

# Activity



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



*Walking through the northern edge of the New Forest  
on a wet Autumn day*

*Photo Jill Cutler*



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## Francine's WAC-*Keynotes*

Well, it only seems five minutes since we were all anticipating the 2023 season and here we are at the end of our organised meets for the year. I have been following all the Section Area meets via our Facebook pages enjoying all the pictures and the write ups during & after events, what great adventures we have had together, with a few challenges along the way, where team spirit, support and friendship have triumphed in every case.

I hope everyone has seen the articles in the Camping & Caravan Club magazines which have given a flavour of what our Section is all about.

Our website is being updated with the planned meets for 2024 so be sure to have a look to see what is happening in your Section for the coming season. This is the best place to go for up-to-date information

[www.walkingandcycling.org.uk](http://www.walkingandcycling.org.uk)

I would like to thank everyone who has helped to enable the Section to run smoothly this year, with special thanks to all our Committee members who have worked behind the scenes to make all meets happen... to the stewards, walk & cycle leaders, cake bakers, quiz masters and all the volunteers (some of whom have got event shelter erection down to a fine art).... Thank you one and all.

I will take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and to wish you all the best for 2024. Hopefully I will be able to catch up with friends old & new in a field somewhere in the coming year.

Francine Nutt  
Walking & Cycling Section Chair

### **A message from a new member of the group.**

Hi, my name is Jill, and I just wanted to say how grateful I am to have found this wonderful group.

I sadly lost my husband early this year, we had not long had our VW van converted and both recently retired.

Since discovering the C&CC had a walking section, I have been to 4 meet ups starting with Colyton in Devon back in August.

Everyone made me feel so welcome, and I really enjoyed the organised walks and tea and lots of cake every afternoon.

Already looking forward to next year's programme, and the new friends I have made.

Thank you .

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### **Personal held Medical Cards in case of emergencies**

The Walking & Cycling Section have purchased a supply of medical cards, it is recommended that these be filled in and carried by each person, so that in the event of emergency appropriate first aid can be commenced, vital information shared and contact made with the casualty's named contacts in a timely way. A supply will be available at each meet should members wish to utilise them.

## On-site friends save the day

We suffered a disaster when Trev stepped out of the van at our meet near Henley in July. He's not known for being heavy or clumsy, but the step collapsed in dramatic style. We believe it had been damaged before we bought it, but you always hope it'll be OK. Anyway, this led to it hanging off the side of the van and no way was it going to retract, no way could we drive it home. This is where friends come in. On-site mechanics Toni and Martin, and Martin's friendly jack, got to work, and did a magnificent job putting it back. No way was it going to work again, but it enabled us to drive home. Shame the alarm was ringing in our ears for the 2 hour journey!! You can't win them all!



*Deb Masters*

## Shepherd's Hut

On arriving at site in Cockpole Green, my first thought was that we had Travellers on the field, oh goodness, panic, where do we go from here.

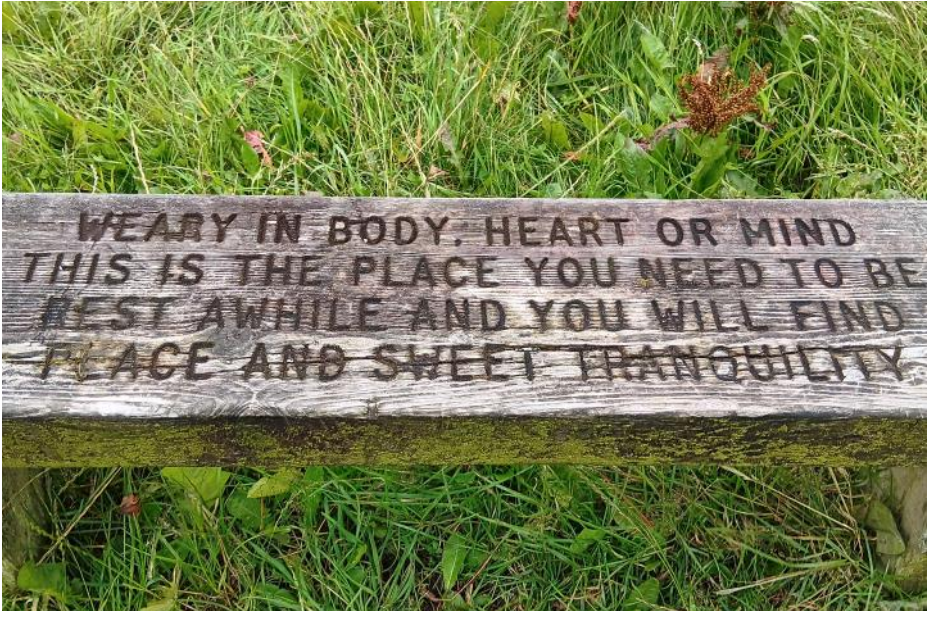


But on further exploring it turned out to be a newly built Shepherd's Hut waiting to be taken to a show. Nicely set up with wood burning stove, large butler sink, shower room, double bed, a couple of lounge seats, but at this point had no cooking hob. Not exactly suited to be taken fortnightly to our meets on its lovely steel wheels, but if you've got £50,000 a nice second home in the back garden.

*Deb Masters*



Who'd have thought that this Walking and Cycling group was such hard work!!



## Expect a warm welcome from Delightful Derbyshire

The Section AGM and Festival of Walking and Cycling is to be held at Highfield Farm in the beautiful village of Ashford-in-the-Water from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 hosted by Peakland Area.. Come along and walk or cycle to Great Longstone, Little Longstone, Hassop, Taddington, Tideswell, Litton, Sheldon and many more quaint villages and of course Bakewell – the home of the famous pudding. There are lots of dales – Monsal Dale, Litton Dale, Cheedale, Millers Dale and the unusually named Water-Cum-Jolly and Priestcliffe Ditch! Further afield – Chatsworth, Haddon Hall and Hardwick Hall. The Trans-Peak bus runs through the village.

What's not to like? Come and join us for a great meet or as they said in the 60's – be there or be square!



*The Sheepwash Bridge (above) is a much photographed bridge in the country.*

## Peakland this year

The Peakland area has had a great year for our meets. However, they did finish how they started with very bad weather. The first at The Star Alton was thwarted by snow blocking roads. The last meet was cancelled because of flooding . Thankfully, Mark, our sites officer has managed to rebook for later in November so we won't miss out after all. Each meet we have had has two walks a short 5 -6 miles with a longer 10 – 12 miles and a cycle ride . The new larger event shelters have been a bonus , we can just about fit everyone in at a squeeze and amazing quiz masters entertaining us with their questions . Many thanks to walk/cycle leaders quiz masters, stewards and of course, our committee.

We have two winter walks arranged with a possible two more. Peakland members are off to Patterdale for a week at the end of November stopping in the Hotel there. A few have booked to go to Newsholme manor on an unofficial meet for the New Year's festivities.

2024 meets have all been arranged and we have decided to carry on with the booking system and Hazel has agreed to continue with her role as booking officer.

Peakland look forward to seeing you all next year at the Section AGM and Festival of Walking and Cycling at Ashford in the Water.

*Graham Mason*



## The year with Wessex

We've had a mixed bag of weather for our meets but every meet has been enjoyable, with good company. It's so good to have new members join us and become a real part of our friendly group.

Colyton was a first for me - such a lovely village with a good bus service and the fun tram to Seaton....and good cafés and pub in the village. Also a fresh fish shop. Good varied walking too!

For our meet at High Ham near Langport we had 29°C temperatures! Brian, site owner, is an engineer and has an amazing collection of machines and contraptions that he's fixed or is fixing, which he took great pride in explaining to us! Good walking and good cafés!

The weather forecast put off a lot of people for our Eastnor meet but those of us in the 12 vans there had a good meet. We even enjoyed a spectacular wedding firework display from Eastnor Castle. The castle is fascinating with lots of interesting "stuff" in it, lovely grounds with a lake. Walking on the Malverns is lovely and we also walked into Ledbury.

At Salisbury we were again able to sunbathe; amazing in early October. 20 of us enjoyed ourselves at the nearby Harvester on Thursday evening. Interesting walks, with one to the fascinating Boscombe Down Aviation Museum incorporating a sampling of on-site Dark Revolution craft brewery. Another afternoon spent lying on our backs on Old Sarum watching the skydive plane taking up numerous loads of skydivers and watching them come back to earth.

Our last meet of the year was at Verwood in the New Forest. Lots of rain was threatened but only a minimum arrived. Nice woodland, though rather muddy, walks. My meet was cut short by my breaking my right ankle! Thank you to all my amazing friends and others who came to my rescue, looked after me and dealt with my van. I'm now sporting a lovely purple cast 'til 1 December when I may be able to go into a boot for a further 6 weeks. At least I did it at the end of our season!

*Tricia Anderson*





Wisdemeanors  
 -; punishable with period in stocks:-

dropping litter.  
 dogs not on lead  
 parking on verges.  
 Whistling marching songs at any hour between 6-00 am - 12-00 pm  
 Gossiping at residents cottages.  
 Overt public displays of affection  
 Purveyors of any kind of produce not grown in hamlet.  
 Chelsea supporters

WANDERING:-  
 EVANGELISTS / MISSIONARIES.  
 MINSTRELS  
 PEDDLERS.  
 WANDERER PARAGLIDERS WITH PORTABLE PULPITS AND WINDING TOP HATS

PARKING HARBORES  
 BANKERS  
 ELVIS LOOK-A-LIKES.  
 POLITICIANS OR ANY ONE. (except Shirley Williams)  
 ANYONE FROM PONTERFACT.  
 ESTATE AGENTS.  
 PARADISE FIGHTERS.  
 LIBERAL MINDED THINKERS.  
 EMBUS LONGER THAN 43"  
 TWITTERERS.  
 TRAIN SPOTTERS OVER AGE OF 15yrs.  
 LEAVING NOTICE BOARD FOR MORE THAN 2 DAYS





Wessex



A few useful names. More contact information can be found on the website  
<https://walkingandcycling.org.uk/Contacts>

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
Chairman	Francine Nutt
Vice Chairman	Graham Mason
Secretary	Christine Mason
Treasurer	Angela Blood
PRO/Website Co-ordinator	John Gerner
Membership Secretary	Christine Mason
Minutes Secretary	Sandra Wain
Activity Editor	Toni Busuttill- Reynaud
Webmaster	Adrian Rose
Peakland Area Rep to Section Council	Peter Taylor
Northern Area Rep to Section Council	Andrew Wood
Wessex Area Rep to Section Council	Deb Masters
Northern Area Secretary	Dave Hall
Peakland Area Secretary	Sandra Wain
Wessex Area Secretary	John Gerner
Northern Area PRO	Margaret Allen
Peakland Area PRO	Chris Williams
Wessex Area PRO	Deb Masters



# Wessex Meets 2024

Venues subject to change. Meets may be cancelled due to onsite ground conditions.

Please check our website, <https://walkingandcycling.org.uk>, the latest edition of Out & About Magazine or by contacting the stewards 2 days before travelling.

## BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Bookings open 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Email [wessex@walkingandcycling.org.uk](mailto:wessex@walkingandcycling.org.uk) and ask to be added to the Wessex email list to receive the meet programme update with booking details.

**NO ENTRY TO MEETS BEFORE 12 NOON ON THE OPENING DAY or BEFORE 1 PM ON EACH DAY FOR MEETS ON CLUB SITES.**



Date	Site
14th-19th March	Charmouth C&CC Site, Monkton Wyld Farm, Scotts Lane, Charmouth DT6 6DB
28 <sup>th</sup> March - 2 <sup>nd</sup> April EASTER	Tangley Village Hall & Playing Field, Wildern, Andover, SP11 0JE <b>Wessex AGM Saturday Evening</b>
11th-16th April	Brocklands Farm, West Meon, Petersfield, Hants GU32 1JN
25th-30th April	Rectory Farm, Lawn Road Ashleworth, Gloucestershire GL19 4JL
2nd-7th May Bank Holiday	Highfields Farm, Ashford In The Water, Derbyshire, DE45 1QN <b>National Festival of Walking &amp; Cycling hosted by Peakland Area</b>
23rd-28th May Bank Holiday	Hare Farm, Hare Lane, Twyford, Winchester, SO21 1FR
6th-11th June	Tarrant Crawford Farm, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 9HY
20th-25th June	Brass Knocker Basin, Limpley Stoke, Bath, BA2 7JD
4th-9th July	Kingston Blount Village Hall, Baker Piece, Kingston Blount, Chinnor, OX3 4SW
18th-23rd July	Summerlands Caravan Park, College Farm, Rockbourne Road, Coombe Bissett, Salisbury SP5 4LP
1st-6th August	Little Brangwells, Redmarley D'Abitot, Gloucester, GL19 3JQ
22nd-27th August Bank Holiday	Berry Hill RFU, Lakers Road, Berry Hill, Coleford, Gloucs. GL16 7QT
5th-10th September	Ocknell Campsite, Fritham, Lyndhurst, SO43 7HH
19th-24th September	Bledlow Cricket Club, West Lane, Bledlow, Bucks HP27 9PF
3rd-8th October	Crowborough C&CC Site, Goldsmith Recreation Ground, Eridge Road, Crowborough TN6 2TN
17th-22nd October	Moreton C&CC Site, Station Road, Moreton, Dorchester, DT2 8BB

# PEAKLAND WALKING & CYCLING SECTION 2024 SITES LIST

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Mark 07773-941342 & Amanda 07772-364835

Sites Officers

All Sites open at 2pm unless otherwise stated

DATES	VENUE	NIGHTS	MAP REF	STEWARDS
07/03 to 12/03	Bilton Park Farm Harrogate HG1 4DL	5	104/319578	Rose Osborne & Cliff 07929218376
28/03 to 02/04	Matlock Rugby Club, Cromford Meadows, Off Mill Lane, DE4 3RQ <b>PEAKLAND AGM &amp; EASTER MEET</b>	5	119/093720	Committee
18/04 to 23/04	Crich Lane Farm Wessington DE55 6RU	5	119/370573	Jeff & Di Whitmoor 07505140150
02/05 to 07/05	Highfields Farm Ashford in the Water DE45 1QN <b>SECTION AGM</b>	5	119/194701	Committee
23/05 to 28/05	Sunnyside Farm Tansley DE4 5FL <b>SPRING BANK</b>	5	119/331604	Tony & Linda 07799032143
06/06 to 11/06	Dowel Hall Farm Glutton Bridge SK17 0RW	5	119/076675	Jane & Phil 07857427630
27/06 to 02/07	Pyllau Gloewon Farm Tal - Y - Bont Conwy LL32 8YX	5	115/769681	Alan & Christine 07967979081
02/07 to 07/07	<b>Follow on Meet</b> Llandyn Hall Farm Llangollen LL20 7UW	5	117/230424	Invite from South Lancs DA
25/07 to 30/07	Golden Gates Site, Chatsworth Estate, Baslow DE45 1PP	5	119/261723	Sandra & Roger Wain 07858529891
22/08 to 27/08	Dukes Piece Youlgreave DE45 1LU <b>SUMMER BHOL</b>	5	119/193640	Chris & Claire 07492087747
12/09 to 17/09	Fouffenside Farm Parwich DE6 1QF	5	119/183549	Anne & Philip Lowe 07512922776
03/10 to 08/10	Sterndale Green Farm King Sterndale SK17 9SF	5	119/093720	Steve & Lesley 07551199818
24/10 to 28/10	Stanley Ville, Drury Lane, Biggin SK17 0DL <b>END OF SEASON</b>	4	119/152595	Paul & Nicky 07723957813

# Northern Area 2024 Programme



14/03-17/03/24	3	SD 973518	Auction Market Skipton	Area AGM	Committee 07748746741
28/03-02/04/24	5	SD 623427	Chipping Showground Chipping	Easter Meet	John & Margaret Allen 07505906849
18/04-22/04/24	4	SE 287722	Clotherholme Farm Ripon		Geoff & Carole Booth 07788197649
02/05-07/05/24	5	SK194701	Ashford-in-the-Water	Section AGM	Peakland 07785 746857
16/05-20/05/24	4	SD 778692	Silloth House Austwick	Invite to NELDA	Andrew & Catriona Wood 07456996614
23/05-02/06/24	10	NY 088023	Kemplerigg Farm Gosforth	Western Lakes	Steve & Leslie Storey 07551199818
14/06-19/06/24	5	SE 121899	Cracken House Farm Leyburn		Chris & Sandy Delf Sandy 07754496900 Chris 07793936652
03/07-08/07/24	5	SD 819632	Settle Rugby Club Settle	Invite from NELDA	NELDA
11/07-15/07/24	4	SE 587410	Moor Farm Bishopthorpe	Invite from Sheffield DA	Sheffield DA
25/07-30/07/24	5	SK261723	Golden Gates Site Chatsworth	Invite from Peakland	Peakland 07785 746857
11/08-18/08/24	7	NZ 794172	Greylands Farm Hinderwell	Invite from Hudd & Spen	Hudd & Spen
22/08-27/08/24	5	SK193640	Dukes Piece Youlgreave	Invite from Peakland	Peakland 07785 746857
01/09-08/09/24	7	SD 524940	Spital Farm Kendal	Invite from Lakeland DA	Robin & Muriel 07708 234905
10/10-13/10/24	3	SE 186094	Marsh Farm Shepley		Committee 07748746741
24/10-27/10/24	3	SD 881473	Rolls Royce Barnoldswick	End of year Meet	Mike & Sylvia Jay 01254 667474

## Editor's bit

Hello All,

My thanks to all those who sent in items for this edition—there's plenty of it. Please keep it coming. For those who think there isn't enough of their section news in here, please feel free to add to future editions—I can only fill the pages with what YOU send me!! My email address is [tonibr@btinternet.com](mailto:tonibr@btinternet.com) — send anything and everything here. There is also a link to me on the Activity website, so you can use that for a direct link if you find that easier. My snail mail address is 12 Orchard Lane, Emsworth, PO10 8BH, so as a last resort, send letters here. I can accept information in just about any format - Word, text, PDF, or written as a normal letter, and photos as digital or prints, though anything too complex in layout does cause the occasional headache!



*The next edition is due April 2024*

*Deadline for input is end of March 2024, please.*

### AND FINALLY.....

Remember there are other ways to read a copy of Activity. It's on the Web at [www.walkingandcycling.org.uk/](http://www.walkingandcycling.org.uk/) Activity, from where you can read it directly, or better still download it, print it off (follow the simple instructions given at the top of the web page) and share the copy around between family and friends. If you don't have a computer, you can register with me to get a paper copy. Send your name, address and membership number to the editor (or get a friend with email to do it for you), and you will be added to the list. Also, if you let your area secretary have your email address, you will get a reminder when the latest edition has arrived on the website.

