



# Beds, Bucks and Northants LDWA

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**Hello and Welcome to this week's Tuesday News.**

## **When can we walk together again?**

The big question! Although a roadmap out of lockdown has been set out, the LDWA have to wait for permission from the Department of Culture, Media & Sport before any firm plans for the resumption of walks can be made.

Discussion about possible numbers on social walks and challenges from 29th March can only be done via liaison with the DCMS, who have to deal with all sports as well as several walking organisations (e.g. The Ramblers and BMC). The message is: *please be patient*.

As soon as we at BBN have any definite information we'll be in touch with you straight away.

## **Social Walks**

In the meantime, please do start thinking about a walk you could lead for the group, whether it has to be for a small group or can be for a larger number. It will be some time yet before we can begin our walks, but it would be fantastic if we had leaders who were ready and waiting when that time comes.

The Available Walk Dates for the rest of 2021 are on the website [Dates](#) - but you are most definitely not being asked to commit to a date, simply that you have walk you could lead for us later in the year. This would help Sara enormously.

Please contact Sara on 07850 665454 / [bbn.walks@ldwa.org.uk](mailto:bbn.walks@ldwa.org.uk)

## **August Bank Holiday Trip to Eastbourne – 27th-30th August**

Roy Carter has been busy organising a weekend away centred on Eastbourne. As he says: *Eastbourne is the UK's sunniest place and just what we need after lockdown*.

The main walks are on Saturday and Sunday – both walks being a comfortable 17 miles. There is an introductory walk on Friday afternoon and a departing walk on Monday – both of them 15 miles which can be shortened.

It all sounds wonderful!

Full details are here, including advice about accommodation and full details of

each day's walk. [Eastbourne Trip](#)

*Please contact Roy to let him know if you are in interested.*

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### **Zoom Quiz:**

A reminder about the St George's Day Quiz on Friday 23rd April. More information will follow.

### **LDWA AGM 7th March**

I am really pleased to report that I attended the Zoom AGM on Sunday. It's the first time I've attended an AGM and I'm really glad I did. It was great putting faces (and voices) to so many familiar names, and to realise how much these people, our fellow walkers, do behind the scenes that we never get to hear about. The other thing that came across vividly was how much they all enjoyed the work they had undertaken for the LDWA and how rewarding they had found it. They clearly value each other extremely highly, and there were some lovely sentiments expressed to members who were standing down or moving position and it was all visibly genuine and heartfelt. I really felt that the committee (who had been just names to me before) were all really good friends, relied on and helped each other and that they all felt it was an honour to work for the LDWA. Where would be without them?

We have a new Chair, Julie Cribb, who is already a legend through her efforts to keep us walking through the pandemic with the LDWA monthly challenges and last year's Virtual Y 100 Sir Fynwy, as well as her work as the Local Group Secretary. Following the sad loss of Ann Sayer last year, we have a new Vice President, Ken Falconer, a long-time LDWA member. You name it, he has done it!

One thing to flag up is that the prospective candidate for the IT and Internet post had to withdraw before the meeting. The NEC would love to hear from anyone who could help with this very important post.

The meeting ended with a brief summary by the LDWA President, Phoebe Smith. She speaks with such passion and enthusiasm, you simply have to be inspired by her.

I came away thinking the future of the LDWA is in very capable hands.

### **BBN Newsletter**

There is still time to come up with a couple of paragraphs for the Newsletter. I would love to hear from you. The deadline is this coming Friday, 12th March.

### **The LDWA February Virtual Challenge (hosted by Nicky Wood, Lakeland LDWA)**

Great to see Andy Carpenter (526.9 miles) and Sara Waldron (200.5 miles) flying

the BBN flag. These challenges are most definitely not a contest, but it is interesting to see what other walkers have achieved.

**Minutes of the BBN committee meeting on 25th February**

And to finish, some business. The Minutes are on the website. The committee will keep you updated about their discussions and decisions via future TNs and Newsletters [Minutes](#)

**I finally sat down to sort out all my paperwork**

I still don't get what's so great about paper view.

Sorry, that paper joke is tearable!

Gill Bunker

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***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>***