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Hello....

Welcome to this edition of Relay, where we report on our latest trips away, ponder over stiles and problems with Rights of Way, and look forward to Christmas and holidays next year.

Oh yes, and see if you can spot the seals...

First, a few bits and bobs

- ⇒ Don't forget our upcoming **AGM** on 20th November at Kinoulton Village Hall. All are welcome. Alan will lead an optional, easy 5-mile walk in the morning for those who would like to work up an appetite for cake. Check out the walk and booking details on our website.
- ⇒ **Request for Walks.** Morag is planning to publish walks on the web in 3-month blocks starting next year. Walks are now requested for any time between the **1st January** and the **31st March 2023**. The walks can be of any length and on any day of the week. The deadline for full details is **10th December 2022**. Please book a date as soon as possible by contacting Morag at programme@rushclifferamblers.org. Hope you can help!
- ⇒ You might like to listen to this discussion about whether mass trespassing opens up more access to the countryside, from Radio 4 in August:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m0019z22>



Out and about....

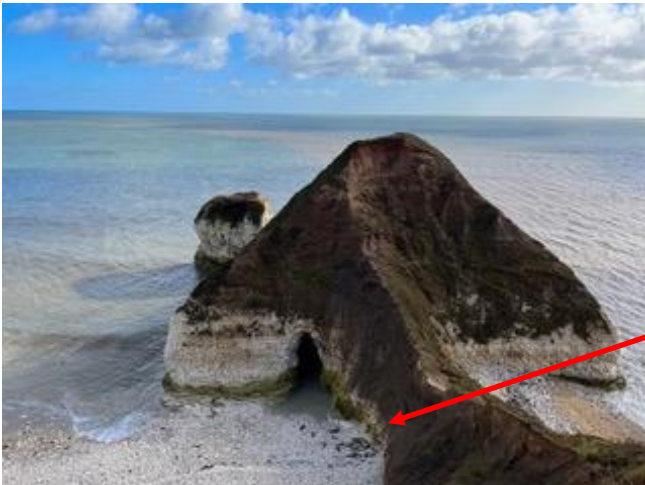


Autumn Weekend 2022, Bridlington

Here's Karen to tell us about another successful Autumn Weekend away.

At the end of September, 30 members of Rushcliffe Ramblers made their way to the East Yorkshire seaside resort of Bridlington for the annual Autumn Walking Weekend.

The walks on offer, all very capably led by our own members, varied in length from 5 to 13 miles. Friday afternoon's walk started with bacon butties in a very convenient lay-by and took us to historic Harpham and Burton Agnes, before unfortunately the rain came down and it was agreed to take a short cut back to the cars.



For the remainder of the weekend however, we enjoyed glorious sunshine. Saturday's walks along the cliffs of Bempton and Flamborough provided some stunning scenery, birdwatching opportunities and the wonderful sight of a bay full of seals.

As usual, we had a large contingent staying in the Premier Inn, but others sampled a variety of accommodation such as Guest Houses, B & B's and Cottages in and around the Bridlington area.



Evening meals, on Friday at the small, family run Burlington's Restaurant and Saturday at the Expanse Hotel, were an opportunity to enjoy great Yorkshire food and hospitality.



During the weekend voting took place for the destination for 2023 and after a serious amount of lobbying in certain corners, the winner was **Royal Leamington Spa**.

Further details to follow.



Stiles

We all know and love them - OK, well maybe not love them exactly, but at least we know how to get over them. They come in a variety of designs which I'm sure you will have all seen.....



But what about this one, found in Derbyshire on the outskirts of Ashbourne?
Any ideas how to get over it and still maintain your dignity?

See the next page to find out...



Our latest Trip to London

New Social Secretary, Hazel, tells us more.

After three missing years we finally managed to squeeze in a London day, only fourteen of us but all in a jolly 'let out' mood!

The weather was perfect and we started from Pimlico underground onto Belgravia and into Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens. London Walks provided us with a private tour of Royal Kensington, taking us into squares and streets with anecdotes and some saucy titbits! The tour finished at Kensington Palace gates which were adorned with tributes to Princess Diana for the 25th anniversary of her tragic death.

If our trip had been one week later we would have been swamped by huge numbers descending on the capital following the death of our Queen.



Easy!



Now it's time to think about Christmas.....

Our new Social Secretary, Louise, has been busy finding us the best deal in Nottingham for Christmas lunch and over the page is the menu and booking details. The deadline for bookings and payment is Friday 11th November. Here are a few other details:

- ⇒ There will be leisurely walks led by Angela and Karen starting at 10.15 returning by 12.15 to work up your appetite
- ⇒ Lunch is 12.30 for 1 pm sit down - time to buy drinks at the bar (debit / credit cards only)
- ⇒ Free parking is available at the Hall - Louise will provide further details after 11/11/22 .
- ⇒ Anyone wanting to walk but not attend the lunch please let Louise know so she can communicate instructions to you for parking at Welbeck Hall.

email : louise.social@rushclifferamblers.org

RUSHCLIFFE RAMBLERS
CHRISTMAS LUNCH
SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2022
At Welbeck Hall, West Bridgford, NG2 7QW



STARTERS

Tomato and Red Pepper Soup
Prawn Marie Rose Salad
Garlic Mushrooms with Toast



MAIN COURSES

Christmas Turkey
Salmon with Lemon sauce
Vegetable Wellington

**** Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables will be served with all of the above ****

DESSERTS

Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce
Cheesecake with Fruit Coulis
Chocolate Fondant with Ice Cream



Coffee or Tea

With chocolates



£32.00

(includes staff gratuity and Christmas game prizes)

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

Payment details will then be emailed to you to confirm your booking.

Deadline for booking and payment: Friday 11th November 2022

Further details including pre- lunch walk time, parking information and arrival time for those not walking , will be advised once booking payment has been received.

Enquiries to Louise – Tel: 07778 118863

No refunds can be given for cancellation after 11th November: this is the policy of Welbeck Hall

Broken Stile, Blocked Path? - How to Report Right of Way Problems

Our Footpath Secretary, Howard, explains more.

There are over 140,000 miles of public rights of way in England and Wales. This precious network of footpaths, bridleways and byways provides safe, legal access into our wonderful countryside. It is invaluable for our health and well being and all users can contribute to the safeguarding of this invaluable asset.

It is the legal responsibility of the local Highway Authority (HA) that the law concerning public rights of way (RoW) is upheld. The HA (often the County Council) keeps an up to date Definitive Map and Statement, which is a legal record of all of known public rights of way in their area.

The HA is responsible for maintaining the footpath surfaces, bridges over natural watercourses, clearing obstructions and ensuring satisfactory way marking. The HA enforces landowners' responsibilities for maintaining stiles, gates and footbridges over ditches. Landowners must also observe rules relating to ploughing and the keeping of livestock on land containing RoWs.



A vital role for Ramblers to ensure the upkeep of our system of RoW is to support the HA by reporting any problems that we may come upon on during our walks. The County Council websites provide a very straightforward on-line method for reporting any issues that we may encounter. Alternatively, you can telephone or e-mail the Council.

If, for example, we come upon a damaged stile, a locked gate or misleading way marking, then we should report the problem to the Council so that they can take the necessary remedial action.

The Council web site will request the following information about the problem:

1. **Location** - This should be as accurate as possible, preferably a grid location or map reference. The Council website includes access to an online version of the Definitive RoW Map that will enable you to identify the particular footpath reference.
2. **Detail of Fault** - You will choose from a list of fault types e.g. an obstruction, and then provide a more detailed description of the specific problem.
3. **Photographs** - You have the option to upload photographs of the problem.

You will easily find the RoW problem reporting page of the relevant County Council by typing, for example, "Nottinghamshire right of way problem" into an on-line search engine such as Google or Bing. Follow the instructions and provide the requested information.

A simple click of a button will submit your report to the Council.

This simple reporting system is easy to use and vital to ensure that our rights of way are properly maintained. Please play your part and make sure problems are quickly remedied.

If you have any difficulties in reporting problems, please contact me at footpaths@rushclifferamblers.org and I would be pleased to assist.

Howard Lloyd

Holidays 2023

Come and join us, we have such great fun on our weekends and holidays!

Bookings are being taken for:

Malhamdale on 31 March 2023 for 3 nights; but unfortunately, only twin/double rooms are available.



Austria on 24 June 2023 for 7 nights; both twin, double and single occupancy rooms are available.

Scotland on 29 August 2023 for 4 nights; twin/double rooms are available and at this stage we may be able to get more single rooms.



Details of these holidays, costs and deposits appeared in the last edition of Relay but if you want the details again or to make a booking contact

holidays@rushclifferamblers.org or visit our website.

News from your Committee

- ⇒ As announced in the last edition of Relay, Morag is taking over from Lorraine as Programme Secretary to organise all of our walks. This transition is very nearly complete and Morag has now asked Walk Leaders for new walk suggestions from January to March next year. Lorraine will step down at the next AGM with a huge thank you from everyone!



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

www.rushclifferamblers.org