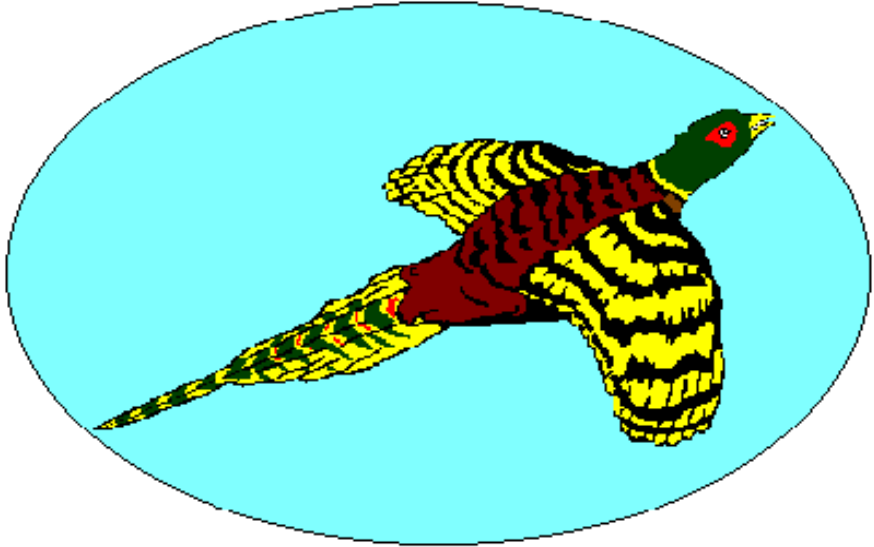


# *Pheasant Chatter*



*Perth & Angus DA  
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*November 2012*



## Editors Bit

What another busy camping season Perth and Angus have had—and some quite good weather for a change. I had a lovely summer break at North Berwick and even managed to get a nice sun tan—or was it weather beaten?



Thanks to those of you that have forwarded items of news on to me for the newsletter—its great to hear how the various meets have gone and details of forthcoming meets are enclosed. I'm now looking forward to the Firework Meet—it's just 10 minutes from my front door but it's one of my favourites. If you have any ideas for new sites or themes for meets please let us know.

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Happy Christmas and a very, very merry New Year!

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## Chairperson Chatter

Hi Everyone.

Doesn't time fly, we find ourselves in the second half of the season. Summer seems to have come and gone so quickly. For anyone who missed the summer it was the first weekend in May. We have enjoyed several weekend meets which have so far been well supported. We have also run 3 successful THS'.



I personally enjoyed the Scottish Region's events including Bridge of Allen and Dalkeith Country Park. It is a chance to unwind and watch the Scottish Region committee do all the work.

At Dalkeith this year there was also a chance to test your 4x4 driving skills. This excited me as I recently invested in a 4x4. I failed my test and got stuck at the entrance. Luckily Mike Wild was on hand to give me a lesson and he pulled both my car and caravan in together. Everyone had a good laugh at my expense before they closed that entrance and directed everyone else to the dry entrance. Thanks guys.

We were saddened to lose Mike Wild and Iolanda Russell from our committee this year at the AGM. Between them they have given over 60 years service to the DA. To acknowledge their outstanding dedication we were delighted to offer them the honorary positions of President and Vice President of Perth and Angus DA. These are the first such positions for our DA. Both have accepted their new position which is fantastic. Congratulations to you both. It also means we can draw on their experience and knowledge which is a big asset for us as a committee.

As I have said in the past - my door is always open if anyone needs anything. I would also like to add that Mike and Iolanda's doors are now also open so please feel free to pay them a visit anytime. Day or night.

Phil Grant  
Chairman

# Your Baby Committee

Can you guess who's who?



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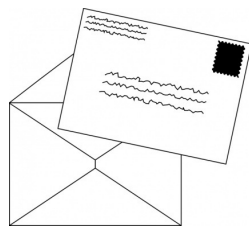
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## Correspondence Corner

I got so excited when the following letter came flooding in!

(I know—it doesn't take much)

Thanks Jenny.



*Dear Julie,*

*We are members of 43 years and have been and still are Perth and Angus DA members.*

*We joined Perth and Angus at Cambo Sands when it first started. We had great times—all going out in the boats and catching fish every day. I stewarded with Mike, Charlie and Ralph for years—right through to North Berwick. We had great times and made many friends.*

*We still see Mike and Gill, and Debbie is here a lot at Denise's.*

*This week there were 9 Youth sleeping in Denise and Marks living room, then after a huge breakfast were seen off to Croatia. It is good that friendships last through all these years and*

# Jean Stewart Walk for CCY - Scottish Region 1st—2nd June 2013

Fancy a challenge? This weekend is definitely not for wimps!! It's a 20 mile hike over 2 days carrying all your camping equipment.



Last year 12 Youth, 6 Youth Leaders and helpers joined us for the challenge at Muirkirk to Wanlockhead and I'm glad to report that everyone completed the walk, although quite a few had trouble walking on the Monday!!



2013 's walk is at Moffat on the 1st-2nd June 2013. Parents meet available at Hammerlands, Moffat. (See Perth & Angus entry in Out and About).

Have you have got what it takes for this walk in the park? It's free to participate so what are you waiting for? Contact your RYLO— Debbie Carcary on 07713121677 or email [albasupply@hotmail.com](mailto:albasupply@hotmail.com) for more details.





## **The Jean Stewart Trophy**

The above trophy was decided upon after the sudden death of Jean Stewart in January 1976.

The Youth leaders under the guidance of Jim McDonald, met to decide on how this trophy should be awarded. They agreed that the event should be comprehensive and tough. It was to be a coveted award to which only the best of the Youth could aspire.

Jean Stewart herself was a rough camper and although she had reached the age of retirement, was still back-packing and camping. A founder member of the Renfrew and West of Scotland D.A. she held about every position on the Committee, latterly she was the Chairman. She was identified with the Scottish Region since its inception and was also its most efficient Secretary to the day of her death.

She had a great enthusiasm for the young camper and would encourage them to get the best of camping and the outdoor life - climbing, tramping, ski-ing, canoeing, and youth hostelling. She was an authority on them all and also a world traveller, having camped in Ethiopia and been on safari to Russia.

## **Sleeping Beauty** **5th Jan**

Adam Smith Theatre  
Kirkcaldy  
Bums on Seats 1.45pm



## **Montrose Music Festival** **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

The weekend started off with Ralph and Dave making friends with the local constabulary, well.. more so the local constabulary giving us orders to ship out within 24 hours as they thought we were members of the travelling community. After we all had a good laugh about it they decided we were allowed to stay. This was the start of a fabulous weekend.

14 units rolled onto the Montrose site, a fantastic number to start with for a first time site. Thanks to Dave & Isla West for doing a fabulous job stewarding.

Friday night was BBQ night and the weather could not have been any better. Phil was chef for the evening and fed us really well. A few wee refreshments later and a catch up with camping friends – perfect!

Saturday morning, Phil the chef was on the ball with egg and bacon rolls. Most people took a saunter down to the music festival in the town. Montrose was buzzing with sun, drink and brilliant live music, everything from country to rock. Scotland has some exceptional talent!

Saturday night was Chinese Night, not only has Montrose got fantastic talent, it also has a fantastic Chinese Take away delivery service, al fresco of course. It was great for everyone to come together and enjoy a lovely meal.

Some of us ventured down to the beach and although it was about 9pm, it was still a very beautiful site and an excellent time for some kite flying.

Our Sunday Coffee Morning—perfect in the sun. Unknown to the campers on site, Dave & Isla had given each of us an anonymous number when we arrived, numbers were picked at random and those people won a great prize. What a lovely thing to do and most unexpected.

Ralph mentioned to lolanda that Bob would be joining us around 11.30am so lolanda dutifully fetched another tea mug. Bob did turn up but not on the ground..... in the air! We felt like royalty - having a fly past from Bob in his microlite.

Dave & Isla offered (according to Phil!) to steward the site again next year but this time hopefully for a 5 day meet - yee ha! We could also invite the Police to join in this time!

As we left on Sunday afternoon we could still hear the music in the village. We had to drag ourselves away from a most enjoyable weekend with good music, food, weather and company.... what more could you want! I'll be back next year!

Lynda Wilson



# Camping Club Juniors

What a fantastic turn out for the Junior Youth at North Berwick - well done to all.

How Thomas, Sean and Harry sleep through the downpour on the first days of North Berwick is beyond me, the rest of us spent all night staying awake either waiting for the vans to float away, or waiting for the JY to appear! Sadly all that happened was the inside of the awnings became a swimming pool.



Who has managed to get out in their tents, even at home? Don't forget even practicing your cooking will help you when it comes to your Junior Youth Test and of course you have to make Ralph a good breakfast. By all accounts he ate all of his last Junior Youth Test breakfast. Well done to Sean Martin, Joseph Peden, Sol Boath, Tom MacFadyen and Daniel Peden who all passed their Junior Youth Test at North Berwick this year.

Sean, Joseph, Sol, Tom, Daniel

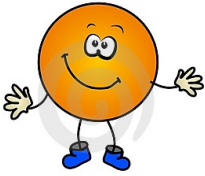
Will you be doing your test next?

The Camping and Caravan Club needs Junior Youth - without you there is no us, so come and join us!

Eddie and Julie Wright

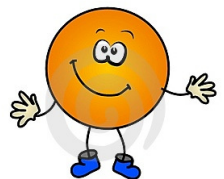
Junior Youth Leaders

Tel: 07836 569 266



## KIDS KORNER

1. Who had an encounter with the three bears?
2. What is the name of Winnie the Pooh's donkey friend?
3. Who was created by Gepetto the woodcarver?
4. Who is the bear in The Jungle Book?
5. What kind of creature was defeated by the Three Billy Goats Gruff?
6. Who leads a gang of outlaws in Sherwood Forest?
7. Who stole Christmas in a Dr Seuss book?
8. Who were all the King's horses and men unable to put together again?
9. Who is the druid in the Asterix books?
10. What is the name of the Lion in The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe?



(answers at the back of the newsletter if you really need them)

## Aberfeldy 2012—2nd—24th July



My Name is Nancy Ruck and with my husband Steve, we took over from Don McInally to run Aberfeldy this Year. We were all shocked by his sudden passing last October.

We had another good year at Aberfeldy. The weather was a lot better than years gone by. Numbers were a bit down on last year - don't know if it was the weather down south or the price of fuel, but the visitors that did come had a great time.

We had all the usual events taking place over the three weeks. The on-site entertainment centre "The Pheasants Rest" was well attended during the week with bingo, quiz and games nights. A big thank you to Anna for the help she gave me on the evenings in the Pheasants Rest.



Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> in Camserney Hall. We had our Scottish Night, it was a great success. We even had some of the guys and ladies dressed in their kilts - they all looked very good. I have never seen so many people up on the floor trying to dance (there were legs & arms flying all over the place). Sandy our accordionist tried to keep us all going in the right direction; everyone enjoyed themselves.

Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> we had our putting contest and would you believe it, the winners were the same two that won last year ( Anna Murchie & Norrie Lovell, both from Perth & Angus DA). We will have to keep a closer eye on them next year in case they are up to something (only kidding - I came in last). Thanks to Norrie for all his hard work.



Monday - Steve and I had to leave Aberfeldy due to a family emergency. All the stewards rallied round to keep Aberfeldy THS going and they made a great job of it. We have to thank them all for making it a great success.

Anna said they had a brilliant evening on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> in Camserney Hall Music, dancing & a sing along. They also had a buffet, thanks to Anna & all who helped make this possible.

Steve and I would like to say a big thanks to all the stewards (Anna & Richard, Sandy & Norrie, Ian & Morris) for all their hard work in making Aberfeldy THS a great success. Thanks also to all our visitors. We hope you all had a great time & will come back next year.

Hope to see more D.A. members at Aberfeldy next year.

A date worth mentioning: 2013 sees our bi-annual and very popular Miss Aberfeldy Contest. Start looking out those glad rags BOYS and come along and join in.

Bye for now, Happy Camping.

Nancy Ruck

# Crail THS 2012

## 1st—29th July 2012

Crail THS was a bit quieter than normal probably due to the weather.

Everyone expressed their pleasure and look forward to next year.



My thanks go to Annette, Ann & Alan and Bruce & Barbara for their help.

*Janette Sandbach*  
Chief Steward.



**Debs and the Scottish Youth**



# Camping Club Youth

## Chris Johnstone

### Youth Leader

The Camping Club Youth have been busy as usual since the last newsletter was out. Starting off in May with the Scottish Region Youth Rally where they joined Glasgow DA at Bridge of Allan - Saturday was spent playing sports and games (training for the National Youth Rally) then Sunday we were off to Go Ape where we all climbed and swung through the trees all day.



Next was the National Youth Rally hosted by Southern Region. It was a long drive down on Thursday in the minibus but I'm sure they'll all agree it was worth it as we got to visit Thorpe Park on the Friday. It was a very wet weekend but luckily everyone was dry enough with a marquee to shelter in, apart from me! I obviously didn't put my tent up right when I arrived after midnight, so had wet clothes all weekend. I should learn from my Youth. We ended the weekend by winning the Rod Daniels Memorial Trophy and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Austin Trophy.

North Berwick was busy with Youth as usual and plenty opportunity for fundraising with the bonus ball, keep fit classes and a very successful BBQ run by the Youth. Ryan Martin won this years competition to raise the most money and will get £25 towards a Youth meet next year.

The season isn't over yet for the Youth, with the Goose Fair in Nottingham and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Youth Rally held at Lightwater Valley still to attend.

## North Berwick THS Julie Watson

As usual we had a very busy THS this year (can you believe our 13th at Scoughall Farm). Although the meet got off to a very wet start, Scoughall Farm proved again that it has its very own unique weather system . It gave us some scorching sunshine, a couple of extremely stormy and sleepless nights, some massive hail stones and a day of Brigadoon where the campsite was bathed in an eerie mist all day.

We were kept entertained with Ralphs Movie Nights (including the Olympics opening ceremony) Thursday Craft Hour with The Julies', A Fish Drive, An Irish Night, Bingo, Scoughall Oscars, Sand Sculpture Competition, John's Surprise Birthday Party, Crab Race, Men's Night Out in Dunbar (very messy), Olympics Race Night, CCY BBQ, Ladies Night in Dunbar (result—we've not been barred from anywhere this year), and a Crazy Card Night. If that wasn't enough there was also the usual Biggest Fish Competition (congratulations to Ralph Russell—6lb 3oz) Mark Miller thought he was in the running for the biggest fish when he went out in John Johnstones boat—unfortunately cutting out the middle man and hooking a Fish and Chip **bag** doesn't count Mark! Youth Bonus Ball, Treasure Hunt (over 30 returned entries) and the Driftwood Golf Cup (congratulations Andy Carcary). Whew!!

Stewards report numbers were down this year—probably due to the extreme weather conditions around the country. No helicopters this year (best we could do was some Red Arrows doing a Fly Past en-route to the Olympics) but we did have a field full of handsome policemen. We had a missing child. All ended well though as she was found concealed between the overlap in the Marquee wall curtain. Relieved parents and Granny convey their thanks to all the campsite for their help and support. Roll on 2013!

The Entertainment Committee's already planning for 2013.  
If you have any ideas



## **Biggest Fish Contest Scoughall Farm, North Berwick**

I managed to pick up the cup again this year for the biggest fish at Scoughall THS, although I am not surprised - the competition was poor with only one person out of nearly twenty boats coming in with a 5lb 14 oz fish! To make matters worse it was a woman - Gill Hawtin. Well done Gill.

Give her some due - she had one of the biggest boats there. I counted 8 or 9 people on their boat at one time. That's nine rods with 3 hooks on each rod, 27 hooks in all and that's all they could come up with - a 5lb 14oz fish. They should be ashamed of themselves.

I felt sorry for Gill. After all she did break her ankle. That was after she caught the 5lb 14oz fish. I came in with a 6lb 5oz cod (I think she broke her ankle because she was kicking herself after hearing about my fish!). Ha ha.

But not to be a sore loser, sorry winner, I offered her my rod with my trusty old perk (that's what I catch all my big fish on) and when they came in she said she had lost my perk. I don't believe her for one minute. They have taken it down to Leeds to copy it for next year. Just as well I have a few more in my tackle box.



Roll on 2013.

Ralph Russell

## Reply to Ralph's Meanderings

Poor old Ralph, it seems age has caught up with him at last, nice old chap though. Not too sure about his comment about "making matters worse because I'm a woman" though and it's Jill not Gill (or perhaps that's a fishy pun on my name)

The memory is obviously not what it used to be Ralph, the big ORANGE boat belongs to Michelle and Kath, mine is a white and black one, and it was Michelle that lost your trusty perk.

I often wonder, and I know others do, why no one ever sees *where* Ralph goes to catch his fish, in fact no one ever sees Ralph fishing. We see him leave and come back, although the fish monger in North Berwick speaks highly of Ralph, he calls him his best customer.

So next year I'm going to try to spend as much time fishing as Ralph does, to try and make "matters worse" and catch the big fish that wins so that I can talk about it all year too.

Love ya really Ralph. See you next year.

All joking apart, can I thank everyone for their help and concern after breaking my ankle. Especially Ryan. After 7 and a bit weeks the pot came off but I still needed 6 weeks rehab, which is still on going. Suppose I will have to go back to work sooner or later.

Jill Hawtin



## Dalkeith Country Park 6th—19th August

This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> year that the Scottish Region held the Tattoo THS at Dalkeith Country Park. It's a beautiful site and well worth a visit. Its within easy walking distance of bus stops, shops, pubs &



restaurants, also ideal for visiting Edinburgh for the Fringe, Tattoo, Cultural visits or shopping. Dalkeith Country Park is fab for families too, with a big adventure play area, walks, cycle paths and BBQ areas.

This year, Perth & Angus DA joined the THS for the middle weekend, which included a ceilidh on Saturday night and was also the CCY Summer Region Meet.

We had a great 2 weeks. Admittedly a bit wet the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend, but the sun did come out for the rest of the holiday and we managed to cycle into Edinburgh (about 10 miles, mostly on cycle paths).

Whilst running the THS, we also organised trips into the Tattoo, complete with coaches, however, tickets for the Tattoo need to be ordered early!! We explain every night "the camp bus will pick you up where you are dropped off, it's about ½ a mile walk up to the esplanade". "Once the Tattoo has finished, come straight back. You don't need to run, but you haven't time to visit the chippy (plus the bus driver won't let you on with food) and certainly no time to visit the pub!" This year, we only managed to lose 2 people off the bus. In our defence, we did wait over an hour after the Tattoo had finished! But it's okay, they weren't from our campsite, they were from the Caravan Club Site opposite! Anyway they must have got back ok as their Motor Home had gone the next day.

Why not join us next year. The THS will hopefully be running for 3 weeks and will be joined by Perth & Angus DA, plus the Summer CCY Region Rally and will include a Ceilidh or two.

Debbie Carcary

**BBQ Meet**  
**The Haugh - Glendevon**  
**Aug 31—Sept 2nd**

There was a lot of rain leading up the Barbecue meet but as always the field was immaculate on arrival. It did however start to chew up a little at the entrance but this time I was not the one needing a tow. Everyone got into the field including Caroline little with her caravan. When John used the car for the golf on Saturday it was a different story. You guessed it - he got stuck every time. Maybe not true what they say about women drivers??

There were 18 units on site which was excellent considering the weather. Billy and Sarah put up their huge awning complete with patio heaters where everyone met for a wee get together on the Friday night. Saturday was a free day. Glendevon is ideally situated for visiting many places including Gleneagles Golf Course. I chose to visit Stirling for some retail therapy. Some of the guys went for a round of golf on the Saturday morning. On Saturday afternoon we set up for the barbecue. Everyone chipped in to help with the guys cooking the meat and the ladies preparing jacket potatoes, salad and rolls. There were 3 gazebos and the big awning and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was such a success that next year could bring something bigger for this venue, WATCH THIS SPACE! All this fun and the fees were only £6 per night with a free barbecue. Real value for money I think you'll all agree!

Phil Grant



## Leuchars 2012 Meet 13 – 17 September

The meet kicked off on Thursday 13 September at Newton of Nydie with approx 40 units on site by the end of the rally.



The weather was dry but with an absolutely freezing wind but that still didn't stop us donning the hats and gloves, putting up the wind breaks and braving the weather for the views down to Guardbridge and of course the aircrafts.

As always it was a fantastic show giving the chance for many budding photographers to try and catch that one elusive picture, I'm sure between us all we must have got something! Phil thinks he did better capturing the pictures on his mobile but as ever we are still waiting for the evidence.



The kids seemed to be more interested in their 'worm hotel' which they made. It even included a 'sick bay' for the ones that they halved trying to pull out the ground. Yuk!!!

Everyone had their personal favorites. The Vulcan Bomber and the Red Arrows seemed to be the crowd pleasers, as was the plane with ER painted on the underside of the wings to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee this year.



All in all this was a very successful and enjoyable meet which we all hope will continue for the foreseeable future, Fingers crossed!

Lynda Wilson



**Feast of Lanterns  
All the Fun of the Circus  
28th—30th September.  
Gallowhill Farm—Kinross**



This is a lovely site. The weather was good too. There's a nice play park for the kids and shower and loos too. We had a get together in the shed just off site on the Friday—a bit chilly, but thanks to John and Billy we were able to huddle round the patio heaters. Saturday morning some went for a leisurely stroll into Kinross and Milnathort, others stayed behind to get a head start on decorating their units. The standard was really high this year (unlike Archie and Phil's tightrope escapades) After voting we made our way to the local Scout Hall in Milnathort for our party. Euan and Ryan provided us with an excellent disco.



Presentations of engraved glasses were made to Mike Wild and Iolanda Russell for their past services to the committee. Louise and Bob Johnstone won the best decorated unit, Euan and Ryan for the best Youth unit, Chris and Debbie for the best adult fancy dress. We even managed to squeeze a verse or two of Happy Birthday to Erin Peden who celebrated her 13th birthday too. Special thanks must go to Eddie, Bob and Ralph for taxi-ing us all home safe and sound to

the campsite. We had a coffee morning on Sunday in the shed again. I would like to thank the members for buying cakes in aid of Macmillan Cancer—your donation of £31.26 was much appreciated. I'm looking forward to camping here for our FOL next September.

## Proposed Meets for 2013

5th January	Adam Smith Theatre	Kirkcaldy - Sleeping Beauty	Pantomime
26th January	Scottish Region Dinner Dance	Westwood Hotel, Cumbernauld	
7th-11th March	Cairnsmill Caravan Park	St Andrews	
15th-17th March	Noah's Ark Golf Range, Perth	AGM at 208 Hotel, Perth. 11.30am	16th March for AGM
22nd-24th March	Linnwater Caravan Park	Join Fife	Region C/Meeting
29th-31st March	Kelso Showground	Join Scottish Region	Easter
12-14th April	Forth House, Upper Largo		Join Edinburgh
19th-21st April	Doune Estate	Hill Climb	
26th-28th April	Riverside Caravan Park		Join Fife
2nd - 7th May	Strathallan Games Park	Bridge of Allan	Region Meet
10th-12th May	Mill of Logierait	Aberfeldy	Cycling Festival in Aberfeldy
17th-19th May	Hattonburn Nurseries	Millnathort	
23rd-27th May	Montrose Sports Ground	Montrose	Music Festival in Montrose
31st May-2nd June	Hammerlands or Moffat Club Site	Moffat	Jean Stewart Walk - Moffat

8th - 30th June	Balholmairs Farm	Aberfeldy	THS
29th June-14th July	Bankhead Farm	Crail	THS
7th July-4th Aug	Scoughall Farm	North Berwick	THS
9th-11th Aug	Dalkeith Country Park	nr Edinburgh	Join Scottish Region
15th - 19th Aug	NFOL - Hampshire	Somerley Estate, Southern Region	NFOL
23rd-25th Aug	Bank Head Farm, Leven		
30th - 1st Sept	The Haugh, Glendevon		BBQ Meet
6th-8th Sept	Riverside Caravan Park	Dollar	
12th - 16th Sept	Newton of Nydie, Strathkinness	Leuchars Air Show?	Region Council meeting
20th - 22nd Sept	Gallowhill Caravan Park	Kinross	FOL
27th - 29th Sept	Woodlands Caravan Park	Carnoustie	
4th - 6th Oct	Bank Head Farm, Leven		
11th - 13th Oct	Moffat Club Site		Join Renfrew
25th - 27th Oct	Scottish Vintage Bus Museum	Lathalmond	Halloween Meet
1st-3rd Nov	Scottish Vintage Bus Museum	Lathalmond	Region Firework Meet
14th-18th Nov	Cairnsmill Caravan Park	St Andrews	
28th Dec-2nd Jan	Scottish Vintage Bus Museum	New Year Meet	Booked Meet

**Please check website and Out and About for finalised dates**

## Tom and Dick Return

Flushed from their success at Dalkeith last year Tom and Dick were back in action again at the joint meet with Glasgow at Doune Hill Climb. The entrance to the site was muddy (understatement) and quite difficult with a number of units getting stuck going onto the field.

*But don't despair, they were there.*

Like a matched pair of horses Tom and Dick sprang into action. Once they had decided to finish their meal they went into top gear. The brave Dick volunteered (I don't think so) to pull on the caravans whilst the spritely Tom raced to bring on the cars. Dick really impressed this time and had a 100% record in successfully hitching the caravans on. Nervous owners looked on expecting the worse but were pleasantly surprised at how well it went. One even commented that Dick must have attended one of the clubs manoeuvring courses **and** actually listened **and** learnt something.

As the weekend went on the gate got even more difficult so Dick decided to organise a clandestine 'work party' to retrieve chuckies from the Car Clubs' gate to our own. How he has the brass neck to do this in full view of everybody and during daylight hours beggars belief! Anyway with a team using water buckets (empty) enough chuckies were purloined to do the job. Tom appeared (eventually) with his excuse for a spade (it's the wife's came the cry) and helped spread the said chuckies. After what seemed a long time of work, Tom went to rest on his spade (as you do after 30secs) missed the handle, fell to the ground and disappeared into the mud. He was later heard explaining to his wife that young Sean had pushed him over. He was unable to explain to her how he had got the spade dirty.

Excitement did not end there though with Dick volunteering (you would think he would have learnt better by now) to stay till the last unit had got off the field. Again Dick did sterling work and helped get a number of units through the muddy gate. Sad to say though Dick forgot about himself. Yes, he got stuck!



But adversity was overcome and Dick used all his knowledge gained from years going deep sea fishing (yes this is the same Dick that sank his cobble in Loch Lomond - least said the better) Using rope, pulleys etc., he was able to reunite his van with his car on the hard road and happily make it home.

Tom and Dick were also seen in action at the Region Meet. It pains me to say that Dick got stuck trying to unhitch his caravan!! Guess what, Tom to the rescue! (Chuckle)

They really came into their element though when most of the units had left site. The Elsan waste disposal pipe to the main drains at the main road was blocked (who threw the paper towels down the toilet) and Tom and Dick dived in. Literally. If you see Tom walking around in his camouflage jacket you will probably smell him first. But after a lot of hard work I've got to say it was a 'job' well done.

Happier news though is that at the Region Meet Tom and Dick were able to recruit a new member to their team, no surprise then when I tell you that his name is Harry. What a coincidence. Tom was unable to attend this year's meet at Dalkeith so Dick decided to subcontract any towing work to a third party (he's learning). Unfortunately Dick was dismayed to find that he had subcontracted to a dubious retired V.I.P (Very Important Plumber from National fame) who appears to be branching out in the new field of installing 12 volt solar panels into caravans, connecting through the units 240volt system. (I think not!) If you come across this VIP - be afraid!

*Ps.* Did you know that Dick is a Bogie? That reads for somebody that goes to Leeds, jumps into a cartie, flees doon the hill at great speed with fingers crossed and hospital looming and hoping that his wife knows how to drive home as he might not be able to (does it matter that she doesn't have a licence?). Well done Dick, better you than me.

## Dot Tadman



Dot was diagnosed with ovarian cancer just over 3 years ago. Sadly, after a brave battle, she passed away on Saturday 28th April 2012.

Dot will be sorely missed as a wife, mother, friend, fellow camper, artist and charity worker amongst other

things. Our thoughts are with Bob and their family at this difficult time.



## Ann McInally

Sadly Ann passed away on 11th August 2012 after bravely battling cancer. Ann was a devoted wife to Don (who died in November 2011) and loving mother to George and David.



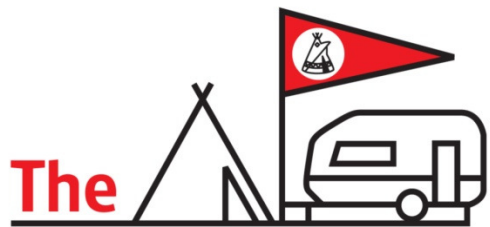
Ann and Don enjoyed camping with Perth and Angus for many years. Ann's favourite camp being Aberfeldy where she used to help steward with Don. Our thoughts are with George and David and their families.

## Oooh Baby Baby!

1. Landa
2. Ralph
3. Phil
4. Eddie
5. Sarah
6. Julie
7. Debbie
8. Chris
9. John
10. Billy
11. Mike

## Kids Korner

1. Goldilocks
2. Eeyore
3. Pinocchio
4. Baloo
5. A Troll
6. Robin Hood
7. The Grinch
8. Humpty Dumpty
9. Getafix
10. Asian



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