**LDWA : BEDS BUCKS NORTHANTS GROUP**

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2018

BLISWORTH VILLAGE HALL, BLISWORTH, NORTHANTS.**

The meeting commenced at 2.10 pm

**Present: 28**

Dee Brockway, Terry Brown (Chair), Gill Bunker (Newsletter/Website), Chris Burns, Roy Carter
Graham Dolby, Karen Earwicker, Peter Engledow, David Findel-Hawkins (Membership), Phil Friede,
Frank Hodgson, Mike Hyland, Sandra Hyland, Daniel Jamin, Therese Jamin, Mary Knight (Walks),

Merrian Lancaster. Alan Leadbetter (Committee Member), Sue Leonard, Judy Nickerson, Jim Robinson,
David Sedgley, Peter Simon (Secretary), Steve Smith, Pearl Smith, Sara Waldron, Dave Yorston,
Lynn Yorston.

Terry welcomed everyone and thanked Dave F-H for leading the walk and Mary for organising the lunch.

**1. Apologies**Jackie Burnett, Jim Catchpole, Norman Corrin, Sybil Davies, Jill Green, Ian Sage, Pat Sage

**2. Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting and Matters Arising**

The Minutes were approved as a true record. Prop: Merrian Lancaster, Sec: Alan Leadbetter
and agreed unanimously.

Matters Arising:

1. Item 12 Publicity: “Stock Article”. Terry said this had been discussed at a recent Committee meeting and she was actioned to prepare some text that could be used for publicity purposes.
2. Item 10: Constitution: This has been approved by the NEC.
3. John Nickerson Memorial – to be reported later in the meeting.

**3. Officers’ Reports**

1. **Chairman – Terry Brown**

It’s been another successful year for the Group. I’m only going to give a brief overview of the year’s activities because specific reports giving more detail have been prepared by those who have been directly involved.

The first thing to say is that I am immensely grateful for the support and patience of the excellent BBN Committee whilst I’ve been finding my feet as Group Chairman!

Communications - we have made a big effort to provide members with information, updates and news through our Secretary, Peter Simon’s weekly emails and on the BBN website and Facebook Page which Gill Bunker looks after. Thanks to Peter and Gill for this very important work. Gill has also produced 3 excellent newsletters and the majority of members now access this via the website which has reduced our costs. Thanks to everyone who contributed articles and items for the newsletters and to Gill for doing such a good editing and production job. We also have to thank Gill for taking minutes at our Committee meetings and the AGM and for helping to upload the new walks programme for publishing on the LDWA website and in Strider. Gill - you are a marvel!

Walks and Challenge Events - we have put on the usual programme of Social and Challenge walks. We’ve also had a few extra walks this year which have been branded as ‘pop up walks’. Mary Knight has very ably coordinated the programme of, generally, twice a month Thursday and weekend social walks. We’ve visited lots of different places in our 3 counties and enjoyed some walks that have also included a social element, such as a pub meal or the fabulous Chiltern Brewery visit. Thanks to Mary and everyone who has led a walk in the last year.

Atrocious winter weather put paid to a weekend Group walk in December and the Pick and Mix Challenge in March had to be postponed to another go in June. It’s situations like this that shows the benefits of using SI Entries to manage our event entrants. It meant that, together with our Website and Facebook page, we could communicate with entrants easily and efficiently about the walk postponement and the new date. Thanks to organisers Dave and Lynn Yorston, Mike and Sandra Hyland, who coped admirably with the postponement and re-running of the event, and to all the other marshals and helpers.

On the other hand the Hannington Hike took place on a very hot day in July and entrants were grateful for an extra water stop. Many thanks to Alan Leadbetter for organising this event, and for going beyond the call of duty to clear paths of excess vegetation, and to all the marshals and other helpers.

The recent Sundon Saunter and last November’s Shillington Shuffle were as popular as ever and both had reasonable weather which kept mud to a minimum. Thanks to organisers Dave and Lynn Yorston, Mike and Sandra Hyland, Merrian Lancaster, Dave Findel-Hawkins, David Sedgley and all the other route planners, marshals and helpers.

LDWA 100 mile challenge event – we didn’t run a Group checkpoint on this year’s Cinque Ports Hundred but Merrian and Dave looked after their traditional ‘checkpoint before the end’ and several members helped out at other Groups’ checkpoints. Congratulations to all BBN members and Associates who completed the marshals or the main walk; and to those who had to retire - well done for having a go!

Other Group Activities – our thanks go to Committee Member, Roy Carter, for organising a Group walking weekend to the Peak District. This was a successful trip and very much enjoyed by those who went despite the rather mixed weather. Roy led the walks and everyone organised their own accommodation – a formula which seemed to work very well.

Finance matters – Peter Engledow took over as Treasurer at last year’s AGM and has set up a new, more convenient, account with the Metro Bank. Peter’s report shows that we are in a healthy financial position; we need more ideas on how we could make use of our funds. Suggestions for projects, Group activities, purchases or donations are welcome. Many thanks to Peter for getting up to speed with our finances and looking after things so well.

Data protection and privacy rules – during the year we’ve had to get to grips the new General Data and Privacy Regulations (GDPR). Fortunately the National LDWA has produced some guidance notes on how we must comply as a Group and in our activities, such as challenge walks. Our BBN Group members’ contact personal information, including name, membership number, date of birth, email address, postal address, is now kept in a secure, national database which only those BBN Officers and Committee Members who have a business need are able to access via a login procedure. All our email communications are done using the National bulk email system. We aren’t allowed to email out to members from our own contact lists anymore or indeed have such lists. We have reviewed our personal data use and retention practices and are making sure that we are fully compliant with LDWA requirements. Undoubtedly, the guidance will evolve as all Groups get used to the requirements and develop future best practice.

Thanks to Committee Member Dave Findel-Hawkins, who looks after our membership information and keeps an eye out for new members assigned to our Group and those who leave.

Some Members have other non-Committee roles. For example, Lynn and Dave Yorston keep an up to date list of all the various items of equipment that belong to the Group. It is an essential job and we are very grateful to them for doing it. Thanks also to those people who keep Group equipment safely in their garages, sheds and lofts!

All of the current Officers and Committee members are willing to stand for another year, except Norman Corrin, who has decided it’s time for a rest! Norman has served for over 20 years on the Committee in various roles including a 4 year stint as Chairman. He organised our hosting of the LDWA AGM a few years ago, has been our BBN manned LDWA Hundred checkpoint coordinator, organised and marshalled BBN Challenge events, engaged new members by sending them a welcome pack and looked after BBN logoed clothing, mugs and buffs. His contribution has been outstanding and I’d like to thank him on behalf of the Group for all his work over the years. He isn’t going away and will still help out on events and lead walks. And finally thanks to everyone who has taken an active part in the Group this year by turning up on walks, entering Challenge events and by coming to the AGM.

Terry added BBN’s best wishes to Steve and Pearl Smith on their imminent move to Belper and thanked them for their involvement with the group over many years.

There were no questions arising from Terry’s report.

**(b) Secretary – Peter Simon**

BBN news updates are sent every week except when there is no news to report. There was some news in all but four weeks over the last twelve months.

There were 697 recipients as of 13/11/2018. The number of recipients is expected to continue to climb until January as new members join, and subsequently to fall as non-renewals are deleted from the mailing list. For the record, the number of recipients peaked in January at 686 and fell to 617 as of 06/03/2018. BBN news updates now go out to all primary and associate members following the abolition of the £1 annual subscription. Last November, before the change, only 136 subscription paid members received the updates.

12 extra copies of each Strider received from national LDWA. These are now distributed to Committee members at each Committee meeting. They have discretion to place them wherever they see fit.

Received and responded to emails.

Few phone enquiries.

Unwanted e-mails are increasingly rare - spam filters and unsubscribing seem to be working.

There were no questions arising from Peter’s report.

**(c) Treasurer and Proposal to Accept Accounts – Peter Engledow**

1. The Accounts have been prepared for 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018. Total balance on bank has fallen from £7248.07 to £6924.65 during the 12 month period.

2 The accounts have been checked and found to be in order. They will be signed if approved by the AGM.

3 SI entries continues to be a very effective method of accepting event entries, making my job easier and, I am sure, leading to higher numbers of entries to events.

4 Donations made during the year were:

 • Walk the Walk Cancer (Moon Walk) £100

 • Isabel Monopoly Walk £50

 • Beds Walking Festival £60

 • Warwicks & Northants Air Ambulance £100

5 Membership income now ceased.

6 Printing and Postage costs reducing again to £207.

7 Merchandise. Not reflected in the figures are sales of £150 which will be reported in next year’s accounts.

8 Equipment Purchase was a one of purchase of a crest flag.

9 Minor costs under Miscellaneous were;

 • Local group costs £35

 • Gifts and cards £19.95

 • Bott wine for IS £8.29

 • Chiltern Brewery Walk £100 (recovered under receipts)

10 Pick n Mix 18 surplus £681.44.

11 Hannington Hike 19 loss £260.46, although some receipts still to be reconciled at year end

12 SS 17 surplus £713.44 although part reported last year

13 Given the healthy state of our bank balance I do not feel that it is necessary to reintroduce the annual membership fee.

14 As always, suggestions for how we use our funds are always welcomed by the Committee.

15 Unless there are any questions, we now need a motion passed to accept the accounts so that they may be signed off.

Peter said he had asked his business accountant to audit the accounts.

There were no questions arising from Peter’s report.

**Proposal to Accept the Accounts**

It was proposed and seconded, that the Accounts should be accepted and this was agreed unanimously.
Prop: Sara. Waldron Sec: Dave Findel-Hawkins

Peter confirmed he would arrange for the Accounts to be signed.

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**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

**1ST OCTOBER 2017 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018**

**INCOME 2018 2017**

MEMBERSHIP £ 7.00 £ 108.00

MERCHANDISE £ 25.00 £ 246.50

INTEREST £ 0.68 £ 0.55

MISCELLANEOUS £ 330.00 £ 157.78

SS 16 £ 1,431.66

CHILTERN KANTER 17 £ 1,575.14

HERE TO THERE 17 £ 841.00

SS 17 £ 1,503.92 £ 873.18

PICK N MIX 18 £ 1,218.63 £ 97.60

HANNINGTON HIKE 18 £ 944.95

SS 18 £ 796.80

 **£ 4,826.98 £ 5,331.41**

**EXPENDITURE**

PRINT & POST £ 207.90 £ 258.01

MERCHANDISE £ 466.80 £ 333.27

EQUIPMENT £ 302.75 £ 30.00

DONATIONS £ 310.00 £ 170.00

AGM £ 210.00 £ 62.00

MISCELLANEOUS £ 173.24 £ 951.98

SS 16 £ 1,292.99

CHILTERN KANTER 17 £ 1,005.69

HERE TO THERE 17 £ 815.42

CHRISTMAS WALK £ 23.50

PICK N MIX 18 £ 537.14

SS 17 £ 1,663.66

HANNINGTON HIKE 18 £ 1,205.41

CHILTERN KANTER 19 £ 50.00

 **£ 5,150.40 £ 4,919.36**

**SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR YEAR £ (323.42)
OPENING BALANCE £ 7,248.07**

**CLOSING BALANCE £ 6,924.65**

**(d) Social Walks Secretary (including Thursday Walks) – Mary Knight**

Breaking with tradition I will not be preparing extensive walk statistics this year. Although fascinating to a few (possibly), gathering the information is difficult and time consuming and ultimately we do not use the data. Should the next walks secretary or any member decide they would like to gather the data, then they are of course more than welcome to do so. Instead we would like to celebrate all of those who lead walks, through wind and rain, hail and storm and this year extreme heat. The offer of a free buff was enough to encourage 3 first time walk leaders. A special thank you to them.

If you wish to lead a walk available dates for walks up to the end of 2019 are now shown and updated on our website under *Available Walk Dates.*

The attached (see p.12) acknowledges our walk leaders this year. If you are aware of any amendments that should be made to this please do not hesitate to let me know.
Happy Walking.

Mary said the main thing to report was the list of available walk dates which could be found on the website and which would be kept updated. Prospective walk leaders should look at the list of dates and email Mary with their choice of date.

There were no questions arising from Mary’s report.

**(e) Membership – Dave Findel-Hawkins**

At the last AGM it was agreed to stop collecting the £1 membership/administration fee, so we no longer maintain a list of core members. Anyone on the LDWA database that elects BBN as its Primary group or as an Associate member is considered to be a BBN member. This change has meant the Membership Secretary has little to do but someone needs to be named in this role to have access to the LDWA membership lists.

At the start of the year we moved from emailing just our core members to emailing all BBN members. This change appears to have gone smoothly. Not everyone chooses the option to receive local group emails.

This year we also took the step of asking those who wanted to continue to receive the Newsletter in hard copy format to opt in. 21 members have notified me they wish to continue to receive a hard copy. This has reduced printing/postage costs. The newsletter is available online to all members.

I regular supply Norman Corrin with details of any new BBN Primary members so he can welcome them to the group.

Membership at end of September: 421 Primary members

 338 Associate members

There were no questions arising from Dave’s report.

**(f) Merchandising – Norman Corrin**

The process for ordering new merchandise from PECO was published in the summer newsletter rand members can now order clothing direct.

I’ve sold 2 x BBN buffs to people I met in Ireland this year. 1 to a lady from the Netherlands and 1 to a gentleman from Belgium. If you happen to be on a walk in either of those two countries and you see someone you don’t know wearing a buff, that’s why!

Please note that I will be stepping down from the Committee at the AGM.

It was confirmed that Norman’s stock of buffs and mugs has been passed to Dave F-H, and that Peter Simon will keep an eye on the PECO website for any changes to the clothing offered or ordering process.

There were no questions arising from Norman’s report.

**(g) Equipment – Lynn Yorston**

As far as I have been informed, the equipment list is fully up to date and can be viewed on our website. I shall send Peter and Gill a new list if any updates are highlighted at this AGM

The three weeks’ notice of equipment being required seems to have worked. It is all kept in attics and we need that time to assemble and pack the goodies ready for collection. The collection, cleaning and prompt return of all equipment is the responsibility of the event organiser.

I am willing to still store the goodies as noted and shall continue co-ordinating the equipment list if the Committee so wishes.

There were no questions arising from Lynn’s report.

**(h) Webmaster – Gill Bunker**

* Lots of photos/links added after group walks and events; thanks particularly to Merrian and Dave for photos of Thursday walks.
* BBN challenge walk information, route descriptions and results added as requested by the event organisers.
* Latest News kept up to date.
* I’ve altered the Menus that appear on the Home Page to differentiate between *Future Events* (which defaults from the LDWA website and can’t be altered) and BBN’s own challenge events which each have their own page on the BBN website (and where information can be added as required by the event organiser).
* Terry and I are sharing the input of group walks onto the LDWA website and this is working well.
* **Facebook 134** members. Works really well for the group. Norman, Gill and
Daniel Jamin are Admins and Moderators.

Daniel Jamin said he was considering setting up a survey via Facebook to see if members had their own ideas for other ways in which FB could be used.

There were no questions arising from Gill’s report.

**(i) Newsletter – Gill Bunker**

* Three Newsletters this year.
* Good and varied supply of articles from members – thank you to all contributors.
* The Summer and Autumn Newsletters were the first ones posted only to those members who had asked for a hard copy and, as Dave has reported earlier, 21 members have continued to receive a hard copy. This is a substantial drop in the number being posted and there has been a corresponding decrease in printing and postage costs. The newsletter is available online to all members.

There were no questions arising from Gill’s report.

**(j) Local Groups Representative – Peter Simon**

The 2018 local group representatives meeting was held November 16-18 at the Medway youth hostel. Here are my subjective takeaways from the sessions.

**Insurance** - This is by far the most important issue raised at the meeting. The LDWA is covered by an insurance policy for third-party damages - for example, if a farmer sues the LDWA for damages to livestock. The LDWA's insurance policy now requires that we keep a record of the name and membership number of every member who participates in a social walk or challenge event. Non-members are permitted to join Group social walks up to three times and would be required to provide contact details. The forms must be kept for three years and then destroyed. This policy is to go into immediate effect. Damage claims are exceedingly rare but, if uninsured, could ruin the Association.

**Data protection** - Chris Hedley has issued a page of guidance that summarises the responsibilities of LDWA Group officers with respect to GDPR compliance.

**Safeguarding** - David Morgan presented guidance on how to report incidents of abuse of children and vulnerable adults, to keep the LDWA in compliance with legislative and procedural requirements.

**NEC budget and future needs** - Updating the LDWA Website will require the expense of money that the NEC does not have. The NEC is looking for ways to cut costs in order to pay for improvements without having to make significant increases in the annual subscription.

**Logo** - As discussed in August Strider, the NEC is planning to drop the Walking Man logo. Two new logos have been designed and members will vote early next year to adopt one or the other. Maintaining the old logo is not an option.

**100s** - There was a long discussion, with no firm recommendations, about what should constitute a qualifying event.

There were no questions arising from Peter’s report.

4**. Election of Officers and Committee**

**(a) Chair** Terry BrownPeter Simon took the chair for the election of the chair

Terry Brown having previously been nominated, and with no further nominations, was elected Chair. .

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| **Position** | **Nominee** | **Name of proposer** | **Name of seconder** |
| **Chair** | Terry Brown | Val Thompson | Judy Nickerson |

(**b) Secretary and (c) Treasurer** Peter Simon and Peter Engledow

Peter Simon and Peter Engledow having previously been nominated, and with no further nominations, were elected Secretary and Treasurer.

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| **Position** | **Nominee** | **Name of proposer** | **Name of seconder** |
| **Secretary** | Peter Simon | Terry Brown | John Clark |
| **Treasurer** | Peter Engledow | Dave Findel-Hawkins | Derek Jacob |

(d) **Election of Committee Members** Gill Bunker, Dave Findel-Hawkins, Mary Knight,
 Alan Leadbetter, Roy Carter + 2 vacancies

Mary Knight having previously been nominated, and with no further nominations, was elected Walks Secretary.

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| **Position** | **Nominee** | **Name of proposer** | **Name of seconder** |
| **Walks Secretary** | Mary Knight | Chris Rhead | Colin Burnetta |

Four nominations for Committee positions had been made before the meeting. This left two positions vacant. Sara Waldron was nominated at the meeting, and the following were then elected unanimously.

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| **Position** | **Nominee** | **Name of proposer** | **Name of seconder** |
| **Committee member** | David Findel-Hawkins | Trish Bricknell | Merrian Lancaster |
| **Committee member** | Roy Carter | James Robinson | Jim Morrison |
| **Committee member** | Gill Bunker | Frank Hodgson | Clare Francis |
| **Committee member** | Alan Leadbetter | Linda Marsh | Gill Bunker |
| **Committee member** | Sara Waldron | Gill Bunker | Dee Brockway |

(**e) Appointment of Committee Members to specific roles:**

**(i) Social Walks Secretary**

**(ii) Membership Secretary**

**(iii) Merchandising Secretary**

**(iv) Webmaster**

**(v) Newsletter**

**(vi) Local Groups Representative**

**(vii) Minute Secretary**

**(viii) GDPR**

It was agreed that this would be dealt with at the first Committee meeting.

**GDPR:** Terry said it was proposed that she would take overall responsibility for GDPR and report to Chris Hedley of the NEC, with support from Dave F-H (membership), Mike Hyland (challenge event entries) and, Merrian Lancaster (records/information).

**Hundred CP co-ordinator** – Still needed. Terry said that this did not need to be a Committee position.

**Equipment:** Lynn Yorston had previously indicated that she would be the nominated person to maintain the list of the group’s equipment in a non-Committee capacity.

(f) **Cheque Signatories**: Peter Engledow, Terry Brown, Gill Bunker

**5. Health and Safety/Insurance Issues - Peter Simon**

**Incident Reports**There was one reportable incident on 18th January 2018. The relevant form was completed and sent to Sandy Gee, the LDWA Treasurer, as required.

**Health & Safety:** Peter said the main concern was food hygiene and catering at events. There may be more regulations in future. We should continue as we are at present but watch this space.

**Insurance:** Peter said that local groups are now responsible for maintaining a record of all walkers on their walks and challenge events for insurance purposes. Some issues still remain to be clarified and further guidance from the NEC will follow, but in the meantime we need to ensure we keep a record of everybody on our group walks.

There was some discussion as to why this was needed and how best this could be done.

Mary said she can email the required form to all walk leaders. Terry said the procedure of how to do this will be discussed at the next Committee meeting, taking account of national requirements.

Lynn voiced concern about the 2020 Hundred’s requirement that all entrants should carry their own cutlery as carrying a knife in a rucksack is illegal.

**6. Donations/Projects – Update**

**(a) John Nickerson Memorial**Terry reported that the Committee had decided not to proceed with the erection of a memorial bench as this had proved complicated with permissions needed to be obtained, Therefore a decision had been made to place a memorial plaque to John on the BBN bench at Ivinghoe. Terry said Judy had been kept informed and they had discussed the wording for the plaque. It is hoped to have the plaque in place early next year.

**(b) Greensand Ridge Benches**

Roy said the six BBN benches on the Greensand Ridge are the responsibility of the group and are all in need of repair or renewal. It was agreed this would be a project for next year. Roy will talk to the Greensand Country Landscape Partnership about the cost and report back.

**Donations:** Therese Jamin said it was probably better to look at the benches and see how much they could cost to repair/replace before deciding on any donations.

**7. BBN Challenge Events**

**(a) Reports of completed events**

**(i) Shillington Shuffle 2017 – Merrian Lancaster**

**Route**: Following success on Steppingley Step 2016 we went from 4 to 3 checkpoints, Pirton, Lilley and Meppershall, and changed the route to avoid a stretch of the B655 on the medium/long routes. These changes also made the distances between checkpoints more even.

**Entries:** We used SiEntries and set the entry limit to 300, and reached this on 19th October. Subsequent entries went onto a waiting list. On 20th October and 7th November Mike emailed everyone to ask them to let him know if they couldn’t make it on the day. It isn’t possible for entrants to cancel their own entry. 36 cancelled their entries before the day, everyone on the waiting list was offered a place and all but 5 took up the offer. We had no postal entries.

10 people did the **Marshals’ Walk** on Sunday 29th October, or thereabouts.

Mainly because of Mike’s efforts managing the cancellations and waiting list, we only had 11% non-starters, which is below the figure most events are getting these days. There was pretty even split between walkers and runners who didn’t turn up.

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| Entries | Expected | Non-starters | Starters | Retired | Finished |
| 12 mile | 52 | 1 | 51 | 0 | 51 |
| 18 mile | 45 | 3 | 42 | 2 | 40 |
| 26 mile | 196 | 29 | 167 | 2 | 165 |
| overall | 293 | 33 | 260 | 4 | 256 |

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| Finances | Income |  | Expenditure |
| Entries |  £2303.70 | Food |  £408.73 |
| Tea donations |  £60.00 | Hall hire |  £442.00 |
| Total Income |  £2,363.70 | Other (van hire, printing) |  £572.93 |
| Total Income |  £2,363.70 | Expenditure on walk |  £1,423.66 |
| Total Expenditure |   £1,723.66 | Donation: Air Ambulance |  £300.00 |
| Surplus |  £640.04 | Total Expenditure |  £1,723.66 |

Thank you to all the marshals who helped to make it a jolly good event. 27 people helped at various times and we had many comments about how friendly and helpful everyone was.

**(ii) Pick & Mix 2018 – Lynn Yorston**

We had booked the Great Missenden C of E School for 4th March 2018 but as everyone knows, the weather was so bad that the event had to be cancelled at the very last moment. Thanks to SiEntries, the actual work involved in doing this was not too bad.

We re-ran the event on 10th June and everything went brilliantly. The biggest comment we had was to the fact that everyone enjoyed doing it in the summer. This is some-thing we are willing to discuss with the Committee as we did alternate with the Chiltern Kanter.

(**iii) Hannington Hike 2018 - Alan Leadbetter**

New name new routes. The marshals’ walk threw up a couple of fields that were impassable due to crops, this meant we had to quickly find a couple of diversion (thanks to Adrian Moody & DFH). One diversion turned out to be a bit safer, so this will stay in for next year’s event. The fields were reported to The Street Doctor, but they were not cleared in time for the day of the event.

Had a bit of a panic as England were doing well in the World Cup, had to come up with a plan to take my TV to Headquarters so all who wanted to watch it could. In end that was not needed.

I spent a couple of hours clearing overgrown areas on a couple of Saturdays to make it easier, which was welcomed by everybody.

All went well on the day; the weather was hotter than we expected so I put on an extra water stop (thanks to Steve Clark for stepping in to help). All the 94 that started finished in good time, even if two people decided to walk it the wrong way.

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| INCOME | EXPENDITURE |
| SiEntries £896.45 | HQ/halls £430.00 |
| Cheques from Mike £28.00 | Badges/certificates £398.34 |
| Badges £20.50 | Van + fuel £80.01 |
| Total £944.95 | Food £296.06 |
|  | Total £1205.41  |
| Loss £260.46 |  |

Will try to do better next year.

Next year’s event will be about a month earlier on June 9th 2019, and the marshals’ walk will be on May 12th 2019. This is to help me have a bit more time to sort out the event in 2020 which will be in March.

There were no questions arising from the challenge walk reports.

Terry thanked all the event organisers especially the Pick & Mix team for their handling of the postponement and re-scheduling of the event.

(**b) Reports of future events including possible changes to dates**

**(i) Chiltern Kanter 2019 Norman Corrin**

I’ve checked with Mike and as of Monday 19th November 54 people have entered. There is a choice of 26, 18 or 13 miles. The routes are roughly the same as 2017 but have been altered slightly. You’ll have to turn up on the Marshals’ walk 10th February or the main event on Sunday 3rd March to find out how exactly……..

I’ve contacted Safran Power Systems to see about using their company’s car park. The contacts I spoke to before had left and the new ones have not yet decided whether we can use their facilities. I’ve chased them a couple of times and still no reply.

Mike and I will be out on Sunday 2nd December (weather permitting) to recce the route and look at alternative venues along the same road. Mike used to work at a company there but unfortunately it is further to walk.

Roy Carter has expressed an interest in taking over the event after Mike and I step down.

At Sunday’s Sundon Saunter (try saying that after a few pints…..) Merrian informed me that the LDWA Chairman David Morgan will be taking part in the event. So best behaviour please!

As always Marshals will be required. All the people I asked on the Sundon said yes. Now if only I could remember who I asked…..….

Thanks to all of those who’ve helped me with the event since 2005 when I took it over from Jake. In particular to Mike for all of his handling of entries (pre SI days!) and route devising. In earlier years Dave & Lynn and Mike & Sandra gave a lot of help. The event couldn’t have happened without them or all of the others who’ve helped.

It was confirmed that Roy Carter will take over as organiser after the 2019 event.

**(ii) Hannington Hike 2019 Alan Leadbetter**

Alan said the 2019 event would be a month earlier in June; after that the HH will swap dates with the Pick & Mix.

**(iii) Pick & Mix 2020 Lynn Yorston.**

Following the proposed date change to June. Dave Yorston said he and Lynn would like to put the P&M on every year, if acceptable.

**8. LDWA Hundreds**

Terry said there had not been a BBN checkpoint on this year’s Hundred although various members had helped on the main and marshals’ event.

1. **Hadrian's Hundred 2019**Terry said BBN do not have a checkpoint on the 2019 Hundred but individual members who would like to help could contact ianlauriston@talktalk.net **a**s help may still be needed at CP1 (Cleveland Group) or at the event HQ.

**(b) Y 100 Sir Fynwy 2020**

BBN have provisionally offered to run CP4 at Abergavenny but a CP co-ordinator is still needed.

**(c) Trans Pennine 2021**

Dave F-H said BBN are likely to be offered CP1 and he will act as co-ordinator for the present.

**(d) Elephant, Bear & Bull 2022**

No decision yet made whether to offer to run a CP. Volunteer to co-ordinate a CP needed.

**9. Group Activities — Weekends — Social Events**

**(a) Hartington 2018 - Roy Carter**

Roy said the Hartington trip had gone well. Walkers had booked their own accommodation and he had led the walk. This had worked well. Dee said it had been an excellent weekend, with some lovely walks. Terry thanked Roy for organising the weekend.

**(b) Isle of Wight – Dee Brockway**

Dee gave more information about a trip to the Isle of Wight to walk the Vectis Trail. Full details will be on the BBN website and circulated via Peter’s update.
Terry asked that thanks be passed to Jill Green for her help.

**(c) Ideas for future group activities?**

Therese gave details of her Three Kings Walk on 6th January and explained how members can book their lunch at The Globe Inn. Full details are on the website

Roy Carter asked whether the group would like a holiday every year – if so he is prepared to organise.

Terry said she thought the group put on a varied walk programme with walks of different lengths and format. If any have any members have any ideas for the future, please let the Committee know.

**10. A.O.B.**

**AGM:** There was some discussion about where the 2019 AGM should be held.
It was confirmed that the AGM must be held in November.

The Committee will confirm where the AGM will be held, but if it is in Beds then David Sedgley has suggested Flitton and offered to organise the day.

(Dave Yorston confirmed the SS will be held on Sunday 17th November.)

**11. Date of next Committee meeting**

Thursday 21st February 2019 – venue to be confirmed

The meeting closed at 3.15 pm

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|  | **SOCIAL WALK LEADERS****1st OCTOBER 2017 TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2018** |  |

We would like to thank the following walk leaders who have led walks during the period October 2017 to September 2018. We thank them for their time, expertise and effort and without whom we would not exist.

Sylvie Norris Derek Jacob

Dee Brockway Judy Nickerson

Roy Carter Gill Bunker

Linda Marsh Margaret and Roger Skerman

Wayne Rowlett Dianne Sutton

John Davies Norman Corrin

Dave Findel-Hawkins Jim Robinson

Chris Bent Terry Brown

Dave Sedgley Therese Jamin

Mike Bowley Terry Penny

Adrian Moody Stephen McMorrow

Ian Sage Martin Lawson

Bob Safford Peter Simon

Wahid Khan \* Mary Knight

Sara Waldron \* Neil Edmonds \*

Alan Leadbetter Colin Stoneman

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Santa

\*First time walk leader