



# Grapevine Newsletter 04

## Welcome.

Welcome to the Vermuyden LDWA Spring newsletter.

Read on to see how the group is developing and moving onwards and upwards.

Remember the “big one still in the embers?” ..... It’s turned into a bonfire!.....

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## Upcoming Group Social Walks

- 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
- Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Jun – Wellow Wander
- Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Jun – Elsecar Skelter Marshals Walk
- Sat 1<sup>st</sup> July – Three Feathers Walk (Yorkshire Bridge – 28ml)
  - The beginnings of this year’s long walk series
- Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Spen Way Heritage Trail
- Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Aug – Three Feathers Walk (Kilburn – 30ml)
- Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Aug – Silkstone Saunter V2
- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Three Feathers Walk (Kettlewell – 34ml)
- Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Sept – The Bramley Apple

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## AGM News

The 2016 AGM was held again at The Beehive in Harthill on the 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017. Sally and Sue lead another smashing pre AGM walk of 11 miles around the surrounding area of Harthill.

The AGM commenced once all walkers had returned and were met by a couple of non-walkers and the walking wounded.

The chair began proceedings by reading the last meeting minutes as read.

The Secretary read out the report of what the group has been up to during this celebration year (we turned 30).

It is here Sally parted the news that she was to step down as Vermuyden LDWA secretary this term.

We had a pause in proceedings as Aaron presented some flowers from the Vermuyden group as a thank you for the years of dedication to the group.



The Treasurer reported on the groups finances at the end of 2016.

The Walk Coordinator thanked all for their support on the summer challenge walk The Elsecar Skelter and asked all to keep the date clear for July 29<sup>th</sup> 2017 as this was the date for this year's event.

He then proceeded to show the group the 'new' Vermuyden kit we are to wear for our upcoming duties an this years 'hundred' in deepest darkest North Yorkshire.



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## Election of Officers

Chairman – Bill Palmer was re-elected

Treasurer – Peter Poppy was re-elected

Walk Coordinator – Aaron Hookway was re-elected

Secretary – Sally Buck stood down this term.

We welcomed the election of Karen Harris (Sth Anston) to the group as Secretary, we wish Karen all the best for the upcoming future of Vermuyden LDWA.

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## A Historical Day for Vermuyden LDWA

Over the last few months there has been an ember in the fire that keeps kindling every now and again. First a name, then an area... the 2016 local groups meeting in Stratford, a new Secretary came calling then a phone call made.

A form was sent from a certain D Morgan...



During the 2016 AGM the form was signed by The Walk Coordinator, The Secretary and the Treasurer.

It was announced to the group we had just signed the form.

### **An Application to Host a Future Hundred**

We were ratified at the NEC meeting in January and have been given the 2021 date.

A core committee has been thrashed out

Aaron Hookway – Main Organiser

Dave Wolsey – Route Development

Karen Harris – Checkpoints

Lynne Harness & Jane Guest – Catering

Peter Poppy – Treasurer & Marshals Event

Lynsey Jackson - Merchandise

We will need more assistance as the date gets closer, we are actively seeking a school for HQ and the beginnings of a route is being drawn up, thoughts are already being perused over a South Yorkshire themed menu. (Bread, Dripping with a side of Tripe Anyone?)



I am not saying this is the official badge of The Trans Pennine 100 but as a bit of explanation of our thinking.

The outer Grey ring represents The Mill Stones of The Peak District

The Black and White chevrons represent the White and Dark Peak

The inner crest was the South Yorkshire Coat of Arms (farming and mining represented) with a little addition of the LDWA logo

## Upcoming 'hundred' duties

- Sun 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – Checkpoint 16 North York Moors 100

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.

I thank everyone who has gave me details for marshalling duties, we have enough to be split into two teams with an overlap during the busy period.

Now the route has been released by the North Yorks team we are to visit the café in the very near future. Look on our webpage in future events for details soon.

- May 2018 – Checkpoint at 73miles Dover - Kent 100

We have been approached by the organisers of the Kent 100 in May 2018. We have been asked if we would like to marshal the checkpoint in Dover at some 73 miles.

It is our intention to take a bus full to Dover for the weekend, both Marshals and Eventers from Vermuyden LDWA.

If it is your intention to enter the Kent 100 make yourself known to Aaron, he is organising a car full with accommodation to the Red Rose 50 in September as a qualifier.

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## LDP Wednesday's

This year's LDP (Long Distance Path) The Barnsley Boundary Walk has begun in earnest. 13 folk walked from Penistone to Elsecar last week along the TPT, over the crags and then crossing some muddy fields we made it to Elsecar ready for the next section.

Aaron made the announcement before the off that Vermuyden LDWA had been ratified at the last NEC meeting to host the 2021 hundred, with most of the core committee present it proved to be a good day.

The other parts:

- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Mar – Pt 2 Barnsley Boundary Walk
  - Elsecar to Darton (26ml) Parking at Darton Park & Ride
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Apr – Pt 3 Barnsley Boundary Walk
  - Darton to Penistone (19ml) Parking at Darton again
- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Jun – Pt 4 Barnsley Boundary Walk
  - Penistone to Penistone via Dunford Bridge and Langsett
  - (26ml) parking at Penistone Paramount

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## Challenge Events

The 2017 **Elsecar Skelter** is to be run on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

We have approached SI Entries to assist with online entries this year.

Please approach a member of the committee if you can spare a hand on the day and wish to walk the marshals walk.



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## @VermuydenLDWA

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

Our Facebook page relays recent walk reports and other group related events.

[www.facebook.com/groups/706018186227802/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/706018186227802/)

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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## **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  $\frac{3}{4}$  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).**

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## 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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