**Mid-January 2021 Update**

**Notice of AGM**

**The 2021 Essex and Herts Group AGM will take place on the morning of Saturday 6th February, starting at 10am.**

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions the meeting will be held using Zoom**.**Any Essex and Herts Member who wants to attend should let the Secretary Jackie Burnett know by Friday 5th February in order to receive an Agenda and an email invitation to the meeting.

If you have any queries about using Zoom, please get in touch with Jackie or Deb

**AGM Documents**

* [Minutes](https://ldwa.org.uk/lgt/downloads/EssexAndHerts/MINUTES_AGM_2020_EssexHertsLDWA_draft.pdf) and  [Financial Report](https://ldwa.org.uk/lgt/downloads/EssexAndHerts/APPDX_3_Financial_statement_AGM_2020__1_.pdf) from the 2020 AGM
* [Committee nominations for 2021](https://ldwa.org.uk/lgt/downloads/EssexAndHerts/Committee_Nominations.pdf)
* [Current Financial Report](https://ldwa.org.uk/lgt/downloads/EssexAndHerts/EAHLDWA_2020_accounts__1_.pdf)
* [Current Officers' reports](https://ldwa.org.uk/lgt/downloads/EssexAndHerts/Officers_Reports.pdf)

**AGM Walk**

We're not going to be able to hold our traditional post-AGM afternoon walk this year. but we're hoping that we all will be able to get out -subject to any Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time - for a walk in the local area. So, whether you're walking round the block, negotiating a muddy field or tramping up and down the Southend Arterial Road take a snap or two to post on Facebook, Twitter or WhatsApp or send them to Jackie for the February newsletter.

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| Diaries out!  The **ESSEX & HERTS/BBN QUIZ** will take place on Friday 12th February from 7.30 to 9.30pm. It’s an opportunity for us to meet up - although we can’t walk together at the moment, we can certainly have a bit of fun together. And there will be a competitive edge as we’ll be quizzing against BBN.  We’ll all be in teams – nothing at all like Mastermind. You won’t be sitting all alone in the black chair in the spotlight.  So, even if you are on your own, do register and we’ll team you up.   (By the way, we weren’t able to get John Humphreys for the night, but we have secured the services of the talented Norman Corrin).There will be extra points for things like fancy dress, best hat, daftest answer, plus anything else we (or you!) think of before the night. So do join in and enjoy an evening with your walking friends.We’re allowing 2 hours – but if folk want to chat after the quiz that would be lovely, and the time can be extended. You‘ll need to register your interest in taking part and then, nearer the day, we’ll send you a link to join the quiz.**Essex & Herts**, please let Jackie Burnett know essexandherts@ldwa.org.uk**BBN members**, please let Gill Bunker know   bbn@ldwa.org.uk  |

**Strider**

From Graham Smith, the Strider editor:

First of all, let me wish you a very happy new year. As I write this, all of the UK is again in lockdown, but the vaccine is coming, so let us all hope that life – and with it, LDWA activities – can be allowed to return to something like normal before too long.

Because of restrictions on our walks caused by Covid-19, filling the last two Striders was something of a challenge, but they **were** filled thanks to some fine contributions from our groups.

So, this is just to let you know that if members of your group have any contributions for the April Strider, they will be gratefully received: lockdown walks for individuals or groups; Anytime Challenges; ways in which your members have been coping with the challenges posed by Covid-19 and which you would like to share with the wider LDWA membership; news of new or existing challenge walks your group may be organising – anything which you may feel is relevant. Please include pictures with any articles submitted. I will need contributions by the end of January.

Many thanks to you and your group for sending your articles to me last year. I look forward to receiving more of them. Believe me, if I did not get articles from our groups, then there would not be a Strider.

Wishing you happy walking in 2021. Stay safe in these difficult times.

Graham's email address is  editor@ldwa.org.uk

Happy walking,

Jackie