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## Hello everyone

After a long hot summer we look back at some lovely walks and a fun afternoon of croquet, and look forward to some upcoming holidays.

On a more serious note, we also need your help - see page 8 for details.

## First a few Bits and Bobs

- Just a reminder that the WhatsApp group is just for car sharing for walks and any other walking-related messages. If people have photos of walks to go on the Facebook site, please email them to our Facebook admin (which is Lorraine and Chris) using [photos@rushclifferamblers.org](mailto:photos@rushclifferamblers.org)

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- It might be a bit early to think of Christmas but plans are already in place for our Christmas lunch.
    - It will be on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2026.
    - After last year's very successful event, we will be returning to the same venue at the Bestwood Lodge Hotel, with a local walk in the morning.
    - Watch out for more details from Morag together with booking information nearer the time.





## Out and about....





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## *Croquet - our latest Social Event*

On a very hot August afternoon, a group of us took to the croquet lawns at Nottingham Croquet Club.

Lorraine had organised an afternoon of matches, ably assisted by Croquet Club members Angela and Gina, followed by tea and homemade cakes.

We were drawn into pairs who then played each other in a couple of knockout matches culminating in the grand penalty shootout for the final three pairs. For this, each player had five balls to get through the hoop, with the winning team scoring the grand total of 2 (it was a lot harder than it looks!).

Congratulations to Chris and Trevor who just edged out the other finalists.

Tea and lots of cake followed to end a very enjoyable social afternoon.







***Thanks to Lorraine, Angela and Gina for organising  
(and to Angela, Morag, Jan and Lorraine for making the  
cakes!).***



## Spring Holiday 2027

We have arranged a group booking with HF holidays for a 3-night guided walking holiday at HF's most recently renovated hotel, Longmynd House in Church Stretton, Shropshire.

The dates are the 16th to the 19th of April. As usual HF will offer guided walks of different lengths on the Saturday and Sunday and we will organise a walk locally on the Friday.



As always, the final price cannot be confirmed until we have final numbers so as a guide, using last year's numbers, I would suggest a budget figure of £440. We will not have exclusive use of the hotel as it is the largest in the HF portfolio, so there may be small additional charges for premium rooms if you wish to have these.

If you are interested in joining us on this holiday, can you please let me know as soon as possible on [holidays@rushclifferamblers.org](mailto:holidays@rushclifferamblers.org) and pay a deposit of £175 per person to the usual bank account:

Account name: Rambler, Rushcliffe Group

Sort Code: 60-83-01

Account number: 20116466

If you wish to join us but do not want to join the guided walks, please make me aware of this as soon as possible.

*Chris*

## **Harrogate September 2026**

It's not too late to join us in Harrogate on September 16th/17th/18th.

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

We're bound to have a great time so if you are interested please book your accommodation for the 16th and 17th now and let Chris know that you will be joining us on [holidays@rushclifferamblers.org](mailto:holidays@rushclifferamblers.org).

*Chris*





## Its time to get involved....

As most of you will be aware, Rushcliffe Ramblers only exists because a small number of us are willing to spare some of our time to organise walks, manage the finances, plan social events and holidays, keep you informed and liaise with the national Ramblers regarding membership, training and all sorts of other stuff. Without a few of us giving our time, Rushcliffe Ramblers wouldn't exist and there would be no walks organised, no holidays, no socials and no Relay newsletter.

We currently meet for about two hours every three months, and we obviously spend time outside this performing our committee roles.

We are now approaching our AGM in November at which Mike, our Chair, will stand down after serving his maximum five-year term. To date we have no candidate to fill this position.

In addition Rob has indicated he will serve one more year as Membership Secretary, but due to ill health may need to step down sooner.

Chris has also said that he will step down as Holiday Secretary when he completes the Spring holiday to Church Stretton in April.

We have other vacancies which have been open for a while:

- Social Secretary (which we are managing by having people organise one-off events)
- Footpaths Secretary
- Area Council Representative

At the moment, we have eight committee members so losing three of these over the next few months will have a big impact on the workload for the remaining members.

We are not at immediate risk of stopping, but as more committee positions become vacant, it will be increasingly difficult to effectively run the group.

***So this is a request for you to consider whether you could help to keep the Rushcliffe Ramblers group running.***

There are various ways you can help; either standing for a committee position, joining the committee without a portfolio in order to help share the load, or by making the committee aware that you are willing to help on an ad hoc basis, e.g. to organise a social event, or perhaps a one-off holiday.

Feel free to talk to any committee member for more information.

Thanks.



## *Guess Who?*

This photo was taken recently showing some of us enjoying lunch.



If you can tell me who these five walkers are, you will win this month's Sherlock Holmes award.

Good luck!



## News from your Committee

- Our next AGM will be on Sunday 1st November 2026 at Normanton on Soar Village Hall at 1.30pm. This is a departure from our usual third Sunday in November because of availability of a suitable venue.
  - We will have a morning walk as usual and, of course, homemade cakes will be available.
  - Volunteers for cake-making are very welcome so if you can help, please contact Julie on [secretary@rushclifferamblers.org](mailto:secretary@rushclifferamblers.org).



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