



Winter Newsletter

Tadcaster Country Walking Club

Welcome to the Winter 2006/07 newsletter.

Happy New Year to you all – and what a fantastic walking year it has been! Our walking club is thriving with a healthy number of 57 members (with a further 3 people invited to join) and 5 remaining on the waiting list. During the last two programme period, we have walked a total of 413 miles in some of the best weather on record, with an average of 8 miles per walk. We have travelled as far as Whitby and as close as Tadcaster, our home town, and I never fail to be amazed at the most beautiful landscapes we are taken to - a thousand thanks to the many members who are so generous with their time and lead us on these fabulous walks. Thanks to their generosity, we have managed to do 51 walks during 2006/07 (26 Tuesday walks and 25 weekend walks) compared to 43 walks during 2005/6 (26 Tuesday walks and 17 weekend walks). On behalf of our walking club, I should like to say a special thanks to Pat Overton for all her hard work in co-ordinating these programmes each year and for making them so varied. Special thanks also goes to Edward French for printing the programmes so professionally and for all the other administrative work he carries out behind the scenes.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM when we will be discussing, amongst other things, our forthcoming Lake District trip in September 2007 and hearing about our Swiss holiday of last year.

With best wishes,
Maura Hunt, Chairman.

Annual dinner

The club's Annual dinner was again enjoyed at Dintingdale's Restaurant by about 30 members.

As you will already know the 2006/07 event has been arranged for Friday evening the 26th January at the Muse Ale & Wine Bar, Wetherby. Thanks to Felicity for organising the venue this year. (Volunteer required for next year's dinner please).

Christmas Walk/Lunch

The pre Christmas walk/lunch arranged by John Notley was a great success. John Haithwaite's Sloe Gin and Pat's Sloe chocolates put us all in a good mood for the excellent food and social chat at the Arabian Horse in Aberford.

Walking Holiday

The club's first walking holiday went like a dream. 20 members and friends spent a glorious week in Wengen, Switzerland. The weather was fantastic, the mountains were BIG, the snow sparkling and the general scenery was breathtaking. Thanks must go to Pat and Martin for organising the very enjoyable and interesting itinerary of walks—some long, some easy, some hard—something for everyone.

The next event will be a long weekend in the lakes in September organised by Jinny, Edna and others. Let's hope we have some good weather.

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Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM has been arranged for:

**Tuesday 13th February at 7.30 pm in the
upstairs room of the Bay Horse public house
(next to Sainsbury's supermarket).**

Thanks to Chris Hawkins for arranging the venue

**This is your opportunity to have your say and to
enjoy a social evening with other club members.**

The agenda for the meeting will be to review the past year and to discuss the future (please come along with any ideas).

Walk leaders wanted

The more people there are to lead walks the less onerous it is for the others. So if you can, please volunteer to lead a walk.

The election of officers will follow. Anyone wishing to put their names forward as a committee member please let me know.

The WC wards:

The "Golden Boot Award" goes to Joan for keeping her boots clean even when knee deep in mud (how does she do it?)

The "Bravery Award" goes to Joy for giving us a laugh when trying to navigate the mud and getting herself impaled on the barbed wire. (I hope it didn't hurt too much)

The "Golden Compass Award" goes to Chris for his superb directions when returning from Great Ouseburn—impressive!

The "Golden Skies Award" goes to Pat for always getting good weather for her Tuesday walks (she must have connections in high places)