

In this issue:

- ◆ Bits and Bobs
- ◆ Out and About
- ◆ Porec Holiday
- ◆ Upcoming Trips
- ◆ Ice-cream and Beer
- ◆ News from the Committee

Hello....

Welcome to this edition of Relay, which is very much in holiday mood. Angela reviews our recent holiday to Croatia, we report on our latest social trip to a brewery, and look forward to the many upcoming trips we have planned, both holidays and social events - so get booking, the first one to London is only three weeks away!

We also have news of some new faces on your committee.

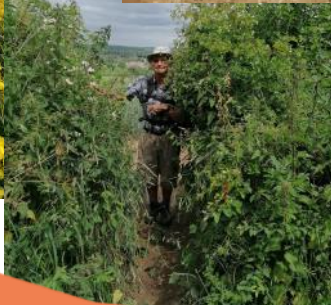
First, a few bits and bobs

- ⇒ I know it's a bit early to mention Christmas but some of us are busy planning ahead so **keep the date free** for this year's Christmas lunch on **Sunday 11th December** at Welbeck Hall. An optional short walk will be arranged for the morning to help you work up an appetite. More details to follow nearer the time.
- ⇒ There is still time to enter the photo competition being organised by Notts Area with the theme of 'Bright and Beautiful'. Up to three photos can be submitted and the closing date is 31st October.
- ⇒ In the last issue of Relay we reported that the long awaited publicity leaflet had been printed. We have now distributed about 1500 of these to over 40 venues such as libraries, leisure centres, pharmacies and tourist information sites to generate interest in walking within Rushcliffe and to point people to the appropriate groups, whether short wellbeing walks or longer rambles.

Time for lunch?



Out and about....



Porec Holiday, May 2022



Another of our long ago booked and transferred holidays finally concluded. It was worth the wait as we had a wonderful time, albeit a bit warmer than we would have liked for walking. A combination of forest shade, gentle breezes and cold beer helped us survive the heat.

It was a depleted group of Rushcliffe Ramblers who made their way through Birmingham Airport at stupid o'clock, arriving in Porec well before lunch. One of our leaders, Peter, was at the hotel to greet us with a welcome drink. Other HF guests arrived from Manchester and Gatwick along with Dave, our other walk leader, making us a group of 24.



Dave and Peter very confidently led us along old rail tracks, through forests and along the coast paths. We visited mountain villages including a deserted village, a Bronze Age settlement, a nature reserve, coastal resorts and a world heritage site.

The walking was on fairly easy terrain, even the long walks didn't have too much hill climbing. There was, however, one long slog up to Oportalj and a cold beer that everyone will remember. Unfortunately, one of our group (not an RR member) was overcome by the heat but Jean, our resident paramedic, resolved the situation and the patient soon recovered. Well done and thanks to Jean.



Porec Holiday, May 2022



The hotel looked after us very well with copious amounts of food, as we have come to expect from HF Holidays. It was situated on the outskirts of Porec on the coast and a little different from other places we had stayed in having a large number of rooms and guests. This made meal times, based on a buffet style, very noisy. After coming back from our walks though we did have a lovely, large salt water pool to relax in and some of the group took advantage of this.

This walking holiday combined with sun, sea and the facilities of the hotel made this a holiday to be remembered.

Angela



Our Upcoming Trips...

London Walk, September 3rd, 2022

A few places are available on the London walk booked for Saturday 3rd September - a private tour with London Walks - 'Royal Kensington' sandwiched between Hazel's walk from Pimlico via Green Park and Hyde Park and environs, hopefully with some surprise bits.



The cost of the London Walk is £170 for a minimum 17 people i.e. £10 per person, plus the cost of travel to London.

Contact Hazel for more details on social.hazel@rushclifferamblers.org



Autumn Weekend to Bridlington, September 30th, 2022 for 2 nights

Its not too late to book for our Autumn walking weekend at Bridlington in East Yorkshire, from 30th September to 2nd October.

There will be a choice of walks, some coastal and some inland, led by our members on the Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday.

Restaurants will be booked for group meals on the Friday and Saturday evenings.

You will need to book your own accommodation but Karen can give you ideas of what is available.



For further information or to confirm that you will be attending, email Karen at autumn@rushclifferamblers.org

Our Upcoming Trips...

Spring Weekend to Malhamdale, 31st March 2023 for 3 nights

Next Spring we are travelling north to the beautiful Yorkshire Dales. We'll be staying at the HF Holidays hotel, Newfield Hall near Malham. The format for the weekend will be our usual with HF walk leaders taking us out on Saturday and Sunday with a choice of 3 walks and our own walk leaders on Friday afternoon and Monday morning allowing time for the journey to and from the Dales. The HF led walks are graded 2 easiest, 3 and 4 so there should be something to suit most members.



Angela is holding 50 places in double, twin and single rooms, all en-suite. The cost includes dinner, bed and breakfast for 3 nights and packed lunches on the Saturday and Sunday. As 50 places doesn't give us sole occupancy of the house/hotel there will be supplements for better rooms and single occupancy of a double room. These will be removed should our numbers reach the magic 62 but we need to grab those extra rooms soon.

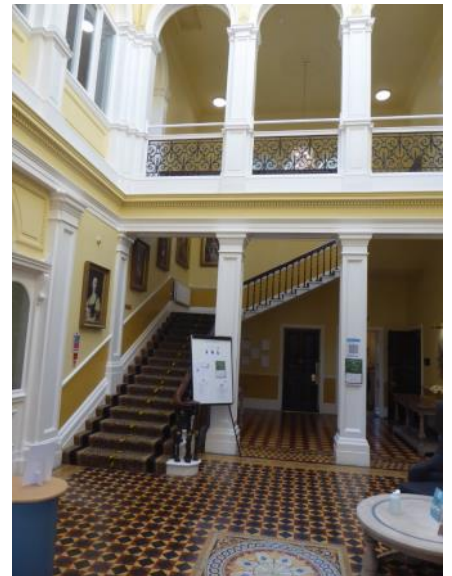
Angela expects the cost to be around £350 each for the 3 nights but this is dependent upon numbers attending. A deposit of £75 each secures a place.

If you would like to join this weekend, contact holidays@rushclifferamblers.org.

To view the itinerary follow the link:

<https://www.hfholidays.co.uk/holidays-and-tours/guided-walking-malhamdale-3?format=pdf&vid=1233>

There is likely to be high demand for this holiday and although we might be able to increase the number of rooms for our group, it may not always be possible as this weekend is also being advertised to the general public on the HF website. That means, get your booking in as soon as possible.



Our Upcoming Trips...

Summer 2023 - Austria

Our summer holiday next year will take place on 24 June to Neustift, Austria, staying in the HF Holidays' preferred Hotel Sonnhof situated in the Stubai Alps.

The pretty village of Neustift, in the heart of the Austrian Tyrol, provides our base from which to reach the beautiful Stubai Mountains using the area's many lifts and from where there are views of the broad Stubai Valley - one of the most scenic in the area. The large network of walking trails takes walkers to spectacular panoramic views, through Alpine meadows, past gushing waterfalls and glistening glaciers. There are walks to suit a range of abilities from level 2 to level 5 and for the brave, a summer toboggan run.



The price for dinner, bed, breakfast, walking guides and en-suite accommodation is £1196 plus a single room supplement of £84. Extras include lunches, flights and airport transfers.

A deposit of £250 per person is required to secure a room. We're holding 6 single and 7 twin rooms for a total of 20 people.

If you are interested please contact Angela on holidays@rushclifferamblers.org



Our Upcoming Trips...

Guided Walking in Scotland - 29 August to 2 September 2023 (4 nights)

This is an opportunity to bag Britain's highest mountain. We reached the top of Snowdon before lockdown and this year some of us reached the top of Scarfell Pike during our weekend in Keswick. To complete the trio, this is an opportunity to reach the top of Ben Nevis (weather permitting). You don't, however, have to aim for the heights, if your preference is to view the peak from low ground this holiday is for you too as there will be 3 walks on offer each day, one of which will be an easy level 2 walk.

We'll only be a small group heading north. Angela is holding 4 double/twin rooms and 4 single rooms, all with en-suites. Breakfast, evening meals and packed lunches are provided within the cost which is likely to come out at £459 each but is dependent upon the numbers attending. The cost of transport to Scotland is on top of this.



For further details of walks etc. follow the link below.

<https://www.hfholidays.co.uk/holidays-and-tours/guided-walking-glen-coe-4?format=pdf&vid=943>

A £75 deposit per person is required to secure a booking.

If you are interested please contact Angela on

holidays@rushclifferamblers.org

Spring Weekend Away 2024

Participants at Keswick voted for Alnmouth for 2024 and Angela has started to discuss this with HF.



Ice-cream and Beer

It's been a long time coming due to a certain Covid-shaped bug, but we finally managed to get to the National Brewing Centre at Burton-on-Trent in July (thanks, Keith, for making it happen).

In the morning we had a short walk led by Ruth. The weather was sunny and hot giving a real summer feel.

We walked through the attractive village of Barton under Needwood then walked through woodlands to come to the Dunstall Estate. The estate has been well looked after and the rolling land with the trees gives a very pleasing appearance. We had our coffee break at the church with a view over the estate.

This area was new to most of the walkers and a pleasant surprise.

Barton Marina has been developed from disused extraction pits to multi-purpose leisure facilities. As well as walks in the area, the marina provides extensive mooring for leisure craft and varied shopping and eating possibilities. Exceptional ice-cream was put to the test by most of those who walked. It didn't fail. Do ice-cream and beer go together? I think they must.



After lunch, 18 people went on the afternoon tour of the museum. Olly, our tour guide, gave an extensive tour of the Brewery Museum, explaining the brewing process in detail and giving us a stream of useful - and not so useful - titbits about beer, pubs and brewing. For example, did you know that the red triangle that Bass used was the first trademark to be registered? It was needed because many of the customers at that time couldn't read but they could recognise the triangle when they saw it. The symbol helped to propel Bass to be one of the biggest companies of its time. Similarly, pub signs were pictures because the clientele couldn't read the pub name.



We also got to meet the gentle giants - the shire horses, who were originally used to pull the drays to deliver the beer. They were very friendly and had a couple of goats as stable mates.

After the tour, we had a most welcome drink in the on-site pub where we were given beer tokens to exchange for pints. What a great idea (I'm not sure but I thought I saw Mike printing off a few extra ones to try at his local).

News from the Committee

- ⇒ We are very happy to notify you all that at our last committee meeting on 25th July, we co-opted two new Social Secretaries, Hazel Lee and Louise Mitchell. Hazel will continue to organise her London trips (see our upcoming trips section) and Louise will focus initially on organising this year's Christmas lunch. Both have many ideas for other social events so watch this space...
- ⇒ You will also be aware that we have been seeking a Programme Secretary designate to take over when Lorraine steps down at the next AGM in November and we are happy to say that Morag Hunter has agreed to take on this role.
- ⇒ We are still seeking a secretary to replace Mike who is currently doing this role alongside his role of Chair.
- ⇒ Good progress is being made with the provision of a safe crossing of the A52, as previously reported in Relay. Funding is in place with an expected completion date of 2024.



TAKE A HIKE

**AWARD WINNING HOLIDAYS
IN THE UK AND ABROAD**

Discover our favourite walking routes and enjoy accommodation in exceptional locations. We know the ingredients for a perfect hike – enjoy full days walking with fellow guests and leave all the planning and navigation to us; it's what we do best.





**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK
VISIT: [HFHOLIDAYS.CO.UK/WALKING-CLUB](https://hfholidays.co.uk/walking-club)
CALL: 020 8732 1260**

Book and travel with confidence. Please go online for our most up-to-date offers and prices plus full details: hfholidays.co.uk



Check our website for up-to-date news including details of upcoming walks:

www.rushclifferamblers.org