



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2012  
AT THE BAY HORSE PUBLIC HOUSE

1. The meeting opened at 7.30pm and was attended by 35 people. Apologies for absence were received from:-

Roderic Parker	Maggie & Andy Shaw
Monica Ivey	Kirsti Murray
Ken & Lavina Beaumont	Len Pygott
Steve Cobb	Joyce Preene
Denise & Steve Gorton	Paul Ingram
Maura Whittaker	Joan Thompson
Yvonne Sumner	Stuart Bowman
Lyn Parkin	
2. The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011, were accepted as a true record by the members.
3. Edward reported the year had been a huge success. He thanked the committee members for their dedicated support over the year, and the walk leaders for the variety of walks. He also thanked Sue and Dave for organising an excellent Annual Dinner and Quiz at Wetherby Golf Club, John Notley for his Christmas Lunch walk and meal, Kath and Geoff for their very enjoyable Lakes short break, John Haithwaite for producing the printed walks programme and Chris Hawkin for the venue arrangements
4. Joy thanked the walk leaders for their support in providing a varied programme of walks. During the last year the club had offered 70 walks, covering a total of 571 miles, 273 in the Summer season and 298 in the Winter. The average member numbers on each walk were 13 in Summer and 14 in Winter. In addition to this, several members of the club had also enjoyed a walking holiday in the Lakes, organised by Kath and Geoff Ballance. No walks were cancelled due to adverse weather.
5. Maura reported that as agreed, the waiting list ceased last year and we now have a total of 67 members.  
Last year we welcomed 7 new members:-

Ruth O'Brien	Carol Pettifar
Ken & Lavina Beaumont	George Jakeman
John & Kathleen Horton	

Maura passed round a list of e-mail addresses for members to check and amend as necessary and add any mobile numbers.

6. Joyce's summary of the accounts. Last year's £2 membership levy, plus joining fees for 7 new members had brought in a total of £130.00. The money for the Annual Dinner, £818.00, had gone straight in and out again, and there was a surplus of £22.00 from the Aberford lunch.  
Because of increased use of e-mail, stationery expenses were now only £21.19, giving a healthy end-of-year balance of £158.68.
7. Maura stated that she would be stepping down as secretary, and Pat Bowman was elected following a proposal from John Hunt, seconded by John Notley and supported by the members.  
It was also unanimously agreed that the Chairman (Edward French), Treasurer (Joyce Webster) and Walks Co-ordinator (Joy Ingram) should be re-elected for a further 12 months. Edward stated that he would be stepping down as from the next AGM.

## ORDINARY MEETING

1. Following the success of last year's walking holiday in the Lake District, Geoff and Kath Ballance offered to organise a similar holiday from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012. Members interested in taking part should contact Geoff and Kath.
2. Edward asked if members were happy with the range/distances/areas of walks in the programme. John Hunt pointed out that the programme depended on the walks offered, and it was agreed that anyone wanting a particular type of walk should offer to lead one.
3. It was generally agreed that the success of the walking programme depends on members continuing to volunteer to lead walks.
4. Edward presented a number of proposals:-
  - a) that those not on e-mail could have an 'internet buddy' who would pass on any information eg. changes in walk details. This proposal was accepted and the following members volunteered to be internet buddies:-

Member without mail	Internet buddy	Member without E-mail	Internet buddy
Ginny Barker	Edna via Felicity	Felicity Hill	Edna
Peter & Barbara Beeton	Michael	Monica Ivey	Joy
Ellen Coles	John N	George Jakeman	Jean L
Dina Dixon	Pat B	Pat & Martin Overton	Joan H
Audrey Hall	Joyce P	Joyce Preene	Jeff
Jean Hanby	John H	Elwin Raistrick	Felicity
Chris Hawkin	Michael	Pat Shackleton	Pat B

- b) that everyone's e-mail addresses should be available to other members  
Accepted.
- c) that committee members should only serve for three years and not be re-elected for a further three years. Not accepted.
- d) that a choice of two walks could be offered on the same day, After consideration it was agreed that this would be extremely difficult to organise and was therefore rejected, however, anyone wishing to organise a shorter/local walk on a normal walk day should let others know.
- e) It was agreed that the £2 per person joining fee should remain the same.
- f) The mileage rate of 25p per mile, divided between passengers should remain the same.

Sue and Dave Howard offered to organise the next Annual Dinner at Wetherby Golf club, with Dave organising the quiz.

John Notley agreed to organise his Christmas walk/pub lunch at the Arabian Horse.

Further proposals from the meeting were from Kath Ballance, who pointed out that all walkers should stay behind the leader.

Geoff Ballance suggested a change of venue for next year's meeting. The British Legion Club has a more suitable room available, at no charge, and the meeting voted to change.

Joyce Webster proposed and it was agreed that additional information about walks could be circulated by e-mail.

John Notley reiterated the 'convoy rule' that everyone should watch out for those behind, particularly at junctions, to ensure that no-one is left behind.

Joyce W stated that the local 'Walkers are Welcome' group had posted information on the new 'Roundle' in the bus station. The group needs more cash and volunteers to promote walking in the area.

Carol P stated that the Long Distance Walkers Association were organising a 25mile challenge walk on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012. Anyone interested should contact Carol.

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm.