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Photo from Easter weekend



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# SITE LIST

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>WHAT'S ON</b>
<b>01-03 AUGUST</b>	<b>LYNDON TOP</b>	
<b>08-10</b>		
<b>15-17</b>	<b>KEELERS MEADOW</b>	<b>THS</b>
<b>22-25</b>	<b>KEELERS MEADOW</b>	<b>THS</b>
<b>29-31</b>	<b>KEELERS MEADOW</b>	<b>THS</b>
<b>05-07 SEPT</b>	<b>INGLESCOMBE</b>	<b>MEDIEVAL</b>
<b>12-14</b>	<b>TALL TREES</b>	<b>DA FOL</b>
<b>19-21</b>	<b>POPLARS</b>	<b>WINE TASTING</b>
<b>26-28</b>		<b>RCM</b>
<b>03-05 OCT</b>	<b>WALESBY NOTTS DA</b>	<b>GOOSE FAIR</b>
<b>10-12</b>	<b>WESTWOOD SCHOOL MARCH</b>	<b>GANGSTERS &amp; MOLLS</b>
<b>17-19</b>		
<b>24-26</b>		
<b>31-02 NOV</b>	<b>TOTTENHILL VILL HALL</b>	<b>HALLOWEEN</b>
<b>07-09</b>		
<b>05-07 DEC</b>	<b>WESTWOOD SCHOOL MARCH</b>	<b>CARD SWAP</b>
<b>28-02 JAN</b>	<b>WESTWOOD SCHOOL MARCH</b>	<b>NEW YEAR</b>

# Chairman's Bit

Hello everyone, I hope you have all enjoyed the last few weeks of radiant sunshine.

Now's the time I thank the stars for hook ups and electric fans, do not know where I would have been some days and especially nights.

We at Fenland have had a lovely summer so far with our themed meets being well attended, especially the Xmas in July at Christchurch.

I would like to particularly thank Ronnie and crew for doing the cooking this year. It was my first year of not being at the helm, it was difficult but such a relief. You all did a grand job!

The booking is now open for our New Year's meet at Westwood School March.

It's set to be fun filled and great value for money. It runs from 28<sup>th</sup> Dec-2<sup>nd</sup> January, so please contact me if you are interested.

We are also taking bookings for our Christmas Party (5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Dec) we have live entertainment as well as all the trimmings, please call Eve to book.

We are doing quite well in our fund-raising effort for 'Our Angel' with impromptu whip rounds and book sales.

We did particularly well at Xmas in July with our 'Charity Auction' where some real toot (cheers Roger B) as well as some very useful items raised £200.00.

Thanks to all who supported us.

No doubt I will be seen cajoling members into parting with their hard earned cash again before too long.

Well, as the nights begin to draw in and the neighbour's cockerel stays quieter longer in the morning, its time to think of the remaining meets with Fenland.

Our DA FOL @ Tall Trees, the theme this year is '*Hollywood meets Bollywood*'. Should be good!

We are off to The Goose Fair in October. We also have a Gangsters & Molls weekend (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Oct) at Westwood School March with live entertainment, so dress to impress!

Please look in the O&A or check our Web Site [www.fenlandda.com](http://www.fenlandda.com) and the Regional Handbook for further details.

I'll close now by wishing you all a bright autumn with dry fields

Gill

# THE REST OF THIS PAGE IS BLANK FOR YOU TO WRITE DOWN YOUR VIEWS

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*2015 Will be the 40th Birthday of FENLAND DA*

The committee are looking for ideas for what type of meet to hold

Time October

Venue Westwood School March

Would you talk about what you would like to see

Then later on in the year let a committee member know your feeling's

They can discuss your views and make a meet that you would like to attend

*N.F.O.L ANGLESEY AGRICULTURAL SHOWGROUND*  
28th August ~ 01st September 2014

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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 to the  
meet ,would it  
be possible for  
the DA to enter  
into the Mardi  
Gras or even  
do a street  
scene

Let anybody

on the com-  
mittee know  
your views we  
can even dis-  
cuss it at the  
AGM in Feb-  
ruary to see  
what people  
think

What are your  
views let us  
know

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*

TOO NAME JUST A  
FEW

# Fenland DA Committee

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## New Year Meet 28th December to 2nd January 2014

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The committee has a great program lined for you over the Christmas holiday with Cheese and wine

Formal Dinner Sunday night with Live Music (Smart Dress Code)

Monday am 10 Pin Bowling (with lunch at small extra cost )

Race Night followed by Charity auction and American Supper

Tuesday cooked breakfast (at small cost)

New Year Party Night

Wednesday Duncan's walk in the morning John & Dave's bingo fol-

lowed by

Other events include Carpet Bowles with other games available

Thursday , Coffee Morning , Prize Giving , Raffle.

Farewell

*Programme subject to change without notice*

## Ferry Meadows Weekend

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Wet Wet Wet not the pop group just Ferry Meadows, rally field at Whitsun. A good turn out of units (27) a couple of no show's. usual Caravan Club —— park on peg car on off side etc etc (not used to that) plenty to see and do at Ferry Meadows , good walks around three lakes and train rides, as a visitor (Mid Anglia DA) a very well organised and run rally

Thanks

Pauline & Wally

Ps We even heard the Cuckoo over the weekend

## Caribbean Weekend

The weekend started with a beautiful Friday the company as always was very sociable Saturday the preparation for the meal was well organized and everyone mucked in the meal itself was great thoroughly enjoyed it won a raffle prize hence having to write this

## Crowland Show Weekend

11 units turn out with a unpredictable weather forecast was quite good Friday we were greeted by our steward Eve & Graham who had also arranged tickets to get into the show on Saturday a few of us walked do to the show on Saturday morning carrying umbrellas in case of rain

Sunday morning we held coffee morning a bit earlier than was intended as the over head skies looked rather black but it held of and Janet our Vice Chairman thanked the stewards and everybody for attending

## ROSE FAIR WEEKEND 4-6 JULY

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Our Rose Fair weekend was held at Inglecombe Wisbech St Marys

It's always a pleasure to arrive at this site, we have used it now for many years, it's quiet and away from traffic noise hard to find these days

Fenland DA was well supported by 15 units. When we arrived on Friday it was very warm the Marquee needed to be put up, due to the heat we waited until 6 o'clock then all hands on deck it was soon done ready for us to have our usual gathering, chat and jokes.

Eve assembled her raffle table and tickets were soon on sale. The evening was soon over.

Saturday morning most people were up and ready to walk or take the bus into Wisbech for the Special event, sadly it was raining but by 11 am the sun came

out just in time for the carnival.

When everyone arrived back on site Strawberries Ice Cream and Cream were served and the topic of conversation was how beautiful the Churches were decorated with floral arrangements and how well Wisbech had done with the many floats and floor dancers ect. A good time was had by all

At 6.30 Graham and Roger barbecued Sausages, Beef Burgers and Onions in which many gathered together in the marquee to enjoy these——yes yummy

Afterwards we exchanged funny stories from past years and laughed the evening away. All good fun.

Sunday was soon upon us Janice and Paul our Stewards soon had coffee tea and biscuits ready for us.

Our Vice-Chair Janet reminded us of all meets coming up and thanked all who attended the weekend

and helped make it an enjoyable one

Eve and Graham drew the raffle and thanks were given to our Stewards Janice and Paul

It was a lovely weekend

Well done Fenland

Report by Pat Tilley

## Christmas in July

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A great weekend was had by all. We had a social get together on the Friday evening with Christmas Eve merriment on the agenda.

Saturday morning saw much preparation in the marquee, with the decys being strung out, the Xmas shopping being sought and the kitchen being erected.

In the afternoon we held our charity auction, with £200 being raised to help Angel reach her goal of going to Tanzania next year to help build a school etc. Our fund raising is going quite well this year, much better than last year.

We sat, as we usually do at Christchurch, watching the

storm clouds brewing over the fens. It won't cross the river said my hubby Dave; well as usual he was wrong. I'm not quite sure what makes him think he is ever right, especially in forecasting the weather conditions! Down came the rain, in deluges. It was very muggy. We had to quickly bring the sides down on the marquee.

Santa made an appearance to give out the pressies, it wor-



*Coffee Morning*

ries me when both the men and the women sit on his knee! Strange but Santa seemed to enjoy it!

We had a lovely Christmas dinner with all the trimmings washed down by the DA wine. Bliss. Thanks to all involved.

The evening tumbled into a 'bit of a do' ending with Janet doing a kiss-a-thon to raise money for Angel. I am lead to believe there was someone even dancing on the ceiling (Janice!) My Holly came back to the van and announced "I have never seen so many drunks in one room". Just show's you what the DA wine can do.

## National Youth Rally (4th-6th July)

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This year's event was held at Cardington Beds, on a working farm. It was quite well attended; there were approx 170 youth members on site. Mind you it appeared to be more like 270! A sea of pop up tents arrived on Friday from as far away as Cornwall and Scotland. With the usual late arrival of the Scots, about 2am Saturday morning. Flight delays!

The weather was not too kind, with most of the sports being attempted in the drizzle. Dave,

Ronnie, John and I took three of our grandchildren along to the event. Holly, Daisy and Aimee entered the netball competition with SW region and made a valiant effort in the final, losing to a very experienced Yorkshire region. They were all happy to receive their runners up medals though.

The disco blared out to late into the night, the music sounded great and I just wish my old bones could have gone and danced the night away. Much to the relief

of the girls, I stayed in the van and had an early 'pensioners' night. Only to be awoken by Holly coming into the van for the loo before crawling into her tent at 02.00 hrs! (Only jealous)

We met up with some older youth from East Essex who had made their own way there. We ended up cooking bacon rolls for them all on Sunday morning. A thoroughly good weekend. Roll on next year!

As reported by our Youth leaders

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# Situations Vacant

## *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

**NFOL 2015 Houghton Hall**

Working Party Volunteers Required

If interested speak to any committee member

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