

The Sheffield Rambler



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AGM-Time Again

Sheffield Group AGM on Tuesday 12th November

The speaker at the AGM will be Roy Taylor of the RSPB. He will give a presentation on the Eastern Moors Partnership and Sheffield Moors Partnership. The RSPB and the National Trust are the key organisations in managing all these moorland areas for the foreseeable future, along with the Wildlife Trust. This is your best opportunity to find out what is going on now and will be going on in the future in our local moorland areas.



Area AGM at the Woodland Discovery Centre, Ecclesall Wood, on Saturday 25th January 2014

Sheffield Group will be hosting the area AGM at the Centre. A walk will be organised from the Centre starting at 10-30 in the morning and in the afternoon, from one o'clock, our volunteers will be offering "hospitality", in the form of tea, coffee and biscuits, as well as a "welcome" to members from other groups.

Terry Howard
Chairperson



Recruitment Drive?

Membership News

Once again the group membership has declined over the year. By 31st August 2013, our numbers had shrunk by 74, down to 673. This compares poorly with the peak of 927 in 2005.

The dramatic drop in the last year is not quite as dire as it first appears, although on considered assessment, it is still disappointing.

In the previous year, 2011-12, we gained a few members and the combined loss was 65 over those two years. Over the earlier two years, 2009-11, the combined loss was 70 members, about the same. On a four-year perspective we are losing an average of more than 32 members each year with no sign that this rate of loss is slowing.

During this last year 51 new members joined the group, but, unfortunately, this is not sufficient to maintain our numbers.

Kind Regards

Malcolm MacKay
Sheffield Group membership secretary



Situation vacant

Web & IT deputy wanted

I think our web site and email groups are becoming important to members and I want to make sure we have good back up support. So, I am looking for someone as a deputy to make sure that we are not just dependent on one person who might go and disappear into a bog.

A deputy would not be expected to do development work but to be able to help maintain our web and IT facilities. This would include membership of our email groups, some administration of our web domain (particularly email forwarding and blog membership), and possibly some admin on the web site.

The deputy would ideally have experience in web and IT admin. You would also need to be happy learning some new skills as necessary. If you are interested, get in touch and I can explain more to you.

Thanks

Dave Jefferies

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And One More

Coach Rambles 2013

A successful series of coach rambles was topped off by another one to the Yorkshire Dales. The coach was full, it was a beautiful day, the scenery was spectacular and I ended the day with a tasty jacket potato and a cup of tea! Each coach ramble was well attended. Fewer people than normal had to cancel because of illness or injury. Every ramble made a small profit.

The 2014 rambles are to the South Pennines, lower Nidderdale, Saltaire and the Hambleton Hills. I am waiting for prices from the coach company, but already know that there will be increases, so I will probably have to raise prices next year.

I have let the committee know that I am willing to organise rambles next year, but this will be the last year that I do the job. If you are interested in taking over from me, please contact me or someone else on the committee. In case you are interested, it would probably be a good idea to help me with organising a couple of next years as a sort of deputy so that I can show you the ropes.

Susan Rushworth

Changes ahead for Walking Out

From 2014 Walking Out in Sheffield will be re-branded as Sheffield Ramblers' Shorter Walks Programme, with the intention of providing a programme of shorter and slower paced walks to those in the regular programme. These will take place on designated Thursdays and Saturdays and, like Walking Out, will be available to members and the general public.

Saturday walks should be Strider walks between 5 and 7 miles, Thursday walks an equal mix of similar Strider and shorter Stroller walks no longer than 4 miles and on generally easy terrain with no stiles, if possible.

All current walk leaders are invited to submit walks, either using the template on the website (when available) or by email to the coordinator at walkingout@sheffieldramblers.org. There is no longer the need to meet at 10am in the Travel Interchange for the new Shorter Walks. The leader should choose the most convenient time and place to meet the group. The dates are:

A printed list of Shorter Walks will appear as an insert in the 2014 booklet. This list will also be available from Tourist Information and libraries. Shorter Walks will continue to be advertised in the Sheffield Telegraph listings and on the walkers' page of Sheffield Forum. The deadline for submission of walks is 15 November.

	Striders	Strollers
Jan:	Sat 18	Thu 30
Feb:	Sat 8 Thu 20	
Mar:	Sat 1 Sat 22	Thu 13
Apr:	Thu 3 Sat 26	
May:	Thu 22 Sat 31	Thu 1
Jun:	Sat 7 Thu 26	Thu: 5
Jul:	Sat 5 Sat 26 Thu 31	Thu 17
Aug:	Sat 9	Thu 21
Sep:	Sat 13 Thu 18	
Oct:	Sat 4 Sat 18 Thu 30	Thu 9
Nov:	Sat 1 Sat 29	Thu 20
Dec:	Thu 18	

Rob Haslam, Coordinator.

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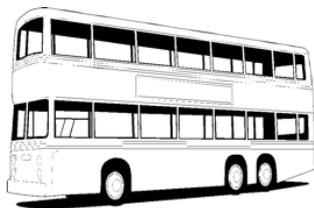
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F o u r m i l e s

Transport



Bus changes

From Saturday, October 26th, an additional bus will run to Ringinglow on Saturdays only: service 4 from the Interchange via Psalter Lane. This is operated by TM Travel under contract to South Yorkshire PTE.

<u>Outward journey</u>	<u>Return journey</u>
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Time: 09.35

Time: 16.01

Stand: 6

This will be useful for people wishing to walk on a Saturday as Ringinglow is a good starting point for walks into Derbyshire. Please try and support this service.

From Sunday, October 27th, Service 57 to Stocksbridge will run only to Outibridge, via Worrall, in the evenings after 20.55 and all day on Sundays. The Supertram link bus will be extended to Stocksbridge (Unsliven Bridge) to cover for the bus which has been taken off. There will be Supertram link buses from Middlewood on Sundays at 09.25 and every 20 minutes thereafter.

Full details of both these services are on: www.travelsouthyorkshire.com and timetable leaflets are in the Travel Centres.

John Brightmore
Public Transport Representative

From Times Gone By

“A rambler made is a man improved”

The following is an extract from the 1952 - 53 edition of the walking programme produced for the Sheffield CLARION RAMBLERS, then in its fifty-second year. After the details of each walk, there was a poem. This one appeared for the walk on Sunday, 19th October, 1952, which was a circular from Hope and was 17 miles!

**When the dust of the workshop is still,
The dust of the workman at rest,
May some generous heart find a will
To seek and to treasure his best.**

**From the splendour of hopes that deceived;
From the wonders he planned to do;
From the glories so nearly achieved;
From dreams that so nearly came true.**

**From his struggle to rise above earth
On the pinions that could not fly;
From his sorrows; oh, seek for some worth
To remember the workman by.**

**If in vain; if time sweeps all away,
And no laurel from that dust springs;
'Tis enough that a loyal heart say.
“He tried to make beautiful things.”**

This is an epitaph from “*Wild Fruit*”, a collection of poems by Eden Philpotts, octogenarian, a Dartmoor novelist, published in 1910.

They were clearly a cultured lot back in 1952, those ramblers. So, how about we re-introduce this custom - a poem to accompany every walk? I think maybe planning the walk would be the easy bit!!!

Linda Cooley
Editor