

East Yorkshire & Derwent Area Ramblers



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DESPERATE DAN UPDATE (or A Fishy Tale from Ken)



Last year it was all about Cow Pie awards on the Area pub lunch walks. This year it's been the year of Ken's cod (Ken Walker, that is).

When he wasn't out fixing gates, stiles, fingerposts, bridges or walking with the Amblers, Ken was doing a spot of fishing. Not with a rod and line but with a knife and fork.

There have been eight lunches and Ken has sampled the fish and chips eight times. He's had fish ranging in size from a tiddler that should have had enough sense to swim out of the fishing net, to a whale that could scarcely fit on to his plate. From oven chips masquerading as home-cooked, to genuine crinkle-cut wonders, Ken has turned a blind eye to his cholesterol level and his waistline and has manfully cleared his plate every time.

We won't even mention the mounds of mushy peas, tons of tartare sauce, volumes of vinegar and stacks of salt that he's worked his way through.

So now for Ken's Fish and Chips Gold Cup award. The suspense is almost unbearable!

The Pub Lunch Prize for 2012 goes to the Horseshoe Inn at Levisham. It won hands (or fins) down because of the lightness of its batter, the wonderful texture of its sizeable succulent fish, and its chips to die for.

So far he isn't showing much enthusiasm for testing out the salads next year. But you never know!

Marilyn Skelton

Snowdrop Sundays at Londesborough Park

10th and 17th February 2013

The Wilderness will be open to the public. Refreshments will be served in the Reading Room, Londesborough village, from 11.00 till 5pm with books on sale. Proceeds go to the church which will also be open.



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

Area Pub Lunch Walks

The monthly walks will start again with a 6 mile walk led by Peter Leese and an optional meal afterwards at The Triton Inn, Sledmere, on Tuesday 26th March. Meet at the Eleanor Cross in the village for a 09:30 start.

New members from all groups are welcome. Details of further walks will be in the March walks booklet, on the Area website and on the Ramblers website.

Next Walks Programme

Groups will soon be starting to prepare our walks programme for April-September, including the very popular summer evening walks.

If you can offer to lead a walk, please contact your Group Secretary or Ramblers Secretary as soon as possible.

If you have not led a walk before, How about co-leading with a friend?

Walks from Welton

Walks leaders are reminded to use the car park near the A63 footbridge as a meeting place instead of the church to avoid congestion in the village centre.

Programme amendments

If unusually severe weather should lead to any walks having to be cancelled or amended, Group Secretaries and Ramblers Secretaries are reminded to follow the procedure outlined on the WALKS page of our website if they need to change any details on the Walks Finder.

If weather conditions are particularly severe, walkers are advised to consult the Walks Finder for up to date information by going to the WALKS page of

www.eastyorkshireramblers.org.uk

DIARY DATES 2013

AREA AGM

26th January at 2pm
at Bishop Wilton
Details on page 5
All welcome

AREA COUNCIL

Monday 25th February at 7.30pm
Fimber Village Hall

POCKLINGTON COACH RAMBLE

Sunday 14th April 2013
To Masham - details page 31

BEVERLEY GROUP COACH RAMBLE

Sunday, 19^h May to Hawes,
Wensleydale. Cost £10 tbc
E-mail courtdvd@fsmail.net

DRIFFIELD SHOW

Wednesday 17th July

WOLDS WALKING FESTIVAL

Saturday 14th - Sunday 21st September

Buggy Walks

If any leaders are planning to offer a walk in the next programme which is suitable for parents with children in buggies please would you indicate in the notes that it is family friendly (FF).

If you can recommend possible routes for independent buggy walkers, please contact the editor so that these can be publicised on our website.

Monday Afternoon Walks

Mike Jackson, having single-handedly led these popular walks for many years, is taking a well-earned break. Other leaders are stepping in to fill the gap. The walks will appear on the Walks Finder. Alternatively, collect a programme on a Monday walk or send s.a.e. to Dany Włodarczyk, 49 Pasture Terrace Beverley. HU17 8DR.

Group News

Goodbye to Jean Cavill

We are sad to report that Jean lost her battle against lymphoma and died in Castle Hill Hospital on 16th December 2012. Her funeral, which followed on December 22nd, filled Haltemprice Crematorium to overflowing, drawing people from all strands of her life, family, friends, country dancers, and, of course, walkers.

Jean started walking as a pastime over twenty years ago and will be missed by the many walkers and groups of which she was a member. Only recently she walked in the Rockies, the Scottish Isles and on the Coast to Coast route.

Jean was Beverley Ramblers Group Secretary for the past seven years; we shall miss her efficiency and her leading of walks. She was a delightful walking companion, a truly good person, never speaking ill of anyone. When you are walking in the East Riding and beyond, remember her in your prayers.

Our sympathy goes to her children, Richard and Helen.

Rev. Ron Duffield

Pocklington Group

Offa's Dyke Walking Holiday

Sun 19th - Sun 26th May 2013

Walk the first 56 miles of the northern part of Offa's Dyke Path from Prestatyn to Chirk on a Ramblers holiday staying at the three star Springfield Hotel at Pentre Halkyn. Full board & transport to trailheads included in price. All welcome.

Cost £599 - single supplement £126.

If interested contact Chris Spencer,

Tel. **01430 872868** or email **spencer.christin@talk21.com**.

Hull & Holderness Group

Hello everyone in the group, hope you are enjoying some good walking. At our AGM the committee discussed the hope that we could establish a social aspect for the group and we are appealing for members to help to develop this. So if you have a bit of time and energy to spare we would really appreciate your help.

In the meantime, we are going to meet at the Goldcrest Pub on Victoria Dock on 15th January to take part in the pub quiz, so come on join us and let the Ramblers reign supreme!

We are also looking for extra members to lead their favourite walk for the group, from four to ten miles, if you are able to do this or want to help with the social side please email Chris Barker at **barkerp24@yahoo.com**

Chris Barker Group Secretary

Beverley Group Leaders

If you lead walks for Beverley Group or would consider doing so in the future, possibly with support from a regular leader, you are cordially invited to attend a meeting at the Tiger Inn, Lairgate, Beverley, on Tuesday, 22nd January. Refreshments will be served.

Topics to be discussed will include:

- The 2013 summer programme.
- Length of walks.
- Safety on walks.
- Contacting emergency services.
- Incident reporting.
- Hivis clothing.
- Reporting defective signs/bridges/paths etc.

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Two Lancashire Lads

"Book Sale" shouted the sign outside St Helen's church in the centre of York. Now I'm a time-served bookaholic, so in I went and came across *Lancashire - A Descriptive Account of the County Palatine*, published in 1913. The author's name was Ernest Evans, described as Natural Science Master at the Technical Institute in Burnley. At which point something began to stir in the rag-bag which is the nearest I get to having a memory.

Ernest Evans was probably the most important mentor of Tom Stephenson, who led the RA for 21 years from 1948. Both were born in the same part of Lancashire and began work at the age of thirteen, Evans in 1868 as a carder in a cotton mill, later becoming a weaver. Tom, born in 1893, worked in a calico printing factory. Both took to rambling in their free time and developed a passionate scientific interest in what walking revealed to them, particularly the geology of their native area.

By 1889 Evans had educated himself sufficiently to be appointed to teach botany at the Burnley Institute, one of the institutions which provided evening classes for working people. In the year that Tom was born he became responsible for all the natural science classes at the institute.

In the introduction to *Lancashire* Evans wrote 'I have tramped through all parts of the county to make observations of the places dealt with, and have spent many happy hours in coal mines and stone quar-

ries'. Rambling was not just a pastime for people like Evans, it was a teacher, a research library and an educational technique. Tom recalled walking many miles with him, studying the geology of the area as they went.

Evans was obviously a dedicated teacher and writer. There can't be many former cotton weavers who have their own suggested 'search' – Evans, Ernest, of Burnley – in the on-line British Library cata-

logue. It lists ten books by him, the first published in 1899. They reveal his wide interests, covering botany, zoology and agricultural science, human physiology, hygiene and geology. His *Lancashire* draws on this deep intellectual hinterland, even including sections on industry, trade and tourism. The book is copiously illustrated with line drawings and photographs. All are meticulously acknowledged, so we know that one of the photographs, showing masses of boulder clay in the bed of the Calder near Whalley, was contributed by Tom.



*Tom Stephenson 1893–1987
A key figure in the Ramblers'
Association from 1948*

At a critical time in his life Tom had the good luck to encounter someone with a similar background to his own, who not only shared his love of the outdoors and walking, but had a similarly enquiring mind and the determination to achieve something with it. The Great War turned Tom away from the scientific career he had planned, but he always acknowledged his debt to Evans. I'm glad my chance encounter with a charity book sale provided me with a memento of the point at which two inspiring lives crossed paths.

Ann Holt

The Derwent Way Revisited

This 80-mile walk from Barmby on the Marsh to Lilla Howe devised by former EYDA Footpath Secretary Richard Kenchington is probably the least well known of the linear routes which criss-cross our area.

AREA Webmaster Tony Corrigan explains to Richard why he set out to rediscover the route in the spring of 2012.

'I should like to take you back to your years as a Rambler in the East Yorkshire area and the excellent Footpaths work undertaken at that time, not least your 1978 publication *The Derwent Way*.

Why, you may ask does someone hark back to events of over 30 years ago? The answer is probably down to a series of coincidences.

As you will know, Dennis Parker of the Beverley Ramblers Group died in early 2011. Colleagues dealing with his Ramblers material came across your *Derwent Way* book.

Our Area News editor published a request for information from anyone who had walked the Derwent Way.

As Pocklington Group's Footpaths Officer I had surveyed parish Rights of Way from East Cottingwith to Skirpenbeck but had never seen a Derwent Way sign and was unaware of the publication.

Marilyn Skelton, a friend in the York Group remembered it and indeed found the book at home. The two of us decided to walk the route using your book to see how far it has been affected by changes to access and rights of way. Commencing Good Friday 6th April, 2012, we completed the route over six days.'

What has improved?

Signage and general maintenance for Rights of Way in East Yorkshire area is now first

class. Not a single sign missing and the authority continue their policy of replacing stiles with kissing gates.

The embankment along the river between Barmby on the Marsh and Wressle has been made subject of a path creation order.

From East Cottingwith it is now possible to walk along the banks of the Pocklington canal. This saves some road walking – unless the Derwent is in flood and backs into the canal.

From Sutton on Derwent the right of way now runs parallel with the east bank of the river north through to Kexby.

Barlam Beck Bridge was demolished (again) but was due to be rebuilt this summer.

Creation of the Yorkshire Wolds and Centenary Ways has greatly improved the network in East and North Yorkshire.

The A64 Malton bypass at Old Malton provides alternative paths crossing the road.

What hasn't improved!

Stiles, signage and maintenance in North Yorkshire area are lacklustre.

Route through Wath Hall at Low Marishes blocked with no evidence of signs – we crossed it regardless.

Due to a lack of rights of way, a long 8 kms of road walking is still required between Low Marishes and Yedingham

Walking from Langdale Bridge End through NYMNP forest to Lilla Howe remains tortuous! With the proliferation of cycle routes through forests it can get confusing. GPS proved useful.

Conclusion

The Derwent Way continues to provide an enjoyable spectrum of challenges, landscape and terrain, much of it suitable for family groups.

Tony Corrigan



River Hull Walks

Among the papers left by the late Dennis Parker, former Area Chairman, were plans for walks along the complete length of the River Hull from Sammy's Point to Driffeld, Riverhead. He planned to include circular walks as well as the linear route.

If you would be interested in joining a small group to recce these walks in the coming year with a view to producing an illustrated leaflet, please contact the editor, Dany Wlodarczyk, email danywlo@yahoo.co.uk

Be Prepared!

ICE In Case of Emergency

Your Area Council is currently considering how to ensure that all walkers on a led walk carry easily accessible medical information such as details of current medication and allergies for use in an emergency. This could be in a waterproof tag fixed inside a rucksack where it can remain private unless required. In the event of a trauma, it is critical to have this information within the golden hour, which can increase the chances of survival.

In addition to carrying the above vital medical information, walkers are reminded that details of emergency contacts can be stored on a mobile phone under the heading of **ICE**. Research has shown that fewer than 25% of people carry any details of who they would like telephoned following a serious accident. More than one contact number can be stored on your phone as ICE1, ICE2 etc. Please be prepared!

Pocklington Coach Ramble

Sunday 14th April 2013

To Masham - with optional trip to the Brewery

The coach will pick up at the following locations: Beverley at 7.45 am followed by Market Weighton, Pocklington and York.

There will be three walks of about 7, 9 and 12 miles, the two shorter walks finishing by 2.30 pm in order to join the brewery tour if desired.

People doing the longer walk will have time to use the Brewery café or other cafés in Masham. Departure at 5 pm for a return to Beverley by around 7 pm. The price is £11 per person plus an extra £4 for the brewery tour.

Contact Martin Hill mph60@btinternet.com for a booking form or phone

01377 270731 or download one from www.eastyorkshireramblers.org.uk

Completed forms and cheques made payable to "PSW" need to be returned to Martin Hill at 4 Keldgarth, Hutton Cranswick, East Yorkshire YO25 9RJ by January 31st 2013.

NB: Early booking is essential due to expected demand for brewery tour.

Fuller details are on the area website. www.eastyorkshireramblers.org.uk.



Dales Bus Winter Timetable

Details of most bus services in the Dales are available online in Metro's [DalesBus Winter 2012-13 Timetable](#)



Winter walking with the East Yorkshire and Derwent Ramblers

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