

Activity

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TrevMASters Voice, April 2021

As I write the sun is shining, the bitterly cold winds that have affected much of the country over the recent weeks seem to be declining and I know a number of you have already headed off out in your vans! Although the Festival of Walking and Cycling has been cancelled, many members will still be heading for Settle and we hope to see at least some of you at our first ever virtual Section AGM.

One metaphorical cloud on the horizon, however, is that two of our three Areas still seem very much to have the same names and faces on their committees. Indeed, so much so that at our Wessex Area AGM, with Lindie Pink standing down, we would have been unable to elect a Chair and would therefore have faced having to fold, had I not agreed to be re-elected to that position for the next year.

Our Section has hugely increased its membership. I know most of us when new to any group are understandably hesitant about taking on responsibilities, but I can assure you all that all three Area committees and the Section council comprise great bunches of people and meetings invariably prove enjoyable – all the more so when we are able again to meet in person. So, please, new members in particular, over the next few months don't be shy, get to know existing committee members and explore joining us.

This may well prove to be my final "Voice" for Activity. I signalled at our last Section AGM in 2019 at Beckford that I would happily stand for re-election as Chair for one more year but thought that a younger person should then be fronting the group. And then Covid struck and the first of the series of lockdowns and we were prevented from holding an AGM last year. So, here we are, two years on and I feel even more strongly that the group named the Walking and Cycling Section should have as its Chair someone younger than an octogenarian! (By the time this edition of Activity is produced we should know whether this has been achieved.)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the friendship you have offered over the years, particularly, of course, all my fellow council members for such wonderful support and companionship. It has been a real pleasure to have served the Section in this position.

I hope before long to meet up with many of you in a field somewhere.

Regards to you all,

Trev Masters.

Addendum, May 2021

My hope has been realised! A younger member has indeed come forward and has been elected Chair of our Section! A big and very warm welcome to Francine Nutt!

I hope Francine, you derive as much pleasure from chairing this great Section as I have done.

Again, regards to you all,

Trev.

Francine's WAC-Keynotes

Firstly, I'm sure we would all like to give a vote of thanks to Trevor for all his many years of service to the Walking & Cycling Section.

(formerly the MAS)

I am writing this whilst at a Peaklands meet at Parwich where 32 units camped successfully over 3 nights and we escaped the awful weather predicted, to enjoy some beautiful scenery whether cycling or walking. After talking to quite a few members it can be confirmed that I am something of a newbie to the Section. When I joined The Club 9 years ago, looking at the special interest sections, I didn't fancy mountaineering so I joined the Photography Section, but a chance meeting with some Wessex Section members at a THS I discovered that the MAS were not usually roped together scaling mountains but they actually went walking & cycling in much more manageable terrain, so I joined the Peakland Section in 2016 when I retired from a 40 year career in nursing mostly in the community setting in the beautiful County of Shropshire.

My husband Terry doesn't share my love of exploring the countryside, travelling in the confines of my little motorhome (and I struggle to grasp his passion for fishing!) therefore I venture out on my own, so it is nice to meet up with folk who also share these interests.

I look forward to meeting many more of you over the coming months, hopefully less socially distanced as the year progresses
Happy Camping

Francine Nutt



Francine Nutt (Peakland)

Dear Fellow Walking & Cycling Group members

2020 has proved to be a challenging year for all of us in so many different ways...

We have now moved into a new year with hope firmly on the horizon and the certainty that we will be out walking & cycling with our club very soon.

As the new year of 2021 approached, I considered how I could improve my health & fitness and support a vital life saving service at the same time. So I have set myself a challenge...

“By the end of 2021 I will have walked (boots on striding out) 1011 miles and cycled another 1010 miles (= 2021miles)”

This is to raise funds for **The Midlands Air Ambulance Service** which relies solely on charitable donations to fund this vital emergency health service. As a very active group enjoying the great outdoors often in very inaccessible places the knowledge that help can come from the skies should we need it is a very comforting thought to many of us.

I hope to clock up a great number of miles walking/cycling with fellow members of our friendly group during 2021 so folks please give me a cheery wave if you see me out doing this challenge.. if you are able to sponsor me.. a **massive thank you**..... if so could you please complete the sponsorship details on the next page and send a copy/details to me to francinenutt@msn.com

Francine has also set up a just giving page for Midlands Air Ambulance 2021 challenge, The link is www.justgiving.com/fundraising/francinenuttchallenge

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Name	Address/Contact No	Sponsorship pledged per mile or any amount	Total



An entertaining read.

Last summer I wanted to laugh with a book. I didn't want any more murder enquiries with numerous raped and stabbed bodies. I'd read serious books about the NHS and the Pandemic and now needed some humour. I decided to re-read **The Hundred -Year- Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared**. I had previously read it and annoyed Trev by laughing out loud several times. The centenarian, Allan, had been, during his long life, involved in saving the lives of Franco, Churchill and Moa Tse-tung's wife following their attempted murders and had, when a mere Tea Boy, given the Americans the necessary final formula for the completion of the Atomic Bomb; He had been courted by Truman, Stalin, North Korean leader, and now at the age of 100 was involved in stolen money, unlikely killings of gang members, and needing to fly an Elephant and friends from Sweden to Bali.....

Enjoy! *Deb Masters*

Nine Important Facts to Remember as We Grow Older

- 1 Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.
 - 2 In the 60's, people took LSD to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Vallium to make it normal.
 - 3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
 - 4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.
 - 5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.
 - 6 Men have two motivations: hunger and hanky-panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.
 - 7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
 - 8 Life is sexually transmitted.
 - 9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.
- Please share this wisdom with others; I need to go to the loo !!!

Covid, a Time for Reflection

A neighbour has recently bought a motorhome and is excitingly planning holidays, and this has caused me to reflect on our trips since buying our first MH in 1996. We have long been tent campers with the family, but 1996 was a new beginning. After a brief trip to Crowborough Club Site, we set off in our newly acquired little Renault Traffic for the Club escorted tour of Poland. Wow the freedom of travel, arrive, cup of tea, explore!

Also with the Club we joined an FICC rally in Norway, a Europa Rally in Bruges and a Europa rally in Dessenheim, and an escorted tour to the Baltic States. At Dessenheim we were fortunate enough to meet Dave and Linda Summers. An evening with them introduced us to MAS and the rest is history!

We have toured fairly extensively around Europe and have a quilt to show just where we have camped. This includes our 2 lovely trips to the Alps organised by Peter and Jenny Williams.

Meanwhile, back in UK MAS and now W&CSwe look forward to more meets.



Our out of proportion quilt of Europe has beads representing all our night stops, and different modes of camping.

Deb Masters

Walking and Cycling Section Officers 2019/20

(Further contact details may be found on the website)

Chairperson W&CS Executive Member (2020)	Francine Nutt (07542465589)
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Minutes Secretary	Sandra Wain (07858-529891)
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	Peakland Area Sandra Wain (07858-529891)
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Meets for 2021

IMPORTANT

Please be aware that;

- **Venues and stewards are subject to change; and;**
- **Meets may be cancelled due to changes to Government Covid-19 guidance, Camping & Caravanning Club instructions, site owners no longer being able to host meets, or onsite ground conditions.**

Please check the latest information on the area Events pages of the W&CS website

<https://walkingandcycling.org.uk>,

Or the latest edition of Out & About Magazine, or by contacting the stewards 2 days before travelling.

The 8th day, God created Seniors

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom, God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys, and other things, thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things, requiring them to bend, reach, and stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature, requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find, as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.



Wessex 2021 Meets



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BOOKING ESSENTIAL – Booking procedures as distributed via email to all members.

Date	Site	Stewards
13 th to 18 th May	Little Brangwells, Redmarley, Gloucestershire, GL19 3JQ. 150/764300	STEWARDS REQUIRED
27 th May to 1st June (Spring B/H)	Brass Knocker Basin Campsite, Brass Knocker Hill, Limpley Stoke, Somerset, BA2 7JD. 172/781620	Sandra 07944 837386
10 th to 15 th June	Pont Kemys Farm, Chainbridge, Abergervenny, Gwent, NP7 9DS. Invite to Peakland 161/347058	Richard & Sheila 07808 517647
24 th to 29 th June	Beverley Farm, Five Ash Road, Medstead, Alton, Hants, GU34 5EJ. 185/663358	Trev & Deb 07765 040211

Date	Site	Stewards
8 th to 13 th July	Duncton Hall & Recreation Ground, West Sussex, GU28 0JY. 197/956182	Jenny & Tricia 01702 216265
15 th to 19 th July	Carrog Station Campsite, Corwen, Denbighshire, LL21 9BD. Invite from Peakland 125/117435	Hazel & Andy 07785 746857
22 nd to 27 th July	Berry Hill RFU. Lakers Road, Berry Hill, Coleford, Gloucestershire. GL16 7QT. 162/578126	Terry 07821 529005
12 th to 17 th August	Whitemark Farm, 82 Hill Road, Watlington, Oxfordshire. OX49 5AF. 175/696938	Mick & Lindie 07811 883552
26 th to 31 st (August B/H)	Brailles Village Hall. Castle Hill Lane, Upper Brailles, Nr Banbury, Oxfordshire. OX15 5AS. 151/308395	Rae & Bernard 07773 953434
9 th to 14 th September	Roundhills Camping in the Forest, Beaulieu Road, Brockenhurst, Hants, SO42 7QL. 195/321019	Toni & Annette 07762 326340
23 rd to 28 th September	Nuholme Farm, Worcester Road, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire. OX 7 5YD. 164/296271	STEWARDS REQUIRED
7 th to 12 th October	Verwood CCC Site, Horton, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 8NQ. 195/069098	Roger & Judith 07880 544278
21 st to 26 th October	Moreton CCC Site, Dorset, DT2 8BB. 194/782892	Pat M. 07746 468375



Peakland 2021 Meets



DATE	VENUE	STEWARDS
Thu 13 th May 3 nights	Foufinside Farm, Parwich, Derbys DE6 1QF 119/183549 INVITE TO NORTHERN	Angela & Simon 07841-104473
Thu 27 th ^h May 5 nights	Highfield Farm, Ashford in the Water DE45 1QN 119/194701 Spring Bank Holiday	Cindy 07402- 918205
Thu 10 th June 5 nights	Pont Kemys Farm, Chainbridge, Abergervenny, Gwent NP7 9DS 161/347058 INVITE FROM WESSEX	Wessex
Thu 17 th June 3 nights	York Cycle Rally, Knavesmire Road, York YO23 1EX. Block Booking to be organised early 2021 if running. Check W & C S website	Les & Jean 07967-900225
Thu 1 st July 4 nights	Tagg Lane Dairy, Tagg Lane, Monyash DE45 1JP 119/035742	Sandra & Roger 07858-529891
Thu 8 th July 5 nights	Castlerigg Farm, Keswick CA12 4TE INVITE FROM NORTHERN	John & Jane

Contacts: Les (Chair) 07967 900225 & (from 03.04.2021)
 Mark & Amanda (Sites)07772-364835

**DUE TO COVID19 ALL BOOKED MEETS.
 CONTACT HAZEL ON 07785-746857**

DATE	VENUE	STEWARDS
Th 15 th July 4 nights	Carrog Station Camp Site, Corwen, Wales LL21 9BD 125/117435	Andy & Hazel 07785-746857
Th 26 th August 5 nights	Crich Lane Farm, Moorwood Moor Lane, Wessington DE55 6DU 119 or 269/369573 August Bank Holiday	Graham & Chris 07840-267102 or 07751-312330
Wed 15 th - Sept 4 nights	Rowter Farm, Castleton, Derbys S33 8WA 110/132821	Amanda & Mark 07773-941342
Th 30 th Sept 4 nights	Peak Rail Rowsley Station, Harrison Way, Northwood, Matlock DE4 3NA 119/262643	Anne & Philip 07512-922776
Th 14 th -Oct 3 nights	Rushbury Village Hall, Wall under Haywood, Church Stretton SY6 7JD 137/509928 Max 20	Yvonne & Colin 07413-293198
Tu 26 th Oct 5 nights	Newsholme Manor, Slack Lane, Oakworth, Nr Keighley BD22 0RQ 104/028395 End of Season. Max 25	John 07890-455880

	<h1>Northern 2021 Meets</h1>	
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W&CS NORTHERN AREA 2021 Meets List

This is the Northern Area programme for 2021 which hopefully will be able to go ahead as normal. About half the meets are invites from other area's and DA's. This enables us to have a more varied programme with the small number of stewards we have available. The invites to Arnside and Silpho are both THS's, so you are welcome to stay for a longer period if you want an extended break.

Please remember to check the website and Out & About magazine and app for any changes to the programme. Hope to see you all at some meets next year.

Margaret Allen

	VENUE	STEWARDS
13/05-16/05/21 3 nights	Foufinside Farm Parwich Invite from Peakland 119/183549	Peakland
27/05-06/06/21 10 nights	Kemplerigg Gosforth THS Western Lakes 89/088023	Steve & Lesley 07551199818
10/06-15/06/21 5 nights	High Straggleton Farm Whitby Invite to Peakland 94/875116	Chris & Colin 07968226598
01/07-06/07/21 5 nights	Gargrave Football Club Caggrave Invite from NELDA 103/936545	NELDA
08/07-13/07/21 5 nights	Castlerigg Farm Keswick Booked Meet 90/228224	John & Jane 07842 133160
05/08-10/08/21 5 nights	Pond Farm Silpho Invite from East York DA 101/965922	EYDA THS
26/08-31/08/21 5 nights	Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Club Kirby Lonsdale Invite from NELDA 97/607793	NELDA
09/09-14/09/21 5 nights	Church View Hutton LeHole North York Moors 100/705900	Geoff & Carole 07765925357
07/10-12/10/21 5 nights	St Annes Cricket Club St Annes Invite from Leeds DA 102/320302	LDA Illuminations meet
28/10-31/10/21 3 nights	Rolls Royce, Barnoldswick Last Meet Halloween 103/881471	John & Margaret 07505906849

Not Any Old Iron!

We collected the drink cans from fellow campers last year at the few meets we had. Well they have been taken to be weighed in. 200kg of beer cans. Who drank all that. Made £80.00 which will be donated to the Air Ambulance. Thanks everyone. We'll start again this year.
Christine Mason



Geoff Clark

Geoff had been living with terminal cancer for a while, but had not let it reduce his appetite for living life to the full, being always cheerful and ready to walk, cycle and chat.

Sadly Geoff passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday 17th February 2021. He will be missed.

Editor's bit

Hello All, A goodly set of lockdown happenings 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'



Email Updates

Members can opt in to receive email updates on meets and other events by contacting;

For the Northern Area - jeanrichards@walkingandcycling.org.uk

For the Peakland Area - lesmorton@walkingandcycling.org.uk

For the Wessex Area - johngerner@walkingandcycling.org.uk

AND FINALLY.....

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