



Activity



The first Wessex meeting of the year was at the Hereford Club Site, Tarrington. The walking was good, if a bit chilly at times, but the lambs and flowers made up for it!



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TrevMASters' Voice, March 2017

Greetings to you all.

As I sit here typing this the sun is brightly shining and our back garden, facing south and always looking its best in Spring, is a mix of green, yellow and white – with the occasional splash of blue. And what do we have on the drive at the front of the house? The motorhome, already largely packed with what we need for our first meet of the year. (I say largely packed but I guess Deb and I are by no means alone in discovering we often forget to pack something!)

The Club's decision to offer attractively low rates for rallies on Club sites is a hugely welcome decision and Wessex sites officers have not been slow to take advantage of this. We ended last season way down on the Dorset coast at the Charmouth Site and are now heading up to our Hereford one for the first of this year's meets. And both sites have the bonus of a fish and chip van!

I know the Section has many members for whom winter is no disincentive to using the van, but I am one of those who tends to leave it on the drive and concentrate on just the walking side of our hobby. Yes, we have had plenty of rain and its accompanying mud but overall it's been a good winter for getting out. And spring has arrived down here on the south coast very, very early. In the first week of February I actually saw three Peacock butterflies; the first two basking in the sunshine at the foot of a brick wall and the third flying off as I approached it at the very top of Portsdown Hill.

So, let's hope we have plenty of fine weather ahead of us. I look forward to seeing many of you in a field somewhere.....

Best wishes to all,

Trev Masters

Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right, and the other is a husband.

THE CAMPING AND CARAVANNING CLUB MOUNTAIN ACTIVITY SECTION (Formerly The Mountaineering Section)

Minutes of the 82nd Annual General Meeting which took place at Sixpenny Handley Village Hall, on Saturday 30th April 2016. The meeting commenced at 7pm. 78 members attended the meeting.

1. Chairman's opening remarks.

The Chairman welcomed everyone present, both old, familiar faces and new ones. He thanked everyone involved in planning and running the weekend. A special mention was given to those welcoming members in the marquee and the marshalls in high-vis jackets, all of whom spent long periods out in the cold.

2. Apologies for absence.

Malcolm and Christine Clough Colin Plevey Dave and Gill Hall Colin and Chris Stevenson Alastair and Jean Richards Katherine and John Cowlshaw Viv and Dave Lewis John and Debbie Austerfield John and Jane Bradley Derek and Mary Buckle Ann Oxford Julia and Len Frampton Jean Dewey Martin Baker Andrew and Catriona Wood Pauline Porter Terry and Sandra Bishop Jenny Williams

3. Minutes of 81st AGM held at Pateley Bridge, North Yorkshire on Saturday 2nd May 2015 for acceptance

Acceptance proposed: Yvonne Plevey Seconded: Carol Wright

4. Annual report of the section by the Hon. Secretary

The Secretary gave her report and acknowledged the work everyone in the Section does, particularly with regard to communication. The Chairman thanked her for stepping in last year to be Secretary, thus saving the Section from being disbanded.

5. Accounts for the Section for the year ending 31st December 2015

Jenny Williams, the Treasurer, was unable to attend due to family commitments, but had sent her report. No-one had any concerns and John Allen, Auditor, said there were no issues arising from the audit. Steve Harris, Club Treasurer, said that the Treasurer does a fantastic job.

6. Auditors Report

There were no problems with the accounts.

7. Adoption of the Accounts

Proposed: Deb Masters Seconded: Toni Busutill-Reynaud

8. Report of the PRO/Website Co-ordinator

John Gerner gave his report. He reminded members to ask Area Secretaries for MAS business cards and car stickers. There is a flyer on the website which can be used for

publicity. Help is needed with the design for the new lightweight pennons which are to be purchased. There are walk routes on the website, many thanks to John Doyle. He drew members attention to the MAS photo competition.

9. Report of the Section Advisory Officer to the National Council

Howard Crosland gave his report. He is on the International Committee and has attended 5 meetings. There are 281,000+ members in the club now.

Steve Harris added that the on-line extended Club magazine (Android and iOS) will be free from June.

10. Report of the Section Youth Officers

Howard Crosland read his report. He said that 2 Youth members from last year's FOW have attended rallies during the year and there is a potential Youth member in Peakland Area.

11. Report of the Membership Secretary

There were 627 members last year and at present there are 613. During the year we have gained 95 and lost 137. In 2006 there were 593 members.

The Chairman thanked Barry Cowlard for the work he has done as Membership Secretary.

12. Report of the Newsletter Editor

There were 3 issues in the past year and a good number of articles were sent in. We had a reasonable deal with Portsmouth University to print 601 copies. Toni Busutill-Reynaud is happy to continue as Editor. He said he will send an email to acknowledge items sent to him.

13. Notice of appointment of President/Vice President (Proposed by Section Council)

President 2016/17 – Andrew Wood Vice Presidents 2016/17 - Carole Booth, Christine Stevenson, Terry Bishop, Diane Goodyear

14. Notice of Appointment of Hon. Treasurer 2016

Jenny Williams

15. Notice of Appointment of Section Youth Liaison Officers 2016

Howard and Anne Crosland

16. Election of Officers

Retiring members: Toni Busutill-Reynaud (Newsletter Editor) Sandra Wild (Elected member)

Liz Prior is stepping down as secretary but will continue as an Elected member.

Toni Busutill Reynaud is available for re-election.

Nominations were received from the floor

Toni Busutill-Reynaud Proposed: Yvonne Plevey Seconded: Liz Prior

Colin Wild Proposed: Howard Crosland Seconded: Ruth Brown

Both were voted on unanimously.

17.To announce the representatives to the Section Council from the Mountain Activity Section Areas.

Northern - Lesley Storey

Peakland - Yvonne Plevy

Wessex - Deb Masters

18.Election of Auditors

Colin Stevenson is standing down as Auditor. John Allen is willing to continue.
Pat Mitchell: Proposed: Deb Masters Seconded: Sandra Ryan Unanimous acceptance.

19.Membership subscription 2016/17

£6.00 as set by the Section Council

20.Date, time and venue of AGM 2017

April 29th at 7pm at Ashford Memorial Hall Derbyshire

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

Open Forum

Viv Stevens asked about proxy voting for Area/Section AGMs. Steve Harris said he will follow this up. On-line voting will begin within the next few years.

Anne Crosland is taking booking for the NFOL at Malvern Showground at August Bank Holiday.

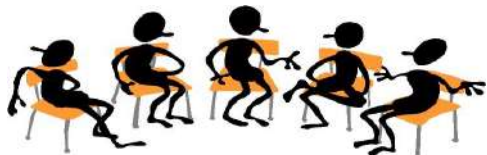
Sixpenny Handley Village Hall is booked for Sunday evening.

Festival of Walking and Cycling 2017

Peakland Area hope to see as many MAS members as possible at this year's FoW&C which is being held in one of the most beautiful areas of the Derbyshire Peak District with excellent walking and cycling opportunities.

The meet is centred on Highfield Farm **Ashford in the Water.**

The festival also includes the **Annual General Meeting** for the Mountain Activity Section. Come along and take part—it can be quite interesting to hear other people's views on who we are, what we do, and how it is all organised .



Mountain Activity Section Officers 2016/17

(Further contact details may be found on the website)

Chairperson MAS Executive Member (2017)	Trevor Masters (07400703731)
Vice Chairperson MAS Executive Member (2017)	Les Morton (07967900225)
President	Andrew Wood (07881788900)
Vice Presidents	Carole Booth (07788197649) Christine Stevenson Terry Bishop Diane Goodyear
Secretary MAS Executive Member (2018)	Colin Wild (07948560571)
Treasurer MAS Executive Member	Jenny Williams (07984003348)
PRO/Website Co-ordinator Elected Member (2016)	John Gerner (077348852656)
Membership Secretary Elected Member (2017)	Les Morton (07967900225)
Section Youth Officers	Howard and Anne Crosland (07855707681)
Minutes Secretary	Ruth Brown (07774860968)
Regalia Officer	Sheila Newsome
Newsletter Editor Elected Member (2016)	Toni Busuttill-Reynaud (07762326340)
Webmaster	Adrian Rose
Other elected Members to Section Council	Yvonne Plevy John Doyle (01274 573946) Liz Prior Barry Cowlard (07770 287434)
Advisory Officer to National Council	Howard Crosland
Deputy Advisory Officer	Liz Prior
Representatives to Section Council Northern Area	Lesley Storey (07552 716556)
Peakland Area	Yvonne Plevy 01629 581049
Wessex Area	Deb Masters (07765 040211)
Area Secretaries Northern Area	Carole Booth 07788 197649)
Peakland Area	Les Morton (07967 900225)
Wessex Area	Viv Stevens (0792 6938450)
National Council Rep. to MAS	Steve Harris

SPECIAL INTEREST SECTIONS

As you know our Mountain Activity Section is one of the Camping and Caravanning Club's Special Interest Sections. What seems to be less well known is what are the other Sections, how many Sections there are and that representatives from each of the Sections meet twice a year as a Forum. Deb and I are now our Section's reps and have just attended the latest Forum meeting.

There were two main themes this time. The new Data Protection legislation, on which more later as the Club develops its response to this, and Support and Development of the Sections.

Although many Sections, ourselves included in my judgement, are generally not just surviving but actually thriving, some Sections are finding it hard. Falling numbers and difficulty in filling essential posts are for some a real worry. The Forum has therefore been looking at what we are doing and yet might choose to do to promote ourselves and to persuade people who do come along that we are well worth joining.

Part of this process has been to look at what we each do and at how well we are conveying what we do to possible new members. What has emerged is that even among members of Special Interest Sections there is huge uncertainty about what each of us is offering. We shouldn't I fear be too surprised that there is still widespread uncertainty as to what we in MAS offer. Climbing mountains, or at least walking or scrambling up mountains still seems to be the perceived reason for our existence!

Amongst the Club's membership generally, there is reportedly even more widespread ignorance that Special Interest Sections even exist! Do members ever read Out and About in the magazine? Even if they do, do they ever get to the back of that section where all our meets are listed?

MAS is usually losing a few more members each year than we are gaining but not enough, we feel, to be unduly worried. Each of our Areas is still attracting new members and most who decide to give us a try, stay. Providing people with a good experience, and actually doing what they were told we do, is important and is clearly working. So, let's keep up the good work.

For your information there are 9 Special Interest Sections. How many can you name? You can cheat and look it up, of course, in Out and About! And when you can name them, how many have names that you think really give a clear and up-to-date idea of the activities they provide? Well, there's at least one that, by general consensus doesn't. Ours! Ooer....

Trev Masters

Festival of Walking and Cycling 2017

Peakland Area hope to see as many MAS members as possible at this year's FoW&C which is being held over the weekend of the 27th of April to the 2nd of May in one of the most beautiful areas of the Derbyshire Peak District with excellent walking and cycling opportunities.

To try to tempt you to make the journey I would like to give you a brief insight into some of the places and attractions you may visit on your walks and cycle rides.

The meet is centred on Highfield Farm **Ashford in the Water**. *Ashford is a very pretty, chocolate box village in the heart of the White Peak. It is home to the most photographed bridge in Britain which spans the crystal clear water of the River Wye. It is a tiny place made up of ancient, picturesque, cottages, two pubs, a beautiful church and a village store.*

The cottages were originally owned by the Chatsworth Estate but were sold off in the 1950's to pay death duties. Some sold for as much as £50!



Bridge at Ashford in the Water

Ashford was once the centre of the local lead mining industry. However, the village is better known for another ore. Ashford marble is a unique limestone first discovered by Henry Watson in 1748. When polished this black marble provides a perfect background for mosaic and inlaid patterns. A wonderful example can be found in the village church.

Ashford was also the centre for a candle making industry. 'The Candle House' still stands in Greaves Lane on the site of the old factory.

With its long history of lead mining one of your walks must take you to the '**Magpie Mine**'.

This is one of the most famous lead mines in the Peak District and is the only one with a significant part of the building still standing. The mine is at the junction of the Magpie, the Bole and the Butts veins and was only one of several mines trying to exploit this resource, The Red Soil mine was only a few hundred metres from the Magpie. This close proximity often led to disputes as the miners broke into each others workings. In 1833 this led to the deaths of 3 miners from the Red



'Magpie Mine

Soil Mine who were suffocated underground when Magpie miners lit a fire to try to drive them out. Three miners were tried for murder but were acquitted. However, it was said that afterwards the Magpie was cursed and it never really prospered again. It finally closed in 1958.

One of the reasons why this is such a good walking and cycling area is that it is very close to the M1 of the Peak District, the **Monsal Trail**. This disused railway line provides a traffic free route through some of the Peak Districts most spectacular limestone dales. It runs for 8.5 mile from Chee Dale to Bakewell. Most of the route was opened in 1981 but four tunnels; The Headstone, Cressbrook, Litton and Chee Tor, had to remain closed for safety reasons. Now these tunnels are open to make one continuous trail. Many of our walks will make use of parts of the trail and you will find many magnificent views and interesting history along the way. Just a few of the notable sites will be:

Litton Mill: *This textile mill was founded in 1782 using the waters of the River Wye to power a Richard Arkwright water frame. However, it seemed doomed from the start. It was in a very isolated position so that transport of raw materials in and finished goods out was difficult. The area was sparsely populated so workers were hard to come by.*

In 1811 there was fire which put the water wheel out of action for over a month and by 1815 the then owner Ellis Needham was declared bankrupt.

During Needham's time many of the workers were children and the mill had a very bad reputation for it's treatment of these young workers.



Litton Mill

For a time the mill was operated by the Newtons who also owned the nearby Cressbrook Mill but it was destroyed by fire in 1874. It was rebuilt and in the following years changed owners several times never really prospering and eventually closed in the 1970's. It remained empty until being converted to apartments in 2003.



Weir at Water-cum-Jolly

*Walking down a concessionary path from Litton Mill to Cressbrook Mill we will walk through the beautiful area of **Water-cum-Jolly**. Here a wide expanse of river is held back by a weir and a mill stream which used to operate a huge water wheel. Here the River Wye flows through a deep ravine with rocky limestone crags and cliffs which are now a popular*

site for rock climbers.

Years ago the woods here were harvested for their Lily of the Valley which were transported and sold in Manchester market. Water-cum-Jolly is home to many birds such as Mallards, coot, moorhen, dab chick, little grebe and swans.

Walking over the weir on a fine footbridge takes you back to the Monsal Trail and eventually to **Monsal Head and the Headstone Viaduct**.

The imposing viaduct was built by the Midland Railway in 1863 to take the railway across the River Wye and **Monsal Dale**. It is 300 feet long has five 50 foot span arches, some forty feet high at the centre. Whilst today it is covered by a preservation order, when it was built it was seen as destroying the beauty of the dale. John Ruskin wrote:

'That valley where you might expect to catch sight of Pan, Apollo and the Muses is now deseasted in order that a Buxton fool may be able to find himself in Bakewell at the end of twelve minutes and vice versa'.

Across the A6 from Monsal Dale is one of my favourite dales, **Deep Dale**.



Headstone Viaduct

This is a magnificent limestone dale now recognised as both a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a Special Area of Conservation. The dale sides are steeply sloping and are rich in wild flowers. In May you can expect to find early flowering purple orchids, cowslips, meadow saxifrage and spring cinquefoil. The dale is also home to a large number of butterfly species including green hairstreak, dingy skipper and dark green fritillary.

Other towns and villages you may visit could include the market town of **Bakewell** and the plague village of **Eyam**. For those who want a rest from walking and cycling during their stay there are plenty of places to visit all of which can be easily reached by car or even the excellent bus service that runs from the village. These include, to the north the spa town of **Buxton** and to the south **Matlock** and **Matlock Bath**, or why not take a ride on a steam train between **Rowsley** and Matlock?

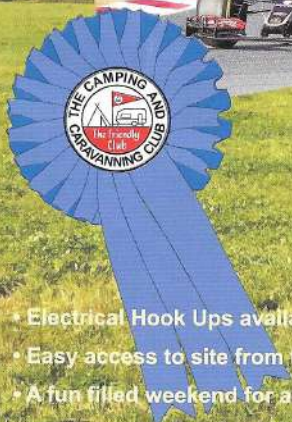
I hope this has been enough to convince you that you can have a great weekend at this year's Festival of Walking and Cycling. We look forward to welcoming you to Ashford in the Water.

Colin Wild

The South Eastern Region
Invites you to the
National Feast of Lanterns
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Theme:

A Day at the Races!



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Winter Walks

It was with trepidation that I asked people in the Summer if they would like to organise a Winter Walk for us but the usual stalwarts sallied forth. By the end of August I had enough volunteers to send a full programme to the magazine for publishing.

By some miracle the weather was completely different from the previous year and the rains did not descend until January when most of the regulars departed for warmer shores. It was a varied programme over moorland, valleys, woods and streams with some spectacular views in the winter sunshine. Although muddy in parts and several tricky stiles all went to plan with no mishaps apart from one.

As we approached a stream which was easily crossed on the recce it was obvious that it was going to be a bit trickier after the rain. As we were surveying the bank for an easier crossing a shout was heard and a certain person, who shall remain nameless, was up to his knees in the said stream. Unfortunately the banking he had landed on was only a tuft of grass and had given way. Of course we were all very sympathetic and stood there highly amused.



Although these Winter Walks did not attract any new members it is a way of keeping in touch during the winter months and the regulars enjoy them.

Frances Doyle



*Peakland winter walk on 5th February 2017.
White Edge Derbyshire. 19 walkers including 2 children!*



***When you drink vodka over ice,
it can give you kidney failure.***

***When you drink rum over ice, it
can give you liver failure.***

***When you drink whiskey over
ice, it can give you heart
problems.***



When you drink gin over ice, it can give you brain problems.

***Apparently, ice is really bad for you.
Warn all your friends.***

“Spirit of MAS” Photo Competition

During 2016 we ran a “Spirit of MAS” photo competition to showcase what makes the Section special. Members were asked to submit photos that reflected the Spirit of MAS theme such as taking part in a walking or cycling activity, simply relaxing on site, a spectacular landscape or sunset.

The winning entry was taken by Dave Hall while attending the Northern Area Meet at Gibraltar Farm, Silverdale when he joined Queens Guide Cedric Robinson to walk across the sands of Morecambe Bay and support the Winston’s Wish charity for bereaved children. The judges were impressed by how Dave captured the reflections in the sands while showing the isolation of the group in the vast expanse of the bay.



Our thanks go to John Gerner for organising the competition and arranging the independent panel of judges from his local U3A photography group

These were highly commended by the judges.

Wessex Area members walking through a field of oats by Julia Frampton



The view of the Malvern Hills by Jenny Williams
(snapped during the Eastnor Castle meet hosted by the Peakland Area.)



Northern Area Facebook Group

The Northern Area have started a Facebook Group. It can be found at www.facebook.com/groups/masnorth or by clicking on the Facebook MAS Northern link at the top of the Home page on the MAS website at www.mountainactivitysection.org.uk.

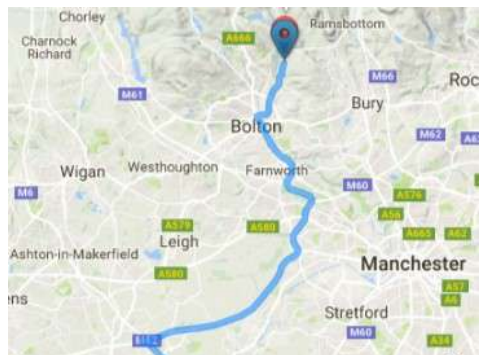
The Club only allows us to have Closed Groups on Facebook. To see the discussions, post and comment you will need to click on the Join Group button on the Northern Area's Facebook page. One of the Group's administrators will then process your request.



Website “Drive Here” Feature

A Drive Here button has been added to the Event Map and Route Map pages on the Section's website. It uses Google's direction service to plot the fastest driving route from your current location, show the distance and an approximate travel time.

Please bear in mind that the route that is shown may not be suitable for caravans and motorhomes and follow the directions in Out and About as you approach your destination.



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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MAS WESSEX 2017 Meets List

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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 BSB Ref: BSB 180/138	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

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Dates, Event/info, Nights	Venue, Address, Map ref	Stewards
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 Chestefield, 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

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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 BSB Ref: 110/127	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: 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

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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

I had a couple of loaned books returned to me lately, and was reminded of a couple of authors I have re4ad in the past. Lee Child keeps churning out the Jack Reaper series, but in my opinion the latest ones contain rather grisly and over-the-top descriptions of things happening to people that take the edge off the pleasure I used to get from reading them. Added to the fact that the 5'7" Tom Cruise is playing the 6'5" main character in the films based on the books and I find that they are losing their attraction. Is anyone else of a similar opinion?

Toni

Editor's bit

Hello All,

My thanks to all those who sent in items for this and previous editions — 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 August 2017

Deadline for input is end of July 2016, please.



AND FINALLY.....

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