months:

April

6-10th Great Comberton
5 day Easter Meet
Eggstravaganza programme

13-15th Greenhills, Bearley

20-22nd Ashdene Farm,
Drayton Bassett

27-29th Pinvin

May

4-7th Lower Heathcote, Warwick
May Day Programme

18-20th Wilmcote, Nr Stratford

25-3 Jun Gigrin Farm, Rhayader
Holiday Meet

For any further information of these sites—contact Mark Nicklin on 0121 247 0970

June

1-3rd Ashdene Farm,
Drayton Bassett
Working Party Weekend

8-10th Regional Meet
Drayton Bassett

22-24th Weston Farm,
Weston on Avon

29-1st Jul Cooperage Farm,
Meriden

Walking for Stuart



Birmingham
Children's Hospital

In Aid of Diana, Princess of Wales Children's Hospital—Birmingham

On Sunday 1st April NWDA and friends and family of Stuart Buchanan were proud to say they raised over £2,600 for The Diana, Princess of Wales Children's Hospital by doing a sponsored walk around Earlswood Lakes.

The event was planned meticulously by the Nicklin family and even the weather was kind with a beautiful (if a little windy!) Spring day. It gave us all a chance to remember Stuart Buchanan, who died two years ago at the age of 10—a much loved member of North Warwick's DA.

The walk took us through woodland as well as around all three pools and we learnt a little about the area and it's wildlife inhabitants along the way. However no one was fooled (note the date) by the poster we came across depicting a two headed Grebe!



Congratulations to everyone who completed the walk and thanks to all their sponsors

£2,600

raised in the first event of 2007

The three mile walk was completed in a record one and a half hours, due mainly to our eagerness to get to George and Faye's (Stuarts Nan and Grandad) nearby home for tea and cakes. We were greeted by a mouth watering array of cakes of all sorts (thanks to all those who had been busy baking) the sale of which raised a further £65. The timing of the walk was quite poignant as a Memorial Garden at Stuart's school was actually completed and opened this week too.

Fancy a short break? Try our new site at Binton

This year North Warwicks DA are running their third holiday site at Binton Social Club from 14 July to 12 August. This site is set just a short drive from Stratford upon Avon and the Cotswolds.

The site is slightly sloping, although if you are lucky enough to get a pitch on the top of the site the views across the Warwickshire countryside are something not to be missed. The site has a social club with an outdoor seating area, again with wonderful views across the countryside and into Stratford. The social club has the usual club activities such as pool and darts. It is our understanding that during the summer weekends they do have entertainment by way of live music.

Our stewards for this year are Pete and Maureen George who will be more than happy to assist you with any information you require.



Booking is not required for this holiday meet but should you require any further information please contact our holiday sites officer, Janet Wardle, 3 Alicia Close, Cawston, Rugby CV22 7GT or on 01788 816098.

Help! - We need you

Following on from the AGM in February, we took the opportunity to host an open meeting to update you on where we are with our plans for the Regional Meet this year in June—thank you if you were able to attend.

For those of you who missed it—we are still needing help in areas such as marshalling and admin duties, which will include Raffle, Tombola, Regalia Sales, Kids Corner, refreshments etc.

If you can spare us a couple of hours on the Friday or Saturday morning of the meet, please let either Mark Nicklin—Marshalling or Lin Kennings for Admin Team.

As an organising committee we are all very excited at the prospect of putting on a GREAT meet—we would love you to be part of that excitement!

The weekend prior to the event itself is our working party—if you are not holidaying in Rhayader, we invite you to join us at Ashdene Farm for a weekend of preparation which will include marking out the site and odd jobs that crop up—come along and be part of the team.

Just a little reminder of what's on offer for your entertainment at the "Regional Meet"

Theme : The Calendar Year

Thursday

Race Night

Friday

Valentines Lovers Disco

Mr and Mrs Spot Prizes

Saturday

Games, Volleyball, Mardi Gras, Conk the Clown,

Evening of Xmas Fun with

"The Ivy League"

Sunday

Family Games and

Closing Ceremony

Plus all the usual Trade Area, chance to catch up with old and new friends from around the region and hopefully—a weekend of glorious weather.

Where else can you expect this level of entertainment for £21.00?

What's our month in the Mardi Gras?

NWDA—October

Each DA in the region have been allocated a month to depict in the Mardi Gras. As the host DA we need to put on a good show.

So instead of waiting till the end of the season to go up in the loft and find your Halloween costumes out—get up there now and plan your outfit—we really need your support.



We would also like to include a wow factor in our procession to attract the attention of the crowd and of course the judges—any ideas? Remember the Thriller dance from last years Halloween meet? Sshhhhh.....!

The new Face of Regalia

What is it?

Merchandise with the NWDA logo on it.

You may not know it, but every weekend we have some fabulous merchandise for sale. You can choose from caps, tea towels, torches, mugs, badges, flags and pennons; all advertising the North Warwickshire District Association and/or The Camping and Caravanning Club.

They are reasonably priced, useful and a MUST HAVE for our most loyal members!!



Steve Davis, the NWDA web master has recently taken over the role of REGALIA OFFICER and would welcome your suggestions of new products to stock. For example fleecy scarves have been suggested.

Steve and or his box of merchandise are available at most of our meets, so please do not hesitate to ask.



Committee Details Who's Who

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Steve Kennings

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Trevor Whitehead

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Lin Kennings

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Shaun and Caroline Roberts

CCJ Leader

Charlotte Leivers

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Steve Davis

Charity Co-ordinator

Jayne Bishop

Committee Members

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Just to let you know ...

Bookings

Don't miss out on booking for your favourite meets—its surprising how things come round so quickly.

CENTRAL COUNTIES BLOCK BOOKING

Booking forms are available from Jayne Bishop who is collating the NWDA block booking for 8-10th June.

HALLOWEEN BOOKINGS

Mark Nicklin will be taking bookings from Easter for this meet—October 26-28th.

Holiday Sites

It's that time of year where we are all thinking about planning our holidays. We are in the fortunate position of being able to take our units to any part of the country we wish—or indeed, overseas.

Why not do both?

Travel overseas to the Isle of Wight!

Trevor Whitehead is eagerly awaiting your bookings.

George and Faye Nicklin—our resident 10 week stay stewards are happy to answer any questions

29th June—31st August 2007

Second Season For CCJ

Last Season we set up the Camping Club Juniors section of the DA. This seemed to be extremely successful and we did lots of activities together, such as stone painting, playing rounders, going on bat walks and lots more. We also saw two members Grainne Hanley and Lucy Kennings pass their CCJ tests.

This season we will be doing lots of activities and will hopefully see some more of the members pass their tests. The CCJ is not only about camping independently in the CCJ area but is also about learning about the countryside, camping and having fun participating in CCJ activities. Many thanks to all members of the CCJ for helping to make last season so enjoyable and I look forward to what we can do this season and to having some new members.

Charlie x

Charity Update—2007

It was agreed at this year's AGM that North Warwicks chosen charity for 2007 will be "The Diana Princess of Wales Children's Hospital. As featured in this newsletter, we kicked off the launch on April 1st with an extremely successful sponsored walk.

"Stuarts Walk" has so far raised in excess of £2600 which exceeded the wish total we had set for the whole year! After this fantastic start we are keen to keep the momentum going throughout the season.

Our next event will be at our May Day meet where we will be holding our Saturday "Summer Fete" of side stalls to suit everyone. We will be donating 50% of the proceeds from this to the Charity—so please support us and dig deep. If you would like to donate anything, please let me know.

Other events in the pipeline may include a "Balloon Release" throughout the year, which we will publicise on our notice board, during our weekends and on our web site www.nwda.cc.

I am happy to discuss with anyone other suggestions for events which we can involve our members in throughout the year.

Jayne Bishop



