

Dear Member(s),

A change in format in what is unusual times. Our May newsletter this year is being emailed out to you, with a 'reduced content' hard copy being posted to our 'non email' members. Normally our new walks programme would accompany this newsletter - please see below - but its main purpose is to keep in touch and update you on items, where we are able to.

What we believe, to be a first for the club (and indeed, for several of the committee members), an online committee meeting was held earlier this month via JitSi - set up by a very patient Clive. As we all moved through the wonders of video conferencing, agenda items were discussed, agreed and minuted. Two new committee members were elected. David Shaw, found himself enticed in onto the committee – arriving as 'member without portfolio' – but leaving the meeting as Acting Chairman. Thank you, David, for filling the void. I, for my sins, after offering to write a newsletter two or three times a year 'to help out' was similarly reeled in, and I also have new title!!

Cancelled Events

Navigation Course, Bradgate Park:

Craig has kindly agreed to run the course at Bradgate Park, in 2021.



(In addition, Roland Clark has offered to take two people on any of his future recces to provide support with navigation skills).

Coach Trip to Bath:

Pat Downton will make contact with all participants with regard to payments made.

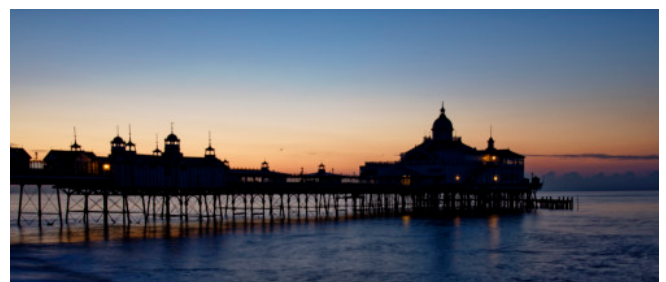
Lulworth Cove Weekend:

Short notice cancellation and much disappointment. All participants have now advised their preference of either a credit note, or transfer of funds towards our next HF break.

Future Weekends Away

Eastbourne – 4th-7th September 2020:

In the current climate, the hotel has agreed to delay final payment until three weeks before departure date. Phillippa will contact members booked onto this weekend, as and when necessary.



Isle of Wight – 27th April-1st May 2021:

This four-night HF break was booked last year but dates and price have only just been confirmed by HF. Lulworth Cove participants and/or people on the IOW waiting list (as per December newsletter) were initially offered places. Of the available 45 places there are now **only ten remaining** to extend to the rest of the group. Booking forms will not be available until HF are 'open for business' but if you wish to reserve a place now,

please let Judy know asap, as additional rooms may be available. For more information go to [this link](#). Dinner, bed, breakfast and picnic lunch (Ferry prices **not** included), Good Room prices are £379 per person. Higher grade rooms are available, please contact me for more information.

Lulworth Cove:

Looking even further ahead, if the interest is still there, we will endeavour to re-book this HF break in 2022.



NB - At the Committee Meeting it was agreed that on future Walking Weekends, all participant who are not members of the Ramblers Association, will pay an additional £10 to cover administration costs etc.

Walks Programme

Vale now has a 'near complete' Summer/Autumn Walks Programme, on hold until such time she can finalise details with appropriate Walks Organisers. Dependent upon government advice, access to printing facilities, etc it is hoped to post these out as soon as we are able to.

Walk Magazine

The Ramblers quarterly Walk Magazine publishes a number of nationwide walks. These take the form of guidance notes on length and severity, walk notes and a route map. Although the magazines themselves are available to



download from the London website, the individual walk sheets are not - but they are available from the Rugby Group website. If you go to [this link](#) you can access all the published walks since 2008. The page enables sorting or searching by area, type, length and severity; details are contained on the page through an advice 'pop-up'. There are presently 420 walks listed and more are added with each edition of the Walk Magazine.

Formation of the Rugby Group of The Ramblers



Formed in 1971, John Newman, was a formative member, and is still a member of the Rugby Group. In 1973, as Footpath Secretary, John was interviewed by the Rugby Advertiser and a copy of the article can be found via [this link](#). It makes fascinating reading about the early days of the Rugby Group and shows that despite nearly 50 years, some things do not change, though membership has grown somewhat from the original 30. This leads neatly to:

"The Rugby Ramblers Group 50 Year Anniversary Celebration"

Forty-nine years later and our membership is now creeping up to nearly 300. The committee felt that this should be cause for celebration.

Please email your ideas on how we can celebrate this auspicious occasion in 2021 to Judy.



A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

AGM
Tuesday
10th November 2020
Bilton Bowls Club

Finally, keep well and safe everybody, and if you are able to, keep walking. Having walked nearly every day instead of a previous once a week, fortnight or even month, this year I have seen Spring slowly unfolding which has truly been quite something.

Judy Blagden

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