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There is always room for more walks, though, so do have a think about whether you could lead for the group. Available walk dates are [here](https://ldwa.org.uk/BedsBucksAndNorthants/W/6128/available-walk-dates.html)Sara is particularly looking for leaders for the weekends of 22nd/23rd May and the 5th/6th June. Please contact her via [bbn.walks@ldwa.org.uk](mailto:bbn.walks@ldwa.org.uk)if you can offer to lead on one of these dates. She is hoping to be able to finalise the May programme by the end of this week and would love to hear from anybody who has a walk that can be included.  Remember, there is absolutely no pressure on numbers.  We are allowed to walk in groups of up to 30, but the BBN committee are currently recommending an upper limit of 15. However, the decision on how many to have on a walk is the leader’s alone and will be whatever that leader feels comfortable with.  **BBN’s Anytime Challenge Walks**Our first Anytime Challenge, the Chiltern Anytime Kanter, opened for walking yesterday and can be walked until 31st May 2021. Full marks to Roy, this being his first BBN event as organiser, and to Mike and Norman for all the behind the scenes work that has been done to enable the CAK to take place.  I walked a final recce of the short route last Friday with Rachel Martin and we both enjoyed a lovely sunny day out in the Chilterns. I hope everyone who takes part in the Challenge has such a good day.  If you haven’t entered yet, all the information you need is here [Chiltern Anytime Challenge](https://ldwa.org.uk/BedsBucksAndNorthants/E/24489/chiltern-kanter-anytime-12-april-30-may-2021.html)  and this is the [Event Page](https://ldwa.org.uk/BedsBucksAndNorthants/W/1809/chiltern-anytime-kanter-2021.html).  The **Pick & Mix Anytime Challenge Walk** will open on 24th May and run until 31st August 2021.  All the information you need will be available shortly.  A lot of work has already been undertaken by Dave and Lynn, and again Mike, to enable this event to be held as an Anytime Challenge.   **And a reminder for us all on the recommencement of our group walks:** Permission to have groups larger than 6 remains contingent on participants undertaking to comply with the following: Walkers must not attend LDWA social walks if they or a member of their permitted ‘bubble’ has recently been diagnosed with or show any Covid-19 symptoms, are awaiting test results or are self-isolating under current Government guidance. Walkers must not car share unless they are from the same household or part of a permitted ‘bubble’ from another household. Social distancing must apply where practicable throughout the walk between fellow walkers and members of the public. All walkers must carry an appropriate hand sanitiser, a face covering and a small first aid kit. All walkers must not share personal items or equipment during a walk.  **Please be mindful of the Government’s travel guidance, and that the "Rule of 6" applies at the start and finish of walks**.  **St George’s Day Quiz (Zoom) - Friday 23rd April 7.30pm** It may well be some time yet before we can all walk together, so here is another chance to meet up and share an evening with BBN friends. There won’t be teams this time, so you’ll be playing on your own or with family.  It’s for fun - you won’t be asked your scores. Dress code: Patriotic.  We had some great headgear last time!   To whet your appetite these are the titles of the 6 rounds: *A Celebration of Georges Beyoncé or the Bard? Into the Dragons’ Den April Showers Bizarre UK Laws – True or False? Saints and Sinners*  Mastermind it ain’t!   We want you to have fun and enjoy the evening,  Let me know if you are interested – the more the merrier - and joining instructions will be forwarded next week.   **HS2 Notification: West Northants just off the A361** Appletree Lane, Chipping Warden and surrounding area.Footpath closure for three years.Dianne Sutton has forwarded details of a road and footpath closure which will be of interest to anyone planning a walk in this area. <https://www.hs2.org.uk/work-items/hs2-notification-notice-of-road-footpath-closures-appletree-lane-surrounding-area/>  For those walking the CAK in the next few weeks: **Why can you never be serious in the Chilterns?** Because they are hill areas  And for those dreaming of walking further afield: **Which is the laziest mountain** Mount Ever-rest **Which is the most dangerous mountain?** Kill-a-man-jaro   That’s it for this week. **Gill Bunker** [bbn@ldwa.org.uk](mailto:bbn@ldwa.org.uk)  ***To keep up-to date with the latest news about walking in the pandemic and how this has affected the LDWA, please see*** [***https://ldwa.org.uk/library/coronavirus2020.php***](https://ldwa.org.uk/library/coronavirus2020.php) | |

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