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News & Notes

From the Committee . . .

From the Chairman

Again, I am asking for volunteers for the Committee. In particular, we need a new Membership Secretary &, in due course, a new Chairman. None of us should take the smooth running of the club for granted so please call or email me for a no-obligation chat.

Next Newsletter: Please send copy for the next issue by **midday** on the **10th of the month**.

Meets & Events Programme

Date/s	Meet	Meet Leader	Comments
Fri 12-Mon 15 Aug	Yorkshire	Sarah Dixon	Weekend
Sat 10-Sun 18 Sep	Brixham to West Bay	John Blight	SWCP Week 8
Fri 23-Sun 25 Sep	Langdale YHA	<i>Leader Required</i>	Weekend
Fri 30 Sep	Chichester Marina to Ford	Charles Harrison	Day Walk
Fri 7-Sun 9 Oct	Peak District	Andy & Kirsty Johns	Weekend
Sun 23 Oct	Chawton, Hampshire	Rob Kell	Day Walk
Sun 6 Nov	Wimbledon Common & Richmond Park	Alyson Lawton	Day Walk - Update
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Sat 14 Jan	AGM & Annual Dinner	Angela Leaman	New Item
Sat 17-Sun 25 Jun	W Bay to S Haven Point	John Blight	SWCP Week 9

Your club needs volunteers to devise & lead walks Owing to the high cost & low availability of accommodation, we are putting more emphasis on Day Walks this year. If you haven't put your name down to organize one, please consider doing so. At the AGM we mooted the idea of a meet in Langdale based on the YHA in Loughrigg <https://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-langdale>. 23rd-25th September has been reserved for this meet, *but we still need a leader.. Bob*

Meets Details

Friday 12 to Monday 15 August - West Yorkshire & Yorkshire Dales (incorporating 3, 2 or 1 Yorkshire Peaks) – Sarah Dixon

There will be a wide variety of West Yorkshire walks on offer, as well as a day trip for LMC to revisit the [Yorkshire 3 Peaks](#) - dependent on weather of course. It's a pleasant drive to the start points just over an hour from Thornton. I propose leading a 1-peak walk up Wherside via a route that gives views down to Dentdale & passes 3 tarns for open water swimming (well I know Buster will go in). It is my favourite of the three, though less of a peak at the top – more a sustained ridge walk. The more energetic can tackle all three, or even two. Those of you who have completed the route in the past will find the paths & route-finding now much improved – no longer a need to wade through endless bog - also very well sign-posted.

The meet will be based in Thornton, near Bradford. I can offer two double & 1 twin, or two twins & one double (unless I manage to house Ukrainian refugees, which seems well-nigh impossible to organise). There are also local B&B's & Air B&Bs (e.g. Ashtree House B&B, 40 James St Air B&B – the latter is cheaper direct via me). For those of you who love Premier Inns, relax – there is one in Bradford. Please let me know if you can make it.

Saturday 10 to Sunday 18 September – SWCP Week 8 / Brixham to West Bay – John Blight

Brixham to West Bay - 68 miles & approx. 13,300 feet of ascent. Accommodation in the Exmouth/Sidmouth area. Same arrangements as for SWCP Week 7.

Friday 30 September – Chichester Marina to Ford – Charles Harrison

Please let me know if you wish to come along.

This walk of 12 miles follows the line of the Portsmouth & Arundel Canal (opened in 1822) from Salterns Lock (near Chichester Marina) to Ford. The first 2.5 miles to Hunston is still in water – this was built to a wider gauge & allowed ships to reach Chichester (the Ship Canal was a 1.5 mile extension north into Chichester which carried trade until 1906). The remaining part (from Hunston to Ford) was abandoned in 1855 but the line is still visible on the map so we can explore this more closely. The cafe at Chichester Harbour & a number of pubs along the route are available for refreshments. There is a bus service (52 or 53) from Chichester Station (served by Southern) to Chichester Marina; Ford Station is also Southern.

Friday 7 to Sunday 9 October – Peak District – Andy & Kirsty Johns (for Paul Ackroyd)

Andy & I have offered to take over the ongoing organisation of this meet as there is a possibility that Paul may be otherwise occupied on theatrical matters down south . . .

We have already received a healthy expression of interest in this meet: nine people have booked into the Premier Inn, approx. a mile north of Matlock on the A6 (<https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/derbyshire/matlock/matlock.html>).

Matlock is a good base for walking in the eastern area of the White Peak. It has a fine selection of hills, dales, rivers & wooded areas. We can choose from these as we gather for the weekend, with a guideline of 10 miles & 1500 feet of ascent. Possibilities include Lathkill Dale or Eyam & Bretton Clough. The latter walk would take LMC back to its third ever meet, in January 1976, when we stayed at Bretton Youth Hostel, making merry in the Barrel Inn! There will, of course, be some driving to reach walk start points.

If you would like to come along (& haven't advised Paul or Kirsty), please let us know. You are responsible for making your own accommodation reservations, either at the Premier Inn (Flex advised) or elsewhere. The Saturday rate at the Premier Inn seems to have gone up quite a lot in recent weeks – so get your bookings in soon!

We will be communicating further with all participants nearer the time. In the meantime, we will make table reservations in the coming weeks for suppers for us all on Friday & Saturday – please let Kirsty know if you do not want to be included in suppers on either night.

We look forward to another good weekend's walking in the Peak District.

Sunday 23 October – Chawton, Hampshire – Rob Kell

I will lead a 18km (11m) circular walk from Chawton. This is just off the A31 south of Alton & is home to Jane Austen's House. There is a free car park in the village. The walk will start at 10:30am. Please bring a packed lunch. I can provide the route in advance if required.

Sunday 6 November – Wimbledon Common & Richmond Park – Alyson Lawton

Meet at 10:30 am at Wimbledon Park station. The route takes us over Wimbledon Common & then Richmond Park, ending at Richmond Station. It says it is 11km (7miles) but there is an option midway to catch buses if anyone wants to opt out.

Please let me know if you intend to come.

14th January 2023 - AGM and Annual Dinner / Marlborough – Angela Leaman

We aspire to hold the AGM in Marlborough again in January. The main base will be the Premier Inn but there are other accommodation options in town if you prefer to stay elsewhere. From experience last year, it won't be possible to find a private meeting/dining venue. The Castle & Ball Hotel have offered a space for the AGM in a quiet area of their restaurant (if we all buy a drink!). However, they are not best for food so dinner will be booked at a nearby pub or restaurant.

I'm currently evaluating dinner options which will be steered by numbers. Therefore, if you expect to come to the AGM, it would be very helpful if you could drop me a line now. The Premier Inn currently has a flex rate of £66 so it would also be worth making a booking.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Meet Report[s] *Because of 17 July postponement, none this time*

Out Walking Reports & / or Photos . . . *Remember wet weather?*



Other Events / Items . . . *None this time*

Extra Elements: Books, DVDs, Films, other Walks / Climbs – views & comments . . .
If you've read any walking / mountaineering / travel books which you've enjoyed, please share.

- Extra Elements to Sarah -

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