

CASTLE BROMWICH GROUP OF THE RAMBLERS

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ILFRACOMBE WALKING HOLIDAY

Friday 19th- Monday 22nd September 2014

19 members set off along the M5 in reasonable weather and on reaching Somerset, our cars successfully ascended the 1 in 4 Porlock Hill. Then the mist descended so our planned Day 1 walk in Doone Valley had to be postponed. Instead we explored Ilfracombe and admired Damien Hirst's celebrated sculpture 'Verity' in the harbour. The Saturday ramble took us on a bus journey to Woolacombe from where we walked along the South West Coastal Path back towards Ilfracombe. Six of the group opted to take the more strenuous 8.5 mile route led by Marion while the sensible ones took the 5 mile route with a pub lunch. On Sunday we managed



to fit in two walks. David led us from Lynton to see the splendid scenic views at The Valley of the



Rocks and Linda took us back to the picturesque Doone Valley. On our final day we explored the sand dune system

and shoreline at Braunton Burrows before driving home to complete another very successful holiday. Other than the mists on Day 1, the weather was



kind to us and the accommodation at The Carlton Hotel was comfortable. We are indebted to David Threlkeld, Linda Cockayne and Marion Stowe for organizing the weekend and leading the walks.

AGM REPORT

Our AGM on 14th October was attended by 21 people. My report for the past year can be found on the website under Latest News.

Our Guest Speaker was Lewis Braithwaite who gave an interesting slide show about canals showing a number of locations where we have walked.

Most Committee members were re-elected to their positions with Teresa Gladwin taking on the role of Publicity Co-ordinator. After many years as our Press Officer Duncan Barker decided to stand down and I am delighted to say that Louise Kean has agreed to replace him.

David Threlkeld, Chair

NOVEMBER VARIETY

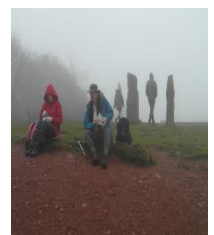
November was an exemplary month for walks. 5 took place providing real variety of length, location (5 different counties were visited) and environment. They ranged from 5 to 8.5 miles from flat to hilly and in a mixture of weather. Three of them – the 1st, 3rd and 5th took in National Trust property, again of very different types.



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Baddesley Clinton
Warwickshire



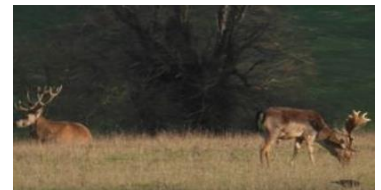
Ancient rocks
Beacon Hill
Leicestershire



Steep climbs
Clent Hills
Worcestershire



Urban parks
Bournville
West Midlands



Deer park
Calke Abbey
Derbyshire

David Threlkeld, Chair

WALKS PROGRAMME (Jan-June 2015)

This will be emailed to you shortly. Thanks to Geoff Marlow who has put the programme together and to the many members who have volunteered to lead the walks.

A WALK TO WELCOME 2015

Continuing our custom of the past few years our first walk of 2015 will be followed by an optional meal. We will be walking from, and eating at, the Three Horseshoes pub in Wixford. Having sampled the fayre it is highly recommended and very reasonably priced. The meeting for the walk will be at **10.45** instead of 9.00. Details are on the website, sample menu will follow. If you think you will be eating please let me know on 07721 351249. **No payment in advance** is required, you pay on the day.

Geoff Marlow, Rambles Secretary

ANNUAL QUIZ



Our Annual Quiz will be held on **Friday February 27th at Arden Hall**

LAKE DISTRICT WEEKEND

Friday May 1st – Monday May 4th 2015

Our Spring Bank Holiday walking weekend will be held at Threlkeld, 4 miles east of Keswick. There will be 3 or 4 walks which will vary in length and grading to suit all members. There will also be a boat trip on Lake Ullswater. We will be staying at The Horse and Farrier Inn and The Salutation Inn.



There are still places available for two people (sharing). If you would like to go please contact **Geoff Marlow or David Threlkeld.**

WARWICKSHIRE AREA AGM

This will be held on Saturday 7th February at the Sutton United Reform Church. Details, including the Annual Report can be found on the Area's website –www.warwickshireramblers.org.uk.

The CHURCH SITS TALL

The church sits tall disguising the steep hill, the
ramblers pace slows
Take a breath, remain still

Listen to the clicking of sticks, the rustling of gaiters
The mumbles of nibbles and goodies for later

The quiet, the chatty
Some loud, some happy

The teacher, the joker, the historian the welder
The young, the wise and the elder

Everyone has a reason to walk
If only just for the exercise and talk

So when you're sitting and thinking of what to do
Google Castle Bromwich ramblers that's the clue

By Louise Kean (inspired by our ramble on 14 Sept)

MEMBERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Ben Nevis Conquered

On 27 September, after months of preparation three of our members succeeded in The Ben Nevis Challenge

Amanda, Cherie and Gail pictured (on right) at the summit with 2 friends. They raised money for Breast Cancer Care



The girls are very grateful for the many kind donations and practical help from fellow ramblers.

The final total they raised was £2875

Cherie said "It was the most challenging task that the five of us had ever undertaken. It took 9+ hours, we all cried, screamed, laughed and moaned, but we did it! It was absolutely freezing which we never expected ...it was an amazing achievement for such a worthy cause".



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Instead of giving each other Christmas cards we have again decided to have a Charity Collection for Christmas. This year's charity will be "forCrohn" which works for sufferers of Crohn's disease. Donations to Ron Kitchen, our Treasurer please.