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Welcome to our 64th edition of Windmill Walkers Newsletter.

It's been a long haul. When Covid 19 began to seriously affect our lives from March 2020, the longevity of any disruption to our lifestyle, personal, family and social wellbeing was unknown. Nearly two years forward, we are now better protected from this pandemic, said to be moving within the UK from pandemic towards endemic status. However, we will comply with any Government restrictions in place when advised to do so. The health, safety and well-being of our members is a priority.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 22nd Windmill Walkers AGM was held at 2:00pm Wednesday 12th January 2022 at The Oak Room of Cottingham Civic Hall. Last years AGM, scheduled for Wednesday 06th January 2021 was unable to take place due to Government restrictions at the time.

Minutes of the meeting have been circulated, but for anyone who lost, missed or overlooked them, here is a very brief summary.

36 Members attended. 17 members sent their apologies.

Chair, Secretary and Treasurer were prepared to stand for a further year and unopposed as Officers of the Club who will oversee matters through 2022. Co-opted members assisting the Committee, along with specific tasks, remain as xxxxxxxxxxxx (Independent Auditor and Minutes Secretary), xxxxxxxxxxxx (Walks Secretary) and xxxxxxxxxxxx (Newsletter).

Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were accepted following advance circulation to members.

Membership fees are now returned to £10 per person per year – please see next item.

Following a brief presentation and discussion, it was agreed to donate £100 to each of two worthy charities. Cheques from Club funds together with a letter have been sent to;

- A. Children's Heart Surgery Fund (Leeds)
- B. Lake District Search and Mountain Rescue Association

Total donations to charitable causes since formation of the club now stands at **£3,246.**

MEMBERSHIP FEE 2022

Our yearly club 2022 membership fee has returned to **£10 per person**.

As a voluntary organisation, we have annual running costs for insurance, website fee, Ramblers affiliation, AGM venue hire, printing of Membership Cards and other minimal expenses.

Membership fees are now being collected. There are a number of ways in which to pay;

1. Cash or Cheque (payable to Windmill Walkers) to any Committee member on a walk.
2. Cheque (payable to Windmill Walkers) delivered to or posted to the Treasurer
3. Cash posted through the door to Treasurer.
4. Bank transfer with your surname and initial to Windmill Walkers Barclays Bank (a Business Account)

Thank You.

WEDNESDAY WALK SCHEDULE & REQUEST FOR LEADERS

Once again, a big thank you goes to a core group of members who volunteer to lead walks throughout the years. 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. NO WALK LEADERS – NO WALKS - “Simple” as those famous T.V. meerkats say.

The 2022 walks schedule is already starting to fill and looking good. However, at this time, there are still vacancies to insert events within the schedule, particularly March and April. Therefore, if you have any Wednesday or third Sunday walks for the vacancies, please inform our walks co-ordinator by sending an e-mail as soon as possible walks@windmillwalkers.org.uk

Please remember to include the following information;

Date: Start time (usually 10:00am): Location (Village Hall/Car Park/Pub car park etc.): Grid Reference (if possible): Post Code (if possible) for SatNav : Distance, usually 5 to 6 miles for a Wednesday, longer for Sundays: Your mobile phone number for contact.

Please bear in mind sufficient parking space available for our cars at any start location.

COACH RAMBLE

At our recent AGM, xxxxxxxxxxx gave a detailed outline of the proposed 2022 coach ramble, scheduled to take place on Wednesday 6th July to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park south of Wakefield, just over an hours drive from the Humber Bridge car park.

If in July the Humber Bridge car park is still in use as a drive in PCR testing station, coach pick-ups will occur at Cottingham (Market Green), Beverley (rear of M&S) and Market Weighton (Giant Bradley Statue). Timings will be confirmed nearer the event.

Three options and costings were put to members and discussed. The overwhelming majority supported a day out by coach with two walk options followed by two course fish and chip tea at nearby Morley, Leeds on the way home.

The Yorkshire Sculpture Park is 7 miles outside Wakefield. There are 500 exceptional acres of country park estate to explore with over 100 outdoor sculptures in a beautiful valley landscape. World renowned artists' work include Ai Weiwei, Barbara Hepworth, David Nash, Henry Moore and Damien Hurst. Further outdoor works and indoor galleries have exhibitions from artists on short term loan throughout the year.

A packed lunch will be required, for B. Group. However, for A. Group, if you do not wish to pack-up there are two food and drink outlets, The Restaurant at The Weston and The Kitchen, both serving until 3pm. If you wish to eat at The Restaurant, booking is advisable (details on-line). Further information can be found on the park website www.ysp.org.uk

The outline of the day is as follows:

Depart from Humber Bridge car park at 08:45

Arrive Yorkshire Sculpture Park for opening time at 10:00.

Following a welcome and introduction to Y.S.P. by a member of staff, split into two groups.

A. Group. Will be self-guided using a large colour map (provided free) showing the location of the sculptures within the estate. Remember, there is 500 acres so will take some time to cover.

B. Group. A lead walk of 10 miles, about 5 hours in total, graded moderate and includes steady elevation gains of about 300 metres in total. Following a walk around the west side of the Sculpture Park Lake, the route continues through gorgeous countryside to the village of Clayton West (coffee stop). The walk then climbs along a bridleway and fields on the fringes of the Pennines to the village of Emley (lunch stop), the highest point of the walk. The walk continues past old iron works, woodland back to YSP. This group will then have some time to self-guide and view sculptures.

Departure from Yorkshire Sculpture Park, scheduled for 4.30pm. Travel onto Morley, south Leeds for 5pm for Mermaid Restaurant main course fish and chip meal, bread & butter, tea/coffee with dessert to follow.

Return to Humber Bridge approximately 7.30pm.

Total cost for coach seat, entrance to the Park, meal is £28 per person.

If you wish to attend on this coach ramble, please e-mail.

At this time, 30 of the 49 seats have been taken, so do not delay booking please.

As in previous years, a reserve list will be held on a basis that any cancellations by members for legitimate reasons will be filled from this list.

EMERGENCY KIT

Following a couple of valid points raised at our AGM and discussion, it was suggested that all members should ensure when walking, they carry;

- A. Ramblers 'Emergency Card' that contains personal details, medical information, primary and secondary emergency contact information. This should be carried in your rucksack so that in the event of an emergency, the card can be passed to those called to assist. These are available free and will be given out with this year's membership cards. 40 have already been disseminated.
- B. Lions Medi-Cannisters. These contain the same information as above cards and were handed out to members over the years, but no longer available.
- C. First Aid Kit. Small but useful kits are available from Outdoor Retailers at a modest price. The Treasurer, who walks on a regular basis, carries the Club First Aid Kit.
- D. Emergency Medication. If you require emergency medication such as 'EpiPen' for anaphylaxis shock **or** any other treatment for a medical condition you have, then please carry it at all times, tell a trusted person walking with you, where it is and when and how to use it.

ADOPT A TRIG POINT

A work in progress matter. Following suggestion by a member, enquiries have commenced to 'Adopt a Trig Point'. These familiar concrete blocks (there are 6,190), have become redundant due to the use of satellite and aerial surveys, therefore not valued by Ordnance Survey for many years now. Not all Trig Points are within view or close to public rights of way. There is no sense

in adopting a trig that is not within view of walkers who can enjoy any work carried out. Therefore, after careful thought, a Trig

Point in close proximity to our area, not only next to a Public Right of Way – Bridleway, but also on one of the U.K.'s National Trails, The Yorkshire Wolds Way and the High Hunsley Circuit is our prime choice. It is situated at Grid Ref: SE 928 387 (south of Hessleskew Lane and Gare Gate) At this time, the Ordnance Survey and East Riding of Yorkshire Council have been contacted, neither of whom have any objection to our plans. The only stipulation by both is that the land owner's permission be sought. Enquiries have identified the landowner and contact has been made to seek permission. A reply is awaited.

Our plans are to clean and re-paint the concrete pillar in traditional white, tidy the immediate area around the trig point and possibly place onto it a suitably sized permanent metal or hard plastic plaque commemorating our adoption. Should permission be granted by the land owner, a small team of volunteers will be sought to carry out any work once the better weather is with us.



The picture shows Ray Poskitt, our dear friend, keen walker and walk leader standing at the identified Trig Point during a walk in December 2014.

Ray passed away in August 2018.

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YORKSHIRE WOLDS WAY

October 2nd, 2022 marks the 40th Anniversary of the opening of The Wolds Way now formerly known as The Yorkshire Wolds Way.

In order to mark the occasion, a number of celebrations are planned.

Examples are;

Ian Mitchell, a contemporary landscape artist based on the North Yorkshire Coast will spend the year painting scenes on the Wolds Way. Following, it is proposed his work will be on display at Bridlington Spa, Pocklington Arts Centre, Sewerby Hall and the Treasure House, Beverley.

At the poetry seats set out on the Wolds Way, poetry boxes are to be resurrected for passing walkers to leave poems in self-sealing plastic boxes as they pass. The best 20 will be made into an e-book.

40 trees are to be planted to coincide with National Tree Week.

On the actual date of official opening 2nd October - 40 years ago, it is planned to walk the whole Yorkshire Wolds Way in a day with 6 or 7 groups of walkers each completing a given section of the path that will cover the whole distance, with a leader. This is being organised in conjunction with Pocklington Ramblers and Visit Hull and East Yorkshire.

Hopefully too, Windmill Walkers can get some publicity in our Adopt a Trig Point plan??

EAST RIDING WALKING FESTIVAL 2022

This well run festival offers walks and activities in September 2022 (exact dates to be confirmed). A brochure of planned events will be available in July and may involve walks on the Yorkshire Wolds Way. <https://www.walkingeastyorkshirefestival.co.uk/>

PHOTO GALLERY

Please remember to visit our website photo gallery. Various members regularly submit photographs of our organised walks to the Secretary David Ellis who adds a selection for viewing.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

The next AGM will be held at 2pm on Wednesday 11th January 2023 at a venue to be confirmed. Please schedule this in your diary or on your digital calendar.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Any member who wishes to raise matters about the club, activities or function is welcome to have the issue discussed at the next committee meeting. Feedback, if required, will be given shortly after.

Please e-mail Secretary secretaryww@outlook.com with any matters to be placed on the Agenda when the Committee next meet.