

East Yorkshire and Derwent Ramblers

Area News

April 2010

75th Anniversary Walks

West Cornwall's annual Trecrom Topsy Toddle on New Year's Eve provided the launch pad for the Ramblers' 75th Anniversary Baton Walks, which will see Ramblers 'walk' a baton around England, Scotland and Wales throughout 2010. More than 40 walkers of all ages strolled to the giant megalith at Trecrom for mulled wine, soup and mince pies. The baton travelled around Cornwall in January, before being handed over to Devon in February. Follow its progress and find out about joining in the walks on the Ramblers' special 75th anniversary website www.ramblers75.org.uk

The baton reaches our Area in July and so far, three walks have been designated as "baton walks". Details of two of these are included in the extra walks supplement on pages 4 and 5. A third, has been organised by York Group, details below. A further celebratory walk from Thixendale on September 18th to be followed by refreshments at the village hall has also been proposed. Details will be posted on our website.

SURVEYORS WANTED - APPLY BELOW



*Scarborough Group walk, March 7th 2010 from Cloughton
Photo courtesy of Les Atkinson*

The task of choosing the route of the English Coastal Path has now begun. Over the next two to three years the East Riding of Yorkshire Council will be drawing up proposals concerning the alignment of the path along its stretch of the coast and the extent of any spreading room. Landowners will be consulted and public and private interests assessed and balanced. We plan to undertake our own survey in order to be in a position to be able to make informed input into any consultation process. If you would like to help by surveying a section of the route, please contact Tom Halstead, Area Access Officer.

Email tkh1@york.ac.uk Tel. **01904 448 380**

AN EVENING WITH ALFRED WAINWRIGHT

Friday 7th May, 7.30 pm,, Memorial Hall, Pickering
Presented by John Burland Tickets £5 available from Trailblazer Outdoors, Market Place, Pickering, from 5th April 2010. For further information contact Phil on **01751 476380**.

Ryedale Group Holiday at Derwent Bank

November 2009 Caption Competition

(More photos and winning captions overleaf)



*'Ramblers take ban on off-road vehicles into their own hands'
Photo courtesy of Rosie Broadhead*

Area AGM, January 30th 2010

Most of your current team of Area Officers were re-appointed. (See a full list of contact details on our website). We were delighted to welcome George Malcolm who has taken over from Colin Mullender as our new Area Treasurer. We thank Colin again for his years of diligent service.

Area Council Meeting, February 20th 2010

Much of the meeting was devoted to the difficult task of selecting just one walk from our Area to be included in a 75th Anniversary book of walks to be published by Collins in conjunction with the Ramblers. Proposals included splendid walks from Hawaby, Hole of Horcum, Fridaythorpe, and Spurn Point as well as the Howden-shire Way and a section of the Minster Way.

Dennis Parker's suggestion of a route from Thixendale via Wharram Percy narrowly won the final vote. All the walks will appear in the Favourite Walks section of our website. The Minster Way route is shown on Page 3 of this edition in honour of the 30th anniversary of its inauguration.

BATON WALK

celebrating the Ramblers' 75th anniversary year
5-6 miles starting at Crayke Sports Club CP, Easingwold Road,
SE 558 704 on Saturday, July 10, starting at 14:00

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RYEDALE GROUP

Derwent Bank Holiday Caption Competition



'I'm never going on a Ryedale Coach Ramble again. The coach was rubbish!'
Photo courtesy of Rosie Broadhead

Coach Ramble

There's no World Cup match on Sunday 4 July 2010, so what else are you going to do? Come on the Ryedale Coach Ramble! Discover parts of the Nidderdale Way with a choice of three walks, of approximately 7, 9 and 12 miles, all ending in Pateley Bridge. On the way home, we will stop at the Anchor Inn near Whixley for a meal, a carvery (including a vegetarian choice of the day), and a wide selection of desserts. The cost, including a two course meal, is at the bargain price of £20.00 per person. Please see any of our committee members for a booking form – the deadline for bookings is Friday 19 June. As always, Ramblers from all groups and their friends are welcome.

Navigation Training

By the time you read this, four people will have completed our first navigation course which was on 19 March. A second one is being planned, and further courses will be arranged as required. If you are interested in attending a course, or putting one on for your group then please get in touch with Sam Borman by phoning 01751 477325 or emailing ra.ryedale@btinternet.com.

Farwath Tea Garden Welcomes Walkers

Walkers are welcome to eat their packed lunch here provided they buy a cup of tea or coffee. Situated by the NYM railway SW of Lockton, SE 829 885. Phone Nicola, **01751 477244** to check opening times. She sells homemade cakes too!

YORK GROUP SUMMER EVENING WALKS

These will start at the beginning of May, and finish on July 29th. Further details in the York newsletter, on the website or from the secretary.

YORK GROUP COACH RAMBLE Sunday May 23rd

Everyone is welcome to join us on the coach to Patterdale, 3 walks (5, 8, 11 miles) available. Departing 08.15 from Hospital Fields Road; 08.25 Memorial Gardens; 08.40 BP garage, Great North Way. Cost : £10 p.p.

KIRBY UNDERDALE VILLAGE HALL

Parking is available for walkers at the Village Hall by arrangement with the caretakers. The hall can also be left open for changing and toilets. Tea and home made cakes can be provided for £1 per head. Contact Anthony and Rita Clarkson, Email anthonyclarkson368@btinternet.com

GYBO

GYBO has made an exciting start to the year, with a new website to take the group forward into 2010. Building on former webmaster Cath Guest's excellent foundations, Stephen Down, new webmaster, has refreshed and updated the site, giving it a whole new look which has been very positively received by old and new members of the group alike. Please take a look for yourself at www.gybo.org.uk

In terms of walking we have had lots of new members join recently and immerse themselves in all matters GYBO, and we now regularly see numbers in excess of 25 on our walks. So far this year we have enjoyed walks (and a snowball fight!) at Sutton bank, a coastal walk at Ravenscar, a snowy walk in Goathland and winter sunshine in Nidderdale. The 'big event' of 2010 will see the group walk the Cleveland Way in stages over the course of the year, setting off in March and finishing with a weekend by the sea in September. The idea for this came from joint Walks Secretary Emma Watson and is being very eagerly anticipated.

We have also planned our traditional Scottish Easter weekend away with a stay in Glencoe this year, and the walks diary continues to fill up with many diverse and interesting walks. In addition we are working together with our Leeds counterpart 'Take a Hike' to stage a joint walk in the Peak District and continuing the strong social outlook of the group, with a bowling night in March and our 8th birthday celebrations in May.

Kelly Temple (Group Chair)

BEVERLEY GROUP COACH RAMBLE Sunday May 9th

All are welcome to join us for walks from Fountains Abbey. Departing Beverley 8.00 from M&S layby. Possible pick ups in Market Weighton, Pocklington and Poppleton Garden Centre. Depart from Fountains Abbey at 5 pm. Non-walkers can visit Fountains and Studley Royal. Cheques £15 per person payable to Ramblers' Association, Beverley Group, to David Court, 17, Molescroft Rd, Beverley, HU17 7DX by 15th April

Annual Service for Walkers and Cyclists

This will take place at 7 pm on Thursday 22nd July 2010 at Goxhill Church, TA 185 448 Beverley Group has arranged a short evening walk to coincide with this. See page 5 for details

CONCERNED RAMBLERS GROUP

This group was set up last autumn due to concerns about the way our organisation is being run including the perceived mismanagement of the financial crisis last year. Many members were shocked at the scale of redundancies at Central Office, and were particularly dismayed at the loss of key members of the campaigning team. Ramblers' priorities appeared to be changing. There has also been unease at the lack of consultation with members. To find out more, go to the group's website <http://concernedramblers.web.officelive.com>

PICKERING WALKING FESTIVAL

16th - 18th April 2010

www.pickeringwaw.btik.com

telephone 01751 477325 or

07752 801488 email

wawpickering@btinternet.com

Caption competition

Latest first aid rule from RA. Rule 578:

All walks leaders must take a 30 min sleeping break on any walk of more than 5 miles



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Favourite Walks - A Section of The Minster Way

This is a linear walk of either sixteen or twelve miles, starting at Stamford Bridge or Kexby. There is a public car park at Stamford Bridge, as well as toilets and several places to buy food and drink. A few parking places can be found at Kexby, which is on a bus route serving Hull, Beverley and York.

Whichever starting-point you choose, you will finish your walk at the beautiful York Minster. York is well provided with buses, trains, and establishments ideally suited for reviving tired walkers.

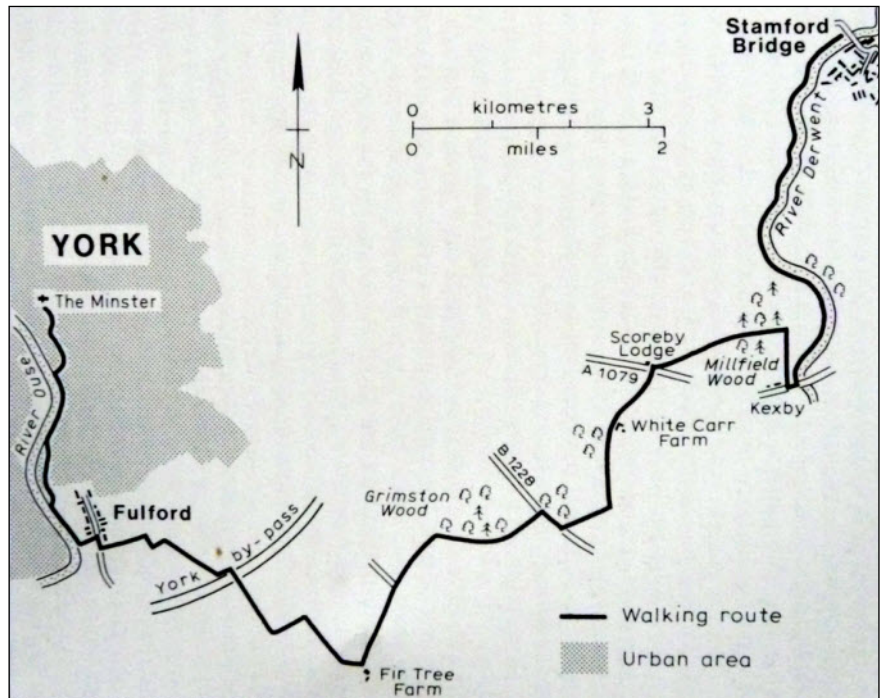
Leaving the bridge at Stamford, walk south along the west bank of the river Derwent, passing under an old railway bridge after a few hundred yards (beware pigeons!). It would take a walker with special talents to get lost here, so just follow the river all the way to Kexby Bridge, negotiating several stiles on the way, to reach the starting point for the shorter walk at the A1079 Beverley to York road.

Turn right on the roadside footway for 150 yards, then right again immediately past a rest home (formerly a hotel), along a gravelled track leading north. After half a mile, this becomes an unsurfaced path leading ahead to meet a hedge. Go through the gap in the hedge and turn left on a broad path into, and through, a wood. Emerge, hopefully into the sunshine, and follow the surfaced track ahead, until you again meet the A1079 at Scoreby Lodge.

Exercise care crossing the busy road, to gain a farm track going south past White Carr Farm on your left. Do not turn towards the farm but continue ahead from the bend, into a wood called Rabbit Warren. This is a good place for a refreshment break, where you may see a good selection of wildlife and fungi.

Back on the track, refreshed, you will emerge from the trees and follow the wood's eastern edge, south towards Kexby Stray Farm (679494). Turn right just before the farm, on a surfaced track for half a mile to the B1228 road.

Turn right on the verge, northwest for a quarter of a mile. On your left you should see Gypsy Wood Farm. At the end of a long fence at its front, turn left along a track (670494). This swings left after a few yards, but your route is straight ahead under an archway of trees. On leaving the trees, turn right at Gypsy Corner along a grassy path between a stream on your left and the southern edge of Grimston Wood on your right. Turn left (southwest) at the southwest corner of the wood, on the right bank of the stream, first on a rough grass track, then inside the boundaries of three



fields, before continuing ahead to reach a road known as Langwith Stray (851485).

Follow this south-south-west for three-quarters of a mile. Where it bends towards Fir Tree House, walk ahead along a field boundary, follow it right to a footbridge over Tillmire Drain on your left. Cross and turn right, now with the drain on your right. On your left is Tillmire Common. Three hundred yards after the bridge, the drain slants right, but you should stay alongside the fence on your right for a further third of a mile to a gate giving access to Fulford Golf Course.

Through the gate, turn left on a clear track leading to the south-western corner of the course, where turn right, northwest, between the fairway on your right and ditch on your left, keeping an eye open for low-flying golf balls. You will soon become aware of traffic noise from the dual-carriageway A64. Before reaching this road, turn left over a bridge, keep the boundary fence on your right until reaching a small triangular wood. The bridleway you are using deviates left from the road, past the trees to a gap in a fence, then crosses a field towards the right-hand side of another wood to reach White House Farm.

Keep to the right of the farm, before turning right on a lane taking you safely above the A64 and into a housing estate. Go through this on Fordlands Road, past Fulford Cemetery to the A19 in Fulford (611488). Turn right and follow the roadside footway towards York for sixty yards. Cross the road opposite Glen Close, just before the Bay Horse pub, and pass between two detached houses numbered 114 and 120 to a footpath between

gardens. At the end of the gardens, a stream on your left leads down to the River Ouse. (The Yorkshire one unless your navigation has gone wrong).

Turn right, northwest along the river, over several stiles past some permanently moored boats and up to a large boathouse. Walk between the boathouse and the river until, a hundred yards past the building, a high brick wall forces you right on a hedged lane. Reach another lane after a hundred yards. Turn left onto this to pass St Oswald's Church (now a private residence) on your right. Follow Love Lane north past a caravan site on a route shared (officially) with cyclists. Your path follows this to rejoin the river bank (603503).

Now on a hard surface, under trees, you will pass York's beautiful Millennium Bridge and reach the confluence of the rivers Ouse and Foss. Cross the Foss on Blue Bridge (note the flood barrier) and stay between the Ouse and St. George's Field, a car park, to pass under an arch of Skeldergate Bridge. Continue alongside the Ouse on South Esplanade to King's Staith. Before Ouse Bridge, next to the picturesque and flood-plagued King's Arms, go up King Street, cross Clifford Street and enter Coppergate opposite. At the end of Coppergate, cross Parliament Street (toilets) then turn left into the famous Shambles. At the end of this photogenic street, enter King's Square and walk left along Low Petergate to reach York Minster, via Minster Gates, the short street on your right. The Minster Way ends under the Rose Window.

Ray Wallis

EXTRA WALKS

The information below and opposite supplements that which you will find in our 2009-10 programme booklet. Details of all walks including links to maps showing the starting point are also available at www.eastyorkshireramblers.org.uk On the WALKS page of our website you will also find a printable update to the original programme booklet with the extra walks interspersed.

YORK WEDNESDAY AMBLES

Walks at a gentler pace than our standard walks. For further details contact Jackie Glew Tel: **01423 869489** Mobile: **07858 145079** Email: glewj@ntlworld.com or Margaret Green Tel: **01423 330242** Mobile: **07710 850790** Email: margaret@telgen.co.uk If you are planning to travel by bus, please let us know so that we can wait for the bus if necessary

Date	Day	Time	Group	Leader	Miles	Grid Ref.	Place / details	Notes
7 Apr	Wed	10:30	YA	J Tosh	8	SE 536 773	Coxwold, VHCP	
14 Apr	Wed	10:30	YA	J Whipp	8	SE 422 823	Thirsk, Cemetery Rd/Newsham Rd CP	
21 Apr	Wed	10:30	YA	I Turner	8	SE 433 372	Aberford church, park in main street	
28 Apr	Wed	10:30	YA	J Van Der Burg	8	SE 286 602	Ripley, village CP	
5 May	Wed	10:30	YA	J Wood	8	SE 779 668	Eddlethorpe	
12 May	Wed	10:30	YA	D Felton	8	SE 356 198	Heath Common (Nr Wakefield)	
19 May	Wed	10:30	YA	A & G Walsh	7	SE 326 432	Harewood, Wike Lane layby	
26 May	Wed	10:30	YA	K Walker	8	TA 081 539	Brigham	
2 Jun	Wed	10:30	YA	A Allison	8	SE 517 832	Sutton Bank	
9 Jun	Wed	10:30	YA	J Glew	8	SE 260 586	Hampsthwaite, Memorial Hall	
16 Jun	Wed	10:30	YA	A Clark	8	TA 103 771	Hunmanby	
23 Jun	Wed	10:30	YA	B Jackson	8	SE 226 807	Masham, lower CP	
30 Jun	Wed	10:30	YA	C Nicholls	8	TA 194 682	Bridlington, Limekiln Lane CP	
7 Jul	Wed	10:30	YA	K Walker	8	SE 963 658	Cowlam	
14 Jul	Wed	10:30	YA	A Timbers	8	SE 236 522	Stainburn Moor	
21 Jul	Wed	10:30	YA	J Powell	8	SE 779 584	Bugthorpe	
28 Jul	Wed	10:30	YA	J & M Dixon	8	SE 157 655	Pateley Bridge, main CP	
4 Aug	Wed	10:30	YA	M Green	8	SE 221 562	Kettlesing Head, layby on A59	
11 Aug	Wed	10:30	YA	A Bloomfield	8	SE 488 173	Wentbridge	
18 Aug	Wed	10:30	YA	A Clark	8	SE 614 841	Helmsley, Carlton layby	
25 Aug	Wed	10:30	YA	D Pamplin	8	SE 802 993	Wheeldale Moor	
1 Sep	Wed	10:30	YA	C Bush	8	SE 862 756	Scampston, walled garden CP	
8 Sep	Wed	10:30	YA	J Whipp	8	SE 854 428	Shiptonthorpe, Langlands CP	
15 Sep	Wed	10:30	YA	D Felton	8	SE 915 868	Basin Howe, Troutsdale CP	
22 Sep	Wed	10:30	YA	A Laing	8	SE 958 619	Tatton Sykes memorial B1252	
29 Sep	Wed	10:30	YA	I Turner	8	SE 588 726	Brandsby VHCP	

SCARBOROUGH THURSDAY WALKS Margaret Ingham continues to lead weekly walks on a Thursday morning of about 6 miles, ending with a bar snack. For details telephone **01723 377222**

YORK RAMBLERS - Public Transport Walks

Walks for people without access to a car or who prefer to leave it at home

Further information from Malcolm Dixon, 01904-706850 or m.s.dixon@talktalk.net

Thurs Apr 15th Buckles Inn to Tadcaster 6 miles linear Leader: Vera Silberberg

Catch the 09:58 840 Leeds Coastliner from opposite the York Rail Stn as far as the stop on the A64 opposite Buckles Inn (SE 543 469) for a 10:20 start. OS 290 map

Sat May 1st Ilkley Moors and Middleton Woods 10 miles Leader: Doreen Felton

Catch the 08:44 XC train from York to Leeds. Change there for a Northern service to Ilkley (SE 119 476) for a 10:05 start to a West Yorkshire moorland and Bluebell woodland walk. OS 297 map

Sat May 29th Todmorden to Hebden Bridge via Stoodley Pike 11 miles linear Leader: M Dixon

Catch the 08:24 TPE from York to Leeds for the 09:13 Northern service to Todmorden (SD 935 242) for a 10:15 start. OS OL21 map

Thurs June 17th Whitwell to Barton Hill 6 miles linear Leader: Vera Silberberg

Catch the 09:52 843 Coastliner from outside York Rail Stn as far as the Whitwell Stop on the A64 (SE 723 655) for a 10:25 start. OS 300 map

Sat June 26th Bempton & Flamborough Cliff Top Walk 11 miles Leader: Malcolm Dixon

Catch the 08:38 TPE Scarborough service from York as far as Seamer. Change to the 10:05 Northern service down to Bempton. (TA 190 717) Cliff top walk with plenty of marine bird life to observe. OS 301 map

Sat July 24th North Dalton to Beverley Minster 16 miles Leader: Mark Davey (**75th ANNIVERSARY BATON WALK**)

The first of four linear walks along the Minster Way - a 50 mile route between York & Beverley Minsters and which is 30 years old this year. Catch the 09.18 744 EYMS bus from York War Memorial on Station Rise in York to Pocklington then change onto the EYMS bus for North Dalton (SE 935 521) Other walkers can join at Pocklington. (OS 294 & 293 maps)

BEVERLEY and HULL & HOLDERNESS EXTRA SUMMER WALKS											All Welcome		
21 Apr	Wed	11:00	B	C	Bush	7	SE	686	910	Lowna			
9 May	Sun	8.00	B	Coach Ramble to Fountains Abbey - see page 2 for further details									
13 May	Thu	19:00	B	P	Ayling	5.5	TA	026	300	Willerby, Car Park 100 m south of roundabout	DSL		
18 May	Tue	19:00	H&H	S	Mullarkey	5.5	SE	997	371	Walkington Church			
19 May	Wed	10.00	B	R	Wallis	11	Linear riverside walk Hull Interchange to Beverley.						
Catch 9.19 EY 121 bus from Beverley Sow Hill. Arrive Hull 9.59 Meet at Gate 19 (or join group at Hull Pier)											PT		
25-May	Tue	19.00	H&H	S	Mullarkey	5	SE	923	314	South Cave - Fox & Coney			
27 May	Thu	19.00	B	C	Lovejoy	5	SE	993	495	Kilnwick	DSL		
2 Jun	Wed	19:00	B	S	Mullarkey	5.5	SE	923	314	South Cave - Fox & Coney	DSL		
8 Jun	Tue	19.00	H&H	S	Mullarkey	5	TA	021	332	Skidby Windmill			
10 Jun	Thu	19.00	B	J	Cavill	5	SE	997	371	Walkington Church	DSL		
15 Jun	Tue	19.00	H&H	S	Mullarkey	5	SE	957	271	Welton, A63 Footbridge CP			
17 Jun	Thu	19.00	B	P	Ayling	5	SE	027	375	Beverley, Morrisons Car Park	DSL		
22 Jun	Tue	19.00	H&H	S	Mullarkey	5	SE	912	368	North Newbald Green			
24 Jun	Thu	19.00	B	S	Mullarkey	5	TA	021	332	Skidby Windmill	DSL		
29 Jun	Tue	19 00	H&H	S	Mullarkey	5	SE	939	239	Brantingham VH			
1 Jul	Thu	19.00	B	S	Dalby	5	SE	957	271	Welton, A63 Footbridge CP	DSL		
The above walk has been designated as Beverley Ramblers 75th Anniversary BATON WALK and will include Welton Dale													
6 Jul	Tue	19.00	H&H	M	Jackson	5	TA	248	312	Burton Pidsea Village Hall			
8 Jul	Thu	19.00	B	D	Wlodarczyk	3	SE	055	417	Tickton, R Hull Footbridge	DSL		
10 Jul	Sat	11.17	B	C	Mullender	11	Cleveland Way from Scarborough Station to Filey (linear)						
Take 10.00 train from Beverley or park in Filey and take 10.59 train from Filey to Scarborough Station. Meet Scarborough Station 11.17. Return trains from Filey to Beverley at 18.07 or 20.20 or Filey to Scarborough at 17.25 or 18.52. Option of fish and chip supper in Filey after walk.											PT		
13 Jul	Tue	19.00	H&H	M	Jackson	5	TA	187	288	Hedon Market Hill			
15 Jul	Thu	19.00	B	C	Lovejoy	5	TA	013	455	Scorborough Layby	DSL		
20 Jul	Tue	19.00	H&H	M	Jackson	5	TA	156	352	Coniston			
22 Jul	Thu	18.00	B	D	Wlodarczyk	3	TA	184	430	Great Hatfield to Goxhill Church	DSL		
Rambles' and Cyclists' Annual Church Service at Goxhill Church at 7.00 pm -Walk back to Great Hatfield following service.													
29 Jul	Thu	19.00	B	P	Ayling	5.5	SE	970	482	Lund, off B1248 near church	DSL		
5 Aug	Thu	19:00	B	K	Hood	4.5	SE	935	264	Brough Haven	DSL		
8 Aug	Sun	10.30	B	A	Parkes	8	SE	843	611	Thixendale	DSL		
11 Aug	Wed	19.00	B	S	Mullarkey	5	SE	939	239	Brantingham VH	DSL		
19 Aug	Thu	19:00	B	D	Wlodarczyk	3	TA	009	351	Risby, Folly Lake	DSL		
26 Aug	Thu	19.00	B	J	Cavill	3	TA	032	404	Beverley, Grayburn Lane CP	DSL		
HOWDEN & GOOLE GROUP Summer programme													
03 June	Thurs	18.30	HG	N	Bramley	5	SE	673	306	Hemingbrough Church			
10 June	Thurs	18.30	HG	M	Thomas	4.5	SE	787	298	Eastrington ponds/amenity area	DOL		
28- une	Mon	18.30	HG	K	Boothman	5	SE	664	385	Skipwith village green,			
20 July	Tues	18.30	HG	D	Stuart	5.5	SE	748	283	Howden- Bishop Manor CP to Brind			
29 July	Thurs	18.30	HG	M	Thomas	4.5	SE	681	286	Barmby on the Marsh tidal barrage amenity CP			
08 Aug	Sun	10.00	HG	K	Boothman	10	SE	584	208	Heck Bridge over Aire & Calder Canal near Great Heck			

York Ramblers Public Transport Walks (contd)

Sat Aug 14th North Dalton to Pocklington 12 miles Leader: Mark Davey

Stage 2 of the 'Minster Way by bus' Catch the 09.18 744 EYMS bus from York War Memorial to Pocklington then change onto bus for North Dalton (SE 935 521) (Other walkers can join at Pocklington) OS 294 map)

Thurs Aug 19th High Hutton to Malton 6 miles linear Leader: Vera Silberberg

Catch the 09:52 843 (Scarborough) Coastliner bus from York Rail Stn to High Hutton stop on the A64 (SE 750 687) for a 10:25 start to the walk. OS 300 map

Sat Aug 21st Blue Bank (A169) to Robin Hoods Bay via the Coast to Coast route 11 miles linear Leader: Malcolm Dixon

Catch the 08:22 840 Coastliner from York Rail Stn to the layby on the A169 near Blue Bank (NZ 862 047) for a 10:25 start. A second chance to do this moorland linear walk, postponed from February. OS OL27 map

FOR ALL WALKS - please come suitably equipped for the day's walking, which may be rough in places, and the possibility of changeable and inclement weather. You will also need to bring sufficient food and drink for yourself for the day's walk.

THE WAY WE WALK – A MOTION TO GENERAL COUNCIL

The new Walk Leader's Checklist issued by Central Office last year has led to debate about the way walks are conducted by Ramblers' Association members. The new Central Office guidelines were originally mandatory and included levels of responsibility imposed on walk leaders that were beyond those that most of our leaders currently accept.

Pocklington Group were concerned that the additional responsibilities being imposed on walk leaders would lead to a situation where perhaps a significant number of leaders would refuse to lead walks in the future. As a result they proposed that Area should submit a resolution to General Council defining the role of the walk leader in line with what has become fairly standard practice in our area.

At the Area AGM, Roy Hunt explained why the resolution was important to the future success of our walks programme. It was felt that some of the guidelines were impractical, for instance taking a full register of every walker on every walk, including medical details and contact details for next of kin. There was also a responsibility on the walk leader to check the physical fitness of walkers to undertake the walk and ensure that everyone was properly equipped.

Central Office have stated that the guidelines are no longer duties that every walk leader must follow, but to clarify the responsibilities of a walk leader, members voted for the following resolution to go to General Council:

"This General Council calls for the current Walk Leader's Checklist to be withdrawn and for a fresh document to be issued for all walkers.

This should include the role of a Walk Leader on a Ramblers' Association walk as being defined as follows:

- To lead the direction of the walk and to appoint a backmarker if in the view of the Walk Leader a backmarker is required.**
- Together with the backmarker, if one is appointed, to keep the walking group together.**
- In the event of an incident as defined by the insurance guidelines, to complete an Incident Report Form to be forwarded to the Group Secretary for onward transmission to Central Office.**
- To share with the rest of the group responsibility for dealing with any incident that occurs during the walk, including any accident or emergency.**

The Walk Leader is not required to assess whether those attending the walk are fit enough to undertake the walk or are properly equipped, this being the individual responsibility of each individual on the walk. However, leaders may refuse to accept participants who, in their opinion, are inadequately equipped or unfit."

The debate with Central Office has raised the legitimate question as to what our responsibilities are on a walk and how walks are best conducted in terms of safety, practicality and overall enjoyment of all concerned. A consultative draft document is included with Area news that seeks to define how we conduct ourselves on walks at present and how we should in the future. Feedback would be appreciated by Roy Hunt, who manages the Area walks programme. He can be contacted on **01430 440272** or on e-mail at roy_hunt@btinternet.com

Praise for Ramblers' Led Walks

Bob Barton, whose impressive CV includes being a Mountain Rescue Team Leader for 8 years, an instructor at the Scottish National Outdoor Training Centre, Operations Director of the Outward Bound Trust and Technical Adviser to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, was recently commissioned to undertake a review of Ramblers' Led Walks. These are his conclusions:

I started this review knowing little about led walks in the RA and was not at all sure what to expect. In the event, I have been very impressed by a great deal of what I have seen and learned. Particularly praiseworthy have been:

- The extensive range and scale of operation of led walks, which, without doubt, contribute greatly to the sum of human happiness
- The warmth of welcome extended to me and to other new faces
- The quality of the landscapes visited, and the interest of the routes chosen
- The enthusiasm, commitment and level of preparation of leaders, both on walks and behind the scenes
- The calm, efficient style in which most walks are conducted
- The way in which, during walks, campaign issues are, with a light touch, routinely kept in view
- The presence on most walks of leadership expertise in breadth
- The excellent insurance claims record of the organisation
- The effectiveness of the web based sources of information on led walks
- The quality and relevance of supporting advice to leaders

These strengths are considerable and deserve acknowledgement. During my survey of led walks I reached the view that safety and quality were of a good general standard. I formed absolutely no impression of an operation on the brink of catastrophe and had no sense of dangerous incompetence in leaders. This view is buttressed by the fact that the insurance claims record in recent years is most impressive, with no claims going to court or requiring financial settlement. With justification, the insurance brokers regard Ramblers as an exemplary client.'

6 The full review and terms of reference can be seen at www.ramblers.org.uk

Contact Details

Several members have suggested that all walkers should carry identification on walks including details of emergency contacts and any relevant medical information (allergies, current medication etc) which might be required in an emergency. A folded name badge, only to be opened out in an emergency or a discreet luggage tag attached to a rucksack have been proposed which could include the following:

Full Name.....
Address.....
.....
Postcode.....
Tel No.....
.....
<u>In emergency, please contact:</u>
.....
Tel:.....
Address.....
.....
Medical Information
.....
.....

Please let Area or Group Committee members know what you think of this proposal.

Riders' Block - A 28-year old problem finally resolved



Another success for our tenacious footpath secretary, Mike Jackson, (pictured left) who reports:

'28 years ago half this footpath at Easington was obstructed by BP building a gas terminal over the path. Then in 2004 with the new pipeline from Norway needing a terminal it was proposed to block the rest.

After some negotiations it was agreed to raise the status of the footpath to a bridleway and reroute it around the perimeter.

In 2008 the path was finally ready for opening, but we, the Ramblers objected because of the gates, which we said were not needed and the British Horse Society said were unsafe. A satisfactory outcome was achieved when ERYC finally removed them.'

Volunteering

Did you know that one in ten Ramblers members does voluntary work related to walking such as leading walks, serving on a committee or footpath work? One of our members describes his activities as a North York Moors National Park volunteer.

'Volunteers meet in various groups throughout the week and include people of both sexes and all ages. Work is very varied, examples being footpath/bridleway clearance and maintenance along with improvements to wildlife habitats.

Being an enthusiastic walker myself, I am interested in both the footpath work and the flora and fauna interest experienced when walking.

Anyone walking in the NYM National Park will have benefited from the work done by the volunteers which complements the work done by permanent National Park staff with whom we sometimes work.

Needless to say, National Parks are all heavily walked. The Cleveland Way trail, for instance, needs constant attention and is the particular focus of the group with which I am involved. Wishing you happy and interesting walking,

Clive Inman'

VACANCY- AREA PUBLICITY OFFICER

The job is to keep the RA in the public eye locally and involves notifying the local media about our events, preparing publicity material (leaflets, posters etc) and helping at local shows and events. Staff at Central Office can provide professional advice. To chat about the post contact Peter Ayling, **01482 587128**, email **peterayling@peterayling.karoo.co.uk**



WORDMAZE

Rambling Robert has decided to spend his holiday visiting some of Yorkshire's abbeys and priories. Start at **K** and move up, down or sideways, one square at a time. Can you trace his route from one ecclesiastical site to another?

Thanks to **Monica Nelson** for devising this puzzle. Answers on back page.

E	C	A	T	N	U	B	W	E	N
W	H	R	G	M	O	U	R	A	M
N	I	T	O	N	B	H	G	H	K
O	T	B	T	L	O	I	R	K	I
A	T	Y	A	I	E	K	S	K	R
W	I	R	T	N	H	C	T	A	L
X	E	V	N	S	R	O	A	L	L
L	U	A	U	O	F	D	N	Y	B

Pat Rattenbury

18 Feb 1921 - 9 Dec 2009
'A quietly remarkable life'

We regret to report that Pat Rattenbury died on 9 Dec 2009, aged 88. Pat was a Civil Engineer in his professional life, working on Military Airfield Runways in the UK and overseas, including upgrading what is now Heathrow from a tented grass airfield to a transport base for the RAF and subsequent handover of three runways to civilian use in 1947.

Before moving to York in 1992, Pat was Footpath Secretary for Suffolk Area of the RA and was involved in the inauguration of the Icknield Way Path. Pat was a founder member of the Footpath Sub-Committee in 1994, when he reported that he had prepared a map of York Strays and updated the text of a new edition of Strays and Ways of York for the York Natural Environment Trust.

His 17 years with us were most rewarding, as he tried to get the Highway Authorities to repair structures and publish accurate Path Orders, whilst objecting to the many errors within their Orders. He was persistent in pressing for improvements and was very keen on stiles being of the correct standard, carrying a tape measure when out walking to check that steps were the correct height.

His main interest was in the parishes around The Foss Walk between Coxwold and York, for which he wore 2 hats - the RA and The Foss Society. He led walks for the latter, providing very detailed maps and descriptions for possible leaders should he be unavailable. He also worked with Haxby and Wigginton Councils on a leaflet map of their paths, many of which had not been put onto the Definitive Map.

Following the CROW Act, he joined Martin Biggs' and Tom Halstead's team to claim access sites in the Wolds and spent hours at home checking documents and draft Definitive Maps. He was a stickler for detail, but we shall miss his cheerful presence and huge contribution to our work. Pat was active for the RA until a couple of weeks before his untimely death.

David Nunns
Footpath Secretary, York RA Group.

DRIFFIELD SHOW **21st July 2010**

Volunteers are needed to man the Ramblers' stand at this enjoyable event. If you can offer to help, please contact Ann Laing, **01377 272524**, email **laing25@tiscali.co.uk**

MOORSBUS TIMETABLE

2010 timetables can be found at <http://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/uploads/publication/10430.pdf>



Rambling Rose... your sympathetic friend

Dear Rambling Rose

I hope you don't mind me seeking your advice. I belong to an all-woman walking group and I am not sure if we are affiliated to the Ramblers. A friend occasionally shows me Area News and I greatly admire your column for its combination of wisdom and compassion. My problem concerns our new Chairperson. She is Green, Vegan and very PC, a woman on a mission or rather several missions. In many ways I admire her ideals but in practice she is ruining our group. She seems to regard us as primarily a social work organisation whose main task is to save the National Health Service by getting everyone out walking. If that was not enough, she is now having a campaign against leather boots which she claims involve cruelty to cows. When I pointed out that the cows are dead before the hides are removed she said that was irrelevant.

At lunch stops we have even been ticked off about what we eat. On one occasion my pork pie was singled out for particular attention (poor pigs, too much salt and far too many calories). When a friend suggested going for a cuppa at the end of a walk we received a lecture about exploitation on tea plantations. But the final straw came at our last Committee Meeting which was held at her house. She asked me to take the minutes but the light from her low-energy bulb was so poor, I could hardly see to write and ended the evening with a splitting headache.

Next morning I phoned in order to complain (on grounds of cruelty to minute-takers) and to my astonishment she burst into tears and said she had had a terrible evening as well. Apparently, as on a previous occasion, she had baked some low-fat, low-sugar biscuits and no one had eaten any. Rather foolishly, I said this was because no one could see them in the dark and suggested that next time she should try a few carrot cakes. At that point she slammed the phone down. That was two months ago and since then there has been no contact and I fear that as a result the group may be suffering. I need your help Rambling Rose.

ADC, Ulrome.

Dear ADC, I wish I felt able to offer some comfort and advice but I think even King Solomon, the original Agony Uncle (with 700 wives and 300 concubines he probably needed to be) would have passed on this one. Whoever would have thought that rambling could throw up so many deep-seated questions? Thank you for your kind words about the Rambling Rose column. In return, I am afraid all I can do is wish you (and your undoubtedly well-intentioned Chairperson) good luck!



Festival of Winter Walks 25th December 2010 - 2nd January 2011



On Byland Moor, York Group walk from Coxwold, February 10th 2010. Photo courtesy of Tom Halstead

A special thank you from Central Office to all volunteers who were involved in the 2009-2010 Festival of Winter Walks. It was once again a huge success, with more than 880 walks offered across the country and over 15,500 participants.

This year's event will kick off on Christmas Day and finish on 2nd January 2011. The aim of the festival is to provide a nation-wide selection of walks between Christmas and New Year which appeal to non-members as much as members.

The festival is part of the Ramblers' commitment to promote walking and we would particularly encourage Areas and Groups to see this as a real recruitment opportunity. Themed walks are the single best way to promote our walks to the public; they are interesting, people-friendly, and the media like to cover them.

Groups will soon be submitting walks for the 2010-2011 Area walks programme. Please consider whether you can offer suitable walks to be included for next year's festival.

WALKS CANCELLATIONS

In the recent severe weather some walks had inevitably to be cancelled or changed. In such cases groups are asked to inform both Dany Wlodarczyk danywlo@yahoo.co.uk and Roy Hunt roy_hunt@btinternet.com so that the Area website as well as the Walksfinder can be updated. Please note that advertised walks should only be cancelled in exceptional circumstances.

Contributions to Area News should be sent to either: Dany Wlodarczyk at 49 Pasture Terrace, Beverley, HU17 8DR or to Paul Rhodes, 23 Ash Street, York, YO26 4UR

Email to danywlo@yahoo.co.uk or paulrhodes16@yahoo.co.uk

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