

Rushcliffe Ramblers *Relay*



October 2021

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Hello....

Welcome to the latest edition of Relay, and dare I say it, we have to mention Christmas already! Yes, it's time to book your place at our annual festivity, the Rushcliffe Ramblers Christmas lunch.

And as further evidence that things are returning to normal, we have a review of our first weekend away for a while, at Malvern in September.

Angela has highlighted an interesting link to the Pilgrim Fathers with one of our walks, and we look forward to the AGM with a request for you to vote on the Outstanding Achievement Award.

Finally, one last look at the Dennis Fox memorial walks.

Enjoy!

First, a few bits and bobs

- ⇒ There is still time to enter the Notts Area Ramblers' photo competition. The theme is Hidden Nottinghamshire so if you have a favourite spot, a quirky view or a little-known gem you would like to share, submit your photo to photo2021@nottsarearamblers.org.uk. First prize is a pair of walking poles and you have until 31st October to enter. (Please remember to obtain the permission of anyone who appears in your photo before submitting it.)
- ⇒ One of the highlights of any of our weekends away is to decide and vote upon where we would like to go next, and the group who went to Malvern were no exception. The shortlist was Ludlow, Bridlington and Whitby and the winner for our 2022 Autumn destination was Bridlington! See Karen's report later in this edition for the dates to put into your diary.
- ⇒ In the May edition of Relay we talked about a petition to improve the crossing of the A52 and I'm glad to say that Highways England have agreed to fund a feasibility study to identify options for a crossing as well as possible cycle route enhancements to benefit the local communities. The need for a new crossing has also been raised and supported by the local MP Ruth Edwards.



Out and about....



It's that time again!

Morag and Hazel have been busy organising this year's festive treat so book the date and let Morag have your menu choices (it's got to be turkey and Christmas pud, though, hasn't it?)

RUSHCLIFFE RAMBLERS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2021 – 12.30 pm for 1 pm
COLWICK HALL HOTEL, RACECOURSE ROAD, NOTTINGHAM NG2 4BH

STARTERS

Duck and Orange Pate

with onion marmalade, crostini and rocket

Parsnip and Apple Soup

with parsnip crisps

Prawn and Smoked Haddock Fishcake

with salsa verde mayo sauce and lemon salad

Carpaccio of Beetroot

with a lemon Dijon sauce and balsamic glaze

MAIN COURSES

**Turkey Roulade, Pigs in Blankets, Roast potatoes,
Roasted Root Vegetables, Brussel Sprouts and Turkey Jus**

Pressed Blade of Beef, Potato Rosti, Mashed Potatoes and Roasted Root Vegetables

Pan Fried Salmon, Chilli Cherry Tomato and Lime Linguine Pasta

Roast Vegetable Parcel, Roast Potatoes, Roasted Root Vegetables and Tomato Sauce

DESSERTS

Christmas Pudding *with brandy sauce*

White Chocolate Cheesecake *with strawberries and chocolate sauce*

Clementine Tart *with lemon curd and vanilla creme*

Raspberry Panna Cotta *with glazed meringue*

Fruit Salad

Farmhouse Cheese and Biscuits

Coffee or Tea

£25.00

(includes RR raffle ticket and staff gratuity)

To book please email menu choices to Morag: social@rushclifferamblers.org

Payment details will be emailed with booking confirmation.

Deadline for booking and payment: Friday 12th November 2021

Enquiries to Morag – Tel: 07817 339058 or Hazel – Tel: 07964 102769

No refunds can be given for cancellation after 12th November: this is the policy of Colwick Hall Hotel

The venue has disabled access



Our weekend in Malvern



After a gap of two years, Rushcliffe Ramblers finally managed a trip away.

In September, 23 members descended on Malvern for a week-end of walking, talking and eating.

Over the course of the weekend our brave and dedicated volunteer walk leaders provided a total of 5 walks, varying in length from 5 to 12 miles, some strenuous, some more gentle.

We explored the Malvern Hills, including the highest point, the Worcestershire Beacon, the Suckley Hills and the Severn Valley.

Those who braved the longer walk into the hills on Saturday were rewarded with a fly-past by a WW2 Spitfire, so close we could almost identify the pilot!

Although everyone was scattered around the area in different hotels, guest houses, cottages etc., we came together for our evening meals. A particular highlight was our Friday evening dinner in a retirement village. Despite some misgivings, everyone enjoyed an excellent meal, served by delightful staff in a beautiful location. Saturday evening took us to a busy pub together with a number of other groups, including a wedding party. For once, Rushcliffe Ramblers weren't the noisiest ones there!

As is usual, those present had the opportunity to vote for our next Autumn destination and the winner was Bridlington, North Yorkshire. More information will be available in the New Year but, for now, please put the dates in your diary:

Friday 30th Sept to Sun 2nd October 2022.

Karen



A recent walk commemorated The Pilgrim Fathers.....

Did you know that the movement for a new religion and subsequent move to America was started in north Nottinghamshire?

In September 1620 a number of families from Lincolnshire, south Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire boarded the Mayflower on the south coast and sailed to America to start a new colony. Their aim was for religious freedom rather than, as they saw it, the corruption and uncertainty of the church in England. In the early 1500s Henry VIII had split from the Church of Rome with the formation of the Church of England and thereafter religious practises were at the whim of the monarch.



In the late 1500s, Richard Clifton preached at Babworth church on the outskirts of Retford. He had been educated at Cambridge which was considered a hotbed for radical thinking. He soon attracted a following of people who wanted a simpler way of practising their religion. Unfortunately for them, the state started to clamp down on new religions and Richard Clifton lost his living. This forced the Separatists, as they became known, to move to Scrooby where they started to meet at the home of William Brewster. Interestingly, Brewster's home, the Manor House, was owned by the Archbishop of York, the second most powerful person in the Church of England. After his father's death Brewster had inherited the title of bailiff to the Archbishop's estate along with the Manor House and it was here that the Separatists continued to practise their new religion. Eventually, in fear of their lives, they moved first to Holland and then purchased the Mayflower and sailed to America.

It was 9 November 1620 that they landed in Cape Cod. The seas had been rough and one person lost their life and a new life was born. He was named Oceanus. To their joy the Pilgrims found fertile land similar to Bassetlaw with forests and rivers teeming with fish. They called their new colony Plimoth which, today is Plymouth, Massachusetts. Contrary to general belief, they formed close ties with the local, indigenous community who helped them gain knowledge on farming the land.

The anniversary of the first harvest is still celebrated by Americans everywhere as Thanksgiving.

The early years were harsh and many of the original pilgrims died, although it is estimated that of the 102 original pilgrims their direct descendants now number over one million.



Not all the Separatists travelled to America. Some stayed behind and set up the Baptist Church believing that people should be baptised into the church as adults rather than as babies.

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Pilgrim Fathers (cont)

Our recent walk around Retford and Babworth was to commemorate the Pilgrim Fathers' 400th anniversary, albeit one year late. We were fortunate to have access to the church at Babworth and to walk where the Pilgrims had walked before us.

There is a museum in Retford, an exhibition at Lakeside, Highfields and a 40-mile car tour around the villages where there is more information about the people who became Pilgrim Fathers or Separatists and their association with Nottinghamshire.

<http://www.mayflowerpilgrimcentre.uk/>

<https://www.lakesidearts.org.uk/exhibitions/event/5477/beyond-the-mayflower.html?Action=Cookie>

https://www.visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk/dbimngs/GBC_Trail%20of%20the%20Mayflower%20Pilgrims_compressed.pdf

<https://www.robinhoodtourism.co.uk/pilgrim.htm>

Angela

From the Committee

- ⇒ The next AGM will be held as a face-to-face meeting on Sunday 21 November, 2021 at Car Colston & Screveton Village Hall. There will be a walk in the morning and the meeting will start after lunch (and cake!), no later than 1.30pm
- ⇒ And see over for your input to this year's awards....
- ⇒ The new Walk Leader guidelines are nearing completion and will be published soon.



Here are the Nominations for the Outstanding Achievement Award

One of the highlights of the AGM is the awards ceremony, and this year our Awards Master, Rob, has suggested a new award for **Outstanding Achievement**.

During September, nominations were received and *now it's time for you to vote.*

Email your choice of nominee to: membership@rushclifferamblers.org

Don't forget to include your name in the email as you are only allowed one vote.

Closing date for votes is Sunday 14th November.

The nominations, with comments from their nominators, are:

Sue Jones

As photos play an important part of everyone's lives now how about some kind of recognition to our "snappers" - Sue Jones I think has done a great job with her photos.

Karen Lewis

Karen is an outstanding walk leader who, in August this year, led three walks on successive Sundays, one scheduled for herself to lead, and then she covered for Alan and then Ruth and Brian. Ruth and Brian's walk was at very short notice so she didn't have time to reccie the walk, but nevertheless all went well and we did not get lost!

Alan Wilson

Outstanding achievement: Alan Wilson has, for many years, given magnificent service to RR, not only by leading walks, but also helping with lots of administration behind the scenes, and always being kind and friendly, even when his own circumstances were less than ideal. He's the one!

Lorraine Donovan

She has done an outstanding job with the walks programme for many years and despite this year being particularly difficult with the pandemic, she has continued to gently badger the walk leaders in order to keep the walks coming and get us all out walking together again.

Angela Dobie

Angela's commitment to Rushcliffe Ramblers for more than 25 years not only leading walks and initiating fresh ideas, but organising the weekends and holidays away, working tirelessly with amazing resilience and quiet efficiency to make sure everyone has a wonderful inclusive experience. Since the pandemic started she has spent a lot of time organising new dates for all the holidays with all the admin nightmare that that involves.

Martin Smith

The Tuesday walks are every week and Martin has supported them for over 7 years. He has stepped in to lead them when the regular leader was away or ill. These walks would not happen if it was not for Martin.

Rob Turner

In the depths of the Covid lockdown, Rob's uplifting, humorous and regular newsletters made a huge difference to members.

Dennis Fox Memorial Walks Completed

The final walk of the three walks held this year to commemorate Dennis Fox was held on a very warm and sunny day on Sunday 5th September. This was the 10-mile walk from East Leake to Stanford completed by 17 of us, including a couple of visitors from other groups.

Once again Shirley Fox, Dennis's wife, came along to the start to wish us well, catch up with familiar faces and to see us off. This has been a lovely way to remember Dennis.



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

www.rushclifferamblers.org