



Dany's Bench

On Sunday 28th October 2018 opposite Millington Church, members of Beverley Ramblers gathered with friends of Dany Wlodarczyk, to dedicate a bench in her memory.

Dany died in October 2016 (see Area News January 2017 for obituary), she occupied many posts on Area Council with great distinction including Secretary, Webmaster, Area News Editor, Chairman. and was also a Vice President. She also held several posts in Beverley Group, including that of Rambles and Minutes Secretary. Dany was a delightful person and is still missed by many.



Photo shows Monday Area Walks group enjoying their Xmas Lunch at the Minerva Pub, Hull. The group is thriving, with an average of around 27 walkers per weekly walk.

Volunteers Urgently Needed for Vital Roles on Area Council

At the Area AGM in January, it was disappointing that replacements could not be found for several vital roles on Area Council. These included Area Chair, Treasurer and Webmaster. The first two are a mandatory requirement for our Area to function. Members are therefore asked to seriously consider volunteering a little of their time to fill these crucial vacancies. For more information please contact Stephen Down (Secretary) e-mail: stevie@getdown.org.uk or Peter Ayling (President) peterayling@peterayling.karoo.co.uk.

Area Treasurer Required

In a few weeks the Area will need a Treasurer. The Ramblers' Finance Guidance states:-

"The Area Treasurer is a key member of the Area committee and is charged with 'holding the purse strings'. They are involved in planning the Area's expenditure for the upcoming year and liaising with Group Treasurers and central office to direct funding in the best interests of the charity. They are also tasked with ensuring the accountability of the Area and its Groups through ongoing accounting and annual financial reporting."

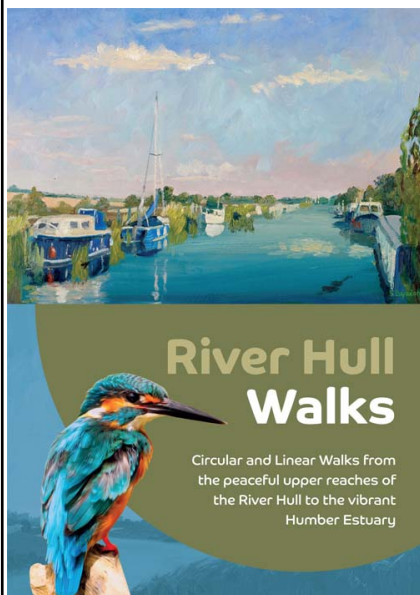
In reality this means that the Area Treasurer ensures that:

- Area income and expenditure is managed and finance records are kept
- regular financial reports are made to Area Council, to keep them up to date on ongoing income and expenditure, the level of funds held and future funding requirements
- the annual accounts and Treasurer's report are completed and independently examined in time for the Area Annual General Meeting and the annual return to central office is completed and submitted by the deadline
- the annual funding exercise, and the submission of a budget for the coming year are completed by the deadline
- the Area maintains sufficient funds to continue its activities for the foreseeable future whilst ensuring that funds do not accumulate and remain unspent
- Groups are adequately funded and that Group annual returns and budgets are forwarded to central office by the deadline

On average the time required is less than an hour a week and in many weeks there is no activity. The electronic cashbook keeps things simple and organises transactions in the way central office require for the annual return. If no one comes forward to take on this role, then it is very likely that Area activities will be curtailed, for instance that future Walks Programmes and Newsletters will only be available on the website, provided the Webmaster post is filled.

If you would like to take on this role contact an Area Council member or the current treasurer, George Malcolm (01757 248735) who can also provide further information.

River Hull Booklet



When Dany Włodarczyk passed away in October 2016, she had completed a first draft of a book of walks along the River Hull. She was anxious to see the project completed, and we had already received a generous bequest from Jack and Nora Straker specifically for getting the booklet published so the Beverley Ramblers Committee felt obliged to complete the project as a tribute to Dany.

From the technical side, the first job was to get the separate photos, maps and route descriptions into a continuous electronic document, prior to checking the route was viable. A longstanding foot path dispute around Wilfhome meant having to survey a new route through Aike involving a 3 mile detour, whilst the riverside path around Top Hill Low was not a public right of way, so had to be rerouted along the Barmston Drain.

A chance conversation with Susan Beaulah resulted in her generously permitting us to illustrate the booklet with her gorgeous paintings. I spent many hours with David Waterson at the publishers discussing the layout and font. Eventually getting to a 13th draft when we felt enough was enough, only to learn that two landmarks in Hull, the Spurn Light vessel, and Arctic Corsair were both to be moved!

I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the project to completion, although it remains a frustration that a lack of rights of way between Brigham and Wansford means that a continuous walk from Hull to Driffield is not possible. There are 12 walks in the book, all are either along the riverbank or connected with the River Hull and its valley. There are five linear walks along the riverbank and seven circular walks that take you along sections of the river and then out into its hinterland.

The booklet is available from Beverley Tourist Information Centre cost £4:00, or from me cost £5:00 if I post it to you or £4:00 by hand. Please e-mail me at jjdneal@hotmail.co.uk or write to me at 14 Sloe Lane, Beverley, HU17 8ND if you would like a copy.

Joe Neal, secretary Beverley Group

BBC COUNTRYFILE LIVE AT CASTLE HOWARD

15th to 18th August 2019

Our Area will have a stand at this high profile event and are looking for volunteers. If you have a few hours to spare to help on any of the four days and would enjoy engaging with the public and talking about Ramblers we would like to hear from you.

Please register your interest by emailing Ann Laing at maggieann16@live.co.uk, further details will then be provided nearer the date.

Area Camp

The Area Camp for 2019 will take place across the weekend of Friday 7th June to Monday 10th June. Our camp ground will be Kettlewell Camping, Conistone Road, Kettlewell, North Yorkshire BD23 5RE

Everyone is welcome to join us including B&Bs/holiday home/day visitors. Although the actual walks have yet to be finalised and checked, the Yorkshire Dales are lovely and offer some of the best walking in the country. If you are interested in coming along or would like further information please contact Donna & Wayne Dosdale by email to: dosdale99@hotmail.com or phone 0770 3042881 as soon as possible.

Free Navigation Training

Do you sometimes get lost? Are you occasionally confused by what's on the map? Do you know what a compass can do for you other than point to North? Then why not come on one of my navigation courses? The course consists of you studying a training book, which I will supply. We then go out for a day on the Moors to put into practice what you have learnt, and the best part is that there is no charge for this course.

Each course has only four students and I supply each of them with an OS map of the area and a Silva compass. We spend about 6 hours on the moors, mostly in open access moorland, carrying out a series of navigation exercises in pairs. We do map reading exercises to determine our position using landmarks; use compass bearings to walk across open moorland to a location and use pacing and timing to judge the distance we have travelled. Afterwards we usually go to a teashop in Hutton-le-Hole to talk over the day.

I am a silver level mountain leader and used to lead for HF Holidays and have run 24 of these courses, so I don't usually get lost. If you are interested then please contact me on 01904500462 or samdavbor@yahoo.com
Sam Borman



Pocklington Coach Ramble to Haworth on Sunday 30th June 2019

This year our coach ramble will be to Haworth, West Yorkshire, (the home of the Brontë family). There will be a choice of walks of varying lengths and for those not wanting to walk, it is a beautiful area with the option to take a steam train ride on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway. There will be also be an opportunity to go on a short Haworth Brontë Walking Tour incorporating a trip around the Parsonage.

The outline plan for the day is as follows:

- The coach will leave Beverley at 8am and call at Market Weighton and Pocklington before arriving in Haworth at around 10.30am. The coach will drop off some walkers at Hebden Bridge, and may also drop off at Oxenhope
- There will be a choice of walks in the area. One possibility is for a linear walk from Hebden Bridge to Haworth, utilising the Pennine Way passing Top Withins and the Brontë bridge and waterfalls. Shorter circular walks are possible from Haworth and an easier linear walk from Oxenhope. If any member would like to lead a specific walk, all contributions gratefully accepted
- There will be an opportunity to do the Haworth Brontë Walking Tour at 2.30pm on Sunday 30th June 2019. The walk and visit will take about 90 minutes and is subject to a minimum of 10 in the group. An official guide will show our group around the village, revealing what it was like in the Brontë's' day, disclosing some of its many secrets. This includes a tour around the Parsonage. The group rate for the tour is £9 for 65 and overs, and £11 for 64 and under (minimum of 10)
- For non- walkers there is Haworth (and the Brontë Parsonage) to explore and also the Keighley and Worth Steam Railway <https://kwvr.co.uk/> which featured in the film 'The Railway Children'
- We will research the options to eat out in the area, and will let those booking know the options well in advance of the 30th June
- We expect to return to Beverley, the last stop, by 8.30pm at the latest

Booking

The cost of the coach will be £13 per person. The optional Haworth Brontë Walking Tour will of course, cost extra. To book, please contact Martin Hill by email mph60@btinternet.com or telephone 01377 270731

Ryedale Ramblers Coach Ramble - Sunday 30th June 2019 to Swaledale

Enjoy 'A Grand Day Out' with us on the Coach Ramble, there will be two led walks- one of medium length and a longer walk. However if you do not want to undertake one of these walks, here is a suggestion of how you could enjoy Richmond and then join us for a carvery at the Anchor Inn, Whixley (main course is included in the cost)

Richmond Drummer Boy Walk

This 3 mile walk starts in the Market square, joins a riverside path passing the Drummer Boy Stone onto St Agatha's Abbey and Church. It then crosses the river and follows the line of the old railway to re-cross the river and walk through The Batts (small park) and around the castle back to the start. Printed maps will be available and further information can be downloaded at <https://www.richmond.org>

There will be two pick-up points, Norton car park at 08.00 and Clifton Moor (Flying Legends car park) at 08.30. The coat is £25 per person (including the meal), for further details please contact Pat Donnor, Tel: 01751 474667 or email patdonnor@talktalk.net

Cleveland Way 50th Anniversary

The York Public Transport walks group is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Cleveland Way by walking the first half of the trail in the spring/summer programme. The walks are all being led by Roger Brook, the dates and sections are as follows:



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| 1. | 20th April | Helmsley to Sutton Bank - 10miles |
| 2. | 8th June | Sutton Bank to Osmotherley - 12miles |
| 3. | 6th July | Osmotherley to Clay Bank - 11miles |
| 4. | 10th Aug | Clay Bank to Kildale - 10miles |
| 5. | 14th Sept | Kildale to Saltburn - 12.5miles |

Unfortunately it is not possible to do the Cleveland Way by public transport without having to hire a minibus to get to or from some of the sections. For this reason booking is essential and we will only be taking bookings from the Friday one week before the walk to Tuesday midnight before each walk. Enquiries can be made after this but with no guarantee that there will be space on the booked transport. All bookings must be made via our group email address: ptwalks@yahoo.co.uk.

Photo from Hull & Holderness walk from Welton on 2nd February. As you can see, only group committee members were brave/foolish enough to turn up.



Colin retires as Monday afternoon walks organiser

Colin Mullender (aged 86) secretary and walks organiser of the Monday Area walks group, has recently decided to step down from the role. The photo taken at our Area AGM at Beverley in January 2019, shows Colin being presented with a gift voucher in token of appreciation for his hard work, from his Monday afternoon walking friends. Also in the photo are Peter Harrison, Colin's successor and Peter Ayling, the Area President.

Colin has been a great volunteer in our Area for many years, as a leader of walks all over the East and North Yorkshire, as Area Treasurer and member of Area Council from 2004 - 2009, as member and Chair of Beverley Group, and for many years the guiding presence behind the Area Monday Walks. In Colin's safe hands the popularity the group has increased to the point where there is now a walk every Monday and number of walkers average about 27.

Path Protection and Maintenance

Beverley, Pocklington and Scarborough Groups operate Footpath Maintenance Teams. They carry out a variety of tasks, including undergrowth clearance, erecting sign posts, installing kissing gates and bridge repairs. Most groups now have volunteers surveying rights of way in order to maintain and improve countryside access. Volunteers are researching "Lost Rights of Way" with the aim of restoring them to the Definitive Map.



GYBO (Get Your Boots On- our under 40s group) has had a busy few months.

The walks diary has been full, with a variety of walks taking us from the north of the Moors to the coast, via rivers and farmlands, and included our annual trip to Rievaulx Abbey for Christmas carols. The weather has also been varied - with fantastic walks in the snow at Sutton Bank and Thornton-Le-Dale, and beautiful sunshine at Nunnington and West Tanfield. Aside from walking we have had great nights out for our Christmas party, and for the pantomime, as well as our monthly pub socials.



We have improved our online presence by updating our website, and by starting to put our walks onto the Ramblers Walk Finder. We have created a new Facebook Page which has given the group a better profile and has helped attract new members. We have more great walks lined up over the next few months and are looking forward to our Easter trip to Scotland.

Sean Sedman

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