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NEWSLETTER (63)

"COVID CHRONICLES"

Welcome to our 63rd Windmill Walkers Newsletter.

It's been a long haul. We are all looking forward to some kind of normality after having to live a somewhat curtailed lifestyle effecting our personal, family and social wellbeing.

Hopefully, members of Windmill Walkers are now somewhat better protected from this devastating worldwide Coronavirus pandemic with most, if not all, having at least one vaccination.

However, we still have to comply with Government restrictions in place at the time. The health, safety and well-being of our members is a priority.

It's a year since our last newsletter, mainly due to their being no news! Apologies for this lacuna. As far as the walking club is concerned, there has been no requirement to put one together. Any updates during this time have been circulated by our Secretary via e-mail. However, following mid-April relaxation in Covid rules, the Windmill Walkers Committee came together on the 30 April for a socially distanced, outdoor meeting. As a result, it was deemed appropriate to circulate to members, via this Newsletter, matters discussed.

WALKS SCHEDULE

A very welcome lifting of restrictions came with 'Roadmap' step 2 on 12 April 2021 and outdoor groups of six allowed along with, in specific circumstances, larger groups. On this date, Ramblers also advised that group walking could resume to a maximum of thirty.

Therefore, with previously circulated booking arrangements in place for our club and Committee decision to restrict numbers initially to 15, it was with great pleasure our first organised event took place with leader Malcolm xxxxx guiding a group of 15 on a circular ramble from Tickton. A photograph of this walk was taken and can be viewed on the gallery. Since that date, a schedule of regular Wednesday walks has been established for members using the booking process. A special thanks to our walks secretary Robert xxxxxxxx who is overseeing this aspect.

It is appreciated that these arrangements do not suit all members, some enjoying the ability to decide on the day whether to join a club walk or not. Other members are not yet confident at walking with such large numbers at this stage bearing in mind health issues. However, it was thought by the Committee at a previous meeting that the arrangements in place, best suited our purpose as a walking club and members to comply with criteria set.

Also at the recent committee meeting, current arrangements were reviewed. After a discussion regarding lifting of numbers to thirty and booking requirements, either at step 3 (17 May) or step 4 (21 June), it was decided to retain our club walks at 15 members with existing booking arrangements until 21 June. A review of increasing numbers and booking will be taken thereafter.

COACH RAMBLE

Social distancing would appear to remain a crucial feature of safety for all members of the public on all forms of transport. Our usual coach provider, York Pullman Coaches has been contacted recently as to what, if any services would be available post 21 June. Currently, they are running coaches at 50% capacity and were not sure what services they could offer in the immediate future. Therefore, the Committee decided that given the uncertainty and short time to organise any future event, coupled with the possibility of a substantial rise in costs, it was decided to cancel any coach ramble this year.

However, all is not lost with discussions taking place regarding a proposal to offer a **linear** walk from Scarborough to Filey using the established Cleveland Way National Trail. A lovely cliff path, not too strenuous of 9.4 miles from Scarborough Railway Station to Filey Railway Station. The proposed date is **Wednesday 08 September 2021** (to replace a Snaith scheduled walk). The weather early September, when the children return to school, is usually good!!

How members arrive at Scarborough is of personal choice. For quickness and convenience, a train service is available either way between Scarborough and Filey, or you can catch the train for the whole journey from Hull, Cottingham, Beverley, Driffield etc and return from Filey. Another suggestion would be to drive to Filey, park, catch the train to Scarborough (current fare £4.00) and walk back or vice-versa.

Timetables for September are subject to change. Currently trains depart Hull at 09:21 and leave Filey at 10:24 arriving at the meeting time of **1040 Scarborough Railway Station**. Allowing a leisurely, scenic walk with picnic lunch and refreshments or light tea in Filey at the conclusion. Trains leave for Hull at 17:15 and Scarborough 18:25 or, you return to your parked car and drive home from Filey.

This is a proposal. In order to gauge interest, please e-mail xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Depending on numbers, any further information will be circulated by e-mail.

MEMBERSHIP FEE 2021

The 2021 membership fee is **£5 per person**, a 50% reduction in lieu of limited activity.

As a club, we still have annual running costs for insurance (from 12 April 2021), website fee, Ramblers affiliation and minimal expenses.

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

1. Cash or Cheque (payable to Windmill Walkers) to any Committee member on a walk.
2. Cash or Cheque (payable to Windmill Walkers) through the door of the Treasurer
3. Cheque (payable to Windmill Walkers) by post to Treasurer at above address.
4. Bank transfer with your surname and initial to Windmill Walkers

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM was scheduled for Wednesday 06 January 2021.

Government restrictions prevented it taking place and cannot convene until 21 June at the earliest. The committee decided that currently, there were no matters or requirement for an AGM.

Approved club accounts had been circulated by e-mail and no queries resulted. All our Committee and Co-Opted members were willing to continue their roles until a future AGM.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This event has not been written off yet. Discussions took place as to possible venues, including the former Grange Park Hotel, now known as the Mecure Hull Grange Park Hotel. Once again, depending on restrictions at the time, it is very much hoped this popular social event will take place in December 2021. Details will be circulated by e-mail if and when arrangements can or have been made.

COUNTRYSIDE CODE

At the recent Committee meeting, Club Chairman Peter xxxxxxxx requested that this newsletter highlight the fact a new Countryside Code is now in circulation from April this year.

Key changes to the Countryside Code include:

- New advice for people to 'be nice, say hello, share the space' as well as 'enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory'.
- A reminder not to feed livestock, horses or wild animals.
- To stay on marked footpaths, even if they are muddy, to protect crops and wildlife.
- Information on permissions to do certain outdoor activities, such as wild swimming.
- Clearer rules for dog walkers to take home dog poo and use their own bin if there are no public waste bins.
- A refreshed tone of voice, creating a guide for the public rather than a list of rules – recognising the significant health and wellbeing benefits of spending time in nature.
- New wording to make clear that the code applies to all our natural places, including parks and waterways, coast and countryside.

Further information can be found on the Government website.

EAST RIDING WALKING FESTIVAL

This well run festival offers walks and activities from Saturday 11th to Sunday 19th September 2021. A brochure of planned events will be available in July.

For further information, see the website: <https://www.walkingeastyorkshirefestival.co.uk/>

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 thereafter.

Please e-mail Secretary, David xxxxx: with any matters to be placed on the Agenda when the Committee next meet.

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