



# RSWSDA



## Welcome to our Spring news letter

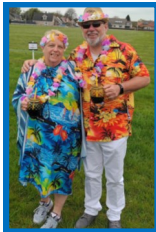
The new camping and caravanning season is now well under way and RSWSDA have ran 3 meets and we have also attended the Scottish Region meet at Bridge of Allan .

We look forward to seeing you again or meeting you for the first time at any of our forthcoming meets .

### Meet the Committee

These two exotic committee members, pictured at the Scottish region meet recently, are Carolyn and Dougie Shaw.

They are both long term members of RSWSDA and of our committee . Carolyn has once again accepted the mantle of DA secretary and works tirelessly on our behalf. Dougie is a past vice chair and experienced committee member.



### Camping and Caravanning Youth

Having previously passed her youth test Beth Wotherspoon was presented with her camping and Caravanning Youth pennon and certificate by Phil Grant , youth leader., during the Scottish Region rally at Bridge of Allan. Beth is now able to camp independently at any meets.

Well done Beth.



### New venue

We are delighted to have secured 2 new venues this year. Please come and join us at our THS at Newbridge, Dumfries 19-29 May & at Scar Park near Stranraer, 15-25 Sept. Hopefully, we'll have more exciting news soon!

### 1st meet of the Season

Our first rally was held at Maidens 3 - 5th March, on the Redgates site . This gave us full facilities, which early in the season is welcome. Everyone enjoyed a Gin and Rum tasting competition to welcome the new camping season in. Well done to Sheena who won the Gin tasting and Julie who won the Rum tasting.



### Work Party

Members gathered on the Culzean Club site to help prepare the site for opening to the public. It wasn't all hard work as everyone enjoyed a soup and sandwich lunch followed by home made cakes. The team did a lot of work on the site, painting offices, toilets and fences and they cleared up the pitch areas from winter debris. As you can see it was a happy work environment.



## Dates for your Diary 2023

**May 12-14th:** Maritime museum Irvine. ☎ Hugh 07833482668

**May 19-29th:** *New Venue*, Newbridge Country Park, Dumfries ☎ Una 07910969174

**June 2nd-4th:** Duck Race weekend, Lettershaws farm, Abington. ☎ John H 07916431562

**June 9-25th:** THS Glenburn Dairy, Troon. ☎ Una 07910969174

**July 21st-13th August:** THS Thomaston Farm, Maybole. ☎ Una 07910969174

**September 15-25th:** *New Venue*, Scar Park, Wig Bay nr Stranraer. ☎ John H 07916431562

**September 29th -October 1st:** Culzean Club site, booked meet. ☎ Alan 07846077445

**October 20th-22nd:** Halloween meet, Lochbarr Leisure, Lochwinnoch. ☎ Dougie 07714566630

**November 17-19th:** Moffat club site, booked meet. ☎ Anne 07984925669

**December 9th:** Our winter walk, Dumfries House meet at 1pm by the café for a walk, chat and coffee.



### Easter at Lochbarr, Lochwinnoch

The Easter rally was well attended with 25 units on the field, it was also great to welcome new and returning faces to our meet. There was, as always a full programme of events for all ages as well as chocolate treats for our young campers. Everyone enjoyed the party night in the hall and afternoon tea on the Saturday, always a highlight of the weekend. The weekend also raised £67 for our nominated charity, CHAS from donations given at the afternoon tea.



Strange sights on the site



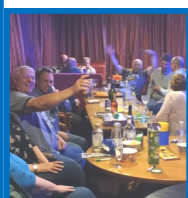
Treat time



Time to relax and chat

### Scottish Region Bridge of Alan

Our DA was represented by 22 units at the annual Scottish Region meet. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment provided in the marquee and had fun participating in the inter DA competition. The theme this year was Cruising, we went with Hawaii as our port of call, depicted by a Tiki Bar and some colourful costumes. We came third overall, well done team!



### Good to Know

Our website <https://rswsda.co.uk/> will keep you updated of all things DA camping, it also has a gallery of photographs and links to our newsletters. You can also keep up to date through our Facebook page Renfrew and South West Scotland D.A

Our nominated charity for the year is CHAS: <https://www.chas.org.uk/>