

East Kent D.A. Newsletter

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Upcoming Event

EKDA Annual General Meeting

26th February 2011
at Borden Grammar
School, Avenue of
Remembrance,
Sittingbourne,
Kent,
ME10 4DB

at 5pm Map ref
178/635906

Notices of Motions
and Nominations for
Committee must be
sent to Hon
Secretary Len
Saunders.

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Chairman's Welcome

Welcome to our final meet of the busy but enjoyable season. I hope this meet goes out with a bang. Over the year our larger meets have been very well attended the best being our Charity Meet at Cowgate Farm, a staggering 61 units attended and over the weekend we raised an amazing £1,300 which even excelled my own expectation.

My thanks go to Len and Chris who organised a strawberry tea for us at Wingham Bird Park, where we raised another £35 for Demelza, also a big thank you to those of you who camped at Fir Tree Farm for my "Breakfast Meet", we raised another £62 for our Charity. As you are aware over this weekend we are again doing a few things for Demelza - an apple pie competition and selling them with custard or cream on Saturday night.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee and their wives for all they have done throughout the season, also the stewards, without whose help our meets would not run, not forgetting Dave for running our website, but most of all I would like to thank you the Campers for supporting us throughout the season and making all the hard work worth while.

Keep an eye on the website for an exciting season next year as we have some very special events going on.

Once again thank you all and I look forward to seeing you all again next year. Don't forget the A.G.M. at Borden Grammar School on Saturday 26th February 2011.

Trevor Pilbeam - Chairman

Brian Avery

We are all sad to hear about the passing of one of our oldest D.A. Members Brian Avery. Brian and Sylvia have done a lot for this D.A. over their time in the club, but mostly they will be remembered as the couple who have given 15 of their summers to steward our holiday meet at Cowgate Farm, Hawkinge. In Brian we have lost a very good friend and someone that you could talk to about any subject, I spent many an hour with Brian at Cowgate and other meets and will miss his company very much. Our thoughts are with Sylvia and her family and we send them our condolences.

Trevor Pilbeam

Many thanks go to:

Trevor Pilbeam, Dave Banks, Jenny & Paul Turner and Kerry Hayward who have all contributed to this first newsletter.

We'd love to hear from more members of the DA so please send in your articles, reviews, news, quizzes etc to Heather Hayward at eastkentda.youth@googlemail.com and we'll try and include them in the next edition early in 2011.

Name the Newsletter

We need a name for our new newsletter! Please send your suggestions to Heather Hayward at eastkentda.youth@googlemail.com

by 20th February 2011. The winning name will be announced at the AGM where a prize will also be presented to the person suggesting the name. Please get your thinking caps on!

Guy Fawkes Quiz *Sent in by Dave Banks.*

How many can you get correct? Answers will be given out at Coffee Morning on Sunday 7^h November!

01. In what year was Guy Fawkes arrested on November 5th for treason?

- a. 1602
- b. 1605
- c. 1608

02. Which King of England was the so called Gunpowder Plot supposed to kill?

- a. James I
- b. James II
- c. Charles I

03. On November 5th in which year was American actor Roy Rogers born?

- a. 1907
- b. 1909
- c. 1911

04. On November 5th, 1895 George B Selden was granted a patent for which everyday machine?

- a. Fax machine
- b. Automobile
- c. Cine camera

05. Guy Fawkes was arrested in a cellar under which famous London landmark?

- a. The Houses of Parliament
- b. The Tower of London
- c. The Bank of England

06. In the Harry Potter stories by J. K. Rowling one of the characters is named Fawkes, what kind of creature is it?

- a. Dragon
- b. Owl
- c. Phoenix

07. Which society is dedicated to remembering Guy Fawkes and his companions?

- a. The Bonfire Society
- b. The Gunpowder Plot Society
- c. The Guy Fawkes Society

08. In Enid Blyton's stories which group of children used Guy Fawkes as their secret password to obtain entry into any of their several meetings?

- a. The Fabulous Four
- b. The Famous Five
- c. The Secret Seven

09. Guy Fawkes and his fellow conspirators were protesting against which laws?

- a. Anti Roman Catholic
- b. Anti Semetic
- c. Anti Dis-establishment

10. William Shakespeare's Tragedy of Macbeth was finished after the Gunpowder Plot had been exposed. Which Scottish King was it written to please?

- a. King Malcolm
- b. King James
- c. King Banquo

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| Bonfire | Painters Farm | Regalia | Secretary |
| Quiz | Barn | Forthcoming | Chairman |
| Entertainment | Sites | Webmaster | Regional Rep |
| Camping | Feast of | Club Rules | Treasurer |
| Disco | Lanterns | Cowgate Farm | Member |
| Charity | Caravan | Hill Green | Steward |
| Competition | Tents | Forum | Committee |
| Epicentre | Awning | Website | Equipment |
| Auction | Raffle | East Kent | Helpers |
| Contact | Coffee Morning | Region | Youths Officers |
| Holiday | Fireworks | Hawkinge | Weekend |
- Camping and caravanning club

Just a year ago we were only discussing the pros and cons of buying a motor home, 'would we use it enough', 'where would we go', 'will we be able to park it where we want to' and so on. After much deliberation we eventually came home with an Auto Sleeper Nuevo, the idea of a holiday home on wheels was to become a reality.

We had both camped forever, as children, as parents, as Scout Leaders, tents of all sorts, fields all over the country, campsites good and bad and weather of all seasons.

We took 'Molly' on her first outing one Saturday in August last year, to a small field behind a house near Canterbury. But were slightly disappointed by the site, rather crowded, no one there to tell us what to do, just a note on the door saying 'find a space and put the fee through the letterbox'. But we enjoyed our new little home, cooking supper, relaxing with a glass of wine. We walked along the lane and explored a village church and its surroundings, the sun shone so all was well.

We were encouraged by some caravanning friends to join The Camping and Caravan. Our membership arrived shortly afterwards and we were hooked. A spare weekend and we booked into the Canterbury CC site, what a joy to see their attractive entrance, tubs of bright red geraniums and yellow marigolds all around the Reception area, and such a friendly welcome and after being shown to our pitch the Warden made sure we had all we needed, This truly was 'the friendly club'. As we walked around the site other campers spoke to us and we struck up many a conversation during that weekend.

Once back at home we spent hours looking at all the sites in the book and planned our first proper holiday in 'Molly'. Later in September we'd start in the Forest of Dean and travel north following Offa's Dyke between England and Wales then onto the LLeyn Peninsula. Camping like this was proving to be such a luxury, we loved the ease of it all, the freedom to go where and when we wanted and with all mod cons on board. We have travelled to the North East of England, Scotland and Wales staying at Camping and Caravan Club sites and have been impressed with the quality of the facilities and the friendly welcome we always get.

So between late last summer and early this summer we had been away for 45 nights, and were smitten but still working found it difficult to get away as often as we would like.

Then by chance thought of trying a DA site and phoned to find out how it worked. We set off one Saturday afternoon in early May to find a small WKDA sign pointing along a farm track at the bottom of Linton hill south of Maidstone. We spotted some white caravans through the trees and knew we were in the right place, drawing up beside the Steward's caravan and out he came to greet us. The field was beautiful, fresh green grass, full of wild flowers all yellow, blue and white, views across the trees to the hills beyond, birds in the sky. Spring had arrived at last after the longest and coldest winter for decades. It felt good to be there. This meeting was a small but friendly gathering, we were invited to share Saturday afternoon tea and Sunday coffee morning in very pleasant company. Before we left we were given the little Blue Book and were told all about DA sites and THS, and how to make use of all they had on offer. The Steward encouraged us to come along to the EKDA meeting at Cowgate Farm for the Bank Holiday Weekend. We did. And what fun it was! We were met by the same welcome greeting. The weekend was crammed packed with fun and games to fundraise for Demelza House. We took part in lots of activities that were laid on and we even had time to go for a walk over the fields to the village. It was a tremendous weekend that gave us a chance to relax after a busy week at work and the reward of knowing we had done our bit helping to raise £1000 for such a worthwhile cause.

Last weekend we went to Fir Tree Farm at Rhodes Minnis. Enticed by The Chairman's Breakfast on Sunday morning! We arrived very late on Saturday evening but before they'd locked the gate and again the Steward had time for a chat even at that late hour. Lots more evidence of 'the friendly club' once again. We weren't feeling quite so much the 'new boys on the block' by now, this was after all our third DA meet!

District Association sites and the people there have been a real treat for us, East Kent and West Kent are all close enough for us to come at the last minute, usually late on Saturday and be home by Sunday evening. The opportunity to meet friendly, interesting people, to join in the very varied, organised activities, or we can also relax with a book in the sun outdoors or in the cosy warmth of 'Molly' away from the hustle and bustle of our normal busy lives. The costs are very reasonable too, a welcome bonus these days. We have discovered some glorious countryside, driven along delightful lanes beautifully hidden between the hills and valleys of Kent previously unknown to us.

This best kept secret couldn't be kept in the bag for long and we're so pleased! Long may DAs continue!

Jenny & Paul Turner



Advance Notice - Our Next CCY Event:

Come and join us at Planet Laser in Canterbury on Sunday January 30th 2011 at 2pm & afterwards at McDonalds. Price is £6 per person for two games (plus cost of McDonalds). CCY verses CCJ, or maybe if we get plenty of parents wanting to stay then it may be adults verses the CCY & CCJ....but who will win???

More details & directions at: <http://www.planetlazer.co.uk>

What we do at CCY

When I was first asked to write an article about what we do in the Camping Club Youth, I knew that very first thing that I would put in. We have fun. Messing about, dressing up the tents as a scene from *Oliver!* for the feast of lanterns and enjoying Heather's erm... wonderful take on gruel.

But then I looked deeper into what we really do and I realised that hidden deep inside all of that fun, and some what childish behaviour, is education. Every other weekend, or so, we would work in a group and learn something. That something was anything from map reading - the 'grown-ups' now know never to let the teenagers in the group to lead everyone through the 'deadly-bull-field' again (serves them right for not looking at the map) to Safety.

I shall never forget that day in the party tent when we all got covered in bandages and wrapped in tin foil and poor Bethany who, when she got her face covered in plasters, couldn't get them off. That's another thing with the CCY. It's not necessarily something that we do, but the sense of community that is felt around us. Just like when we went to put up the mess tent, we somehow managed to put it up inside out and had to call over all of the adults around to help us out!

Our little CCY community is just like having a second family surrounding us in a, sometimes huge, muddy field, that we can easily interact with.

In a 'sort of' conclusion what do we do at CCY? We make friends, we learn things, we become individuals and we become one big family.



Above: Callum and Kerry mapreading (All smiles before we reached the bull field!)

Below: The CCY and CCJ's dressed up in Oliver theme for the FOL



Kerry Hayward



The EKDA CCY in their new tops.

What's with the Brown Hoodies?

You may have noticed that the CCY and some members of the CCJ now have smart brown Hoodie tops. The youth wanted to have Hoodie tops to show they are part of our CCY. We chose the colour brown because when we go to events such as the National Youth Rally, we have to wear Brown tops as it's the South East Colour. Having our EKDA CCY tops in brown means we can wear them at National events. We have sold out of the Hoodies at the moment but a new order will be made early the new year - do let us know if you would like to order one.

Heather Hayward

List below is subject to changes, please check website www.eastkentda.co.uk first!

February 26 th		AGM Borden Grammar School, Sittingbourne		ME10 4DB
March 25 th - 27 th		Stoneleys, HOATH.	179/205654	CT6 7QT
April 1 st - 3 rd		NO MEET		
8 th - 10 th		Jemmett Farm, MERSHAM 189/049393		TN25 7HB
21 st - 25 th	EASTER	Painters Farm, Painters Forstal. 178/990591		ME13 OEG
26 th - 2 nd	MAY DAY	Painters Farm. THS		
May 6 th - 8 th		NO MEET		
13 th - 15 th		Firtree Farm, Rhodes Minnis	179/156435	CT4 6XB
20 th - 22 nd		NO MEET		
27 th - 5 th	CHARITY MEET - THS,	Cowgate Farm.	179/226403	CT18 7AR
June 10 th - 12 th		Rare Breeds, Veteran Car Rally	189/957344	TN26 3RJ
17 th - 19 th	SER	Hop Farm, Beltring. AGM		
24 th - 26 th		NO MEET		
30 th - 4 th	BIRTHDAY MEET	Painters Farm, Painters Forstal. 178/990591		ME13 OEG
July 8 th - 10 th		NO MEET		
14 th - 18 th	GOLF MEET	Four Winds, Eastry. (5 DAY BOOKED MEET)	197/303544	CT13 OLA
22 nd July - 14 th Aug.	THS	Cowgate Farm, Hawkinge.	179/226403	CT18 7AR
August 19 th - 21 st		NO MEET		
26 th - 28 th		Hill Green Farm, Stockbury	188/833622	ME9 7UP
26 th - 28 th	NFOL			
September 2 nd - 4 th		Farming World, Faversham.	179/047599	ME13 9SP
9 th - 11 th		NO MEET		
16 th - 18 th	FOL	Painters Farm, Painters Forstal. 178/990591		
23 rd - 25 th		NO MEET		
30 th - 2 nd		Penny Springs, Detling.	188/798588	ME14 3HA
October 7 th - 9 th		NO MEET		
14 th - 16 th		Woodleas Farm, Aldington.	189/066370	TN25 7DX
21 st - 23 rd		Grove House Farm, Wingmore.	179/186465	CT4 6LT
28 th - 30 th		NO MEET		
November 4 th - 6 th	BONFIRE	Painters Farm, Painters Forstal. 178/990591		ME13 OEG