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## TrevMASters' Voice, November 2017

Greetings to you all.

It is yet again that time of the year about which I have such mixed feelings. On the downside, of course, is the realisation that our MAS meets have either ended or will soon do so. That and the drop in temperature and the prospect of wintry winds, rain and mud!

More positively, of course, is the recollection of many enjoyable meets in all three of our Areas with their accompanying opportunities for meeting up with lots of friendly faces and for exploring our beautiful countryside. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to those experiences.

The other huge positive of this time of the year is, of course, the autumnal colouring. And once again we have had some splendid displays. One of the advantages of spending time with friends around the country is the chance to appreciate autumn over a prolonged period. Deb and I were walking ankle-deep through fallen leaves in West Yorkshire back in the second week of October. Yet even now, the third week of November, there are still many trees here in Hampshire that have green leaves to complement those wonderful russet and gold colours of neighbouring trees.

Many of you will by now have heard that Toni, editor of this award-winning magazine, has announced he will be standing down. I'm sure you all join me in thanking him for his highly successful period at the helm. He will be a hard act to follow but one of you reading this will, I'm sure, be able to rise to that challenge. If you think you might want to do so please let Toni, or Colin Wild, Section Secretary, know.

Finally, and with great sadness, I have to report the death of Ray Miles. Ray was one of those key members of any successful organisation; someone who quietly and efficiently got on with things. Someone who could always be relied upon. Over the years Ray led many, many walks for us in Wessex Area but his most valuable contribution was no doubt his work as treasurer for our Area. Our thoughts go out to Hazel and to their family and our hopes are that, come next season Hazel will feel up to joining us on a farmer's field somewhere.

Best wishes to you all. *TrevMASters.*

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**Front Cover** *Amazing wood animals on golf course. Tricia Anderson*

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### Taking Grandad for a backpack again

This is getting a feature of our holiday with the MAS at their THS at Kemplerigg, western Lake District. This year we took my sister Lilian with us so Daddy was employed once again to be a Sherpa to carry the extra sandwiches and biscuits that we would need to keep us going on the hike to Base Camp 1. With the car loaded we set off for the car park at Wasdale Head in bright sunny weather where the forecast was good for our 2 day expedition. Leaving the car behind for the night we loaded ourselves up with backpack gear and walked along Mosedale, steadily climbing and occasionally pausing for biscuits and sandwich stops. Dropping down Black Sail Pass we could see our destination camp in front conveniently situated near the Black Sail Youth Hostel which would come in handy later. When the tent was set up me and Lil had paddles in the River Liza while Dad and Grandad cooked tea. A short walk after our tea took us to the Youth Hostel where as luck would have it they served beer to non-residents. A couple of pints later the four of us crammed in to the three man tent. At about five in the morning the wind got up and shook us up to an earlier than expected breakfast. Packing up the tents we said our goodbyes to Ennerdale and retraced our steps along Black Sail Pass keeping below the summits, as not only had it become windy it was claggy on tops, very unlike the forecast. Once again stopping for drinks and biscuits we gradually made our way back to Wasdale Head. Well done Lil on her first backpack. Well done Sherpa Dad and well done old Grandad for managing to keep going. I think it was the thoughts of a couple of pints in remote Ennerdale that kept him focused. Returning to Base at Kemplerigg we continued to have a lovely holiday with the MAS.

*Joseph Storey. Nov 6 and getting on towards 7*



## **FESTIVAL OF WALKING AND CYCLING 3 – 10 May 2018**

We are busy planning the Festival of Walking at Leyburn. You will notice that we have booked a Holiday Meet for a week. This is because Leyburn is a popular site and we did not want to be cancelled as happened to one of our meets last year.

We hope to arrange walks on four days and the rest of your stay will be free to explore this lovely part of the country. The Tour de Yorkshire is to be held over the Bank Holiday weekend with one stage starting in Richmond. The exact route has not been published but Richmond is quite near the site.

The site is just off the main road on the edge of Leyburn with a variety of shops and a local bus service to explore all of Wensleydale such as Aysgarth Falls or Hawes and the Wensleydale Cheese Factory. The Wensleydale railway also runs close by.

There will be the customary American supper after the AGM on Saturday evening and entertainment has been arranged for Sunday evening.

As this is a holiday meet and a popular site any help with stewarding will be gratefully accepted.

We look forward to welcoming you and hope the weather is kind to us.

*Frances Doyle,*  
PRO Northern

### **Leyburn town centre**



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## Leyburn

Sitting on the northern bank of the River Ure, this charming town rivals nearby Hawes for the title of being the capital of Wensleydale. Despite its sense of importance, the town is far from large, with a population of barely 1,800.

Leyburn is home to the largest auction house outside of London. Tennants Auctioneers on Harmby Road has been running since the late Victorian period and holds more 100 auctions of fine art, antiques and specialists collectable each year. You should also be able to pick up a bargain or two at Leyburn's bustling market every Friday in the town's main square. The square also has a number of regular stores and well as public houses for a relaxing drink or a home cooked meal.

Leyburn is also home to three galleries, the largest and longest established of which is the Wensleydale Galleries. Open seven days a week, it features a number of awe-inspiring paintings and prints from artists known locally and nationally. One of its key collections is entitled 'The Beatles Hidden Gallery' and includes photos taken of the Fab Four by BAFTA winning filmmaker and photographer Paul Berriff.

Overlooking the town is the Leyburn Shawl, an area which covers 1.5 miles and derived its name from a legend that claims Mary Queen of Scots dropped her shawl on the hill while fleeing Bolton Castle which is about six miles to the west of the Leyburn and is a Scheduled Ancient Monument. The Scottish monarch was imprisoned inside its walls following her army's defeat at the Battle of Langside in 1568 and the bedroom in which she stayed can be visited as well as the castle's dungeon. It is fully open to the public and hosts a number of events including sword fighting demonstrations and falconry displays.

Around seven miles to the south of Leyburn is yet another medieval fortress, Middleham Castle. While much of the castle is now in ruins there is still much to see and the maze of rooms that Richard III once called home can clearly be made out. There is also a fantastic wooden viewing gallery that provides excellent views over Wensleydale's rolling hills.

Leyburn has a number of great walking routes, but if you want to give your legs a rest and travel in style then why not hop on a train on the Wensleydale Railway. This heritage line has a station in Leyburn and uses diesel locomotives with the occasional steam services running. Of course, Wensleydale cheese is available.

## What's in your bag?

We were out walking on a normal MAS wander from a meet at Beckford, enjoying the countryside and company as always. I was near the front of the crocodile chatting and Annette was at the tail end chatting. We were walking along a path where a field of maize had been harvested when we became aware that we had become fairly well spread out. Then there came a call from the back – Annette has problem. I trotted back to see what was up, and was immediately aware of lots of blood on her leg, running down and colouring her sock a really bright red. The harvesting had left quite long stiff maize stalks, and one had pierced Annette's leg, going in about an inch. I had a big dressing and plasters in my pack, and someone else had antiseptic wipes, so we cleaned and dressed the wound, and Annette and I took a shortcut back to the van. There would be no more walking that weekend, so we went home.

We kept cleaning and dressing the wound once a day but there was no real improvement after three days, so went to the local surgery to see the nurse. She cleaned and dressed the wound again and said to come back after three days, but things still didn't improve much. However, by the third visit a piece of stalk had been partly ejected from the wound, so this was fully extracted and the wound cleaned up again. There was no further problem after that, the wound healed up in good time and is now just a pink scar on the leg.

The moral of the story is that we carry all these bits and pieces in our bags for a good reason. We don't use them often, but when we do, they really are needed and useful. Our thanks go again to all who helped at the scene.

*Toni & Annette*



A Polish immigrant wanted to apply for a driver's license. First, of course, he had to take an eye sight test. The optician showed him a card with the letters 'C Z W I X N O S T A C Z.' 'Can you read this?' the optician asked. 'Read it?' the Polish man replied, 'I know the guy.'

## Mountain Activity Section Officers 2017/18

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### **Northern Area AGM 2018**

We really need volunteers to come forward at the AGM in April as several members of the committee are retiring. Unfortunately if we don't get a full committee we are not able to continue. One of the positions we need to fill is Secretary and possibly PRO.

If you think you can help or would like more information on what it entails please contact Carole Booth - email: [geoffandcarole@btinternet.com](mailto:geoffandcarole@btinternet.com).

### **HEALTH MESSAGE (please give me a break)**

As I was lying in bed pondering the problems of the world, I rapidly realized that I don't really care. It's the tortoise life for me!

1. If walking/cycling is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.
2. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water, and is fat.
3. A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years.
4. A tortoise doesn't run and does nothing, yet it lives for 450 years. And you tell me to exercise? I'm retired. Go around me!





*An interesting toilet door*



*A beautifully carved seat*

*Amphibian in Hambledon Lock*

*All by Tricia Anderson*



# What is Take Five?

The number of incidents of financial fraud more than doubled compared to the same period last year, which suggests a scam occurred every 15 seconds between January and June 2016.

The Take Five campaign led by the Financial Fraud Action UK (FFA) and backed by the police, banking industry and consumer groups, aims to fight the rise of financial fraud by reminding people of the simple things they can do to avoid becoming victims.

**Research from the FFA shows that three quarters of people say they are aware of fraudsters' tricks.**

But more than a quarter admit they will go against their gut instinct and provide personal details to someone claiming to be from their bank even if they think they shouldn't.

Commonly people said they shared details because the person seemed genuine (43%) while many said they did it because they felt pressured (39%).

Almost four in 10 (38%) said they did it because they were in a rush and wanted to get off the phone quickly.

Nearly a quarter (24%) of victims of financial fraud admitted they fell for a scam because the fraudster was very convincing.

Worryingly, more than a third (37%) of victims could tell they were being scammed during the conversation but still carried on and nearly a quarter (23%) realised after a conversation ended.

## Five steps to keep safe

The FFA has provided five simple tips to help you avoid falling victim to financial fraud:

- Never disclose security details, such as your PIN or full password – it's never right to reveal these details.
- Never assume an email request or caller is genuine – people aren't always who they say they are.
- Don't be rushed – a bank or genuine organisation won't mind waiting to give you time to stop and think.
- Listen to your instincts – if something feels wrong then it is usually right to pause and question what's happening.

Stay in control – have the confidence to refuse unusual requests for information.

You can find out more about the campaign by visiting the [Take Five website](#).



### WESSEX'S MYSTERY FLOWER

Wessex had a meet in June in the tiny village of South Wraxall which is near Bradford on Avon. It proved to be a very enjoyable meet ably stewarded by Toni & Annette, the weather was good to us and we had some lovely walks. Some of the footpaths proved a bit tricky where they went through fields of oilseed rape and corn. This is not a problem that our more northerly members will often encounter but it is a cross us softy southerners have to bear from time to time. Being keen MAS members we are interested in all aspects of the countryside and this is about a rare wild flower. At tea time on Thursday afternoon one couple came back from a short walk and reported seeing a pretty cream flower that they did not recognise. It was quite prolific and during the next couple of days on our walks we all saw quite a few examples of it. Lots of discussions ensued and we studied our combined libraries of books but no-one could identify it. Photographs were taken for further investigation when we got home, what on earth could it be, was it truly rare or were we overlooking the obvious? I wished that Mary of Northern group was with us as I knew she had a lot of knowledge of British flora, our own Rae is also a fount of botanical knowledge but she was not with us this week-end, what to do next? Anyway as chance would have it on Saturday our walk led us to Brown's Folly from where there is a lovely view of the city of Bath from the escarpment. I am told that there is an even better view from the top of the Folly but the stairs had no hand-rail and only one very brave (or foolhardy) member made his way to the top. We had passed an information board near the Folly and on closer inspection we found THE ANSWER! Our mystery flower was BATH ASPARAGUS apparently introduced to the area by the Romans (*also known as Spiked Star of Bethlehem*). We were really lucky to be in this area at just at the right time of year. It goes to show there is always something to learn as well as enjoying being 'Out and About'.

*Jenny Williams*

## Northern Area Facebook Group

The Northern Area have started a Facebook Group. It can be found at [www.facebook.com/groups/masnorth](http://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](http://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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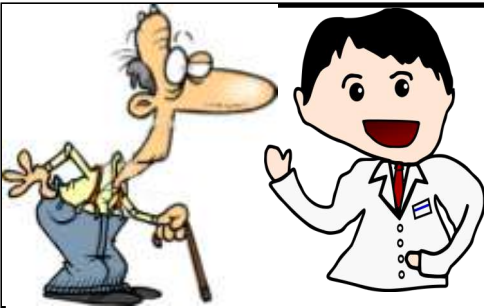
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## MAS WESSEX 2018 Meets List

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From: 15/03/2018 To: 20/03/2018 Start: 13:00	Winchcombe C & CC Site, Brooklands Farm, Alderton, Tewkesbury, GL20 8NX Map Ref: 150/SP007325	Polly & John 07734 852656
From: 29/03/2018 To: 03/04/2018 Start: 14:00	St Leonard's Parish Hall, Jenkins Lane, St Leonards, Tring, HP23 6NW Map Ref: 165/SP914071	Pat & Jenny  07984 003348
From: 12/04/2018 To: 17/04/2018 Start: 12:00	Summerlands, Rockbourne, Road, Coombe Bissett, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 4LP Map Ref: 184/SU109235 BSB Ref: 184/031	Trev & Deb 07765 040211
From: 26/04/2018 To: 01/05/2018 Start: 12:00	Houghton Farm, nr. Arundel, West Sussex, BN18 9LW Map Ref: 197/TQ018115 BSB Ref: 197/12	Annette & Toni 07762 326340
From: 19/05/2018 To: 24/05/2018 Start: 13:00	Canterbury C & CC Site, Bekesbourne Lane, Canterbury, Kent, CT3 4AB Map Ref: 179/TR172577	Tricia & Julia 020 83258445 07753 613180
From: 24/05/2018 To: 29/05/2018 Start: 12:00	Hole Park Estate, Rolvenden, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 4JA Map Ref: 188/TQ830230	Tricia & Julia 020 83258445 07753 613180
From: 07/06/2018 To: 12/06/2018 Start: 12:00	Ebborways Farm, Pelting Road, Priddy, Wells, Somerset, BA5 3BA Map Ref: 182/ST527505	Sandra 01256 323036 07944 837386
From: 21/06/2018 To: 26/06/2018 Start: 12:00	Goulders Farm, Cockpole Green, Wargrave, Reading, RG10 8NT Map Ref: 175/SU799812	Rae 07773 953434
From: 05/07/2018 To: 10/07/2018 Start: 12:00	Kingston Blount Village Hall, Bakers Piece, Oxfordshire, OX39 4SW Map Ref: 165/SU739998	Mick & Lindie 01865 872363 07811 883552

From: 19/07/2018 To: 24/07/2018 Start: 12:00	Knights Leaze Farm, Urchfont, Devizes, SN10 4RA Map Ref: 173/SU036572	Edward & Frances 01425 617893 07547 275261
From: 02/08/2018 To: 07/08/2018 Start: 12:00	Ocknell Caravan and Camping Site, Fritham, Hampshire, SO43 7HH Map Ref: 195/SU252118	Lesley & Derek 07443 841560
From: 06/09/2018 To: 11/09/2018 Start: 12:00	Nunnington Park Farm, Wiveliscombe, Taunton, TA4 2AD Map Ref: 181/ST086265 BSB Ref: 181/161	Terry & Anne 01425 626434 07790 592628
From: 20/09/2018 To: 25/09/2018 Start: 12:00	South View Park , Oliver's Battery, Winchester, SO22 4HG Map Ref: 185/SU461274	Tony & Pat 01329 310724
From: 04/10/2018 To: 09/10/2018 Start: 13:00	Salisbury CCC Site, Hudson's Field, Cas- tle Road, Sailsbury, SP1 3SA Map Ref: 184/SU140320	Geoff & Lyn 01189 712632 07403 680628



*Doug acting as a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow! Tricia Anderson*

## MAS Peakland 2018 Meets List

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March 29- April 3 5 nights	Alderwasley (Easter) 119 /321523	Jean/Les
April 13-16 3 nights	Ashover (Peakland AGM) 119/351632	Elaine/Robin
May 3-10 7 nights	Craken House Farm, Leyburn (Section AGM, THS) 99/121899	Northern Area
May 10-14 4 nights	NCR AGM Ukrainian Centre 128/400288	Region Committee
May 19-24 5 nights	Canterbury Club Site (Booked Meet) 179/172577	Wessex Area
May 24-29	Hole Park Estate, Rolvenden (THS) 188/830230	South East Region
June 14-19 5 nights	Lodge Barn, Settle 098/818647	Margaret/Rod
June 29-July 1 2 nights	Peak View C P, Wirksworth 119/273545	Chris/Graham
July 26-31 5 nights	Hollington End Farm, Thorpe 119/166514	Peakland Committee
Aug 9-14 5 nights	Craghill Farm, Horton BD24 0HW 098/806714	Invite from Northern Area
Aug 23-28 5 nights	Pitfield Farm, Pembridge, Leominster 148/382574	Invite to Peakland/ Wessex from Salop DA
Aug 28-Sept 2 5 nights	Feather Knowle Farm, Ashford Bowlдер 137/515695	Invite to Peakland/ Wessex from Salop DA
Sept 7-10 3 nights	Shrewsbury Arms, Little Budworth CW9 9EY 117/595668	Cindy
Sept 21-24 3 nights	Rushton Spencer 118/911618	Libby/Ian (01524 63645 or 07957 172434)
Oct 5-7 2 nights	Sunnyside, Tansley 119/331604	Carol/Frank
Oct 19-21 2 nights	Stanley Villa, Biggin (End of Season) 119/152595	Ina/John



## **MAS NORTHERN AREA 2018 Meets List**

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Date start and Days	Venue	Stewards
28 <sup>th</sup> March 5 Easter (ends Monday)	Hawes Auction Mart	Geoff & Carole <a href="tel:07788197649">07788197649</a>
12 <sup>th</sup> April 3	Skipton Cattle Mart AGM	John & Kathryn 07931939376
20 <sup>th</sup> April 3	Marsh Fm	Steve & Lesley 07779750124
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 7	Craken House Section AGM	Committee. Dave & Gill 07443939245
17 <sup>th</sup> May 3	Woodend Farm	Invite from NELDA
24 <sup>th</sup> May 10	Kemplerigg	John & Frances 07591161875
14 <sup>th</sup> June 5	High Straggleton Fm	Colin & Chris 07968226598
28 <sup>th</sup> June 5	Ambleside RUFC	
12 July 5	Chipping show ground. EHU available	John & Margaret 01254879812
26 <sup>th</sup> July 5	Hollington End Farm	Invite from Peakland
2 <sup>nd</sup> August 3	Stoneyhurst College	Sylvia & Mike 07817427853
9 <sup>th</sup> August 5	Cragg Hill Fm Invite to Peakland	Dave & Gill 07443939245
23 <sup>rd</sup> August 5 *	Bathafarn Hall	LCDA Invite from LCDA
14 <sup>th</sup> September 3	Hoo Hole Fm	Craig & Sue 07779076851
27 <sup>th</sup> September 5	Low Warrendale fm	Geoff & Carole 07788197649
11 <sup>th</sup> October 3	River Laver Holiday Park +EHU	Alastair & Jean 07964902551
25 <sup>th</sup> October 3	Studfold Fm+EHU & Facs	Dave & Viv 07949649232

## I can't do that!

Remember adults telling us no such word as can't? Well, I didn't think I could lead a walk. Well, I can! Just short ones, but some of us only want a short walk, as the retained membership gets older and new keener members get younger, a bit like policemen and doctors!!

I didn't think I had the courage to lead, but with guidance from stalwarts, initially Dave Summers and more latterly, Bernard, and lots of encouragement from many, I now lead short walks. At Beckford, which is being hosted by Wessex for 2019 FOWAC, I can safely invite people to join me on a 6 miler (it started as 4.5 miles, but what's a mile and half between friends, and how pleased people were to learn they'd walked 6 miles!) and an 8 miler, and this includes a visit to a pottery. I hope to find a walk which includes the silk factory, now that's worth a visit, and has a coffee shop, sorry Bernard, you can wait outside and look at some flowers! I invested in a GPS only so I can check my position on the map, and that is a godsend. So! Don't leave all the walks to others, have a go! Hold the map in front of you and someone will always appear at your side and offer advice, seriously! *Deb Masters*

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## Definitions

These fit so well they should be in a dictionary.

ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

BEAUTY PARLOR: A place where women curl up and dye.

CHICKENS: The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST: Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

HANDKERCHIEF: Cold Storage.

INFLATION: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MOSQUITO: An insect that makes you like flies better.

RAISIN: A grape with a sunburn.

SECRET: Something you tell to one person at a time.

SKELETON: A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

TOOTHACHE: The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW: One of the greatest labour saving devices of today.

YAWN: An honest opinion openly expressed.

*And my personal favourite!!*

WRINKLES:

Something other people have, similar to my character lines.

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### SPEEDING TICKET

A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her license.

She replied in a huff, 'I wish you guys would get your act together.

Just yesterday you take away my license and then today you expect me to show it to you!'

### KNITTING

A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the freeway.

Glancing at the car, he was astounded to see that the blonde behind the wheel was knitting! Realizing that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the trooper cranked down his window, turned on his bullhorn and yelled, 'PULL OVER!'

'NO!' the blonde yelled back, 'IT'S A SCARF!'

### BLONDE ON THE SUN

A Russian, an American, and a Blonde were talking one day.

The Russian said, 'We were the first in space!'

The American said, 'We were the first on the moon!'

The Blonde said, 'So what? We're going to be the first on the sun!'

The Russian and the American looked at each other and shook their heads.

'You can't land on the sun, you idiot! You'll burn up!' said the Russian.

To which the Blonde replied, 'We're not stupid, you know. We're going at night!'

### INDIANS DON'T USE SADDLES

A blonde from New York was driving through a remote part of Arizona when her car broke down. An American Indian on horseback came along and offered her a ride to a nearby town.

She climbed up behind him on the horse and they rode off. The ride was uneventful, except that every few minutes the Indian would let out a 'Ye-e-e-h-a-a-a-a' so loud that it echoed from the surrounding hills and canyon walls. When they arrived in town, he let her off at the local service station, yelled one final 'Ye-e-e-h-a-a-a-a!' and rode off.

"What did you do to get that Indian so excited?" asked the service-station attendant.

"Nothing," the woman answered "I merely sat behind him on the horse, put my arms round his waist, and held onto the saddle horn so I wouldn't fall off."

"Lady," the attendant said, "Indians don't use saddles."

## Editor's bit

Hello All,

My thanks to all those who sent in items for this and previous editions . However, this is my last edition as I wish to pass on the baton to someone else. It has been a lovely job to do, but I feel it's time to let someone else have a go. Volunteers' names to myself or Colin, and nominations too— someone must be willing to show what they can do or know someone else who could.

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### **AND FINALLY.....**

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