



# Winter Newsletter

## Tadcaster Country Walking Club

Welcome to the Winter 2004/05 newsletter.

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

2004 turned out to be an excellent year for walking. The weather was kind (most of the time) and we had 311 miles of walking on the programmes. Thanks must go out to all the walk leaders (there were 14) who put in such a lot of effort over the year and particular thanks to Pat Overton who did a splendid job of getting us all organised.

The 2004 programme proved to be a great mix of short easy walks to the more strenuous hikes. These included Malham cove, Aysgarth falls (see below), The Ripley bluebells, Ingleborough, Holmfirth, Grassington to name but a few.

Club membership now stands at 66 with 8 new members this year. The number of members walking has varied between 6 and 25 with on average 12/14 on each walk.

### Memorable moments

We nearly got blown away on one of Pat Overton's walks and then the little stream we were about to cross had become a raging torrent and we had to make a slight detour. However, the masses of water flowing over Aysgarth Falls made up for all the discomfort - I have never seen such an amount of water - just like Niagara Falls.

Poor John Haithwaite, he lost his gold signet ring while walking and had to backtrack while the rest of the group carried on. No luck said John as we met him near the end of the walk. However, on returning from the walk and just before getting in the cars John Notley spied a glint of gold (was he a prospector in earlier life?) under his car. The ring was found and John had a smile once again.

#### **News Flash:**

*11 walkers missing in the steep and dangerous hills around Allerton Bywater. Their food and water was getting low when they were eventually rescued by a scout from the lead group.*

### Annual dinner

32 members and partners enjoyed the club's inaugural Christmas dinner at Dintingdales Restaurant (even though I bored everyone with my table tricks).

As you will already know the Christmas/New Year dinner for 2004/05 has been arranged for Friday evening the 28th January at the same restaurant and thanks should go to Pat Bowman for arranging the event. I am sure it will be even better than last year.

#### **Please note:**

*The Mam Tor walk on 6 March has been postponed and will be re-arranged for later in the year.*

### Christmas Lunch

We also continued our tradition (1 year old) of having a pre Christmas lunch arranged by John Notley at a pub in Cawood. Pat Overton provided after dinner Sloe chocolates. This was very well attended and was enjoyed by everyone (20, I think). During the Autumn many members will remember the "sloe berry" picking trip which resulted in John Haithwaite's Sloe Gin which we had, together with Rose Shirbon's mince pies instead of our traditional coffee break. This was a real warmer which everyone enjoyed.

### Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM has been arranged for:

**Tuesday 15th February 2005 at 7.30pm in the upstairs room of the Bay Horse public house (next to Sainsburys supermarket).**

*Thanks again 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 2005

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