



Furthering the interests of those who enjoy long distance walking

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Farewell to David

After three years chairing the LDWA, David Morgan hands over to the new chair Julie Cribb in a few weeks. This last year hasn't really been ideal for group walking if I'm being honest, but it has certainly presented Dave with some exciting opportunities to complete paperwork on how to hold events safely and sit on Zoom meetings for many hours. He'll definitely miss that!

The 2020 Y 100 Sir Fynwy was the 100 that wasn't to be, inevitably a personal disappointment for Dave that he couldn't welcome entrants from all over the country to enjoy the Welsh rain. However, and I think this is important for the record, it didn't rain on the weekend that the 100 should have taken place in 2020. We also discovered that Dave is seemingly able to sleep whilst walking, a skill that seems very unfair to the rest of us mere mortals....



But even though he won't be in the chair much longer he will still be an active member of LDWA. Dave's personal Twitter account is at <https://twitter.com/morgs4mountains> and he's also going to continue to produce videos of his walking adventures.

And on that point, we should mention one of our newest members, Will, son of Rob from Norfolk & Suffolk group. Will is a baby who has decided that Dave's videos are more entertaining than cartoons and the Teletubbies. The mixture of a big friendly

face, a gentle accent, soothing music and images of the outdoors - what more could a child want? For anyone with a grizzling baby, see if Dave can calm them down



So, good luck Dave from all your friends and colleagues on the NEC and throughout the membership. Hope you find interesting things to do with your copious amounts of free time!

The LDWA 100 2021-style

There's still a chance to enter Y 100 Sir Fynwy, which takes place from 29th to 31st May 2021, and we're delighted that well over 200 have already signed up. This is a unique event this year as necessity means that individuals will walk a local route of their choosing. Many local groups are getting involved to help entrants and we're looking forward to a community feel to the whole event, with lots of opportunities for publicity.

Entrants who complete 50 miles within 24 hours are also automatically qualified for the LDWA 100 being held in 2022, so please do consider entering even if you're only planning a shorter distance (it'll be an adventure!). There is a WhatsApp and Facebook group available just for entrants, and you can sign up at:

<https://www.ldwa.org.uk/2021Hundred>

LDWA YouTube and Video Blogs

We're looking to improve the LDWA's YouTube offering with more videos to inspire potential new members. If anyone is interested in helping with adding content to this channel, please e-mail Julian at communications@ldwa.org.uk.

If you'd like to get in touch you can contact us through the website at [LDWA](#). Contact details for [Officers](#) with particular responsibilities are listed.

Next Month - Hello from Julie Cribb, our new Chair.

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