

# **Chairman's Report**

It has been a fantastic year for East Kent. Our meets are busier than ever, so much so that several meets have been sold out. Not everyone is a fan of the online booking system, but with the numbers we have now we could not manage it any other way.

Several meets have had record numbers. Hop Farm, Goody Ales, Hop Festival and New Year were all really busy. The weather caused us some problems at a couple of meets but the committee was able to take action to allow meets to still go ahead. Especially Hop Farm and the Coronation meet.

All of the entertainment we have laid on has proven very popular. Especially the Pirate Murder Mystery meet which several said was the best meet they had ever been to. Look out for Once Upon a Murder later this year.

As Chairman, I am very lucky to have the support of a hardworking and dedicated committee. However, it doesn't stop there, so many of our ordinary members are willing to help out, often without even being asked. The Committee cannot do it all, so all offers of help will always be gratefully received.

We have had a few committee changes since last year, but we have had other members join and prove themselves to be great assets to the DA.

Sorry to see Cherry Pinder and Suze Prescott stepping down. They have both worked hard and deserve our thanks.

Massive thanks are also due to Nick & Tracy Northover, whose exemplary fundraising efforts have again raised significant funds for our designated charity. It is also good to see Tracy our President joining the committee in her own right.

The new camping season has already started with the popular Glam Rock rally and then 58 units out at Easter. An incredible number at a new site that everyone enjoyed.

It was my intention to step down after two years but I have been persuaded to stay on for another year.

See you all on a rally field soon.

Regards

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