



# LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

*furthering the interests of those who enjoy long distance walking*

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## LDWA Chair's Newsletter: May 2019

Welcome to the May 2019 LDWA Chair's Newsletter.

Another year and another LDWA 100 mile walk has been completed. The organisers of Hadrian Hundred created a fine route and the entrants accepted the challenge laid before them. If you've been following [PACER](#) then you'll know that there was a high attrition rate and this was solely down to the weather that hit the entrants as they walked from Garrigill over Cross Fell. Entrants who left Greg's Hut were grouped together for reasons of safety and a spotlight was shone very brightly on the safety equipment that is listed in the kit list. If any entrant has ever questioned why the kit list is required (and this is the minimum required) then the Hadrian Hundred night section will surely resolve that issue.

Many, many thanks to the organisers for several years' hard work to ensure the event could take place and thank-you to all of the marshals who gave up their time to staff checkpoints, encourage entrants and provide the unique atmosphere that the LDWA 100 mile event is now famous for.

Congratulations if you finished and commiserations if you didn't. There's always next year on Y 100 Sir Fynwy when a varied route will take entrants around the county of Monmouthshire.

Happy 'Long Distance' Walking!

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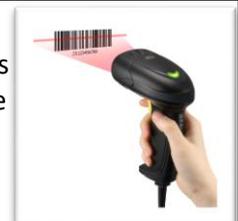


### NEC Vacancies

There are three vacancies arising on the NEC at the March 2020 AGM. In the April Strider magazine, an advert was placed seeking a member who would be interested in considering the IT role. In this newsletter I'm concentrating on the role of the Long Distance Paths NEC representative. Neil Rawlins has outlined what sort of work he does for the LDWA and this can be found by clicking [here](#). If you are interested, please contact Neil to discuss further. Next month we'll provide details about the role of the Publicity Officer.

### PACER

The LDWA invested in PACER in order to assist local groups manage challenge walks by monitoring where entrants are as they pass through checkpoints, to be able to sort the event results quickly and to print certificates at Walk HQ. PACER can be used both off-line as well as on-line in relation to the scanning / recording of entrants and has become very popular with several (but not all) local groups. It is also very popular with entrants' family and friends particularly on the longer events. During the weekend of Hadrian Hundred, the PACER page was visited 43,000 times during the weekend with the peak visit period being the Sunday. An excellent guide that covers every aspect of how PACER can be used has been produced and can be found on the PACER page when logged in as a local group committee member. We really do urge local groups who have not yet taken the plunge to consider using PACER as it really is a great resource and professionalises the look of the LDWA.



### Social Media

Last month I advertised for members to consider volunteering to help with the social media accounts. I specifically asked if people would consider helping with the Facebook page that Garfield Southall created and will be handing over to the LDWA in the very near future. Thank-you to those members who have stepped forward. **However, we do need more people.** We cannot underestimate how well the LDWA is doing in relation to reaching out to the wider walking community via our Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and Facebook pages. We are recruiting people by actively promoting what the LDWA does; we are building bridges with other walking organisations' media teams and we are highlighting the benefits of LDWA membership. We do need to have sustainability and I am therefore appealing for you to consider whether you can give up about 30 minutes per week to the LDWA by helping with one of our four social media pages. Please email Michael Jones who is coordinating our social media accounts at [socialmedia@ldwa.org.uk](mailto:socialmedia@ldwa.org.uk)



Kingsley Lambert, our LDWA volunteer who negotiates discounts with shops has reported that LDWA members can now enjoy discounts at Paramo Online & Apex Sports. Log in and click [here](#) to see where else you can obtain discounts when buying walking equipment!