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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 |
| 04-06 APRIL | CAMBRIDGE CLUB SITE | WORKING WEEK-END |
| 17-21 | WESTWOOD SCHOOL | EASTER |
| 25-27 | TALL TREES | WILD WEST |
| 9-11 MAY | | REG AGM / FAMILY FUN |
| 16-18 | BURLEIGH HILL | |
| 22-27 | FERRY MEADOWS | BOOKED MEET |
| 30-01 JUNE | LITTLE ABBEY FARM | YOUTH AREA |
| 13-15 | TALL TREES | CARIBBEAN |
| 27-29 | CROWLAND CARAVANS | CROWLAND SHOW |
| 04-06 JULY | INGLESCOMBE | ROSE FAIR |
| 11-13 | WILLOW FARM | XMAS IN JULY/CHARITY AUCTION |
| 18-20 | LAKESIDE DENVER | |
| 25-27 | THE LAWNS | |
| 01-03 AUGUST | LYNDON TOP | |
| 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 |
| 31-02 NOV | TOTTENHILL VILL HALL | HALLOWEEN |
| 05-07 DEC | WESTWOOD SCHOOL MARCH | CARD SWAP/BOOKED MEET |
| 28-02 JAN | WESTWOOD SCHOOL MARCH | NEW YEAR |

Ferry Meadows, Christmas in July and the Christmas Card Swap are all booked meets, so please contact me to book your space (Details are on the Web site) . I also have the block booking forms for this year's NFOL, which need to be completed by the middle of May . So, as above ,contact me if you would like a form

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Chairman's Ditty

Firstly, I would like to thank my committee for standing a further year, working hard for Fenland DA. It's not an easy task at times but I know everyone, including myself, really appreciates the effort and time put in.

I would also like to thank them for electing me on, as from the AGM, for another term as Chairman, a position I am very proud to hold. I will strive to improve the standing of the DA yet further within the camping community.

At our AGM in February we chose something a bit different for our 'Charity' for 2014. One of our member's (Mr D Crawford) has a granddaughter named Angel, we are supporting her fund-raising this year. She is taking part in an overseas project to help the children of Tanzania, with the building of schools etc. Angel has to fund her own venture within the scheme which amounts to thousands of pounds. She has been quite successful thus far but still has a long way to go

. Angel's goal in life is to become a Doctor, helping those less fortunate. I think we can only condone such a young girl's ambition and help her aspire to her dreams.

One of our fund-raising events will be at our Xmas in July meet (11-13 July) where we are having an auction of surplus items. These can be of a camping, domestic or just plain of useful type nature. Anything that is not sold must be taken home again.

I look forward to seeing you all out and about, hopefully enjoying the spring weather and not sheltering from the rain.

Best wishes

Gill Samuels

Chris & Ian Corbyn have been in touch and informed me they will sadly no longer be coming camping with us as they have sold the 'Puck'. They wish to say farewell to everyone but they do hope to come & visit us if we are camping near them at any time. I shall miss Ian impaling himself on the fence at New Year.

N.F.O.L ANGLESEY AGRICULTURAL SHOWGROUND
28th August ~ 1st September 2014

This year the
NFOL will be
held at

*Gwalchmai ,
Holyhead ,
Wales*

Theme

Annual Events

I know that a
few of our
members will
be going , the
DA will enter
into the Mardi
Gras

Let anybody
on the commit-
tee know if
you are going

and would like
to join in

We need as
many as we
can get

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

Weekend Camping Reports

Christmas Card Swap

Dec 6th 8th

We arrived on site for our Christmas Card swap weekend greeted by our stewards Eve and Graham

In the evening we went over to the hall meeting old friends and some news

Saturday evening we had a great time plus a wonderful meal, afterwards dancing the night away to the Laurie Haley duo, a great time was had by all

On Sunday morning we met up again for coffee plus a great raffle afterwards we said our good byes hitched up the van and headed home

May I thank Gill David Ronnie John and committee members and all who helped over the past year

We hope you all have a good Christmas and best wishes for the New Year see you all soon

Report by Iris & John Newman

AGM / Valentines Meet

Feb 14-16

Somehow I have been given this amazing opportunity to relay to you, the great British public, the antics of a Fenland weekend.

Dave and I were stewarding the meet at Westwood School March. We set off from home on a very windy afternoon, actually it was blowing a gale! Not knowing how many, if any, others would bother to turn out on such a night. We were not too disappointed when others did arrive, a bit windblown but safe.

We had a very pleasant evening on Friday, sitting in the hall relating tales of damaged sheds etc. Numbers were low but we had made it. There were 9 units huddled up on the school playground, looking very ghostly. We had been listening to the increasing winds during the evening and had to hang on to our belongings getting back to our beds.

It was a bit pointless really even thinking we were going to get any sleep. She blew and blew and rattled anything that was not lashed down. Dave had to get up and remove our 'awning in a bag' from the side of the van as it was constantly slapping against the side wall, sounding like a band of drummers. Then within an hour the van really started to rock and I lay there thinking which arm would I break, depending on which way the van would be blown over! It was a horrendous night but we all survived. On emerging from the van in the morning there were a few fire buckets scattered but no real damage.

we had a good AGM, so the business of the day was concluded, on to the good stuff. Like lunch at Weatherpoons, with good company. We had made the decision to cancel our Disco for the Saturday night as although 2 more units had joined us, it didn't seem fair to the DJ. With much haste Dave and I put together a quiz night with a difference. Some Valentine's based questions and a few 'bring me a.....' rounds for extra points followed by Dave's music lyric quiz, eek! Janice & Paul's team won, not quite sure how! Everyone had a great evening, much preferred to the disco some said. I don't think we'll get Dave to do another lyric quiz though!

Coffee morning was as usual with a raffle with a difference too, every couple had 1 ticket and we all got a prize, yeah!

Travelling home proved a lot easier with the wind much calmer. More than I can say for my temper when the gear box died enroute, ending up 100yds from the front door, stuck, no go! More expense!!!

Gill

Countryside Care Week-End

March 28th 30th

This time we had 8 vans out with Eve and Graham as Stewards

Bob our New Country Side Care Officer was out for the first time in his new roll

The weather was kind to us as we helped clean up the site

Bob and Alina were in charge of the bonfire

We cleaned the area near the fence where you come in to the site and also planted a big Christmas tree at the side of the road on site

Gill and helpers provided lunch of soup and a choice of

1-Hot Dog

2-Burger with Onion

3-Jacket Potato

4-Tea and Coffee

Lunch was well received by all our thanks to the team

The Kitchen Tent was used on Friday and Saturday night for a get together although it was a bit cold on Friday night so extra heaters were in place for Saturday

Gill was away on Region duties Sunday morning so Janet our Vice-Chairman held our coffee morning which she did very well

NEW YEAR 2014

WOW!!, another wonderful New Year Rally with Fenland D.A.!! My 5th., 2 with my dear husband Colin (who passed away in 2011) and 3 since on my own.

Arrived Saturday 28th. set the motorhome up and then armed with my mug, (the urn is always 'on') into the hall to book in and collect my window sticker, programme etc. then to collect a mug of tea and catch up with friends already there or others as they came in.

This evening a cheese and wine reception with a lot more catching up!

Sunday morning I went into the hall (with my mug again), the carpet for bowls had been laid out and several people were practicing their skills. Duncan and Maureen set up a series of pairs for a Knockout Competition and as they were one short I made up a pair, but I am not very good, on target but with much too much wellie and the bowl goes off the end of the carpet!

On with the 'Glad rags' this evening and into the hall to meet and greet the Committee before sitting down for the meal served by the caterers. Another very good meal, then dancing to 'Diamond White'. I am not very good at dancing these days, (I use a stick to walk), but I can manage 'Dad Dancing' or should that be 'Grandma Dancing', however I do enjoy myself.

Monday, Ten Pin bowling had been arranged with a pre-booked lunch afterwards, quite a lot went off, I went into the hall to see who was around, Gill was there and we had a long chat about life in general, there was a jig saw laid out and I put a few pieces in, but as it was a cartoon picture of cars, boats, and hot air balloons not to mention a whole lot of other things all jumbled up it was keeping everyone quiet trying their hand at it on various occasions.

This evening it was Race Night. Betting with Monopoly money, the children had a table set out in front of the screen with their cola and nibbles, making as much noise as the adults cheering their horses home!! In the interval an American Supper had been laid out and as usual everyone had been very generous with their contributions. Second half of the Race Night and then an auction using their winnings of Monopoly money, biscuits, chocolates beer and other items all went for 'fabulous amounts' of money!

New Years Eve, breakfast was being served to those who had ordered it, once again the ladies with help from John and Dave did sterling work getting us all fed. Impromptu Beetle drive this afternoon, it's amazing the amount of noise ½ dozen dice can make on plain tables, not to mention the groans and Yes! when the dice do or don't go the players way, but it all stopped momentarily when a balloon in the net over our heads burst!!

Into the hall 5.30p.m. to decorate our tables ready for the New Year party. Party started 8p.m. with dancing to the 'Moonlight Disco', they were taking requests for music and so the music was what we like to hear. Midnight and it was Auld Lang Syne and hugs and kisses all round, a good start to 2014.

January 1st, and a very wet day, Duncan and Maureen gathered up about a dozen or so plus dogs for their walk. I didn't go out today as it was so wet. Into the hall this evening for Bingo then 'Strictly Come Ceilidh', 4 judges were chosen from the hall, Duncan was 'Bruno' the Italian Stallion, Pat was 'Darcy Brussels', Ken was 'Ken the Ten', and Wol Bailey was 'Craig Revell-Hardwood. 2 teams of 10 people, and even after a walk through they were still getting into a muddle when there were ladies taking the man's part but it was all good humored fun. Half time and Ronnie had prepared Scotch Broth with lovely chunks of fresh bread. All refreshed and the dancing started again, John and Ronnie's team won by a narrow margin. A good evening to finish off the celebrations.

Thursday, fine and bright, and as it was the final morning, we all made the most of it, packing everything

away and tidying up after yesterdays rain. Coffee, raffle and prize giving before we all left to make our way home. The raffle table was as usual loaded with gifts, many of which had been quietly donated.

Prizes were given out, A box of Maltesers to Caleb who won the carpet Bowls, the trophy to Pete Fryer-Kelsey, and the Wooden Spoon to Dave for the ten Pin Bowling. Flowers were given to the ladies who had done so much work over the weekend keeping the coffee urn and the food etc. organized for us all.

I came home to have a lie down but hopefully I shall be back next year for some more!

As a lady on her own I am never feeling 'left out' and I have so many friends among the Fenlanders it is always a pleasure to go out with them. If you haven't been to a Fenland New Year rally you should give it a 'go'!

Ann

Thank You from Hayley

Hi there,

Firstly I'd just like to apologize for such a late email, I did actually send you an email some time ago, but didn't realise that I had sent it to the wrong address! I then sent it again and it was returned to me as undelivered..... I failed to notice. So a HUGE apology from myself and my Daughter.

Ok now I've rambled on, I realise you don't actually even know who I am!

I'm Hayley, my daughter is Angel and my Dad is Duncan Crawford. :O)

I wanted to say a massive, gigantic THANK YOU to you for allowing my dad to do a raffle on Angels behalf with regards to her world challenge fundraising. Both myself and my daughter were absolutely Wowed when my dad come home with such a huge amount of money. My dad speaks very highly of all his friends and when he said that you had all contributed to the raffle with such kindness we were bowled over.

As you probably know (because my dad tells everyone!) Angel is trying to raise two and half thousand pounds to get out to Tanzania in order to help build a school and offer help with anything to those that are less fortunate then ourselves. She has so far been able to raise £700 pound which I'm sure you agree is a huge amount of money especially for a 14 year to raise, but Angel wont give up till she's on that plane! Angel plans to become a doctor, she wants to go and administer medicines to the poorer countries and this trip is a step in the right direction. As far as I'm concerned (and I am biased lol) she is an inspiration and i am so very proud of her.

She is doing an abseil in March to try and raise some more money and we are hoping to have a small charity event sometime in the summer, which will include a raffle from all the generous donations we have had including a brand new bike, cinema tickets and the promise of some wonderful handmade cakes and much more. If we are able to get this event up and running we would be very honoured if you and your family came along :O)

I've waffled on enough..... The main purpose of this email was for Angel and I to thank you so very much. With the money raised from the raffle we are just that little bit closer to Angel fulfilling her dreams. xxxx

Yours gratefully

Hayley Kissi.... (daughter of the very mad Duncan Crawford ;O) xxxxxx

Answers for CAPITALS OF THE WORLD (Name the Capital)

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 1 AFGHANISTAN | <i>KABUL</i> |
| 2 ALBANIA | <i>TIRANA</i> |
| 3 ALGERIA | <i>ALGIERS</i> |
| 4 BAHRAIN | <i>MANAMA</i> |
| 5 BANGLADESH | <i>DHAKA</i> |
| 6 BARBADOS | <i>BRIDGETOWN</i> |
| 7 BELARUS | <i>MINSK</i> |
| 8 CYPRUS | <i>NICOSIA</i> |
| 9 CZECH REPUBLIC | <i>PRAQUE</i> |
| 10 DENMARK | <i>COPENHAGEN</i> |
| 11 CAPE VERDE | <i>PRAIA</i> |
| 12 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC | <i>BANGUI</i> |
| 13 CHAD | <i>N'DJAMENA</i> |
| 14 CHILE | <i>VALPARAISO</i>(<i>LEGISLATIVE</i>)(<i>OFFICAL</i>) |
| 15 FINLAND | <i>HELSINKI</i> |
| 16 FRANCE | <i>PARIS</i> |
| 17 HONDURURAS | <i>TEGUCIGALPA</i> |
| 18 HUNGARY | <i>BUDAPEST</i> |
| 19 ICELAND | <i>REYKJAVIK</i> |
| 20 INDIA | <i>NEW.DELHI</i> |
| 21 INDONESIA | <i>JAKARTA</i> |
| 22 POLAND | <i>WARSAW</i> |
| 23 PORTUGAL | <i>LISBON</i> |
| 23 QATAR | <i>DOHA</i> |

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) THIS POST HAS BEEN FILLED Welcome Brian Webb

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

Don't forget that all booked meets should be with Booking officer / Site Secretary (Eve) as soon as possible

Ferry Meadows , Christmas in July, Card Swap

Wild West weekend at Tall Trees on 25th-27th April

NFOL 2015 Houghton Hall

Working Party Volunteers Required

If interested speak to any committee member

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