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CHAIRMANS PITCH

I would like to start my report on a personal note, I would like to say a big THANK-YOU to all the people who sent me best wishes and cards after my recent hospital stay, and also another THANK-YOU to those of you who sent the same to our 5year old granddaughter, who on the day I came out of hospital, she was rushed in to have her appendix out, what a week that was we are both doing fine, the only problem Charlotte had was the fact my scar is bigger than hers.

Now on to business, we have a new treasurer, Fred is going to do the job which means we will still have a DA, but that does not mean that we are ok for committee members a couple more would be great, you know where I am if you wish to know any more.

Menu's are available for any one wishing to go to the Chairmans Dinner the price is the same as last time £16-50p, with camping available what more can you ask for, the date is 25th February 2012 with our AGM in the afternoon you can make a weekend of it.

To any one who is not feeling too good I hope that changes soon.
Fred and I would like to wish you all a Very Healthy and Happy 2012, with lots of safe camping.

Carol

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Brian and Fiona on the birth of their first Great Granddaughter, to Mandy and Stuart on the birth of their first Granddaughter, and to Niki and Neil on the birth of your Daughter.

The Smiths

THE JOURNEY TO BALA

It's 8-15, it's time to pack,
To get all your belongings in one rucksack,
You count upon the weeks it's taken
To make this enjoyable, exciting vacation,
Parents lock up the house after loading the car,
Then you remember your going so far
That you need a wee and run back in the house,
But your home is so empty you feel like a mouse.

Were off, were off, to Bala were going
We have finished the chorus of moaning and groaning
I'm squashed to the door with camping stuff
And I am ready for the journey that makes me feel rough
I can't wait till were there though we have barely set off
I think about the views that look like they're painted by Van Gogh.

Were half way there and I can see the hill,
I imagine the lake that's looked after by Bill
We drove up the down and now were in the town
I've just passed the pub called the Rose and Crown,
When I see the shops I remember so clearly
That the lake is next, that I miss so dearly.

As were going up the hill to our beautiful camp,
Our excitement doubles and our eyes look like lamps,
The car engine roars as it uses all it's might
And you look up and see the Bala campsite.

Amelia Williamson

Bill is the lake Warden

GOOD LUCK

Good Luck and Best Wishes to Harold and Joyce Purves's daughter and family Suzanne Mark Danny and Ryan who have just emigrated to Australia.

The Smiths

SITES FOR 2013

Do you know of any NEW sites that you would like us to try, or would you like to visit an old site that we have not visited for a while, well just let Dennis McGee know, I am sure he would like to hear from you and hear your idea's. Dennis's phone number is 0161 4941797.

Carol

Ebury Hill conservation.

My thanks to the members of our D.A. and the members of other D.A.s who join us each time, plus one new unit from Roche valley, many of the jobs are done each year, but this time two new ones, removing old trees that had fallen in the lake that were visible, as the water level was four feet lower than normal owing to a very dry summer in that area. The other was cutting out a huge tree stump over hanging a camping pitch, the roots were visible underneath so it would not take long, after digging and cutting roots that went into the rock on the edge of the old quarry it finally came down after four days.

We had a visitor also, Mark Round the clubs reporter came, talking to members, and taking photographs of the things we were doing, he was impressed with the work we do. He also took a shot of us all in the marquee at lunch time, again impressed at the spread the dinner ladies present.

Keep your eyes on the club magazine we may get a write up.

Dennis McGee

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

- 1/ What season was Jesus actually born.
- 2/ What city was Jesus born in.
- 3/ In what direction did the Kings see his Star.
- 4/ In Legend what did St Nicholas drop down the chimney.
- 5/ Where did it land.
- 6/ What is Tiny Tim famous for saying.
- 7/ Name 3 items contained in Egg Nog.
- 8/ What letter does the Christmas Candy Cane resemble.
- 9/ What is the name of the Christmas Snowman.
- 10/ What was so good about the Red Nose Rudolph had.
- 11/ Where is Santa Clause's Workshop located.
- 12/ What do the 9 Ladies Dancing represent.
- 13/ Who plays his Drums to honour Jesus.
- 14/ What were the first Tree Ornaments.
- 15/ Name the four Ghosts in the movie A Christmas Carol.

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Dear Secretary,

Following on from Green Paper 3.14 London 2012 Olympic Games – Club Camping Activity, the Club is now looking to recruit voluntary staff to assist in the operation of Olympic campsites during the summer of 2012.

Please find enclosed the job description for any volunteers who may be interested in working. Successful applicants would be required to work a block of 4 consecutive days on and 4 days off, with a basic expectation of 8 hours work a day (full details on job description).

As this role will be engaging with Members and Non Members, we are looking for volunteers with camping experience, good communication and customer service skills, the ability to work well in a team and most importantly, the Friendly Club spirit. Travel costs to the site, a pitch for the duration of your working agreement and a £20.00 living allowance per working day will all be provided by the Club.

I would be grateful if you could pass this information on to your Club Unit as we are especially keen to hear from any Club units who would like to get a group of volunteers together.

Any interested parties should complete the enclosed availability form and return it with a letter detailing their experience to:

Debbie McGarry
Membership Activities Co-ordinator
Camping and Caravanning Club
Greenfields House
Westwood Way
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The Friendly Club

Olympic Camp Sites 2012

Please tick which sites you would like to work on and indicate the dates you are available.

Name:

Club Unit:

Gravesend Rugby Football Club/Old Gravesendian Rugby Club

Donald Briggs Drive

Gravesend

DA12 2TL

Dates open: Friday 20 July – Thursday 16 August 2012

Dates available to work:

Culverstone Recreation Ground

White Post Lane

Gravesham

DA13 OTN

Dates open: Friday 20 July – Thursday 16 August 2012

Dates available to work:

Lee Valley Waterworks

Lea Bridge Road

Leyton

E10 7QB

Dates open: Friday 20 July – Thursday 16 August 2012

Dates available to work:

Havering
Westlands Playing Fields

London Road

Romford

RM7 9NX

Dates open: Tuesday 24 July – Monday 20 August 2012

Dates available to work:

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Olympic Site Volunteer

REPORTS TO: Holiday Site Manager

DIRECT REPORT: None

MISSION: "To ensure all campers enjoy their stay on Club Sites in safety and to promote the good name of the Camping and Caravanning Club at all times."

JOB FUNCTION	RESPONSIBILITIES
	<p>Meet and Greet campers Pitch Campers under the direction of the HSM (holiday site manager) Provide information to campers Deal with general camper queries Ensure Club Site policies are implemented and interpreted to the benefit of all campers Be an ambassador for the Club maintaining our Friendly reputation in all dealings with campers.</p> <p>limited office administrative duties. Bookings duties Completion of safety documentation Maintain information. Provision of information to HSM / HQ when required</p> <p>Daily Facility Cleaning and checks – toilets, showers, Chemical Disposal Point etc. Ground care –pitch repairs etc Refuse collection Monitor departures</p> <p>In all activities maintain personal and Club compliance to relevant legislative and regulatory requirements and report any breach to the appropriate line Manager.</p>

PERSON SPECIFICATION – Olympic Site Volunteer

Successful candidates will receive:-

- Associated travel costs to the site
- A free pitch for the duration of the working agreement (including rest days)
- £20 living allowance (per working day)

Experience:

Appropriate Customer service and operational experience gained in a Stewardship of THS or Rally or service focused environment.

Qualifications:

Essential Skills:

- THS/ DA meet stewarding
- Customer Service Skills
- Communication Skills
- Problem Solving
- Team Working
- Time Management

Desirable Skills:

- Influencing and Persuading
- Negotiation
- Planning
- Numerate and Literate
- Practical DIY skills

Presentation and personality description:

Friendly, flexible, organised, energetic, confident and hard-working, with a 'can do' attitude. Must be able to work well in a busy team environment

Working Pattern

It would be expected that the successful applicant would work a block of 4 consecutive days. A roster of 4 days on 4 days off would be in place across all sites. A basic expectation of an 8 hour day would be detailed, this will be site specific. The hours will be grouped into 2 hour blocks split between a variety of working times to cover mornings, afternoons, and evening shifts. These hours may be split throughout the working day to ensure key activities are covered.

The working roster will be agreed and published at site for all staff.

November 1975

Millionaires Shortbread

Shortbread; 3ozs castor sugar, 6ozs margarine, 9ozs flour, cream margarine and sugar and mix into flour to soft dough, press into swiss roll tin and bake at 360degrees F for approx 20 mins till golden brown.

Caramel; 4ozs margarine, 2ozs sugar, 7ozs condensed milk (small tin or 1/2 medium) 2 tablespoons syrup, vanilla essence. Put all except vanilla into a saucepan and melt, bring to boil stirring all the time, and boil for 5 mins still stirring, add vanilla after taking from the stove.

Finish by pouring caramel over shortbread, spreading evenly, then melt 1/2 block of cake brand chocolate in a bowl, standing in hot water and spread over caramel. When cool cut into squares before chocolate sets completely.

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December 1975

Kipper Pate'

1 packet of kipper fillets cooked and mashed in a dish with 4ozs of butter.

1 tablespoonful of very finely chopped onion.

1 tablespoonful of lemon juice.

Black pepper to taste, mix together.

Thelma Harrison

If you try any of these recipes, please let us know.

Carol

Williamsons meet the wild west of America 2011

The travellers have now returned !!! And back to normality. We had an amazing 3 week trip of 4,300 miles in a hired 30 foot R.V., or to those not in the know a campervan that resembled a horse van in size. The plan was to share driving I do the straight bits and Andy the complex inner city and town bits. What I didn't realize my roads would turn out to be high speed intercity highways, so I lasted an hour!

We flew into Calgary, originally to pick up our family friend Barbara, sadly without health insurance she could not join us, instead she stayed at control room to support travel plans and advise!!

Leaving the snow capped views toward Banff, we journeyed south over the border thro Montana to Idaho, Cowboy country ,beautiful .The children had their first swim in a cold lake ,with an orange sunset behind. What a way to start a holiday.

Yellowstone, Wyoming saw miles of wilderness, roaming buffalo, sulphur springs of of many prismatic colours, Old Faithful and chilly nights due to the high elevation.

Grand Tetons followed exiting the park, amazing glacial snow capped peaks plunging into Icy Lakes. Yes the children did swim, we used Kayaks and rafted!

Bryce Canyon, Utah with its red rocky pinnacle erosion pattern, turned out to be my favourite place .

Zion, tall rocky mountains with a beautiful river meandering and a warmer swim for the children this time. Angels Landing was achieved, a high level hike along a rocky narrow peninsular.

Grand Canyon was all it was expected to be. Sunset was a spiritual experience.

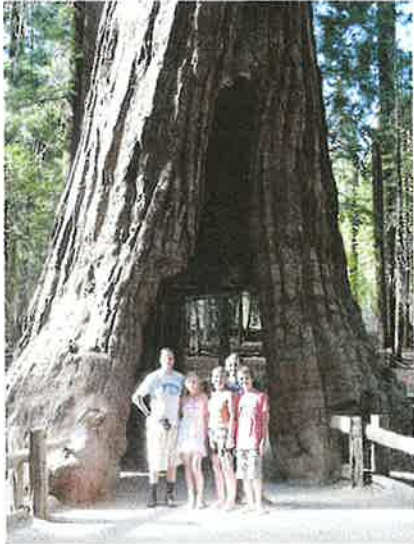
Las Vegas, children's fave place having ridden all the sky high rides. Even the RV park felt like a hotel. We experienced the main attractions in 2 long nights ,returning to camp at 2am.Hoover Dam got the award for the hottest place,44 Deg. Wow! An overwhelming sight.

Past Death Valley and Secret Government Area 51, onto Yosemite, California. Andy's favourite. Beautiful meadows and towering granite cliffs and a very very cold river for the swim. Sequoia forest towered above.

San Francisco just wasn't possible. Next time ! Onwards and upwards on the homeward trek thro' the fruit fields of California to Crater Lake, Oregon. A 5 mile radius inactive volcano crater filled with iced water surrounded with snow. Unbelievable and beautiful with lava fields around.

So what do we plan for next year? Anglesey for simplicity!

A Fam(ily), A Van (30' RV) A Plan (4300 miles round America)



Yosemite



Grand Tetons



Bryce Canyon



Las Vegas



The Recreational Vehicle

Zion Canyon



