

**Report by the INF-FNI Treasurer of the BN Nudefest 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
in Thorney Lakes Caravan Park, Langport, Somerset**

Different venue, different weather.

Again I had the opportunity to attend the BN Nudefest 2016 as INF-FNI Delegate. And this time it was again a week full of joy and fun.

Whereas last year's BN Nudefest in Newquai, Cornwall was marked by cold, rain and wind, this year's BN Nudefest could take place in Southern Somerset with relatively good, not to say for British circumstances, nearly nice and above all dry weather.

After an adventurous drive of about 1 ¼ hour through narrow and small roads from my first place of overnight near the airport of Bristol, I safely reached the venue, Thorney Lakes Caravan Park, Langport, Somerset with the help of my Tom-Tom navigation device.

That it is not easy to drive on the roads in Somerset, could be confirmed by the statement of a British person from the north. He told me: "Obviously the residents in Somerset have a different linear measure than the remaining part of the UK. For a distance of little more than 25 miles, which in the north he easily could make it in half an hour, he here takes nearly a full hour. I replied to him: "You know, Nick, here they do not calculate with statute miles (1,609 km), but with nautical miles (1,852 km)".

Very soon a cheerful 'Hello' to welcome old friends and acquaintances could be heard all over the site. Everywhere the familiar 'tap tap' was heard when the tent herrings were knocked in. Till the end of the week the site actually was well crowded.

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 11.45 the BN Nudefest 2016 was officially opened by various speeches of the organising committee and BN's Executive Committee. At this occasion I was able to convey my best greetings and wishes for a good success to this feast, also on behalf of the INF-FNI.

The whole week was marked by a lot of fun, joy and gladness. Some events were also offered outside of the venue and had met a lot of interests. For example the visit of a cider mill and a distillery, the visit of a natural garden with many species and varieties of roses (what a wonderful odour) and the "Haynes International Motor Museum" with more than 400 models, from the early days till the present days of the automobile.

The number of participants was roughly the same as in the previous year. 28 participants were registered and 30 daily visitors participated. From outside of the UK, there were

guests coming from Ireland, the Netherlands, Belgium and one person from the Principality of Liechtenstein.

What had surprised me was that as of Friday evening till Sunday evening many adolescents, respectively young people had attended this event. This fact makes me happy, glad and does give me hope that naturism still has a future.

To my biggest surprise I had won a prize at the "Raffle" lottery. So, next year, I will be able to spend a long weekend with my wife Annemarie at the site of Croft Country Club in Cambridgeshire.

The meals served at the venue by a local catering company were excellent, yet inexpensive.

But the week went by just too fast and it was time again to say goodbye.

Now I have to say "Thank You", to the organising team, the BN Committee, the site management and staff, and to the team of the catering company for this event, successful in all parts.

Sincerest thanks to all of you!

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