

A sort of Newsletter for February 2013

1) News from the Chair

Area Annual Meeting 2014

The South Yorkshire and North East Derbyshire Area Ramblers' AGM will be held in Sheffield on Saturday 25th January 2014. The most likely location is the Woodland Discovery Centre, Abbey Lane (the sawmill). The Sheffield Group will be hosting the event. Please put it in your diary as we will be wanting a few volunteers on the day as walk leaders and kitchenette "staff".

"Spirit of Kinder" Day

Following on from the successful Kinder Trespass 80th Anniversary event last year, there will be a "Spirit of Kinder" event on Saturday 27th April 2013, at New Mills Town Hall between 2-00pm and 4-30pm. The speakers will include Keith Warrender (writer), who will give an illustrated talk on the Kinder Trespass, a National Trust speaker on "Kinder today" and Kate Ashbrook, National President of the Ramblers, who will highlight national campaigning issues. If anyone is interested in leading a short walk around the New Mills area during the morning, please let us know.

Edale Mountain Rescue Training Day

Unfortunately, the proposed training event will have to be deferred until later in the year or even next year because only a few places were taken up. Please let us know if you would be interested later in the year.

Terry Howard

2) Environmental Working Party or "fixit"

Here's a quick report on our 1st working party in Totley Rise on Monday 11th February. Despite awful weather, 6 of us wielded the spades and made some impression on the site off Laverdene Ave. The job was to cut back bushes from paths and widen and level parts of the path. There is still work to be done on that site, namely building two sets of steps.

Dates for future working parties for your diary. Full information to follow closer to each date:

March 4th, Monday	April 2nd, Tuesday (because of Easter)
May 6th, Monday	June 3rd, Monday
July 1st Monday	August 5th, Monday
Sept. 2nd Monday	Oct. 7th, Monday
Nov. 4th, Monday	Dec. 2nd, Monday

If you want to help out in future, please contact Jan Randall on 266 5063 or Terry Howard on 266 5438

Jan Randall

3) Now we can see the wood for the trees!

At the end of January the Government announced that it would not be selling off England's public forests as it had previously intended in plans set out in 2011. Instead the new plan is to transfer the woodlands to a trust held by an independent body for future generations. Whilst there is, as yet, no clear idea of the make up of the body, its finances, or a timetable for its establishment, the Government's change of direction does in principle safeguard the future of the public forests secured in public ownership.

This change of direction came about following considerable public protest about the sell off plans. Many organisations, including the Ramblers Association, campaigned vigorously to reverse the initial decision because of fears about loss of woodland and/or access. This led to the setting up of an independent panel to examine different options. In July 2012, the panel suggested in its report that the forests should remain in public ownership and greater priority be given to protection of wildlife and the environment. These recommendations have now been accepted. In addition there will be a small increase in the amount of new planting.

All this is good news for walkers - as long as the Government does not change its mind again!

Gordon Pursglove

4) Put on your dancing shoes

Ceilidh and Social Evening,

Due to popular demand following the 2 successful ceilidhs in previous years, please make a note of the date, time and place for this year if you would like to come and join in the fun, dancing or simply socialising with old and new friends:

Friday 8th November 2013. 7.30 to 11pm

It will be held at Burton Street Community Centre. This should be reasonably accessible for all, given that it is on both the yellow and blue routes of Supertram-Bamforth Street tram stop....then take the second road on the right towards Hillsborough & it will bring you to Burton Street. For those of you wishing to take your car there will be ample parking in the area.

The Stompin' Hooley Band will be providing larger than life music and step by step guidance of the dances (with good humour and patience!!)

We will be having a pie and pea supper to help put back some of the calories we'll be using up with all the dancing or simply getting round all the folk to have a natter! Oh yes and of course there will be a bar to wet our whistles too!!!

Tickets are on sale price £10 from Carole Rhodes (0114 2838234). Please state when ordering your tickets if you prefer to have the vegetarian option for your pie and pea supper.

I hope you will be able to come and enjoy yourselves making it a 'fun' night to remember as we celebrate being Ramblers with the urge to dance as well as 'ramble'.

Carole Rhodes

5) Transport News

Programme changes

Tuesday walks

Some of the Tuesday walks that hadn't been filled prior to the programme going to print have now been added. The four new Tuesday walks are:

19th February, "Following the other Wentworths". 09.40, N^o.265 bus to Worsborough Mill, SK352033. Walk starts 10.30, 8 miles. Leader Geoff Woolhouse;

23rd July, "Hope to Make It".

09.45, N^o.272 bus to Hope. Walk starts 10.45, 7 miles. Leader Janet Herridge;

20th August, "Around Eyam and Calver". 09.25, N^o.65 bus to Eyam. Walk starts 10.10, 7 miles. Leader Janet Herridge;

22nd October, "A Walk Through Some Dales". 09.25, N^o.65 bus to Tideswell.

Walk starts 10.25, 7 miles. Leader Janet Herridge.

However there are three Tuesdays, 29th October, 5th November and 17th December, that still await offers for leading a walk.

Bus changes

Unsurprisingly, there have been some changes to the 2013 programme since some bus times were revised at the end of January:

The **214 bus** on the following dates **26th March, 24th July, 14th August and 2nd October** changes from 09.28 to 09.25;

The **97 bus** on **21st May** changes from 09.57 to 09.52;

The **97 bus** on **27th May** changes from 09.37 to 08.48, start 0915;

The **51 bus** on **19th June** will now leave from Church Street at 09.00 instead of Arundel Gate at 08.59, (This arrangement is only relevant for those people with bus passes valid after 09.00);

The **76 bus** on **27th August** now leaves from High Street;

The **97 bus** on **11th September** changes from 09.17 to 09.12;

The **97 bus** on **8th October** changes from 09.57 to 09.52;

The **11 bus** on **6th November** is now 0947 but now going to Nethergate, SK300882, the start time will remain the same.

Walk Swaps

Two walks have now swapped.

1) Chris Dauris's car ramble, 'Where We Used to Walk', and Trevor Moss's walk, 'It's Nice Down Here', have changed places. Chris will now lead his walk on Sunday 28th July and Trevor will lead his on Sunday 25th August'.

2) David Hogg's walk, 'Through Chatsworth', and Margaret Armitage's walk, 'Above The Cow Line', have changed places. David will lead his walk on Wednesday 18th September and Margaret will lead hers on Wednesday 25th September. Please consult the Walks Calendar for full details of these walks.

Paul Pugh

6) The Sheffield Ramblers website

If you haven't visited the Sheffield Ramblers website, www.sheffieldramblers.org, recently you will find that the site has been completely redesigned. I hope you like what you see and that it is easy to find the information you want. As well as the changes to the look of website there are some new facilities you that are accessed from the website.

On the *Home* page you will see a *Quick Links* panel on the left. The links take you to the items that should be of most use. These items can also be accessed from the appropriate sections on the menu at the top of the page.

Our Next Walks takes you to a list of all our walks. The ones marked with "(WO)" are run by the Walking Out team to encourage new walkers. *Walks Changes* takes you to a calendar of changes to advertised walks and events. Only the changes are listed and this is worth checking before a walk in case, for example, the bus time has changed. Click on an entry to see the full details. To make sure that information is kept properly up to date, and of course so that I can put my feet up, the Rambles Committee look after the main walks list and the calendar. If you are making a change to a walk please email the information to rambles@sheffieldramblers.org.

You can get notifications about walks changes, and other events not listed in the main programmes, emailed to you by subscribing to the **Sheffield Ramblers Updates** news group. You will find the instructions on the *Walk Changes* page. This should be a really useful way of keeping informed and you won't get masses of emails. You can also subscribe to this Newsletter from the *Newsletter* web page and register for the Blog on the *News & Views*. The Blog has information and comments about all the Sheffield Ramblers activities contributed by registered members. Margaret Armitage, our blog administrator, looks after this (my feet up again!)

There is a lot more to the site and I suggest you explore it using the menu at the top of each page. I find the *Weather and Travel* page useful with live forecasts supplied by the Met Office. John Brightmore has also produced a very useful guide, on this page, to transport charges to help you find the cheapest tickets.

There will be more to come as new facilities are asked for and information is updated frequently so do pop back to see what's new. Even if you have not registered to contribute to the blog it is well worth checking out because it has plenty of news and views. I am hoping to change the photos across the site from time to time so if you have any you think would go well send me an email to let me know; you can also display them on the blog if you register.

If you have any comments or spot a problem do get in touch.

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