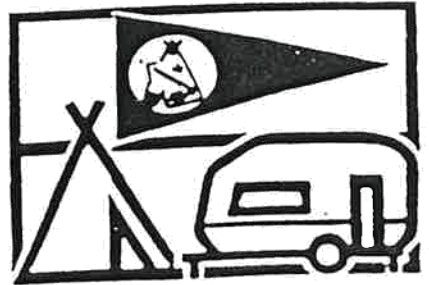


The Camping and Caravanning Club
N.E.C.D.A



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JANUARY 25th. 2013



PLEASE NOTE

NECDA's AGM will now be held on 16th FEBRUARY 2013 at 3PM PROMPT.

ALL MEMBERSHIP CARDS MUST BE SHOWN.

Followed at 7-00pm the Chairman's Dinner.

Apologies from the committee for the confusion but this was beyond their control.

Carol

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

We started off the proceedings with a plea from me for committee members and then Brian Cohn explained to the members that if we cannot get committee members, or even more important if we cannot get members to camp with the DA then after the AGM there will be no more NECDA, Brian asked the question do the members want to save the DA, and there was not any reaction from the members, Brian and I thanked the members and the social carried on, once again as in passed years the buffet did not let us down, with Colin Worthington making a chicken and mushroom pie. A pass the parcel raffle and lots of catching up with friends not seen for a while the evening was again a success. Thanks to Michael (Hayleys boyfriend) for overseeing the music, to Hayley and Olivia for all the help and to the people who helped with the clean up.

Carol

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Dear Friends and Campers,

We are very pleased to announce the arrival of triplets to our daughter Avril and her partner Lee. The triplets consisting of 2 girls and a boy were born on 15th of September, their names are Ruby, Holly and Ethan. Avril and the babies are doing very well

Proud grandparents again

Dorothy and Graham Ellershaw

Once again the camping and caravanning season has come to a close with the 2012 conservation meet at Ebury Hill, and once again it was an unqualified success. The weather was moderate and ideal for working, with convivial company and in my case a great working partner, thanks Alan.

This meet at the end of the year is somewhat different from the spring meet in that the function of this one is primarily a cleaning, tidying, and maintenance meet. For example, the electricians clean all the site lighting and generally maintain the electric **equipment after the wear and tear of the season**. Alan and I apart from our other duties try to clean out and repair some of the bird boxes round the site. All the site signs are taken down, and the fire fighting equipment is stored safely

As usual a great amount of leaves were swept up by the ladies and burned, which makes it a lot easier in spring when all the rest of the leaves have fallen and this year quite a few diseased and dead trees were cut down and burned. Donald and Roger cut them down while Alan and I cut them up. I hope that I can be forgiven for reiteration, but once again Rosemary and her ladies did us proud, as I have said before their performance was not quite up to the loaves and fishes miracle, but it was not far off. How in this economic era we can be fed for £ 1 00 per day and a free day on the last day is beyond me.

Occasionally Arthur Jones appeared out of a thick fog of smoke, with a brush minus most of its bristles, then disappeared again followed by a shower of sparks and another cloud of smoke. To anyone familiar with Dantes inferno there is a marked similarity, but instead of a trident, substitute a rake and a brush sans bristles.

On speaking to Arthur about how he was doing, he answered that Bob had been seconded to him but there was so much smoke he had not seen him for half an hour.

Quite a few people arrived early and built a holiday into the visit, which was a great introduction to the meet, and gave people time to visit the area before the meet started, and enjoy the amenities of the area and the company of friends.

The early arrivals coincided with Halloween and various ghostly and eerie apparitions appeared, attached to caravans and awnings, redolent of ghosts and ghoulies. I wonder who did it.

One of the highlights of the meet was the fact that Keith and Maggie and their assistants very generously provided us with a barbeque .all at their own cost with the exception of cake and biscuits donated by the group I am sure I speak for everyone when I express the thanks of all the group to a marvellous pair of site managers who provided us with a wonderful evening. Again thanks to Rosemary and her ladies for providing the brewing arrangements and handing out the food after Keith and Maggie did the cooking ably assisted by the assistant Chef Brenda Jones who besides her duties as chef was dashing in and out of the marquee with supplies of burgers and sausage.

To conclude may I say that this meet and all the other conservation meets we have held at Ebury perfectly typify the meaning and ethos of this organisation to which we belong, in that, in this day and age with a little effort it is easily possible to build an Enjoyable and useful gathering of people with a common aim which is mixed with a good measure of fun and enjoyment. In other words after a conservation meet at Ebury my belief in the tenets of the friendly club are reinforced.

Ron Watkins



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CHAIRMANS REPORT

I am like a child at Christmas; all the front of the house is lit up; the walls; the windows and all the garden to the point that I cannot put any more out as I have run out of sockets to plug into.

So my son Barry is booked to come round and put them all up outside; it is just the same indoors; though this year I think we are going to have to build a wall round the bottom of the Christmas tree to stop the new addition to our family [a 9 month old dog] from eating everything off the tree.

Christmas morning all the family come round for breakfast and its a mad house but I love it. I hope you and yours have the same fun time as I know ours will be

A little bit of busines now we need Committee members if you or you know of someone who would be interested please contact me for a chat.

To any of you who are feeling a bit under the weather I hope that changes soon Fred and I wish you all a very merry xmas and a very happy and healthy 2013 with lots of camping

Carol

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F.O.L

I arrived on wednesday while the grandchildren and olivia were at school we set up then Fred went home in time for the children coming home; being on electric meant I could have the heating & the television on so I was fine On Thursday Alan & Gail Steele arrived and a Motor Home came for 1 night; the estate manager asked me if once the units were set up could the cars be parked on some hard standing next to the field.

On Friday Elaine and Colin; Bob and Margaret; Harold and Joyce and Carol and John arrived once they had set up John and Carol and some helpers set up thier large tent which we were using instead of the marquee; one motor home gone another arrives which was ideal as we only had room for one; Saturday morning the rain was on and off after lunch the weather brightened up which allowed all the displays and lights could be set up; by 7.30 all the units lit up it was brill Hot soup with crusty bread in the tent followed by lots of talking and laughing and games. Sunday morning the rain stayed away which meant a dry pack up; brew time and prize giving followed, Youth Winner was Hannah Worthington Inside Display winner Alan and Gail Steele; [no runner up] Outside winner John and Carol Oliver; Runnerup Bob and Margaret Irving with the overall winners being John and Carol Oliver. Everybody sets off some going home some to other sites. As it was a 5 day meet I was there until Tuesday; I gave up and went home on Monday as I was on my own on the whole of the estate talk about peace and quiet On Monday after Fred picked up our Grandson Oliver he came and picked me up, we had a good meet so nice to see all the units lit up. Thanks to everyone who attended and Thanks to John and Carol for the loan of their tent etc. Once again a big thanks to Fred for looking after the children [and the dog].

The Smiths plus 1

In the changing of dates for the A.G.M. and the meet at Siddington and the mixed infoe in the mag. The meet on the 15--17th February not as in the mag.

And the A.G.M. at 3 pm on the Saturday 16th February.

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NORTH EAST CHESHIRE DA
Committee Meeting
20th November 2012

PRESENT; Carol Smith (chair) Fred Smith (treas)
Hayley Smith (mins) Dennis McGee
Phil Davison Brian Cohn (President)

Regional Representatives;
Mrs Mary Poole and Mr Ray Clarkson

Apologies; Vera McGee Stuart Cohn

The Chairman introduced the guests and explained that now we have had two resignations we do not have enough committee members, Mary Poole asked if we knew why members will not become committee members Carol Smith explained that the members have done their time on the committee, the next topic raised was members camping at NECDA meets Carol Smith explained that the members had asked for more five day meets, which the committee had offered and members have not turned up. Holiday meets have good turn out, Ray Clarkson asked whether it is the THS meets which are keeping the DA afloat the response was yes.

Looking at the sites list for 2013 it was noted that NECDA have a lot of joint meets which seem far away from NECDA, Fred Smith explained that members did not camp when we held meets in our area. Ray Clarkson asked whether the amount of five day meets puts younger working families off, Carol Smith explained that we do not have those families, Ray Clarkson pointed out that NECDA do not have their meet listed in the handbook, Carol Smith explained that we did not submit our meets on time, Dennis McGee explained that this was due to problems with the database. Carol Smith explained that we now do not have a PRO or Secretary

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Ray Clarkson said it is most important to sort out the exact committee.

Brian Cohn had offered his services to help with the Treasury work.

Carol Smith acting Correspondence Secretary.
Hayley Smith acting Minutes Secretary, PRO and Webmaster.

Ray Clarkson asked Carol Smith if she was happy to stay at Chairman and she she was, Carol Smith also said that she was happy to stay as THS secretary as the sites are booked so far ahead.

Mary Poole and Ray Clarkson stressed the importance of the PRO to get members interested.

Mary Poole asked whether we have categorically told the members that if we do not get committee members the DA will fold, Carol Smith replied that we have mentioned it a few times but with no response. Ray Clarkson said that they will publicise it more around the region than we can. Briefly discussed that CLDA were in a similar position a few years ago and Dennis McGee asked how they turned it around and Ray Clarkson explained that the DA put events on to attract families, Carol Smith explained that NECDA do not have the families to attract out. Carol Smith said that she would announce the seriousness of the situation at the Christmas Social.

Phil Davison asked whether we could extend the AGM meet at Siddington so that it would follow straight on to Ebury Hill conservation meet, it was explained that the members that camp at the AGM meet apart from one unit do not go to Ebury Hill.

We looked at the sites list and Mary Poole suggested that NECDA hold a big meet such as a Midsummer meet at a THS, Carol Smith explained that at this years Midsummer meet which was a five day meet only three units camped. Mary Poole and Ray Clarkson both said they will take away the information they have got and have a think about some idea's.

Carol Smith thanked them for their help.

As this may be the last Cheshire Chat , I remember the times when I started doing the Chat in 1983 typing out stencils and printing on a gestetiner machine .Then when the D.A. was bigger and there was more interest I printed and posted 114 copies and it went out each month. As you can see I have printed a page of the chat after we won the newsletter trophy in 1987.

Vera McGee.

The D.A. has bought a bench seat to be put on the Club site at Ebury Hill with a plaque bearing this message .

Provided by North East Cheshire D.A.

This bench is to commemorate the many years of the successful partnership between the North East Cheshire D.A.conservation working parties, the site Managers at Ebury Hill and the Camping and Caravanning Club.

As you will have gathered from previous pages the D.A. is in need of committee members , it seems a shame that we can not at least try to keep going till 2014 then we will have made it to 50 years. After all the work put in by many people over that time , Committee work is not what it used to be if that is what is putting people off .There used to be Walks ,Slide shows Winter Socials each month, Midsummer meets The F.O.L. Bonfire meet and the Volley Ball meet to organise .Things are a lot easier now as you can see by the sites list ,,because of small and some times no attendances at weekend meets I have only booked joint meets with other D.A s. so stewards and attendances are not a problem . Also the meetings are only every two months , surely amongst our members there are some of you who would like to see the D.A. reach that 50 year milestone .

Dennis McGee.

Cheshire Chat wins

THE NEWSLETTER TROPHY.

The Newsletter Trophy, which has been donated by Roy Burnham, a past Chairman of the Club, is awarded annually to the unit of the Club which in view of the judges consistently produces the best Newsletter throughout the year. The purpose of the award is to give recognition to the many members who work so hard to produce a variety of Newsletters, and to stimulate both those already active in this kind of work and others to even better efforts in the future. Newsletters form an invaluable service to members, providing a coverage of Club news that is beyond the scope of our National magazine.

The judging panel will consist of Mr. Ron Harding, past Chairman of the Club and a journalist by occupation, and Mr. Iain Morris, Editor of CAMPING and CARAVANNING.

Well we've done it at last, MANY THANKS to all who have sent items of news in to me. It has taken a lot of time, over the last 4 years, but now I feel it's been worth every minute, I've loved the job immensely, now I've got my reward, MANY THANKS TO ALL. I heard from Brian on the phone on the 10th March, he said, "WE'VE WON", I said what have we won?. "The Newsletter Trophy" he said, I just stood there silent and stunned. Then my mind wandered back to last years' announcement that the Cheshire Chat had been Commended; you may remember, I remember saying to Brian that if we win the Trophy next year I'm going to London to the A.G.M. to receive it, "Good" said Brian we'll go as well," Dennis and I thought of going to London this year for the A.G.M. but we were busy with becoming Grandparents and it was somehow forgotten, until Brian rang. If someone from H.C. had let us know in advance, we certainly would have been there. No one bothered to let us know, we rang our secretary Dorothy, had she received any letter; but obviously no letter had arrived, What a good job our North West Regional President Mr. Fred Walls was at the A.G.M. to receive it for us, Fred said "He was very suprised no one was there to receive the Trophy when it was announced". No one in this area had heard anything about it. We rang the editor to say how come no one had heard, and he said "A LETTER WAS SENT TO OUR SECRETARY," right after the judging had taken place which up to today must be 6 weeks ago, still no letter. Mr. Fred Walls is going to present me with the Trophy as soon as possible. MANY THANKS AGAIN TO ALL. The most annoying part is the fact that Mr. McPhail from Glasgow won the Trophy last year with PENNON NEWS, he apparently was told in good time, to get to London to receive it, Lucky for him. Let's hope next year we can win it again, and be presented with the Trophy, in the usual manner.

It's not an easy job, just that you need plenty of time, I don't have a lot of spare time but I love the job, and of course, I love taking the photographs.

VERA MCGEE. THE EDITOR.

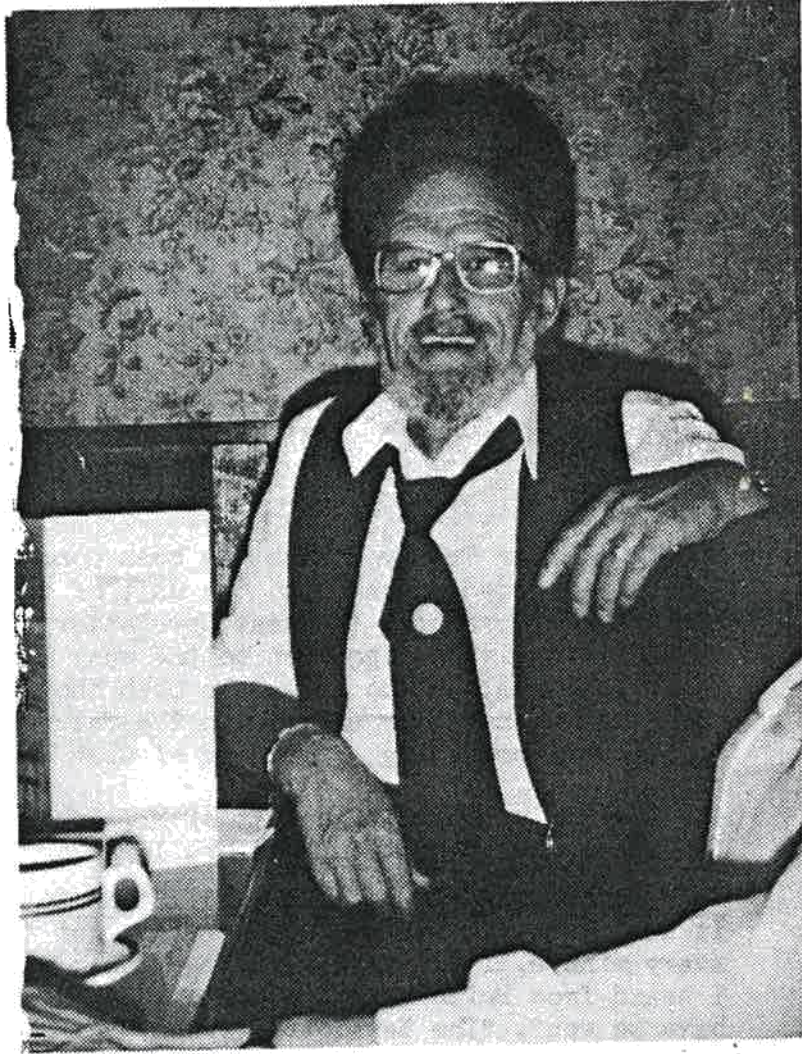


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Well at last we are into the camping season, 3 meets already past. Marthall, what a great meet! it makes a difference when you can have a hall all weekend. 24 units attended and a lot of visitors for the evening social. Little Leigh down to 10 units, but what a weekend to remember, we all woke up to the snow on Saturday, it snowed all day and we finished up with $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, or thereabouts, approximately. Daresbury down again with only 5 units, this weekend, but we all enjoyed a nice peaceful weekend.

I take great pleasure in announcing to you all that our editor Vera, has been awarded the TROPHY from the Club for the Newsletter Editor of the year. I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating Vera on her hard work and effort over the years, which has resulted in her winning this TROPHY. Well done Vera.

BRIAN COHN.



sustained effort pays off

Any one wanting to go to the T.H.S. at Tal -y- Bont in the Conway Valley
April 25th --13th May pre book with Carol Smith 01625 529815

