



# Grapevine Newsletter 03

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## Welcome.

Welcome to the Vermuyden LDWA Winter newsletter.

The big year for the group saw we walked 24 walks with circa 500mls under our belt.

Throughout the Winter we just tick over with a couple of walks that would suit any newbies wanting to try us out.

There are a few irons in the fire that are either ready to pull out or not quite ready to remove yet...

Oh and a big one still in the embers...

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## Upcoming Group Social Walks

- Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Oct – Part 4 (and last) of our joint walk with The Irregulars on the Lincs Wolds Way
- Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Silkstone Saunter
- Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Nov – Another Hughes Hike
- Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Wakefield Blue Plaque Trail (Xmas members walk/drink)
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Le Tour a Pied (Linear with bus req)
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Jan – 2017 Walk & AGM
- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – Pt 1 Barnsley Boundary Walk (2017 LDP Weds Walk)
- Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – Passport to Yorkshire
- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Mar – Pt 2 Barnsley Boundary Walk
- Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Mar – An edgy walk to the Derwent
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Apr – Pt 3 Barnsley Boundary Walk
- Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr – Black Hill Bruiser
- Sun 21<sup>st</sup> May – An Anston Amble
- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Jun – Pt 4 Barnsley Boundary Walk

## Another Notable Date for your Diary

- Sun 28<sup>th</sup> May – Checkpoint 16 North York Moors 100  
Howe Bridge Farm  
Low Marishes  
Malton  
North Yorkshire  
YO17 6RQ

We have been given the opportunity to experience once again the manning of a checkpoint on the 2017 flagship event of the LDWA 'the hundred'.

As historically Vermuyden has usually been given a late checkpoint, why change, checkpoint 16 is the last checkpoint at approximately 4mls from the finish line in Malton.



This is the picture from the official webpage of the NY team, we believe we have a barn to contend with just to the left of the Windmill (very apt. Ed).

We know on site there is a Deli/Farm shop on site

The Whole Hogg Café Malton North Yorkshire

We are open from 9:30am Sun to 8:00am Mon and would love to see as many folk come down to give us a hand. As an incentive (the proverbial dangling carrot (again very apt. ed.)) we have some new kit arriving that will make us stand out and give the entrants the push they need to finish.



The reason we went for Orange (it's a nice burnt orange honest)

- We wanted to stand out and look smart when official photographer comes knocking. We have heard on the vine that we have a major road to marshal too
- The club logo (although a little 80's) is orange
- We are named after a Dutch drainage fella. We all know the Dutch colour...

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## Challenge Events

We ran two challenge events this year with the 'new' **Bassetlaw Bash** exceeding all expectations. It has been decided to run it again in 18 months. One for another time but sometime in October 2017 the 4<sup>th</sup> Bash will return to see the Autumn colours of Clumber, Thoresby and Welbeck estates.



Aaron H (Vermuyden LDWA)  
handing over a cheque for  
£1200 (entries monies) to  
Bassetlaw Hospice charity  
worker Debbie R

A bit of a disappointment (OTD entries) with the **Elsecar Skelter**, a pee poor day the day before may have put a few off but a smashing day on the day with a smashing route will see us return on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

It is somewhat only in the embers but the walk sec, treasurer and chair have been discussing the possibility of a Vermuyden 50 mile challenge event in 2017 or 2018.

The walk sec has a distant dream of bringing a little walk in 2021 to the Peak District. A space odyssey? Nope...  
A Trans Pennine 100...

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## @VermuydenLDWA

Since the last newsletter our social network presence has grown to now accommodate a Pinterest account.

Our Twitter feed relays recent walk reports and other group related events.

Our Pinterest account collects The Elsecar Skelter certs (historical to present). Any churches we pass en route during group walks (thanks to Linda W) our knowledge of churches has grown extensively, and any Waymarks we pass also en-route.

Our Twitter and Pinterest feeds can be found @VermuydenLDWA



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## Striding out for 30 years

With a few members getting our commemorative tee shirt after walking 3 out of 4 of our 30yr anniversary open challenge walks.

They were well received and all liked the colour. I gave away all 11 that were ordered and John W was the first to receive (as seen below)



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## Annual Long Walks

With the 33ml Doncastrian Way put on as one of our anniversary walks it was decided to put on another long walk as our annual long walk. The 32ml Open Cast Way caught our eyes. A brand new route (waymarked) around Scunthorpe.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September our open challenge walk “The Donny Way”



Yup a wet day ensued for our 8 walkers, lunch took under some trees then another 4mls on the Don bank we turned the Three Horse Shoes public House into widow twankys kitchen.

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> September our annual long walk “The Scunny Way”



Yup another wet day, an interesting route around Scunthorpe with a fair few urban and industry parts but some super bits of surprising countryside. Both members (good ol Roy T and the walk sec) ignored the forecast and enjoyed the day.

Both this year’s long walks were routes around two different northern towns, although enjoyable next year we need to get back into the countryside.

Look out in future ‘future events’ online, I am to put 3 walks in 3 consecutive months and walk the 3 feathers routes.

Feather 1 Peak District (28mls)

Feather 2 Yorkshire Dales (32mls)

Feather 3 Kilburn Area (34mls)



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## LDP Wednesday Walks

Our 2016 Wednesday walks are about to come to an end and what a cracking route the Lincs Wolds Way is.

Our thanks must go out to Dave W for suggesting the route on a very windy day in Swinton (South Yorks Way, day 3). We left all the logistics to The Irregulars who booked coaches etc.

Highlights have been the general countryside (the Wolds are stunning) the quaint villages, not many folk to be seen and the company. Thanks you Pirates it's been a blast!



Wold Top. The Lincolnshire county top group photo.

2017 sees us walk The Barnsley Boundary Walk



Created by Barnsley Borough Council in association with the publishing arm of the Barnsley Chronicle, the Walk aims to provide a view of the varied countryside, industrial heritage and other points of interest in the Borough. Included are Langsett Reservoir, the former salt road to Dunford Bridge, several reservoirs and the Country Parks at Cannon and Bretton Halls.

All details have been uploaded to our Future Events webpages



## Other Bits

### IML Walking association event Arenzano Italy visit.

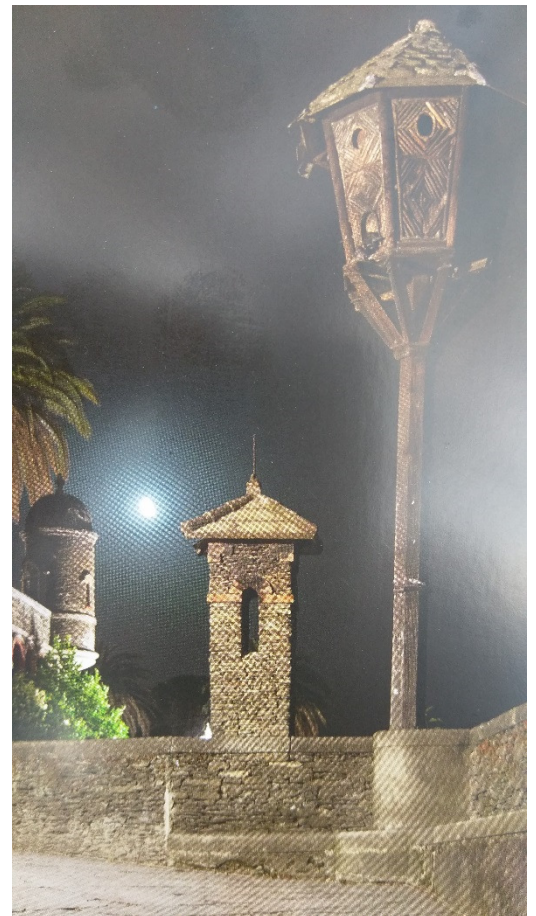
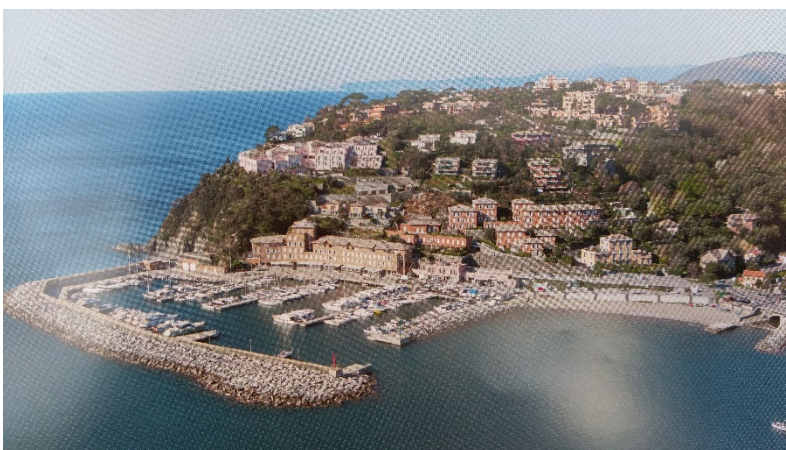
Two intrepid members joined an Irregular trip to far flung corners earlier this month. Bill P (Chairman) and Dave N joined them pirates for a nice drinking with a little walking holiday.

The lads enjoyed their selves and managed two days walking in some wonderful countryside. The routes took in place along paths connecting the coast and Beigua national park (the largest protected area in the Liguria district).

There were a choice of 4 walks to choose from:

- Route A – Long – 20km 1100m ASL
- Route B – Medium – 15km 750m ASL
- Route C – Short – 6km 300m ASL
- Route D – 20km – 0m ASL (not for us seasoned walkers surely...)

The Irregulars did a cracking job with all logistics and both Vermuyden members wish to thank The Irregulars leaders.



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## About social walks

This piece of writing answers some questions you may have if you are either a newbie long distance walker or haven't been on a Vermuyden Group social walk before, our walks programme is arranged on a monthly basis (with a few ad hoc walks) and we aim to make our walks programme varied with both local and more distant start venues. Our policy is to make them social rather than competitive events and we do take account of the slower walker. We usually arrange a pub stop at lunchtime as part of this policy. All are welcome to join us!

### What is a Social Walk?

A social walk is a Group walk solely for the enjoyment of the members as a social event, and led by one of the Group. A social walk is the opportunity to meet the Group members, so come along and try one.

### What happens on a Social Walk?

The walks are usually on a Sunday and usually start at 8:30am. Note that we really mean it when we say "start at 8:30am". If you turn up late, we will have gone. Unless you let the walk sec know and we will of course hang on for you.

Typically we walk until approx.5pm stopping for elevenses in the morning and sometimes a short stop late afternoon. (We stop for a longer break at lunchtime). Often we stop at a pub (no more 2hr stops mind you! A nice ¾ hr. stop for ladies convenience and drink something other than water nowadays!) We don't issue walk descriptions, ask the leader whose contact details will be on the website for details. The distance will be around 18 to 20 miles, a bit shorter in the middle of winter, but the walk description online will tell you how long it is.

### I've never walked twenty miles before. How will I cope?

Most reasonably fit people can walk twenty miles. You may suffer the next day and find it a bit tough the first time, but after a few goes it will become easy. If you have any doubts, try walking 12 miles in four hours and see how you do.

### What about the weather?

The walk will happen whatever the weather (we are not made of sugar). The leader will adjust the route to the prevailing conditions if too severe.

### Is there a charge?

No. You are automatically a priority member of the Vermuyden Group if you are an LDWA member living in S York's, and all social walks are free to all and everyone.

### Will I be left behind?

No. The leaders will know how many are on the walk, and will wait for the slowest walkers to catch up every time there is the possibility of going wrong.

### Do I need to phone beforehand?

No, but phone the leader/walk sec if you have any questions.

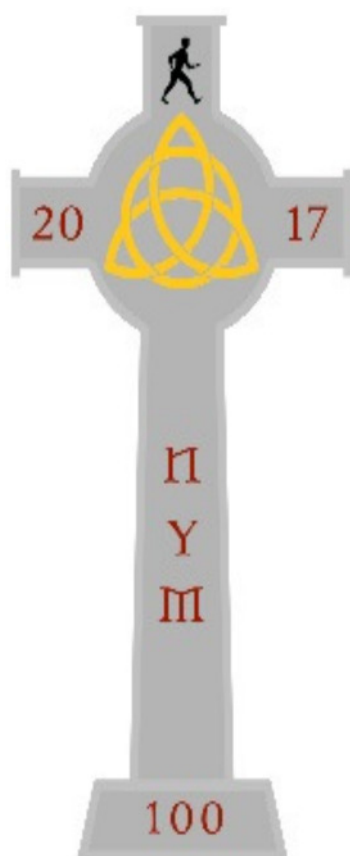
### Do I need a map?

No, but it doesn't hurt to bring one along if you have one.

**(Many thanks to the Dorset group for the idea of these notes).**



# YOU ARE INVITED



As already mentioned we have the opportunity to participate in next years 'the hundred'.

With it being a local event (Nth Yorks) we have dusted of some checkpoint gear and bought some new clobber.

We have CP16 at 96mls to contend with and would love as many folk as possible to come give us a hand.

We extend this invite to Primary and Associate members, all and everyone.

Entries open for the event 10th Oct 2016. Aaron will be walking the marshal's event (if I get in. Ed.). He would be happy to have a little company on this walk if you wish to help out on the main event.

The Marshal's event begins on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017

The Main event begins Sat 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017

The CP16 opens Sun 29<sup>th</sup> May 9:30am

I .....

Would be happy to give a helping hand at Howebridge Farm on the North York Moors 100 event.

I would like to order the following and will be happy to donate £5 per item and be part of the Vermuyden team. (Please circle).

Wick ability Vermuyden polo shirt – S M L XL XXL

Vermuyden Sweatshirt – S M L XL XXL

Vermuyden Hoodie – S M XL XXL

Signed .....

Contact Number.....



Aaron has a sample of each top that he will bring to every walk if you are not sure of sizes etc.

## Group Meetings

Take place at The White Swan in Doncaster town center (opposite BHS) at 8pm on the second Monday of the month.

We would welcome any members popping along for a chat and a pint.

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## And Finally

Again I have cobbled this newsletter together as yet another stab at giving the group a bit of a leg up.

I am thinking of putting it together as I input the Strider details 3 times a year.

If anyone wishes anything adding just send me details.

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