

# DEA NEWS - SEPTEMBER 1991

Dear Assessor,

Yes, this is a new piece of paper and no, it is not another demand for money ! Recently, owing to the new requirements for Assessor training , several VERY ENJOYABLE weekends of walking and lots and lots talk, it seems there is also a need for improved lines of communication between Assessors.

- Have you ever wished there was more opportunity to brush up on your own practical assessing skills ?
- Are training weekends the only time you get your boots out ?
- Does this worry you ?

If the answer to any of these questions is YES, the solution to the problem could be at your fingertips !

This letter is a first attempt to set up an "information network" for Assessors. Don't just read it ! - Please contribute to it ! ( No, not money Robert !)

It is hoped that the next issue will be in mid - December ; so if anybody wants to go walking in the new year, or has specific plans and doesn't mind a few others tagging along, please get in touch with one of the people listed below, by the end of November.

Similarly any contributions, which may be of interest to other Assessors, would be most welcome.

On the reverse side of this letter is a list of dates for your diary, together with brief details of future events, where the dates are still to be decided. If you feel there is anything that should be included that isn't, please let us know.

We hope that this newsletter will evolve into an interesting and useful communication, so any comments would be appreciated.

Regards,

Christine, Karen and Anthony.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TRAINING WEEKENDS:            5th - 6th October - Bronze  
(Snodland School)            19th - 20th October - Silver and Gold

ASSESSOR TRAINING:            2nd November  
(Tonbridge Road Methodist Church, Maidstone)

To include:                    Instructional Techniques  
                                      Safety in the Mountains  
                                      First Aid tips  
                                      Discussion groups

SPECIAL GUEST: COLIN REED

Discussion topics:            Devotional Sessions at the Training weekends  
                                      The New Minibus regulations  
                                      Moving the South Downs weekend to a non-Bank  
                                      Holiday weekend

IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS DAY, PLEASE CONTACT MARTIN BAKER ON 0622-675672.

### ITEMS FOR THE FUTURE - DATES TO BE DECIDED

#### TRAINEE ASSESSORS/STANDARD CERTIFICATE TRAINING:

Minimum entry requirement is DEA Gold expedition level, plus four training weekends covering items 1-7 in the BB Expedition Handbook, followed by a weekend of assessment in wild country.

#### ADVANCED CERTIFICATE TRAINING FOR ASSESSORS:

Minimum entry requirement is Standard certificate level, plus at least 2 years experience, followed by a weekend of assessment in wild country.

#### FIRST AID COURSE:

St John's Public Certificate - 10 week course, 2 hours per week.  
(9 week min attendance, with practical exam)

PLEASE CONTACT MARTIN BAKER ON 0622 -675672 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.