



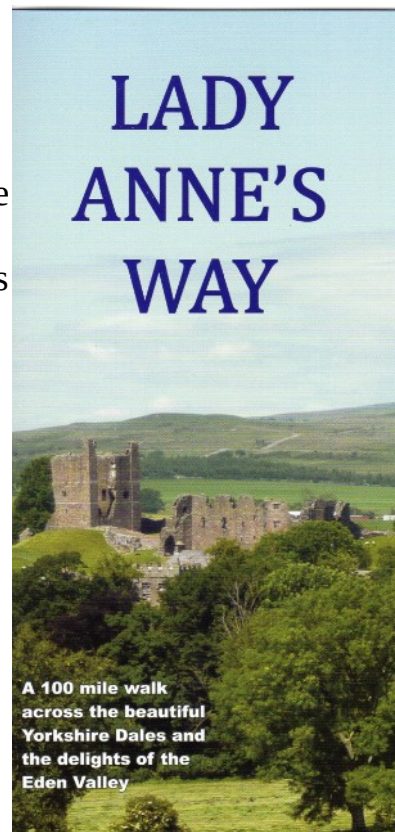
FRIENDS OF LADY ANNE'S WAY E-newsletter No. 12 SUMMER 2021

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter with all the latest updates concerning the route. With the easing of many restrictions walkers can now feel confident in booking accommodation along the 'way' and I'm once again receiving regular emails from those walking the path.

Latest News:-

Our publishers Tony & Chris Grogan from Skyware have developed a new on-line map & geo. tracking feature to help people planning on walking the route. This is for use with smart phones & allows you to track your position relative to the route & can be accessed via our web site by clicking on the link given. We stress that this does not replace the guide book or O. S. map as a good strong signal is not always available in remote areas. The feature also tends to drain the battery charge quicker when in constant use, so should be used sparingly.

Again with the help of Tony and Chris we have created a flyer to help promote the walk. This was part of our Development Plan submitted to the relevant authorities in August last year when applying for O. S. inclusion (more of this later). We were fortunate to have sufficient funds left in the Friends of Lady Anne's Way account to pay for this & so had 5,000 printed! Sounded a lot to me at the time but 500 have already been distributed to date with requests from two information centres for more as they've already run out!



We've also been given an advertising slot within the Settle-Carlisle Railway timetable, due out this summer. As the route runs close to various stations along the line, this enables walkers doing the route in separate stages to use public transport to get from start to finish.

Runners on the route:-

The Long Distance Walkers Association hold an annual 100 mile non stop event for walkers and runners, but of course this was cancelled last year. For 2021 they decided on a 'virtual' event to be held on Saturday 29th. May (I'm not making any comment on the term 'virtual').

Participants could select their own route of 100 miles and then submit evidence of their completion. The time allowed was 48 hours with no stops longer than 2 hours & they must carry full kit etc. as per usual. This resulted in some choosing Lady Anne's Way as their walk/run.

Karen from Penrith decided to run the route to coincide with her 60th birthday starting at 5.00 a.m., she completed it in 23hrs. 55mins. Fantastic! she was supported along the way by her husband and younger son. Being a thoughtful person Karen deviated along a minor road at Cliburn to avoid running through a farmyard at 2.30 a.m. thus disturbing several dogs who would probably wake everyone up. Congratulations to Karen.



View of Nappa Hall, Wharfedale

Aaron from Thorne (some of you will be familiar with Thorne!) chose to walk the route, leaving Skipton Castle at 9.00 a.m. He finished at 5.00 a.m. in Penrith on Monday 31st very tired and hungry (well you would wouldn't you!), fortunately the

staff at McDonalds opened up for him so he could have a breakfast and a few catnaps. Aaron's time was 42hrs. 21min. Congrats to Aaron too.

Tony from Uig on the west coast of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides is planning to run the 'way' in July to celebrate his 60th. birthday too. He emailed me for permission to include the map of the route (which is in our guide book) on their T-shirts. His link with Lady Anne is that his brother lives at Outhgill which is in the Mallerstang valley and on the route itself. Sadly his brother was diagnosed with early onset Parkinson's some years ago and Tony is hoping to raise funds for research into this debilitating illness. The aim was to raise £500 but his Just Giving page has already recorded £975 to date. Brilliant. He will be starting on Sunday 11th July at Skipton Castle and aiming to finish on Saturday 17th which is his actual birthday. We wish him all the best and Frank and I will be there to see him off at the start.

Finally on the running scene, the Due North NAV4 event RUNLAW100 has been postponed till March 1st 2022

Historical Info:-

A copy of an article written by Valerie Kendall and relating to St. Anne's Hospice in Appleby was sent to me earlier this year. Valerie actually lives in one of the Almshouses which are on the main street in Appleby. She has been a resident there since 2011 and is very knowledgeable about the history surrounding these amazing buildings which Lady Anne commissioned in the late 17th century. In 'normal times' she gives tours of about 1 hour around the Chapel and gardens and can be contacted on – vkendall@live.co.uk if anyone is interested in booking a tour whilst in the area.



Sculpture update:-

We have no news yet of the official unveiling of the statue 'Lady Anne's Way' in the centre of Kirkby Stephen. However colleagues who live in the area tell me that she is frequently 'embellished' in various ways, having been seen wearing a mask on one occasion and also in full PPE.

On a rather sad note, Joan Johnstone of the local Town Council, died of Covid in January this year. Joan was a pillar of the community who worked tirelessly for the town of Kirkby Stephen. To commemorate her life and work it is hoped to name the area where the Lady Anne sculpture stands the Joan Johnstone Place, and also to install a plaque in front of the sculpture, dedicating both the statue and the square to these two amazing women.



Still on the theme of statues – the ‘Times’ newspaper ran an article in March this year about the fact that women were sadly under represented in this field. The Public Sculptures and Statues Association were asking the public to send them information of any sculptures that they know of for inclusion on their data base. We were delighted to be able to send details of the Kirkby Stephen statue after gaining permission from Diane who created the bronze. It can be seen on their web site:- <https://pssauk.org/women/> on page 3. So she’s a ‘Page Three Girl’ now.

O. S. Inclusion:-

Finally with regard to the inclusion of the route on the O. S. maps, it appears that our Development Plan has been accepted by all the relevant authorities and we wait for confirmation from those within the O.S. that it will be included in their next update. I see a bottle of fizz being opened soon!!

Best wishes to all and happy walking!
Sheila and Frank