



Beverley Ramblers Newsletter January 2015

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New Vision for the Ramblers

The Board of Trustees which is responsible for running the Ramblers across Great Britain, has put forward a proposal for a new vision of what we want to achieve over the next ten years. This is based on a conversation with walkers which has been publicised in *Walk* magazine. The proposals have also been on the Ramblers website www.ramblers.org.uk/goallout.

Contact with Ramblers Central Office

Ramblers Central Office is improving the service it offers to members by creating a knowledge base of 'frequently asked questions'. It won't answer all your questions but will help to answer common enquiries quicker. You will be able to use a form to enter your questions and a list of possible answers will appear. Go to the new 'contact us' page on the Ramblers website which is: – www.ramblers.org.uk/membershipenquiries.

Your local Group Committee is always happy to answer any immediate queries you may have, so please contact the relevant secretary whose details are listed at the beginning of this newsletter.

Beverley Group AGM

This was held in November and 17 members attended. Colin Walker, Rural Policy and Strategy Officer with ERYC started the evening with a fascinating description of the drainage of the Hull River valley, through the centuries. After the officers' reports, elections were held for the new committee. As shown above there are some vacancies. We need some more committee members to promote the activities of the group:- a Publicity Officer and an assistant for Barbara to help in arranging social activities. Do consider giving a little time towards the smooth running of the Group and join the committee. Please telephone or email Annette or Shirley if you can help.

Ramblers Worldwide Holidays

From October 2014, the Ramblers entered into a 3 year agreement with Ramblers Worldwide Holidays. The agreement is focused on online opportunities to promote each other and it is hoped that this will bring more members who want to support our work.

Message in a Bottle

Most active members have been given one of these Lions canisters containing a form on which you should enter your personal details, for use in the case of an emergency. You are asked to add your car registration number and Ramblers membership number to this.

Task Force for Path Clearance.

ERYC have indicated that it would permit a group of Ramblers members to cut back excessive vegetation which might be preventing comfortable access to a footpath, probably during the summer months. It is hoped that a group of members could be created who would be willing to undertake such clearance when asked. If you would be interested in joining such a task force please contact Pauline.

Message from Marilyn Skelton, Area Membership Secretary about E-mailshots

Instead of having documents in the three annual mailshots sent to you by post, please consider having them sent as email attachments.

The annual cost of postage from Area funds for the 3 mailings is about £1800, much of which could be saved if more of us opted for e-mailshots.

If you are put off because you like to have the walks booklet as a 'proper' booklet rather than receiving it online, let Marilyn know and she will try to arrange for you to collect one in addition to getting it as an attachment.

Give e-mailshots a try, and if you don't like it you can always revert back to hard copies.

To opt for emails, send your request to areamembers2@hotmail.com or alternatively on the Area website click on the tab 'MEMBERS' and select 'ELECTRONIC MAILSHOT OF NEWSLETTERS'. It would help if you would quote your membership number which is printed on your membership card and which group you belong to.

Thank you

Marilyn Skelton

River Hull Walk

Exploratory walks for the route of the River Hull Walk have met some problems and blockages, so planning is taking longer than expected. We have revised our original plan and now propose to issue, initially, a booklet containing 10 to 12 circular walks around the River Hull. It has been impossible to designate a linear walk from Hull to Driffield, which was our original intention, owing to blockages along the route. When and if, these are cleared it is hoped that a linear route along the river can be described.

Dates for your Diary

Footpath Guardians Meeting. Monday, 16th March at the Lairgate Hotel, Beverley.

Coach Ramble. Sunday, 10th May to the Derbyshire Dales. Further details will be available on the March Newsletter.