



# Loddon D.A. Newsletter

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## THRUXTON LODDON MEET JUNE 2024





**20th to 22nd SEPTEMBER.**

**LITTLE OWLS,**  
South Farm, All Cannings,  
Devizes SN10 3JX



Our last weekend meet of 2024 at Situated in the Vale of Pewsey,  
just 60 minutes from Basingstoke.

£14 pun, extra adults £3.50.

BOOKING REQUIRED as numbers are limited- For more information  
contact Nick on 07927731810 or [sites-officer@loddonda.co.uk](mailto:sites-officer@loddonda.co.uk).

(Although the DA meet is for 2 nights you can stay an additional night or more as you wish.

Just let us know. [www.littleowlscamping.co.uk](http://www.littleowlscamping.co.uk)) Please note **GREEN CHEMICALS ONLY**

There is a toilet block on this very dog friendly, flat, and open site with resident Alpacas and chickens and far-reaching views to the Marlborough Downs. A very peaceful and tranquil spot. We will be having a Social get together on Saturday evening and a Coffee morning on Sunday

This has been a very popular weekend meet site. This is situated in a beautiful designated AONB area with plenty of places of interest in the local area, including walks along the Kennett and Avon Canal from the village, the impressive Caen Locks in the nearby Medieval market town of Devizes, Avebury Stone Circle, the market town of Marlborough, or walks on the Marlborough Downs. The Barge Inn at Honeystreet just a 25-minute stroll along the canal from the village, as well as a lovely canal side cafe There is very good pub and shop in the local village of All Cannings

Directions: - From A303 at Andover west take A342 signposted Devizes/Marlborough.

After passing through Ludgershall turn right at the Crown Public House. Follow road to T Junction, then left and immediately right to stay on A342. At Upavon - Take A342 towards Devizes, Continue A342 until sign posted turn on right to Patney / All Cannings. Follow through Patney village, over railway bridge, and turn to Little Owls Campsite is then approx 1 mile on the right. Follow yellow LDA signs at entrance to road leading to Little Owls. This is the best route to avoid narrow roads, but note final mile from the railway bridge to Little Owls turn is quite narrow, but with passing places.

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For further details of this site please check your edition of the  
Clubs Site Seeker 2023-2024 book. Page 342 reference CS 1408

## Thruxton Race Event

The weekend of the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of June saw Loddon DA make its annual trip to Thruxton Circuit for a weekend of camaraderie and motor sport.

For the last two years the DA has an attended event for classic cars, but this year's event saw a slight move further back in time and slightly later in the year to the very popular Thruxton Historic event.

As soon as registration opened at midday on the Friday the reserved site started to fill and by reasonably early on the Friday evening all the thirty-seven units were in position and enjoying a gloriously warm summer evening, a foretaste of the weather that was to remain very pleasant all weekend.

The units were of the normal mix of Motorhomes and Caravans but special mention must be made of one of the most spectacular trailer tents I certainly have ever seen.

Friday evening saw the sixty-nine guests (from thirteen different DA's) gather for the normal welcome, a short history lesson of Thruxton Circuit and also to receive information on the weekend's events, which as well as the motor racing included many displays and even a demonstration of American Nascar's.

Saturday morning saw the practice sessions for the various categories of single seater, sports cars and saloon cars that were to race over the weekend. With the start at nine a.m. sharp, I can't tell you how surprised I was to see some of the party scouting out their vantage point some one hour earlier than that.

As people returned to our site, which is situated behind a spectator bank adjacent to the circuit, it was obvious that a good day had been had by all. We had not arranged anything for the Saturday evening as the circuit had a live band playing outside the bar and restaurant which many guests had indicated they would like to attend.

Sunday again dawned bright but a lay in was possible as the on track activity didn't start until ten twenty to allow the local church to hold their morning service.

A great day's racing followed, marred only by a freak accident that halted the final race of the day. An errant wheel made its way through the air and landed in our area damaging my caravan awning and slight damage to a motorhome although the circuit personnel were soon on hand to ensure that everybody was OK and making the necessary arrangements. Nobody, including the drivers involved were injured, and at our evening drink and natter the consensus was that it was indeed a freak accident and shouldn't mar a great weekend. The talk rapidly turned back to the racing, the most popular race was for the mini's, although my favourite still remains as the Jochen Rindt Trophy race which featured a full grid of Formula Two, Formula Three, Formula Atlantic, Formula Four and Ford 2000 cars.

Monday morning saw the D A's customary final day coffee morning for those lucky souls that didn't have to rush off for work.

A great weekend spent in really good company, at a great event and all in the sunshine, what could be better.

*Dennis Carter* *Chairman Loddon DA*

# Burton Bradstock

Burton Bradstock on the Dorset Coast  
With Steve and Carol there to host  
Loddon DA's temporary holiday site  
In August when the sun shines bright

Take a walk down to visit West Bay  
Have fish and chips, or perhaps you may  
Pop into a café for a cup of tea  
Spend time on the beach or in the sea

Stroll into the Village for a treat  
Two pubs serving food that's a delight to eat  
Visit the village post office & store  
selling bread, cakes sausages and more

On Hive Beach you'll find the National Trust  
As a site, it certainly is a must  
The Jurassic coast, pebble beach and cliffs  
A place of history, mystery and myths

Local wildlife also frequent the site  
And if you are patient, you just might  
Spot a Deer as it stops to graze  
A sight that will always amaze

So, if you are looking for some R and R  
In motorhome, or caravan and car  
Visit this lovely site and come and see  
Then get around on the local bus.

For so many this is a favourite place  
Just for rest or use as a base  
We are sure you will soon agree  
In August this is the place to be.

*Dennis Carter*

## Sylvia Bealing

Bad news I am afraid. Most of us who have been with the DA for some time will know Rex & Sylvia Bealing. Long time members who turned up at many meets, AGMs and always at the holiday meets at Burton Bradstock. Sylvia was a lovely lady always friendly, outgoing, and helpful. I was lucky enough to bump into them at the Southern Region meet at Burton Bradstock in June and we had a good long chat.

Unfortunately, about 12 days later I received the following email from Rex.

"Just days after we met you at the Manor Farm THS Sylvia passed away in her sleep in our caravan. It was a shocking experience but at least she died peacefully doing what she loved in her favourite location."

Just to say that joining LDA was one of the best things we ever did. The people, the places we went, the friends we made and the fun we had. The Camping Club and Loddon DA gave us so many treasured memories and such good friends. Without camping our life would have been very dull. I thank Loddon DA and our many camping friends for enriching our lives.

Rex Bealing

It seemed appropriate to print the above next to the poem about Burton Bradstock knowing how much Sylvia loved that place. *Yvonne.*

Hullo Everyone.

When I was transferring Rex's comments on the DA, I started to think of all the people I have know over all my years with Loddon DA and funny enough the people I worked on with the committees and the CCJ etc., didn't really come to mind. I realised that many of the best and funniest memories are of the "ordinary" members of the club. Those people who can't or don't want to be part of the organisation but who are happy to help with the raffle, the fun sports days, the coffee mornings, to get wet on a raft on the canal, lead a winter walk, join in with the boeing at the pantomime etcetera and of course those who bring such tasty contributions to an American supper. Having been social secretary for many years when the DA was the largest in the Southern Region, I learnt to be grateful for all the extra help. So, though the Committee do a great job and deserve our thanks I should like to thank all those who have camped with the DA over the years. Because without you there is no LODDON D.A.

*Yvonne.*