

## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

A warm welcome to Members and Readers of this Leicestershire DA Sites Book.

Firstly I would like to say a very big Thank You to John Plews, who kindly offered to put this book together. It is not an easy job and I know John has put many hours into it. I would also like to Thank Karen Scotford for booking all the Sites and the Committee for their input. I hope you find it useful. The Committee would appreciate your feedback and comments.

As you will see, we have some exciting new Sites for 2009. Easter at Cromer with the opportunity to take a brisk walk along the sea front! Ashdene Farm near to the Snowdome or Drayton Manor Park, Midshires Barn, East Leake which is on a good bus route to either Nottingham or Loughborough (market day on Saturday) to mention a few.

Don't forget our Temporary Holiday Sites if you are looking for a longer break, Skegness and Moreton in the Marsh and on our doorstep, the beautiful Rutland Water.

On a down side to this, we have had to cancel our Spring Break Meet at Kings Lynn because we could not find any one to Steward the Meet for us. Given this opportunity I would like to appeal to you all to consider offering to Steward a Meet for us. The bonus side of this is that you get your camp fees paid by us and if it is a Temporary Holiday Meet we will contribute towards your fuel expenses.

Leading on from this, the Committee is very aware that with the AGM approaching fast, we are in desperate need for new Committee Members. I have already approached Central Counties Committee with our fears that we may not have enough Members come forward to form a Committee for 2009-2010. To put this bluntly – No Committee – no Meets arranged and we loose the opportunity to camp in the beautiful county of Leicestershire on a regular basis. Please don't let this happen. Please talk to me if you want to ask any questions about becoming a Committee Member. If you cannot find me on the camping field please give me a bell – 07729699824.

Returning to a positive note we have lots of exciting Meets already booked, with our biggest Meet of the Year being our Anniversary Meet at Rutland Water over May Bank Holiday Weekend. We have plenty planned, including live entertainment, LDA Show and Sunday Market (please bring your bric a brac to help make the market of interest). With the Lake as a beautiful backdrop and hopefully the sun shining we hope you can all attend and make this an Anniversary to remember.

Ceryl Sheldon