

POCKLINGTON RAMBLERS

MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

Kate Plumb your new Group Chair



Dear Pocklington Ramblers Member

Firstly thank you to everyone – you have all been extremely supportive to me in my taking on the role of Chairperson. Volunteering to take on this role was somewhat daunting given all the work that Martin Hill has put into making Pocklington Ramblers such a lively, energetic and active group. He is much respected and admired and a hard act to follow. Fortunately, Martin is still working tirelessly on the committee, officially in the role of Membership Secretary, but in reality much more. Another bonus is that all the existing committee members are continuing in their roles so I have joined a dynamic and thoroughly supportive team for which I am grateful.

In relation to introducing me I enjoy walking, hill walking, skiing and Snowshoeing. I have been a member of Ramblers for many years, but more recently on my retirement, I have become a more active group member. I have particularly enjoyed the Holidays and annual coach rambles that have been organised through the group and would recommend them to anyone who hasn't

POCKLINGTON COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2020/2021

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SOCIAL/PUBLICITY	Vacant
FOOTPATHS	Vacant
MEMBER	Stewart Stockdale
MEMBER	Andrea Hutchinson

Additionally, I enjoy exploring long distance paths and have walked a few, for example; The Lady Anne's Way, The Cumbria Way, The West Highland Way and of course the Wolds Way to name but a few. Generally I chose the shorter ones to fit in over four or five days. The East Yorkshire Walking Festival normally held in September has also supported this interest by offering a long distance walk. So far we have walked The Wolds Way, The Minster Way and this year Covid permitting we plan to walk the Centenary Way. More details will be available nearer the time.

I love the mountains and the Austrian Alps in particular. Pre-covid Alex and I enjoyed hut to hut tours in the Austrian Alps,

I hope that as we move out of the constraints of Covid, Pocklington Ramblers will be able to restart the regular programme of walks. To this end we are already in discussion with walk leaders to find a way forward that is flexible and will easily adapt to changing Government guidelines.

I hope that we can encourage more members to lead our walks and we are exploring ways in which can offer help and support to new leaders whilst continuing to encourage our current band of leaders.

On a positive note I am looking forward to meeting up with people on walks when restrictions allow. In the meantime I am delighted that I have an interest that I can continue to pursue during these difficult times. I am fortunate that Alex and I share the same love of the outdoors, but I know for some people friends and families do not share the same interest. If that is the case please don't hesitate to contact me and we can put people in contact with one another to form walking partnerships at least until group walks resume.

Kate

Walks Programme

A walks programme is being developed to be implemented as soon as Government guidelines permit.

Pocklington Members will be emailed when it is ready.

Numbers would be set within Government Guidelines and the Walk Leader's preference near the start date of the walk.

Walk Leaders

To offer a full programme of walks we need to recruit more leaders.

All the Committee Members have offered to accompany new leaders on their first few recces and to join them on their first walk.

It is not necessary to develop new routes to lead. Most start by choosing a walk that they are familiar with and gain experience from there.

If you are considering putting your name forward you could also join a regular leader on one of their walks as a deputy, to gain experience.

The Ramblers website has a short training package available for leaders that can be accessed by all members if you would prefer to learn the basics in the comfort of your own home.

Please contact Tony Ashbridge or Kate if you want to know more.

Your Committee are looking at ways to give added value to your Ramblers membership whilst we are not allowed to walk in formal groups.

Ideas being developed using the Group's Zoom account include a quiz, question and answer sessions on selected topics, and some basic training. All Members will be emailed with details when they are available.

In the meantime please remember that your Ramblers membership helps to contribute to protecting our opportunities to walk in the countryside and gives you access to many interesting topics on the website.

Martin's Mystery Picture



Taken on one of his wanderings Martin would like to know the answer to four questions:-

Where is this rock situated ?

Where did the rock come from ?

Why is it there?

What is the inscription on the rock ?

Extra points for giving the Grid Reference.

Email the answers to Martin, address on the front page.

The answers will be in the next newsletter together with the names of those who got the most correct.

Pocklington Coach Ramble to Wensleydale on Saturday 4th September 2021

Last May we had planned to go to Wensleydale on our Coach Ramble, but of course we are all fully aware of the reasons for the cancellation.

Our committee has recently agreed to set aside a new date, (Saturday 4th September), to re-schedule this event. The Government announcement of 22nd February announcing a road map out of lockdown offers some hope that this date may be achievable. Our outline plan at this stage mirrors our plan for last year as follows: -

- The coach will pick up at Beverley, Market Weighton and Pocklington with a destination of Aysgarth Falls.
- As usual there will be a choice of walks in the area, possibly about 6, 8, and 12 miles

Last year we planned to eat at the Black Sheep Brewery in Masham before returning home. We will again aim to provide a meal option in Masham this year.

At this stage, we are not taking bookings for the coach ramble, but would suggest that you reserve the date if you are interested in joining us on the day. We can all hope that by September we can once again enjoy a grand day out in the Yorkshire Dales.

Sayings, proverbs and expressions

The answer is not always the complete phrase

1	Ingredients for a muckle (4,1,6)	11	Don't be lachrymose over lactose (4,3,4,5,4)
2	How to save nine (1,6,2,4)	12	Today's optimistic forecast? (5,5,3,1,6,6)
3	They spoilt the broth (3,4,5)	13	Worth waiting for? (4,6)
4	Shepherd's delight (3,3,2,5)	14	Bliss (9)
5	Better than never (4)	15	Check? Jump! (4,6,3,4)
6	Worth a penny (4,8)	16	An improvement on Mother's Pride (3,4,5,5,6,5)
7	Value: 1,000 words (1,7)	17	Jumbo in the corner (3,8,2,3,4)
8	Maths abuse (3,6)	18	As vital as a violin (2,3,2,1,6)
9	Confused dog (7,2,3,5,4)	19	He says it was the hammer's fault (1,4,7,6,3,5)
10	Not yet... they're still eggs (4,5,4,8,6,4,5)	20	Currency conversion? (4,2,5)

Answers over the page.

	CLUE	ANSWERS
1	Ingredients for a muckle (4,1,6)	Many a mickle
2	How to save nine (1,6,2,4)	A stitch in time
3	They spoil the broth (3,4,5)	Too many cooks
4	Shepherd's delight (3,3,2,5)	Red sky at night
5	Better than never (4)	Late
6	Worth a penny (4,8)	Your thoughts
7	Value: 1,000 words (1,7)	A picture
8	Maths abuse (3,6)	Add insult
9	Confused dog (7,2,3,5,4)	Barking up the wrong tree
10	Not yet... they're still eggs (4,5,4,8,6,4,5)	Don't count your chickens before
11	Don't be lachrymose over lactose (4,3,4,5,4)	Don't cry over spilt milk
12	Today's optimistic forecast? (5,5,3,1,6,6)	Every cloud has a silver lining
13	Worth waiting for? (4,6)	Good things / Best things
14	Bliss (9)	Ignorance
15	Check? Jump! (4,6,3,4)	Look before you leap
16	An improvement on Mother's Pride (3,4,5,5,6,5)	The best thing since sliced bread
17	Jumbo in the corner (3,8,2,3,4)	The elephant in the room
18	As vital as a violin (2,3,2,1,6)	As fit as a fiddle
19	He says it was the hammer's fault (1,4,7,6,3,5)	A poor workman blames his tools
20	Currency conversion? (4,2,5)	Time is money