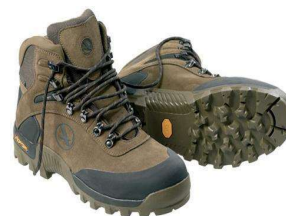




Beverley Group

NEWSLETTER

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BEVERLEY GROUP AGM SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2023

We are pleased to announce we will be holding the AGM at Walkington Village Hall, Walkington, Beverley, HU17 8RX, at 3pm. Rik Leedale will be leading a walk at 1pm to Risby (via Risby Lane and Dunflat Road) and returning anti-clockwise around the fishing pond's plantation and then across fields back to Risby Land to Walkington Village Hall, 5 miles. Please meet in the car park adjacent to All Hallows Church (not the Methodist church).

Members should advise Beverley Group Secretary Joe Neal, in writing, of any formal business they wish to move at the AGM. He needs it at least 14 days before the date of the meeting. Joe's email address is jjdneal@hotmail.co.uk. Formalities will conclude with 'Any other Business', an open forum where members have the opportunity to raise other incidental matters. Papers for the meeting will be available on the East Yorkshire Ramblers' website address above. If you would like a paper copy of these documents, please contact Joe Neal. Refreshments (cake and savoury) will be available.

WALKS PROGRAMME



We had a successful walks programme for Summer 2023 which without the continued support from our volunteer leaders would not be possible. We offered a variety of walks ranging from 6 to 11 miles, so there was something for everyone to enjoy.

This summer we had a walk with a picnic from Hutton Cranswick. Luckily the weather was warm and many of the group stayed at the end of the walk to enjoy their picnic lunch on the green. As it was a success, we will look to have another in summer 2024. Maybe you know

of an area which we could consider. There would need to be parking nearby and a pleasant space to sit and eat our picnic. Get in touch with Jackie smallj431@gmail.com if you have a suggestion. In common with other groups, we continue to have a shortage of leaders. Going forward we are looking at sharing some group walks, still having the opportunity to walk but sharing the leading between groups as we have done this summer with a walk from Bainton joint with Howden and Goole after discovering we both had the same walk on the same day in the programme. We also invited Windmill Walkers (who are affiliated to the Ramblers) to join us on a walk when they were unable to fill one of their monthly Sunday walks. Feedback from the walkers was positive, saying it gave the opportunity to walk and meet other RA members, something they may not do if they walk with their own group.

We have a couple of members who had shown an interest in leading walks this year and after leading their first walk, with the support of one of the established leaders, enjoyed dipping their toes into volunteering as a walk leader, so much so they have put another walk in to the winter 2024 programme. Why not consider just giving up one Sunday in the year to share a walk you enjoy with the group. Contact Jackie smallj431@gmail.com or chat to any leader on a walk: you'll find it's not as daunting as you think!

SOCIAL MEAL AT ELWELLS, EAST RIDING COLLEGE

Due to the popularity of the previous social meal, we have secured a further date of Thursday 30 November 2023. The meal will be at 7pm and cost £19.95. This includes 3 courses and a tea or coffee. If you are interested, please email Cathy Hughes Beverleycoachramble@outlook.com or TEXT 07880 722754. Full payment will need to be made via BACS to secure a place. Please be aware that if you need to cancel your place your payment is non-refundable. Cathy will keep a waiting list and will hopefully be able to fill your place with somebody else.

PATHMINDERS

Our group of volunteers continues to form fortnightly work parties around the Beverley area and beyond, cutting back vegetation, digging in waymarker posts, removing tree stumps, and undertaking other tasks.

We pride ourselves in our work; we uncover lost waymarker posts hidden in hawthorn hedges, we get scratched by vengeful brambles, we clear clumps of poisonous hemlock and ragwort, we dig holes (in soil that sometimes seems like concrete) to replant fallen marker posts. And more.

Lately, as the summer has given way to autumn, we have been doing more heavy foliage clearance tasks, using electric and petrol-engine brush cutters and strimmers. We continue to look after and improve the increasingly walked canal side path between Whin Hill and Wansford, near Driffeld.

Tasks generally take about two to three hours, often with about five or six people. Sometimes we work at more than one site during our work session. New volunteers are always welcome to join us (secateurs and a sense of humour are prized)!

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

A coach trip is being organised for Sunday 19 May 2024 to Grassington with two walks being offered. Further information to follow.

BEVERLEY MINSTER, ECO FAIR – SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

To coincide with the Gia installation of an inflatable 7 metre globe in Beverley Minster, an Eco fair event was held to raise awareness of local initiatives to combat climate change. Over 3500 visitors attended the event, and the Ramblers were represented with a tabletop display promoting the health benefits of walking. Six members of the Beverley group answered questions explaining who we are and what we do to the public. It was also an opportunity to hear talks on a variety of topics from environmentally friendly trains to heat pumps and eat lots of home baked cakes!



TAKING PHOTOS OF PARTICIPANTS ON WALKS

Can we just remind members that if they are taking photos whilst on one of the group walks, they should let people know that they are taking them and that they may be posted on the Beverley Ramblers' Facebook page. We love having photos shared of our walks. It gives people an insight into what we offer, but please make sure that people are happy to be included in the photos.

TRAVELLING BLIND

For those of you who have Facebook why not take a look at Travelling Blind. It's an interesting blog of Andrew who after undergoing surgery in 2020 woke up out of a coma 10 days later with no colon, no functioning spleen and no sight. After a long recovery period determined to live life as normally as possible, with the help of his wife and many others Andrew set himself many challenges. Two have been completing the Wolds Way last year and more recently completing the Cleveland Way, both to support and raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind. No mean feat when you have no sight. Andrew will need volunteer guides for his next challenge next year. Colin van Eck has helped guide him on both walks, something he has found very rewarding.



If after looking at Andrew's blog, it's something you may be interested in please contact Andrew via his Travelling Blind Facebook page. Andrew is known for his walking stick which has the names of the many places around the world which he has visited. Unfortunately, Andrew 'lost' his stick on one of his guiding days. Thinking he would not see his beloved stick again Andrew resigned himself to having to buy another stick and start again with his collection but due to the power of the internet and Facebook the stick was found and reunited a few days later with its owner. You wouldn't think a lost stick could generate so many comments on Facebook!!

CEREDIGION, WALES BY JOE NEAL



Our home for the week!



The enchanted wood!

Next year grab the dragon by his tail before he retires! I did just that and had a fantastic time in Ceredigion, which is a long, long way from Beverley, but don't be put off by the distance. The dragon is Richard Mitchley who has been running "Dragon trails" walking holidays every spring and autumn for the last 20 years, from a Parc-y-gors Georgian dower house which has been in his family 3 generations.

He is such a nice guy, and obviously enjoys sharing his love of the area with up to a dozen guests a time. On my holiday there were just 9 of us, half of whom had been on previous holidays. Richard knows the area and the walks so well, and being a Welsh speaker is able to not only pronounce the local place names but can explain what they mean.

Our first day's walk finished in Newquay, which inspired Dylan Thomas to write Under Milkwood, changing its name to Llareggub (try spelling it backwards!). Another walk traversed the wild and remote Presli hills, from where huge blocks of dolerite were transported to build Stonehenge. Several of the walks took in the Pembrokeshire coastal path with spectacular views across Cardigan Bay to the Llyn peninsular and Snowdonia.

The food was really good, as one guest said, really an eating holiday with a bit of walking thrown in. There was no choice, we just ate whatever was put in front of us, making life a lot simpler. The best bit of the holiday for me were the packed lunches, not a sandwich in sight, but usually a salad and savoury such as home-made quiche, scotch eggs or sausage roll. The day started with a cooked breakfast and ended with a fresh cake every evening at teatime to fortify us for croquet before dinner. Dinner was followed every evening with a quiz or game that Richard had devised- I seem to recall having to mime Edmund Hillary climbing Everest one evening!

Richard was a mine of information on the History of the area, which abounds in evidence of iron age inhabitants and their hill forts and burial chambers as well as Celtic Christian churches, long before Augustine arrived in Kent to convert the heathen English.