

Surrey DA AGM 2017 – Chairman’s Annual Report (Carol Harris)

I am so happy to be back and camping again after tripping on my front step at home and smashing my elbow into hundreds of pieces. I am so grateful to the Surgeon who rebuilt my arm with a metal replacement but also to my camping friends who visited me regularly and who ferried me to hospitals during my seven month recovery. A heartfelt thank you to all of you. A big thank you also for all the get well cards they really kept my spirits up.

Unfortunately last week at one of my hospital visits I bumped into Brian Harvey, who with his wife Hazel, has camped with Surrey many times in the past few years. He told me that Hazel has been in hospital for the last two months and he was very surprised that no one had informed the committee. We shall be passing a get well card around for Hazel, for everyone to sign.

I missed a fair chunk of camping last year but did manage to enjoy the camp at the preview of the Church farm site at Climping before the opening as a five van site. Those of us that attended had a really great time. I met some new members from Woking who told me they were new to camping and had joined the caravan club and then quickly regretted the rigid format, which was not comfortable for them at all. This was their first time at a 'Camping Club DA Meet' they had enjoyed our DA meet immensely

This year we are holding a THS at Church Farm (in a rally field) there. 26th May until 4th June. So I might see you there.

Last year I attended the last camp at Ecclesden farm before it closed. Stewarded by Peter and Irene, it was a great weekend although rather sad to think it was the end of forty years of camping there. The Holiday site at Bosham did well once again, later in the year the usual Brockham 'Mud fest' was dry'ish so no slipping and sliding however the new small marquee was a great success for the after fireworks soup all in all a good years camping by all accounts.

This year the Graftham Clearup' had fewer visitors but a good time was had by all those attending. The meet at Blacklands Farm Sharpthome stewarded by Hazel and Des was different this year as we had the small marquee which was used for games in the evenings. The weather was so 'hot' we were treated to the Grand National 'with a sweepstake and TV commentary followed by competitions' and quizzes' all out in the sunshine it was very good fun. Oh yes please remember 'Do not arrive early for meets not an hour or a week early than the published time'.

I do hope to see you all out camping having a relaxing and peaceful summer of fun.

And finally we now have some very smart fabulous 'Yellow Steward Flags' So don't forget to plant one outside your unit the next time you volunteer to steward a meet
Thank you.

Secretary’s Report – Allen Russell (to follow..)

Treasurer's Report – Jenny Croney

Introduction

I am pleased to confirm the Surrey DA Accounts for the financial year 1st January to 31st December 2016 were approved and signed, on the 28th February by Frank Tuck as a true statement of our affairs. Our second auditor Meg Fairman then reviewed the accounts and signed them on 6th March. I would like to thank the Auditors for their help, time and patience while auditing the accounts.

The DA's HSBC Bank Signatories for 2017, as agreed by your committee, are Treasurer; Jenny Croney, Alan Moore, Allen Russell, Carol Harris and Peter Cole.

Financially, the DA remains in a strong position, thanks to the surplus generated by our Temporary Holiday Sites at Bosham. Please see page 3 for the detailed financial report on the THS.

We opened 2016's financial year with £2123.78 in our HSBC account and £3733.68 in our HQ account, totalling assets of £5857.46. However, VAT liabilities for 2015 of £625.13 reduced the DA's account to a net figure of £5232.33

The HQ deposit account accrued interest, during 2016, of £74.88. This has been divided between the Social account, £62.33 and Youth account, £12.55.

On the 31st December 2016 we closed the year with £2397.65 in the HSBC account and £3808.56 in our HQ deposit account. This amounts to a gross balance of £6206.21 carried forward to 2017

Deducting our VAT liability of £418.14 for 2016, gives us a net carried forward Balance of £5788.07. Our net cash surplus (income over expenditure), for 2016, amounted to £348.75,

Accounts

At the bottom of page one are details of our Current Assets; monies held in our HSBC account, the HQ deposit account and with no cash in hand or un-presented cheques.

Page 2, "Receipts and Payments" shows a complete breakdown of our income and expenditure for the year 2016. The bank account allocations, brought forward from 2015, with surplus or (deficit) for 2016 and then the carried forward balances to 2017.

Our significant income in 2016 was from the THS at Bosham which raised £806.64. Thanks to our stewards for running this very successful meet.

Your committee approved significant expenditure in 2016 of £326.19 for the purchase of a 4m x 4m tent extension to the DA's marquees, 2 number tool boxes for marquee lights £42.04 and £75 subsidy for 30 Surrey DA members attending the Christmas card swap.

VAT Liability

The DA carried forward into 2017 a VAT liability of £418.14, as mentioned above.

Charity

Surrey DA members, via charity events, raised £108.75 during 2016 for the chairman's charity, "AGSD".

SDA Assets List

The asset list indicates all items and equipment held by various members of the Committee on behalf of Surrey DA and quantities plus values of saleable regalia items.

Looking to the future

Your committee have agreed to purchase 2 new stewards teardrop flag at a cost of £154.93 net.

The DA has arranged the THS at Bosham again this year together with THS at our new site at Climping over the May Bank Holiday, which together promise to produce significant surpluses for our funds.

2021 is the Surrey DA's 100 anniversary. I, as Treasurer, would like to propose the DA sets aside some of these surplus assets to finance the 100th anniversary celebrations.

And finally...

I would like to thank Eve and Frank for their hospitality while carrying out the audit and thank the auditors Frank and Meg for auditing the DA accounts so efficiently.

Jennifer Croney Hon. Treasurer Surrey DA.

9a) South Eastern Region Appointed Councillors Report - AGM 2017

The Region Dinner and Dance at Eastborne went well [Thank's to Jenny & Dave C.]

2016 SER Meet & AGM at White House Farm went well and Jenny Croney now Chairman Harry Leach Vice & Yvonne Leach Regalia Officer no other changes

Region Seminar in October 2016 Unfortunately was not well attended but most of the ones that attended found it very useful.

A request was made for any paint (in particular bright colours) members had and no longer wanted to be passed to Coren Moore for Sites Decorations for NFOL

If anyone has suitable Tombola prizes for the NFOL Chris Armstrong will be pleased to receive them [you can pass them on to Allen or myself to pass them on to her]

It was agreed that the 2018 Seminar would be held over the weekend from Friday 19th to Sunday 21st October. Venue to be advised. Trevor Wilson to contact DAs and Sections for a suitable school venue.

SER Sites books are now available

Volunteers needed for PRO stand Camping World at Hornbrook Park, Horsham, A281:

06-07 May 2017 –

10-11 June 2017 –

15-16 July 2017 –

12-13 August 2017 –

Harry has done another Region Newsletter and always looking for articles go in it

Rex Knight advised NFOL at Hickstead Sussex, Block booking forms to be sent to Club by 30th April [and Jenny C need them by 20th APRIL]

SER Holiday meet 9th June - 19th at Great Wigsell Farm, Robertsbridge, Kent with the Region meet the last weekend & the AGM on Sunday 18th June 2017 Harry has booked extra children's activities for the Anniversary meet.

We are still looking for Steward for the Region holiday meet at Maplehurst to help Harry Leach from 12th August - 4th September but will be closed over the FOL week end. [if only you can spare a few days it will be helpful]

Ros Russell Appointed Regional Councillor

9c) PRO's Report

Last year we manned the marketing stands at Camping World, Horsham and receiving a positive response from a number of visitors to the exhibitions. Thanks to others from the DA who have participated in this initiative organised and co-ordinated by the Region PRO, Harry Leach.

Only 2 enquiries received from HQ last year, these were forwarded details of DA, and 2016 meets, but we have seen a number of new members joining us on camping weekends.

Marketing opportunities are available to man stands at dealers open days in 2017, volunteers required,

Allen Russell - SDA PRO

9e) Countryside Care Report -

Thank you to all the DA members who responded to a short notice request from Norman Hemsley (National Countryside Care Officer) for assistance to complete tree maintenance work at Graffham Club Site when it closed at the end of October.

The identified trees were dealt with and in addition considerable amounts of Rhododendron trimming and disposal took place. Tree branches were chipped and used in the construction of a new set of steps and gateway at the entrance services area.

I was unable, due to date clashes, to attend the pre-season working party at Graffham Club Site this year (24th – 26th March). Sue Moore – South East Region Countryside Care Officer – kindly organised the working party. Just five or six units were able to attend , nonetheless, pitches were successfully prepared for the new season and a new section of boundary fence was constructed to replace what was damaged when a dangerous tree overhanging the road was removed by contractors during the winter closure. Many thanks to the DA members who helped to make sure that the site was ready for opening.

Peter Cole Countryside Care Officer Surrey DA

9f) Webmasters Report -

Throughout the year the Surrey DA website has been updated on a camping 'meet by meet' basis. The 'forthcoming' meet or event taking prime location on the home page of the website. I'm pleased to confirm the website continues to generate interest with around 2,500 hits since this time last year.

The website continues to provide information and support to Surrey DA events, also information on South Eastern Regional events. The website also actively supports the promotion of the National Feast of Lanterns 2017 (hosted by the SE Region, at Hickstead, August Bank Holiday this year)

The Beacon Trophy 'News' Competition has now been in place for a full year since its announcement in November 2015. The qualifying dates are from 1st April until 31st March, the following year. The website has received a good response with lots of interesting news and reports, mostly accompanied by pictures, all of which have been published during the year. Your news contributions would be greatly appreciated.

David Croney Webmaster – www.surreyda.co.uk

9g) Site Secretary Report

During the course of 2016 /2017 Surrey DA has:-

Temporary Holiday Site - Bosham

5 Tents, 3 Trailer tents, 44 caravans, 59 Motor vans, total unit nights camped 485, Adults 220, Children 33

Surrey DA Meets – During the year

6 Tents, 11 Trailer tents, 117 Caravans, 59 Motor vans, total unit nights 469, Adults 314, children 66, CCY 1

New sites for 2016/17

Church Farm, Church Lane, Climping. This site was well supported and this year 2017/18 we are holding a THS the late may bank holiday in a few weeks' time.

Sadly we lost Ecclesdon Farm, Angmering as the landowner have decided to stop campers for personal reasons.

A massive thank you goes to all Stewards who helped during the year.

9h) Youth Report

Nothing to report for the DA

SURREY D.A. REGALIA Report

29th April 2017

All Regalia at reduced Prices!!

Sweatshirts (Royal Blue) Sizes; S, M & L
Sale Price: reduced to only £13.00

Polo Shirts (White) Sizes; S, M & L.
Sale Price; reduced to only £10.00

Baseball Caps (Royal Blue) Size Adjustable.
Sale Price; reduced to only £4.00



All regalia has a top quality embroidered Surrey DA Logo. (Sorry XL and above sizes are not available in the Sale)

A new stock of Surrey DA pennons and plaques will be available later in 2017.

Pennons £5.00

Plaques: £1.50

To purchase any of the above simply visit WWW.surreyda.co.uk to e-mail our Regalia Officer.

Surrey DA will be involved in this year's National Feast of Lanterns; it would be great to see Surrey DA members in the pennon parade and around the event wearing our colours.

Jenny Croney Regalia Officer
29th April