



# Activity



  
**The  
Camping and  
Caravanning  
Club**  
*The Friendly Club*

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## TrevMASters Voice, March 2018.

Greetings everyone.

I started my spiel for our last edition by anticipating the drop in temperature, wintry winds, rain and, of course, mud that we probably had in store, but hadn't anticipated the Beast from the East, the Pest from the West and all the other meteorological ooh-nasties that have no doubt been sent to us on the express orders of President Putin. Even here on the South Coast we have twice had snow!

One of the great British myths, certainly one that is held to be true by many living north of Watford, is that all southerners are wimps. I don't think it was deliberately to dispel this belief that our Wessex Area kicked off this year's meets two weeks earlier than Northern and Peakland, but off they went to the Club's site at Tewkesbury – and then the Beast struck again and covered the site with what looks like 4 inches of snow. Yes, I know, if I'm trying to prove that southerners can be just as hard as northerners, the message on the noticeboard rather undermines my argument!



On a more serious note, a number of DAs, Sections and their Areas have been struggling to fill committee posts. The Club's Chairman, Mel Hill, writes on this very matter in this month's Camping and Caravanning. We in the MAS have already had a few narrow escapes in recent years and now face a number of vacancies that really must be filled if our Section and its three Areas are to survive. Our impending vacancies are arising because some of the outgoing members have done tremendous service over many years, and all our thanks go to them. Other vacancies sadly arise because of illness, and our thanks and best wishes go to them.

Yes, committee work is essential but need not be something to fear. There is a lot of support available and it does not necessarily involve giving up too much of your time. It certainly can involve deriving much pleasure from working alongside people with similar determination to provide us all with so much enjoyment. The MAS is too precious to risk losing so please think of joining us. Here endeth the lesson!

Have a great year's camping.

*Trev Masters*, MAS chairman.

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*Front Cover* Spring is coming—swans and snowdrops on the Chichester Canal

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**THE CAMPING AND CARAVANNING CLUB**  
**MOUNTAIN ACTIVITY SECTION**

(Formerly The Mountaineering Section)

**Annual General Meeting**

To be held at Harmby Village Hall, Harmby, Leyburn DL8 5PG at 7 p.m.  
on Saturday 5th May 2018

**AGENDA**

1. Chairman's opening remarks.
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of AGM held at the War Memorial Hall, Ashford in the Water on 29th April 2017
4. Annual Report of the Section by Hon. Secretary. **Colin Wild**
5. Accounts for the Section for the year ending 31st. December 2017. **Jenny Williams**
6. Incorporation of Youth HQ account with National HQ account.
7. Auditor's Report – **John Allen /Pat Mitchell**
8. Adoption of the Accounts
9. Report of PRO/Website Co-ordinator. **John Gerner**
10. Report of the Section Advisory Officer to the National Council. **Les Morton**
11. Report of the Membership Secretary. **Les Morton**
12. Notice of Appointment of President/Vice Presidents (Proposed by Section Council)  
President 2018/19: Andrew Wood  
Vice Presidents 2018/19:  
Terry Bishop, Carole Booth, Diane Goodyear, Christine Stevenson
13. Notice of Appointment of Hon. Treasurer 2018
14. Adoption of new constitutions:
  - a) Section
  - b) Areas
16. Election of Officers.  
Retiring members:  
a) John Doyle b) Liz Prior c) John Gerner
17. To announce the Representatives to the Section Council from the Mountain Activity Section Areas 2018/19.
18. Election of Auditors.
19. Membership Subscription 2018/19. As set by Section Council £6.00
20. Date, time and venue of AGM 2019

CLOSE OF FORMAL BUSINESS.

OPEN FORUM



*The view across the lake at Winchcombe.  
John Gerner*

*We did actually go walking!!  
Jenny Williams*



*There were some warmer moments too!  
Frances Delaine*





*Looking for a pot of gold*



*One of the many across the country*



*The lake without the snow*

*It really was wintry!  
Judith Vince*



## Peakland Winter Walk

12 hardy members of Peakland Area braved the weather for a winter walk in February, several of whom had travelled some distance to enjoy the privilege of walking in Derbyshire in winter. We started off in snow in the car park, blizzard on the Chatsworth estate moors, then sunshine at the Lakes and the Hunting Tower above Chatsworth House. Heavy going in the mud and snow but finished off with a well deserved late lunch at the Robin Hood pub.

*Sandra Wain.*

Photos by Alan Jobburn









## Mountain Activity Section Officers 2017/18

(Further contact details may be found on the website)

Chairperson MAS Executive Member (2020)	Trevor Masters (07400703731)
Vice Chairperson MAS Executive Member (2020)	Sandra Wild (07910723354)
President	Andrew Wood (07852040724 )
Vice Presidents	Carole Booth (07788197649) Christine Stevenson Terry Bishop Diane Goodyear (07761949896)
Secretary MAS Executive Member (2019)	Colin Wild (07948560571)
Treasurer MAS Executive Member	Jenny Williams (07984003348)
PRO/Website Co-ordinator Elected Member (2018)	John Gerner (077348852656)
Membership Secretary Elected Member (2017)	Les Morton (07967900225)
Section Youth Officers	Howard and Anne Crosland (07855707681)
Minutes Secretary	Sandra Wain (07503000568)
Regalia Officer	
Newsletter Editor Elected Member (2019)	Toni Busuttill-Reynaud (07762326340)
Webmaster	Adrian Rose
Other elected Members to Section Council (2018) (2018) (2018) Also MAS Executive Member (2019)	Yvonne Plevey (07919944532) John Doyle (01274 573946) Liz Prior (07952401489) Barry Cowlard (07770 287434)
Advisory Officer to National Council	Les Morton
Deputy Advisory Officer (2018)	Barry Cowlard
<u>Representatives to Section Council Northern Area</u>	Lesley Storey (07552 716556)
Peakland Area	Sandra Wild (07910723354)
Wessex Area	Deb Masters (07765 040211)
<u>Area Secretaries Northern Area</u>	Carole Booth 07788 197649)
Peakland Area	Les Morton (07967 900225)
Wessex Area	Viv Stevens (0792 6938450)
National Council Rep. to MAS	Steve Harris (07567183893)

### It all started with the MAS.

Some longstanding members of MAS might remember our daughter Heather Barnes who was part of the Youth Section in the 1990's.

Heather now lives and works in New Zealand and has just completed the Godzone Adventure Race which is considered to be the most challenging and largest expedition length adventure race in the world. This year it was held in Fiordland in the very south of South Island New Zealand and lasted for up to 10 days. Teams of 4 had to navigate, trek, mountain bike, kayak and raft their own course to reach checkpoints covering over 500kms ( over 300 miles ) and carrying their own supplies. The route which was kept secret until 12 hours before the start of the race included thick bush, fast flowing rivers, steep gullies and wild mountainous terrain. They completed the challenge in 6 days paddling the last stage over Lake Te Anau, mentally and physically exhausted but with a great sense of achievement.

Heather's first experience of camping, cycling and walking started under the guidance of the late Derek Wood and Neil Higginbottom who took groups on Youth Hostelling cycling holidays but she has reported that whilst guiding her team through the dense bush and rough terrain of Southern Fiordland it was the words of the late Jack Reddican that she remembered.

“TRUST YOUR COMPASS “

For much of the time they were completely reliant on the compass walking on a bearing for long distances. No GPS or other navigational aids were allowed and she was truly grateful for that initial training using map coordinates and compass.

Heather is now working in the environmental sector in New Zealand, living the outdoor dream and says a big “ Thank you “ for all those earlier experiences and training.

*Sheila and Tony Barnes*



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 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
May 3-10 7 nights	Craken House Farm, Leyburn (Section AGM, THS) 99/121899	Northern Area
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
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 Boulder 137/515695	Invite to Peakland/ Wessex from Salop DA
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, Salsbury, SP1 3SA Map Ref: 184/SU140320	Geoff & Lyn 01189 712632 07403 680628

### The Book Corner

Edward has been reading “Sapiens” – ‘A Brief History of Humankind’ by Yuval Noah Harari. This is one man’s view of the extraordinary history of how humankind changed from insignificant apes to rulers of the world.

If you would enjoy a good non-fiction unravelling of what makes us and the world around us tick, this is a good read. *Edward*



I, meanwhile, have been reading “Chickenhawk”. This is about being a helicopter pilot in Vietnam in 1965-66, as narrated by Vietnam veteran Robert Mason, and gives a fairly graphic account of the war as seen and experienced from the inside. Not only the flying, but the living and the propaganda as heard by the US contingent on the ground. Not pretty, but a good history lesson of a different sort. *Toni*

## 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 Bowlder 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

## 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.



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

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