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NEWSLETTER (61)

Welcome to our 61st Windmill Walkers Newsletter. As always, our Newsletter aims to keep you informed of club activities, relevant information on forthcoming events and other topical issues.

CONTACT DETAILS

Mobile numbers can be helpful if a delay or problem is encountered whilst en-route to a walk. Usually, one of the members listed below, is present on any scheduled club event.

Chairman xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Secretary xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Treasurer xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 21st Windmill Walkers AGM was held at 2:00pm Wednesday 08th January 2020 at The Backroom, Hallgate, Cottingham.

Minutes of the meeting are to be circulated, however, here is a brief summary.

50 Members attended the 90 minute meeting, an increase on the previous year. Chair . xxxxxxxxxxxx, Secretary xxxxxxxxxxxx and Treasurer xxxxxxxxxxxx were elected unopposed as Officers of the Club who will oversee matters throughout 2020. Co-opted members assisting the Committee are xxxxxxxxxxxx, as Independent Auditor plus Minutes Secretary, xxxxxxxxxxxx as xxxxxxxxxxxx as Newsletter Editor.

Membership fees are to remain at £10 per person per year.

As seen from the previously circulated material, at the year-end 2019, Windmill Walkers made a small loss. However, due to a healthy bank balance remaining, it was agreed to donate £100 to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance with a further donation of £50 to the British Red Cross for members First Aid training this January.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE & REMINDER

For insurance third party cover purposes, our club is restricted to a total membership of 100.

In 2019, we had 83 paid up members plus 1 Honorary Life Member.

The Committee wish to remind all members your £10 membership fee is now due for the current year, 2020. For those members who have not already renewed, members can pay on any future walk by handing their fees to a committee member or by cheque payable to Windmill Walkers to the Secretary at his new home address circulated with AGM documentation.

WEDNESDAY WALK SCHEDULE & REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL LEADERS

Once again, a big thank you goes to a core group of members who have volunteered to lead walks throughout the year. Without your support, it would be almost impossible for the club to continue.

We are lucky to have a solid nucleus of members who are willing to volunteer as walk leaders a number of times within any year. Windmill Walkers cannot function as a walking club without leaders, hopefully every Wednesday, every week of the year.

As our Chairman reminded the AGM members present, **NO WALK LEADER – NO WALK**

The Chair also highlighted there are opportunities for prospective leaders to be mentored by regular volunteer leaders who may also suggest a walk to be undertaken as a first. Please consider this request. We are a friendly club and no one should be afraid of taking the responsibility, once one or two essentials are taken into consideration. There are no requirements now to find suitable places for refreshment post walk. If a leader wishes to do so, then that is fine, and usually appreciated. Please advise Robert below if you wish to become a walk leader, assisting the club to fulfil a full programme of interesting events outdoors.

Robert Cawkwell walks@windmillwalkers.org.uk

Please remember when volunteering a walk for our schedule, include the following information, Date: Start time (usually 10:00am): Location (Village Hall/Car Park/Pub car park etc.): Grid Reference (if possible): Distance (usually 5 to 6 miles for a Wednesday, longer for Sundays): Your mobile phone number for contact. Also, bear in mind sufficient parking space available for cars at the start.

WINDMILL WALKERS WEB SITE (the ONLY accurate complete list of current walks)

WINTER IS UPON US – WEATHER CONDITIONS MAY AFFECT OUR SCHEDULED WALKS

For those members with access to the internet our web address is as follows;

www.windmillwalkers.org.uk

In the event of inclement weather, if you have any doubts as to whether a walk is going ahead or not, please consult our website. The front page of this website has a yellow strip headed "Latest Information" - this is where it will tell you. If you are unsure, **please check before leaving home**. The club will do its best to keep members informed, but cannot accept responsibility to inform every member when a scheduled walk is cancelled for unforeseen circumstances.

WHAT3WORDS – a very useful App for mobile devices

The free to download and use geocoding App **What3Words** is basically a co-ordinates system which has divided the world into 57 trillion three-metre squares. Each square has one of these unique, randomly-assigned three words. For example, our AGM at The Back Room, Hallgate, Cottingham was ///magic.goats.begun. Willerby Square car park is ///ozone.stir.notice. Not only could it put an end to unclear addresses, but the emergency services have praised it for its ability to potentially save lives.

After all, if you're lost in the middle of the Yorkshire Moors, Dales or Lake District on a misty day or have an emergency situation to deal with, this App could be your saviour. Provide rescuers your three-word code and within minutes they will know where you are. Highlighted as a "simple way to talk about location", the company's founders say What3Words is more accurate than a postcode. Those three words never change because the App relies on an algorithm and not a database.

It's simple -- all you need to do is download the App, type in an address, either a current location or somewhere you're travelling to. The App will then give you a three-word address you can share with your friends or the emergency services.

And it works pretty much everywhere – from the centre of London to the middle of the Pacific Ocean, you'll be given three randomly assigned words to use instead of an address.

FIRST AID TRAINED MEMBERS

Please note, the volunteer members shown have this month undertaken training or a refresher with the British Red Cross in Basic First Aid.

WHITBY COACH TRIP DETAILS WEDNESDAY 22nd JULY 2020

THE ESK VALLEY WAY IS A NORTH YORKSHIRE MOORS NATIONAL PARK REGIONAL ROUTE. A 35 MILE LINEAR WALK FROM CASTLETON TO WHITBY.

THE CLEVELAND WAY IS A LONGER NATIONAL TRAIL STARTING IN HELMSLEY, SKIRTING THE WEST AND NORTH EDGE OF THE NORTH YORKSHIRE MOORS TO SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA THEN RUNNING DOWN THE PICTURESQUE YORKSHIRE COAST TO FILEY.

BOTH THESE WALKS ARE MARKED ON ORDNANCE SURVEY MAPS.

THIS YEAR, OUR COACH RAMBLE, ONCE AGAIN USING YORK PULLMAN, WILL SAMPLE SECTIONS OF BOTH THESE ESTABLISHED ROUTES.

WALK A

The coach will drop this group just off the A169 at Goathland Lane End (1.5 miles north east of Goathland) to walk downhill via Green End to the N.Y.M.R. line and into Grosmont. Here toilets are available and we will have a short break. Just outside Grosmont, we pick up the Esk Valley Way and follow its leaping salmon waymarked route through pasture and woodland with the River Esk and N.Y. Moors railway to our right onto Sleights.

Here we cross the river and continue to Ruswarp where we cross the river again to continue into Whitby. The coach will be parked in the large parking area close to the station allowing opportunity, at the conclusion of the walk, to change footwear and outer clothing before venturing into Whitby for refreshment and of course famous fish and chips if desired.

The walk is 11 miles with some elevation gain and drop and described as an easy to moderate walk.

WALK B

After dropping off Walk A persons, the coach will continue into Whitby to take the A174 coast road dropping off this group about 5 miles west of Whitby. Cross field paths north of about 2 miles joins the Cleveland Way just west of Kettlewell to follow the fairly flat coastal route. Lunch will be taken in a suitable cliff top location. The walk continues, eventually dropping down into the delightful scenic small fishing village of Sandsend. A further stop for refreshment and toilets can be made here before continuing to Whitby along the seafront onto the coach parked near the railway station allowing opportunity to change footwear and clothing before venturing into Whitby for refreshment and of course famous fish and chips if desired.

This walk is 8 miles, graded as easy and will be taken at a steady pace with two separate break as outlined.

For any members not wishing to take either walk, the coach will drive to the main coach park and remain, allowing for an exploration of Whitby on foot.

Any members wishing to book a remaining seat, please contact xxxxxxxxxxxx.

There are a few seats available at this time and a reserve list will be kept as invariably, for genuine reasons, some members do cancel as time moves forward towards the event date.