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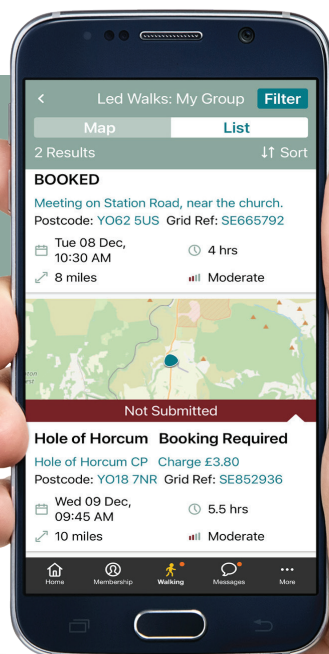
Try these step-by-step instructions to explore!

Now couldn't be a better time than to 'get digital' and stay in touch with your local Ramblers Group by downloading this free App onto your digital devices. And it's not just local, there are hundreds of walks wherever you are.

1. Check you have an email address in your digital 'My account' on the Ramblers website:
 - **YES, I DO** – go to Step 2.
 - **NO, I DON'T** – 'sign up for a digital account' on the Ramblers website – it only takes a minute! Wait until the next day, then go to Step 2.
2. Make sure you have your membership card handy or know your membership number.
3. Visit the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android phones)
4. Search for the app using the term 'Ramblers' then download the app.
5. Go to 'Sign In' and then 'Log In' and put in your email and password. These should be exactly the same details as are on 'My account'.
6. Explore and enjoy!

Wishing you all a
Merry Christmas
and a happy and
healthy 2021.

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yorkramblers.org.uk



Ian Reavill
Chairman

Letter From Our Chairman

Dear *York Rambler members*

I hope you are managing to cope with all the restrictions we've been enduring, keeping well, and getting out and walking whenever possible. Last month we held our Zoom AGM, which was quite a lively event, with a good attendance, and I am very grateful to the committee, who all agreed to serve for another year.

It's a long time since we've sent out a newsletter, which I'm sure you will appreciate is due to the many restrictions that have been imposed due to the pandemic. But after the second lockdown and the good news of a vaccine being rolled out, we organised a Zoom Committee Meeting to look at ways we could move forward.

Therefore you will see from the individual walking group reports within this Newsletter how each walking group will be organising future events. As has always been the case, and works extremely well, each section leader decides what is the best way to plan the walks for their group. I am extremely grateful for the time and effort that the section leaders put into ensuring we have a Covid-safe environment and a varied walking programme, which has restarted this month.

It is sad however that we will be unable to visit areas in Tier 3 and even more saddened that members living within Tier 3 areas will be unable to join us. Obviously we have to abide by the government rules and Ramblers Central Office directives regarding outdoor group activities, and we ensure that this is happening on all our walks. We are aware that there are many of you who are not happy with walking in a group, but hopefully you have found friends with whom you can walk. If anyone feels they would like help in making contact with someone to walk with then please contact me at poppletonrev88@gmail.com or phone me on 01904 794645.

Looking to the future, you can be sure that as soon as restrictions are lifted we will be drawing up the six month programme with the other groups in our area. The only change is that the programme will run from November to April, and from May to October, a month later than previously. Hopefully, we may be able to include the coach rambles to Bakewell and Malham, planned for May and September this year into the appropriate months in 2021.

It's been gratifying to see that we have several new members in our group. I hope they will be able to join in our planned walks.

Finally, I would also like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas, and that 2021 will bring us a wonderful programme of walks.



Let's Get Walking for our health and well being

Due to the pandemic there will be no Walks Programme booklet for the foreseeable future, therefore the only way to keep in touch will be via the website or by contacting someone who has access to the internet. It would be useful if those who have email addresses and opted out, would opt back in as they could be kept better informed especially in the current climate.

For those members who do not have access to the internet I hope you find the information in the newsletter useful.

Our website yorkramblers.org.uk show all the walks for all the groups.

Footpath Update

Simon Lyle

By the time you read this most Parish Monitors will have received my email asking for confirmation of the Parishes being monitored. If you have not received this request, could any one who is monitoring a parish and hasn't already done so please let me know the parishes you are looking after, and if you have walked them this year. If there are members out there who would like to adopt a parish please contact me at sibetol@btinternet.com.

Thank you and happy monitoring.



A socially distanced Wednesday walk

York Ramblers

Tuesday Walks

Linda Gall

Our fortnightly Tuesday walks of 7 to 8 miles started again after the last lockdown on 8th December. Details will be available on the website of future walks. There is a booking system for up to 10 walkers, if you are unable to book through the internet please ring or text 07801 490748.

York Amblers

Judith Tosh

Ambles will be aware that there has been no official programme of walks since March and this is to continue. There have been Friends Ambles, up to six in number, but they have not been official Ramblers walks. This has been on an ad hoc basis and will continue until such times as we feel comfortable in opening them as official Ramblers walks. I have coordinated the Friends Ambles and if you would like further information about any in the future please do contact me (info in old Area Walks Programme booklet). The same applies if you feel that you would like to organise a walk. When going out to walk either in a group of 6 or smaller number it is necessary to be aware of the tiers and regulations re COVID.

York Wednesday Walks

Steve Hoather

The Wednesday Rambles resumed on December 2 with a very enjoyable walk from Coxwold. I am aiming to have a full programme with a walk each week, but this will depend on sufficient leaders. Group size may be less than the 30 permitted in the Government guidelines some weeks, at the leader's discretion, and some walks may need places booked in advance.

Details of the walks will be published on the websites about 1 week in advance. For those without internet access, details can be obtained by texting or ringing Mike Norman on 07582 547429

York Public Transport Walks

Avis Strudwick

The Public Transport group remains suspended due to government restrictions on the use of buses and trains. As soon as these are removed the group will burst into action with a new programme of walks. We wish all walkers a Happy Christmas and hope that 2021 will be an improvement on 2020, it could not be much worse!

