

Dear Rugby Group Members,

At last we seem to have put the worst of the pandemic behind us, although we were inflicted with last minute cancellations to our recent trip to the IOW due to positive test results. However thirty-nine of us were spirited across the water to enjoy good company, sumptuous food and wonderful walking in fine weather. Having waited over two years for this holiday, we are at last able to forward plan future breaks and other activities, both this year and next, some of which are

detailed in this newsletter.

Our Spring/Summer walking programme is gathering momentum with our 'Flagship' Wednesday evening walks now up and running. We are grateful to all our walk leaders who continue to provide unstinting service to the Rugby Group - but more are needed to fill the gaps especially on shorter walks of 3-8 miles. The responsibility may seem daunting but it is also a privilege to undertake the task.

David Shaw - Acting Chairperson

Coming up! Coach Trip to Bath



Photo by Alberto Hitoshi Shimamura

The coach trip to Bath was re-arranged for Sunday 9th October 2022. Some payments were made back in February 2020 for the original cancelled trip and I will be in touch shortly with these people to see if they wish to transfer funds to the revised trip or have a refund. We are fortunate in that the price this year has only increased by £1.50 to £16.50 per person. Booking Forms will be available shortly.

PAT DOWNTON - SOCIAL SECRETARY

NAVIGATION COURSE

An email was sent to all members regarding this course which we are able to offer under the auspices of the National Navigation Award Scheme (NNAS). This will run some time in the Autumn and we are able to fund twelve places. Considerable interest has already been shown but to add your name to a waiting list, please email me - judyblags@btinternet.com

JUDY BLAGDEN



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CROMER WEEKEND BREAK - September 2022

Final balance payments will be required by end June/early July and a reminder email will be sent out with appropriate payment form in due course. For Twin/double room availability - contact Dianna on 07899876966 asap. - DIANA NURCOMBE



REMINDERS

- Walk Leaders, please don't forget to claim your travel expenses for 'walk reccies'. We have funds to pay for this cost in our budget.
FAITH BOYERS
- The next Committee Meeting is planned for 12th October 2022.



Photo by Astrid Rembold Shimamura

Aston Cantlow Walk - 8th May - led by David and Ratree

RUGBY ROUND - STAGE ONE

Sixteen members completed Stage 1 on May 4th. - a short section but it 'packed a punch' in variety. From Whinfield Rec. we walked through Bluebell Wood, under the West Coast mainline, over the Oxford canal, across the new road to Houlton and on into Clifton. Station Rd. took us over the derelict Market Harborough line to a path beside the R. Avon and then along the canal to near Leicester Rd. The Black Path towards town, passed the Retail Park and Technology Drive before we arrived at Caldecott Park for coffee cake and wonderful flower displays. What a mix of old and new!

Three members successfully tested the no. 9 bus back to The Rec and cars. Further stages need suitable circuits with parking or buses. That's a challenge but watch out for Stage 2. - JANET MILWAIN

NB Janet provided an interesting potted history about this walk and enabled me to pass through, and learn about parts of Rugby never visited before (The Black Path!! - so called because it was originally surfaced with cinders. It was a footbridge built in the early 20th century across the railway to help workers living in Rugby reach the British Thomson Houston factory site). JUDY

OBITUARY

Alan Eley sadly passed away on 24th April and his funeral last month was attended by many members who knew him well. A member since 1990, he led walks for the group, first with his wife and then on his own until he became ill. Always smiling, chatty and a popular member of the group.



Picture provided by Vale: Ramblers weekend in 1996

DATES FOR YOUR 2023 DIARY

Soups, Puds and 50th Anniversary Celebration

21st MARCH 2023

Postponed from 2021 it has been decided to combine these two events - more details will be sent later this year. To be held at the Bilton Bowling Club we will be asking for your help to make this a memorable and fun filled event.

50th ANNIVERSARY EVENT
'SUB-COMMITTEE'

HF Weekend Break

14th APRIL 2023

Just confirmed - Thorns Hall, Sedburgh, Yorkshire Dales -

Three nights from Friday 14th April 2023 - Further details and Booking Forms to follow.

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