

BARNSELY 20S AND 30S WALKING GROUP

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Newsletter

Sorry the newsletter is a little sparse this month, simply not enough time to write it! If you can spare a bit of time, please consider writing a short piece of nonsense and we'll include it in the next edition...

Dragon Racing!

Okay, not so much racing dragons as our Dragon Boat Team...



We have entered a team into the Rother Valley Dragon Boat Race event on Saturday 4th June raising funds for Weston Park Cancer Charity Hospital. Please come along and support us on the day, cheer us on and give us some cash here: <http://www.justgiving.com/BWGDragonboat>. Our first race will be at 12.10pm, but there are races on from 10.30am so pop down and bring a picnic.

Mapplewell & Staincross Recreation & Greenspaces society have arranged more litter picks this month. Please lend a hand if you are free:

Saturday 4th June- 9.30am at Mapplewell Park

Tuesday 14th June -6.30pm Village- meeting at the Village Hall.

Barnsley Wrecks

Thanks to Neil for leading the Stones, Grouchs and an Aircraft walk over the May Day bank holiday to find an aeroplane wreck.

Of course this wasn't comparable to our Big Night Out around town where we were able to produce plenty of our own wrecks. The less said about our night out the better... damn those cameras providing evidence of the fun you can have with a wig... Keep your eyes open for the next raucous night out around tarn...



Walking wrecks



Ian with lovely hair

Ramblers and British Waterways

Further to last month's article about the new British Waterways charity, it has been announced that the new trustees which will lead British Waterways into the third sector is good news for walkers - says Britain's Walking Charity.

The Ramblers welcomes the news that British Waterways has taken the first steps towards becoming a charity and that their very own Chief Executive, Tom Franklin, will be one of the trustees charged with running British Waterways' 2,200 miles of canals and rivers. The Ramblers



Barnsley Canal

believes that the nation's waterways should be held and operated for public benefit and that, in order to maximise the benefit to the public, access should be free and as extensive as possible.

Adrian Morris, Ramblers Head of Campaigns, said:

"Walkers are actually the biggest group of people who use and access Britain's waterways, so it's great news that someone who

understands the needs of walkers will be represented on the Board of Trustees.

"We hope that the move to charity status will allow for greater input from local recreational interests as to the management of the waterways and will see our rivers and canals operated for the benefit of the public."

The other Trustees include: Tony Hales, British Waterways' chairman; Lynne Berry, narrowboat owner and chief executive of WRVS; John Bridgeman, British Waterways board member and leading expert in competition and fair trading; Jane Cotton, change management expert and deputy chief executive and HR director of Oxfam; John Dodwell, long-term waterways campaigner and chair of the

Commercial Boat Operators Association; Nigel Hugill, British Waterways board member and property expert and; Simon Thurley, historian and chief executive of English Heritage.

If you would like to see a copy of the consultation document, it can be viewed at: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2011/03/30/waterways-1103/>



British Waterways



Forestry Update

.As you may know, after lobbying from many groups, including the Ramblers, the Government has put on hold their planned sales of public forests while an expert panel looks again at woodland policy for England.

The Ramblers CEO, Tom Franklin, is sitting on the panel and has attended its first two meetings. We all hope that the panel will provide an opportunity to not just protect access but to increase it, and not just to those owned by the Forestry Commission.

The Ramblers are very aware that Forestry Commission woods are not just used by walkers, so we have come together with eight other user-groups to issue a

statement to the Chair of the Independent Panel on Forestry; the Bishop of Liverpool James Jones, expressing our concerns and hopes for the future of public access to all our forests and woodland:

"This cherished national asset needs to be protected for public access in all forms, be it on foot, bike, horseback, horse-drawn carriage or with a dog, helping to strengthen the public's understanding of the natural environment. Woods and forests must also continue to bring clear physical and mental benefits to the public by remaining fully accessible."

Sign up to support the Access User-Group's statement <http://e-activist.com/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=117&ea.campaign.id=10536&ea.campaign.mode=DEMO>

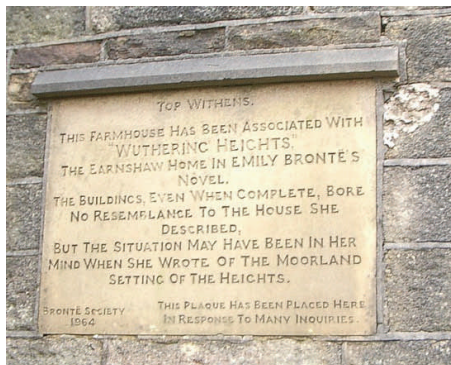
Julia's Corner



Ramblers President, Julia Bradbury headed for Iceland to embark on the toughest walk of her life. Her challenge was to walk the 60 kilometres of Iceland's most famous hiking route, a trail that just happens to end at the unpronounceable volcano that brought air traffic across Europe to a standstill in 2010. With the help of Icelandic mountain guide Hanna, Julia faces daunting mountain climbs, red hot lava fields, freezing river crossings, deadly clouds of sulphuric gas, swirling ash deserts and sinister Nordic ghost stories as she attempts to reach the huge volcanic crater at the centre of the Eyjafjallajökull glacier.

Pennine Way

In May we finished off the leg between Hebden Bridge and Ickornshaw, bringing the Pennine Way mileage up to 117 - almost half way! We had a poor start to the walk using public transport, missing the bus by a mere 5 minutes (have you ever tried parking in Keighley?!) leaving us to wait at the bus station for almost an hour for the next bus to Hebden Bridge, but thankfully we had some friendly god-fearing folk nearby offering a healing service with their direct line prayers to keep us entertained. We soon hopped on the bus to arrive at our destination, just late enough to see our connecting bus to the walk start pulling away. Not to be deterred we re-evaluated the route and figured we could rejoin the original Pennine Way from the town without greatly increasing the mileage, and bearing in mind our last bus back was at



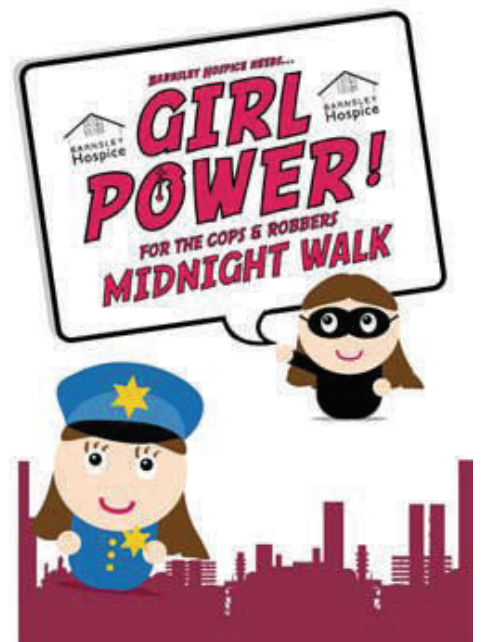
Plaque: it's nothing like the book

6.45pm (it was now 12pm) and we had a hard 15 miles to cover. Surely there'd be a taxi if we got really stuck and could wait in the pub at the end of the walk? The walk itself went in a bit of a blur, only stopping once on the way for a quick lunch. We were put to shame by passing a foreign chap with a large rucksack who was undertaking to do the whole Pennine Way in just 10 days (half the usual time) and wild camping en route. You will be please to know that we made it back in time for the bus before the last one, and completed the walk in just 5 hrs and 45 minutes. Just as well, the pub had closed as was now a furniture shop.

Further sections of the Pennine Way will be coming up later in the year, please feel free to join in - it is a beautiful walk and you don't need to complete the whole thing to enjoy the odd section!

Midnight Walk

This year sees the 5th women only midnight walk in aid of Barnsley Hospice takes place at midnight on 11th June. Are you a good guy or a baddy? This year's theme is 'Cops and Robbers', so if you feel like dressing up, let your imagination run wild and decide whether you will be 'toting your truncheon' or 'swinging your swag bag'. For more information or to register to take part, visit the dedicated Barnsley Hospice Midnight Walk website at www.barnsleyhospicemidnightwalk.org We suspect all the talk of truncheons and handcuffs might be all too much for some of our members...



Wuthering Heights—Top Withens

June EVENTS:

Thursday 2nd June 2011 Evening Walk: Silkstone Mystery Walk (4 miles - Leisurely); Meet: 6.45pm, Silkstone Church (SE291058); Walk Leader: Ruth 07956 500318 ; A mystery because the route is undecided... But nevertheless a fantastic walk around the Silkstone area.

Saturday 4th June 2011 Social: Dragon Boat Race; We have entered a team for the Weston Park Hospital Cancer Charity Dragon Boat Regatta at Rother Valley. Bring a picnic and join us for a fun day as we compete in the Dragon Boat heats, rowing to the beat of the drums. If you would like to take part in the race please contact us as we still have a few spaces available on the team.; Venue: Rother Valley Country Park; Time: First race 10.30am; Price: Free (but please sponsor us!); To sponsor us and raise funds for Weston Park please visit www.justgiving.com/BWGDragonboat or any team member in person.

Sunday 5th June 2011 Walk: Bolton Upon Dearne to the Cat and Man church (11 miles - Leisurely); Meet: 10:30am Bolton Upon Dearne Railway Station (SE457027); Walk Leader: Lee 07789 077575; Description: From Bolton upon Dearne station we head to the riverside and continue along Common Lane, following the river to Adwick Bridge and Pastures Road. We then pass Barnburgh Grange and follow St Helen's Lane to the hill to reach the ancient Chapel and onto Barnburgh Cliff and into Barnburgh to the church St Peters (also known as the Cat and Man Church) and back to the start point following the Trans Pennine Trail.

Tuesday 7th June 2011 Evening Walk: Dodworth Dash (6 miles - Leisurely); Meet: 6.45pm, Dodworth railway station (SE311053); Walk Leader: Lee 07789 077575; Description: From the station we head towards Higham and over to Hugset Wood and then Silkstone Fall Wood.

Sunday 12th June 2011 Walk: Stone to Steel in Thurgoland (6 miles - Leisurely); Meet: 11am, The Bridge Inn, Thurgoland (SE292001); Walk Leader: Sarah 07899 791 909; Description: Lovely walk taking in woodlands, Wharncliffe Crags, riverside paths, fantastic views and back to The Bridge pub for a well deserved drink and rest!

Wednesday 15th June 2011 Evening Walk: Dearne Valley Park (5 miles - Leisurely); Meet: 6.45pm, Monk Bretton Priory car park (near Mill of the Black Monks), (SE371063); Walk Leader: Lee 07789 077575; Description: A walk around the Dearne Valley Park, not far from Barnsley town centre.

Thursday 23rd June 2011 Evening Walk: A Dabble with the Dearne at Darfield (4 miles - Easy); Meet: 6.45pm, Layby opposite Thaal restaurant, Doncaster Road, Darfield (SE420046); Walk Leader: Al 07828 728697; We walk up towards the entrance of Middlewood Hall, follow bridle path then walk the banks of the River Dearne before heading towards Broomhill then back to the start via the 14th Century All Saints church and would you believe it, in all probability stumbling into the Cross Keys for a refreshing pint after.

Sunday 26th June 2011—Walk: Details TBC

Thursday 28th June 2011 (TBC) Evening Walk: The Needles Eye at Wentworth (4 miles - Leisurely); Meet: 6.45pm, Wentworth Village car park (SK388981); Walk Leader: Nic 07790 284929; Description: From Wentworth we head to the Needles Eye folly and Elsecar.

Wednesday 29th June 2011 Social: Pub social - The Joseph Bramah, Barnsley; Meet: From 8pm, The Joseph Bramah (Wetherspoons) 15 Market Inn, Barnsley, S70 2PX. We'll be upstairs. Contact: Helen 07843 477006; Come and join us for drinks and some fabulous company. New members and friends welcome.

Please check the website or contact the walk leader in case any details have altered before you travel.

Footpath Notices

THE METROPOLITAN
BOROUGH OF BARNSELY

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 21 LANGSETT) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2010 NOTICE is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Transport has authorised an extension of the above-named Order for a period of six months until 1st November 2011 the effect of which close public footpath no. 21 Langsett which runs along the bank of the Porter or Little Don River adjacent to How Rocher; REASON: erosion of river bank

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH 24 W O R S B R O U G H) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2009 NOTICE is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Transport has authorised an extension of the above-named Order until 15th November 2011 the effect of which is to close public footpath 24 at Worsbrough which extends from Rockley Lane to its termination at the M1 motorway. Reason: in the interest of public safety.

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 35) (THURGOLAND) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2011 On the 16th May 2011 the Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council confirmed

the above Order made under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980. The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the public footpath running from Hollin Moor View at Thurgoland at a point between properties nos 41 and 26, in a generally northerly direction for a distance of 36 metres to a line running from the same point on Hollin Moor View in a generally northerly direction on a line further to the east of its original route for a distance of 36 metres, as shown on the Order map. (Note: there will be no changes to the route of the path as it currently exists).

Dreaming of Summer?

At the beginning of July we are attending an outdoor Shakespeare play, A Midsummer Night's Dream, at Wentworth Castle. Discounted tickets are available until 20th June so don't delay and get yours now. See website for details.

