

## Social Walks Secretary's Report

### BBN Committee meeting Wed 21st January 2015

Not a huge amount has happened since my report to the AGM in November apart from my usual gentle persuasion, mostly via Merrian's round robin emails, to cagoule members into leading a social walk for us. The diary for the April to August program was very sparse indeed when I made my first emotional plea at the AGM, but, as always it is now full, fat and therefore healthy. We have only 5 weekends in the 4 month period when BBN is not offering either a challenge or a social walk.

Please allow me two small moans. With some notable exceptions, we still rely on the same people to lead a walk (or two or more) **every** year, whilst others, who are welcome and enjoy many of their fellow members efforts, never seem able to 'rise to the challenge". Please, please consider taking that first step, you will receive all the help and advice you need. My second little gripe (and I feel a little guilty as this is directed at the wonderful leaders who do make the effort), please can you get me your details by the requested date. I had to chase up over half the leaders this month.

Back to the many positives. We have one of the most extensive social walk programs of any of the LDWA groups, both in quantity, and, in my opinion, quality and diversity. With the permission of the committee I have included 2 walks outside our 3 counties area. In September the group is offering, what I am sure will be, a fantastic weekend of walking, staying in a youth hostel in Dorset. Many thanks to John Cheshier for securing the accommodation and preparing to lead 3 walks and to Gill for organising the bookings. I think we have only 3 places left.

As I write, I now await details of one final weekend walk to complete the April to August program. I hope by the time of this meeting I will have forwarded the completed list to Gill and Merrian. My thanks in advance to both ladies for proof reading and, I am sure correcting my silly mistakes, and for inputting the information onto the web, from which the information will be extracted for inclusion in The Strider.

As always, I am now starting on the program for the final 4 months of the year, from September to December 2015. Please contact me asap to book a date to lead the walk, with the usual final details required by 10<sup>th</sup> May please.

Many thanks

Dee Brockway, BBN Social walks Secretary.