



Activity



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As I write news has just come through that our editor, Toni Busuttill-Renaud, has been presented with the Burnham Trophy. This is the Camping and Caravanning Club's award for the best magazine or newsletter from one of its groups. Well done, Toni. And, also, thanks to all of you who have sent in contributions to Activity. As Toni himself said in his acceptance speech, it was not a solo effort and he couldn't have done it without contributions from so many other people. So keep them coming!

As far as I recall this is the third time our Activity magazine has won this award. I know Ian Gradwell was our editor when we last won it a few years ago. Does anyone, please, remember who was editor when we won it the first time? Please let Toni know so we can be reminded. By the time this is published most of our meets for this year will have taken place. I know that for all three Areas there have been many memorable and enjoyable occasions that we can savour on reflection over the winter.

None of the meets or any of their associated activities would have taken place, however, without the hard work put in by so many people; things do not just happen, but have to be planned and run – by officers and members of committees and the council, by stewards and those who organised walks, cycle rides and social activities. On behalf of us all I would like to express a big thank you to all who contributed so much over the year.

But, at least some of our committees and the council are in need of fresh faces. Some existing committee and council members are not standing for re-election. One committee has needed new members for a while now. No Area and no whole section can continue if it does not fill its essential posts. So please consider volunteering to stand for election. The MAS as a whole and all of its three Areas are too important in our lives to be allowed to fold. So, don't be shy or scared. Come and join us.

Meanwhile, enjoy your winter and your memories of this past year.

Trev

“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.

*This one is by
Julia
Frampton*



Did You Know?

OS maps produce two History maps..... Roman Britain and Ancient Britain. Both maps have a unique legend with the Roman map showing villas, towns and roads and also the Roman place names.

The Ancient Britain map shows burial mounds and hoards and is colour coded to identify Stone, Bronze or Iron Age. Both maps have England and Wales on one side and Scotland on the reverse.

If you have an interest in History these maps are really interesting and intriguing. They can both be ordered through the OS website.



Sandra Ryan



Us walker get to all sorts of places. These three Wessex ladies are pictured at the top of Marlborough church.

Arrival times

I had to attend the AGM of the CC&C this year. After the business of the Club was concluded, there was a session in which the members present were able to put questions and suggestions to the management and the section and group officials. One of the most interesting was “When we run a DA or section meet starting at 12 o’clock and someone turns up and pitches at 10 o’clock, does that mean that everyone has to be off the site by 10 o’clock on the last day?” The basic answer to that was “Yes, because the Exempted Camping regulations permit us to use these rally sites for five 24-hour periods only. Longer than that can lead to the exemption being withdrawn.”

The next question was “How does the Steward deal with members who repeatedly turn up early in spite of being requested not to?” This led to various responses, some good humoured and some less so, but basically everyone was agreed that we should all hold firmly to the opening times published for a DA or Section meet, even if it means parking away from the site for an hour or so to ensure a timely arrival, and that those pitching early should not expect special consideration.

The following is an extract from <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/camping-and-caravanning-site-exemption-certificates-know-the-rules-and-how-to-apply>

Club meetings or rallies exemption

This is known as a paragraph 6 exemption.

With this exemption, your club can use a site for club meetings, rallies or events.

These meetings need to:

- last no longer than 5 days
- be supervised by a member of the club
- be open to members only

And this is from a CC&C leaflet entitled “Common sense rules”.

6. Campers must not arrive before the published opening time and must not occupy the site in the absence of the appointed Steward. To do so is outside the provisions of the Club’s Exemptions under which Club Meets and Temporary Holiday Sites are held.

I just thought you’d like to know that Club members other than ourselves think about these things.

Toni

Mountain Activity Section Officers 2016/17

(Further contact details may be found on the website)

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Fossil Hunting

Our last meet of the season was at Charmouth Club Site, and John Gerner took us to Lyme Regis beach, famous for the film *The French Lieutenant's Woman*, but more famous for the fossils which abound on the beach. The beach was formed in the early Jurassic period, 199 million years ago, when the area was a mere 39 miles from the equator, hard to picture! Terms like Black Marl Van and Shales -with -Beef were mentioned, but our aim was to find our fortune digging up the best fossil ever. John, with goggles, helmet, hammer and chisel, and his fellow graduate assistant Liz, took us to two beaches, east and west of Lyme, and we spent time bent over the rocks and pebbles finding.....not the best fossil ever, but lots of small pyritic and calcified ammonites and other small objects, seeing lots of crushed fossils embedded in rocks, a fascinating and interesting time. Thanks John. If facts are wrong, sorry, *Deb Masters*



Old fossils being tutored about old fossils!



*In the footsteps of *The French Lieutenant's Woman*,*

Joys of Caravanning

Caravans, caravanners and caravanning are for many a great topic of conversation, but for others it is no doubt a great bore. However, for us this activity has provided much pleasure for some forty plus years, together with some anxious moments and a few problems.

It all began when a business contact "Pete" introduced us to the idea of joining the Camping Club to take advantage of regularly organised weekend meet. As far as Pete was concerned it was essential to belong to the BCC section which in those days had a well-supported Sussex/Surrey area. We duly purchased a second-hand car and caravan outfit and signed up. Peter was a great storyteller and had whetted our appetite so with our young daughter Paula we were most keen to take part in the BCC meets. We soon got involved and learned how to calculate the depth required for a loo pit according to the attendance. Stewarding and leading the Sunday morning walk were duties to be shared by the members and we were happy to play our parts when required.

The first tow-car was a VW Beetle 1500 which coped with the small Bessacar 'van (£400) adequately at the time. How delighted were the Spratts to take off after work on a misty evening in October heading for the New Forest to



Winsfall, Exmoor. Easter in the snow.

spend just two nights away. Finding mushrooms in the morning just outside was a bonus and we were so surprised at the number of caravans emerging as the fog cleared. West Sussex DA also became part of our lives when solid

friendships were formed and many Christmas cards exchanged. Winter walks led to long Easter holidays and the forming of Central Sussex Walkers, ultimately associated to the MAS. Chairman Nigel quietly pulled us along until our apprenticeships were considered as passed.

Although the vehicles and caravans have improved in many ways technically and we all trade up as and when we can, the equipment is only the means

to the end. The most important part is the activity, where we go, what we do when we get there and who we do it with. It's the people that count!

Pulling onto our pitch one hot afternoon after three days travelling down the length of France (no A/C then!) we were pleased to hear "Maurice!" called out from six pitches away. It's the people that count! On this occasion it was old friends from the Sussex Car Club who knew the area of St Cere well, being regular visitors.

So the years have passed, weekend meets, THSs, Continental Rallies, we use our van to go there, and if we can't take the van we don't go!



Steyning, Sussex. A few anxious moments until the ultimate tow-car extracted the van from the clay.



At peace with the offspring. (by Julia Frampton). Under close control in a Wensleydale churchyard

This year we enjoyed the hospitality of the MAS Northern Area at Kemplerigg Farm for the first time, then BCC Scotland Area at Peebles, followed by an old favourite CS in Yorkshire Dales. All made us so welcome that we must return. It's the people that count!

Happy camping and caravanning in all it's forms!

Maurice and Deirdre

The Burnham Trophy

Earlier this year I had a letter from the Camping and Caravanning Club HQ containing the following paragraphs.....

The Burnham Trophy is awarded to the Region/DA/Section/Section Area whose newsletter is judged the best that year. The runner up is presented with a 'Highly Commended' Certificate and we are pleased to confirm 'Activity' has been put forward to receive one of the above awards.

The final results will be announced at the Club's AGM taking place on Saturday 22 October 2016 at Belton Woods Hotel, Grantham, NG32 2LN, and we, the Camping and Caravanning Club, would like to invite you and your partner to be our guests at this event.

Quite a surprise, but Annette and I went along anyway, expecting to pick up the 'Highly Commended' Certificate (I've seen a couple of magazines from other sections and was impressed with the content) but to my surprise and pleasure, we got the Burnham Trophy. The judging panel apparently said lots of nice things about having colour, humour, meets information, book suggestions, useful camping tips, a list of the Section committee and plenty of good information input from the members – that's you! From my point of view, the mix of articles I get from you, the members, helps to keep the interest up, so thank you all for giving me the wherewithal to produce a magazine that meets with approval all round.

Toni Busuttill-Reynaud



*Receiving the trophy from the
Chairman, Ann Dearling*



How big is yours? Massive and small, seen at Ashover by Robin Grayson.

Hi. **Thank you**, Thank you, *Thank you* Peakland group for a superb meet held at Eastnor Castle on the August bank holiday weekend. Yvonne and team really worked hard providing very enjoyable walks and the Saturday night barbecue, and the weather was kind to us (we'll forgive the couple of showers!) we also had a fabulous firework display late Saturday evening. So thank you once again.

Rosemary and Barry Cowland



The weather and the views were magnificent

(Pictures from Tricia Anderson)



CCC 'Mountaineering Section' in the 1970s and 80s

Some memories

We were a quite different group from the groups of 2016. There were no caravans, no mobile homes, we were all in tents with a communal toilet tent in the field. incidentally, no cameras (or sparsely), and certainly no mobile phones! The common factor is the wild camping which is one of our features. Our group was a national group with people from East and West Midlands, Bristol, and the North East, (Tyneside) We were all members of the CCC.

Meets were at least monthly, sometimes more often in the summer. We used to meet in the winter, usually staying indoors, but I remember pitching a tent more than once in snow. The steward was responsible for booking the field and paying the landowner as well as leading the walks. Usually we had around 12 or 15 people including some families. Our meets varied from South Wales, Peak District, Lake District, Scotland, and Europe.

I have included some snaps although there was not much photography. (no iPhones) We walked about 90% of the time with 10% climbing, although some meets were both. I was one of the rock climbers, there were about 6 nationally.

Some notable meets were the Isle of Rum, the Glyders in snow, Llanberis pass, the Italian Dolomites. I remember leading a climb adjacent to Cenotaph Corner in Llanberis when my second was the chief of the National Blood transfusion unit in Leicester. I had him quite worried for some time! Another climb of note was Soapgut on the Milestone Buttress on Tryfan. (See note attached)

My family, knowing my first love, decided to surprise me for my 80th birthday by hiring a guide at the Foundry Climbing centre in Attercliffe, Sheffield. He proceeded to take me up several climbs for 2 hours in the afternoon, followed by my grown up children.

In the 21st century, it is gratifying to know the spirit of the old section is still maintained in our existing MAS sections. Attached are photos of the meet on Rum, the Glyders in snow and the Good Companions tent we used.



Terry McDermott Oct 2016 Peakland MAS

Sorry about the quality of the photos, but they are quite old!

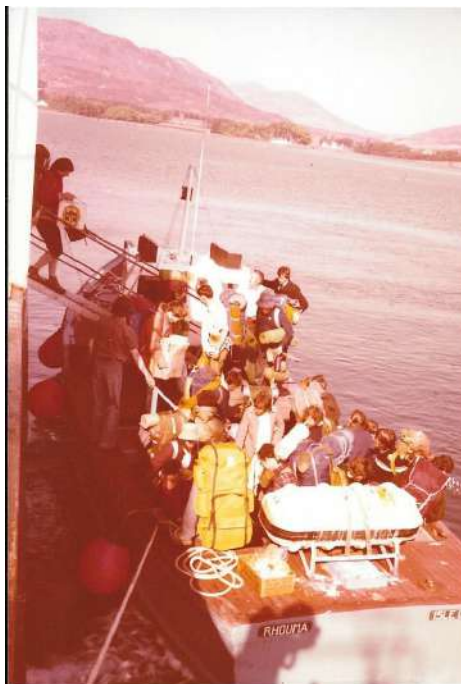
Good Companions Major, our Blacks tent in the '70s and 80's. Single pole, 7ft x 7ft inside



On the Glyders (North Wales) in the winter snow



Steamer to Rum via Skye



Our group disembarking from the steamer to the Rhouna taking us to yhr quay on Rum.



Halt during one of our walks on Rum

(most were camping, we were indoors)

Mountain Activity in the high Alps

In September and October we went off in Sally, our motorhome, on a trip to Switzerland and northern Italy. As well as seeing the sights we were looking forward to walking in the high Alps – something we hadn't done before.

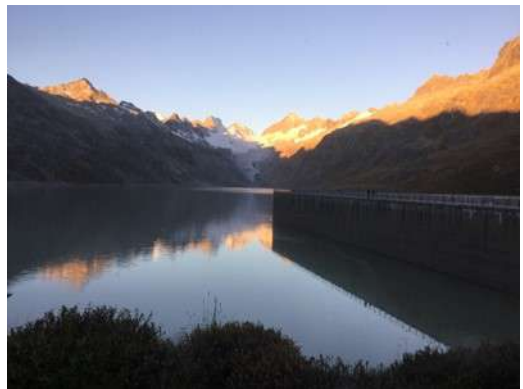


After staying a few days at the campsite in Interlaken we set off to a wildcamp location at Oberaarsee located at about 10,000 feet; the final 3.5 miles were along the Panoramastrasse Oberaar which truly lived up to its name. Arriving in the late afternoon, we joined a few other motorhomes and the last of the remaining cars in this spectacular setting. When night fell

we were in the company of just three other motorhomers in perhaps the most peaceful location we have ever stopped. With no street lighting and a clear night we enjoyed seeing the stars as bright as we remember them from our childhood, before we retired for the night.

In the morning we woke shortly before dawn to witness the sun coming over the mountain tops, inviting us to don our walking gear, complete with woolly hats, scarves and gloves, to sample the fresh mountain air on a walk to the glacier at the southern end of the lake. It didn't look far, but it turned out to be a good 3 hour walk up to the glacier and back. Whenever we were uncertain about the path we would soon find a, sometimes faded, colour-coded waymark painted on a rock, saving us from choosing a route which would end up with impassable boulders. We were the first walkers on the path that morning – the clean fresh air and the silence were intoxicating - probably the cleanest air we will ever breathe in Europe.

After travelling on into Alto Adige and the Dolomites, we took a trip on a cable car, rising some 600 feet at about 1 in 4,





with no intermediate supports to the cable [scary!], to what felt like the top of the world at over 9000 feet. We set off along the ridge path, following the line of the 1st World War Austro-Hungarian border, passing 'dugouts' in the rock from which the border was defended.

Wrapped up in our modern 21st century gear we were just able to keep from getting *too* cold so long as we kept moving; the poor soldiers lived, fought and died here throughout the winter - all for King and Country. How lucky are we to be able to walk and enjoy these spectacular views on a bright October day in 2016?!

The Dolomites are now, deservedly, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with wonderful walking, including on the famous Via Ferrate; perhaps we should organise an MAS meet up here!!



After an hour's walking we repaired to the rifugio to warm up with Jagertee and strudel – a good enough excuse on its own to go walking in the high Alps.



Edward and Frances

Further adventures of Grandad

I know he's getting on a bit but I thought I'd risk it and take him up Great Gable. As you may remember I managed to get him and Grandma up Scafell Pike last year but now he's a year older I thought he might benefit from an over night camp half way up the mountain. I recruited a Sherpa to help with carrying all of the gear needed for our overnight stay, i.e. my Dad.

The day dawned bright as we set off from our THS at Kemplerigg and parked at Wasdale head where the car would be left over night. The three of us set off for camp 1 with Gramps and Dad carrying some of the gear whilst I had the most important job of heaving the sandwiches and biscuits up the path towards Sty Head Tarn. We had a few stops along the way as my pack lightened with the eating of its contents. On reaching our destination at Sty Head Tarn the tent was quickly assembled and Gramps set off for a look around for the cleanest stream to take water from. This was then sterilised making it fit to drink. About 5 o'clock out came the cooking Trangia and we had a lovely pasta meal and drinks of tea. After washing up we set off on our attack of the summit of Great Gable, standing at nearly 3 thousand feet, along the Aaron slack route to Windy Gulley then up the North East side of the mountain, across the boulders and slabs of rock to eventually reach the summit where photos were taken and more biscuits eaten. Then we scurried down the mountain with great care on some slippery scree and reached our tent as the

sun was casting great shadows across our camp. With the passing of the sun behind the mountain range the temperature dropped so we huddled up inside our sleeping bags where I struggled to sleep from the excitement of it all. I was so excited to be going to sleep half way up a mountain in one of Britain's most beautiful places. In the morning the sun was slow in casting its warm rays upon us so a cool breakfast of flapjacks and tea was taken, then packing up the gear and tents we set off in search of warmth which reached us as we crested Wasdale Ridge. A steady walk down towards the car park where a couple of breaks for biscuits was taken, (there's no point in taking biscuits back un-eaten, is there?) We then had a car journey of 30 minutes back to our THS at Kemplerigg to enjoy the rest of our holiday with the MAS Group.

From Joseph Storey, now aged 5



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.

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Me working the tranga and preparing the meal.



MAS WESSEX 2017 Meets List

Please check the MAS Website: www.mountainactivitysection.org.uk or the current month's Out and About, or by contacting site officers or stewards 2 days before travelling. There is also extra information about each meet on the website. Meets start at noon unless stated otherwise. Own sanitation essential. Wessex Area levy, £1 per adult per meet.

Booked days	Location BSB and map refs	Stewards
From: 16/03/2017 To: 21/03/2017	Venue: Hereford Club Site Map Ref: 149- SO 625411 BSB Ref: BSB page 127	Deirdre & Maurice 01432 860572 Booked Meet
From: 30/03/2017 To: 04/04/2017	Venue: Wildhern Village Hall, Andover, SP11 0JE Map Ref: 185/352511	Trev & Deb 02392 381220 07765 040211
From: 13/04/2017 To: 18/04/2017	Venue: Martinique Farm, East Martin, Fordingbridge, SP6 3JS Map Ref: 184/072203	Edward and Frances 07547 275261
From: 27/04/2017 To: 02/05/2017	Venue: Highfield Farm, Ashford-in- -the-Water, Bakewell Map Ref: 119/19470	National Festival of Walking and Cycling, Section AGM, hosted by Peakland Area
From: 02/05/2017 To: 07/05/2017	Venue: Mill Farm, Barlow, near Chestefield, S18 7TJ Map Ref: 119/336756	NFoWC Follow-on meet Yvonne and Colin 01629 581049
From: 11/05/2017 To: 16/05/2017	Venue: Lee Meadow Farm, Shaftsborough Lane, Lee, nr. Woolacombe, EX34 8FF Map Ref: 180/491447	Barry & Rosemary 01491 838707 07770 278434
From: 16/05/2017 To: 21/05/2017	Venue: Mary Tavy Recreation Ground, Mary Tavy, Devon, PL19 9PQ Map Ref: 191/503793	Please note this meet starts on a Tuesday Richard & Sheila 01392 669392 07808 517647

Booked days	Location BSB and map refs	Stewards
From: 25/05/2017 To: 30/05/2017	Venue: Oakfield Farm, King Lane, Horton, nr. Chipping Sodbury, Gloucestershire, BS37 6PF Map Ref: 172/753858 BSB Ref: BSB 172/032	Steve 07814932309
From: 08/06/2017 To: 13/06/2017	Venue: Orchard Farm, Rushmead Lane, South Wraxall, Bradford-on-Avon BA15 2RH Map Ref: 173/824643 BSB Ref: BSB 173/014	Toni and Annette Busuttill - Reynaud 07762326340
From: 22/06/2017 To: 7/06/2017	Venue: 7 Acres, The Camp, Stroud, Gloucs., GL6 7EU Map Ref: 163/897098 BSB Ref: BSB 163/181	Rae 01295 267463 07773 953434
From: 06/07/2017 To: 11/07/2017	Venue: Beckford Village Hall, Main Street, Beckford, GL20 7AA Map Ref: 150/974357	Jenny 07984 003348
From: 20/07/2017 To: 25/07/2017	Venue: Sussex Farm, Partridge Green Nr. Henfield, RH13 8JR Map Ref: 198/187192	Tricia 07753 613180
From: 03/08/2017 To: 08/08/2017	Venue: Westfield Farm, Medmenham, nr. Henley Map Ref: 175/796839	Derek & Lesley 07443 899885
From: 24/08/2017 To: 29/08/2017	Venue: Bryn Moel Farm, Llanycil, Bala, Gwynedd, LL23 7YG Map Ref: 125/911348	Invite from Peakland Area
From: 07/09/2017 To: 12/09/2017	Venue: Silverwood Farm, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne, BH21 6SD Map Ref: 195/072065 BSB Ref: BSB 195/231	Sandra 07944 837386
From: 21/09/2017 To: 26/09/2017	Venue: Brailes Village Hall, Castle Hill Lane, Upper Brailes, Nr. Banbury, Oxon. OX15 5AS Map Ref: 151/307395	John & Polly 07734 852656
From: 05/10/2017 To: 10/10/2017	Venue: Hill Farm Caravan Park, Sherfield English, Hants SO51 6FH Map Ref: 185/300234	Booked Meet Ray & Hazel 01425 627159 07484 214755

MAS Peakland 2017 Meets List

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Dates, Event/ info, Nights	Venue, Address, Map ref	Stewards
From: 28/10/2016 To: 30/10/2016 Start: 14:00	Venue: Ashover Showground, Ashover, Chesterfield, S45 0BA Map Ref: 119/SK351632	Sandra & Roger 07503 000568
From: 17/03/2017 To: 19/03/2017 Start: 14:00	Venue: Foufineside Farm, Parwich, DE6 1QF Map Ref: 119/183549 BSB Ref: 119/017	Les Morton 01298 213430 07967 900225
From: 31/03/2017 To: 02/04/2017 Start: 14:00	Venue: Sterndale Green Farm, Kingsterndale, Buxton, SK17 9SF Map Ref: 119/093720 BSB Ref: 119/065	Ian & Libby 01524 63645 07957 172434
From: 13/04/2017 To: 18/04/2017 Start: 14:00	Venue: Riverside Caravan Park, Bridgenorth Map Ref: 138/719921	Invite from Chase DA
From: 27/04/2017 To: 02/05/2017	Venue: Highfield Farm, Ashford in the Water, DE45 1QN Map Ref: 119/194701	National Festival of Walking & Cycling. Section AGM
From: 02/05/2017 To: 07/05/2017	Venue: Mill Farm, Barlow, near Chestfield, S18 7TJ Map Ref: 119/336756	NFoWC Follow-on meet Yvonne and Colin 01629 581049
From: 25/05/2017 To: 30/05/2017 Start: 14:00	Venue: Willow Hall Farm, Apperley, GL19 4DJ Map Ref: 162/864279	Les & Jean 01298 213430 07967 900225
From: 16/06/2017 To: 20/06/2017 Start: 14:00	Venue: Wyming Brook Farm, Soughley Lane, Redmires, Sheffield, S10 4QX Map Ref: 110/270857 BSB Ref: 110/132	Roger & Sandra 01246 232379 07503 000568 Invite to Northern Area

Dates, Event/ info, Nights	Venue, Address, Map ref	Stewards
From: 06/07/2017 To: 11/07/2017	Venue: Beckford Village Hall, Main Street, Beckford, GL20 7AA Map Ref: 150/974357	Invite from Wessex
From: 24/08/2017 To: 29/08/2017	Venue: Bryn Moel Farm, Bala, Gwynedd, LL23 7YG Map Ref: 125/911348	Invite to Wessex Area Elaine & Robin 01433 651991 07946 078884
From: 22/09/2017 To: 24/09/2017 Start: 14:00	Venue: Osmaston Polo Ground, Osmaston, DE6 1LW Map Ref: 119/199436	Les & Jean 01298 213430 07967 900225
From: 06/10/2017 To: 08/10/2017 Start: 14:00	Venue: Ranah Stones Farm, Hazelhead, Crow Edge, Penisone S36 4HJ Map Ref: 110/197029	Colin & Yvonne 01629 581049
From: 27/10/2017 To: 29/10/2017 Start: 14:00	Venue: Hobsons Farm, Rock House, Flagg, Buxton, SK17 9QR Map Ref: 119/139685	End of season meet when we will be using the village hall for an evening function Jim and Mavis 01606 851367 07528818053

A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband. Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen. 'Careful,' he said, 'CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my gosh! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh my gosh! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt! USE THE SALT! THE SALT!'

The wife stared at him. 'What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?'

The husband calmly replied, 'I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving.'

MAS NORTHERN AREA 2017 Meets List

Please check the MAS Website: www.mountainactivitysection.org.uk or the current month's Out and About, or by contacting site officers or stewards 2 days before travelling. There is also extra information about each meet on the website. Meets start at 4.00pm. Own sanitation is essential. Advance booking not required unless otherwise stated.

Dates, Event/info, Nights	Venue, Address, Map ref	Stewards
From: 27/10/2016 To: 30/10/2016	Venue: Newsholme Manor, Oakworth, Keighley BD22 0RQ Map Ref: 104/SE029395 BSB Ref: 104/35	Sue/Mike 01132 578698 07929 717333
From: 16/03/2017 To: 19/03/2017 Start: 16:00	Venue: Rolls Royce Sports/ Social Club, Barnoldswick BB16 6HL Map Ref: 103/881471	Geoff & Carole 07788 197649
From: 30/03/2017 To: 02/04/2017 Start: 16:00	Venue: Park Fold Farm, Jumbles, Bolton BL2 4JP Map Ref: 109/740139	Area AGM on Saturday evening at 7pm John & Margaret 01254 879812
From: 13/04/2017 To: 18/04/2017 Start: 16:00	Venue: Riverside Caravan Park, Cononley, BD20 8LX Map Ref: 103/993474	John & Jane 07768 921192
From: 27/04/2017 To: 02/05/2017	Venue: Highfield Farm, Ashford in the Water, DE45 1QN Map Ref: 119/194701	National Festival of Walking and Cycling, Section AGM, Hosted by Peakland Area
From: 02/05/2017 To: 07/05/2017	Venue: Mill Farm, Barlow S18 7TJ Map Ref: 119/336756	NFoWC Follow-on meet Yvonne and Colin 01629 581049
From: 11/05/2017 To: 16/05/2017 Start: 16:00	Venue: Woodend Farm, Austwick LA2 8DH Map Ref: 98/780691	Invite to Nelda John & Frances 07591 161875
From: 25/05/2017 To: 04/06/2017	Venue: Kemplerigg, Gosforth, CA20 1JD Map Ref: 89/088023	Chris & Colin Ian & Chris 07968 226598 THS
From: 08/06/2017 To: 12/06/2017 Start: 16:00	Venue: Aaron Hill Farm, Cragg Vale, HX7 5TX Map Ref: 104/021237	Craig & Sue 07779 076851

Dates, Event/info, Nights	Venue, Address, Map ref	Stewards
From: 15/06/2017 To: 20/06/2017 Start: 14:00	Venue: Wyming Brook Farm, Redmires, S10 4QX Map Ref: 110/270857	Invite from Peakland
From: 21/06/2017 To: 26/06/2017	Venue: Prospect Farm, Hutton le Hole YO6 6UA Map Ref: 100/705900	Invite from Tees DA
From: 29/06/2017 To: 04/07/2017 Start: 10:30	Venue: Ambleside RUFC LA22 OEN Map Ref: 90/373038	Mike & Sylvia Keith & Margaret 07817 427853
From: 04/07/2017 To: 09/07/2017	Venue: North Ribblesdale RUFC, Settle, BD24 9RB Map Ref: 98/820632	Invite from Nelda
From: 20/07/2017 To: 25/07/2017 Start: 16:00	Venue: Greylands Farm, Hinderwell, TS13 5JH Map Ref: 94/792170	Scarecrow festival Colin & Christine 07968 226598
From: 03/08/2017 To: 08/08/2017 Start: 16:00	Venue: Snitter Farm, Rothbury, NE65 7EH Map Ref: 81/026033	Invite to Peakland
From: 08/08/2017 To: 13/08/2017 Start: 16:00	Venue: Bradley Burn Farm, Wolsingham, DL13 3JH Map Ref: 92/104363	Invite to Peakland Dave and Gill 07818 044313
From: 24/08/2017 To: 29/08/2017 Start: 16:00	Venue: Church Farm, Bishop Monkton, HG3 3QQ Map Ref: 99/328658	Alastair & Jean 07964 902551
From: 07/09/2017 To: 11/09/2017	Venue: Showground, Malham, BD23 4DB Map Ref: 98/899628	Invite from Nelda
From: 21/09/2017 To: 25/09/2017 Start: 16:00	Venue: South View Farm, Great Busby, TS9 7AX Map Ref: 93/519057	Ian & Janice 07964 622779
From: 05/10/2017 To: 08/10/2017 Start: 16:00	Venue: Fooden Farm, Bolton by Bowland, BB7 4LS Map Ref: 103/799491	Peter & Christine 07895 074173
From: 19/10/2017 To: 22/10/2017 Start: 16:00	Venue: Cricket Club, Marsden, HD7 6NN Map Ref: 110/044105	Sue & Mike 07929 717333 Hardstanding

So there I was, valiantly eating a huge wedge of Victoria Sponge in aid of children with learning disabilities (I like to support some charities, especially where cake is concerned!) when I noticed that they also had second-hand books on sale. A wander round showed the usual collection of paperbacks and worthy tomes of various subjects no longer wanted by the previous owners, and also a hardback Dick Francis novel. It's a long time since I read any of his, and thought it worth checking out for the princely sum of £1. It is "To The Hilt", and is nicely written and moves along quite well. One of my favourites, read a long time ago, was "Banker". That was a gentle but well crafted read. Dick Francis books are still quite enjoyable, and are available as Kindle e-books.

Toni

Editor's bit

Hello All,

My thanks to all those who sent in items for this and previous editions — they all helped to get us the Burnham Trophy. Please keep them 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 April 2017

Deadline for input is end of March 2016, please.



AND FINALLY.....

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