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## Chairman's Welcome

Welcome to our final meet of the Season, as Chairman I feel we have had a very successful year with our Major Meets, i.e. Easter, May Weekend, Charity Meet, Birthday Meet, Feast of Lanterns and hopefully this one will be as good.

I would like to thank all the members of the committee and helpers for making this a very good year for the D.A. Do not forget our Christmas Party the tickets are still available from Tracey Nicholls and our AGM in February. If you feel you have something to offer the D.A. and would like to help and be a committee member please do not be afraid to approach myself or any other committee member for a chat as new ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

My final thanks go to Heather for producing our News Letter I think she has done a marvellous job this year and I know she is always welcome to have articles from the members.

Once again thank you to everyone including you the campers for attending our meets and all those that have Stewarded for us this year and hope you will support us again next year.

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### Important Diary Date

## EKDA Annual General Meeting

25<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 5pm

At Chartham Village Hall, Chartham, CT4 7HX

We invite all East Kent DA Members to join us at our Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Notices of motions and nominations to committee must be sent to the Hon Secretary:

Mr Len Saunders, 32 Peartree Road, Broomfield,  
Herne Bay, CT6 7EE  
no later than 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012.

Please remember to bring your membership cards with you to the AGM.

There will be a fish and chip supper following the meeting.

*Trevor Pilbeam - Chairman*



## Christmas Party

December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011 - 7pm-11:30pm  
At Chartham Village Hall  
Chartham, CT4 7HX

Tickets are still available from Tracey Nicholls at the fantastic prices of £3.50 Adults and £2 Children (which includes a present).

If you are coming to the party then please don't forget there is a list of suggested food for the American Supper on [www.eastkentda.co.uk](http://www.eastkentda.co.uk). Please let Jon Hayward know which you'd like to bring on email: [jondhayward@gmail.com](mailto:jondhayward@gmail.com)

## Feast of Lanterns

We had 30 units attend the meet plus the youth. Friday night Rex and Pat Knight entertained us with their Quiz which included the usual bribes for points. The winners were a team called the Eden project.

Saturday morning there were children's activities in the barn with Parent interaction.

Saturday evening we saw an excellent array of units lit up with displays to a very high standard which made the voting very difficult.

This was followed by a disco in the barn and hot dogs cooked by Tony Glynn and Tony Roberts.

Sunday saw the usual coffee morning with guests Pearl and Lorraine, with Bethany Embleton presenting Pearl with a box of biscuits. Len then thanked everyone who helped over the weekend including the stewards Rex and Pat.

Prizes were presented by Rex for the winners of his quiz, and Pearl presented the prizes for the winning displays which were awarded as follows:

Best Awning display went to the Embleton family with 32 votes.

Best Window display went to the Short family with 27 votes.

Best Tent display went to the Cheesebrough family 15 votes.

The Embleton family were presented with the Shears Trophy for the most votes. The Shears Trophy was reintroduced this year for the overall winner of all displays.

Approximately £36 was made for Demelza house from Heather Pronger from her cakes and Geoff and Elaine Scoones for donating Postman Pat and Jess his cat which was auctioned for £20 and then donated to Demelza House by the buyer which was Pearl the Farm owner.

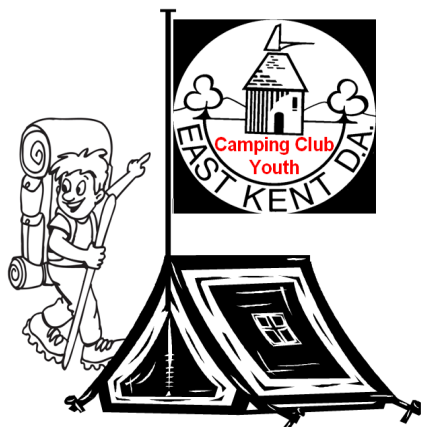
*Len Saunders*

## Coldred Meet

Cath Webber was due to steward the Coldred meet with her husband Mick but unfortunately she had a Heart attack the week before. Myself, Chris, Len and Chris have been to see her on different occasions and are pleased to say that she is out of Hospital and making very good progress.

Myself and Chris stepped in to steward the Coldred meet. It was a very small meet but I think everybody had a good time the children particular as the land owner is very child friendly she has three trampolines for the kids and they were on them from the time they got up until they went to bed they were also feeding and bathing all the different animal that she has. I am told there are some nice walks around for the dog walkers or even the runners. She's open from April until November it would be nice if we had more weekend camping there. So all in all I think we all has a good time.

*Tracey Nicholls*



## Winter CCY and CCJ events

During the winter months we have several events planned for the Youth and Juniors so that they can meet up.

We are pleased to announce that these are:

**Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2012 - 2.00-4.00pm** Roller Skating at The Bay Sports Arena, Herne Bay. Tickets: £4 adults, £3 juniors or we can form groups to get family tickets at £12. Bring your own skates or hire for £2 junior, £2.50 adults.

and

**Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> 2012 - 2.00-4.00pm** Bowling at AMF Bowling, Ashford. Guide price £7 per person

Also, don't forget you can still buy tickets for the DA Christmas party from Tracey Nicholls. The party is on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**.

## Heather Hayward = Marathon Woman?!?!?

On December 26<sup>th</sup> 2003, my husband Jon and I had to tell Kerry and Bethany that their mum had died following a short illness. Kerry was 7 and Beth was just 3. The memory of breaking the news still haunts me - the sound of the uncontrollable howling of a child whose life has just been ripped apart.

Not only had they lost their mum but they also had to move house and school to come and live with us. In the middle of grief their whole lives were turned upside down. Keen to get help to support the girls, we went to our local GP. We were told there is a 2 year waiting list for child

bereavement counselling in Kent, and that we'd be best finding a solution outside of the NHS. We were lucky to get help from Demelza House children's hospice and have two very settled happy girls who I have now legally adopted. I often wonder what happens to other bereaved children - are they waiting 2 years?



## I'm running the Brighton Marathon on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2012 for the Child Bereavement Charity.

I'm looking forward to supporting a national charity that can help in those dark days following not only a child's bereavement from the death of an adult, but also supporting families who have lost children too.



I started training for this back in April 2011 and have just completed my first 10K event. I am currently running 3 times a week, working on turning myself from an overweight couch potato into a long distance 'athlete'. It's quite a challenge juggling training with work, home, husband and 4 children!

You can keep up to date with my training efforts during the winter months by reading my training blog at [www.ashenders.co.uk/Heather](http://www.ashenders.co.uk/Heather)

And, if you like what you read here and on the training blog then perhaps you may like to sponsor me? I have a 'Justgiving' sponsorship page at [www.justgiving.com/Heather-Hayward](http://www.justgiving.com/Heather-Hayward) where if you are a UK tax payer you can also Gift Aid your donation to make it go further!

Many thanks in advance for your support.

*Heather Hayward*

## Stolen Campervan - AY05 HSO



The Editor has received a request that we all keep a look out for a stolen Lunar New Star 58 Motorhome. Mr and Mrs Webb were burgled, their keys taken and then the Campervan stolen from their property. The registration is AY05HSO and if seen members should report the sighting and exact location to the police.

*Picture on left is of a similar campervan.*

## New CS Site in Kent

We have been informed of a new CS site which has opened in Bredhurst near Gillingham, Kent. It's a level 15 acre site in a rural location close to the M2. The site is Dudley Farm, Matts Hill Road, Bredhurst, Kent, ME9 7XA. For bookings contact Mike on 07774 888920 or email [mike@presneillgroup.co.uk](mailto:mike@presneillgroup.co.uk)

## 2012 Meet Dates

The committee will be meeting later this month to finalise the list of meets for 2012. As soon as this list is finalised they will be published on our website and the Regional sites book which is available in the New Year. The meet fees will then be decided by the new committee after our AGM. Don't forget that meets cannot run without stewards, we are always grateful for those who volunteer to steward our meets. You will be able to sign up for stewarding at the AGM.

## And finally

We look forward to seeing lots of you at the Christmas Party and AGM. We hope you all have a very happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you next camping season.

