

LDWA WEST LANCASHIRE GROUP

Group Meeting
Monday 20th November 2017 at 7.45pm

	<p>Apologies: Emma Bolton, Jaqui & Ken Peaks 17 members in attendance & 3 guests</p> <p>Agenda and matters arising from previous meetings Actions: First Aid Kit and Lap top</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Action</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Outstanding</p>
1	<p>Past & future walks David provided information in regard to the past walks where weather, mud, motorway traffic has not affected good turn outs. The future walks offer an excellent variety.</p>	
2	<p>Website Only two leaders have asked for their surname not to be printed on the walks programme on our website and in Strider. It was decided after discussion that individual leaders can decide how they want their name and number printing.</p> <p>There was a discussion about people turning up, not prepared for a walk and who are not members of the LDWA. This led to the issue of insurance. The difficulty is that people are finding walks from our walks programme on our website.</p>	<p>Walk leaders should ask if participants are members of the LDWA. There is guidance that after 3 walks people are to be encouraged to join.</p>
3	<p>The Plod Numbers so far are pretty low. 16 and counting. The event has been circulated to all members.</p>	<p>John Evenden is the organizer details on the website.</p>
4	<p>Amble Six key members and helpers on the Amble are not available in 2018. Ian to adjust the list of duties and re-circulate to members</p>	<p>Volunteers required for the 10th February please whatever you can do please let us know</p>
5	<p>40th Anniversary The Jacob's join on the 18th August 2018 at Brindle village hall has been agreed. Some co-ordination re food and entertainment to be done in the New Year. A bar is available.</p> <p>Dates for the commemorative walks as follows:</p> <p>March 24th Original Amble route- Doreen April 3rd Whittle Wanderer- John E May 12th – Sirloin Stroll (from 1989) Jaqui June 2nd Barbon- Ian & Karen July 7th Wide Awake Walk- Doreen August 18th Walk to be decided from Brindle village hall (Ian and Karen) finishing with a social Jacob's Join from 3pm onwards. Update re entertainment: Members who attended recommended two speakers to be contacted: Jim</p>	<p>Hall Booked Outstanding is entertainment</p>

	<p>Bispham or Paul Hannan Other suggestions put forward was for some musical entertainment Irish jig music or some local singers/jazz blues or Trouble at Mill</p>	<p>Karen to ask Stan if he has any contact details</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>2018 Long distance trail Neil Harwood has kindly put forward a long distance walk for next year. www.lancashireway.com. It is a route he has devised and is split into 3 loops. The first loop is 81 miles and it is suggested that this would be 5 Thursdays in March. Parts of the Ribble Way, Dolphinholme, Harrock Hill, Gathurst, Leeds Liverpool Canal, Wigan as well as Healey Nab, Darwen Tower are to be visited. More details in the New Year</p> <p>Guest speaker Martin Manley one of the original members of the West Lancs group. Martin told the group that his LDWA association began by raising money for Mountain Rescue by entering the Fellsman challenge walk. In relation to starting West Lancs (then East Lancs and Fylde). He advertised in Strider and 4 people turned up at the Walmer Bridge Inn, later at the Angel in Lune Street Preston. There were 12 original members, rising to 36 pretty quickly and the Amble was born with 168 entries at first, rising to 500 after 4 years. The event took place at the Lower Barn Rivington. Martin described very much a club effort with everyone helping and negotiating different deals to get the best value for money. There were no risk assessments or insurance 40 years ago! The event ran in the Summer from 1982 until 1992 and in the Winter from 1985. Then, as now, the group is funded by the income from the Amble.</p> <p>Other events like the Wide Awake walk and the Duddon landscape walk were in recognition of the organiser's love of the areas. There were originally problems with the landowners until the WI were approached to help with refreshments, as they were married to the farmers, the event ran between 1986 and 1989. There was another walk called the Brinton's where a 52 seater bus arrived at the Black Bull in Belmont, the organiser received a bill for the cleaning the carpet due to muddy boots.</p> <p>It was great to meet Martin and gain a little history of the club.</p> <p>Other dates The LDWA AGM is to be staged in North Lincs at the Forest Pines Hotel, Broughton 9th until the 11th March 2018</p> <p>Next meeting at the Sea View on the 18th December at 7.45 pm.</p>	<p>Lancashire way will be the walk next year further details to follow.</p> <p>Thank you Neil</p>