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NEWSLETTER (62)

Welcome to our 62nd Windmill Walkers Newsletter sent out in these very different and dangerous times due to the worldwide Coronavirus Pandemic. This Newsletter has been put together to show you, as members, are not forgotten. You are all in our thoughts and, following recent updated Government announcements, send this document as a way of keeping in touch.

The aim is to inform members on the way forward for club activities as lockdown restrictions are gradually lifted. However, we know from what was said on Sunday evening by the Prime Minister, it is all conditional with the R rate – reproduction rate keeping low, a critical factor.

Following Sunday's address by Boris Johnson, our Chairman ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ called a meeting of the Windmill Walkers Committee to discuss club activity relative to updated advice. Using smart internet technology and led by our on screen Secretary ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~, on the evening of Monday 11 May, a 'Zoom' video conference was held. Despite a couple of operator – sorry, technical issues, we were at least able to hear each other. Set out below is a summary of matters discussed and agreed proposals, all with the health and safety of members in mind

WALKS SCHEDULE

To remain suspended at this time pending further national decisions from the Government and Ramblers HQ. We are an affiliated Ramblers Club and their current (as of 12 May) website advises "*all group walks and activities remain suspended until further notice*".

There are many conditional aspects on removal of this advice and will most likely be in place for some time. It is our view, until social distancing is no longer a factor.

Frustrating we know but at least we are now able to drive and walk within our region, but not to Wales or Scotland.

COACH RAMBLE

We are just over 2 months away from the scheduled date of Wednesday 22 July. At this time, we are over subscribed for the event using one executive 53 seater coach booked in January.

Following on from recent Government advice, and due to uncertainty as to how restrictions are going to be gradually relaxed, it is with regret, in these uncertain times when booking cancellation is a factor, that the Committee has made a formal decision to cancel the 2020 coach ramble to Whitby.

Social distancing would appear to remain a crucial feature of safety for all members of the public into the future, on all forms of transport. It will be impossible to conform to this restriction using one coach and impracticable, as well as too costly, to utilize a number of coaches.

The general make up of our membership moves us towards the vulnerable category and the health and safety of members is a priority.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Advance booking of this popular event is an early essential. Again, due to uncertainty of how the restrictions will be relaxed in the future, decisions for planning and organisation for this event have been postponed until the next Committee Meeting in September. It has been intimated, that pubs and restaurants will be the last to have restrictions lifted. The Christmas meal is a social event. Having single and double tables 2 metres apart is not very Christmassy and not very social. Following a number of consecutive and successful events at The Millhouse, Skidby, it was also muted a change of venue could be considered within the general membership area of residence.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 06 January 2021. Again, it was felt to be too early to make any formal decision regarding this event and pended to the next Committee meeting. It is an important and constitutional function of the club to have an AGM. Every effort will be made to ensure it takes place within any restrictions at the time.

If social distancing is still a factor of our lives, it was felt that with some planning as to venue, this event could still take place. One suggestion was to utilise the large upstairs room of the Cottingham Civic Hall with single and double seats set out at the required distance. This room is certainly large enough to accommodate our average number of members attending in safety.

MEMBERSHIP FEE 2021

Enforced restrictions on outside activities have had a severe impact on the way we and many others have had to operate. It is envisaged that for most of this year, some restrictions maybe in place. Also, some members, even when activities can commence, may not wish to rush into social gatherings. Therefore, with this in mind, the Committee have already discussed reducing the 2021 membership fee to £5 per person, a 50% reduction in lieu of 2020 reduced activity. This figure is of course dependent on members' votes to endorse it at our 2021 AGM.

As a club, we still have annual running costs for insurance, website fee, Ramblers affiliation and room hire. Our current membership numbers would cover the 2021 expenditure with the above £5 fee. Again, with member ratification, any 2020 income surplus could be considered for a worthy charity, maybe WISHH (Working Independently to Support Hull Hospitals) – HRI & Castle Hill. See www.wishh.org.uk to find more information on their good work, including COVID-19 Appeal.

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 scheduled committee meeting. Feedback, if required, will be given shortly thereafter.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 28th September 2020**. Please e-mail Secretary ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~: secretaryww@outlook.com with any matters to be placed on the Agenda.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS OF OUR SECRETARY SHOWN ABOVE

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	xxxxxxxxxxxx
Secretary	xxxxxxxxxxxx
Treasurer	xxxxxxxxxxxx

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