



FENLAND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

FENDLANDERS IN THE FIELD



IT'S BACK

Formerly "THE REEDER"

This is our Christmas Issue So



Outdoor cooking postponed for a couple of months

If you missed the first issue of the magazine it is now available on our web site just



Photo from Toga weekend



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This is the second issue of the new magazine for Fenland DA

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Merry Christmas to you all

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2014 SITE LIST

DATE	LOCATION	WHAT'S ON
14-16 Feb	WESTWOOD SCHOOL MARCH	VALENTINE / AGM
21-23 March	INGLESCOMBE WISBECH	WORKING WEEK-END
28-30		
04-06 APRIL	CAMBRIDGE CLUB SITE	WORKING WEEK-END
11-13		
17-21	WESTWOOD SCHOOL	EASTER
25-27	TALL TREES	WILD WEST
02-05 MAY		
9-11		REG AGM / FAMILY FUN
16-18	BURLEIGH HILL	
22-27	FERRY MEADOWS	
30-01 JUNE	LITTLE ABBEY FARM	YOUTH AREA
06-08		
13-15	TALL TREES	CARIBBEAN
20-22		
27-29	COACH & HORSES	
04-06 JULY	INGLESCOMBE	ROSE FAIR
11-13	WILLOW FARM	XMAS IN JULY
18-20	LAKESIDE DENVER	
25-27	THE LAWNS	
01-03 AUGUST	LYNDON TOP	
08-10		
15-17	KEELERS MEADOW	THS
22-25		THS
29-31		THS
05-07 SEPT	INGLESCOMBE	MEDIEVAL
12-14	TALL TREES	DA FOL
19-21	POPLARS	WINE TASTING
26-28		RCM
03-05 OCT		GOOSE FAIR
10-12	WESTWOOD SCHOOL MARCH	GANGSTERS & MOLLS
17-19		
24-26		
31-02 NOV	TOTTENHILL VILL HALL	HALLOWEEN
07-09		
05-07 DEC	WESTWOOD SCHOOL MARCH	CARD SWAP
28-02 JAN	WESTWOOD SCHOOL MARCH	NEW YEAR

Chairman's Bit

Hello

Welcome to this 2nd edition of “Fenlanders In The Field”

Firstly I would like to thank all the ‘victims’ that we have caught at Coffee Morning’s and cajoled in to writing a small feature regarding the weekend that they were attending. I am sure they have all enjoyed their task.

Our meets are getting few & far between now as the weather, and therefore the ground, deteriorates but we are not down and out yet! We have our Xmas party coming up and I am intensely tracking down the turkey and mince pies for the event. We will have a great time feasting and dancing the night away to the ‘Hayley Brothers’ I promise I will try not to burn the parsnips this time! Although I do love them that way.

Then of course we have our New Year meet were we can all let our hair down (well, those of us who still have any!) The committee put in a lot of work during this festive season but it’s very rewarding to see people go home with grins on their faces.

Then, some of us have a few weeks off to recuperate before the year springs into life once more. We start off with our AGM and Valentines meet in February. Do come along, have your say and meet the committee during the morning and kick off your shoes for the evening’s entertainment.

Lastly, may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year May it bring you luck, peace and prosperity I look forward to seeing you all out in those Fenland Fields before long.

ODE TO AN AUTO OR THE SKODA SAGA

This is a story of a brand
new car,

Sent form a Club Member
– he didn't go far.

The car was a Skoda. a
quality make,

With spares at King's Lynn
should anything break.

These vehicles are crafted
from loads of waste tin,

Then put on a boat and
sent over to Lynn.

They clean of the salt and
polish inside

Then look for a punter who
wants a cheap ride.

Now, not far away, just a
few miles,

This man, he awaits all
cheque book and smiles,

The salesman and punter,
they make special deals,

Including the colour and
number of wheels.

It cost him three grand, it
should have been one.

If he paid fifty quid he'd
still have been done.

The AA were consulted
each day for a year,

As he waited for badges

and books to appear.

They promised him help
and legal advice,

And a tow home each
night, now wasn't that
nice.

They are built by the
Czechs. at an astonishing
rate,

Two in the morning and
three in tea break.

It was back for a service -
50 miles on the clock.

At the garage in Lynn, just
up from the dock.

The men crowded round
and said he must pay,

What ! , I've come 14
miles and all in one day !

At last they agreed, they
are an amicable bunch,

They said they would get
started and then went to
lunch.

The faults were all listed
three rattles and squeaks,
two screws in a door lock
and many oil leaks

The service was started,
the plugs had been
changed.

The filter was wiped and
the oil had been drained.

The work was completed,
it took half a mo.

The only real problem – it
still wouldn't go.

“A tow is required”, said
one of the chaps,

So off around Lynn some
twenty four laps,

The engine now running
the smoke was quite black,

It made one more journey
– the fourteen miles back,

So it's back in the garage
to wipe off some dust,

To touch up the paint work
and scrape off some rust.

The salesman was asked to
make him a bid.

“I'll take it off yer”, said
he, “But it will cost yer
three quid!”

N.F.O.L ANGLESEY AGRICULTURAL SHOWGROUND
28th August ~ 01st September 2014

Next year the
NFOL will be
held at
*Gwalchmai ,
Holyhead ,
Wales*

Theme

Annual Events

I know that a
few of our
members will
be going to the
meet ,would it
be possible for
the DA to enter
into the Mardi
Gras or even
do a street
scene

Let anybody

on the com-
mittee know
your views we
can even dis-
cuss it at the
AGM in Feb-
ruary to see
what people
think

What are your
views let us
know

Themes

1)*FA CUP*

2)*ASHES*

3)*LAST
NIGHT AT
THE PROMS*

4)*CHRIST-
MAS*

5)*GRAND NA-
TIONAL*

6)
WIMBLEDON

7)*ASCOT*

8)
*EDINBURGH
TATTOO*

TO NAME JUST A
FEW

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New Year Meet 28th December to 2nd January 2014

The committee has a great program lined for you over the New Year holiday with Cheese and wine on Saturday evening

Formal Dinner Sunday night with Live Music (Smart Dress Code)

Monday am 10 Pin Bowling (with lunch at small extra cost)

Race Night followed by Charity auction and American Supper

Tuesday cooked breakfast (at small cost)

New Year Party Night

Wednesday Duncan's walk in the morning

John & Dave's bingo fol-

lowed by Strictly Come Ceilidh

Other events include

Carpet Bowls with other games available

Thursday , Coffee Morning , Prize Giving , Raffle.

Farewell

Programme subject to change

Ferry Meadows Weekend

This was the first year that Janice & I had attended Ferry Meadows, mostly due to the fact we didn't have the time before but seeing that it was in our main holiday period for 2013, we dropped in on the Thursday after spending six nights with the Nott's DA at Wells-next-the-sea.

We had to check in with the main reception, the Camping Führer insuring we understood what to do to the letter of their regime or else we would be shot with the rest of any of the other camping infidels that do not agree with CC policies. .

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The rally field is fairly level with a good amenity facility on the left hand side just as you enter the field and being in a motorhome we took relish in hogging the fresh water tap with our hose until we were full.

Chris told us where to go and get pitched with the same instructions we got from the Stormtrooper in Mein Kampf (reception) so within an hour we were fully set up and started enjoying the sunshine, naturally in my case, with a cider in one hand and a Kindle in the other.

On the Thursday night we had an un-issued invite to have some of the remnants of the wine from Christmas in July – or bring what you fancy - around Gill and Dave's van for an informal get together. We had the normal banter with the circle of good friends' that ever increased, making space for any late comers or new recruits/first timers to the DA.

Late Friday morning we decided to hit the path and cycle ways of the Nene Valley Park which was very pleasant experience and even though Janice and I got a little lost on one of "Paul's Famous Shortcuts" we eventually came back to the campsite along the cycle path on the Nene Valley Railway.

It was a good job that Janice had asked a few people the directions as if we'd taken a left turn instead of a right when we we'd doubled back on ourselves at the rail road bridge, we'd have been going to Wansford instead of Ferry Meadows and tea would have been a little later than planned but we'll know for next time

Saturday was another day of sunshine and we decided to cycle into Peterborough for a little bit of retail therapy for the girls with lunch and a pint for the boys. We ended up at O'Neill's opposite the Weatherspoons due to the reluctance of the staff in Weatherspoons in serving Andrew so over the road we went.

The food in O'Neill's was first class and a lot better than anything that Weatherspoons can offer, a bit pricier but worth it as we was on holiday!

Back to campsite we went with one of us wobbling ever so slightly and Jade bless her, on a very busy main road for the first time (yes you guessed it, a wrong turn again), did a great job getting back to the campsite with even with the final right turn into Ham Lane.

Saturday evening turned out to be a little gathering around our van with an impromptu antipasti supper. Andrew, Nicky, Alex, Jade, Chris and Sylvia joined us with the main stewards (Josie and Kailey) entertaining us with Janice's version of "The Big Eyed Owl" 😊 During this performance the wobbly one decided to promptly fall asleep and as the night closed in further after a few more hours, we all did.

Sunday was the normal tea & announcements as many – including us – were leaving due to the fact the Monday we had to go to the "W" word. The raffle had many a varied prize and I actually won my hat back so you could be seeing that in a rally field near you soon.

Keep them pegs banged in.

Reporter Paul

Week-end Meet Reports

Peakirk Wine Tasting
Weekend

Janet & Bill were Stewards for this meet with 7 units turning out 4 of Fenland with the rest visitors

We had 12 bottles for our tasting session with cheese and biscuits along with other nibbles to help the taste buds

The bottles were all covered so you couldn't vote for your own bottle even if you saw it Bob from Trent Valley DA won with Ronnie



Coffee Morning

second

My bottle came last with people saying it was like paint stripper (maybe I put the wrong bottle out)

The weather was lovely over the week-end and we all sat outside for coffee and stayed for a chat before packing up to go home

Pyjama Party Westwood School March

What a sight! Everyone in PJ's dancing the night away. A fun night had by all. Lots of laughter , food , drink and great music.



Reporters Duncan & Gina

Wonder how many went to bed in their PJ's ???

We never fail to have a good time when out with the " Fenlander's "

Halloween Tall Trees

We enjoyed our week-end at the Halloween meet Held at Tall Trees .

This year especially with so many children taking part . It gives hope for the future camping.

We would like it to be a 5 day meet but we know it wouldn't suit everyone.

Having Electric made all



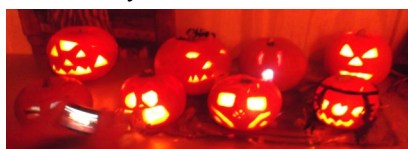
Fancy Dress Winners

difference A special thanks must go to the people who help run the meet.

They work so hard

Reporters Maureen & Tony

We must also thank Nicky and Jade for decorating the hall



CAPITALS OF THE WORLD

(Name the Capital)

- 1 AFGHANISTAN
- 2 ALBANIA
- 3 ALGERIA
- 4 BAHRAIN
- 5 BANGLADESH
- 6 BARBADOS
- 7 BELARUS
- 8 CYPRUS
- 9 CZECH REPUBLIC
- 10 DENMARK
- 11 CAPE VERDE
- 12 CENTRAL AFRICAN
- 13 CHAD
- 14 CHILE(LEGISLATIVE)
.....(OFFICAL)
- 15 FINLAND
- 16 FRANCE
- 17 HONDURURAS
- 18 HUNGARY
- 19 ICELAND
- 20 INDIA
- 21 INDONESIA
- 22 POLAND
- 23 PORTUGAL
- 23 QATAR

Situations Vacant

Countryside Care Officer

The DA is looking for a person who can co-ordinate our countryside care meets if interested please speak to a committee member (this does not have to be a committee post)

Catering Team Members

As you know Gill and Dave have said that they will be standing down from running the catering (with Ronnie & Johns help of course) this coming year so the DA are looking for people to help with this (Please speak to Ronnie & John if you need further information on requirements) or any committee member (again this does not have to be a committee post)

Committee Posts

There are spaces on the committee should you like to help make the camping experience better for everyone

UP AND COMING MEETS SECTION

February 14th—16th 2014

The Valentine meet with the AGM on the Saturday morning at 10:30 in the main hall (don't forget to bring your individual membership card duly signed with you)

NFOL 2015 Houghton Hall

Working Party Volunteers Required

If interested speak to any committee member

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