



East Yorkshire & Derwent Area Ramblers

Area News

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Area AGM and Area Council Reports

AGM

At the AGM in January, I was honoured to be elected as your new Area Chairman/person. For the time being, I continue to wear a second hat as Area News Editor until a volunteer can be found to take over, but am very grateful to Tony Corrigan for offering to take over responsibility for the Area website. Other members of the Area team continue in their previous posts with Tom Halstead taking on an extra role as Vice-Chair. The posts of Area Publicity Officer, and Minutes Secretary remain vacant and we will soon be needing a new Area Secretary, so please do contact us if you would like to join our Area team.

Two of our longest serving volunteers, John Jefferson and David Nunns, were elected Area Vice-Presidents at the AGM in recognition of their very significant contribution to the work of our organisation.

The forty or so members present at the AGM were treated to a new perspective when our speaker, archaeology lecturer Dr. Peter Halkon, illustrated his talk with aerial photographs of the East Riding. These revealed ancient and fascinating man-made features of the landscape which are not normally visible to walkers on the ground.

February Area Council Meeting

Unfortunately, Driffild Group, one of the oldest in the area, has disbanded after almost forty years as there were not enough volunteers to fill crucial roles on the committee. Three neighbouring groups have offered to incorporate parts of its extensive territory and new boundaries were agreed at our February Area Council meeting as outlined opposite.

Our Membership Secretary reported an encouraging net increase of 40 members since September, no doubt the result of efforts by our group committees to provide attractive programmes of walks and to publicise their activities. It was confirmed

that Peter Ayling and Les Atkinson, will be our Area delegates to the Ramblers General Council in Leicester in April. Pauline Hakeney and I are also looking forward to attending for the first time as non-voting visitors.

Area Walks Programme

In this mailshot you should have received the summer walks programme and a High Hunsley leaflet. Publishing our walks programme twice yearly seems to be generally popular; leaders do not need to commit themselves so far in advance and summer evening walks can be incorporated. Groups are reminded that if they do wish to compile a programme for the whole year, this can be publicised in their own newsletter and on the Group and/or Area website.

Next Area Council Meeting

This will take place on Monday 11th June at 7.30 pm at Fimber Village Hall (venue tbc). Please let your group committee know if you are interested in coming along as a representative and having a say in the running of your area. In the meantime, enjoy your spring and summer walking,

Dany Włodarczyk

Area Mailshots

If you would prefer to receive mailshots electronically (i.e. Area News, your Group Newsletter, the Annual Report and the Rambles Programmes) please inform the Membership Secretary by emailing **areamembers@hotmail.co.uk**

Publicity leaflets and posters

If anyone has access for displaying Ramblers leaflets at their place of work or knows of anyone who may be able to do so, please contact Les Taylor, membership secretary for Hull and Holderness on **07932 798253** for leaflets and posters.

Apologies

The editor regrets that some items have had to be held over to the next issue.

Front cover : A walk at North Cave Wetlands

Changes to Group Boundaries

Following the demise of Driffield Ramblers Group, three neighbouring groups have agreed to take on responsibility for extra territory as shown on the larger map below.

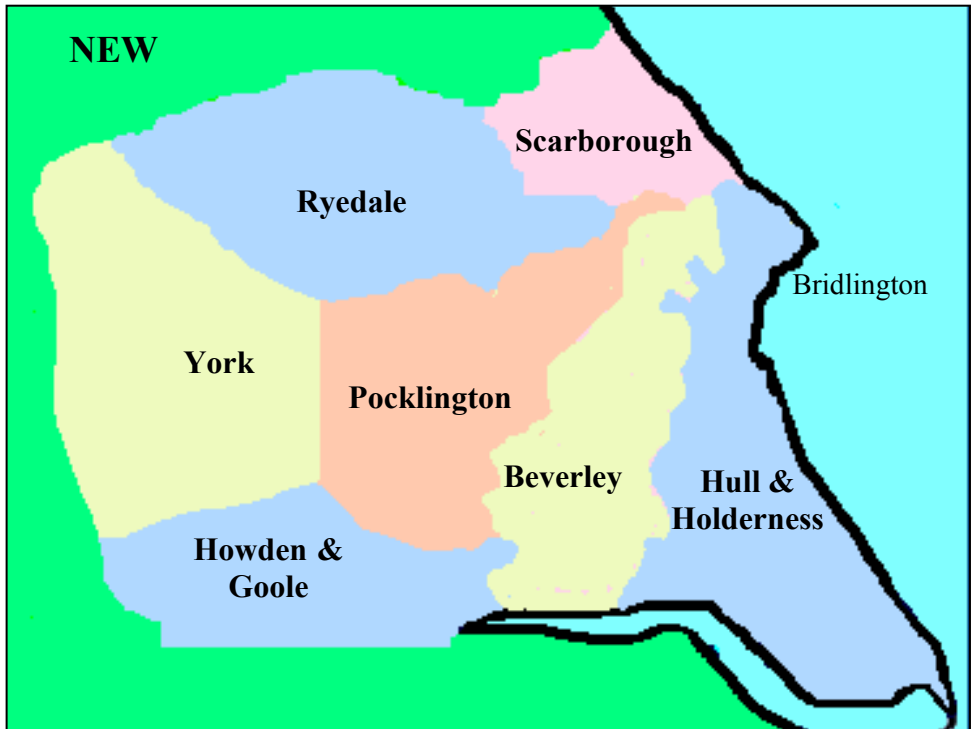
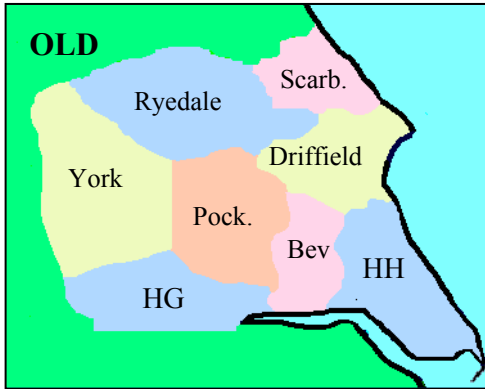
Beverley, Hull & Holderness and Pocklington Groups will each gain a dozen or more extra parishes. A much more

detailed map showing all the East Riding group parishes can be seen on the Groups page of our website, www.eastyorkshireramblers.org.uk

Scarborough, Ryedale, Howden & Goole and York Group boundaries are not affected.

Former Driffield Group members are being invited to join a group of their choice. New members in the former Driffield group area will be allocated to a group according to the revised boundaries.

As can be seen from the map below, Beverley, Hull & Holderness and Pocklington groups have all expanded considerably to the north. Former Driffield group members who are interested in helping with footpath work, leading or recceing walks or helping out with publicity or social events are urged to contact their new group committee.



News from our Groups

GYBO IS TEN!

In March this year, GYBO will celebrate its tenth birthday. The group has flourished from its inaugural meeting held in the Royal Oak pub, York, a decade ago, and now has over 90 members. Started not long after the end of Foot and Mouth disease, the group was one of the early 20s and 30s groups formed to encourage a younger membership into the Rambler's Association.

The ethos of the group over the past ten years has stayed constant with a variety of walks always on offer, complemented by a strong programme of social events and youth hostel weekends away. The group has developed its own 'traditions' with visits to Scotland every Easter and a long distance walk each summer forming part of the annual programme.



GYBO members complete the Nidderdale Way, Summer 2011. More photos at www.gybo.org.uk

Of course the group would not be where it is today without the committee members who grew and carefully nurtured the group in its early stages, not to mention all the walk leaders who have contributed to the group over the years. Thank you to everyone who has been involved and made GYBO the group it is today, and here's to the next ten years!

As part of our celebrations we will be walking the Wolds Way in stages throughout the summer. Coincidentally, the Wolds Way

itself celebrates its 30th anniversary this year, the official route being opened on 2nd October 1982. We also have plans for a pub treasure hunt and birthday meal in March, followed by other events later in the year.

We hope that all members new and old, will join us on our walks and other events to mark this special anniversary. Please see our website www.GYBO.org.uk for more details.

Kelly Temple

The GYBO (Get Your Boots On) group covers the whole of our Ramblers area. It has been suggested that establishing closer contact between GYBO and our local groups could be mutually beneficial, e.g. co-operating to organise a publicity event. Please contact the editor or Area Secretary if you have any thoughts on this.

HULL AND HOLDERNESS GROUP

Hello to all of our 155 members. The next committee meeting will be on

**Friday 23rd March at 7pm
at the Victoria Dock Village Hall**

and you will be very welcome. If there are any issues you would like raising at the meeting please email the secretary on **barkerp24@yahoo.com** to put items on the agenda. H & H Committee.

BLUEBELL WOODS

Thanks to members of several groups who have told us where to find a bluebell wood, e.g. Bratt Wood, (Nunburnholme) Hagg Wood, (Dunnington) Stittenham Wood (NE of Sheriff Hutton) and Sutton Wood (Sutton-on-Derwent). For further details and bluebell walk suggestions, see FAVOURITE WALKS on the WALKS page of our website:

www.eastyorkshireramblers.org.uk

Group News and Coach Rambles

POCKLINGTON GROUP COACH RAMBLE

**Sunday 15th April
to Middleton in Teesdale**

Cost £10 with a choice of 3 walks. Bus will pick up at Market Weighton and Pocklington 07:45 & 08:00.

Please book with
Graham West **01430 871485**
graham@grahamwest.eclipse.co.uk
or Janet Brader **01759 304255**
janet.brader @ hotmail.co.uk

Sunday 2nd September to Leyburn
Details later

BEVERLEY GROUP COACH RAMBLE To PATELEY BRIDGE

Sunday 13th May 2012

Two walks of around 10 and 6 miles will be offered. Non-walkers are welcome to join us. There will be time for refreshments at the end of the walk.

Coach to leave Beverley at 8.00 am, picking up en-route, if required, at Market Weighton, Pocklington and York.

Cost £13.00 per person. Cheques payable to Beverley Ramblers; please send with booking form (available on walks or on Beverley Group page of area website) to

David Court, 17 Molescroft Road, Beverley, HU17 7DX by 10th April 2012. Further enquires to David on **01482 871703** or e-mail courtddvd@fsmail.net

Walkers are Welcome - Beverley

In February this year, Beverley was accorded '*Walkers are Welcome*' status, thus joining the towns of Pickering, Market Weighton and Pocklington who have already achieved this.

A mini walking festival is being planned to celebrate this on the weekend of 15th-16th September 2012. Details will be published on the Beverley Group page of the Area website.

RYEDALE GROUP COACH RAMBLE

**Join us on Sunday 24th June to
explore the beauty of Swaledale.**

There's a choice of three linear walks, of approximately 11 miles/2000 feet ascent, 9½ miles/1400 feet ascent, and 6 miles/750 feet ascent, all ending in Reeth.

On our return, we'll be stopping off at the Anchor Inn at Whixley for a meal. At the time of going to press, the cost is still being calculated. However, by the time you read this, we will know! Just to give you an idea, last year's cost £23 per person (including the meal).

So if you're interested, then please do contact any member of the Ryedale committee on a walk for a booking form or email Sam on ra.ryedale@btinternet.com, or Anne on ryewalk@hotmail.co.uk or phone Christine on **01751 467177**.

Everyone is very welcome, including any of your friends whether or not they are members of Ramblers. Fine weather isn't guaranteed but we're usually lucky!

Pocklington

Walkers are Welcome Weekend

Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd April 2012

To celebrate the first anniversary of receiving their *Walkers are Welcome* status, Pocklington Gateway Partnership is organising a weekend programme of walks.

A varied choice of walks and theme related events are planned, intended to attract walkers of all abilities.

These will include photography, local history, dog-friendly, wildlife detective, orienteering, public transport and pub lunch walks in addition to usual walks of short and medium distances.

Full details will appear in the local press and on our website closer to the date
www.pocklingtongateway.org.uk

Footpaths Update

Diversion on Humber Bank

The Ramblers have agreed to withdraw our objection to the diverting of footpath 22 along the northern bank of the River Humber so that Siemens and ABP can proceed to build a Wind Turbine Assembly Factory creating 800 jobs.

Hull City Council have promised that the diversion will not take place until Siemens have started work on the plant. The new route will skirt behind the factory. This will be the only point in Hull where one cannot walk along the River Humber.

Mike Jackson

Problems near Mill Farm

After reporting for a second time a number of problems on the walk which I led from Millington on 29th January this year (including the hazardous state of the path from the Mill Farm track at GR 816 514), I have been assured that improvements are imminent.

Trevor Appleton. East Riding of Yorkshire Council Countryside Access Officer replied by email on Wednesday, 1st February:

'These problems were programmed into the work for our team to carry out this winter and when I was with them yesterday they mentioned it was the next thing they would be doing.'

DCW

Swanland Public Enquiry

On 17th April a public inquiry will start at Swanland into a claim for a footpath which runs through the village school. Humberside C.C. agreed to the claim in 1992, as did ERYC back in 1998. At the time, not one parent, teacher, governor, or councillor objected to the footpath but ERYC deferred the paperwork. In 2004 the headmaster locked the gates between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. to 'protect the children'. Yes, at night.

The Ramblers are supporting the parish council and a number of villagers to have this footpath diverted round the edge of the playing field, as we all agreed back in 1998.

Mike Jackson



Boost your group funds

Over the past 65 years, Ramblers Worldwide Holidays has given many millions of pounds to assist walking charities and conservation projects in Britain and the countries they visit on their worldwide holidays.

If your group joins the Walking Partnership it will then receive a contribution of £10 per person on UK holidays, £20 per person on short haul holidays, and £30 per person on long haul holidays. Remember to quote the name of your group when you book.

For more details, visit

www.thewalkingpartnership.org.uk.

REFRESHMENTS AT BANTON

The treasurer of St Andrew's Church, Banton, has informed us that the church needs to raise money for expensive roof restoration work.

She writes: To help raise funds, we are offering to provide meals for groups of walkers, cyclists or church visitors.

If your walking groups would be interested in being provided with lunch or tea served in our well equipped village hall as part of your day out in our area, please contact:

Liz Dewsbury, Glencoe House, Main Street, Banton, Drifffield, YO25 9NE

Tel: **01377 217592**

email: e.f.dewsbury.t21@btinternet.com

Dove House Hospice Sponsored Walk

This year our annual sponsored walk will take place in the Market Weighton area on May 20th. If members of your group would be interested in either taking part, helping to promote the walk or volunteering on the day e.g. manning a check-point, please visit www.dovehouse.org.uk/walkityourway or contact Natalie Linnell via email:

fundraising@dovehouse.org.uk

YORK PT WALK AMENDMENT

Saturday August 18th

This walk starts at 10:15, not 11:15

The Reluctant Rambler

One of our less enthusiastic members shares his winter walking diary...

Nov 14th.

The alarm clock went off in time for the walk at Ulrome. Still dark with steady drizzle. Good sense prevails and I go back to bed. Anyway, I couldn't be bothered making sandwiches especially since it would have to be cheese again. I read somewhere that less than 20% of members walk regularly with the Ramblers. I'm surprised it's as high as that really, given the weather and ever-present cheese. Later, with her usual air of authority, my Good Lady asserts that I am suffering from Su Doku addiction and urges me to get out more or, failing that, do something useful.

Dec 15th

Choice of two walks today each followed by yet another Christmas Lunch. Walk One promised a meal of meat pie with chips and gravy followed by an enormous cream cake. Walk Two offered more traditional Christmas Fare. Preferred the latter but didn't fancy eating in wet walking gear or changing in the toilets. Decided to stay at home and risk becoming a hermit/depressed/obese. My G.L. congratulated me on making a promising start on all three.

Jan 12th

Dave phoned to offer me a lift to the walk at Scagglethorpe tomorrow. I suspect he has had another doctor's appointment and wants to tell me all about it. When I go on Mastermind my specialist subject will have to be Dave's Haemorrhoids 2003 - 2012. Still haven't cleaned my boots after last week's trudge through the mud. It's a geological miracle how muddy boots become encased in concrete in a mere 3 or 4 days. Eventually, I suppose, I shall bang them on the wall and

hope the wall isn't damaged.

Jan 16th

After all this festive food, I felt like a longish walk. Well didn't feel like it but thought I ought to. Trouble is, I've got a bit out of shape. Told my G.L. it is no use looking for 6-packs here. The other problem is that the walks seem to me to be getting quicker and longer. I'm all for progress but you can have too much of it in my view. Anyway, I decided to go on an 8-miler and volunteered to backmark just in case our super-fit leader decided to turn it into a run. G.S. walked at the back with me all day. When she discovered I had never seen Eastenders she decided to bring me up to date. Thank God it was only 8 miles.

Feb 10th

My local group are still pestering me to lead walks. They offered to accompany me on a recce or teach me how to map read. The Chairman even promised to write a little 'welcoming speech' for me. Adding insult to injury, the Rambles Secretary reminded me I have never led a walk and have used the same 'sickie' for the last three years. I am seriously considering transferring my inertia to another group.

March 3rd

Completed a super-fiendish Su Doku this evening. Good Lady underwhelmed. Wanted to know if she was expected to walk the dog. Dog reluctant to walk in the rain. Can't blame him, really.

No sign of spring yet.

R.R



Walking in a Winter Wonderland...



Members of Howden & Goole Group (pictured left) enjoyed a walk in the snow, on a very cold but bright Saturday in early February along the banks of the River Don and a canal to Kirk Bramwith (north of Doncaster) where there was a snowdrop festival.

Unfortunately there was not a snowdrop to be seen, they were all covered in deep snow, however we did enjoy the tea and cakes served at Kirk Bramwith Church.

Marian Thomas

Right: Intrepid trio Phil Trafford, Bob Clutson and Les Atkinson on top of Ullscarf in the Lakes on 29th January, the day of our AGM, looking and feeling a bit cold. Photo courtesy of Les Atkinson

Below: Gather round, boys and girls! It's story time with Lisa on a Scarborough Group walk near Hackness. Photo courtesy of Harry Whitehouse



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