



# AGM Goes Virtual

Due to the uncertainty of the situation around meeting in person, the 2021 AGM will be on-line via a Zoom meeting. Many people will have had experience of these meetings during lockdown. There is a facility to dial in to these meetings by phone for those who have no way of gaining access to a computer. Everyone wishing to join the on-line meeting should register in advance by email giving their name, membership number and email address (or telephone number if using the phone option). AGM registrations should be sent to [agm@ldwa.org.uk](mailto:agm@ldwa.org.uk) or via post to 65 Old Park Road, Roundhay, LEEDS, LS8 1JB. You should register by Sunday 21st February 2021. Details of the Zoom meeting will be sent to you in the week beginning 1st March 2021. The AGM will start at 10.00am on Sunday 7th March 2021.

The accounts and reports from the members of the National Executive Committee will be available towards the end of January 2021 on the LDWA website and by request as printed copies from the General Secretary.

This year, all the votes will be handled via the voting form (which in previous years has been for proxy voting for those who were unable to attend the AGM). You can vote electronically at [https://ldwa.org.uk/membership/vote/vote.php?vote\\_id=9](https://ldwa.org.uk/membership/vote/vote.php?vote_id=9) or use the form included with this document. As the paper form will involve manual checking and input, please vote electronically if at all possible. Voting closes at Midnight on 21st February 2021.

All questions (for either the formal business part of the agenda, or the Open Forum session at the end) should be raised in advance of the meeting. Questions should be sent to the General Secretary at [secretary@ldwa.org.uk](mailto:secretary@ldwa.org.uk) or 65 Old Park Road, Roundhay, Leeds LS8 1JB and received by Sunday 28th February 2021.

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**LDWA**

**LONG DISTANCE**

**WALKERS ASSOCIATION**

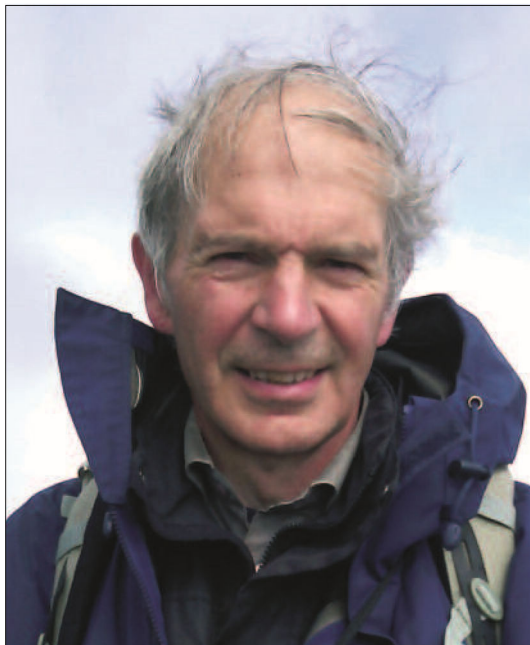
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## **Annual General Meeting 2021**

Annual General Meeting of The Long Distance Walkers Association (**LDWA**)  
will be held at 10am on Sunday 7th March 2021.

### **Agenda**

1. To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15th March 2020. *Proposer: Andy Clark, Seconder: Julie Cribb*
2. To receive the accounts for the year ended 30th September 2020 and the reports of the Directors and Accountants.
3. To receive reports as follows:
  - a. Chair
  - b. General Secretary
  - c. Membership
  - d. IT and Internet
  - e. *Strider*
  - f. Local Groups
  - g. Events
  - h. Hundreds
  - i. Publicity
  - j. Long Distance Paths
  - k. Environment, Risk & Data Protection
4. To note the result of the 2021 NEC election
  - a. Chair
  - b. IT and Internet Officer
  - c. Local Groups Secretary
  - d. 100s Coordinator
5. To appoint Accountants for 2020/21, and to authorise the Committee to fix their remuneration. *Proposer: John Elrick, Seconder: Graham Smith*
6. To authorise the Committee to determine honoraria payments in accordance with past practice. *Proposer: John Elrick, Seconder: Tim Glenn*
7. Special Business: To approve the appointment of Kenneth Falconer as Vice President. *Proposer: David Morgan, Seconder: Madeleine Watson*



Ken is a very well-known member of the LDWA and joined the Association in 1983 and has been a member ever since. He soon became a very active volunteer and was a member of the Executive from 1987-1992 when he started the first of two stints as *Strider* Editor. In 1999 Ken held the position of Company Secretary for one year prior to being elected as Chair of the LDWA from 2000-2003. During his period as Chair, Ken oversaw the Association's response to the foot and mouth crisis that negatively affected the LDWA and Ken's leadership steered the Association through the considerable difficulties experienced. From 2007-2012 Ken was re-elected to the Executive when he became the *Strider* Editor for the second time. As well as serving on the Executive, Ken has been a valuable asset to the organisation; he has written an article on how to successfully prepare for and walk the 100 mile challenge, has contributed to the event guidelines and has compiled the *Strider* Crossword for many years as well as offering advice and guidance both to the Executive and the wider membership. Ken currently volunteers for the Heart of Scotland LDWA Group where he holds two positions; Secretary and Walks Secretary. He has successfully walked 34 LDWA 100 mile events.

***End of formal business***

## **Open forum and discussion**

To include any matters which the membership would wish the Committee to consider during the forthcoming year. Questions should be submitted to the General Secretary by 28th February 2021. Invitees and attendees of this meeting should be aware that the minutes of the meeting will be published on the LDWA website and available to the public.

**Madeleine Watson**, General Secretary on behalf of the National Executive Committee

## Election statements for uncontested posts



### **Chair:**

#### **Julie Cribb, Northwest Grampian**

*Proposer:* Kenneth Falconer

*Seconder:* Nicola Wood

I joined LDWA over 30 years ago during which time I have led walks, started our own Local Group, organised 25 and 50 mile Challenge Events, chaired my Local Group and latterly served on NEC for 5 years as Local Groups Officer – a role that I have thoroughly enjoyed.

I introduced virtual events in April 2020 to support the LDWA community when lockdown stopped physical interaction. This resulted in buffs in the shop and legacy Facebook groups.

If elected, I will focus on communications, valuing our volunteers and strengthening our organisation to face a challenging future.



### **IT and Internet Officer:**

#### **Rhys Pippard, South Wales**

*Proposer:* Simon Pickering

*Seconder:* Rob Richardson

Prolific runner and walker. Long time LDWA member and supporter. Frequently seen at challenge events nationally. Significant professional experience in business management and the successful delivery of complex projects. Committed to seeing the LDWA embrace the future while retaining its special essence and character.



### **Local Groups Secretary:**

#### **Karen Pickersgill, West Yorkshire**

*Proposer:* Sue Manley

*Seconder:* Ralph Warman

Since becoming a member of the LDWA, over ten years ago, I have never looked back! It's one of the best decisions I have made. During that time, I have led group walks, arranged social events, taken part in many challenge events and organised and run checkpoints – including for 50 and 100 mile events. I have been on the committee of the West Yorkshire Group for five years and am currently entering my third year as Chair (a role I enjoy and have developed). Through membership of the LDWA I have walked in places I never knew existed, become a good deal fitter, made lifelong friendships and had lots of fun – benefits which I'm sure you can all relate to.

As a Human Resources professional, my career has been spent in large, international businesses in the pharmaceutical and food sectors where I successfully led and delivered change projects aimed at improving business performance (mainly linked to restructuring and introducing new ways of working). This involved working closely with teams from different backgrounds, disciplines and countries in order to get things done. In recent years me and John (my husband) have worked together to diversify our farming business which has been a steep learning curve! Over the past 5 years I have set and achieved a number of personal challenges – including climbing Mount Kilimanjaro (Africa's highest mountain) and

submitting Mera Peak in the Himalayas (the world's highest trekking peak). Both are "up there" with the challenge of getting over Cross Fell on the Hadrian Hundred!

I think we would all agree that the local groups, and all their members, are crucial to the viability of the LDWA and it's important that the local groups continue to share experience and support each other. Constructive two-way communication between the local groups and the NEC is also important – now more so than ever – as we work through the impact of COVID-19 on our activities, as we invest in a new website (where our group pages will be key) and as we prepare to celebrate the LDWA's 50th anniversary. Over the past four years Julie has successfully worked with our local groups to develop stronger relationships between all parties and, in the role of Local Groups Secretary, I am keen to continue and build on the work that's been done.

Through my personal and professional endeavours, I believe I have developed the experience, the skills and the outlook needed to make a positive difference in this role. I have a successful track record of working with others to get things done and an ability to understand, respect and accommodate different points of view. I plan meticulously, am organized and work hard to get things right. More importantly, I am genuinely passionate about the LDWA and want to contribute to it going from strength to strength.

## Election Addresses for 100s Coordinator



### **Sara Dyer, The Irregulars**

*Proposer:* Mark Hawker;

*Seconder:* Mike Childs

A few days before the second lockdown is a strange time to be thinking about the Hundred, an event I associate with meeting up with people – I'm writing this in anticipation of the time, hopefully not too distant, when group walking can start again.

I completed my first challenge event, the Dorset Duddle, about 30 years ago. I loved it despite a mild case of heat stroke, joined the LDWA the next day and have been running, jogging and walking challenge events ever since – the emphasis changing with my aging

knees. I was a member of the Dorset group and then, after moving to Yorkshire, I joined the Irregulars because of the number and variety of their social walks.

Similarly, I completed my first Hundred, in Northumberland, and loved it, despite a mild case of foot rot which meant that my feet were still shedding skin several months later. My experiences of the event are varied – I have completed 6 and failed on others, walked in blazing sun and continual heavy rain (not just in Wales) and finished at any time between darkness falling on Sunday and daylight on Monday.

I am also a member of two running clubs, the Fellrunning Association and British Orienteering. I have sat on committees and been involved in the organisation of events from local trail races to prestigious orienteering events attracting international competitors. I feel this gives me a broader perspective of the position of walking in sport. I am currently on the Irregulars committee and organiser of the Regular Irregular.

Now that I am largely retired I would like to put something back into the event I love. My aim would not be to change the Hundred but to help make it the best it can be in today's rapidly changing world. Much good work has been done on producing guidelines for the event but I feel there is still room for the passing on of more nuanced experiences from year to year and making sure that all participants get adequate, appropriate food throughout the event.

One of the many pleasures of the Hundred is that each is unique, a product of its location and the organising groups. I would like to play my part in enabling many more participants to share my enjoyment.



## **Bill Milbourne, Northumbria**

*Proposer:* Dave Clifton

*Seconder:* Jackie Ritchie

Most of the last 6 years my life has revolved around planning and implementing the 2019 Hadrian Hundred. There have been some good times, some bad times and some really awful times but I really enjoyed all of it. Over that time I have gained a lot of knowledge and experience that I would like to do something useful with. Acting as the 100s Coordinator to support other people going through this process would be a useful and rewarding way to make use of this experience.

My first experience of an LDWA Hundred was 2013 when I worked on the baggage exchange at the breakfast stop on the

Camel-Teign 100.

I enjoyed it so much that I went back to help at a checkpoint on the Valleys 100 the following year. In 2015 I started putting together a proposal for a third Northumbrian 100 which I presented to the 100s Coordinator in time for the 2016 AGM.

To me one of the main highlights of my role in the Hadrian 100 was in meeting and forming friendships with other LDWA members from all over the country. I have met people at Annual General Meetings, I have met checkpoint volunteers, I have met other 100 organisers and of course all those who entered the Hadrian 100 itself.

### **About Me**

When I first joined the LDWA over 30 years ago, I was a Fell Runner and was primarily interested in Challenge Walks. My Job as a Psychiatric Nurse meant that Saturdays off were rare and unpredictable but 10 years ago I became Manager of a Home for Adults with Long Term Mental Health Problems and I could at last join in with social walks on Saturdays and plan Challenge walks in advance rather than just enter on the day.

Since 2014 I have been Group Secretary of the Northumbria Group and since 2016 I have been the Organiser of the Durham Dales Challenge Walk

I am now retired but my career has given me a wide range of skills from budgeting control to managing people with challenging behaviours (and the patients as well!)

I am still walking, still doing Challenge Walks and still enjoy competitive running



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**THE LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION (the “Company”)**

# Voting Form - Annual General Meeting 2021

**Member details**

Name ..... Membership number .....

Address .....

Please indicate how you wish to vote on the following resolutions by marking the appropriate box with an ‘X’.

RESOLUTION	For	Against	Abstain
2. To confirm the minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting			
6. To appoint Accountants for 2020/21, and to authorise the Committee to fix their remuneration.			
7. To authorise the Committee to determine honoraria payments in accordance with past practice.			
8. Special Business: To appoint Kenneth Falconer as Vice President			
<b>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b>	<b>Candidate name</b>		<b>Vote for ONE candidate only</b>
5d: Election of 100s Coordinator	SARA DYER		
	BILL MILBOURNE		
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	

If voting by post this form must be completed and signed and sent to the LDWA Election Tellers, c/o 58 Kendal Green, KENDAL, LA9 5PT to be received no later than **midnight on Sunday 21st February 2021**

