

ROYAL COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE DA NEWSLETTER

EASTER 2010

Chairman's Pitch

Hello and welcome to this 2nd edition of the new DA Newsletter.

Since the last publication we have had our AGM. Your Committee for the following year have now been formed and have had one meeting. I am pleased to say that once again we have got a good strong Committee and are all dedicated to making the coming season enjoyable for you all.

We have had our first meet at Chertsey Club Site. Only 10 units attended. The weather was a little poor, but we managed to get the BBQ's out and had a good weekend.

Looking forward now to Easter at Mary Hare. As usual we have a full program arranged and I am sure we will all have another great weekend.

Looking forward to seeing you all on site at some point.

Graham Lambourne
RCBDA Chairman.

PRO/EDITORS NOTES

Firstly, I must apologise that this Newsletter is not in the usual format. This is literally due to my damaging my right shoulder and my one finger typing is not good.

As Graham has stated the AGM is over and a full Committee is in place and it is now up to you all to enjoy their hard work during the coming season.

Like all other DA's, Berkshire would like to see more people attending the various meets and hopefully some of you may be able to talk to and tempt new people to come to our meets.

Sine the last Newsletter and AGM, Andrea and myself were asked to support the C & CC on their stand at the recent Windsor Leisure Show together with Trevor Warren(Southern Region PRO). We are informed that 50 new members were signed up and Andrea and myself think that we may get 3 of those who live in Berkshire to join our meets. Further to that I will be representing Berkshire at the PRO meeting in Coventry on 10/11 April.

Now the season has started can you please let me have some rally reports and photo's or anything else you can think of for the next Newsletter at the end of May to coincide with the THS at Somerly Lakes.

Martin Straker
P.R.O.

A word of warning received from June Evans.

June asks that members and their children who use social networking sites such as Face Book, Twitter, or blogs to take a look at a web site called robme.com and the latest is robbery. It is too easy..... you say when you are going away on holiday, for the weekend or even the cinema or an evening out. Unscrupulous people then know your home is empty and take advantage.... Too easy.

June Evans

CCJ

The first CCJ weekend of 2010 is being held at Overton School on the weekend of 23-25 April 2010. Any children between the ages of 8-12 who are interested in joining CCJ are welcome. Further details on other CCJ meets during 2010 can be found on our website (www.rcbda.org) or by emailing andrea.richardson1@ntlworld.com

This is a really great meet venue with walks to the Country Park, River and Overton Village. Watch for RCBDA signs from traffic lights in middle of Overton Village. - Note: rally opens 4.30pm and not before as it is a school site. Pitches are on grass.

Andrea Richardson
CCJ Leader.

Regalia

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Ian Richardson
Regalia.

Youth Meets 2010

Date: Opening	Date: Closing	Location/ Venue:	Remarks	Map Ref: Postode:
31 Mar 2010	6 Apr 2010	Rome	FICC	
23 Apr 2010	25 Apr 2010	Overton School		185/510 502 RG25 3ES
30 Apr 2010	3 May 2010	Ferndown	Early May Bank Holiday	195/079 039 BH22 0JG
7 May 2010	9 May 2010	Hambledon	Early Youth Meet	175/778 886 RG9 6SX
14 May 2010	16 May 2010	Greatham	Southern Region AGM	186/775 306 GU33 6HE
21 May 2010	23 May 2010	Ufton Nervet		175/634 676 RG7 4HQ
25 Jun 2010	27 Jun 2010	Bishops Green		175/897 855 RG20 4JP
2 Jul 2010	4 Jul 2010	To Be Confirmed	National Youth Rally	
23 Jul 2010	25 Jul 2010	Mapledurham		175/671 768 RG4 7TR
30 Jul 2010	1 Aug 2010	Cookham		175/897 855 SL6 9DE
6 Aug 2010	8 Aug 2010	Beech Hill		175/697 644 RG7 2BB
19 Aug 2010	23 Aug 2010	Balado Park Kinross	NFOL	
13 Aug 2010	30 Aug 2010	Wellington Country Park	Training But No Youth Lines	175/729 624 RG7 1SP
10 Sep 2010	12 Sep 2010	Hicknaham Farm	RCBDA FOL	175/936 872 SL1 8PG
17 Sep 2010	19 Sep 2010	Wheats Farm		175/661 651 RG7 8PS
24 Sep 2010	26 Sep 2010	Wellington Country park	SR Late Youth Meet	175/729 624 RG7 1SP

This is subject to change. Please contact Youth Leaders for more information.

Royal County of Berkshire DA

Meadow Farm, Henley

Temporary Holiday Site

Royal County of Berkshire DA welcomes all units to Meadow Farm, Marlow Road, Henley-on-Thames.

Directions : From Henley, take A4155 north, look for signs. Site on right in approx ½ mile. Walking distance of historic Henley.

Meet covers Royal Regatta and Festival events.

Easy access to mainline trains and buses.

Ideal for Royal Windsor, Legoland, London, Cliveden, Blenheim Palace and many others.

See www.rcbda.org for more details.
Own sanitation essential.

Fee £7.00pun.

Additional adults £3.00pn.

Advanced booking not necessary.

Contact Dave & Ann 0118 9816395 and Bob & Trish 0118 9751170. On site 07771927849 & 07799146615.

Maureen & myself attended this rally for the first time last year and can't wait to go again.

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WE WAS BRUNG UP PROPER!!

“And we never had a whole Mars bar until 1993”!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANYONE WHO WAS BORN IN THE 1930's, 1940's, 50's, 60's and early 70's! First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they carried us and lived in houses made of asbestos. They took aspirin, ate blue cheese, raw egg products, = 20 loads of bacon and processed meat, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes or cervical cancer. Then after the trauma, our baby cots were covered with bright coloured lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets or shoes, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle. Take away food was limited to fish and chips; no pizza shops, McDonalds, KFC, Subway or Nandos. Even though all the shops closed at 6.00pm and didn't open at the weekends, somehow we didn't starve to death.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this. We could collect old drink bottles and cash them in at the corner store and buy Toffees, Gobstoppers, Bubble Gum and some bangers to blow up frogs with. We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank soft drinks with sugar in it, **but we weren't overweight because**

WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day – and we were OK.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of old prams and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. We built tree houses and dens and played in riverbeds with matchbox cars.

We did not have Play stations, Nintendo Wii, X-boxes, no video games at all, no 999 channels on SKY, no video/dvd films, no mobile phones, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat rooms.....**WE HAD FRIENDS** and we went outside and found them! We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no Lawsuits from these accidents. Only girls had pierced ears! We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever. You could only buy Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns at Easter time.

We were given air guns and catapults for our 10th Birthdays; we rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or range the bell, or just yelled for them! Mum didn't have to go to work to help dad make ends meet.

RUGBY and CRICKET had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!!! Getting into the team was based on MERIT. Our teachers used to hit us with canes and gym shoes, and bullies **always** ruled the playground at school. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. **They actually sided with the law!**

Our parents didn't invent stupid names for their kids like 'Kiora' and 'Blade' and 'Ridge' and 'Vanilla'. **We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL!** **And YOU are one of them!** **CONGRATULATIONS**

You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers and government regulated out lives for our own good. And while you are at it, forward it to your kids so they will know how brave their parents were.

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