

## Programme for 2017

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**Sunday 15th January**

**Map Ref:**

W 0.32148224

TQ 182 062

**Lancing**

N 50.84401746

**Day Walk**

Meet at Lancing Ring Car Park GR TQ 182 062 – at 10.00a.m.

The walk is about 8.5 miles. Starting from Lancing Ring car park the route takes us past Lancing Ring, over Steepdown Hill & up past the model aeroplane field to join the South Downs Way which we follow to St Botolphs. The route then crosses the River Adur & follows the riverbank back to the Old Toll Bridge at Shoreham, returning to the start via Lancing College & Hoe Court.

There will be cake at the end of the walk!

**Organiser:** Jean Brooks

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**Wednesday 25th January**

**Map Reading Theory**

**Organiser:** Guy Rogers

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**Saturday 28th January**

**Map Reading Practice**

**Organiser:** Guy Rogers

**email:**

guy@highdownhmc.org.uk

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**Saturday 4th February**  
**Maypole Inn, Yapton**

**Map Ref:** W 0.612821  
N 50.828832

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BN18 ODP

**Skittles Evening**

Meet at 7.00 pm for 7.30 at the Maypole Inn, Maypole Lane, Yapton, Arundel.

The cost of the evening is approx. £7.50 per person and covers the cold buffet and skittles.  
Reserve your place now by sending a cheque to Chrissie using the pro-forma.

Meals cannot be guaranteed if not booked and paid for in advance! Non attendance on the day will incur loss of payment.

This promises to be fun and a chance for like minded walkers to get together. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Organiser:** Chrissie Dixon **email:** [chrissie@highdownhmc.org.uk](mailto:chrissie@highdownhmc.org.uk)

**Closing date for booking** 28/1/2017

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**Saturday 4th March**

**Day Walk**

**Organiser:** Malcolm Fendick **email:** [malcolm@highdownhmc.org.uk](mailto:malcolm@highdownhmc.org.uk)

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**Thursday 23rd - Sunday 26 March**  
**White Peak, Peak District**

**Map Ref:** W 1.805608  
N 53.052953

SK 131 506  
DE6 2AZ

### **Weekend Trip**

We will offer three days walking in the White Peak area of Derbyshire which has a stunning and varied landscape. The White Peak is known for its gently rolling limestone plateau, dissected by limestone dales. In many places the dales are steep-sided and contrast sharply with the plateau land above, whilst in other places the plateau grades more gently into shallow dales.

We'll be staying in high quality accommodation located in an 18th century stable block which originally formed part of the Ilam Hall Estate. The estate is now managed by the National Trust and the bunkhouse sits within the grounds just north of Ashbourne. The club have exclusive use of the accommodation & will offer the Merry meals rotas for catering. Walks will be organised to offer a range abilities and varied walking taking in the best of Lathkill dale, Bradford dale, Manifold valley & Dovedale.

Accommodation : Ilam Bunkhous

Cost (approx) : £75 - £90 to include shared transport, Accommodation: 3 breakfasts & two evening me

Deposit : £35 to R Wilton by 10 Jan 2016 please.

**Organiser:** Richard Wilton

**email:** richard@highdownhmc.org.uk

**Closing date for booking** 31/1/2017

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**Thursday 20th - Sunday 23rd April**  
**Yorkshire**

### **Weekend Trip**

**Organiser:** Michael Merritt

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**Closing date for booking**

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**Saturday 6th May**

### **Day Walk**

**Organiser:** Guy Rogers

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**Saturday 20th - Monday 29th May**  
**Skye**

**Map Ref:** W 6.195176  
N 57.412724

NG 477 435

**Munros of Skye**

We are planning a trip to the Isle of Skye between the 20th May and the 29th May.

The objective is to walk/scramble the Munros on the island. Other routes may be available.

We will need a early notification of interest so as to book accommodation.

If you wish to come please e-mail by the 31 December.

**Organiser:** Mark Hiles **email:** mark@highdownhmc.org.uk

**Closing date for booking** 31/12/2016

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**Wednesday 31st May**

**Evening Walk**

**Organiser:** Sally Chambers **email:** sally@highdownhmc.org.uk

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**Thursday 8th - Sunday 11th June**

**Wild camping in the Rhinogs**

**Weekend Trip**

**Organiser:** Trefor Jones & Alison Edwards **email:** alison@highdownhmc.org.uk

**Closing date for booking**

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**Saturday 24th June**

**Day Walk**

**Organiser:** Christine Craig **email:** christine@highdownhmc.org.uk

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**Friday 4th August**

**Day Walk**

**Organiser:**

**email:**

**@highdownhmc.org.uk**

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**Friday 25th August - Saturday 9th September**  
**Côte d'Amor and the Côte de Granite Rosé,**  
**Brittany**

**Map Ref:** W 3.827001  
N 48.580623

### **Foreign Trip**

Having walked the section from St Brieuc to Mont St Michel in 2012 it is planned to tackle another section of the GR34 (Brittany Coastal Path) which runs from Morlaix in the west to Mont St Michel in the east, this time starting at the start (Morlaix) and finishing at Tréguier which covers a distance of approximately 134 miles over 10 walking days.

If you do not have time to take two weeks off, worried about the distance or your wallet cannot take it, it is possible to join or leave the trail at several points! Travel is likely to be by overnight ferry from Portsmouth to St Malo. From there trains take you to the start at Morlaix with chance to visit Rennes en-route if the group wishes to and return to St Malo with perhaps a chance to visit the Ile de Bréhat and two nights in St Malo.

The guidebook reckons between 9 and 13 days to complete the distance and for the day when you do not feel like walking there will probably be a public transport option. For accommodation we would probably use a mixture of youth hostels, chambres d'hôte (B & B) or hotels so the gear to be taken can be cut down.

The route is not so severe as parts of the coastal paths in the UK, and gives opportunities for bird watching, botany, swimming as well as a variety of scenery including many sandy bays and of course cliffs. For those of you put off by the more physical foreign trips this would be a good introduction to foreign backpacking!

I would estimate that the cost per night including meals would be about £50 -£65 (depending on how the pound fares against the euro and the type of accommodation) and to this needs to be added transport. The ferry is approximately £160 and the train fares in France about £60.

The proposed dates are from Friday 25 August to Saturday 9 September 2017.

If you are interested please contact me (Tel: 01243 789949, or by email) by 28 February 2017. A deposit will not be necessary at this stage but I do need to know what interest there is so a meeting of interested parties can be held and planning can start.

**Organiser:** Michael Merritt

**email:** michael@highdownhmc.org.uk

**Closing date for booking** 28/2/2017

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**Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th November**  
**Ventnor, Isle of Wight**

**Map Ref:** W 1.185770  
N 50.599323

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PO38 1RQ

### **Weekend Trip**

All Aboard, we're off to the Isle of Wight!

We are going to stay at the former home of the Victorian Poet Algernon Swinburne, in a beautiful country house just to the East of Ventnor, with direct access to the coast path (and beach!) where we aim to experience another cracking Highdown weekend in style. To keep costs down (as that ferry is rather costly) we are going to be mostly self-catering, but we plan to get Fish and Chips in as we arrive on Friday night.

With such attractions as the Devil's Chimney, St Boniface Down, known locally as the Ventnor Mountain, Bronze Age Barrows on Luccombe Down, and Steephill Cove (a tiny fishing village hidden below cliffs just west of Ventnor and apparently accessible only on foot) it promises a perfect weekend! There's no limit to the number we can take on this trip; we have the place to ourselves and it is quite large!

Don't forget to pack your passport!

Accommodation: The East Dene Centre, Bonchurch Village Road, Ventnor

Cost (approx): £95 to include shared transport, accommodation, 2 breakfasts 2 evening meal.

Independent travellers - £50, although I would prefer to car share as much as possible due to the cost of the Ferry!

Deposit: £30

**Organiser:** Alison Edwards

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**Closing date for booking** 31/8/2017

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**Sunday 19th November**  
**TBC – Goring School?**

**Map Ref:** W 0.422147  
N 50.813684

TQ 112 027  
BN12 4RN

### **AGM with Cheese & Wine**

AGM - Join us for our annual review of our year's walking and help choose our new committee for 2018.

Details to follow.

**Organiser:** Brian Aldred

**email:** secretary@highdownhmc.org.uk

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**2nd or 3rd December**

**Day Walk**

**Organiser:**      Stuart Rowe

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