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Social Events

Friday 18th September 2015 - Quiz at The Station Hotel , Pocklington 7.30 pm

Teams of four, £10 per team or £3 per person to enter. A buffet supper will be provided.

For further details contact **Graham West**.

Christmas Meal and Disco *Sat 9th January 2016*
cost around £20 - contact Graham by October to reserve place.

Walking Weekends

Staintondale 13th - 16th November 2015
Kettlewell 4th - 6th March 2016
Staintondale 24th - 27th June 2016
Clapham 16th - 18th September 2016

For further details contact **Chris Spencer**.

Message from the Chairman

We are now moving into autumn in what has been yet another very active year for the group. Membership has held up quite well and walks have generally been quite well attended though as noted elsewhere there has been a decline in our own members on our group walks. Please do feel free to make suggestions for change which we could use to address this issue. You can do this by email to me , mention to a committee member on a walk or even better come to the AGM at the Wellington Oak on 10th November and express your view there.

Talking of the AGM there will be two committee positions vacant. Our diligent,hard working secretary Jane Preston is putting down her pen and she has done the job for the last three years absolutely splendidly so our warm appreciation goes to her.

Secondly Tony Corrigan is standing down as footpath secretary. Tony has been on the Committee for 7 years firstly as Walks Secretary but for the last 5 years as footpath secretary. During this time Tony's dedication and meticulous attention to detail has ensured that the footpaths in our area are better known, better mapped and hopefully better maintained than we could have possibly hoped to expect.

Since Pocklington Group was formed we have been very lucky to have two really excellent footpath secretaries and we do not forget all the groundwork Frank Challinor laid down before Tony took over.

Please try to come to the AGM. Apart from the usual business we have an excellent speaker. Keith Dalby is a recently joined member who is a Veterinary surgeon in Driffield and he will be regaling us with entertaining tales of his experiences keeping the local farm animal stock in healthy shape.

Happy walking. **Tony**



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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 10th November 2015

7.30pm Wellington Oak, Pocklington

There are two posts to be filled on the Committee, Secretary and Footpaths Officer, and nominations for these posts are requested.

Anyone thinking of standing for the posts are welcome to discuss the jobs with the current holders, contact details are in the newsletter.

There will be a talk by Keith Dalby after the formal proceedings and before refreshments.

PATHWATCH Project

Launched on 13th July and intended to be completed by the year end, this project aims to survey by OS grid square, every right of way in England and Wales. The summer edition of Walk magazine carried a 3 page feature encouraging members to volunteer. Only a handful of Pocklington members have registered, half of whom reside outside our group's geographical area. In order to complete surveying our area it would be very helpful if more volunteers came forward.

So please consider registering or, perhaps assisting someone who has registered. Interested - please contact Tony Corrigan on rights of way under control. Area has a team that installs/repairs gates/signs.

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Rights of Way Maintenance

Can you dig a hole; cut back shrubbery; erect some sign posts etc.?

East Riding of Yorkshire Council Countryside Access Team is seeking help from Ramblers members for rights of way maintenance. They will provide equipment, guidance and training. Ramblers teams will work unsupervised, arrange their own schedule and at locations agreed with ERYC Countryside Access.

Path obstruction caused by brambles, nettles and other foliage is a common problem. Autumn/winter months provide an ideal opportunity to remove such obstructions in time for summer walking.

If there is sufficient interest we can form a team concentrating on our area. For further information please contact **Tony Corrigan**.

Walkers' Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 16th December 2015

1.00 pm at the Triton, Sledmere. It will be preceded by a 6 mile walk. Numbers are limited names will be taken on a first come basis. Booking forms will be available from the beginning of October and places will only be confirmed when payment has been received.

Forms available from **Jane Moll: 01759 306395**
email: janemoll@hotmail.com

The closing date for bookings Wednesday 2nd December 2015, if not full before then!

Coach Ramble to Donna Nook to view the Seal Pups

Wednesday 25th November 2015

For much of the year grey seals at the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust's Donna Nook National Nature Reserve are at sea or hauled out on distant sandbanks.

Every November and December, the seals give birth to their pups near the sand dunes: a wildlife spectacle which attracts visitors from across the UK.

The arrangements for the 25th November are proposed as follows:

The coach will pick up at Pocklington, Market Weighton and Beverley and the cost for the coach will be £12 per person.

We have planned a 5 mile walk to Donna Nook to view the seals and their pups. Entrance to the Nature Reserve is free

We have a planned stop on the way home at a hotel in Grimsby for an afternoon tea, comprising of a selection of sandwiches, scones with jam and cream, coffee or tea, and a glass of sparkling wine. The cost is £9.50 per person and is optional.

Contact **Martin Hill** to book your place.

Walking Holiday in the Lakes

Sunday 22nd - Friday 27th May 2016

Due to the success of the walking holiday this year, we are once again offering the chance to join us.

Full details of the hotel can be viewed on the website <http://www.patterdalehotel.co.uk>.

The hotel offers incredible value for money and I have again negotiated a very good rate for us. Details are as follows:

- The cost per person would be £175 for a twin or double 'Patterdale' room with en suite, or £185 with a twin or double 'Lakeland' room with en suite.
- The price quoted is for 5 nights' dinner, bed and breakfast.
- There are very few single rooms, and you need to be aware that single occupancy of any room for two would cost double the negotiated rate.
- Anybody who is interested needs to book directly with the hotel (phone on 08448 11 55 80, a LoCall number).
- To ensure you do not pay more than the special rate, quote 'Pocklington Ramblers' and do not book online.
- A £50 non-refundable deposit per person is required by the hotel

What to do next

1. Book directly with the hotel by telephone
2. When you have booked please contact me so I know who is going (so I can plan what we need to do regarding organisation, and I can also send you any relevant information relating to this holiday)

Bookings are made directly with the hotel, early booking is recommended to ensure your place. You are welcome to bring friends, partners or spouses (they do not have to be Ramblers members)