

View from the Chair

The winter season is over and we are looking forward to the summer and especially to our two forthcoming events to mark the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Yorkshire Wolds Way, a major achievement by our predecessors in this area. First, we are planning to walk the whole route in six stages during the summer. It has been planned so that as many as possible can reach each stage by public transport and coach. Then we plan to hold a celebratory lunch on Tuesday 2nd October at Fridaythorpe and expect Kate Ashbrook (RA national chairman) as well as our own notables – Geoff Eastwood, David Rubinstein and Dennis Parker to attend. All four were present at the RA Wolds Way opening 25 years ago. After lunch we plan to walk to Millington for an evening rally. Details of this event will follow in our September issue.

At the Area AGM we were treated to an excellent talk by David Rubinstein on the origins of the Wolds Way (summarized on page two). Dennis Parker's historic slides provided the perfect accompaniment. All officers were re-elected, although Peter Ayling has resigned as Publicity Officer and taken on the job of Countryside Officer. I and my fellow committee members are very grateful for his continued support. Offers to help with any aspect of publicity would be most welcome.

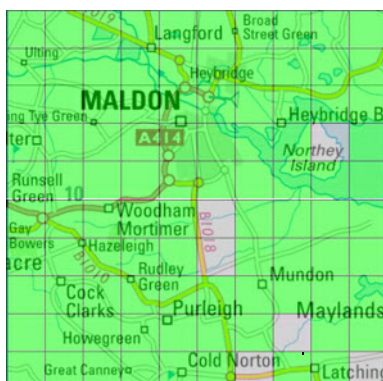
My remarks in the Annual Report about people staying in post too long proved to be controversial, but I remain unrepentant. People are very reluctant to stand for office against an existing incumbent and this exacerbates the problem of recruiting new volunteers. At our recent group AGMs it was pleasing to find that we have so many volunteers willing to support our efforts.

I should like to thank all those who responded to the letter in the last issue from a disappointed new member. Thankfully, most had had a more positive experience. One

Essex Trouncing Yorkshire in the Challenge!

Yes, Maldon is beating Malton! Come on folks! Have we no pride? We can still catch up, but we don't have long to do it.

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lady phoned and offered to accompany the complainant on a walk. Sadly, the latter remains unidentified so I could not pass the offer on. I do admire those leaders who so efficiently welcome new members and visitors and hope the piece has served to re-focus our efforts in this important area.

And finally – we are part of a national organisation with around 140,000 members. By the time you read this, I and other committee members will have attended the annual RA General Council on your behalf. More of that, as they say, later.

Chris Bush Area Chairman

Walks programme amendments

Sat 19th May York PT walk led by N.Emery: take 08.47 X46 bus to Pocklington instead of Stamford Br.
Weds, 6th June Dogs are not acceptable on the walk from Grassington Visitor Centre.

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The Origins of the Wolds Way

Most of our readers will be familiar with at least some stretches of this 79 mile long-distance trail traversing our area from the Humber Bridge to Filey. All will recognise the distinctive acorn logo to be seen on hundreds of Wolds Way signposts. But how many of our current members are aware of the huge effort put in by dedicated RA volunteers over a period of fourteen years to establish the route? For those who did not have the privilege of hearing his talk at our recent AGM, David Rubinstein writes...

The Vision

Early in 1968 I was secretary of the then East Riding Area of the Ramblers' Association at a time when long-distance footpaths were making news. The Pennine Way, the first such path, had opened not long before amidst considerable fanfare. The Cleveland Way was in its final planning stages. It is not surprising that a small nucleus of local RA members should have wanted a long-distance footpath of their own in a county woefully short of walkable rights of way.

A route was devised and rudimentary publicity put out. We were astonished by the response. The idea of a Wolds Way met with enormous media and public interest. A letter even arrived from someone living in Canada asking for the route of the way. Even the East Riding County Council and the Countryside Commission expressed their support in principle at a relatively early stage.

We had much to learn. Support in principle was all we had and all we were going to have without constant pressure from the RA and public opinion. The Countryside Commission had to be pushed hard into putting forward a specific line and working to make it a reality. We were in a heavily farmed county facing a farming community with little enthusiasm for what we were trying to achieve.

Opposition

One particularly beautiful stretch of footpath, through Welton Dale, was the subject of legal action. About half of the entire preferred route either followed contested paths or stretches where no right of way existed. It was an uphill struggle. Some people thought the Wolds Way would never exist in reality. This did little for my morale but was a not unreasonable view at the time.

We persevered. We persuaded our then Area President, Kevin McNamara MP, to initiate an adjournment debate in the House of Commons in 1975 which gave us welcome publicity and government commitment. I wrote his speech but spoilt it by including a gratuitous attack on the Countryside Commission for its decision to follow a route preferred by local landowners to our own. This blunder caused dissension and resignation within the national RA, though the gibe that the Commission was the 'landowner's poodle' had a considerable effect.

Slow progress was made. The Commission continued to advocate the route which it set forth in 1976 and which achieved government backing the following year. Finally this route was ready to be opened in 1982, fourteen years after it was first suggested. The Commission thought this was reasonable speed; the RA thought it deplorably slow.

The route put forward by the Commission was most bitterly contested around Wharram Percy, where the RA wanted to walk through the deserted village and the landowner wanted the route to pass through much less interesting country.



Wharram Percy

Photo courtesy of Ray Wallis

Success

Much time has passed since then. The Countryside Commission was eager to make friends and nobody in the RA wanted to continue hostilities. Some time after the opening in 1982 the Commission changed its view and instated a route which followed a line including Wharram Percy – I never knew exactly how or why. Today the Commission does what it can to publicise what is now an established and popular walking route in what remains unknown country to much of the British population.

The original nucleus referred to earlier consisted of Jack Bower, Alan Dalton, Mike Hirst, Ray Hodge, Geoff Mell, Ron Shaw, Stuart Wise and myself. Later essential support came from Geoff Eastwood and Dennis Parker, both still fortunately well known to East Riding Ramblers. We owed a great deal to the support which we were generously given by the national RA, especially Chris Hall and Alan Mattingly, successive RA secretaries. The local press was consistently good to us and we gained much publicity through the willingness of the Dalesman Publishing Company to bring out my two guides to the route (1972, 1979).

If we had it to do again we would make fewer mistakes and, I hope, cause less offence, but in the end, mistakes and all, we did achieve our goal. Happy rambling!

David Rubinstein

Area Vice President

Yorkshire Wolds Way Coach Bookings

The walk will be in 6 stages from four meeting points, all accessible by public transport from Hull and York. Car parking facilities are available close by and may include charges. Coaches will be provided from and/or back to the meeting places as shown below. **Book until June 8th by telephoning** either **01482 864124** (after May 2nd) or **01904 612401**. A minimum donation of £2 per person per stage will be collected on the coach.

	Date	Section	Meeting Place	Time
1	June 16	Hessle Haven to South Cave	Hessle Haven TA 035 256	10.00
2	July 7	South Cave to Londesborough	Market Weighton Junction of Holme Road / York Road SE 876 418	10.15
3	July 28	Londesborough to Fridaythorpe		10.15
4	Aug 18	Fridaythorpe to Settrington Beacon	Malton Station or Norton Car Park SE 793 713	09.45
5	Sept 8	Settrington Beacon to Ganton		09.45
6	Sept 29	Ganton to Filey	Filey North Cliff Country Park entrance or Filey Station	09.30

For late bookings after June 8th or to cancel a booking, please telephone the following numbers:
 Sections 1, 2 and 3 **07919 105401** Sections 4 and 5 **07881 597934** Section 6 **01904 706850**
Telephone nos. are personal numbers so there may not be someone to answer every time. Please call between 9 am and 9 pm

Summer Supplementary Walks Programme

All RA members and potential members are invited to join any of the walks listed here. New members are particularly welcome. For further details please contact the relevant group secretary.

Notes	Date	Day	Time	Miles	Leader	Start	Grid Ref
YPT	Apr 21st	Sat	08.56 Train	10 linear	D & E Nunns. From York Rail Station catch 08.56 TPE train to Leeds then change to 09.37 Northern Train to Mytholmroyd SE 012 259 Walk from Mytholmroyd to Hebden Bridge via Stoodley Pike .		
YWA	Apr 25 th	Weds	10.30	7-8	J. Van Der Burg	West Tanfield Village Hall Car Park	SE 268 789
SL	Apr 26 th	Thurs	10.00	c7	M. Ingham	Sinnington V.H. Optional bar snack.	SE 744 858
HGS	May 2 nd	Weds	9.30 / 10.00	6	Ken Boothman	Howden Hailgate Car Park (9.30) <u>or</u> High Hunsley (10.00)	SE 950 350
YWA	May 2 nd	Weds	10.30	7-8	K. Walker	Ampleforth (Thorpe Lane)	SE 583 782
SL	May 3 rd	Thurs	10.00	c7	M. Ingham	Ravenscar Pub. Con	NZ 980 015
PE	May 3 rd	Thurs	19.00	5	Chris Spencer	Wetwang Church	SE 934 592
YSE	May 3 rd	Thurs	19.00	5-6	M. Dixon	Millennium Bridge [Rowntree Park]	SE 603 502
HHE	May 8 th	Tues	19.00	4.75	Jim Tulloch	Bottom Plantation	SE 963 304
YSE	May 8 th	Tues	19.00	5-6	J. Dykes	Huntington Church	SE 615 561
YWA	May 9 th	Weds	10.30	7-8	M & J Dixon	Ripley Car Park	SE 286 603
BSS	May 9 th	Weds	10.30	5.5	P. Byrne	Nunnington Royal Oak PH	SE 667 792
HGS	May 9 th	Weds	19.00	4	C. Edwards & D Cox	Barmby on the Marsh barrage car park	SE 681286
SL	May 10 th	Thurs	10.00	c7	M. Ingham	Pockley (Riccaldale) BW at Intake Lane	SE 635 855
PE	May 10 th	Thurs	19.00	4	George Harrower	Goodmanham Car Park	SE 888 431
HHE	May 15 th	Tues	19.00	5.5	Colin Clark	Rise	TA 155 422
YSE	May 15 th	Tues	19.00	5-6	P. Pendegrass	New Earswick shops, Haxby Road Public transport First York no.1 or 12	SE 608 552
YWA	May 16 th	Weds	10.30	7-8	Alan Clark	Norton Car Park	SE 793 713
SL	May 17 th	Thurs	10.00	c7	M. Ingham	Byland Abbey car park at inn	SE 548 789

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PE	May 17 th	Thurs	19.00	5	Chris Spencer	Melbourne Arms PH	SE 753441
HGS	May 17 th	Thurs	18.30	5	Councillor Kester Dean	Goole Leisure Centre car park	Goole
YPT	May 19th	Sat	08.47 Bus	12 linear	N. Emery. From York Rail Station take EYMS X46 bus to Pocklington SE 802 487. Walk via Kilnwick Percy and Wolds Way to Market Weighton. Hourly service back to York. N.B. Change to previously published start due to bridgeworks at Stamford Bridge.		
York	May 20 th	Sun	YORK GROUP COACH RAMBLE in the Dales, with a choice of 3 walks all finishing at Settle. 3 pick-up points. Phone 01904 628134 to book.				
YSE	May 21 st	Mon	19.00	5-6	N. Blenkin	Knavesmire Gates	SE 592 507
HHE	May 22 nd	Tues	19.00	5	Dany Wlodarczyk	Walkington Ferguson Fawsitt PH Top C. P.	SE 997 371
HGS	May 23 rd	Weds	18.30	5	Ken Boothman	Sexton, Crooked Billet pub car park, near Sherburn in Elmet	SE 464 367
YWA	May 23 rd	Weds	10.30	7-8	E. Whiteley	Castle Howard Lake Car Park	SE 707 712
SL	May 24 th	Thurs	10.00	c7	M. Ingham	Langdale Bridge	SE 942 910
PE	May 24 th	Thurs	19.00	4	Tony Ashbridge	Market Weighton Church	SE 878 416
HHE	May 29 th	Tues	19.00	5.5	Colin Clark	Lelley	TA 207 327
BSS	May 30 th	Weds	10.00	5.5	Peter Ayling	Skidby Mill Car Park	TA 022 333
YWA	May 30 th	Weds	10.30	7-8	B. Carrington	Fairburn Ings Visitor Car Park	SE 453 278
HGS	May 31 st	Thurs	18.30/ 19.00	5	Diana Kitwood	Howden Hailgate car park (18.30) <u>or</u> Holme on Spalding Moor west end (19.00)	SE 797 390
YSE	May 31 st	Thurs	19.00	5-6	J & K Sawkill	Howsham Bridge	SE 732 625
PE	May 31 st	Thurs	19.00	4	George Harrower	Allerthorpe, Plough Inn	SE 784 474
PX/ND	June 6 th	Weds	10.00	9	P&J Hutchinson	Thixendale Church	SE 843 611
HHE	June 6 th	Weds	19.00	4	Malcolm Ripley	Hedon, Haven Arms PH	TA 187 281
BSS	June 7 th	Thurs	10.00	6	Gerry Wallace	Walkington Church	SE 997 371
SL	June 7 th	Thurs	10.00	c7	M. Ingham	Hob Hole (Nr. Castleton)	NZ 651 075
HGS	June 7 th	Thurs	18.15	6	Nina Bramley	Barmby on the Marsh barrage car park Barmby to Wressle & back along Derwent	SE 681286
YSE	June 7 th	Thurs	19.00	5-6	Nigel Emery	Dunnington [Cross Keys pub]	SE 671526
PE	June 7 th	Thurs	19.00	5	Brian Billings	Sancton pond	SE 901 392
HHE	June 12 th	Tues	19.00	5.5	T. Tomlinson	Brantingham	SE 943 299
SL	June 14 th	Thurs	10.00	c7	Peter Fahy	Details available later from Group Sec. See below.	
YSE	June 14 th	Thurs	19.00	5-6	S. Hoather	Nether Poppleton [War memorial]	SE 558550
PE	June 14 th	Thurs	19.00	6	Jack Hutchinson	Thixendale Church	SE 843611
EYDA	June 16 th	Sat	Wolds Way Section 1 Hessle Haven to South Cave Booking details on p.3				
HHE	June 19 th	Tues	19.00	5.5	Frank Hobson	Hornsea Fair Place (Behind Market Place, Hornsea)	
BSS	June 20 th	Weds	13.00	6	Dany Wlodarczyk	1 mile west of Tibthorpe, (Huggate Rd)	SE 943 554
PE	June 21 st	Thurs	19.00	5	Alan Fowlie	Hotham Arms PH	SE 894 344
YSE	June 21 st	Thurs	19.00	5-6	S. Roberts	Heslington [post office]	SE 627503

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SL	June 21 st	Thurs	10.00	c7	M. Ingham	Hartoft (Cattle Grid)	SE 741957
HGS	June 21 st	Thurs	18.15	7	Nina Bramley	Wressle Castle Farm (Wressle to Bubwith and back along Derwent)	SE 709315
YPT	June 23 rd	Sat	09.23 Bus	15	Malcolm Dixon. Take No 30 Reliance bus from York Railway Station to Easingwold SE 529 698. Circular walk from Easingwold to Coxwold.		
R	June 24 th	Sun	Ryedale Group Coach Ramble in Bronte country				Booking details on p.6
HHE	June 26 th	Tues	19.00	4	Colin Clark	Long Riston Travellers' Rest PH	TA 127 422
SL	June 28 th	Thurs	10.00	c7	M. Ingham	Castleton (nr. Rigg End)	NZ 681077
PE	June 28 th	Thurs	19.00	5	Graham Edwards	Fangfoss, Carpenters Arms PH	SE 766 532
YSE	June 29 th	Fri	19.00	5-6	M. Nelson	Clifford's Tower	SE 605 514
HHE	July 3 rd	Tues	19.00	5	Jim Tulloch	Brantingham PH	SE 940 293
BSS	July 4 th	Weds	19.00	3	Dennis Parker	Beverley, Wednesday Market	TA 039 395
YSE	July 4 th	Weds	19.00	5-6	E. A. Smith	Knavesmire Rd [cnr Mount Vale]	SE 592 506
SL	July 5 th	Thurs	10.00	c7	M. Ingham	Flamborough Church	TA 226702
HGS	July 5 th	Thurs	18.15	6	Nina Bramley	Bubwith Bridge car park. Walk to Ellerton and back along Derwent	SE 708364
PE	July 5 th	Thurs	19.00	6	Chris Lloyd	Bishop Wilton, The Fleece PH	SE 797 550
EYDA	July 7 th	Sat	Wolds Way Section 2 South Cave to Londesborough				Booking details on p.3
HGS	July 10 th	Tues	18.30	5	Roy Dresser	Beevers Bridge, off A164 nr Thorne Walk at Southfield Reservoir	SE 664 190
HHE	July 10 th	Tues	19.00	5	Colin Clark	Welton Pond	SE 959 273
PE	July 12 th	Thurs	19.00	6	Dave Archer	South Cave Market Place	SE 924 313
YSE	July 12 th	Thurs	19.00	5-6	J. Powell	Fordlands Road, Fulford [cemetery gates]	SE 612487
HHE	July 17 th	Tues	19.00	5	Dany Wlodarczyk	Hull Bridge Tickton	TA 055 417
BSS	July 19 th	Thurs	10.00	6	Gerry Wallace	North Newbald Green	SE 912 368
PE	July 19 th	Thurs	19.00	4	Joan Wilson	Seaton Ross Black Horse PH	SE 782 408
YSE	July 19 th	Thurs	19.00	5-6	P. Poskitt	Sheriff Hutton Village Hall Car Park	SE 649 661
HHE	July 24 th	Tues	19.00	4.5	Jim Tulloch	Hull Old Town, Victoria Dock VH	TA 110 287
YSE	July 24 th	Tues	19.00	5-6	L. Gall	Tadcaster Bus Station Car Park	SE 488 435
SL	July 26 th	Thurs	10.00	c7	M. Ingham	May Becks (off B1416 At Red Gate)	NZ 892 024
PE	July 26 th	Thurs	19.00	5	Roy Hunt	Bishop Wilton, The Fleece PH	SE 797 550
EYDA	July 28 th	Sat	Wolds Way Section 3 Londesborough to Fridaythorpe				Booking details on p.3
HHE	July 31 st	Tues	19.00	5	Mike Jackson	Beverley, Morrison's Car Park	TA 026 375
YSE	July 31 st	Tues	19.00	5-6	Vera Silberberg	Aldwark village, near pub	SE 466 635
BSS	Aug 1 st	Weds	10.00	6	Jean Cavill	Millington Church	SE 829 519
SL	Aug. 2 nd	Thurs	10.00	c7	M. Ingham	Wayrham Picnic Site Expl. Map 294	SE 835568
PE	Aug 2 nd	Thurs	19.00	5	Jack Hutchinson	Bugthorpe Church	SE 772 578
YSE	Aug 7 th	Tues	19.00	5-6	Ken Walker	Gate Helmsley Village Hall Car Park	SE 691 553

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BSS	Aug 8 th	Weds	10.00	3	Dennis Parker	North Cave Church (Visit N. Cave Wetlands)	SE 887 328
SL	Aug 9 th	Thurs	10.00	c7	M. Ingham	Chop Gate C. P. and W. C.	SE 558 994
PE	Aug 9 th	Thurs	19.00	4	Chris LLOYd	Londesborough Church	SE 868 424
BSS	Aug 15 th	Weds	19.00	4	Peter Ayling	Scorborough Layby, A 164	TA 013 455
SL	Aug 16 th	Thurs	10.00	c7	M. Ingham	Thixendale Church	SE 842 611
PE	Aug 16 th	Thurs	19.00	5	Chris Spencer	Fridaythorpe Pond	SE 875 591
EYDA	Aug 18 th	Sat	Wolds Way Section 4 Fridaythorpe to Settrington Beacon Booking details on p.3				
SL	Aug 23 rd	Thurs	10.00	c7	M. Ingham	Hawnby, near Arden House	SE 519 905
BSS	Aug 23 rd	Thurs	13.00	6	Dany Wlodarczyk	Bainton Layby	SE 964 525
PE	Aug 23 rd	Thurs	19.00	4	Ken Walker	Gate Helmsley Village Hall Car Park	SE 868 484
YPT	Aug 25 th	Sat	08.44 Train	c10	M. Dixon. Catch 08.44 Virgin train from York to Sheffield. Change to 10.14 NR train to Edale Station. Hope Valley circular walk.		
SL	Aug 30 th	Thurs	10.00	c7	M. Ingham	Rosedale (C.P. nr. Milburn Arms)	SE 726 960
PE	Aug 30 th	Thurs	19.00	4	Tony Ashbridge	Millington Church	SE 829 519
YPT	Sept 2 nd	Sun	09.27 Bus	8	Richard & Jean Beaton Catch No 10 First Bus from opposite York Rail Station to Lord Nelson Pub in Nether Poppleton. Circular walk.		
SL	Sept. 6 th	Thurs	10.00	c7	M. Ingham	Sutton Bank North York Moors Car Park	SE 516 831
EYDA	Sept 8 th	Sat	Wolds Way Section 5 Settrington Beacon to Ganton Booking details on p.3				
Y	Sept 23 rd	Sun	YORK GROUP COACH RAMBLE Walking along sections of the Viking Way in the Lincolnshire Wolds. Choice of walks. Tel 01904 628134 to book.				
EYDA	Sept 29 th	Sat	Wolds Way Section 6 Ganton to Filey Booking details on p.3				

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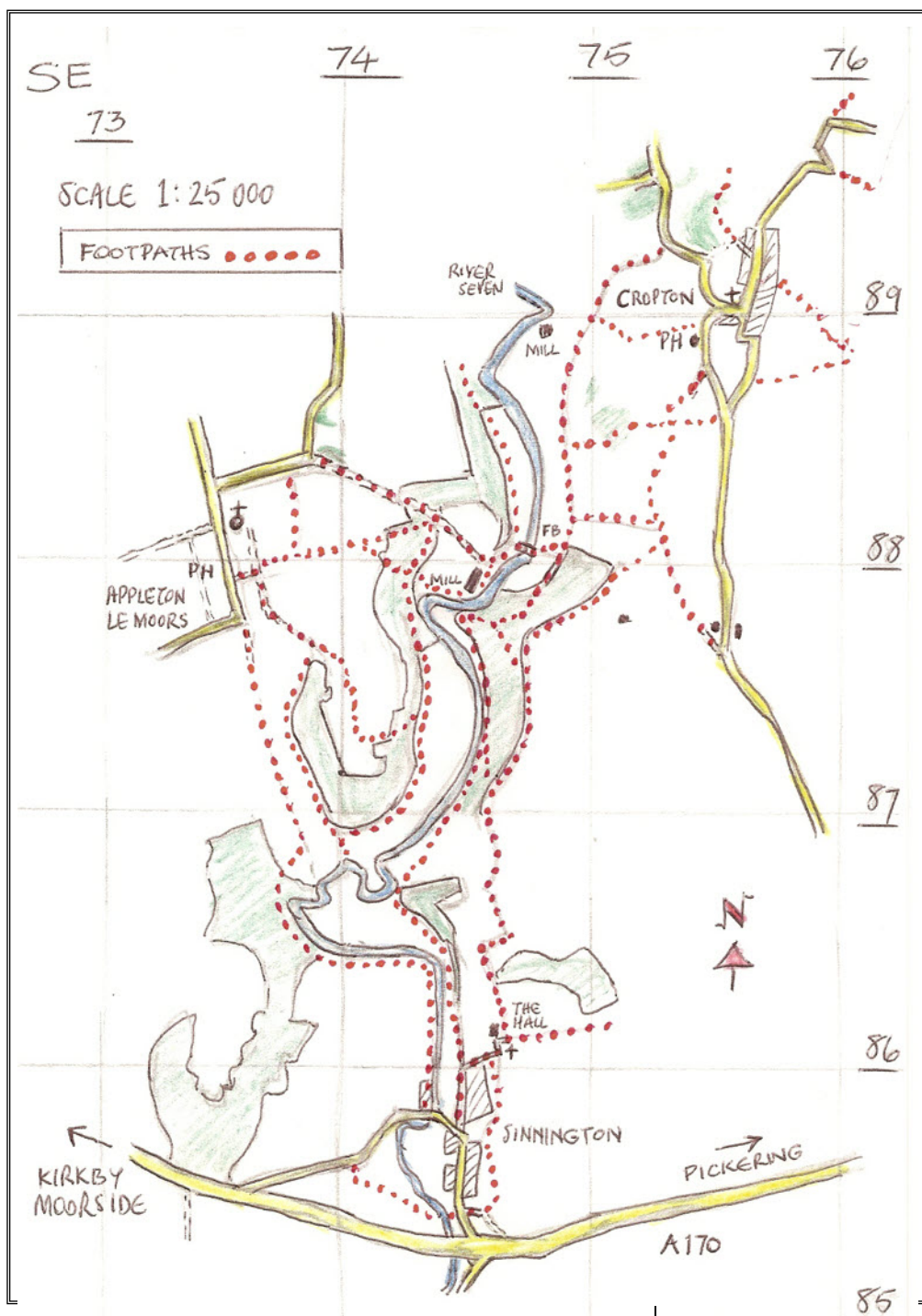
BSS	Beverley Group special summer programme of Wednesday and Thursday half-day or evening walks. Most end near a pub or café for optional refreshments afterwards. For further details, tel 01482 864124
HGS	Howden and Goole Group summer evening walks - Tel. Marian Thomas 01430 431766
HHE	Hull and Holderness Tues. eve. walks, most with opportunity for refreshment afterwards. Tel. 01482 783666
PE	Pocklington Group Thursday evening walks Tel. Brian Billings 01759 318298
PX/ND	Pocklington Group extra walks. No dogs. Tel T.Ashbridge 01482 861215
SL	Scarborough Group leisurely Thursday walks, about 3-4 hours with picnic lunch. Tel. 01723 377222
YWA	York Wednesday Ambles about 7-8 miles. Walks will continue throughout the summer. Contact ALAN CLARK 01904 411969 or 07930 227254 (Mobile) for rest of programme.
YPT	York Group walks using public transport. Enquiries to Malcolm Dixon 01904 706850
YSE	York Group summer evening walks. More details from the secretary : 01904 628134

RYEDALE COACH RAMBLE SUNDAY 24TH JUNE

There will be a choice of 3 walks from Haworth to Hebden Bridge and to round off the day there will be a meal at an hotel in Hebden Bridge. Further details can be obtained from the Area web-site or from Pat Fielden **01482 882499**

25 YEARS OF THE WOLDS WAY

If you have any memorabilia, stories, poems, drawings etc of the Yorkshire Wolds Way, Malcolm Hodgson, National Trails Officer, North York Moors National Park Authority, The Old Vicarage, Bondgate, Helmsley, York YO62 5BP, would be very pleased to hear from you as he is planning a celebratory publication: e-mail m.hodgson@northyorkmoors-npa.gov.uk



Beverley Christmas Ramble and Lunch

Pictured are some members of Beverley Group enjoying a splendid walk from Fridaythorpe, arranged and led by Dennis Parker, second from right. At age 86 and six months, we believe he may have set a new record!



Wildflower Walks

In our last issue we invited you to let us know your favourite spots for spring flowers. Clive Inman has kindly sent in this map of the Sinnington/ Cropton area with its many woodland and riverside rights of way. He tells us the area has been popular locally for many years due to the abundance of woodland flowers and tree cover.

The area is home to the well-known Cropton Brewery based at The New Inn, Cropton, which offers local real ales as well as good food. Walkers welcome.

Bluebell Woods

Thanks, too, to all the readers who have told us where to find a bluebell wood. Among them:

Bratt Wood SE 845 485
near Nunburnholme

Hagg Wood SE 685 525
near Dunnington

Stittenham Wood
SE 678 680
NE of Sheriff Hutton

Sutton Wood SE 710 485
This can be visited on a circular walk from Sutton-on-Derwent

Burton Bushes, Beverley Westwood TA 014 396

This wood is easily accessible from the main A1079 York Road. You can park nearby opposite the race-course buildings, about a mile from

the town centre. From here head west up towards Burton Gate House, then bear left to enter the wood at a kissing-gate with information boards. The track leads along the western edge of the wood where bluebells abound in May. It can be muddy, wellies recommended after wet weather!

After about 400 yards, another kissing gate leads onto the Westwood. Either retrace your steps, or go left then left again outside the wood to return to the start. There are fine views towards Beverley Minster and Black Mill and several well-placed benches. A lovely, family stroll which can easily be extended.

Millington 10-Mile High Level Circuit

We apologise to Tom Halstead for the poor reproduction of the map of his Access Walk in our last issue. We plan to re-print it in September. In the meantime you can obtain the map from the walks page of our website www.eastyorkshireramblers.org.uk/Walks



Backmarker is currently away on a leadership course, but we are delighted to welcome Rambling Rose to advise on some of your walking worries...

Dear Rambling Rose,

I am writing a raunchy novel about Ramblers. I would love to become another Jilly Cooper and do for walkers what she has done for horse riders, classical musicians and school teachers. I am thinking of calling my book 'The Bride Wore Gortex' or possibly 'Hotfoot in Pursuit'.

I haven't written much yet but I have been out with various walking groups looking for background detail and hoping to find some real-life stories of passion and romance out on the trail. But so far, although I've learned a great deal about Glucosamine, the merits of flat laces versus round ones and the wit and wisdom of grandchildren, I haven't found any story lines that I can use in my bodice-ripper of a book. Am I missing something?

LSE, York

Yes, LSE, I think you might be. If you listen carefully you could discover a lot about Chondroitin, Footpath FP4 and Area Executive Committee Meetings.

Dear Rambling Rose,

I feel very attracted to a lady in my walking group. We usually have a nice chat before the walk and on one occasion she offered me a cup of coffee. But once the walk starts my problems begin. She is much fitter than me and is always up with the leaders while I struggle on near the back. When I do catch up with her at the coffee stop I am usually too out of breath to say much and at the lunch stop she has normally finished her Ryvita and apple before I arrive. Can you help?

TCP, Ryedale.

Well, I suppose, you could always offer *her* a cup of coffee before the start! But what I would do, TCP, is lead lots of walks. Not only will this get you fitter but, at least in theory, you will be able to set the pace and so should be at the front - at least for a while. Worth a try!

Dear Rambling Rose,

Can you enlighten me on the vexed question of stile etiquette? I sometimes walk with a very courteous chap. We seem to get on very well and have quite a lot in common. When we get to a stile he always stands back and in a very gentlemanly way urges me to go first. To be candid, Rambling Rose, I am not as graceful as I used to be and what with Christmas and so on I'm not at my slimmest. How can I get him to go first without offending him?

VPL, Beverley

Dear VPL, this is a surprisingly common problem. My postbag contains quite a few letters asking me about stile

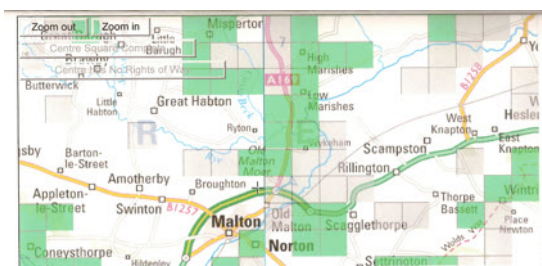
Use Your Paths Challenge

Take part in the biggest-ever walking project in the UK! In our *September issue we highlighted the RA's aim of getting every right of way in the country walked by September 2007. As volunteers check each grid square of the OS map, results are entered on an interactive web-site **www.useyourpaths.info**

Grid squares where all the rights of way have been walked and all problems reported show up in green. Squares reported as not containing any r.o.w.s turn grey. Those which have not yet been checked remain white. The map below of the Malton area scanned from the web-site shows just how much uncharted territory remains at the heart of our area. In spite of the poor quality of the image, the contrast with the map of Maldon in Essex on Page 1 (which the RA sent by mistake) is obvious.

So please log on to the web-site above, find out which grid squares near you have not yet been checked and see how many squares you, and perhaps a few companions, can turn green!

* Available from the editors or go to NEWS page of our website.



???????????? Griddles ??????????????????

This edition's griddles test your knowledge of pub names in our area. Grid references below give their location, but not in the correct order.

1. Does William deploy remedial methods to get his hugs here on the B 1248? (3, 9, 4)
2. Inn hotline gives us confusing directions to isolated hostelry on the moor. (3, 4, 3)
3. Listen! Go to wash blanket and see Vicky's rival on the corner by this Wolds village pond. (3, 5, 4)
4. Do fancy oxen visit this watering hole close to the southern section of the Wolds Way? (3, 3, 4)
5. Took real hay for fodder here on the River Rye - then twice more in Malton or thereabouts (3, 5, 3)

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etiquette. You do not say whether you carry a stick. If you do then invite your friend to go over the stile first so that you can then pass your stick (or sticks) to him. Failing that, perhaps you could tell him you have a fear of falling over stiles and ask him to go first in case you trip. As kissing gates become more common your problems should be over.

Enjoy your walking

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