



YORK GROUP NEWSLETTER

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General Data Protection Regulations

Yes, I know that like everyone else you are sick of the subject, and you have probably been bombarded with email requests to give your consent to this, that, and the other, but there are a couple of aspects which impinge on your Ramblers activities.

To avoid any risk of being excluded from York Ramblers emails, especially if you are a Parish Paths volunteer, your name needs to go on the Central Office database.

The first step is to find your Membership card with your membership number, then you can update your preferences and contact details by:-

1. Phoning Ramblers on **020 7339 8595**, asking for Membership, quoting your number and preferably saying Yes to all three forms of communication – which are post, telephone and email; or
2. Going online at ramblers.org.uk, clicking Register at the top of the page (or Login if you are already registered), entering your details and, to help your group organiser, ticking “Yes” to all three forms of communication. At the very least, please tick Yes for emails. There are three more boxes to tick if you want to have offers from Ramblers partner organisations, but that is up to you.

I have just been through the online process and it is easy.

Other news

York Ramblers Group 20 mile St Leonards Way Challenge Walk

John and Vivienne would like to thank everyone for their amazing support and generosity in raising £820 in sponsorship money for St Leonard’s Hospice. The money that was donated will be used in the direct care of patients and their families, making a real difference to local people’s lives.

It was an amazing day and the 115 walkers that turned out that day were blessed with beautiful weather and stunning views, so well worth the challenge in more ways than one! And just a heads-up, we’re looking for more Ramblers to join us next year, so provisionally mark it in your diary - 4th May 2019.

Vivienne Taylor

Help needed for York Ramblers New Membership Secretary

While Marilyn Skelton has very generously agreed to stay in post until the trauma of Data Protection is over, we will need someone in 2019. If you would like to volunteer,

please contact Marilyn on marilynskelton6@gmail.com so she can explain what is involved in this important work.

Obituaries

Perhaps we should consider the ages of the deceased – and wonder if being a Rambler was at least part of the reason for the longevity?

Arthur James Horne 1912 – 2018

A life member of York Ramblers, Arthur died recently aged 105.

Although he did not walk with groups, in earlier years he was active in trying to get footpaths put on to the NYCC Definitive Map and he was a founder member of the Friends of Hagg Wood in Dunnington, formed in 1996 to protect the wood and its wildlife.

He was the first librarian at York University in 1967 and when he retired after 10 years he became a part time librarian at the Minster Library until 1986.

Among many other interests and hobbies, he was an accomplished watercolour artist who had many articles and pictures published in The Dalesman magazine. He donated many of his paintings to Beverley Art Gallery. *Marilyn Skelton*

George Wade 1918 - 2018

Born on 4th November 1918, sadly George just missed out on his century.

Married in 1959 to the love of his life, Barbara, George, a railway accounts clerk, was subsequently posted to York and soon became an established member of the local rambling scene. Over the years George, always accompanied by Barbara, led many walks for the York and Ryedale Groups, later becoming associated with the York Amblers, prior to retiring from the rambling scene.

Quite a character, George considered the lunch break should be on the stroke of noon and would question the leader if the break was to be later. Finally at the end of a walk he was always first away with Barbara often having to jump into a moving car.

Away from walking, he was an excellent gardener, enjoyed playing Bridge, was a knowledgeable wine maker and an avid reader. He will always be affectionately remembered in local rambling circles. *Alan Clark*

Report on May Coach Ramble

The early start was well worth it! The 7.45 departure from Hospital Fields Road left before time, Memorial Gardens people were punctual, and on arriving at the BP garage, there was only one person in sight! Shortly afterwards, the full complement boarded.

The leaders, Eric Smith (12 miles), Lynn Croskin (10 miles), and Anne and Bill Bradley (8 miles), all handed round maps showing their routes and also the walk profiles, then

they all described the walks. Eric's plan of doing all the uphill before lunch was most popular, and the group met Lynn and her team around midday, as they completed most of the same walk but in the opposite direction.

The weather was kind, always dry, with a light breeze to stop us from overheating. The gently-rounded hills of the River Coquet valley are not dramatic – apart from one or two cliff faces to go up or down – and in a couple of places from the cairns there were 360-degree views. The heat haze prevented us from seeing the sea, but the scenery was very pleasant.

Six people went to Cragside where they had a friendly welcome – for that small a number the coach was permitted into the parking space on a Sunday, (usually coaches are banned at the weekend) and the driver was even loaned a bike so he could cycle round the area.

Early gathering of the culture visitors and the 8-milers allowed them to have an excellent tea-and-cake stop in Rothbury. The longer walkers just made it for the 5pm departure time, but this was relaxed for 30 minutes, so welcome tea or beer was possible.

Future payments to York Ramblers

We have been informed by our bank that it will now cost 30p for each cheque we pay in. At present all charges are paid by Ramblers central office, however, very soon this charge will have to be paid by York Group.

Please try to avoid using cheques wherever possible and pay by bank transfer which is now the only free method of payment. This can be done via Internet banking services, by telephone banking (if your bank has this service), or over the counter (where your bank provides this service). *Lynn Croskin*

YORK GROUP COACH RAMBLE, Sunday 14 October

The autumn coach ramble is going to the Saddleworth area of the South Pennines with three walks all starting from Uppermill, Lancashire and finishing in Marsden, Yorkshire. The walks are varied in length, total ascent and in the type of footpath. All, however, cross some areas of moorland where it is a good idea to have gaiters to hand in case it has been raining. The tall rushes and molinia grass do hold the water!

The area is rich in industrial history with the 'C' walk following in the hoof prints of the canal horses as they had to walk over the hills while the bargees 'legged' the boats through the long, deep Standedge tunnel. The 'B' walk will go to the Castleshaw area with its Roman fort and possible Roman road. The 'A' walk is going high above both towns and there are amazing views - we will hope the mist is not too bad.

There are a variety of places for refreshment after the walks. It is the weekend of the Marsden Jazz Festival so the town will be busy with many free events taking place all day.

Avis Strudwick

YORK GROUP COACH RAMBLE

Sunday 14 Oct 2018 to Uppermill, near Oldham, to Marsden. There will be three walks, 11 miles and 3000 feet led by Alastair Bloom, 9.75 miles and 1550 feet led by Avis Strudwick, and 7.5 miles and 1140 feet led by Doreen Felton. The coach will pick up at the normal times of:

- 08:25** Hospital Fields Road (join coach at Ingleby's Depot at the end of the road, on-street parking)
- 08:40** Memorial Gardens
- 08:50** Texaco (formerly BP) garage, Great North Way near the A1237 Nether Poppleton roundabout.

BOOKING: Cost £12 per person

There are two ways of booking your seat:-

1. If at all possible, please pay directly into our bank account at: Sort code **608301**, Account no. **20129521**, please use your surname as a reference and email ALL the details which go on your form to lynn@croskin.myzen.co.uk
2. If you really cannot use Internet banking, then print off the booking form from the York Ramblers website, or use the form below, cheques should be made payable to Ramblers Association. Please post the completed form and cheque to: **Lynn Croskin, 18 Beech Court, Pocklington, York YO42 2NE.**

Please assume that your seat is booked unless you are told otherwise. If you cancel within the 36 hours before the event and we can fill the seat, a refund will be sent to your Bank.

Sunday 14 Oct 2018

COACH RAMBLE BOOKING FORM

Name(s)

Pick-up at

Cheque for £ enclosed

Email

Or telephone

Although you can make your final choice of walk on the coach, it would help the leaders if you would indicate which walk you are likely to join.