



### From the Chairman

### Ralph Warman



A warm welcome to all new and existing members.

Welcome to the first ever West Yorkshire Wandering newsletter, which will become a quarterly insight into what is going on with your group. If you have any reports, interesting stories etc please send them to [westyorks.secretary@ldwa.org.uk](mailto:westyorks.secretary@ldwa.org.uk) for inclusion in the newsletter.

Last year as we all know was challenging to say the least, but not to be out done we managed to keep ourselves active with the following activities taking place.

- It all started with the Keep Active and Involved 2021 Challenge, with a 10 x 10 Walk Challenge, Your Challenge Your Distance and The Accumulator, and with the incentive of a free West Yorkshire LDWA Buff, many of you taking part, with 3306 miles been accumulated by the magnificent 20 in the 9 months you have been doing it.
- Once we were allowed to get out and about, the Ulfkil Stride Anytime Challenge was held from April to September, which attracted walkers and runners from far and wide, the feedback from those who completed the challenge was brilliant, and nice to see you all enjoyed it.
- Social walks started back up in April and have been well supported with: -
  - 863 miles walked.
  - 40 walks held.
  - 16 different walk leaders.
  - 480 walkers taking part.

Once again, thanks for all of you who have taken part in the 2021 activities.

#### 2022

Onto 2022, the LDWA are celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, and the WYLDWA have added a couple of special events which hopefully you will be able to support and enjoy.

- 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The Nidderdale Way over two days, this is a joint venture with North Yorkshire Group, with something to eat and drink together in Pateley Bridge on Saturday. Options to walk on one day or two it is entirely up to you.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022. Family Treasure Hunt in the Park. Options to do 9 miles or a 4-mile loop around Shibden Park and Shibden Dale near Halifax. This event aims to be inclusive, open to members, families, partners, children, grandparents, and friends.

On the weekend of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022 the LDWA are holding The LDWA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Big Walk, all LDWA groups will be doing something special over this weekend, from 50-mile walks to climbing 50 stiles, we in West Yorkshire are putting on a 50K walk starting and finishing in Bingley on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The pace will be moderate and sociable, ending the day at the Brown Cow Bingley. If you can register your interest with Chris Burrell at [chris.burrell1959@outlook.com](mailto:chris.burrell1959@outlook.com) so food and drink can be organised please.

## Social Events

The Social Walk calendar for 2022 is looking great with lots of varied walks, leaders and locations to look forward to, as a reminder, the below are the walks organised by the West Yorkshire Group.

- 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022, Wharfedale Wizzer, 20 miles. Ralph Warman
- 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022, Hill n High Water, 18 miles. Abi MacDonald
- 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022, Just Before the Clocks Go Forward, 23 miles Chris Burrell
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022, Spiritual Wharfe & Air, 18 miles, Vera Ostojic
- 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022, Nidderdale Way, 54 miles
- 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022, Cowling Pinnacles, 2 miles, Jane Parry
- 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022, Fountains Fell & Malham Tarn 32 miles Jane Parry
- 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022 The Vicinalis Walk, 31 miles, Tim Rollett
- 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022, Final Leg Stretcher before the 100, 36 miles, Kevin Hutson
- 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022, Almscliffe Amble, 30 miles, Sue Manley & Iain Haigh
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022, Family Treasure Hunt, 9 or 4 miles, Chris Burrell
- 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022, Anne Lister History walk, 6 miles, Kevin Hudson
- 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022, WYLDWA Celebration Walk, 50K Chris Burrell

As always please check with the West Yorkshire LDWA website to see confirmed information.

## Challenge Events

The 2022 West Yorkshire LDWA Challenge Events are The Ulfkil Stride Challenge, being organised after the great feedback for the Anytime Challenge held in 2021, and One Foot in Gargrave. Entries are open on SiEntries now

### The Ulfkil Stride Challenge Event 02/07/2022

The Ulfkil Stride was for many years the West Yorkshire premier challenge event, covering 23 miles over the fells of Upper Wharfedale. This year we are resurrecting this historic event to coincide with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The event will start in Buckden on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022, and it is hoped that as many of you will enter through [SiEntries](#) and take on this very enjoyable but challenging route.

### One Foot in the Gargrave Challenge Event 10/09/2022

A 23-mile walk/run from Gargrave Village Hall, West Street, Gargrave, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD233RD in the picturesque setting of Malhamdale.

### Other LDWA challenge events been held locally.

- The Kettlewell, North Yorkshire, 19<sup>th</sup> March 22
- 36<sup>th</sup> Two Crosses Circuit, East Lancashire, 20<sup>th</sup> March 22
- Blubberhouse Moor, Nidderdale, 27<sup>th</sup> March 22
- 31<sup>st</sup> Allendale Challenge, Northumbria, 27<sup>th</sup> March
- The Three Shires, Staffordshire, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 22
- The Woldsman, East Yorkshire, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> April 22
- Spring in the Lakes, Lakeland, 10<sup>th</sup> April 22

Please check with the relevant websites for further information.

## Mini Biographies Number One: Ralph Warman – Chairman

Now in my 42nd year as a member of the LDWA (3729) it all started in 1979 when I saw an advertisement in the Yorkshire Evening Post for a meeting being held in the Adelphi Hotel, Leeds by the local walking group of the LDWA. My sports' passion at school had always been running and football and after leaving school to start work the running was dropped to play football in the Leeds Sunday Combination League.

Walking then became an interest and regular trips to the Dales doing shortish walks heightened my interest in the love of the outdoors and within time a decision had to be made between football or walking, and after joining the LDWA and receiving my first Strider (No 26), it was a very easy decision and so it was off with the football boots and on with the walking boots.

I started out on the social walks with the group and then progressed to events, moving the mileage up 20, 30, 40, 50 and then big one my first 100 in 1983 - Snowdonia 100. Events came thick and fast and were so enjoyable and my competitive nature kicked in so much so that my walking days turned into running days, for a number of years, with the Skyrac AC. Orienteering, cross-country, road, and fell running - I tried them all!

At the age of 52 when the limbs starting to show signs of wear and tear it was time to calm things down and get back to some social walks and the odd event here and there..... and here I am today still enjoying being a member of the LDWA and all it stands for.

Personal highs:

Three Peaks of Yorkshire - 3 hours 45 mins

Ben Nevis Fell Race (up and down) - 2 hours 17 mins

Fellsman Hike - 14 hours 14 mins

Lancastrian 100 - 1991 - 32 hours 33 mins

Ralph Warman

And to finish: -

Friends when you stray or sit and take your ease.

On moor or fell or under spreading tree

Pray leave no traces of your wayside meal.

No paper bags no scattered orange peel.

Nor daily journal littered on the grass.

Others may view with distaste and pass.

Let no one say and say it to your shame.

That all was beauty here until you came.

Thanks for supporting the West Yorkshire Long Distance Walker Association.

Keep Safe and Happy Walking

Chris Burrell

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