



Activity



related happy anniversary to both. Long may it continue.



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Trev MASTers Voice

It was great to see so many of us at our annual Festival of Walking and Cycling at Sixpenny Handley. I am so grateful to all who helped to plan and to run the event and to everyone who attended. Some of you had travelled considerable distances to do so. It was also encouraging to welcome several new faces; and most of them have already attended subsequent meets. This is particularly important, I feel, as it is one thing to attract new members but an equally important one to provide experiences that encourage them to stay.

The front cover of this edition of Activity shows the exciting design of our new, lightweight flags. Our PRO, John Gerner, was mandated by the council to explore possible designs and through Howard and Anne Crosland met with their son to discuss what we needed. His daughter Hazel, an architecture student, then took up the brief and has produced what I think is a really superb design. The green base (grass) and blue above (sky) reflect the countryside and the symbols and words jointly tell people who we are and what we do.

The flag is lightweight and more easily used than the existing pennons but will not totally replace them. The pennons can still be used at major events, like the FOWAC. The new flag design has been approved by the club's communication committee so the next step is getting quotes for production costs. Watch this space.....

The new flag is one of the steps we are taking to attract new members. Any ideas you have to advertise our existence and the benefits of joining will be welcome. But, as I said above, retaining new members is just as important. For some years now we have still attracted reasonable numbers each year, but lost a few more. We need to identify reasons for this and ways of avoiding this loss.

Other Special Interest Sections and DAs are also concerned about numbers. In fact the last meeting of the Special Interest Sections' Forum agreed to set up a working party to explore possible ways of ensuring survival. One possibility put forward in a discussion paper was an umbrella council for all or several Sections requiring only one of each of the essential officers instead of each Section having to continue to find their own. A similar structure could be considered for Sections' Area Committees.

I will be representing MAS on this working party so please let me know your thoughts. (trevmasters@me.com). My own views are that at present MAS is still able to function independently - just! (We were able to fill all posts at our AGM, as were our three committees, but not without some worry that we might not have done so.) However, if an umbrella Council should be formed I would want any Section that chose at first to remain independent to be able to join without hassle in the future rather than simply fold...

Meanwhile, let's enjoy our camping, walking, cycling - and tea and cakes!

Trev Masters

“Spirit of MAS” Photo Competition



During 2016 the Section is running a photographic competition with a £25 voucher for the winning photo chosen by an independent panel of judges. The theme is “Spirit of MAS” and we are looking for photos that showcase what makes MAS special. The choice of subject is up to you; members taking part in a walking or cycling activity, simply relaxing on site, a spectacular landscape or sunset or anything else that you think reflects the Spirit of MAS theme. Competition entries will be showcased in the Gallery on the MAS website and may appear in Activity magazine too. Photos may also be submitted for possible inclusion in the Club magazine or on the Club’s website.

Competition Rules:

1. Entry to the competition is open to MAS members only.
2. The closing date for the submission of entries is 31st December 2016.
3. There is no limit on the number of photos that you may enter.
4. All photos submitted for entry must have been taken during 2016 while attending an MAS event.
5. Photographs must be in JPEG format and submitted by email to photos@mountainactivitysection.org.uk If you do not have an email account you may ask someone else to submit entries on your behalf. Remember to include your name when submitting your entries.
6. As entries will be uploaded to the MAS website, may feature in Activity or be sent to the Camping & Caravanning Club for possible inclusion in the Club’s magazine or website, you must obtain permission from parents or guardians before submitting a photo which includes children.
7. The decision of the independent panel of judges is final.



NATIONAL FEAST OF LANTERNS 2016

Please remember that the Cambrian & Wyvern Region are hosting next year's NFOL. The venue is the Three Counties Showground at Malvern in Worcestershire.

The dates are from 26th August 2016 until 28th August 2016. (August Bank Holiday) Additional nights on Thursday and Sunday are also available to camp. The total cost for five days for two adults will be £72 , Children and CCY are free.

The theme for the event is "Movies of the World". This theme was chosen as it gives plenty of scope to get adults and children involved in the Mardi Gras parade etc.

The location is virtually in the centre of the country and has easy access from the motorway networks. Entry to the Three Counties Showground is approximately 20 minutes from Junction 7 of the M5 if you are travelling from the North or from Junction 8 of the M5 if you are travelling from the South.

The Cambrian and Wyvern Region have a lot of attractions and is an ideal location to enjoy a holiday with something of interest for everyone. The attractions include The Severn Valley Railway, West Midlands Safari Park, Walks around the Malvern Hills, Gloucester and Worcester cathedrals to name a few. Nearby are the picturesque Cotswold Villages, Cadbury World, the Black Country Museum as well as many Shopping Centres. Within a 2 hour journey the beautiful South and West Wales coastlines are accessible together with the ancient castles of Gwent.

The DA's within the Region have arranged Temporary Holiday Sites throughout our Region and we also have a THS arranged about ¼ of a mile from the Three Counties Showground the week before NFOL and the week following.

Application forms are in the C&CC magazine—please send completed forms to Anne Crosland, 28 Emmot Drive, Rawdon, Leeds, LS19 6RF. The closing date for these forms is 21st June 2016.

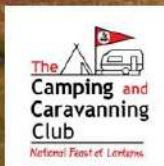
CAMBERIAN and WYVERN REGION

Presents

NFOL 2016



**Please come and join us
in our feast of entertainment
in the beautiful setting of the
Malvern Hills
at the 3 Counties Showground**



**25th – 29th
AUGUST
2016**

**5 days,
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£ 72
Children free**

Mountain Activity Section Officers 2014/15

(Further contact details may be found on the website)

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Area Secretaries Northern Area	Carole Booth 07788197649)
Peakland Area	Les Morton (07967900225)
Wessex Area	Viv Stevens
National Council Rep. to MAS	Steve Harris

Knitting Competition—should we have one?

Richard and Jill come to various meets with their cats. While Richard goes on the walks, Jill passes the time with her knitting. This is one of her latest creations. Should we have a competition to see who can match it??



MAS are members of The Walking Partnership operated by Rambler's Holidays. The Partnership provides direct financial support for organisations that encourage walking and organise group walks. If any MAS member books a holiday with Rambler's Holidays they can nominate MAS for a donation. If you are considering a break with Rambler's Holidays please remember to say that you are a member of MAS when you make your booking, otherwise we will miss out on the donation.

What We Did at Hulme End

This is a small village at the end of the disused Manifold Railway offering excellent cycling and walking in the Derbyshire White Peaks.



Exploring local churches



Navigation



Wildlife at the tea shop



Wild flowers



Manifold Valley



Mick and Lynn returning the campsite on their tandem after the 22 mile ride on the Manifold Trail.



Cyclist stop for tea and Jazz after their ride on the trail

25 05 2016



Visiting Villages



Make full use of the National Trust land in the area



Admiring the view from a new gate

25 05 2016



Rain!



MUD!!

25 05 2016

Looks like a good and varied time was had by all.

Trevor Batchelor

The Festival of Walking and Cycling

The FoWC at Sixpenny Handley went very well from my point of view. There was frost on the windows of the motorhome on the first morning, with the thermometer saying 1 degree outside and 4 degrees inside!! The fire went on, the kettle went on, and I went back to bed until the resulting cup of coffee had been consumed and the temperature had gone up a bit. After breakfast, preparations continued with putting up the marquee, setting out the pitch markers and sorting the raffle, welcome leaflets, walk maps and all the other little things which helped to smooth people's path on arrival.

There were plenty of walks to choose from, including some self-guided and some suggested bike ride routes. I managed the shortest walk each day, and the outstanding feature of all of them was the amount and colour of the bluebells – it's years since I've seen such a profusion and depth of colour. The way they contrasted with either the green plants surrounding them or the brown of the leaves on the ground beneath the beech trees in the woods was wonderful. There were plenty of other flowers to look at, too – garlic, wood anemones, celandines, and even euphorbia. The weather in general was not too bad for walking. It was cool but dry most of the time, but we did get caught in a fairly torrential shower on one walk, but had plenty of sun on others. Most people walked at least one day, but there were also trips out to Weymouth and Salisbury to occupy those who don't get to the area too often.

The AGM in the village hall was well attended (78 members) and the business sorted fairly swiftly. The following American Supper appeared to be



Lunch on a log



10 o'clock walkers ready for the off

enjoyed by all present, with plenty of food of all sorts, even to the stage that some was left over. The raffle, organised by Tricia and supported by gifts from MAS members, brought a bit of light relief to the evening, and all the prizes were appreciated by the lucky recipients.

The availability of food in Hanlega's was another good point of the weekend. The quality of the fish and chips and other menu items, the local beer and the general ambience of "The Barn" made a positive contribution to the overall event.

I was impressed by the number of our members who managed to attend the event, and the way in which they both joined in with group events or did their own thing according to which day it was and how they felt. I met a good number of new (to me) faces and was lucky enough to take a few completely new members on a couple of the walks, introducing them to my version of how the MAS works. All in all, a jolly good weekend, enjoyed by all with whom I came into contact.

Toni Reynaud (Editor)

UPDATE: We now have the new flags, Wessex and Peakland have received theirs and John is working on the logistics of getting the Northern and Youth flags to the right places.

Not just any old boot—It is used as a novel way-marker on a path between Peebles and Innerleithen



Tammy in the horse trough



Some of us feel the need for a nap after a walk to be greater than others!



On one of the walks at Red Marley D’Abitot Sandra nearly tripped over the tortoise in Colinpark Wood. Ann took it to some of the nearest houses until a lady said she would take it to the local vet. It was a male, in good condition, around 30 years old according to Ann. How it got to the middle of the woods is anyone’s guess. It made an interesting change from looking at the fungi and flowers!

Clothing Now Available

Howard and Anne Crosland's son Steve has created a range of MAS clothing that is available to order online through his design company Express Yourself Designs. All items are printed to order using Hot Flex Vinyl and they aim to dispatch orders by 1st class post within one day of receipt.

The Section receives 10% commission on orders placed using the link on the new Regalia page on the MAS website. Or direct from the website address below. Steve is working on more designs, so if you have any suggestions or you are interested in other items of clothing please send an email to

john.gerner@mountainactivitysection.org.uk
and I will pass your ideas on to Steve.

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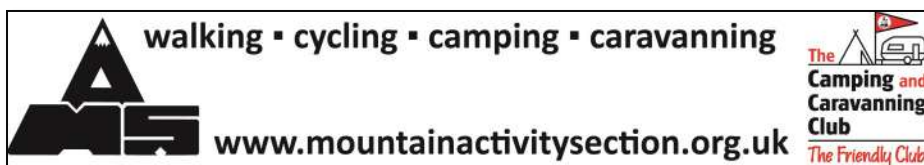
Order direct from - www.expressyourselfdesigns.co.uk/MAS

The Website and Free Stickers

The first point of contact for many potential new members is our website. As many of you will be aware, the site has been redesigned to give a fresh new look. There are also a number of major changes behind the scenes so that Areas can now keep their list of events up to date, add news items and collections of photos to the gallery. If you don't know who in your area can do this, or if you would like to be the one who has this facility, contact your Area Secretary and the Webmaster to gain access

The car stickers are of the static cling type so they can easily be placed on and removed from windows. The business cards have the same information so that when you tell others about the Mountain Activity Section you can give a card to encourage them to visit our website and find out more. The stickers and cards have been given to Areas to distribute to - contact your area secretary to get a supply.

John Gerner



For the latest MAS news and information on
meets visit our website

www.mountainactivitysection.org.uk



Peakland Area Mountain Activity Section 2016 Meets List

Date	Venue, Map Ref	Stewards
March 24-29 5	Cotton Arms, Wrenbury, nr Nantwich 117/592479	Les/Jean 01298 213430/07967900225
April 8-10 2	Alstonefield, (Peakland AGM) 119/129555	
April 28-May 3 5	Church Farm, Sixpenny Handley, Section AGM (WESSEX) 184/996174	Wessex
May 3-8 5	Church Farm, Mildenhall, Marlborough 174/212695	Wessex
May 12-14 3	NCR AGM at Ukranian Centre, Weston-on- Trent 128/400288	Region
May 26-31 5	Woodford Halse, Northants, (Invite from Wessex) 152/557517	Wessex
June 10-13 3	Carlecotes, Holmfirth 110/177033	-
June 24-26 2	Wallbrook House, Brund, Longnor 119/097609	
July 14-18 4	Whitegates, Caerwys 116/126727	
July 26-31 5	South View Farm, Gt Busby, (Invite to Northern) 093/519057	
Aug 11-16 5	Gibraltar Farm, Arnside, (Invite from Northern) 097/462742	Northern
Aug 25-30 5	Eastnor Castle, (Invite to Northern and Wessex) 149/733369	
Sept 16-18 2	Sunnyside, Tansley 119/331604	
Sept 29-Oct 3 4	Lyndon Top, Rutland 141/897053	
Oct 14-16 4	Stanley Villa, Biggin 119/152595	
Oct 28-30 4	Ashover, (End of Season) 119/351632	

Wouldn't it be great if we
could put ourselves in the
dryer for ten minutes and
come out wrinkle free, back
to our original shape, three
sizes smaller and smelling april fresh!

MAS WESSEX 2016 Meets List

N.B. We may have to change these sites. Please check in current month's Out and About or MAS Website: www.mountainactivitysection.org.uk or by contacting site officers or stewards 2 days before travelling

Booked days	Location BSB and map refs	Stewards
March 10 th - 15 th (Booked meet)	Hill Farm Caravan Park, Sherfield English, Hants SO51 6FH 185/300234	Julia & Len Framp- ton 02086 577 659 07772 617 739
March 24 th - 29 th (Easter B/H)	Butcherland Farm, Pipers Lane Ebernoe, Petworth, Sussex GU28 9JX 197/984272	Jon & Anne Hart 07961 198 814
April 7 th - 12 th Wes- sex AGM	Moreton in Marsh Cricket Club, Batsford Road, Moreton in Marsh, Gloucs, GL56 9QE 151/203328	Deb & Trev Masters 02392381220 07765040211
April 28 th - May 3 rd (May B/H) Nat AGM/FOWAC	Church Farm Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury Wilts SP5 5ND BSB 184/120 184/996174	Committee Trev 02392381220
May 3 rd - 7 th AGM follow on	Church Farm Mildenhall Marlborough, SN8 2LU BSB 174/047 174/212695	Tricia Anderson 020 8325 8445 07753 613 180
May 26 th - 31 st (Spring B/H) Invite to Peakland	Cherry Tree Farm, Woodford Halse, D aventry, NN11 3SB BSB 152/120 152/557517	Rae Williams 01295 267 463 07773 953 434
June 9 th - 14 th	Highbench, Oakford Fitzpaine, Blandford, DT11 ORR BSB 194/126 194/801109	Ray & Hazel Miles 01425 627 159 07785 794 212
June 23 rd - 28 th	Little Brangwells, Redmarley D'Abitot Gloucs GL19 3JQ BSB 150/115 150/764300	TBC
July 7 th - 12 th	Wookey Farm, Wookey Somerset BA5 1DT [use BA5 1LL for older satnavs] BSB 182/363 182/507458	Sandra Ryan

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July 21 st - 26 th	Ashwell Farm, Little Kingshill, Bucks HP16 0DZ 165/895989	Pat Fowler 01494 482 339 07808 265 369
August 4 th - 9 th	Pit Hill Farm, Kidmore Lane, Den- mead, Hants PO7 6IY BSB 196/048 196/656135	Annette & Toni Busuttill-Reynaud 07762 326 340
August 25 th - 30 th (Summer B/H) Invite from Peakland	Eastnor Castle, Ledbury, HR8 1RL 150/742377	Peakland will Steward
September 8 th - 13 th	The Trooper Inn Stourton Caundle Dorset DT10 2JW BSB 183/097 183/715150	Frances & Edward Delaine 01425 617 893 07547 275 261
September 22 nd - 27 th	Besselsway, Blewbury, Didcot, Blew- bury Oxon OX11 9NH BSB 174/020 174/536865	Maurice & Deidre Spratt 01432 860 572
October 6 th - 11 th Booked meet	Charmouth Club Site, Dorset DT6 6DB 193/329965	Peter & Sue Short



MAS Northern Area 2016 Meets List

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STEWARD A MEET PLEASE ADD YOUR DETAILS BELOW

If you haven't stewarded a meet before and would like to know more,
please contact Alastair on 01274 566412 or Dave (01706 841995)

Dates, Event/ info, Nights	Venue, Address, Map ref	Stewards
3 - 6 March MAS - N (AGM 5th) 3	Auction Mart Skipton BD23 1UD 103/973518 M732/2016	Kathryn and John Cowlishaw 01943 462921 07931939376
24 -29 March 5	Silloth House Austwick LA2 8DH 98/778692 M935/2016	Dave and Viv Lewis 01132 860413 07949649232
8 – 11 April 3	Showground Malham BD23 4DB 98/898623 M738/2016	Chris and Colin 01274 423808 07968 226598
15-18 April 3	East End Farm YO25 3ET Garton on the Wold, Driffield 106/986593 M2778/2016	Steve and Lesley
28 April – 3 rd May AGM Sec- tion 5	Church Farm Six Penny Handley Dorset	Wessex Wessex
12-17 May 5	Cinder Hill Farm Cawthorne S75 4JA 110/287087 M1132/2016	Tad and Margaret 01274 547502
26 May – 5 June THS 10	Kemplerigg Gosforth CA20 1JD 89/088023 HS490/2016	John and Frances 01274 573946 07591 161875
10 – 15 June 6 x EHU £3 per day 5	Bank Top Farm Cropton YO18 8HH 100/753890 M743/2016	Janice and Ian 01642 497414 07964622779
23- 28 June 5	Upper Eden RUFC Kirkby Stephen CA17/4TF 91/771084 M1011/2016	Ian and Christine 01535 270527 0745 4652002
8-11 July 3	Thornton Hall Farm Thornton-in-C BD23 3TJ 103/904482 M748/2016	Margaret and John 01254 879812
21 – 26 July 5	Stoneyhurst College Events Dept Clitheroe BB7 9PZ 103/690385 M1138/2016	Christine and Peter 01200 427289 07895074173
26-31 July Invite from P'land 5	South View Farm Great Busby Stokesley TS9 7AX 93/519057	Peakland Huddersfield DA

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5 - 10 Aug Invite from HDA THS 5 – 25 Aug 5+	Low Hall Farm Kettlewell BD23 5RB 98/969722	Peakland Huddersfield DA
11-16 Aug Invite to Peak- land 5	Gibraltar Farm Silverdale LA5 0OU 97/461757 M754/2016	Dave and Gill or friends
25-30 Aug 5	The Coates Farm Rushbury Church Stretton SY6 7DZ 137/525926 M3794/2016	Geoff and Carole 01484 684739 07788197649
4-12 Sept Invite from Lake- land DA 8	Spital Farm Kendal LA9 6PJ 97/524939	Lakeland DA
16- 19 Sept 3	Park House Jervaulx, Ripon HG4 4PH 99/168857 M761/2016	John and Jane
23-28 Sept 5	Bridge End Mill Baynes Field Wooley Burn Foot Allendale NE479NE 87/833558 M766/2016	
7-10 Oct Steward free if 10+ £3.50 ehu 3	River Laver Holiday Park Studley Road Ripon HG4 2QR 99/298709 M1016/2016	Ian and Diane 07761661039
14-17 Oct Invite to Nelda 3	Auction Mart Hawes DL8 3NP 98/876897 M771/2016	Sylvia and Mike 01254 667474
27 – 30 Oct 3	Newsholme Manor Oakworth Keigh- ley BD22 0RQ 104/029395 M1117/2016	Mike and Sue 07929717333





The latest set of books I have stumbled across are by Robin Hobb. She writes well, and the books are of a genre that appeals to me. There are five sets of books, with a constant set of characters running through most of them, somewhat in the style of the Magician and Midkemia series by Raymond E Feist and Janny Wurts. The first set is The Farseer Trilogy - Assassin's Apprentice, Royal Assassin, and Assassin's Quest. See what you think.

Toni

Editor's bit

Hello All,

My thanks to all those who sent in items for this and previous editions - , but we could do with more. Please keep it coming

My email address is tonibr@onetel.com — send anything and everything here. There is also a link to me on the Activity website, so you can use that for a direct link if you find that easier. My snail mail address is 12 Orchard Lane, Emsworth, PO10 8BH, so as a last resort, send letters here.

I can accept information in just about any format - Word, text, PDF, or written as a normal letter, and photos as digital or prints, though anything too complex in layout does cause the occasional headache!



The next edition is due December 2016

Deadline for input is end of November 2016. please.

AND FINALLY.....

Remember there are other ways to get a copy of Activity. It's on the Web at www.mountainactivitysection.org.uk/Activity, from where you can read it directly, or better still download it, print it off (follow the simple instructions given at the top of the web page) and share the copy around between family and friends. If you don't have a computer, you can register with me to get a paper copy. Send my your name, address and membership number at the snailmail address given above, and you will be added to the list. Also, if you let your area secretary have your email address, you will get a reminder when the latest edition has arrived on the website.