

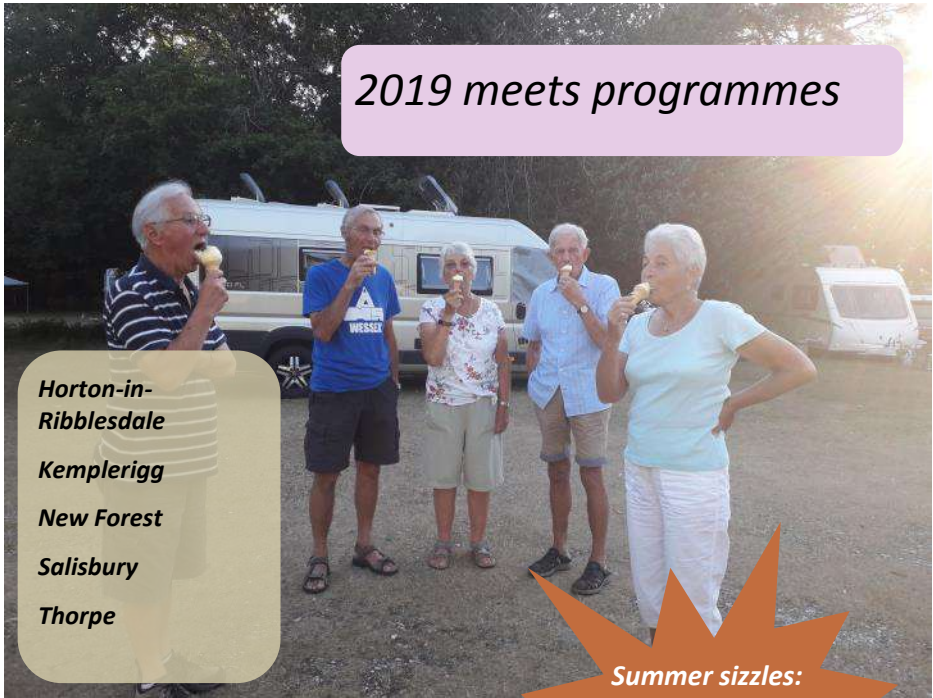
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*Summer sizzles:
it was a HOT
one*



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From the Secretary

The future of *Activity*

I am sure you will all agree that since she took on the role of editor, Melanie has done a wonderful job. Unfortunately she does not feel able to continue with the work and this will be her last edition.

We therefore need to find a replacement for her. Otherwise this could be the last copy of *Activity* you will receive.

If you feel you would like to take on this task please contact me and I will be glad to talk you through what the job entails.

Although whoever takes on the role is very welcome to become a member of the Section Council, they need not be if that is their preference.

The next edition is due to be published (internet copy only) in April.

Important information for those who receive a paper copy of the Club magazine

In their attempt to promote and highlight the camping activities of DAs and Sections, the Club is going to produce Out and About as a separate supplement. Those of you rich enough to still pay for a paper copy of the magazine will all receive the first 3 issues in this format.

However, after these three issues you will have to opt in for further copies. Unless you actively notify the Club that you want to continue to receive it you will not have access to Out and About except via the website.

Details of how you can opt in will be published in the magazine. Make sure you act promptly. It is easy to put it off and forget!

Front cover photo: MAS Wessex enjoying the ice-cream van on site at the Ocknell New Forest meet in August. Credit: Tricia Anderson

The future of Section Council

The Section cannot operate without a Section Council. For the last few years membership of the Council has been fairly stable. Like all organisations, however, there comes a time when things need to change.

Jenny Williams has been our excellent *Treasurer* for a number of years. I am pleased to report she has agreed to continue in this role for 2019. She has said, however, that this will be her last year. We shall therefore have to appoint a new treasurer for 2020. The appointment needs to be made by the end of October 2019.

Similarly **Trev Masters** has had a long spell at the demanding role of *Chairman*. He has indicated that should members want him to he would be prepared to continue in this position for another year but after that he feels that there needs to be a change.

My time (**Colin Wild**) as *Secretary* is also coming to an end. I shall be standing down from my role as secretary at next year's AGM.

Quite a lot of change is on the way but by giving this amount of notice it is hoped that members who have not yet taken part in the running of the Section will come forward and fill these vacancies.

Colin Wild

Secretary, MAS Executive member

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Northern

A 'wild neet' out from Kemplerigg THS

Cum on Grandad, shek thi sen, we wanna take thi backpacking! As we climbed Scafell Pike yesterday then we'll take thi somewhere not so high: at your age we can't expect thi to climb mountains every day!

What about Eskdale for the neet? Tha can drive to Boot, park car, then walk up to Eskdale rock pools where we can camp for the neet and av a reight good time. "All reight," says owd Grandad, "we'll do just that."

So off we popped up Eskdale to find a lovely spot to pitch our tent for the neet. After lunch, having pitched our tent, we were swimming in the freezing rock pools, and me thinks I saw Gramps putting a couple of beer cans into the cold water for later on (not daft is owd Grandad)!



We cooked boil in the bag curry and rice on the Trangia for tea then dragged owd Granddad up the steep side of Hardknott Fell for the last of the evening sun before descending to Jubilee Bridge and onwards to our tent. We playing catch before early bed time as at Eskdale valley the Sun goes down rather quickly.



The four of us snuggled up inside our sleeping bags and up early to cook porridge before our trek back down Eskdale to Boot, then back to Kemplerigg for the rest of our Lake District holiday .

A grand neet out.

With special thanks to our cook and Sherpa, Lee (Dad).

Joseph & Lil Storey
(with a little help from
owd Gramps)

Wessex

Ocknell, New Forest: 3-7 August

Toni Busuttil-Reynaud

Although we have been to the Forest many times, Ocknell was new to us, and we were pleasantly surprised. This Camping in the Forest site is on the remnants of an old airfield, much of which has been dug up and returned to nature, but there are still a few of the original dispersal pans in the site and these are put to good use as a massive area of hard standing. Added to this is an even greater area of grass for softer pitches, and a good few pitches in the trees and bushes around the edge of the site. There is no mains power available, but the toilet blocks are to a high standard. The Rally Field is off to one side not far from the entrance and is capable of holding at least 25 units. It has gravel hard parts and grassy pitches, with loads of trees all around and one particularly useful big old oak which provided shade for the post walk afternoon tea and cakes.



Tea and cakes under the oak. Credit: John Gerner

We had about 21 units, so the field was well used. There were walks and cycle rides every day, but as the temperature was fairly high the walks tended to be either short, or with plenty of time in the trees for the shade. During the weekend we did two five mile walks (one of which turned out to be nearer seven!) and a visit to Furzey Gardens, and on one of the evenings we walked to the Sir Walter Tyrell pub about a mile and a half away for a cooling beer. One of the nicer events was the ice-cream van that called round every evening.



Deer wandering around the edge of our field. Credit: John Gerner

Being in the Forest we expected to see animals, and these expectations were well met. On the Saturday we were all sat around for tea as usual when there was movement noted among the trees off to one side. As we watched, a herd of deer slowly walked around the edge of the Rally field, and at one stage were even on the field close to some of the units. Several people got some good photos. Ponies frequently came through the field, obviously completely used to people, tents, vans and motorhomes. One foal even stopped to drink from one of the fire buckets on the way!

All in all, it was another very good weekend out with friends in a really nice spot.

Freddie's back!

Hi, this is Freddie. It must be about 4 years since I wrote an article for Activity, a letter of complaint to caravan manufacturers about the design of beds that give us border collies a problem.

I now have a new complaint. A couple of years ago, my mistress decided to buy a caravan with a fixed bed. I wasn't happy with the new design as it took a while to find a suitable place to sleep on a night because I used to sleep under the bed on the 2 berth version.

Anyhow, I have recently found a suitable spot right in front of the washroom door. It is cool there; a draft blows under the under door and the area is enclosed which provides good protection. However, the problem is he keeps getting up during the night to go to the toilet! This involves giving me a nudge and I have to move down the van. Once the door is shut, I immediately return only to find, within minutes, he is trying to open the door and come back out again (and complains that I can't make my mind up where to sleep). He needs to decide where he is sleeping: either in the toilet or the bed!

To add further problems, they have just dragged me away for 3 weeks to the Outer Hebrides'.



Before I went, they sent me for an operation on my eye, after the op' they insisted that I wore one of the lamp shades so I couldn't get to my stiches. This is where the problem started. I had to try and see with one eye wearing a lamp shade and sleep in a caravan . On top of that, they had me on a ferry for 4hrs. But, the best was that if turned my head quickly I could bash the lamp shade on the mistresses' leg which caused her to have bruises all over. This was great fun and she even ended up showing her friends what I had managed to achieve. I just kept pretending that I couldn't see!

Anyhow, the latest is that they have now bought an inflatable canoe and they are taking me out in this. I've worked out if I scratch and dig my paws in deep then I should be able to burst the thing and might cause it to sink.

Not tried this yet as I'm still sussing this one out, so watch

None for Freddie! Oh, John Bradley.....



Cycling miles off-road with the sea at your side.

You've gotta love it.

16 miles or so of off-road cycling opened up between Lytham and Fleetwood, in Lancashire. Trevor and Irene Batchelor enjoy exploring the Fylde Coast in Lancashire. On this cycling trail, they discovered many interesting things along the way from windmills and airplanes to a mythic art trail. They highly recommend it to all.



“Gooood morning campers!”

Sunny morning cycle ride with Chris Rogers and Steve Storey— from Horton-in-Ribblesdale.



Peakland



Cave entrance in Dovedale with MAS Peakland at Thorpe in July. Credit: Peter Taylor

Looking back....or up!



This is what people find when they raid their mother-in-law's photo collection: foraging for apples on an MAS Northern walk at Coxwold, North York Moors, 2008.

Courtesy of Jane Bradley's treasure hunting.

Northern

Horton-in Ribblesdale

Set in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales Three Peaks country, Cragg Hill Farm is situated alongside the long distance Ribble Way, on the banks of the River Ribble in Horton-in-Ribblesdale. Pen-y-ghent overlooks this idyllic site and it's a short pastoral walk into Horton-in-Ribblesdale where many hikers pick up the paths to Pen-y-Ghent, Ingleborough or the Pennine Way. Others head on down to Settle.



While Pen -y-ghent was watching over us....





.....some were looking down from it.

Helped by glorious August sunshine on many days, many of our campers put on their boots, packs and trekking poles, and hiked on up Pen-y-Ghent, led by the two Christines – just for old time's sake.

Others continued on, and completed all the Yorkshire Three Peaks (congratulations to Jennifer!). Others took in lower paths with views of the magnificent Hull Pot, and some just

rambled along, away from the main hiking traffic but with outstanding views of the Three Peaks and Ribbleshead Viaduct all around.

Some earlybirds took off for morning runs and some good old Yorkshire cycling.

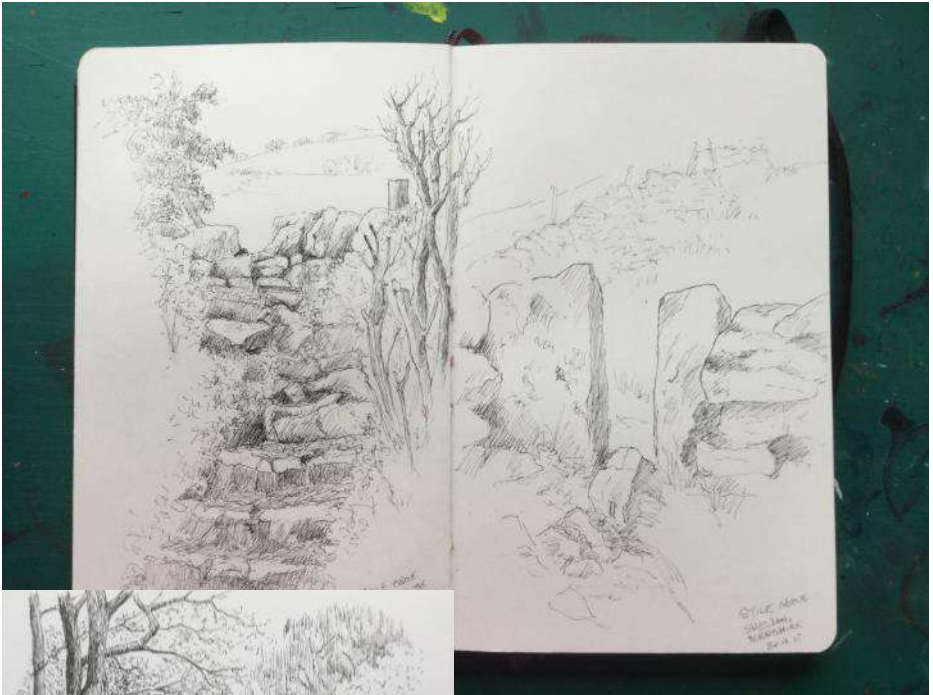
Back on site, we welcomed some new to MAS campers and some MAS Wessex visitors. Some had BBQs, some translated literature into Russian, and others chatted about A level results, education, physical challenges and recovery, sheep farming, long distance hiking, motorhoming around the world, and how best to flatten an awning.

Thanks to Dave & Gill for stewarding this meet.

Melanie Shearn

For Art's Sake

There's nothing quite like a walk for throwing up some creative inspiration. While drawing on a group walk might provide time for soggy lunches and apple-picking, the sketching and the painting s tend to be done later on. Here are a couple from Mary Buckle (was Green).



Top: Sketches from the 2017 Festival of Walking at Ashford in the Water — Mary Buckle (was Green)

Left: Who remembers this? Footbridge from a meet at Ratlinghope, Shropshire a few years ago? (Mary Buckle, was Green)

MAS Northern Area website



Keep up to date with everything Northern . Website includes photos, videos, and stories from our previous meets, links to our forthcoming meets, and everything you've always wanted to know (or not!) about what we do. Photos and contributions welcome.

<https://masnorthern.org/>

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.

In Memoriam: Wallace Longhorn



It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of Wallace Longhorn on 14 August, aged 65. Wallace had served on the MAS Northern Area committee for a number of years, including the role of Sites Officer. Prior to that, he was an active member of the Youth Section with his wife Margaret, son and three daughters.

Wallace will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him.

Tony Gledhill

MAS NORTHERN - 2019 meets

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 usually start at 2pm. Own sanitation is essential. Advance booking not required unless otherwise stated.

Date start	Nights	Venue	Map Ref	Stewards
28 th Mar	3	Skipton Auction Mart, AGM	103/973518	Jean & Alastair
18 th Apr	5	Greylands Farm, Hinderwell.	94/792170	Colin & Chris
2nd May	5	Beckford, Worcestershire	Wessex	Wessex
7 th May	5	Mount Farm, Ratley, Oxfordshire	Wessex	Wessex
15 th May	5	Woodend Farm, Austwick	98/780691	John & Barbara
23 rd May	9	Bryn Moel Farm, Bala	NECDA	NECDA
13 th Jun	5	Selly Hill Fm, Whitby	94/860095	John & Margaret 01254 388500
27 th Jun	5	Ambleside RUFC	90/373038	Andrew & Catriona Wood 07852 040724 Assistants Les & Jean Morton
11 th Jul	5 *	Pateley Bridge, Nidderdale	LDA (THS) dates tbc	LDA
19 th Jul	5 *	Langholm, Dumfries	NWR (THS) dates tbc	NWR
8 th Aug	5	South View Farm, Great Busby	93/519057	Dave & Gill
22 nd Aug	5	Bedale Camping site	99/256877	Chris & Sue Rogers 07910963344
12 th Sep	5	Gibraltar Farm, Silverdale	97/461737	Tad & Margaret Jandzio 01274 547502
27 th Sep	3	Moor Farm Bungalow CS, Bishopthorpe, York	105/586470	Dave & Viv 0113 2860413
18 th Oct	3	RR Barnoldswick Lancs	103/881471	John & Kathryn 01132462921

(* = this meet runs for longer than the dates shown)

MAS PEAKLAND - 2019 meets

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Yvonne Plevey (Sites)07413293198

All sites open at 2.00pm unless otherwise stated

DATE	VENUE	DURATION	STEWARDS	MAP REF
29/03 to 01/04/19	Washbrook Farm, Fenny Bentley, DE6 1LE	3 nights	Les & Jean 07967 900225	119/174507
05 to 07/04/19	Stanley Villa, Dury Lane, Biggin SK17 0DL. (Peakland AGM Sat 6 th)	3 nights	Colin & Sandra 07948 560571	119/152595
18 to 23/04/19	Highfield Farm, Pennyunk Lane, Ashford-in-the- water DE45 1QN Easter Meet	5 nights	Cindy 07402 918205	119/194701
02 to 07/05/19	Beckford Village Hall, Beckford GL20 7AA. (Section AGM Sat 4 th)	5 nights	Wessex Commit- tee Contact 07765 040211	190/973357
07 to 12/05/19	Mount Farm, Batchelors Lane, Ratley, Oxford OX15 6DW Follow on Meet	5 nights	Rae & Bernard 01295-267463 07773 953434	151/383476
10 to 12/05/19	NCR (AGM Sat 11 th) West Mid- lands Show- ground, Berwick Road, Shrews-	3 nights	Region Awaiting details	
23 to 28/05/19	4 Acres, Hope Road, Bamford S33 0AL (Spring	5 nights	Peter 07949 449162	110/196827

13 to 26/06/19	Sunnyside Farm, Knabhall Lane, Tansley DE4 5FL	3 nights	Cindy 07402 918205	119/331604
27/06 to 02/07/19	Rugby Club, Galava Park, Burrans Road, Ambleside LA22 0EN Joint Meet with Northern	5 nights	Andrew & Catrio- na+ assistants' 07852 040724	090/373038
04 to 09/07/19	Kilima Farm, Naish Hill, Lacock, Chippenham SN15 2QH Invite from Wessex	5 nights	Edward & Frances 07547 275261	173/939629
25 to 30/07/19	Winster Moor Farm, Winster DE4 2FE	5 nights	Graham & Chris- tine	119/242594
09 to 12/08/19	Darley Farm, Parsley Hay SK17 0DF	3 nights	Graham & Chris- tine	119/143636
22 to 27/08/19	Hollington End Farm, Narlow Lane, Thorpe DE6 2AU, Invite to Wessex	5 nights	Committee. Con- tact Yvonne 07413 293198	119/166514
13 to 16/09/19	Thurlmoor Farm, Brookhill Lane, Carlecotes, Dunford Bridge, S. Yorks S36 4TD	3 nights	Awaiting Steward	110/177031
27 to 30/09/19	Marsden Cricket Club, Mount Road, Hemplow, Marsden HD7 6NN	3 nights	Colin & Yvonne 07413 293198	110/044105
11 to 13/10/19	Hobsons Farm, Rock House, Flagg SK17 9QR	2 nights	Mark & Amanda 07772 364835	119/139685
25 to 27/10/19	Sterndale Green Farm, King Sterndale SK17 9SF. End of Season	2 nights	Roger & Sandra 07503 000568	119/093720

MAS WESSEX - 2019 meets

IMPORTANT: Venues and stewards subject to change. Meets may be cancelled due to onsite ground conditions. Please check our website, <https://mountainactivitysection.org.uk>, the latest edition of Out & About or by contacting the stewards 2 days before travelling.

Date	Site	CS No. & Map Ref.	Stewards
March 21 st – 26 th Booked Meet	Charmouth Club Site, Monkton Wyld Farm, Dorset, DT6 6DB	193/329965	Bob & Joyce 01425 653 661 07968 070 169
April 4 th – 9 th Wessex AGM	31 Furzebrook Rd, Furzebrook, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 5HU	CS 1658 195/932846	Dawn & Robert 01305 785 962 07436 014 017
April 18 th - 23 rd Easter B/H	Brocklands Farm, West Meon, Petersfield, Hants, GU32 1JN	185/639235	Trev & Deb 07765 040 211 Limited spaces, ring stewards to confirm availability
May 2 nd - 7 th FoW&C & Section AGM May Day B/H	Beckford Village Hall, Main Street, Beckford, Worcestershire, GL20 7AA	190/973357	Committee 07765 040 211
May 7 th - 12 th Follow-on Meet	Mount Farm, Batchelors Lane, Ratley, Banbury, Oxfordshire, OX15 6DW	151/383476	Rae & Bernard 01295 267 463 07773 953 434
May 23 rd - 28 th Late May B/H	Church Farm, Sixpenny Handley, Dorset, SP5 5ND	184/996174	Anne & Jon 07961 198 814
June 6 th -11 th Booked Meet	Braceland Caravan & Camping Site, Bracelands Drive, Christchurch, Coleford, Gloucs GL16 7NP	162/568129	Pauline 07983 976 405
June 20 th -25 th	Penn Farm, Bramshaw, Lyndhurst, Hants, SO43 7JL	184/275167	Annette & Toni 07762 326 340
July 4 th -9 th Invite to Peakland	Kilima Farm, Naish Hill, Lacock, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 2QH	CS1734 173/939692	Edward & Frances 07547 275 261

July 18 th - 23 rd	Cwrt-Isaf Farm, Crickhowell, Powys, NP8 1PH	CS425 161/211182	Maurice & Deirdre 01432 860 572
August 1 st -6 th	Overton Primary School, 2 Court Drove, Overton, Basingstoke RG25 3ES	185/512502	Sandra 07944 837386
August 22 nd - 27 th Invite from Peakland August B/H	Hollington End Farm, Thorpe, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, DE6 2AU	119/166514	Peakland Committee 01629 581 049 07413 293 198
September 5 th - 10 th	Henstridge Golf Leisure, Marsh Lane, Henstridge, Somerset, BA8 0TG	CS1712 183/749203	Sheila & Richard 01392 669 392 07808 517 647
September 19 th -24 th	Westfield Farm, Henley Rd, Medmenham, Marlow, Bucks, SL7 2TA	175/796839	Lindie & Mick 01863 872 363
October 3 rd - 8 th Booked Meet	Devizes Club Site, Spout Ln, Nr Seend, Melksham, Wilts, SN12 6RN	173/951619	Polly & John 07734 852 656

Towing Caravans: Trev & Deb are very amused

In July, *The Guardian* ran a question asked and answered by readers: ***Why are caravans called Swift or Rapide when they are anything but?*** There follows a series of responses (you can imagine!), many of which Deb and I found really amusing. Have a look at some of the responses in *The Guardian's* piece—or maybe send in your own for the next issue of *Activity*.

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2018/jul/16/towing-caravans-swift-rapide-notes-queries>

Trev Masters

How high will I go?

A key MAS website facility is that it can be used to archive and share walking and cycling routes. MAS Webmaster Adrian Rose has developed a new “View Map + Elevation” feature which shows for each route a map and interactive elevation chart alongside information on elevation and total ascent.



Hover over elevation chart to see details and position on map.

	Feet	Metres
Min. Elevation	109	33
Max. Elevation	971	296
Total Ascent	1289	393

The screenshot taken from the website shows the Banbury Stone Tower walk that will feature on the programme of the National Festival of Walking and Cycling meet hosted by the Wessex Area at Beckford Village Hall, Worcestershire, 2nd May to 7th May 2019. The walk to the top of Bredon Hill offers superb views across Worcestershire and beyond.

To try the new feature go to www.mountainactivitysection.org.uk and select Routes from the menu. Once you have chosen a route click on the “View Map + Elevation” button. Use your mouse, trackpad or your finger on a touch screen to trace along the elevation profile to display distance and elevation information alongside the location on the map.

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And so to bed...until 2019!



Salisbury Club site. Photo credit: Ann Ilbery

Wessex Area's final meet of the year was held at Salisbury Club Site. 25 units attending; most were walkers including a new couple who drove 5 hrs from Carmarthen Wales to join us for the very wet Saturday 7 miler then returning to home Sunday morning. As usual, we were blessed with 2 tandem and single cyclists. An early evening walk to the local Harvester for a conclusion meal on the Monday evening.

Ann Ilbery

The Mountain Activity Section is the oldest special interest section of the Camping & Caravanning Club. We offer a range of meets in beautiful countryside across Britain. If you enjoy walking, cycling or simply getting out in the fresh air and relish good company, we're the Section for you! All members of the Club are welcome to camp and steward with us. If you want to receive paper copies of *Activity*, you need to join the MAS too.

Call to join:

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