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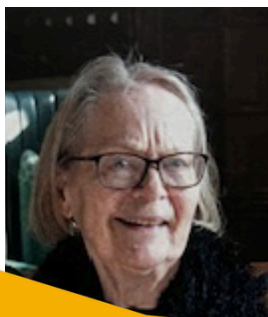
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Hello everyone

In this edition we are concentrating mainly on things beginning with W: yes that's right, we have a report on our Whitby Weekend, a look at some interesting Winds, some pictures of Welly Wanging, news of our trip to Westminster, and an item about Wendy below – Wonderful!

First a few Bits and Bobs

- You may recall a few of our more dedicated members completed a marathon-distance walk back in May 2021, and three years later a couple of them, Angela and Wendy, did it again. Well, it seems that some people never learn and Wendy is doing it again, this time for charity. Wendy will be completing the London MoonWalk, which is 26.2 miles starting at Clapham Common, on the night of 16th May in aid of breast cancer. If you would like to sponsor her, click on this link: <https://giving.give-star.com/microsite/walkthewalk/themoonwalklondon2026/fundraising-page/wendyfletchersmoonwalk>
- A couple of our older members sadly passed away recently.
 - Ingrid Giles used to walk with us with her husband David and was latterly living with her son Colin near Chester. She was 85.
 - Joan Spooner was a founder member of Rushcliffe Ramblers and was a regular walker for many years. She also enjoyed our weekends and holidays away. She was 89.



Out and about....



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Whitby 13th - 16th March 2026

We had a wonderful weekend in the North York Moors staying at Larpool Hall, a Grade II listed house overlooking the Esk Valley. The setting was perfect just above the old fishing and ship-building port of Whitby, overlooked by its ruined abbey and micro-brewery.



We met up on Friday the 13th at the Hole of Horcum, a huge bowl-shaped valley caused by spring water welling up from the ground and over time rubbing away the rocks to form a hole. Angela led a walk around the rim of the hole in a howling wind and then descended into the bowl where it was more sheltered.



Whitby 13th - 16th March 2026

On Saturday HF led 3 walks down the Esk Valley surrounded by glorious countryside, which covered much the same route allowing for different distances to meet individual preferences. As we returned to the hotel we had wonderful views of the abbey ruins on the headland. It was a gloriously sunny day and the wind was less biting.



Whitby 13th - 16th March 2026

On Sunday HF once again led 3 walks of between 6 and 11 miles starting in different locations converging on Staithes, a historic fishing and mining village to the north of Whitby, from where we were collected by coach. The weather was more threatening and there was rain eventually at around 2pm but no one got too wet.



After a fine Sunday roast meal we played skittles in the evening with Geoff running out the eventual winner.

- Larpool House staff were excellent and very helpful
- All was clean and lovely
- We enjoyed not just the walking but the opportunity to visit Whitby and Staithes too
- The weekend was well organised eg buses and timings

Chris



British Winds

For those brave souls who walked along the coast on the final day at Whitby, you will be very familiar with the wind, and there is a wind known locally as Robin Hood's wind that refers to a penetratingly cold north-easterly along the coast around Whitby. It got its name because it was the legendary outlaw's least favourite wind.



Other winds you might like include:

- **Northern Nanny** - a chilly storm of hail and wind
- **Cat's nose** - a powerful, cool, dry wind from the north-west
- **Hurley-burly** - a thunderstorm wind
- **Custard wind** - a cold easterly off England's north-east coast, especially in spring
- **Huffling wind** - a sudden, gusty wind in Dorset



(With thanks to "100 Words for Rain" published by the National Trust)

Welly Wanging - too tempting on a cold day...



Our Next Social Event - London, Wed 13th May 2026

Hazel is organising another of her popular day trips to London, this time with the added bonus of spending time with your local member of parliament (the things we do for you...).

This visit is courtesy of James Naish, Member of Parliament for Rushcliffe, and includes a 40-minute tour of the House of Lords, followed by a visit to the House of Commons gallery. You can then visit the café and their gift shop.

Next is a walk along the South Bank from Westminster to Tower Bridge calling at Borough Market, crossing to the north side of the Thames to the Sky Garden at the top of the Walkie Talkie building (free entry - tickets subject to availability - Hazel will apply as soon as they're on the website).

We will finish up with an optional group dinner at Carluccio's at St Pancras station, before we leave for home, departing around 19:30 if joining the group for dinner.

We need to take an earlier train from Nottingham to St Pancras than previous London walking trips so that we can be at Westminster by 11:40 for a security check - 12:00 deadline. Rail tickets are on sale now. You should aim to arrive at St Pancras no later than 11:00. It takes at least 30 mins to navigate the underground and arrive at Westminster.

If you wish to join us, please email me via Publicity@rushclifferamblers.org

Please indicate whether or not you're a Rushcliffe constituent. There is a strict maximum of 18 for this trip, so please don't delay if you haven't contacted me already.



**And keep the date for a Croquet
afternoon in Nottingham.
WEDNESDAY 12th AUGUST
2pm to 4.30pm
Lorraine & Angela are organising, more
details to follow.**

Harrogate September 2026

We're getting set for the autumn holiday in Harrogate on September 16/17/18th.

We have lined up a number of walks and meals in an Italian restaurant and one of the main hotels.

We're bound to have a great time so if you are interested we recommend booking your accommodation for the 16th and 17th now as some hotels are already filling up, and letting Chris know that you will be joining us.

Chris



News from your Committee

- Mike Stock, our Chair, will be stepping down at the November AGM as he has served the maximum five-year term, so if you are tempted, now is a good time to talk to Mike or any other committee members about what is involved.
- We also have vacant roles on the current committee if you are interested in helping to support and run the group - it doesn't take a lot of time and your fellow walkers would be very grateful:
 - Social Secretary
 - Footpaths Secretary
 - Notts Area Representative
 - Talk to any committee member to get more information of what these roles entail.
- If anyone would like to organise a one-off social event for members, the committee would be very happy to support you. We do have Hazel's trip to London soon and a Croquet afternoon is being planned (details for both on page 9), but any other ideas would be welcome. Please talk to any committee member if you would like to help.
- We are also keen to sign up some new Walk Leaders, so if you would like to try leading, we can give lots of support, including online training and buddying with an experienced leader. Please talk to Andy if you are interested.



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