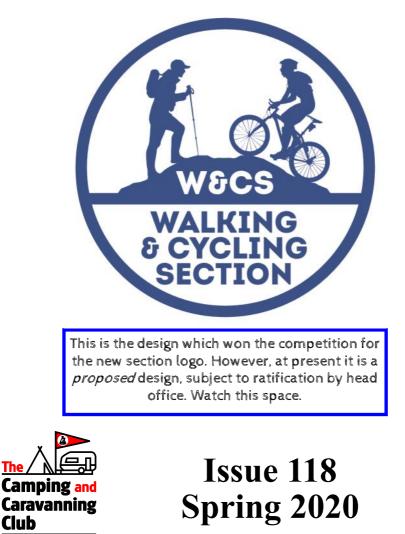
Activity

The newsletter for the Walking and Cycling Section of the Camping and Caravanning Club



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The Friendly Club

TrevMASters' Voice, March 2020

I have never had to write against such a sombre backdrop. This is my second version as my original one has been drastically overtaken by the coronavirus pandemic and rendered out of date. I sincerely hope that none of you has contracted the virus and that you will all remain in good health once this health scare has receded.

Covid-19, of course, isn't the only major problem many have had to contend with. The seemingly never-ending storms battered this country for weeks and left many homes and businesses flooded. And, further afield, ongoing wars continue bringing death and destruction to huge numbers of innocent civilians. Compared with such global disasters any concerns about our Walking and Cycling Section pale into insignificance. Yes, it is disappointing that all our meets and meetings for the foreseeable future are put on hold, but I know members are already finding ways of keeping in touch with each other.

We have been concerned for some while as to whether our Northern Area will be able to survive, but the most recent information is that members are now offering to be put forward to join their committee. Meanwhile your council has been looking to ways of ensuring we can still provide for as much of the country as possible and this may well include more centralised responsibility for organisation. But this would clearly have to rely upon serious contributions from members on Area levels to provide local knowledge and expertise.

It is worth noting that all of the Special Interest Sections who operate as national groups without any Areas and Area committees chose to do so because Areas were struggling to maintain committees; and all say they are functioning now without local committees as such.

Some positive information! Our membership is increasing. The number of new members this year compared with last year is significantly higher. It's possibly too early to identify reasons, but it's looking increasingly as if our change of name may be having the desired effect. Certainly we have met new faces on the one and only meet to have been held so far, Wessex at Hereford, who say it was our name that attracted them! The Club has made real efforts to support us with this change; publicising it prominently in Camping and Caravanning and Out and About and contributing substantially to our search for a new logo. Many thanks to the many members who sent in suggested designs. Council has made its choice and we look forward to the Club ratifying what I feel will be a memorable logo.

Again, I hope you all survive over the ensuing frustrating and worrying months and that it won't be too long before we can all be meeting up again. *Trev Masters.*

Thank you all. for the cards with Covely measages for Brian The family dogs will miss him. I expect have up there Celling everybody about his walks and places we camped Hope 2020 will be a good year for foo all fore



Wessex recently lost two of our stalwarts. For many years Brian Martin had led walks and stewarded for Wessex in company with his wife June and their dogs, and was 'life and soul of the party' on many occasions. He was full of life, and always more than willing to lead a walk, lend a hand or give advice

stemming from his vast knowledge of the areas we walked in. Many of his friends attended the funeral and gave support and condolences to June, who really appreciated this and sends the message shown here.

Sandra Bishop, wife of our Vice President, Terry, has died. Sandra and Terry were the founding members of the group that eventually became the Section's Wessex Area. In doing so they showed immense enthusiasm, patience and determination by persisting in holding meets even though in the early days numbers of attenders were very small. Their persistence paid off and over the years hundreds of us have had real grounds to be grateful to them.

Sadly, Sandra had suffered from worsening health for many years with Terry acting as her hugely supportive carer. His commitment to our Section, however, has never been in doubt and his hope is that he will soon be able to get the van out and join us.

WALKING & CYCLING SECTION

FESTIVAL OF WALKING & CYCLING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

CHURCH FARM, HACKNEY LANE, BARLOW, DERBYSHIRE S18 7TR MR 119/344748 FROM 30TH APRIL TO 7TH MAY 2020 Site opens at 1.00 pm

> Saturday 2nd May Annual General Meeting

Barlow Village Hall, 7.00pm Followed by Bring and Share Supper

Sunday 3rd May Ceilidh in the evening 7.30pm for 8.00 pm, Tickets £4 Please bring your own drink and nibbles

Walks are planned for each day. Monday to Saturday there is a bus route to Chesterfield and Dronfield. There are pubs, a café and fishing in the village, and a local car boot sale Sunday morning.

Please phone Les Morton 07967 900255 for any further information.

Instructions: From Chesterfield take B6051 to Barlow Village and follow the W&CS signs. The site is next the to Village Hall. £10 per unit per night, own facilities essential, booking not necessary.

Chesterfield

After reading the sad news of the passing of Lord Baden Powell recently, I was reminded of the time a few years ago when he attended the unveiling of a blue plaque in Chesterfield. This commemorates the birthplace of his grandmother, Lady Olave Baden Powell, wife of Scouting and Guiding's founder and Chief Guide for many years. She was born in Chesterfield, however the house has long since gone but the plaque has been placed at the approximate site just below Chesterfield Town Hall. Her grandson was very pleased to attend the unveiling ceremony and my job after the event was to serve tea at Guide Headquarters while husband Roger guarded 'Jam Roll' – the Rolls Royce purchased for Lord Baden Powell by members attending the Jamboree to celebrate 21 years of Scouting in 1929. Not sure what Roger would have done if anyone had attempted to steal it! If you attend the Section AGM at Barlow and are interested in this plaque, the town is just a bus ride

away from the Meet. Don't forget there is also the famous 'Crooked Spire' church – at certain times you can go up the winding staircase onto the balcony below the spire for a fabulous view (at present safety work is being carried out but hopefully it will be completed by the end of April). There is a charge for this. There is a free museum nearby as well as the Revolution House at Old Whittington – this was where the plot was hatched to



overthrow James II and bring over William and Mary to rule the country. The Earl of Devonshire was one of the main instigators of the plot – but there's another story – the Devonshire's and Chatsworth (Peakland has a Meet at Chatsworth in September (booking essential)). Or go bargain hunting on Chesterfield Market every Monday, Friday or Saturday. Get a taste of history at Chesterfield Museum or spend an evening at the Theatre. There is also Hardwick Hall, Bolsover Castle, Renishaw Hall and Gardens not too far away.

Sandra Wain

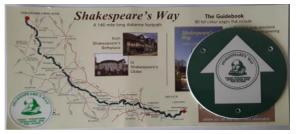
U3A Project Walks

My branch of the U3a, Princes Risborough in Buckinghamshire, run a very active walking group. Each month we have a choice of 4 walks of varying distances. However the highlight and fifth walk is the Project walk, which has been running for about the last 10 years. So far we have completed the Thames Path from source to the Thames Barrier. The Chiltern Way, The Grand Union Canal from Paddington Basin to Birmingham and last November we completed The Shakespeare Way from Stratford upon Avon to The Globe Theatre in London,

These walks take place every month from about March through to November. The distances each month are dictated by where we can arrange or pick up transport. Transport consists of cars, hire of minibuses, buses and trains. The logistics being worked out by our very diligent leader, who also factors in a pub stop either during or at the end of the days walking. There is no obligation to complete all the legs of the walk, however everyone is very keen to do as many as possible and we are normally around 16 in number.

A highlight after the finish is to have a celebration meal with slide show of photos taken on route and as each project walk takes place over 2 years it

is great to look back and remember events (some hilarious) that had taken place. (We had such an event to wrap up the Shakespeare Way last evening - it was great fun).



Our next Project Walk is to be The Capital Ring around London starting in February this year. This will be a completely different style of walking for us, necessitating in train and bus travel to the starting point each time.



Although there will be pavement walking, the route does go through many rural areas. As the mileage this time is only around 75 miles we will complete the walk within 2020.

Pat Fowler



That moment when you're worried about the elderly and realize that you *are* the elderly.

Invoking the wrath of God?

During our October meet at the Devizes club site, we walked along the canal up into Devizes. There is the usual wealth of normal and independent shops, an indoor Market Hall and a large Market square. On the Market Cross in the Market square is a large metal tablet telling a cautionary tale of a woman who dropped dead Devizes Market Place in the 18th Century. This plaque is shown opposite, and tells the whole story.

A few years later Devizes Corporation put up a painted board in the Market Place detailing the story to "deter all Persons from calling down the Vengeance of God or taking His holy Name in Vain". Later this was replaced with a stone tablet, which in 1788 was affixed to the sign of the Bear Inn and is now in the Wiltshire Heritage Museum in Long Street. In 1814 the

present Market Cross, pictured here, was erected by Viscount Sidmouth and the Corporation added the story to the inscription. They could not resist moralising on this and added the phrase that she fell dead 'having the Money clutched in her Hand'. This does not appear anywhere in the contemporary accounts of the mid 18th century. So poor Ruth Pierce has been branded as an embezzler when she might have been innocent all the time and the other women could have been lying. It is now considered likely that she died of a heart attack or stroke amid the flow of accusations.



Devizes Market Cross Photo Deb Masters

THE MAYOR AND CORPORATION OF DEVIZES AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THE STABILITY OF THIS BUILDING TO TRANSMIT TO FUTURE TIMES THE RECORD OF AN AWFUL EVENT WHICH OCCURRED IN THIS MARKET PLACE, IN THE YEAR 1755, HOPING THAT SUCH, RECORD MAY SERVE AS A SALUTARY WARNING AGAINST THE DANGER OF IMPIOUSLY INVOKING DIVINE VENGEANCE OR OF CALLING ON THE HOLY NAME OF GOD TO CONCEAL THE DEVICES OF FALSEHOOD AND FRAUD.

ON THURSDAY THE 25TH OF JANUARY 1753 RUTH PIERCE OF POTTERNE IN THIS COUNTY. AGREED WITH THREE OTHER WOMEN TO BUY A SACK OF WHEAT IN THE MARKET EACH PAYING HER DUE PROPORTION TOWARDS THE SAME -ONE OF THESE WOMEN IN COLLEC TING THE SEVERAL QUOTAS OF MONEY, DISCOVERED A. DEFICIENCY AND DEMANDED OF RU E SUM WHICH WAS WANTING TO M KE GOOD THE AMOUNTS RUTH PIERCE PROTESTED SHE HAD PAILD HER SHARE AND SAID SHE SHE MIGHT DROP DOWN DEAD IF SHE HAD NOT IE RASHLY REPEATED THIS AWFUL TO THE CONSTERNATION AND TERR SURROUNDING MULTITUDE, SHE INSTANTIN FELL DOWN AND EXPIRED HAVING CONCEALED IN HER HAND.

The plaque on the cross Photo Tricia Anderson







Book Corner Factfulness, by Hans Rosling:

Ten Reasons We're Wrong About The World - And Why Things Are Better Than You Think.

I found this to be a most interesting book — the basic premise is to always check the facts about whatever troubles or interests you, and to not accept a singular point of view but to look for other information to support or disprove your perception of what the situation is. Many examples are given in the book, and really make you stop and think both about your own

perceptions and what we are fed through the media of all sorts. It would appear that most of our knowledge of the world tends to stop being improved or added to when we finish our education, and therefore our ideas and conclusions about any given thing might be based upon information that is actually many years out of date.



Toni

Walking and Cycling Section Officers 2019/20

(Further contact details may be found on the website)

Chairperson W&CS Executive Member	· (2020)	Trevor Masters (07400703731)	
Vice Chairperson W&CS Executive Me	mber (2020)	Barry Cowlard (07770 287434)	
President		Andrew Wood (07852040724)	
Vice Presidents		Carole Booth (07788197649) Christine Stevenson Terry Bishop Diane Goodyear (07761949896) Anne and Howard Crosland	
Secretary W&CSExecutive Member (20	19)	Christine Mason (07751312330)	
Treasurer W&CS Executive Member		Tim Clarke (07867498825)	
PRO/Website Co-ordinator Elected Me	mber (2019)	John Gerner (077348852656)	
Membership Secretary Elected Member (2017)		Les Morton (07967900225)	
Minutes Secretary		Sandra Wain (07503000568)	
Newsletter Editor Elected Member (201	9)	Toni Busuttil-Reynaud (07762326340)	
Webmaster		Adrian Rose	
Other elected Members to Section Cou Also W&CS Executive Member	ncil (2019) (2019) (2019)	Yvonne Plevey (07413293198) John Allen (07505906849) Barry Cowlard (07770 287434)	
Advisory Officer to National Council		Les Morton	
Deputy Advisory Officer (2018)		Barry Cowlard	
Representatives to Section Council	Northern Area	Vacancy	
	Peakland Area	Jean Morton	
	Wessex Area	Deb Masters (07765 040211)	
Area Secretaries	Northern Area	Jean Richards (07964902612)	
	Peakland Area	Sandra Wain (07503000568)	
	Wessex Area	John Gerner (077348852656)	
Section Forum Reps		Trevor Masters, Debs Masters and Barry Cowlard	
National Council Rep. to W&CS		Steve Harris (07567183893)	

WACS Membership

As of the 3rd of March 2020 the total number of individual members is 1499. This includes 7 overseas, 4 club vice-presidents, 2 press and 37 youth. At the time of our name change the total figure stood at 1269, so there has been an overall increase of 230 since October 1st.

So as you can see the name change has had a positive effect on our overall membership. On March 1st, 2018 it was 1157, March 1st 2019, 1230 and now 1499 which is quite an increase. I know it was a controversial step to take to change the name of the section but it appears so far to have been the right one.

We have actually had 359 new joiners since January 1st this year, which is mainly down to the efforts of club members' work on the stands at the various shows held around the country. We always lose a few each month due to people not renewing their membership for various reasons, but despite that our overall numbers are increasing. We now need the new members to come out and camp with us and help take the section forward in the future.

Les Morton, Membership Secretary



In light of the recent weather, I think this is a valid point



But when the weather is good, we get on with life!

Winter Walking



You don't have to have mud for a winter walk! Peakland members enjoying theirs in the sunshine in America.

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Karen and Peter Smith were on a 6 week break in the Algarve, Portugal, enjoying some coastal path walks. They said "I guess it's like winter training, but in the sun."



The Ullswater Way Heritage Trail

Wainwright Sitting Stone

Alfred Wattwright described Ullswater as "that loveliest of lakes, curving gracefully into the far distance". The Sitting Stone, carved with Waitwright's words, invites watkens to pause, sit a while and take in the beautiful form of this "loveliest of lakes". The Sitting Stone's creator is jimmy Reynolds, a local sculptor and letter-carver (Jamesreynoldssculpture.co.uk).

The Wainwright Sitting Stone is part of the Ullswater Way Heritage Trail, created by the Friends of the Ullswater Way to highlight the social and cultural heritage of the Ullswater Valley.



more information scan the QR code, tap the NF with your NFC-enabled phone, or go to resultswaterway.co.uk/wainwright-stone.html

With thanks to The Wainwright Society Ullswater Preservation Society Dalemain Estates ----00000000 ----

There is also the Lake District closer to home — magnificent scenery and good walking when the weather is kind.



Emergency during a winter walk in Portugal!

The day started off so well, sunny and a lovely day for a walk in the Tomar forest park. The afternoon turned out to be super stressful and we had to call the emergency services to rescue Tilly. She had tumbled down the side of the old aqueduct reservoir, fortunately empty of water and couldn't be



reached as it was 3/4 metres deep. Within the hour we had a fire engine , 2 police motorcyclists and a police car arrive on the scene. Not a word of English spoken by any of them and our very limited Portuguese didn't help



but a passerby saved the day and translated. Bombiero shinned down the ladder with treats in hand and Tilly leapt into his arms. No charge for the rescue which we were fully expecting. Superb service. She's now being pampered on the sofa, a miracle no damage done.

Annie and Jon Hart

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Some of us stayed local—this is a mud-free Kingley Vale in West Sussex on a gray day! But we also ventured into the cold this was on a walk in the Vanoise National Park in France over Christmas

W&CS PEAKLAND AREA 2020 Meets List

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DATES	VENUE	MAP REF	STEWARDS
Fr 20th to Sun 22nd MARCH	Broomhill Farm, Butterfield Lane, Brackenfield DE55 6AN Pre AGM Meet	119/375589	CHRIS & CLAIRE 07492-087747
Th 2nd—Su 5th APRIL	Ashover Show Ground S45 0BA PEAKLAND AGM	119/351632	DON & JANE 07969-468922
Th 9th- Tu14th APRIL	Four Lane Ends, Darley Dale DE4 2GL INVITE FROM CHESTERFIELD DA EASTER MEET	119/26862	CHESTERFIELD DA SEE THEIR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS
30th APRIL- Tu 7th MAY	Church Farm, Hackney Lane, Barlow S18 7TR SECTION AGM	11 3 474	COMMITTEE LES 07967-900225
10th -12th MAY	NCR AGM West Midlands Show Ground		NCR
Th 21st- Tu 26th MAY	Eastnor Castle, Eastnor, Led Herefordshire HR8 154 SPRING BANK I OL	49&150/7333 69	ROBIN & ELAINE 07962-107983
11th to 16th JUNE	Summerlands C van Salisbury, SP5 4 In TE FROM WESS	184/110234	WESSEX
Tu 23rd-Su 28th JUNE	Matlock Rur by Cromford DE4	119/303568	PETER 07949-449162
Tu 14th-Su 19th JULY	Wer Farm, C Ju, Crickhowell, NP8 1RT	161 & OL13/ 180240	CINDY 07402-918205
Th 30th JULY Su 2nd AUG	Dowall Hall Farm, Glutton Bridge, Longnor SK17 0RW	119/176675	LIBBY & IAN 07957-172434
We 12th-Su 16th AUGUST	Swythamley & Heaton Community Centre, Gun End, SK11 0SJ BOOKED MEET	118/979643	COLIN & YVONNE 07413-293198
Th 27th AUG- Tues 1st SEPT	Carrog Station, Corwen LL21 9BD (Use for SAT NAV) BANK HOL/ INVITE TO NORTHERN	125/117435	CINDY 07402-918205

DATES	VENUE	MAP REF	STEWARDS
Th10-Su13	Thorntree Farm, Uppertown, Ashover	119/320653	MARK & AMANDA
SEPT	S45 0JF		07772-364835
Tu22-Su27	Golden Gates Camp Site, Chatsworth	119/261723	ROGER & SANDRA
SEPT	Park DE45 1PP BOOKED MEET		07503-000568
Th 8th-Su	Cloverfields Farm, Kniveton, Nr	119/198492	COLIN & SANDRA
11th OCT	Ashbourne DE6 1JF		07948-560571
Fr 30th OCT- Sun 1st NOV		119/113701	GRAHAM & CHRISTINE 07840-267102

The Executive Committee took the decision this morning to cancel with immediate effect all Region, District Association, National Section and Section area activity. This includes AGMs, any form of meeting or gathering, and all Meets.

The Executive Committee felt that this was the responsible and right thing to do. Their view was that this supported the government's guidance on distancing and non-essential contact, and importantly protects members and relieves them from responsibilities that they may not currently be comfortable to carry out.

The Executive Committee will contact you when they feel it is appropriate to lift this temporary measure.

W&CS WESSEX 2020 Meets List

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Date	Site	CS No. & Map Ref.	Stewards
12 -17 March Booked Meet	Hereford C&C Club site, HR1 4JA	149/625411	John and Polly 07734 852656
26 -31 March Booked Meet	Cheddar Mendip Heights C&C Club site BA5 3BP	12)23518	Trev and Deb 07765 040211
09 -14 April AGM and buffet	Duncton Village Hall & Recreation Ground, Petworth, , GU28 OJY	197/956182	Bob & Joyce and Committee 07968 070169
23 -28 April	The Swallows, Cleev Se, Seend, Wilts SN 6PG	CS1571 173/936604	Hilary & Mike 07745 566694.
FoW&C & Section AGM 30 April -7 May (7 day THS)	Church Farn Harkney Lane, Barlow, Derbyshire, S18 7TR.	119/344748	Peakland Committee. Contact Yvonne 01629 581049 or 0741 3293198

W&CS WESSEX 2020 Meets List continued

Date	Site	CS No. & Map Ref.	Stewards
7 -12 May (Wessex follow- on from FoW&C)	Little Brangwells, Redmarley d'Abitot, Gloucs, GL19 3JQ.	150/764300	Ann and Terry 077905 92648
21 -26 May	Wood Farm, Emberton, Olney, Bucks, MK46 5JH.	152/900485	Toni and Annette 07762 326340
11 -16 June	Summerlands Caravan Park Rockbourne Rd, Coombe Bissett, Salisbury, SP5 4LP.	184/110224	Sandra 1844 837386
25 -30 June Invite from Peakland	Matlock Rugby Club, Mill Rd. Cromford, Derbyshire, DE4 3RQ.	115, 93500	Peter (Peakland) 07949 449162
9 -14 July	Cherry Tree Farm, Woodfo Halse, Daventry, NN11 35	CS 26 15 557517	Rae, 01295 267463 or 07773 953424
23 -28 July Birthday bash for Jenny et al	Camerton Village fall, Camerton, Meadgan Bath BA2	172/679585	Jenny, 01702 216265 or 07984 003348
13 -18 August	Seven Act The p, Strong ZEU.	CS795 163/897098	Derek and Lesley 07443 899885 or 87443 841560
27 August -1st Sept	Beckley, ordshire, OX3 9UR.	CS954 164/555108	Barry and Rosemary 01491 838707
10 -15 Sept	w campsite, Wick St Lawrence, Weston super Mare, Somerset, BS22 9NZ	182/365654	Lindie and Mick 0781 1883552 or 07724 833091
24 -29 Sept	Rectory Farm, Lawn Rd Ashleworth, Gloucs, GL19 4JL.	CS785 162/803263	Toni and Annette 07762 326340
8 -13 October Booked Meet	Graffham C&C Club site, GU28 0QF.	197/941187	John and Anne 07961 198884
22 -27 October Booked Meet	St Neots C&C Club site, PE19 2PR.	153/182598	Tricia 07753 613180

W&CS NORTHERN AREA 2020 Meets List

Please check the W&CS Website: <u>www.walkingandcycling.org.uk</u> 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

Dates, nights and Map Ref	Site name and Address	Stewards contact	notes
19-22 March 3 nights 103/973518	Auction Mart Gargrave Road Skipton BD23 1UK	John /Kathryn 01943 462921	AGM Saturday 7.00pm
9 – 14 April 5 nights 097/476788	Carr Bank House Hazelslack, Arnside LA7 7LG	NELDA See O&A	THS 3-19 April
30 Apr – 7 May 7 nights 119/344748	Church Farm Hackney Lane, Barlow S18 7TR	Peakl See &A	Section AGM
14-18 May, 4 nights, 098/780691	Woodend Farm, Austwick LA2 8DH	S 081	Invite from Nelda
21- 31 May 10 nights 089/088023	Kemplerigg Gosforth CA20 1JD	Steve/Lesley	THS
9-14 July 5 nights 090/228224	Castlerigg Fa Keswick CA12	John/Jane 07768921192	
30 July-4 Aug 5 nights 098/818647	Lodg Barn Lappeliffe, BD_ 9LT	lan/Christine 07454652002	Pre SAGM meet in 2021
13-18 Aug 5 nights 100/753890	k Top Farm Pickering VO18 8HH	Geoff/Carole 07788197649	
27 Aug -1 S /1 5 nights 125/11743	Arrog Station Corwen LL21 9BD	Peakland See O&A	Invite from Peakland
10 – 15 Sept,5 nights.98/969722	Low Hall Farm, Kettlewell BD23 5RB	John/Jane 07768921192	
24-28 Sept 4 nights 097/525646	Elm Grove Field Caton, Lancaster LA2 9HX	Chris/Colin 07968226598	
16-19 Oct 3 nights 099/099733	Studfold Farm Lofthouse Pateley Bridge HG3 5SG	Dave/Viv 07949649232	No facilities

Editor's bit Hello All, A goodly set of winter walking pictures for this issue— My thanks to all those who sent them in. For those who wish to contribute to future editions, my email address is tonibr@btinternet.com

- please feel free to send anything there.



Hi Everybody. Please note that Peakland are now on **facebook**. Find us as 'Walking and Cycling Section Peakland Area'

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