

SHREWSBURY HILLWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016

Almost another year has gone as has another great year of walking. Many thanks to all the leaders who've led a wonderful variety of walks this year and to everyone who supported them. The Committee send very best wishes to all members for a very enjoyable Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. Read on for titbits of news— some of it repeats the content of Gill's emails but better to know about it twice than not at all!



2017 is the 80th Anniversary of the Club's formation and we plan to celebrate. Dave Peters is delving into the archives to find out what went on in the Club's early days and Mac Hoskin has some memories from his 52 years of membership. More to follow on that. Walking 80 miles or even 80 kilometres may not be very popular but we can use the '8' in different ways. The committee decided at a recent meeting that a variety of events throughout the year would be a great way to mark the anniversary. As a starter, Carol is planning a 10 mile figure of 8 walk in the Montgomery area on 26 February and Gill will include 8 hills in a circular route around Church Stretton on 21 May. There are a few other ideas being banded around but we want YOURS— and they don't all have to relate to walking ... there's always food and cake! Please email Gill with your suggestions @ g.e.pursey@gmail.com

We are very sorry to hear that Christopher Machen is unable to join in Club walks for a while due to a recurrence of an illness. We wish him all the best for a speedy and full recovery and hope he is able to join us again soon.

We need a Chairman ... Carol has done a great job as Chairperson for the past two years and we're very sorry she decided not to stand again at the recent AGM, though it's great news that she didn't want to leave the committee altogether. To date no one has felt able to fill her shoes. Dave Peters, the Vice Chairman, is holding the fort for the moment but we hope to have a new Chairman before too long. Gill continues as Secretary and Jane as Treasurer. John Eilerslie, Bill and Carol make up the rest of the Committee with John maintaining the website and Carol our Facebook page and generally putting the word out there about the Club.

REMINDER! Subs for 2017 are due: £12 family; £8 single. Jane will be out on Sunday and happy to receive your cash or cheques.

First aid course

Saturday 18 March
9-4 pm @ Bayston Hill
Memorial Hall
£10 per person
Email Gill if you're
interested

Another money reminder!
As agreed at the Club
AGM, the mileage rate for
car sharing will be 30p
per mile from 1 January
with a minimum charge
of £2

The January-June 2017 programme is now on the website www.shrewswalk.co.uk