

September Already!

We hope your summer was filled with sunshine and joy!
SAC HG have been reflecting on the last Camp and turning their thoughts to 2018.
An enormous thank you to all who contributed to the last Camp - wasn't it wonderful?
We will be looking at the feedback that we have received and we continue to appreciate suggestions and ideas - please do keep them coming.

On-Camp Meetings

The full minutes of both the on-Camp meetings can be found on the website under About SAC. Here is a précis of them both.

Forum - A discussion around quiet areas clarified that there is no quiet camping area at SAC, as the Camp supports a quieter environment. However there are quiet spaces - the Meditation Dome and the Men's and Women's spaces and it is not always clear that this is so. There was discussion around better signage, possibly a map showing clearly where these spaces are and also an indication of where the less quiet areas are. One suggestion was to move the Meditation Dome along the hedge line a little to a less favourable camping space. The meeting also discussed how to accommodate an increase in live-in vehicles. Suggestions included; setting a limit on how many live-in vehicles are allowed to attend, charging a live-in vehicle surcharge, marking off areas along the hedge that are designated live-in vehicle only spots, asking that no tents are pitched along the hedges, moving the meditation dome to a different spot to free up more flat areas for tents. There was a general discussion about the ethos of the camp and whether live-in vehicles should be encouraged or not. Both the pros and cons were acknowledged.

Business Meeting

Thanks were given to the retiring HG members - Pat Falvey, Darvesha Misani, Izzy Misani, Maz Brown, Diane Cheshire and Robert Orange and the new members of the HG were welcomed - Daren Messenger, Jilani Prescott and Linda Winn. It was felt that a period of stability was needed, revisiting the original model for SAC where the HG involved the Wider Working Group and others more in the running of the Camp. Linda and Daren, as founding members, have a wealth of experience to offer in re-establishing some of what has been lost over the Camp's history and it was acknowledged that this is an exciting time for the development of the Camp - Watch this Space!



Finances

We have made a brilliant recovery this year, ticket sales were up, costs were down and the auction raised over £1700. There were also donations amounting to £900. This means we go into next year in a much healthier financial position and the future of the Camp feels more secure. Thank you to everyone for your efforts and let's keep it up. Full accounts will be published on the website when they are finalised.

This is such a great Camp for sharing!

SAC 2018 is 25th May to 2nd June, make sure you put it in your diary and tell your friends!

Liz, Daren, Dan, Deborah, Jilani and Linda