

LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION LIMITED



2012 AGM & SOCIAL WEEKEND

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Friday 2nd March to Sunday 4th March 2012

**The Cumbria Grand Hotel,
Grange over Sands, Cumbria**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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The Cumbrian Grand Hotel is a charming Victorian Hotel overlooking Morecambe Bay. It is set in 23 acres of gardens and woodlands. The recently renovated Hazelwood Restaurant overlooks the Kent Estuary.

The hotel has 125 bedrooms and should accommodate all those wishing to attend the 2012 AGM. Access from the M6 is close by (10 miles) and the railway station is at the bottom of the hotel drive (10 minutes walk).

Friday Hotel registration from 2pm. LDWA Registration area will include AGM agenda etc, walk details, maps, pub meal bookings, Gala Dinner seating plan, and a wine list. Hot and cold buffet from 7pm. Talk by Christopher Somerville, Travel Writer (Author of Coastal BBC books) starts at 9pm.

Saturday Full English Breakfast served from 7am.

A Walk. 20 miles Leaders Dave Shepherd and Tony Willey. Bring packed lunch (available from hotel if you order on Friday).
Leave 8am.

B Walk. 17 miles. Leaders Claire Duncan, Phil Brookes and Thomas Sellar. Pub stop with food available. Book and pay at LDWA Registration Desk. **Leave at 8.30 am.**

C Walk. 15 miles. Leaders Ron and Ann Smith, and Janet Cropper. Stop with food available at the RSPB Cafe. Book and pay at LDWA Registration Desk. **Leave 9am.**

D Walk. 8 miles. Leaders Nicky Wood and Ian Scott. Pub stop with food available. Book and pay at LDWA Registration Desk.
Leave 9.30am.

E 'Lakeland Trip' which will include boat trip on Windermere, visit to Dove House, Grasmere, a visit to Holehird Gardens and if possible some shopping! Depending on numbers either a minibus or individual cars will provide transport. **Leave at 10am.**

Walks and trips organised by the Westmorland and North Lancs LDWA Group. Maps of the various walks will be on display in the registration area.

Saturday Evening. 7.30pm Pre Gala Drinks, 8pm Gala Dinner followed by Barn Dance.

Sunday Full English Breakfast from 7.30am. AGM **Starts promptly at 10am.** Tea/coffee and biscuits around 12.30pm. Lunch available (preorder with Hotel).

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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Long Distance Walkers Association Limited will be held at The Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange over Sands at 10am on Sunday 4th March 2012.

The business of the Annual General Meeting will be as follows:

1. Apologies for absence
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 6th March 2011.
3. To receive and consider the accounts for the year ended 30th September 2011 and the reports of the Directors and Accountants.
4. To appoint Accountants and authorise the Committee to fix their remuneration.
5. To receive reports as follows:
 - (a) Chairman
 - (b) General Secretary
 - (c) Membership Secretary
 - (d) Editor
 - (e) Local Groups
 - (f) Internet
 - (g) Events
 - (h) Hundreds Co-Ordinator
 - (i) Long Distance Paths
 - (j) Merchandise
 - (k) Environment
6. Election of Executive Committee:
 - (a) Chair
 - (b) General Secretary
 - (c) Treasurer
 - (d) Membership Secretary
 - (e) Editor
 - (f) Internet Officer
 - (g) 6 Executive Officers

A list of nominations received, with background details of nominees, is appended. Voting for the Executive Committee is by a poll of those Members of the Association entitled to vote and attending the Annual General Meeting in person or represented by proxy.

7. To determine the subscription for the Membership Year 2013.
8. To authorise the Committee to determine honoraria payments in accordance with past practice.

End of Formal Business

Open forum and discussion.

To include any matters which the membership would particularly wish the Committee to consider during the forthcoming year.

Questions can be submitted in writing to be received by the General Secretary by 24th February, 2012. There will also be a box for questions at the Registration Desk at the AGM—to be collected at 8.00 am on Sunday 4th March or you can ask questions in the meeting as usual. Invitees and attendees of this meeting should be aware that the minutes of the meeting, inclusive of names, will be published on the LDWA website and available to the public.

Fiona Cameron, General Secretary
On behalf of the Executive Committee

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Financial Report for the year ending 30th September 2011

Despite the increased costs of running the organisation, the finances continue to be in a very good shape. Primarily again, our increasing membership enables us to perform our administrative duties despite these rising costs, without the need to dip into our reserves.

Following the sad loss of Reg Chapman, the committee made the decision to outsource the Direct Debit collections, hence the substantial rise in Membership cost. Again the Website cost is showing a significant increase from last year, which is due to the on-going development plan to improve and add further facilities. This is our window to the world and in my opinion is extremely good value for money. It is pleasing to note that *Strider* production and postage costs remain similar to last year despite the fact that many more copies are being printed. The calendar has proved popular with the members, therefore the committee have decided to produce another one for 2012.

Trailwalkers Handbook sales are down from last year, which is generally in line with the sales of earlier editions of the Handbook. Merchandise sales are also slightly down, but this is not a profit seeking area as it provides a valuable service to the members. The large reduction of the Corporation Tax provision is due to an over provision last year, which has been put back into this year.

Overall, this year's surplus is substantially less than last year, but together with the reserves the Association is in a very healthy financial position.

Note: The Profit & Loss Account published in this booklet forms part of the Full Accounts which have not yet been approved by the committee.

Ian Beveridge
Treasurer

Detailed Profit and Loss Account Year ended 30th September 2011

| | 2011 | | 2010 | |
|--|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income | | | | |
| Membership Subscriptions | 97,908 | | 92,238 | |
| Donations | 1,073 | | 484 | |
| Handbook Royalties | 2,150 | | 2,530 | |
| Merchandise Sales | 2,648 | | 3,399 | |
| Handbook Sales | 6,506 | | 11,972 | |
| Hillwalkers Register | 326 | | 308 | |
| Strider Inserts | - | | 500 | |
| Commissions Receivable | 161 | | 480 | |
| | | 110,772 | | 111,911 |
| Cost of Sales | | | | |
| Opening Stock | 795 | | - | |
| Purchases - Merchandise | 1,928 | | 3,315 | |
| Purchases - Books | 5,465 | | 11,492 | |
| Strider Costs - Production | 27,600 | | 27,072 | |
| - Despatch | 8,548 | | 8,802 | |
| - Calendar | 3,567 | | - | |
| | | 47,903 | | 50,681 |
| Less Closing Stock | | (410) | | (795) |
| | | 63,279 | | 62,025 |
| Gross Profit | | | | |
| Overheads | | | | |
| Administrative Expenses | | 56,179 | | 48,166 |
| | | 7,100 | | 13,859 |
| Operating Profit | | | | |
| Finance Income | | 1,344 | | 1,592 |
| | | 8,444 | | 15,451 |
| PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION | | | | |
| Tax on profit on ordinary activities | | (212) | | (952) |
| | | 8,232 | | 14,499 |
| PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR | | 8,232 | | 14,499 |

**Notes to the Detailed Profit and Loss Account
Year ended 30th September 2011**

| | 2011 | | 2010 | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------|-------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Administrative Costs | | | | |
| Personnel Costs | | | | |
| Honoraria – Handbook compilers | - | | 2,000 | |
| | - | | 2,000 | |
| Establishment Costs | | | | |
| Insurance | 6,474 | | 5,479 | |
| General Expenses | | | | |
| Trade Subscriptions | 796 | | 892 | |
| Charitable Donations | 700 | | 674 | |
| Committee Costs | 10,588 | | 9,440 | |
| Local Group Meetings | 2,797 | | 3,938 | |
| AGM | 3,195 | | 1,825 | |
| Membership | 7,650 | | 4,491 | |
| Website Costs | 16,830 | | 12,231 | |
| Accountancy Fees | 2,486 | | 1,834 | |
| Publicity | 566 | | 570 | |
| Hillwalkers Register Expenses | 2,191 | | 2,806 | |
| | 54,273 | | 46,180 | |
| Finance Charges | | | | |
| Bank Charges | | 1,906 | | 1,986 |

Agenda Item 6

NOMINATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following nominations have been received for Principal and Executive Officers.

Chair:

John Sparshatt Proposed by Eva Bowes, seconded by Geoff Smith

General Secretary:

Phil Heneghan Proposed by John Walker, seconded by Adrian Crocker

Treasurer:

Ian Beveridge Proposed by K J Howse, seconded by Jeff Pike

Membership Secretary:

Claire Duncan Proposed by Peter Haslam, seconded by Lucy Poole

Editor:

Julie Welch Proposed by Ken Falconer, seconded by Keith Warman

Internet Officer:

Simon Leck Proposed by Elizabeth Robinson, seconded by Dave Green

Executive Officers (6 vacancies):

John Batham Proposed by Ann Bell, seconded by Elaine Dee

Abigail Elrick Proposed by Graham Smith, seconded by Lonica Vanclay

Tim Glenn Proposed by Simon Leck, seconded by John O'Neill

Paul Lawrence Proposed by Douglas Robinson, seconded by Graham Croucher

Madeleine Watson Proposed by John Forsyth, seconded by Geoff Holburt

BACKGROUND DETAILS OF COMMITTEE NOMINEES

Committee nominees have provided the following brief details of their backgrounds and interests.

John Batham: I became involved in the LDWA following retirement in 1997 from a career in the steel industry. I am the current Local Groups Secretary and have enjoyed meeting many representatives of the LDWA Groups. As Secretary of the East Yorkshire Group, I was eager to take the opportunity to help in the formatting and editing of the Group Walks for Strider. I get first sight of all the many and varied walks submitted, which is a delight! If I retain this position for a further year I shall visit more Groups to join in their social walks.

Ian Beveridge: I am the current LDWA Treasurer. My career has been 40 years in IT in banking and insurance companies, and I am now retired. I joined the LDWA in 1983 and enjoy both social walks and events. Currently I do volunteer work as an Alton Town Guide, a Steward/Guide at Jane Austen's House, and I sit on the Town Council's Footpaths Committee.

Claire Duncan: I am the current Membership Secretary and if elected will be starting some recruitment plans and membership updates to improve the LDWA experience for our members. I am 33 yrs old and a full-time plasterer. In my spare time I am completing my Wainwrights, participating in challenge walks (usually at the back). I also enjoy writing, playing the piano and play club-level badminton.

Abigail Elrick: I joined the LDWA in the 1980s and have derived considerable benefit and pleasure from taking part in challenge walks and social events and, most particularly, in walking and marshalling the annual 100 mile event. Most fittingly, since joining the NEC in 2008 my 'special subject' has been the LDWA 100. I am also part of the team organising the LDWA Games 100 (2012) and am the NEC representative for the 2013 event. If elected I would hope to monitor and develop the 100 mile events but also to work as part of your NEC team, to work to serve the aims and objectives of the LDWA.

Tim Glenn: Joined the LDWA in 1982. Founded Anytime Anywhere Group in 1988. Became a member of the LDWA National Committee in 1989. Local Groups Secretary 1989-1997, Merchandise Officer 1997-Present day, Strider columnist since April 2003 (currently *Anytime and Aspects*). Interests include all aspects of long distance walking, various sports (playing and watching), world cinema, metal art and amateur dramatics.

Phil Heneghan: I have been Secretary of the Wiltshire Group for the last eight years and principal organiser of the Pewsey Downsaround Challenge Walk for six years. I have previously been a member of the Staffs, Wessex and Bristol & West Groups. I would like the opportunity to serve the Association in any capacity.

Paul Lawrence: As a member for 18 years, I have experience in the LDWA's three main areas – events, local groups and long distance paths information. As national committee member for five years from 2003-2008, I was responsible for the development of the LDWA's online LDPs information service. I was co-author of the 2002 Long Distance Walkers Handbook and the 2009 UK Trailwalker's Handbook. I have organized challenge events and was Secretary of the Chiltern 2005 100 and am involved in organizing the 2012 100. I have served on local group committees and lead group walks and treks. I served as Chair from 2009-2012.

Simon Leck: My first year as Internet Officer for the LDWA has been interesting and challenging and I'm quite happy to put my name forward for a second term in this role. I'm an active member of the LDWA and lead walks for both the Irregulars and the North Yorkshire Group. My interests other than walking include computing, electronic mapping, GPS technology and travel.

John Sparshatt: I have been a member of the LDWA since 1983 and been involved with the West Yorkshire Group of the LDWA since 1984. I have organised many challenge walks including three Hundreds in Yorkshire. I have been treasurer and chair of the West Yorkshire LDWA for over ten years. I have been on the National Committee of the LDWA as Events Secretary for five years, between 1997 and 2002, and Treasurer from 2004 to 2009. During the last two years I have been Long Distance Paths Information Officer, and I have also been involved with a local organisation setting up a new long distance trail across the Nidderdale AONB. This resulted in the

publication of a guidebook for the new trail and to date over 1,500 copies have been sold. My colleagues have asked me to stand for Chair and I am pleased to accept this invitation, which I look upon as an honour.

Madeleine Watson: I have been a member of the LDWA since 2002, having done my first event in 2001. Before that I did various running-related activities including orienteering and fell running. I have always liked longer events and once I discovered LDWA challenge events, with cups of tea en route, I was hooked! I have been on the National Committee for two years, currently as Events Secretary.

Julie Welch: I was previously Editor from 2002-2007. I am a full-time journalist and author who has been an LDWA member since 1996 and enjoy doing longer events (although not necessarily at the time!). I take every opportunity I can to promote the LDWA in the media, since I strongly believe in its ethos, and in the fun and adventure and health benefits that can be gained from belonging to it.