

CASTLE BROMWICH GROUP OF THE RAMBLERS

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NEWSLETTER



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SKIPTON WALKING WEEKEND

23rd-26th September 2016

Situated at the edge of the Yorkshire Dales, Skipton is an historic town full of character. After what was for some of us a rather tiresome journey via the M6, 25 members met up under the statue of former England fast bowler Fred

Trueman to start our first walk. This took us along a stretch of canal beneath the castle walls



out of the town and up to the nearby moors. From here we enjoyed **views over the town and countryside** before descending to the town to visit the mill shop. We were then treated to a **canal boat trip** accompanied by Yorkshire Tea and an amusing commentary before heading to the canalside Rendezvous Hotel – our home for the next 3 nights.

On Saturday morning we headed up into the Dales proper to Malham for a 7 mile walk which took in a fairy glen, the Gorsdale waterfalls, a mobile cafe and Malham Moor with its natural



limestone pavement. Having crossed this, somewhat precariously, we descended via over 200

steps to **Malham Cove**, then followed the stream back to the village. In the afternoon we made a

circuit of the uppermost part of Airedale, passing the source of the river en route.

Sunday was a day of mixed travel modes. Having driven the short distance to Embsay we caught the last bus of the summer to the **Bolton Abbey estate**. Here we followed the River Wharfe which

dramatically cascaded through a deep and narrow rocky gorge known as the Strid.



After lunching at the Cavendish café we walked through riverside meadows to the ruined abbey, then on to the steam railway station with its vintage tea room, before puffing back to Embsay, where we were greeted with a heavy downpour.

On the final day – Monday, most of us headed for the famous **Ilkley Moor** for a shortish walk. This took us to the White Well. The building here used to be a base for Sunday school groups exploring the moor and it was here that the words to the Yorkshire anthem “On Ilkley Moor Baht’at” were written. We couldn’t miss the opportunity of



having a grand finale to our trip to the Broad Acres by giving a rendering of the song.

We are indebted to Allan for his hard work in planning, organising and leading what was a very enjoyable and well run holiday.

David Threlkeld

BEER, AND SKITTLES EVENING



On 28th October we held a Beer & Skittles evening at the **Rose Inn, Baxterley**. 28 people attended, enjoying a good meal, and scrumptious desserts. The result went to the wire with the leading team being knocked down to 3rd place in the final round. The winning team was

Dean's Cannons and the leading individual scorer was Duncan Barker who deserves our thanks for organising this event. We have booked another evening at the Rose for **27th October 2017**.

SPREADING THE WORD

Also on 28th October members of the Group attended an event at 'The Pump' community centre in Tile Cross to promote walking as a route to good health.



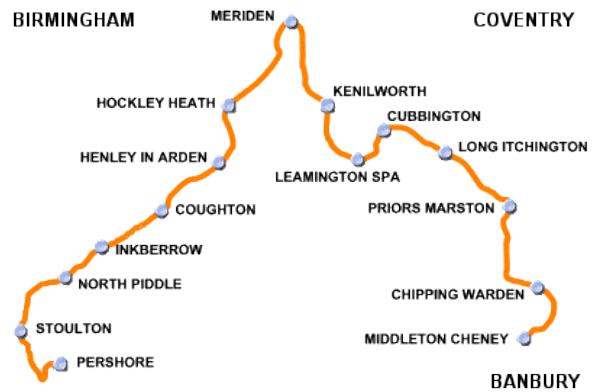
WARWICKSHIRE AREA – A.G.M.

The Area AGM will be held at the Worker's Club, 32 Oliver Street, Rugby CV21 2ET on Saturday **4th February 2017**, starting at 10.15. The main speaker will be Teri Moore, a Ramblers Trustee, and the meeting will be followed by a buffet style lunch with jacket potatoes, sandwiches etc. Details can be found at www.warwickshireramblers.org.uk.

WALKS PROGRAMME January – March 2017

Watch out for our next Walks Programme which will be issued shortly. The first walk of 2017 is on **Monday 2nd January** at Corley Moor, followed by an optional meal. No booking is necessary.

THE MILLENNIUM WAY



Looking for ideas for a walk? This might help. The Millennium Way was developed by the 41st Club – a group of over age former Round Tablers. It runs for 100 miles from Pershore in Worcestershire to Middleton Cheney near Banbury in an inverted V shape, with Meriden at the apex.

There are 44 circular walks using parts of it varying in length from 3 to 10 miles. Details of them are very thorough and can be found with other information about the Way at www.walking.41club.org/shortwalks

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our Christmas lunch will be held on **Sunday 11th December** at Tidbury Green Golf Club, Shirley. Will those who have booked please arrive by 2.30 and be seated for 3.00 p.m.

Rather than sending Christmas cards to each other, members are encouraged to make a donation towards our chosen charity '**Kids Like Us**'. This is a local charity supporting children, young people and families affected by juvenile arthritis in the West Midlands. A collection will be taken at the Christmas Lunch or donations can be passed to Ron Kitchen.



LLANGOLLEN WALKING WEEKEND

29th April – 1st May 2017

24 members have signed up for our next weekend away and all places are now taken. This area of the Welsh borders has been described as a 'walker's paradise' with its stunning scenery and spectacular views across the Dee Valley.

SOUTH DEVON WALKING WEEKEND

22nd – 25th September 2017

Our Autumn weekend away will be based in Torquay. Full details will be circulated soon.

AGM Report

Our AGM in October was the best attended for many years. Our Treasurer, Ron Kitchen, reported on a financially balanced year and I gave a resume of the year's activities. (See website for a copy of my report). The election of officers and committee saw some changes.

After 6 years as Membership Secretary and a year as Webmaster, **Linda Cockayne** stood down from both positions. Thank you Linda for your enthusiasm, efficiency and flair.

Thanks to Louise Kean for taking on the Membership role and to Allan Witherington for becoming our new webmaster.

Duncan Barker has also relinquished his role as Social Secretary, a position he has filled for the past 4 years and 2 years prior to that. He fulfilled the role with his usual cheerfulness, organising or overseeing such varied events as Christmas meals, beer & skittles evenings and the annual quiz. Thank you Duncan for all you have done in this important aspect of our activities. He will also remain on the Committee.

The **Social Secretary's** position is vacant, so unless someone is willing to take it on we will need people to be willing to help organise individual events through the year.

The AGM was followed by a buffet and mini quiz. One of the rounds was a Caption Competition – the winning captions are shown.

David Threlkeld, Chair

CONGRATULATIONS

Cherie Harrison and Gary Bakewell have announced that they are to be married on 30th September 2017.



Jean and John Lincoln became grandparents again on 25th October when James George was born (7lb 11oz).

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

(used but still serviceable)

- 3 x Walking Poles
- 1 x Boots (size 9)
- 1 x Boots (size 10)
- 2 x Pairs of Gaiters
- 3 x Map Cases (1 new)
- 2 x Cool Bags for Food

Contact Mike Rogers
0121 748 3886
or
Gwen Franklin
0121 747 5940

CAPTION COMPETITION

Winners



Roger auditioning for Dr. Who



Swing me low



Hands up it's a fantastic view



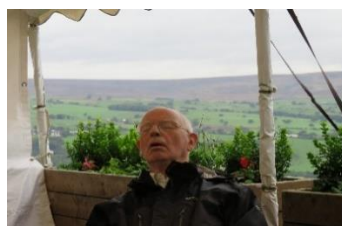
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How to tackle a stile in style



A pair of old fossils



A hard day's work in the kitchen



Castle Brom hand gliding club



Stop wallowing and get a move on

FISH 'n' CHIPS AND QUIZ NIGHT

We are planning to hold this social evening with a fish and chip supper and a 'just for fun' quiz in the near future. Watch your emails and the website for details.



Keep up to date with all the latest news about forthcoming walks by visiting our website

<http://castlebromwichramblers.btck.co.uk>