

Newsletter

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Help. Is there anybody out there (probably a non regular Walker) who is computer literate on a PC not Apple?

Preferably used to Access but not essential.

At present The Walks programme is compiled by Barrie and then comes to me to put on a Access Data Base which generates the Programme for the printer and a separate one for the Libraries and is also converted to input the information to The Ramblers Web Site and when up and running our own Web Site

The Group are vulnerable at the moment because it is all on my computer and only I know how to process it. I would like somebody else to have the system as a copy so that if anything happens to me or my computer the Group does not suffer.

Please ring me on 01384 359463
Walter.

BREAKING NEWS

Since the Buxton article was written it has been discovered that a lot of regulars cannot make that week end of 27th September and so alternative dates are being investigated

MISSING

Nominations for a replacement Chairperson.

Please note that Stan gave us 12 months' notice that he will not be continuing as Chairman after October and I get the feeling that you are not queuing up to be nominated. It can be a Man or a Woman.

ANNUAL DINNER

On Friday 22nd March a reduced number of members assembled at the Brasserie Restaurant, Kidderminster. We were greeted with a warm cheerful atmosphere, which was just as well as it was snowing but despite this everybody made it except for one couple who had been snowed in in the highlands of Sedgley and when everyone had arrived we sat down to a very enjoyable multi-choice three course meal and coffee.

After the tables had been cleared Stan organized a general knowledge quiz which was well received and won by Meryl and Sue.

We are pleased to report that everybody got home safely and without incident despite the snow continuing to fall and stick. Unfortunately the numbers were down and the reasons given were that Kidderminster was too far despite being easy roads and for some reason the meal was said to be too expensive despite the fact that it was considerably cheaper than what we used to pay at other venues.

Meryl, assisted by other members of the Committee, are prepared to look at all your suggestions for alternative venues bearing in mind that at the AGM it was voted that it should be maintained as an evening function because we still have working members and not changed to lunchtime when food is cheaper
Daphne

WEB PAGE

This is not forgotten but the friend who is doing it for us as a favour has been rather busy lately

New Members

NO New Members.

A poor state of affairs.

BUXTON

After many years of trying by Walter and others, Evelyn has now found us a hotel at a reasonable price. She has booked **THE PORTLAND HOTEL** for the weekend Friday 27th September to Sunday 29th September 2013.

The cost is £108 for B & B plus Evening meals and Lunch on Sunday.

There has been Flyer giving full details on the walks and Social occasions but if you have missed it just send your £15 non refundable deposit to Mrs E Yorke, 9, The Priory, Sedgley, Dudley, West Midlands DY8 3 UB

Notice in a farmer's field:

THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.



Views we have been missing.

Stourbridge Ramblers have Style or should that be Stiles

We've walked a few miles together already this year despite the vagaries of our Great British climate. We are now in the last week of April and the turnout on our walks gets better with each passing week. The sun is shining more often than not and the ambient temperature is encouraging us all to get out and about so here is just a brief recap on some of the enjoyable moments we've shared over the last few weeks.



In early February Jills H and E and Joss took us from Kinver and around the Kingsford Forest returning through Wolverley. The weather was pleasant enough and fifteen keen ramblers turned out on the day.

Meryl organised another 'sell-out' Trysull walk with WI lunch on the following Tuesday. Thirty-three enjoyed the walk and tasty luncheon. This is turning out to be a very popular annual event. Who knows, perhaps M might be persuaded to arrange a similar do in the Autumn!

Mid February was highlighted by a splendid double booked Sunday when we managed to put on two walks. Everyone seemed pleased at the outcome but we've promised not to do it again. Talk about spoilt for choice!

In March, Jennifer and Margaret D. led an interesting walk from Arley via Hampton Loade and Alveley taking in such exquisite sights as an amazing natural car-park; an ancient Butter Cross, reputedly a relic of the Black Death but also marking the site of an early 'farmer's' market place. It was a very cold day but seven completed this one in high spirits.

The next Sunday saw us on a cracking walk around Much Wenlock and Wenlock Edge. A David and Jean special this. From our cosy urban homes we set out, thankful that the snow had gone, until we reached the far side of Bridgnorth when all that could be seen in the distance were fields of glistening snow, around Much Wenlock. It was very pretty and quite Christmassy. A good walk with beautiful views from the Edge, over farms and fields with no snow in sight, would you believe it!

Onto April. No one can say that Stourbridge Ramblers don't have style. We certainly did on Rose and Barrie's Tuesday Trimpeley to Bewdley Circular. There were twelve stiles, in fact, in the first forty-five minutes. A nice sunny day and Jill enjoyed an early ice cream at Bewdley. No stiles on the Severn path return. All replaced by gates.



The snow had still not deserted us completely when, on the following Sunday a walk from Nim-mings CP on Clent led us via Wychbury and Hagley through Clent Village and back. Plenty of snow hanging on in the shady spaces between the trees.

Jill and Norman's attractive walk from Uffmoor Wood took us, fifteen in all, out and up to Romsley through some muddy fields but with good views over Halesowen and looking across to Frankly Beeches. Jills and Joss attracted twenty-four walkers on their Worfield morning walk, which was well supported. Rod's got a cracking hilly walk for the last Sunday in April but this is one for the SAS members such as Hilary!

Well, that's all for now folks. Got to get this into Wal so he doesn't get too worried about the deadline. A very big thank you for everyone's support in providing a good variety of walks for the forthcoming Summer programme. We look forward to seeing you and to those of you who have had ops or are unwell we wish you all the best and hope to see you again soon.

Cheers for now
Barrie

Programme Secretary

Thank You.

Can I please say a thank you for all the kind messages I had when I had my left knee replaced in February, they were all appreciated.

The operation was carried out under an Epidural to make the recovery easier ie Tea or Coffee was served straight after the 70 minute operation. All the hammering and banging was a bit noisy but I suspect I did doze off at some stage as it was very cosy in the warm air bag they placed around part of you.

These days they have you out of bed the same afternoon to walk with a Zimmer Frame and providing you can walk up and down stairs they send you home by car after 3 nights. All went very well with the clips soon coming out and the group physios got you going.

I hope to be on some of the short walks at Tenby if the rest of me is up to it and I can keep up.

Walter