



# RSWSDA



*The friendly Club*

## Welcome to our Autumn 2022 Newsletter

It has been a busy summer, even though the weather was not always what we hoped. We ran two THS this summer and they were both very successful and enjoyed by all who attended.



Loans THS

Although we have held meets previously at Loans, this was our first THS on this site for a number of years. Over the two week period it was well attended with units from all over the UK. People made use of the on site croquet lawn as well as playing Kubb, in the evening social activities included 2 Spanish themed nights in club house complete with Sangria and tapas as well as quizzes and bingo.

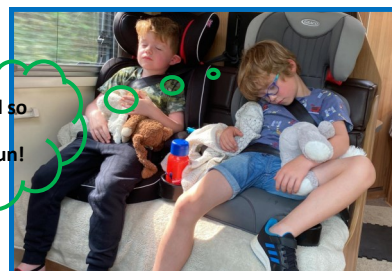


Thomaston THS

This site is a regular in the RSWSDA calendar and as ever proved popular with members. The weather was mixed but we made the most of the glorious sunshine during the last week. Campers enjoyed a variety of games on the field and evening socials.

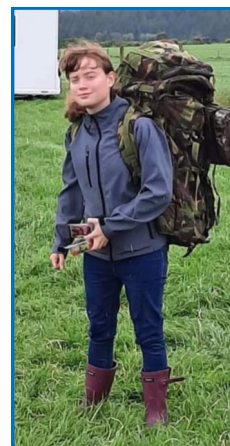


We had so much fun!



### Congratulations

Well done to Beth Wotherspoon who recently passed her Camping and Caravanning Youth Test, in terrible conditions. This allows her to camp independently, be involved in a range of Youth activities, including international camps and all with free membership until she is 21.



### Dates for your Diary 2022

**16-19th September Culzean Club Site.** Book with Alan ☎07846077445. We are operating a reserve list as this meet is currently fully booked

**30th Sept-2nd October, Milarrochy Bay, Loch Lomond.** Booked meet call Alan ☎07846077445 This is our Feast of Lanterns meet. The theme for this is Lanterns

**21-23rd October, Lochbarr, Lochwinnoch** Halloween booked meet call John ☎07809591468

**18-20 thNovember, Moffat club site,** booked meet call Anne ☎ 07984925669

**3rd December** Winter walk **Dumfries House** Auchinleck

### Meet the Committee



Introducing, Elaine and Hugh Wotherspoon the Youth Leaders for Renfrew and South West DA, both of whom agree their role is the most fun within DA camping and is one that they enjoy doing. Their role is to engage with the youth who come to our DA meets and they do this in a variety of ways. This includes organising games and activities at the meet, some of which have included field games, geo-caching, egg challenges, crafts and obstacle courses. They also take our DA youngsters to meet up with other Scottish DA's for fun activities including paddle boarding and indoor parachuting. Beyond this they can help and coach our youths to complete their Youth Camping test, which as well as building confidence and skills this award opens the door to participation in National Youth Camps, competing for the Austin Trophy, (which Scottish Region currently holds) and overseas camps. The next FICC rally is in the Netherlands at Easter 2023. If any youth are interested in this adventure please get in touch! (see below) We would encourage families to come along to our meets and give their youngsters the opportunity to join in the fun, who knows they could be off to Holland next Easter. See our events calendar for dates, we look forward to meeting you.

### Looking Forward

#### Millarrochy Bay 30th September -2nd October 22

The site is on the East bank of beautiful Loch Lomond and an ideal place to walk in the beautiful country side, cycle and enjoy all the amenities of the of the national park along with easy access to the West Highland Way. You can also visit Lomond Shores and the Sea life centre for the children. This is our feast of lanterns meet where we light and decorate our units, this years theme is Lanterns. There will be a small but hotly contested prize for the best unit.

Please note that there must be no naked flames or Flying Chinese lanterns used in your display.

#### 21-23 October, Lochbarr, Lochwinnoch

This is our Halloween meet, with a wide of range of activities for young and old, including dressed vans, Halloween party, Kids Guising and other seasonal activities. Get your false face and scary gear on and come and join us in the fun weekend., including partying .in the hall

#### Moffat club site, 18-20 November

A relaxed weekend in the historic market town of Moffat, with a wide variety of shops and eating places a very short walk away. We can also have full use of the site facilities with full power available for those who wish it. The Gretna Outlet Centre is 30minutes down the motorway or the stunning Kaygu Samye Ling Monastery and Tibetan Centre is in the area and is an amazing day out and worth the journey. Booking is essential for this meet, as space is limited.

### Good To Know

We have a party tent that is used at our bigger meets and also our new Coleman shelter for use at smaller venues. These can be used for many activities from afternoon teas, crafts and quizzes. It's a great place to catch up with friends or make new ones.



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