

Rushcliffe Ramblers *Relay*



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Hello....

Welcome to the summer edition of the Newsletter, a little later than usual due to the holiday season. Talking of which, this month we include an update from Angela and Karen on the holidays that we have planned this year and next, and the first one isn't that far away.

Also in this issue, we have some flying members, an update on the Dennis Fox memorial walks, news from the committee, and last but by no means least - what you have all been waiting for - another quiz.

No prizes this time, just the satisfaction of knowing your onions....

First, a few bits and bobs

- ⇒ As some of you think again about holidays I thought it was worth reminding you that if you book a holiday with Ramblers Walking Holidays, you are able to nominate Rushcliffe Ramblers as your walking group, in which case we will receive a donation from the holiday company. For UK holidays, Rushcliffe Ramblers will get £10, for short haul holidays we will get £20 and for long haul holidays £30, all amounts per person.
- ⇒ Our trip to Malvern is only a few weeks away (17th September) so if you haven't booked your accommodation and told Karen that you will be coming, now is the time.
- ⇒ Another date for your diary! Advance notice that Sunday 12th December 2021 is the date for this year's Christmas Lunch to be held at Colwick Hall. More details will be available later on our website and also in the next edition of the Relay. Keep your fingers crossed that it can go ahead this year.
- ⇒ You are invited to join the opening of Nottingham's Victorian Town Trail at 1pm on Sunday 26th September. This is a 170 year-old circle of Walks and Parks designed to allow Nottingham people easy access to fresh air and exercise, now made into a Town Trail marked with information boards to help follow the 5-mile route. The trail will be opened by Kate Ashbrook, General Secretary of the Open Spaces Society, starting at the south end of Queens Walk by the Embankment tram stop. All are welcome.



Great to be out in groups again!



Although some decided walking was just not for them.....



Dennis Fox Memorial Walks - Latest

The first of these walks - the 8 mile northern section towards Gotham - was held on 27th June and it was lovely to see Shirley Fox, Dennis's wife, together with their daughter, Sue, and son-in-law, Trevor, join us at the start to wish us well on our walk.

In total 15 walkers completed the circuit, including a couple of visitors from another group.



On 4th July, 8 walkers, including two who had not walked with RR before, took up the challenge of the original 17.7 mile walk. The walk was extended to 19 miles due to footpath diversions and a modified route utilising a section of the Logan Trail to avoid a road walk, which wasn't an option until fairly recently.

All enjoyed the experience of the longest distance walk in the history of Rushcliffe Ramblers.



The final walk is the 10 mile southern section and will take place on 5th September.

Here's the latest Holiday News from Angela and Karen

Holidays in 2021

Both the holidays we have planned for this year will go ahead and hopefully with the easing of restrictions, will have a more normal feel about them 🍷

17 September - Malvern

2 nights staying in local B&B accommodation (bookings and payments direct with the establishment) with guided walks by our own members and evening meals organised in local hostleries.
Contact: autumn@rushclifferamblers.org

8 November - Dovedale, Derbyshire

Rushcliffe Ramblers has a booking with HF Holidays for 4 nights at the Peveril of the Peak Hotel, Thorpe, Dovedale. The cost of around £320 includes full board with packed lunches on 3 days and guided walking using HF walk leaders with walks starting from the doorstep of the hotel reducing the need to travel. There are several rooms to book, including singles.
Contact: holidays@rushclifferamblers.org

Taken at the top of Pen y Fan on one of our last holidays to the Brecon Beacons.



Holidays 2022

8 April 2022 - Keswick, staying in the HF Holidays Hotel Derwentbank for 3 nights. The hotel is situated on the shores of Derwentwater at Portinscale, on the outskirts of Keswick. Full board with packed lunches on the Saturday and Sunday and the services of HF walk leaders. At the moment only double/twin rooms are available but anyone wanting a single room can go on the waiting list. (If we go back to sole occupancy of the hotel, which is dependent upon numbers, we'll be able to use some of the rooms for single occupancy.)
Contact: holidays@rushclifferamblers.org

21 May 2022 - Croatia, again organised through HF Holidays staying in a sea front hotel in Porec. Guided walking using HF walk leaders and half board accommodation. Double/twin rooms and rooms for single occupancy (with a supplement) are available.
Contact: holidays@rushclifferamblers.org

HF credit/refunds can be used to off-set the cost of any of these HF holidays.

From the Committee

- ⇒ Mike Stock will be acting Chair until the next AGM.
- ⇒ After our appeal in the last newsletter for someone who would like to take on the role of Vice Chair with a view to becoming Chair in the future, and for someone to work with Lorraine with a view to taking on the role of Programme Secretary, unfortunately no one has come forward.
- ⇒ The Committee are considering limiting the tenure of the Chair to a maximum of five consecutive years after which she/he will not be eligible for immediate re-election. Details will be circulated to members in due course.
- ⇒ The AGM will be on Sunday 21st November 2021 and we plan to hold it face to face, venue to be decided. We will have cake!

A note from Lorraine on the Walks Programme

When Ramblers told us that we could restart our group walks, this was such a relief to us all. We all get so much pleasure from getting out and about on walks, long and short, and meeting up with our fellow members.

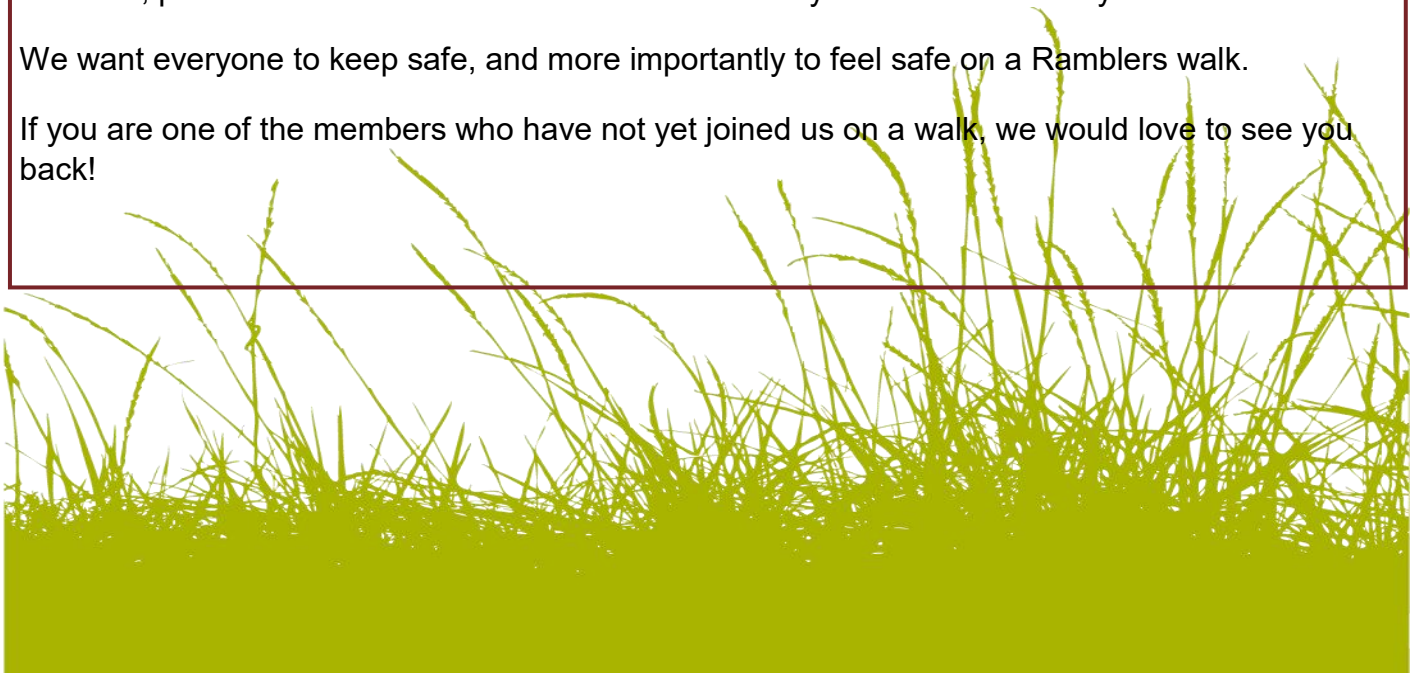
As you know, we started with "Small" group walks with about 6, 8 or 10 walkers, including the leader. Gradually as restrictions have been lifted, some of the walks have been open to more walkers.

Having talked to our volunteer walk leaders, and also to members who have been coming on our walks, it is obvious that the majority of people favour the smaller groups and knowing exactly how many people will be on a walk. With this in mind, we are continuing to operate a booking system for all walks. This does give the walk leader extra work, but they are all happy to continue with this additional administration.

We appreciate that this does take away the spontaneity of deciding the day before that you would like to do a walk, but because of the higher numbers on some walks, they are not all getting booked up straight away. So if you fancy a walk at the weekend, but you haven't booked in advance, please have a look at the website as there may be some availability.

We want everyone to keep safe, and more importantly to feel safe on a Ramblers walk.

If you are one of the members who have not yet joined us on a walk, we would love to see you back!



Do you Know your Onions???

Yes it's time for another quiz - and this month it's a picture quiz!

We often walk past various crops on our travels, but can you identify them?

Have a go at these. Answers at the end of the newsletter....



Do you Know your Onions? - continued



Know your Onions - the answers

- ⇒ **A = Barley** (used for beer, whisky and malt vinegar)
- ⇒ **B = Potatoes** (over 5 million tonnes were grown in the UK last year, that's a lot of chips)
- ⇒ **C = Rapeseed** (part of the brassica family (along with cabbage and mustard), it's grown for its seeds which produce the oil)
- ⇒ **D = Grapes** (I'm sure you are intimately acquainted with the product from these...)
- ⇒ **E = Flax or Linseed** (once grown extensively for its slender stems which are the raw ingredient for linen, this powder-blue flower is mostly cultivated for linseed oil now)
- ⇒ **F = Wheat** (identified by shorter bristles or "awns" than barley, a hectare of wheat produces enough flour to bake 11,500 loaves)
- ⇒ **G = Buttercups** (OK so it's not strictly a crop but they look nice.....)
- ⇒ **H = Turkeys for Christmas!** (with apologies to any vegetarians out there)



Don't forget our website for up-to-date news including details of walks that we are planning:

www.rushclifferamblers.org