



# Coventry CHA Rambling Club Newsletter September 2018

## Street, Somerset Weekend April 2019

The weekend away in April 2019 will consist of a Saturday "A" walk of 11 miles led by Julian Denney and George Henderson. A "B" walk of 4 miles will be led by Richard Price and after the walk we will spend the afternoon in Street which has the famous Clarks village outlet shops. There are two museums, loads of tea-rooms, pubs, restaurants, even a garden centre.

The Wessex Hotel is on the edge of town with flat walking, no connection buses required.

On the Sunday again two walks. The "A" walk starts from the hotel walking into Glastonbury including walking up the Tor, distance 7.5 miles. The "B" walk will be 3 miles in and around Glastonbury; the rest of the day will be in Glastonbury, loads of shops, tea rooms, pubs, restaurants.

The coach will leave for home at 15.30 to arrive back in Coventry around 18.30. We will hope you all want to join us. Places are limited to 52; once all seats are filled we will start a waiting list.

Richard Price

## Annual Lunch Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018

The annual lunch was held at the Lakes Hotel, Barston Lakes on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018. The day started with two walks; one led by Alan Whitcroft and the other by Mike Ledbrook (who stood in for the injured Joe Connell). The weather was kind to us but the ground was a little muddy. After the walks we had a quick change and brush up in the Golf Club changing rooms prior to the meal. Sixty eight persons sat down and enjoyed the Sunday carvery in the Golf Club's vast dining room. The meal consisted of a starter, main course, sweet and coffee. Everyone very much appreciated the efforts of Alan Whitcroft who organized the event.

Richard Satchwell

## Skittles Evening Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018

The Skittles Evening took place at Barnacle Village Hall on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Bar facilities were provided by Barnacle Village Hall. Fifty one persons turned up to play rounds of table skittles, cheese skittles and alley skittles. We were split into a number of teams. By half time Dave Thomas's team had the highest score and was in the lead and we all sat down to an enjoyable meal of hot fish and chips. Fueled with performance enhancing fish and chips, Dave Gilbert's team surged into the lead and won the event. Some of their team members, such as Neville Russell, played like professionals producing exceptional scores.

The individual player of the evening was Fran Dalton. Her eye, hand coordination on the skittle alley was superior to anyone's. She could hit a needle at 400 yards. Team leaders will be signing her up at the next Skittle's Evening. A very good evening was had by all and we owe Terry Stamper our gratitude for organizing the event.

Richard Satchwell

## Annual Outing Day Trip Saturday 7th July 2018

### **A Hot day in Gloucester**

Upon arrival at Gloucester docks, we first headed for the cathedral. We were in awe of the architecture and skill of the builders. We were offered a guided tour, which not only described the architecture but the lives of the nobility whose effigies are preserved here. So profuse was his storytelling that we had to shorten our visit. After lunch in the Artists Quarter, we headed for the dockside area and found that we had just missed the departure of a docks cruise trip, which was enjoyed by some of our members. Instead, we paid a short visit to the museum of canal life. Afterwards, in very hot sunshine, there was a distinct absence of visitors strolling around, and we concluded that the World Cup England football match had begun, so retired to a local hostelry, to watch, pint in hand, England's temporary victory.

A very enjoyable day for everyone, thanks to the organisers.

Ben Mathias

## Members Obituaries

Dick Dowling. Dick died on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018. Dick leaves behind his wife Marj. They joined the Club in 1983

Ann Richardson. Ann died on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Ann leaves behind her husband Pete and family. They joined the Club in 1988

Derek Thompson. Derek died on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Derek leaves behind his wife Dot and family. Derek joined the Club in 2003

Graham Nairn. Graham died on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Graham leaves behind his family and his partner Shirley. Graham joined the Club in 2003.

## Annual General Meeting

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm @ Friends Meeting House, Hill Street, Coventry.

## Coach departure time for Sunday walks

Please note the coach will leave at the appointed time on the programme. Members are advised the club keeps strictly to this policy and only in exceptional circumstances is this policy waived.

## Data Protection Regulations

The Club would like to thank everyone who has given consent for the processing of their personal information, to comply with the latest Data Protection Regulations. The new regulations became effective on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The fact that you have received this Newsletter, gives you assurance that your consent form has been received.

At the time of writing there were about 35 members whose consent forms had not been received. If you hear from other Club members who have not received the latest Rambles Programme and Newsletter, please jog their memory and ask them if they completed their consent form. They of course can contact the Club, but without their written consent, the Club cannot contact them.

Richard Satchwell (Data Controller) - contact details on Rambles Programme

## Spring in Ironbridge Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

The world famous Ironbridge was not to be seen, all well covered over, for colossal renovation and clean.

Brian led a B walk pausing with countryside facts about this and that. He chose a lovely hilltop for the elevenses, swig and snack.

Springs verdant delights stretched to the far and yonder, giving our Nev more than enough time to sit and ponder.

We carried on in good company without any great rush, Doug, Peter and David in conversation too clever for the rest of us.

Suddenly a horse appeared for tit bits it was fishing, others galloped up wanting to find out what they were missing.

Ben tried a bit of horse whispering in the best way he knew, Ange went soft and handed out glucose tablets for them to chew.

Mike took charge of steering us through mud to the nearest gate, we all followed him onwards at a fairly good rate.

There was quite a struggle through slush and gee-gee turds, stalwart gals Mo and Bren were at this point at a loss for words.

Once on the safe side of the gate we felt in less of a pickle, but the beasties still came up for another pat and a tickle.

Suddenly John felt a bite on his hand from the naughtiest mare, but better there we decided then on his derriere.

The moral of this tale, whether for good or bad, is don't forget the importance of having a tetanus jab.

**Angela Cottrell**