



From Area Chairman – Roy Hunt

In January we held our Area AGM in the village hall at Newport. My thanks to Howden and Goole Group for hosting the event, and also to all those past and present Area Council members who have either ended their membership of Area Council, are continuing or who have just joined us. All contributions to the running of the Area are gratefully received. It was very sad to say goodbye to our past Area Secretary, Tom Halstead who is relocating to Sutton Coldfield to be closer to his family. It was an honour for me to be able to thank him for all he has done in so many facets of our work over so many years, and present him with some small tokens of our appreciation. We wish him well in his move.

I am delighted to note that membership of our Hull and Holderness Group has increased by 34 during the past year. Whether this was due to the 2017 Year of Culture or just a reflection of the excellent work they have been doing to promote their activities, I leave for others to determine. Well done to all concerned.

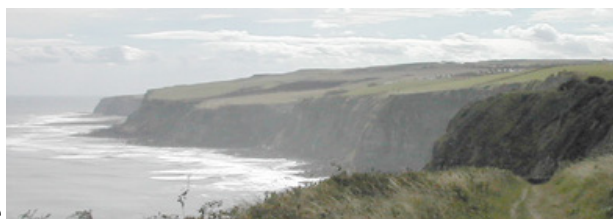
I have been asked to raise a subject relating to the use of social media, such as Facebook. We wish to encourage the use of all methods of communication, so that we get our message out to as many people as possible. However, a concern has been expressed about the use of photographs. Could I ask that, as far as is practical, the photographer and the subjects in the photograph have given their approval for their image to be used. Perhaps the best way to achieve this is to warn people of the purpose to which the photograph is to be used when being taken. This applies particularly to close range shots where the individuals are recognisable.

The new walks booklet has now been produced, and once again we have a very full and varied walks programme put on by our dedicated walks leaders, to whom we are indebted. I am told by some Group Walks Secretaries that walk leaders are becoming more of a scarce commodity, so could I encourage as many people as possible to put their names forward for the next programme towards the end of the summer. Groups can help people get started if you have not led a walk before or are unsure what is expected of you.

A working party is being set up to look into whether some of our Group territories should be moved so as to be similar to the local authority boundaries. This is particularly important with respect to Public Rights of Way, where a council may be in danger of sending a consultation document to the incorrect Group.

The England Coastal Route is near to becoming a reality in our Area - Peter Ayling

As members will know, as part of the effort to create the England Coastal Route, Area Access Officer Tom Halstead and a team of Area volunteers have carried out exhaustive surveys along the coast of our Area for over twelve years. Based on the information gathered, Tom has written three major reports describing the Ramblers' preferred coastal route and submitted them to Natural England, the government body responsible for identifying the final route. The route in North Yorkshire has already been announced by Natural England, and it is gratifying that it closely matches the route selected in Tom's first report. The route in East Yorkshire from Filey to Easington will be announced shortly, and that from Easington to the Humber Bridge is still under consideration.



Because this work by Tom and his team has played such an important role in translating the idea of the Coastal Route into reality, it was felt that the reports should be preserved for posterity and made available to the public and future researchers. Consequently Tom has just deposited copies of his two reports for East Yorkshire in the East Riding County Archives in Beverley, where they were received by Senior Archivist Sarah Acton (see photo on page 2). These reports will be filed alongside the earlier papers for the creation of access land under the CROW Act 2000, deposited by our first Access Officer, Martin Biggs. Tom has already deposited his report for North Yorkshire in the North Yorkshire County Archives at Northallerton, for filing alongside the papers for access land. He has also sent a copy of the reports to our Chief Executive Vanessa Griffiths at Central Office, where they have been warmly received and will be displayed with other important documents relating to the creation of the Coastal Route. Vanessa comments: "The detailed and professional nature of your reports, and those produced by our volunteers around the coast, do us great credit."

We are delighted that the ERYC, originally lukewarm about the Coastal Route, has now become an enthusiastic supporter. Portfolio holder for leisure, tourism and culture Councillor Richard Burton said on 3rd March: "These proposals are very exciting for the whole of the East Yorkshire coast. The new path would help boost tourism in this area still further, creating even better access to our resorts like Bridlington, Hornsea and Withernsea, but also opening access to the entire coastline in all its beauty along the Holderness coast and cliffs."



Area Access Officer Tom Halstead hands over Rambler's reports for the English Coastal Route in East Yorkshire to Senior Archivist Sarah Acton at Beverley Treasure House - See Front page for story. Photo by Peter Ayling

Area Committee 2018

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Walkers enjoy the Monday Afternoon Area Walk on 26th February, above Elloughton on the High Hunsley Circuit.

Monday Afternoons Area Walks Update

Monday afternoon Area walks are still thriving and has a reliable, regular and continuous ongoing programme, it's fantastic how the group has come together in recent times. Clearly wading through the mud and slush of winter might not be everybody cup of tea, but the cup is not half empty, surely it's half full; snowdrops are out, daffs are on the way and spring is just around the corner (somewhere).

Over the last eight weeks of winter, the group has averaged 27 walkers per week with a high of 33, some new Ramblers have come along and a full programme of walks is in place to the end of September and beyond. Unless indicated otherwise, all our walks commence at 1pm prompt, all details in the walks finder book and on the Area website, post codes for satnav buffs etc. Again at our pre Christmas walk Ann Laing kindly arranged the coffee and mince pies at the "Seaways" Cafe at Fridaythorpe and Liz and Dave Baron took on a new innovation for the group, a splendid lunch gathering in December at the historic and welcoming "Minerva Inn" on the Hull City waterfront, with 22 members enjoying the choice of fare.

In organising the walks schedule, I readily acknowledge the support of friends, in particular Peter Harrison (my first lieutenant) without whose input much less would have been achieved. Whether you are a walker or a talker or hopefully both, you are welcome to join us for a leisurely 5-7 miles walk at 1 pm prompt, on a Monday afternoon. It's your group, you make it, Pete and I just give it a bit of a push now and again to keep the momentum going. Colin Mullender - Area Monday Walks Organiser (East Yorkshire and Derwent Area)

Phil Hamilton

It is with sadness that we report that Phil Hamilton of Scarborough Group died on 11th February 2018, aged 71. Before coming to Scarborough in 2010, Phil had been an active member of the Ramblers in Bolton for 20 years, where he met Trish Mumford. He and Trish led walks for Scarborough group for some years. Phil was Lancashire through and through, he always had a smile and was always game for a laugh, which made him a very special walking companion.

He and Trish took part in the annual Area Summer Camp several times in their caravan and also caravanned a lot in the Lakes, which was his favourite place to walk. When Phil's illness proved to be life limiting, he and Trish decided to tie the knot and the couple were married in October 2017. We will all miss you Phil, and you will live on in our hearts and minds.

Gary Malcolm, Secretary Scarborough Group



Pocklington Group Coach Ramble

Date: Sunday 29th April 2018

Place: Bakewell and Chatsworth

Cost of coach £13 per person

Coach leaves Pocklington at 8am and will pick up at Market Weighton and Beverley before arriving at Bakewell at 10.30am. There will be a choice of circular walks from Bakewell, the coach will then make the short journey to Chatsworth for those members wishing to spend the day at Chatsworth house and gardens.

For further information and to book contact Martin Hill
mph60@btinternet.com , phone 01377 270731 or see the Area website www.eastyorkshireramblers.org.uk

Beverley Group Coach Ramble

Date: Sunday 13th May 2018

Place: Swaledale and Richmond, North Yorkshire

Walks: 2 options- eleven miles from Reeth to Richmond or seven mile scenic Richmond circular, or for non-walkers spend the day in Richmond.

Cost: £15 per person

Pick up points-

8.00 a.m. Beverley (behind M&S)

08.15 a.m. Market Weighton (giant Bradley statue)

08.35 a.m. Pocklington (bus station)

To book see the Area website

www.eastyorkshireramblers.org.uk

York Group Coach Ramble

Date: Sunday 20th May 2018

Place: Rothbury, Northumberland

Walks: 3 options- 12, 10 or 8 miles

Cost: £11 per person

Pick up points-

7.45 a.m. Ingleby's Depot, Hospital Fields Rd, York

07.55 a.m. Memorial Gardens, York

08.10 a.m. BP Garage Great North Way on A1237 near Nether Poppleton roundabout

Contact - Lynn Croskin - lynn@croskin.myzen.co.uk or see the Area website www.eastyorkshireramblers.org.uk



Area Camp

The Area Camp for 2018 will take place across the weekend of Friday afternoon 8th June to Monday morning 11th June. We will be using Gill Head Farm Campsite, Troutbeck, Penrith CA11 0ST

Everyone is welcome to join us including B&Bs/holiday home/day visitors. Although the actual walks have yet to be finalised and checked, this is a lovely area and offers many opportunities.

If you are interested in coming along or would like further information please contact Donna & Wayne Dosdale by email to dosdale99@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

Ryedale Group Coach Ramble

Date: Sunday 1st July 2018

Place: Hawes and Wensleydale

A choice of three walks of varying lengths all ending in Hawes.

Cost - £23.00 per person to include a carvery main course at The Anchor Inn at Whixley on the way home.

Pick up points 8.00am Norton car park

8.30am Clifton Moor (Flying Legend).

If you would like to join us please contact Pat Donnor

e-mail: patdonnor@talktalk.net or 01751 474667



Carrying a Carrier

On a recent ramble Anne Bradley collected more than a bagful of rubbish from along the banks of the River Derwent. It had probably been deposited there when the river was high and over its banks. There was more but it would not fit into the bag.

We all hate to see litter, especially in the countryside where it is not likely to be cleared up by the local council.

If we all did our bit by taking a carrier bag with us when we go walking, we could make a difference. We would also be fulfilling one of the four charitable objectives of the Ramblers which is to "assist in the protection and enhancement for the benefit of the public of the beauty of the countryside".

Marilyn Skelton

High Peak Marathon Memories

I was a member of the North York Moors Rescue Team in the early 1970s and succeeded in completing many marathons. Someone in the team suggested that we have a go at the High Peak 40 mile Marathon in Derbyshire as a team of four, carrying a small tent and sleeping bag between us. In a fit of madness, four of us got together and applied for details. We did a couple of recces to get the feel of it and acquaint ourselves with some of the route and difficulties we would encounter. This was 1975, we were very naive and sometimes this is the best way to attempt anything, as the less you know the better.

The start was at Yorkshire Bridge, we set off in groups of four at intervals after 11pm at night in November. The route was straight up then down into the next valley, then up to Win Hill; it started to rain and blow a gale, we could hardly stand up. The next objective Lose Hill, then on to Hollins Cross then to Mam Tor, where we had to turn right to cross Rushup Edge then to the first checkpoint of nineteen, at the top of Jacobs Ladder. On our recce from Mam Tor we found we could cut a corner off thinking we could save some time, what a mistake! It was pitch black, pouring with rain and a howling gale, there was nothing to identify where we were and for the first time in my whole life I was lost and didn't know which direction we should go, which is very scary I can tell you. Suddenly a miracle happened; the clouds parted and the moon shone through and to our left we all saw a round tower with castellations round the top. We all saw it, then it closed up and it was black again. We set off in the direction of the apparition with the idea that it could be on the map, it was shelter if nothing else. We found the tower was set on a mound, on looking at the map we saw that it was a ventilation shaft for the railway tunnel from Edale, we knew where we were at last. Taking a very shaky compass reading to the checkpoint we set off. I knew we should come to a wide ditch with a wall at the other side, which we then walked along to another wall that came in from the other side to funnel the sheep down to the top of the ladder. As we went along we kept coming across other groups who were lost too and they asked "do you know the way?". We answered "oh yes just follow me!" Soon we had a long trail behind us. We hit the ditch and the walls and we knew where we were at last. Arriving at the checkpoint we were told that the walk had been cancelled due to the bad weather and only three elite teams had gone through. So we walked down to Jacob's Ladder to an awaiting mini bus and back to our cars.

When I got home I vowed I would never put myself in that situation again and I bought all the Navigation books I could find and spent hours practicing and have never been totally lost since. Every walker takes a wrong path sooner or later but it's not the same as being in total darkness and not knowing which way to turn, but that was in the days before GPS, and maps on mobile phones which makes things a little easier now if you are not sure where you are. Plus now you also have light weight head torches with batteries that last, not the heavy battery torches we had.

The next year 1976 we entered again and got as far as Snake Road top (the seventh checkpoint), but were five minutes past the cut off time and were disqualified, all that effort and we were not allowed to finish. In 1977 we entered for a third time, but this time the route was the other way round and becoming more familiar to us. Eventually after twenty hours of walking we completed the course, we were the last in of sixteen teams out of forty to finish. Mission accomplished, we never entered again, but what an experience to look back on.

Leslie Atkinson- Footpath Secretary, Scarborough Ramblers and Member of the North York Moors National Park Authority.

Checking on Cancelled Walks

Our recent short period of snow and bitterly cold weather forced us to cancel a number of walks due to adverse weather conditions, either at the starting location or on roads to reach it. Despite our modern methods of communication and social media, it is not always possible to inform all members of cancelled walks, particularly those cancelled at short notice. Our Led Walks booklet is a very useful catalogue of our programme and on the inside cover is guidance to Leaders for cancelling or amending a walk. Importantly, at the foot of every page is a note 'Check for cancellations on EYDA website'. This is to prevent members making an unnecessary and possibly hazardous journey. If a leader has decided to cancel a walk because of adverse weather then in all probability they will not be at the start point.



Please use the Area website as a routine [in winter on the actual walk morning] for any amendments before setting off.

Photo- Extreme weather may have cancelled York Group's planned walk on the Yorkshire Wolds but some resolute members including Chairman, Ian Reavill couldn't stay at home. Ian led his colleagues on an 8 mile walk around the Nether Poppleton and Beningbrough areas in the brightness of fallen snow. Tony Corrigan