

Rushcliffe Ramblers *Relay*



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Hello....

You will all be aware that we are living through strange times, but one thing that you can rely on is Rushcliffe Ramblers!

The committee thought you would appreciate an update on what we are doing to keep things moving, especially as we aren't producing a written programme at the moment.

So here is our first Newsletter.

Let us know what you think and what you would like to be included in the next one.

Small Group Walks

Following the first lockdown earlier in the year, the Ramblers officially sanctioned group-led walks restarting from 1st July as long as they were Covid-secure.

Since then we have provided well over 50 walks of varying distances and in many different locations, with over 100 walkers participating.



Thanks to all of our Walk Leaders and particularly to Lorraine for organising and publishing the walks.

During the second lockdown, we have had to suspend walks again, but you can be sure that we will start again as soon as we are allowed. Those who have come along so far found the experience safe and enjoyable so do please make some bookings via the website when they are available and give it a try!

Social Events and Holidays

It won't come as any surprise that all socials and holidays have been postponed until next year. Here are a few (provisional!) dates for your diary:

- ◆ Walking weekend at Keswick will be 26-29th March 2021
- ◆ Walking at Dovedale will be Monday to Friday 26th April 2021
- ◆ Holiday to Croatia will commence 22nd May 2021
- ◆ Brewery Tour at the National Brewery Centre, Burton will be June 2021
- ◆ Walking weekend at Malvern will be 17-19th September 2021
- ◆ Christmas lunch at Colwick Hall Hotel will be 12th December 2021

Talking of Socials.....Was this an outdoor disco?



And just how far is it to the pub, Karen...?



Membership is up!

***As a demonstration of all that is wonderful about
Rushcliffe Ramblers, our membership has increased
this year from 317 to 332.***

Thanks everyone for your continued support.

Rule of Six Exemption

Why does the “rule of six” not apply to the Ramblers group walks?

Ramblers organised group walks are categorised as ‘outdoor physical activity events’. These are exempt from the latest restrictions, including Tier 3, as we have already met the protocols required by the Government, and put extra measures in place to reduce the risks of COVID-19. To be exempt, the walks must be “official” Ramblers walks i.e. they must be led by a registered Walk Leader, advertised on the Ramblers website, undergo a documented risk assessment beforehand, and maintain social distancing.

AGM Roundup - Monday 16th November

This year’s AGM was a bit different to our usual morning walk followed by homemade cake, speeches and reports, then Rob’s entertainment slot - remember those awards?

To ensure that Rushcliffe Ramblers keep on trend using the latest tech, this time we did it all on Zoom (well not quite all as we didn’t have the walk.... or the cake... or the awards....).

But twenty five of us logged onto Zoom (I think Rob gets the award for best bookcase) and some of us managed to keep our glasses of wine hidden from the camera. Respect to Joe and Morag, though, for their lockdown sobriety pledge (although I think I saw a chart on the wall behind them counting down the days to 2nd December, but perhaps it was just a calendar?).

Anyway, the highlights were:

- ♦ *The reports were all agreed (Secretary’s, Treasurer’s, previous minutes)*
- ♦ *The committee were re-elected*
- ♦ *Brian agreed to be Independent Examiner again (thanks Brian)*
- ♦ *Everyone agreed that Rob’s email Newsletters during Lockdown One were outstanding and much appreciated (thanks Rob)*

Then we had the chance for a bit of catchup with people we haven’t seen for a while, which was nice.

In particular we would like to send the best wishes of everyone at Rushcliffe Ramblers to Hazel - these meetings and walks are a lot quieter without you so we are all looking forward to you joining us again soon.

All in all, a very efficient meeting so thanks to Alan and Mike for making it happen. Mike will publish the minutes on the website soon.

Let’s hope we are back to normal for the next one, as we all missed the cake.....

Now since it's lockdown and we all have lots of time on our hands, we thought you might like a quiz - and there will be prizes!!

So get your thinking caps on and send your answers to

publicity@rushclifferamblers.org by Friday 4th December.

There will be prizes for the highest 3 scores (drawn from a hat if several of you get 100%).

But *all* entries will be entered into a draw for a runners up prize, so even if you can only answer one question, send it in to enter the draw.....

1. Which long-distance trail features in Bill Bryson's book and 2015 film "A Walk in the Woods"?
2. The Coast to Coast walk across the north of England between St Bees and Robin Hood's Bay was first described by which famous walker and writer?
3. Who suggested you should "Walk on the wild side" in 1973?
4. In New Zealand a long, vigorous walk or hike is called what?
5. Who was "walking back to happiness" in 1961?
6. You'll encounter Devil's Dyke on which UK long-distance trail?
7. Who went "walking in Memphis" in 1995?
8. Which of these walks reaches the highest altitude?
 - The Inca Trail
 - Tour du Mont Blanc
 - Kala Patthar trek near Everest base camp
 - Annapurna Circuit
9. The Camino de Santiago network of ancient pilgrims' routes comes together in the city of Santiago de Compostela. Which saint is said to be buried in the city's cathedral?
10. Who was "walking in the air" in 1985?
11. The ascent and descent on the Pembrokeshire Coast Path is said to be equivalent to climbing what peak?
12. Which symbol is used to waymark the official national trails in England and Wales?
13. Who "walked like a man" in 1963?
14. On average how high is a trig pillar, in feet?
15. Who was "walking on sunshine" in 1985?
16. Which is the UK's longest footpath, excluding the unfinished England Coast Path?
17. What is the highest point on the Pennine Way?
18. Where is the 211-mile John Muir Trail?
 - Scotland
 - Patagonia
 - California
 - British Columbia
19. Which US trail did Cheryl Strayed walk, as portrayed by Reese Witherspoon in the film Wild?
20. Who said they would "never walk alone" in 1963?



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

www.rushclifferamblers.org