



**TADCASTER COUNTRY WALKING CLUB
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2017, AT TADCASTER SOCIAL CLUB**

1. The Annual General Meeting was opened at 7.30pm, by the Chairman, Michael Arnold, welcoming all members, particularly the new ones.
2. The meeting was attended by 30 members, and apologies were recorded for a further 16.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 23rd February 2016, have been seen and agreed as a true record. Proposed by Maura Hunt, seconded by Richard McLoughlin.
4. **Chairman's Review.**

Michael reported that the Club had completed more than 70 walks this year. Highlights included a canal boat holiday with optional walks, and a short break at Cober Hill, near Scarborough, which went so well that the Club has planned a return trip in July 2017. Apart from a couple of minor injuries, the club has enjoyed another successful year, and the Chairman thanked everyone who has helped to make it so:- Roderic for managing the website, Edward for uploading the photos on the website, the drivers, the email buddies, Kath and Geoff for the Christmas Lunch/walk, Sue and Dave for the Annual Dinner, the members of the committee, and most of all the Walks Leaders.
5. **Walk Co-Ordinator's Review.**

2016 has been another good year for the Club, with varied and interesting walks ranging from 5 miles to 20 miles. There has also been a Canal boat holiday, a week in the Dolomites, a three day trip to Cober Hill, and a 2 day Limestone Dales walk, all of which were very successful. We had 4 new walks leaders this year, but as always, we need more members to offer to lead walks. The Summer programme is due out soon, and members are urged to contribute so that we can continue to enjoy a good variety of walks.
6. **Secretary's Report.**

The members were deeply saddened by the death of Peter Beeton, who attended many club walks, until prevented by ill health. The club sent their sincere condolences to Peter's wife, Barbara, for her loss. Seven new members have joined this year. They are Dorothy Bailey-Hague, Christine Mitchell, Claire Snowdon, Adrian Lockwood, Janet Burg, Rhenette Plum and Robert Hill. We now have 91 members, 80% of whom have e-mail. The list of members' names and email addresses, or email buddies, is available to other members on request from the Secretary.
7. **Treasurer's Annual Review.**

Kath presented the Financial Statement for the year ending 31 January 2017, which showed in summary that the Club had begun the year £191.98 in credit. We received £12 from new members, and paid out for one new map and several flower bouquets, ending the year £169.99 in credit.

8. Election of New Committee

All four members were prepared to stand again, and were unanimously re-elected.

Ordinary Meeting

Items for discussion were as follows: -

1. The Walks.

Members are happy continuing with the plan to have a short walk every alternate Tuesday, with walks of any length on the other Tuesdays and at weekends. Although the river bridge has been reopened, we will continue to meet and park on Tuesdays at the Social Club car park, and at weekends at the Falcon Car Park., until further notice.

2. Walks for the coming year.

We still need more walks to fill up the Summer Programme, which is due out soon. Members are reminded of the need for walks to be submitted, and new leaders are to be encouraged.

3. Car share costs.

Members agreed that car mileage to remain at 25p per mile, divided between the passengers.

4. Joining Fee.

The joining fee remains at £2, and members are not asked for an annual subscription. We seem to have lost contact with some of the 91 on our membership list, and there was some discussion about keeping the list to a manageable length. It was decided to amend our membership application form, so that new members agree that non-attendance for a year will result in cancellation on their membership.

All members will be asked, at some point, to re-affirm their interest in remaining members of the Club.

5. Christmas Walk and Lunch.

Geoff heard that members were very happy with the return to the Arabian Horse for our Christmas walk/lunch, which he and Kath organised last year. The buffet was excellent, and members liked the carol singing by Wetherby Folk Chorale.

Geoff and Kath agreed to organise the event again this year.

6. Annual Dinner.

This year's Annual Dinner at Wetherby Golf Club was yet again a huge success. Sue and Dave, however, have said they would like a break next year, and asked if anyone else might volunteer. No offers were forthcoming, but members were left to think about how next year's dinner should be organised.

7. Any other business.

John Notley and Joyce Webster reported that Tadcaster WI now have short walks on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, 10am from St Marys, and we are all welcome to join them.

Joyce also gave the results of the "Know Tadcaster" competition, which was organised by Walkers are Welcome.

The Club receives a large amount of promotion material from various organisations. This often includes fundraising, arranging trips, or enlisting our support for a variety of causes.

Members agreed that these matters are for individuals, and that as a walking group, we do not wish to be involved.

Geoff Ballance reported that following the success of last year's boating holiday, he had been asked if it would be repeated this year. There are no plans at present, but a possibility next year if there is the demand.

With no other matters arising, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.