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A Happy New Year

to all our readers and welcome to this small, (but perfectly formed?), wrap-around edition of Area News. The centre pages 5-28 contain the Area Annual Report, with Area News continuing on pages 29-32.

Our front cover photograph was taken near Thixendale on the special Area walk which took place in October to celebrate the Ramblers' 75th anniversary. This was followed by refreshments at the village hall kindly arranged by Dennis Parker. Above, members from all parts of our Area assemble at the start of the walk led by Colin Mullender.

A Memorial Walk

Congratulations to Alison Stanley and a group of eight friends and relatives, who travelled from the West Midlands in September to walk the Minster Way in memory of Alison's father, Norman Trezise, who died in 1996. Norman was an enthusiastic member of the R.A. in our Area and drew the maps for the Minster and Chalkland Ways.

The group completed the walk in four days, some staying at Mrs. Dykes' B & B in Millington, and the rest at the Kilwick Percy Buddhist Centre. I understand the takings at the Gait Inn, Millington were enhanced during their visit!

Ray Wallis



*At the finish at York Minster
Photo courtesy of Ray Wallis*

• • • • • **Spot the dots! Chris Bush appeals for help to ensure that vital rights of way are identified and recorded for the future .** • • • • •

1:25000 Ordnance Survey Explorer maps provide a reliable source for planning walks. Readers will probably be familiar with green broken lines indicating different types of Right of Way such as:

Footpaths: -----

Bridleways: - - - - -

Also indicated in green are BOATs (Byways Open to All Traffic) and Restricted Byways (formerly known as "Roads Used as Public Paths"). These are all listed on the Definitive Map held by the responsible Authority, usually a County Council or Unitary Authority, but also National Park Authorities. There is extensive legislation about how these rights may be extended, amended or withdrawn once they are recorded on the Definitive Map.

Of concern to us at present however are routes indicated by green dots

• • • • • which denote "Other Routes with Public Access" – known as ORPAs. The exact rights are not known, and there may be restrictions. If you look at a map carefully you will find that many of these ORPAs form vital links in popular walking routes in our area, not least on the Yorkshire Wolds Way.

We need action now to make a list of the ORPAs on the maps affecting our area and then to check the status of each route with the relevant Highway Authority (HA). The task is threefold:

- 1 **Identify** and list the ORPAs
- 2 **Check** with the HA the status of each ORPA (if known) and find out whether it is on the List of Streets (highways maintainable at public expense).
- 3 **Find out** which are being processed for adding to the Definitive Map

Task 1 involves scrutinising grid squares on all the maps covering our area, checking for green dotted routes and then identifying these ORPAs with grid references. Quite a big task, so will you help with this by perhaps looking at the area where you live, walk or lead walks? It is a table top job which could take just an hour or two.

If you would like to help, please contact Chris Bush for North Yorkshire, David Nunns for York or Mike Jackson for Hull and the East Riding – contact details in the walks programme.

Please help with this first stage.

Chris Bush

DIARY DATES

Area AGM

Saturday 29th January (details p.5)

Pocklington Weekend of Walks

12th -13th March (Details on page 29)

Pocklington Group Coach Ramble

Sunday 10th April 2011 (See p.32)

Beverley Group Coach Ramble

Sunday, 8th May (See page 29)

June Area Camping Weekend

This will now take place on the weekend of 24th June, two weeks later than previously advertised in the Walks Programme.

Driffeld Show

Wednesday, 20th July

Summer Walks Programme

Groups will soon need to inform Roy Hunt of any extra walks which they will be organising in the summer months including the popular evening walks programmes. If you can offer a walk, please contact your Group Secretary or Rambles Secretary as soon as possible.

EXTRA WALKS

The following supplementary walks do not appear in our printed 2010-11 programme. All members and potential members are welcome.

HOWDEN & GOOLE GROUP WALKS PROGRAMME Jan - May 2011						
Date	Day	Time	Leader	Miles	Place	Grid ref.
23 Jan	Sun	10.15	Dennis Kelly	6	Howden Bishops Manor CP	SE 762 266
If not car-sharing from Howden, meet at Skelton at 10.30						
12 Feb	Sat	10.00	A & P Mephram	9	Millington Church	SE 829 519
27 Feb	Sun	11.00	Marian Thomas	7	Barmby on the Marsh amenity area. Optional pub lunch	SE 681 286
19 Mar	Sat	10.15	Don Stuart		Warter School CP *HG3	SE 869 503
27 Mar	Sun	10.00	Peter Ayling	8	North Dalton Village	SE 935 523
09 Apr	Sat	10.30	Marian Thomas	8	Towthorpe picnic site off A614 (near Londesborough)	SE 878 418
01 May	Sun	11.00	Dennis Kelly	7	Pocklington bluebell walk	SE 802 489
7 May	Sat	10.30	Sonia Donaghy	9	Welton footbridge, bluebell & wild orchid walk.	SE 957 271 No dogs
*HG3 Joint walk with York Public Transport Group						

AREA PUB LUNCH WALKS

Monthly walks of 6 to 7 miles, starting at 9.30 am, followed by an optional pub lunch. This year they will be co-ordinated by Marilyn Skelton taking over from Roy Hunt.

If you want to be included on the new list and receive details of the walks please email marilyn@marilynskelton.wanadoo.co.uk or phone **01347-824520**. If you were on Roy's list last year there is no need to send your address again. Details will also be put on the Walksfinder website nearer the time. The provisional programme is as follows:

DATE	PUB FOR LUNCH	PARKING	LEADER
Tues 15 March	The Fauconberg Arms, Coxwold	VHCP	Marilyn Skelton
Tues 12 Apr tbc	The Royal Oak Inn, Gillamoor	Pub CP(tbc)	Maureen Waind
Tues 10 May	The Highwayman, Sheriff Hutton	Pub CP	Peter Poskitt
June	The White Swan, Ampleforth	Pub CP	Judith McCreery
Tues 12 July	The Triton Inn, Sledmere	Pub CP	Peter Leese
August	The Blacksmith's Arms, Lastingham	Pub CP	Anne Ather
September	The Gait Inn, Millington	Pub CP	Roy Hunt
October	The Royal Oak, Nunnington	Pub CP	Marilyn Skelton

WEDNESDAY AMBLES

For details of these weekly walks of 7-8 miles, contact: Jackie Glew Tel: **01423 869489**
Mobile: **07858 145079** or Margaret Green Tel: **01423 330242** Mobile: **07710 850790**
Email: glewj@ntlworld.com or margaret@telgen.co.uk

Group News and Photos

Pocklington

Pocklington is delighted to have achieved Walkers are Welcome status. Jo Green of the Pocklington & Wolds Gateway Partnership explains how this came about:

The Pocklington and Wolds Gateway Partnership is a community partnership with representatives from community groups, local councillors and private individuals (all volunteers). We have been working towards WAW status for nearly a year with the help of Pocklington Ramblers and Pocklington Town Council.

Local businesses and Pocklington Ramblers helped us gather signatures showing support for the idea. Local businesses will be helping to provide information for walkers and will display stickers in their windows with the WAW logo. We're also going to give information on the town website **www.pocklington.gov.uk**. To celebrate, we are organising a weekend of walks. Details below. Jo Green

In order to gain WAW status, six criteria must be met, including:

1 Action to ensure that facilities for walkers are maintained in good condition.

This could be demonstrated by the local council and/or voluntary group making a commitment to ensuring that all paths in each parish are walked at least once a year and that obstacles and problems are dealt with promptly.

2 Encouragement of walking using public transport. For more details see **www.walkersarewelcome.org.uk**

Pocklington Weekend of Walks 12th-13th March 2011

Walks of differing lengths and themed walks including a local history walk and a nature walk. For more information contact Jo Green on **01759 301386**.

Ryedale

Tom Jackson of the Ryedale Group enjoyed a piece of the celebration cake (made by Pat Fielden) after leading twenty hearty souls in unrelenting rain. This is the first time Tom has led a walk in nearly three years since his horrendous accident. Welcome back Tom!



Above: Tom Jackson (centre) leads the walk from Sinnington. Below: Tom (seated,) Pat Fielden cuts the cake and Ray Fielden holds the umbrella. Photos and text courtesy of Pat and George Donner



Beverley Group College Meal

Following last year's enjoyable evening at Beverley College, places have been booked for this year's "Summer Special" menu on March 31st. Details from Jean Cavill, **01482 888096** or email **jeancavill@hotmail.com**

The History of the York Ramblers Group

The year 2010 saw the 75th anniversary of the formation of the Ramblers' Association, but York's rambling history goes back well before 1935.

The Ramblers national website records York as being the first place in the country to set up a group specifically to protect footpaths. That was way back in 1824. It had the grand title of "The Association for the Protection of Ancient Footpaths in the Vicinity of York". An accurate description of its aim, but not a name that lends itself easily to a logo!

The York Ramblers group as we know it was formed on 14th October 1968. As in 1824, one of its main aims was to protect footpaths, and that still has a high priority.

One of the founder members, David Nunns, is still actively involved in the work of the York committee, being the Footpaths Officer.

Walking was not as high on the agenda as footpaths in 1968. In a letter dated 24th September 1968, prior to the formation of the York group, David Rubinstein, (Secretary at the time of East Riding Ramblers and a guiding light in setting up the York group) wrote, "... though actual rambling might in the initial stages be soft-pedalled since there are other rambling clubs in York, there is much work to do in saving footpaths."

The publicity sheet for the first walk makes interesting reading. It has just about everything! Use of public transport or cars, pub lunch, afternoon tea, a walk of two halves, and an early escape route for weary walkers. The only thing we can improve on in our current programme is that if we are in our 60s we do not have to pay bus fares! Does anyone know how much the 2/8d fare from York to Whitwell converts to in today's

money? Or even 1/6d from Stamford Bridge to York? Was it good value for money? And can we still eat our own food in the Blacksmith's Arms?

We are all aware nowadays that the Internet can be an excellent tool, but we also know that sometimes it can bombard us with too many rules and regulations. In 1969, lacking the existence of a national Ramblers' website for guidance, the York group was just coming round to the realisation that doing a recce before a walk might not be a bad idea:

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 1969, agenda item 1:

- 1. Arising from the walk along the Derwent, attended by over 30, it was suggested that walks should be walked over before taking a party.**

How nicely understated!

And so we move on to 2010. It would seem that there are more similarities than differences between the group of 1968 and that of today. Footpaths still have to be protected, rambles organised, bad weather to be coped with and, of course, recces to be done.

Marilyn Skelton

Buggy Walks

An enquiry was received recently as to whether any of our led walks are suitable for parents with children in buggies. If you are offering a suitable route in your group's next programme, please would you indicate in the notes that it is family-friendly (FF). If you can recommend possible routes for independent buggy walkers, please contact the editors.



*York Ramblers' Coach Ramble May 2010
Atop Sheffield Pike overlooking Glenridding on Ullswater
Photo courtesy of Tom Halstead*

Pocklington Group Coach Ramble Sunday 10th April 2011 Haworth and Brontë Moors

Come and enjoy the moors above the Brontës' West Yorkshire home, an area that provided inspiration and solace for the famous sisters.

Three walks (12, 9.5 and 6 miles approx) will be available, those opting for a shorter walk having time to browse places of interest. Cost is only £10 per person picking up at Market Weighton Griffin Pub at 07.45 and Pocklington Bus Station at 08.00.

Further details are available from Tony Corrigan, tel. **01430 873734** or email tonyc@talk21.com or Christine Spencer tel. **01430 872868** or email spencer.christin@talk21.com.

To book please send a cheque (made payable to PSW Group) and indicate your pick up point to Christine Spencer, 48 Langdale Road, Market Weighton YO43 3DG. All welcome.

Hull and Holderness Group

The Hull and Holderness Group will hold a committee meeting at the Village Hall, South Bridgeway, Victoria Dock, Hull on Monday 14th February 2011 at 7pm, finishing the evening at the adjacent Timber Dock Tavern for a Valentine drink. All welcome.

Christine Barker

Beverley Group Coach Ramble to Bolton Abbey, Sunday 8th May

Depart from Beverley at 8 am. Pick-ups in Market Weighton and Pocklington. To book, send £15 cheque (payable to Beverley Ramblers) to David Court, 17, Molescroft Rd, Beverley, HU17 7DX by 31st March. Walkers and non-walkers welcome.

Making Amendments to the Walks Programme

Severe weather this winter has once again led to a number of walks having to be cancelled or amended.

The procedure proposed in our September 2010 issue for notifying walkers of any unavoidable changes to the programme was adopted at Area Council in October and can be referred to on the WALKS page of our website,

www.eastyorkshireramblers.org.uk

Ramblers Accommodation Finder

The Ramblers' online accommodation finder provides a useful list of walker-friendly accommodation including B&B, self catering, hostels and holiday cottages. Visit www.ramblers.org.uk/info/accommodation.

Search along Britain's favourite long distance paths, or by national park, county, town, place or postcode. You can then pinpoint your chosen accommodation with our online mapping service.

Whatever kind of accommodation you are looking for, you can find the perfect place to stay. Want to know more? Email us at accommodation@ramblers.org.uk

No, not the three wise monkeys. - just Compo, Foggy and Clegg!



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Howden and Goole Group enjoy an autumn walk. Photo courtesy of Marian Thomas



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If interested contact Chris Spencer

tel. **01430 872868** or email

spencer.christin@talk21.com.

Rohan

John, the Store Manager, would like to welcome East Yorkshire and Derwent Ramblers to the new **Rohan** store at 22, Butcher Row, Beverley.

10% discount is offered on all items on production of your membership card.