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A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

Welcome to our latest, Beverley Group Newsletter. As always, our aim is to keep you informed of club activities, relevant information and any other topical issues.

Our Beverley Group have a small, hard working committee, meeting just four or five times per year to arrange matters for the benefit of members. There is always room on the committee for additional volunteers who would like to be involved assisting in the running of the group. If you would like to be involved within this team, please contact our Chair, David Court on 01482 871703 or E-Mail: courtdvd@fsmail.net

WELCOME

As always, may we say welcome to the following who have joined Beverley Ramblers recently; Pamela Blackman, Alison Howson and John Vause. Thank you for joining us.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting was held at The Ferguson Fawsitt Arms, Walkington on the evening of Thursday 13 October 2016. A total of 22 members attended plus some guests from a local Ramblers affiliated club.

Julie BOWLING gave an interesting illustrated talk on her journey of Camino Frances (Way of St James) from St Jean Pied du Port, a French market town in the foothills of the Pyrenees to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, a distance of 770Km or 480 miles. A vote of thanks was given by Secretary Joe NEAL. This was followed by official business Chaired by David Court.

Following two resignations from our committee, the elected members taking Beverley Ramblers forward into 2017 are as follows;

Chair	David Court	Group Secretary	Joe Neal
Treasurer	Jackie Hosdell	Membership Secretary	Alison Hales
Rambles Secretary	David Court	Footpath Secretary	Vacant *
Countryside Secretary	Bob Dealey	Communications Secretary	Chris Prince
Minutes Secretary	Sue Henry	Social Secretary	Vacant

* post AGM, Chris Prince has volunteered to fill the vacancy.

AGM information highlighted:

Our current membership stands at 336 members, 32 new for 2016.

15 volunteer leaders contributed 51 Sunday walks to the combined Area Programme over the year, plus some evening summer walks in conjunction with Hull and Holderness.

The Countryside sub-group continue to consider the Ramblers response to proposed developments in our area to ensure the needs of walkers are protected.

The newly formed 'Pathmindes' worked around 117 hours over 10 occasions assisting the East Riding of Yorkshire Council in placing 21 way marker/finger posts as well as vegetation clearance around hidden signs and obstructed paths. A great start for this new venture.

EAST YORKSHIRE and DERWENT AREA RAMBLERS WEB SITE

Highlighted in our last Newsletter publication, as well as a step by step guide as to how to access relevant information, please remember to keep checking this facility for news and updates on forthcoming events. As our Newsletters are only circulated three or four times per year, more current material can be found by viewing the "Beverley Group" tab on this web site. An example is the 5 night Lake District holiday mentioned at the foot of the next page.

WALKING SAFETY

Parts of the Highway Code that applies to road users in England, Scotland and Wales, also applies to walkers, Rules 1 – 35 specifically, to pedestrians.

Pedestrians are the most vulnerable road users along with cyclists, motorcyclists and horse riders. It is just as important for car and other vehicle users to be considerate of those on foot, as it is for walkers to be familiar with the rules of the Highway Code, and therefore not put themselves at unnecessary risk.

Except motorways and slip roads, all public roads are open to walkers. Many routes we walk have some element of road walking if only to link public rights of way or areas of open access.

What should we do to ensure our safety?

- Use the pavement (including any path along the side of the road) where there is one.
- Use safe crossings where possible.
- Walk in single file, and on the right side of the road to face oncoming traffic, crossing over when you are about to approach the inside of a bend so that oncoming traffic has a better chance of seeing you and cross back after the bend. The leader and back marker are recommended to have reflective material visible on any walk involving road walking.

[Note. The Highway Code on this point suggest large groups on organised walks should walk on the left. Ramblers organisation do not consider regular led walks to constitute a large group in the sense intended by the Code]

WALKS PARTICIPANT REGISTER

Ramblers have, over the last few years, been providing Volunteer Development Days throughout the UK when those who attend, can engage on a number of workshops to discuss best practice. Members of the Beverley Group have attended Volunteer days in York and Durham, sitting in on 'Walk Leader Workshops', looking at all aspects of how to be a good walk leader and make a safe, enjoyable walk experience.

One matter "strongly recommended" by Ramblers at the start of a walk, is to make a record of those persons undertaking the led walk. Ramblers provide an A4 sheet template for names to be collated by the leader. Some Beverley members who are also members of other walking clubs know this is carried out as routine.

In the current climate of accountability and litigation, Beverley Group Committee members feel they do not have a viable argument to any objective question as to why we did not follow strongly recommended best practice. Therefore, from the 01 April 2017 Spring/Summer schedule, Beverley Group walk leader will be taking names of those participating on walks.

TRIBUTES

The following tributes have been written by our Area President, Dr Peter Ayling.

Ronald Shaw of Cottingham, died in June 2016 aged 86. Ron was a distinguished Professor of Mathematics at Hull University, a keen tennis player and helped bring the Wolds Way into being. David Rubenstein, in his 1972 guide to the Wolds Way, acknowledges the yeoman service of a number of Area members including Ron. We send condolences to Ron's daughter Lizbie and family.

Philip William Pound of Cottingham, died May 2016 aged 74. Bill was a Pharmacist and loved walking over our local paths for many years. He was a key member of the team from our Group that surveyed all 300 plus local paths in the late 1990's, his reports being models of accuracy and detail. We send condolences to his wife Annette and family.

It was with great sadness that we learned that **Danuta (Dany) Wlodarczyk** passed away on 25 October 2016 after a long illness. We extend our deepest sympathy to her devoted sister Irene, Irene's husband and family, their relatives in Britain and Poland, and her close friends.

2017 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 07 May 2017 – Coach Ramble to the Peak District. Choice of walks available.

Sunday 17 to Friday 22 September 2017 – 5 night half board holiday at the Patterdale Hotel, Ullswater for a programme of mixed level walks. See "Beverley Group" web tab for details.