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What have you been doing since we could all walk together? BBN’s Virtual Y 100 Sir Fynwy entrants, how is your planning and training going?  Email [bbn@ldwa.org.uk](mailto:bbn@ldwa.org.uk)  **Midsummer Meanders (19th June)** In view of the continuing uncertainty regarding the booking of halls and hosting events inside, it has been decided to postpone BBN’s day of walks until 2022.  Another casualty is our **Marsden Moor Weekend (8th/9th May)** As B&Bs and hotels will not be opening until at least 17th May, this group weekend is also cancelled. Again, we are looking forward to next year.  Well, that’s what not happening.  So what is happening?  *(Subject of course to whatever Covid rules are in place at the time.*)   * **BBN’s Anytime Challenges** The Chiltern Anytime Kanter will be opening as soon as we have Government/NEC approval. The planned dates for the Pick and Mix Anytime are 24th May to 31st August. * **Zoom Quiz**: We will be celebrating St George’s Day with a Quiz on Friday 23rd April. Make a note of the date now, more information will follow. * **August Bank Holiday Trip** Something else to look forward to. Following the success of the Hathersage weekend last year, Roy is planning another trip for the 2021 August Bank Holiday weekend. Again, early days, more information to come. * **Summer Social Event** – although our Midsummer Meanders day has been cancelled, planning is underway for a social event during the summer. Again, more information will follow.   **The LDWA March Virtual Challenge** The North West Grampian group are hosting this month’s challenge which will showcase all aspects of this beautiful area of the north Scotland; countryside that is steeped in whisky and wildlife, history and culture, geology, landscape and sport.   [More information](https://ldwa.org.uk/BedsBucksAndNorthants/N/7780/ldwa-march-virtual-challenge.html)  If you don’t use Facebook, you can sign up here [Showcasing the North of Scotland Spreadsheet](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1V_tQXvXbMl8tbHmBvkbWjqxqs6T6knD9DeIr808Y2Pc/edit?ts=603c0) Do join in, even if you can’t get out walking every day - just record the mileage for the days you can walk. There is no maximum daily mileage.  **News from our neighbouring groups**:  Essex Herts The closing date for The Stagger Anytime Challenge has been extended until Sunday 4th July [The Stagger Anytime Challenge](https://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?event_id=7837) The Essex Walker (April)  has been cancelled, but the following events have been tentatively added to the Essex Herts programme: Herts Hobble - Sunday 27th June Three Forests Way – Saturday 11th September/Sunday 12th September Blackwater Marathon - Saturday 23rd October  Norfolk Suffolk The closing date for the Anytime Daffodil Dawdle has been extended until 30th June 2021. Entries are open now:  [Anytime Daffodil Dawdle](https://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?elid=Y&event_id=7629)   A date for your diary - in anticipation of being able to run challenge events again, we have set the 3rd of October for the Flower of Suffolk and there may be another challenge event sometime in July – TBC.  **Happy Days** More photos from  Brian Graves of the 2008 Lake District weekend led by John Nickerson – day two Catbells: *The sun was still shining so we headed up to Catbells , although only a relative 1481' in height it is a superb viewpoint.  We went on to Maidens Moor(1887') where the group photo was taken and then to High Spy(2143') and a few of us carried on to Dale Head, Hindscarth and Robinson. A grand day. My diary tells me we dined in Keswick with the local "Tattie Pot" with bread and butter pudding for dessert.*[Catbells](https://ldwa.org.uk/BedsBucksAndNorthants/W/7775/2008-lake-district-weekend-catbells.html)  **David Morgan gets his garage back**! *The final food including toilet rolls (yes Y 100 Sir Fynwy probably contributed to last year's shortage), washing up liquids, rolls of cling film, silver foil, bin bags, coffee, sugar, baked beans, pineapple chunks and much much more that was still in date and which I'd stored ready for what has proven to be the non Y 100 Sir Fynwy of 2021, has gone to Raven Trust food bank in Newport. They're understandably over the moon and so am I. I've got my garage back!!* [Photos](https://ldwa.org.uk/BedsBucksAndNorthants/N/7779/david-morgan-gets-his-garage-back.html)   Did you know a recently discovered pyramid in Egypt actually had a garage! There’s a sign saying Toot and Come In.  Gill Bunker [bbn@ldwa.org.uk](mailto:bbn@ldwa.org.uk) | |