

**MINUTES OF THE GEDLING & DUKERIES GROUP RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.30PM IN THE MEETING ROOM RICHARD HERROD CENTRE**

**PRESENT:**

Mick Rawdin	Val Disney	Graham Dicker
Brian Torr	Alex McGowan	Liz Pritchett
George Wood	Jonathan Ankers	Heather Darwent
Jim Norris		

**APOLOGIES:** Pat Rogers, Brian O'Neill.

**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

Proposed Heather Darwent, seconded George Wood, and passed.

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Heather said that Brenda was still in hospital.

Brian Torr confirmed that there had never been a path over the old railway in Gedling Country Park.

The Younger Ramblers Group includes some aged 40.

Val queried the results of the on-line Rambler Survey with regard to the use of e-mail addresses.

**3. MEMBER'S REPORTS**

Chairman's Report

I went to see Dorothy Marshall on 7th. August 2017. She appeared to be coping, but missing John as they had been married over 50 years. Her two sons live close by and visit often plus Dorothy belongs to other social groups, which enables her to get out of the house.

Graham is now in Addenbrookes Hospital and is awaiting a liver transplant, which could happen any day once a suitable liver is donated.

Thanks to everyone who helped to distribute the latest walks programme even if that meant just taking your own copy.

Under AOB we will discuss the timetable for reports / nomination forms / how many printed copies required for the groups AGM in November.

Secretary's Report

1. An E-mail had been received about Maggie's cancer charity cultural walk around Nottingham at the end of the month. They had spoken to someone on the phone. Any interest?
2. From October this year, RA will be evolving our existing staff team structure to create a dedicated membership and fundraising division. This change is to enable us to better realise our potential and to drive ambitious growth in these two key functions over the coming years. In effect, the evolved structure means that our existing

membership staff will move out of our Services division (HR, IT, Finance and Facilities), and our existing fundraising staff will move out of our Advocacy and Engagement division (Policy and Communication) and come together as a new division, lead by a new membership and fundraising director, who will join the Senior Management Team and report directly to me. We are currently recruiting for this key post.

3. Grab a 15% discount in the Ramblers Shop when using a one-use code RAM15 online by 1 October.
4. Ramblers Walking Holidays are offering the chance to win your next holiday for £70. Any booking across their range of holiday brands, made in the next seven weeks, will be automatically entered and one lucky winner will pay just £70 for their holiday. Plus, book any long haul holiday and receive a £70 Laithwaite's Wine voucher per person..

#### Treasurer's Report

Balance £554.20.

There had been no reply from Jack Prust about the grant.

#### Walks Programme Editor

No news.

#### Footpaths Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

#### Membership Secretary's Report

#### **31<sup>st</sup> August 2017**

Total	212
Annual Individual	123
Annual Joint	82
Life Individual	5
Life Joint	2
Payments Pending	0
Members no longer in the group	2
New Members	1
Members Reinstated	1

#### Membership Fees

There will be a slight increase in membership fees as of 1st October 2017.

Individual	from	£34.50	to	£35.00
Individual (Cons)		£20.50		
Individual Life	from	£752.00	to	£770.00
Individual Life (Cons)	"	£346.00	to	£364.00
Joint Life		£950.00		
Joint Life (Cons)	from	£446.00	to	£465.00
Joint Life (monthly)		£4.25		

Joint Life (Cons) (monthly)		£2.75	
Individual (monthly)		£3.25	
Individual (Cons) (monthly)		£2.25	
Joint (annual)	from	£45.50	to £46.50
Joint (Cons) (annual)	“	£27.50	to £27.50

#### CONCESSIONARY RATES

Concessionary rates only apply to members that are full time Students, solely reliant on State Pension or on means tested benefits.

Life Membership Concessions are for Members over 60.

New membership forms will be sent from Central Office to Group Secretary, Publicity Officer and Membership Secretary OLD FORMS TO BE DESTROYED.

\* Could walk leaders carry a few forms with them when leading a walk to hand out to potential new members?

\* Perhaps Walk Co-ordinators could hand them out to leaders when they book a date to do a walk.

#### Social Sub Committee Report

Pat will go to Mapperley Golf Club to assess suitability for the annual dinner.

#### Coach Secretary's Report

A trip to Hunstanton is envisaged but there is no date as yet. Malcolm is looking at another trip. As the last coach was not quite full, a 49 seater would be booked next time and upgraded when fully booked.

#### Publicity

Jonathan would take over preparing walks programme extracts from Val to supply Malcolm.

#### Area Liaison Officer's Report

This Report incorporates the Area Council on 18th July 2017.

The meeting in July 2017 looked at a number of options for how it might best operate in order to fulfil its purposes. After an extensive discussion, the format decided on was:

There will continue to be 4 meetings per year

The first part of each meeting will be the administrative part and will cover the Officers Reports. The Officers will answer any questions and add anything new that has arisen.

There will be a networking session

There will then be a specific topic. This might be subjects such as: Network Rail and level crossings; membership and recruitment; walk programme production walking for health etc.

The meetings will continue to be held at Bilsthorpe Miners Welfare. This is mainly because it is a) cheap; b) relatively central and easy to get to.

Given that there will be a topic discussion Groups are asked to put forward topics of particular interest to them.

There were some interesting Group Reports at the July Council. Newark reported the extent to which they are thriving. Their average number of weekly walkers has risen to 25. They now have more walks leaders, which has led to a greater variety of walks both in terms of length and location. They have had successful station to station railway walks. They also had a bus trip to Wells-next- the-Sea.

#### Webmaster's Report

No news.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was reported that the Via Gellia in Derbyshire would remain closed into October.

Diana Macintosh had written to thank the Group as she was moving away from the area.

Mick would speak to the Sunrisers Rotary Group about the Ramblers Association.

AGM:

The last date to submit annual reports to Jonathan would be 7<sup>th</sup> October. Jonathan would send the completed pack to Mick by 14<sup>th</sup> October. Brian Torr would submit his on the day of the AGM.

**It was agreed** to print 40 copies of the pack.

George would be leading the walk on the day.

It was suggested that, in 2018, the fuddle would take place *after* the meeting.

5<sup>th</sup> November is also Peter Dawson's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was unclear whether this would affect arrangements.

It will be proposed to change the name of the Group back to Gedling Ramblers.

It will also be proposed that the classification of walks be changed to:

- A 10 miles and over
- B 9 to 10 miles
- C 6 to 8 miles
- D 5 miles or less.

#### **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be the A.G.M. held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017.