



Spring Newsletter

Tadcaster Country Walking Club

Welcome to the Spring 2003 newsletter.

At a meeting on 21 January where 28 members attended, Paul Grier founder and chairman of the club decided to step down from office due to work and family commitments. He will, however continue to be involved in the weekend walks. Everyone thanked Paul for setting up the club and wished him all the best for the future.

A new committee was elected as follows:

- Chairman & Secretary - Edward French
- Treasurer - Joyce Webster
- Midweek walks coordinator - Pat Overton
- Weekend walks coordinator - Paul Grier

Notes from the meeting

Fees

As the balance in the bank is about £250 it was suggested and agreed that the annual subscription should be put on hold for another year and reviewed at the next annual meeting.

A joining fee of £2 for new members to cover additional administration costs was agreed.

Mileage payments for private cars

It was proposed that the payment for car transport should be 10p per mile divided by the number of passengers (ie. the driver is excluded). This was agreed.

Days of walks

Everyone agreed that Tuesdays and Saturdays were the preferred days for the walks.

Walks

It was agreed that one or two longer walks could be supported. There was also support for a guided walk on (may be) the Settle/Carlisle train line (well, not exactly on the line) more details later. Martin Overton offered to arrange a Lake District walk(s).

It was also hoped to have one or two evening walks in the summer.

A number of members offered to lead walks and would liaise with the walk coordinators.

Christmas

It was proposed and unanimously agreed that we have a Christmas meal (separate from the walks). Details later.

Other information

Grades for walks

The following is an explanation of the grades as shown on the programme.

Grade 1 - easy and mostly flat.

Grade 2 - undulating with some short and easy gradients.

Grade 3 - moderate, with longer and steeper gradients.

Grade 4 - includes a long and medium/ difficult climb.

Grade 5 - very strenuous with steep and rough terrain.

Walk news

The walk on the East Coast scheduled for 28th January had to be postponed due to bad weather conditions. It is now re-scheduled for Feb.25th instead of the Terrington walk.

Pat's walk on March 25th (Thixendale) will be 7 miles, not 4.5 as shown on the programme.

Insurance

The walk leaders do not have insurance in case someone is injured on one of the walks. ***It is therefore important to note that members walk at their own risk.*** I have started discussions with the Ramblers Association to establish if they have insurance and if being an associate member would be beneficial. More information later.

That's it for now
folks
Happy walking in
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