



Winter Newsletter

Tadcaster Country Walking Club

Welcome to the Winter 2003/04 newsletter.

Hi - Hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year.

The eleven months since the last news letter have produced some excellent walking weather with very few days when we have had to get our wet gear out. We now have 52 members (6 new member this year) and between 10 and 15 turning out on most Tuesdays. (18 came for one of Pat's walks) There are now 10 walk leaders who have put a lot of effort into making the club a success and I would like to thank them personally for some excellent and varied walks. We have had a good year.

Walk news

The summer programme was packed full of great walks (184 miles in total - did anyone do all the walks?) They ranged from short local walks to longer ones at weekends taking in Buckden Pike and Richmond to name but two.

There are also 129 miles of walks on the current programme lasting until March 2004 covering the East Coast, Kirby Moorside, Malham Cove and lots of local venues.

Although I was out of circulation when the club did the Crackpots Mosaic Walk in Nidderdale I am assured that it was very interesting and unusual with 22 mosaics being placed around the walks to celebrate Nidderdale being designated as an Area of Natural Beauty.

Memorable moments

We seem to have had a year of incidents:

- John Haithwaite decided to take up Olympic tumbling in Goathland (fortunately there were no lasting injuries) *Very spectacular though.*
- Jean Linley did a bit of skating on loose pebbles and broke her ankle (now improving significantly)
- Pat Bowman had to do a mad dash from the middle of the walk when her daughter went into labour
- I acquired an Achilles tendon problem then trapped a nerve in my back and was out of circulation for 4 months (I missed all the good weather)

Lets hope that next year is incident free.

Insurance

I have discussed insurance issues with the Ramblers Association and we have decided that the cost of club insurance would be too high. ***It is therefore important to note that members walk at their own risk.***

Christmas meal

The Club's Christmas meal has been arranged for Friday evening the 30th January at Dintingdales Restaurant, Scarthingwell Golf Club. 32 members and partners will be coming along to what we hope will be the start of an annual event.

John Notley also arranged a pub lunch after the walk prior to Christmas. This was excellent, as was the Sloe Gin provided by John Haithwaite and the mince pies which Rose Shirbon produced at the morning break. This looks like a tradition in the making.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM has been arranged for:

Tuesday 10th February 2004 at 7.30pm in the upstairs room of the Bay Horse public house (next to Safeway's supermarket).

Thanks to Chris Hawkins for arranging the venue
Please put this in your diary.

The agenda for the meeting will be to review the past year and to discuss the future (please come along with any ideas). The election of officers will follow. Anyone wishing to put their names forward as a committee member please let me know.

That's it for now folks
Happy walking in 2004

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