



Coventry CHA Rambling Club Newsletter March 2019



A party late Sunday afternoon 25th November having a rest on the way to Draycote

Annual Lunch Sunday 24th March 2019

After the successful lunch held last year at "The Lake at Barston" it has been decided to return there for this year's annual Sunday lunch plus walks. There will be again a 3 course carvery, the cost this year is £25 per person this includes the coach fare from Coventry. If you are interested please contact Alan Whitcroft. Note that as is club policy all monies are non-refundable and need to be paid in full by Sunday 17th March to the Treasurer Richard Satchwell.

Street, Somerset Weekend, April 2019

During the weekend walks have been planned in the areas of Cheddar Gorge and Glastonbury. A coach will stay with us during the weekend and transport us to these areas. For the outward journey, the coach will be waiting in Upper Well Street, Coventry, CV1 4AG outside the Salvation Army building from 16.40 onwards, for loading luggage. Departure is at 17.00 hours or sooner if everyone is present. For the return journey, we expect to leave Glastonbury at 15.30 hours and arrive back in Coventry around 18.30 hours.

The balance payment for the Street weekend, 12th/14th April 2019 is required by the end of February. For those sharing a twin or double bed room the balance is £85 per person. For those who have booked a single room, there is a room supplement of £40 to be added (total £125). If paying by cheque, please make the cheque payable to the "Coventry CHA Rambling Club".

Forty six persons have booked the weekend, so there are still some places available if you know of anyone who wishes to come. If you require information please contact Richard Satchwell, telephone 01676 533018. If you want to make a payment then please post cheque/s to Richard Satchwell - address details are given on back of the Rambles Programme.

Walk Trent Valley Area 5th May 2019

On Sunday 5th May Barry Baker and Brian Keates will be leading you on picturesque 3 and 6 mile walks in the Trent Valley area. The walks start at Branston Water Park and end at Barton Turns Marina Park for lunch.

For the non-walkers there are lots of things to see and do in the Marina Park. Plenty of lakeside paths to walk around and pubs, hotels and café bars to visit.

After lunch everyone will go to the National Memorial Arboretum and spend the afternoon there. There is no charge to enter the Arboretum, but donations are requested.

Coffee mornings

In the past individual club members have held coffee mornings in their own homes and raised a goodly sum for charity. It would be nice to try and revive this practise, we already have one volunteer, are there any others who would be interested? Tea, coffee and homemade cakes are the

order of the day and those attending would be charged £2.50 each it's a nice way to socialize away from walking, with the profits going to charity. If you are interested please ring the coach booking number 07950363203 and speak to Ann.



Thank you from Rita Heal

A Big thank you to the Saturday walkers who contributed to my collection for "Children In Need" on my walk last November. The amount collected was £40. **Rita Heal**



Texting Updates

The Club is going to compile a telephone list of members with the intention of occasionally texting members with messages about forthcoming rambles, events, and reminders of booking/payment dates for holidays and such like. If you do not want to receive these text messages from the Club please let us know.

Portland Holiday Report

Sunday 20th January, two coaches carrying 81 members and driven by Danielle and Tracy arrive at The Heights Hotel, Portland, for our 5 night stay. The hotel high on the Isle of Portland has stunning views overlooking Chesil Beach, the town of Weymouth and beyond. Everyone soon has their room keys and a welcome cup of tea/coffee is supplied by the hotel in the dining room.

Monday 21st January, we drive westwards to the Charmouth area. There are 3 coastal walks planned A, B and C, all finishing at West Bay, Bridport which we recognise as the filming location for the TV drama Broadchurch. The non-walkers are dropped off in Bridport a short distance from the rendezvous with the walkers in West Bay. The walks are challenging but the coastal views on this bright, sunny and dry day are well worth it. In the evening there is a talk on the wildlife and geology of Portland by local expert Bob Ford. The talk is very informative and gives us a real insight to the area, Bob incidentally hails from Bedworth.

Tuesday 22nd January, a day of leisure. We drive to Shaftesbury, a nice little town, made famous by the 1973 Hovis advert filmed there on the steep cobbled street fittingly named Gold Hill. In the afternoon we move on to the picturesque town of Sherbourne, here there are plenty of places to eat and drink, just as well as it is now raining quite



heavily. In the evening we are entertained by Barbara who sings and plays keyboard.

Wednesday 23rd January, three more walks this time in the Dorchester area. We take in the Iron Age hill fort of Maiden Castle and The Hardy Monument, erected in 1844 by public subscription to the memory of Vice Admiral Sir Thomas Hardy of Trafalgar fame. The non-walkers spend time in Dorchester then meet up with the walkers in Abbotsbury. This evening entertainment is a very energetic disco which saw many of us strutting our stuff, joined by Tracey our coach driver who has a few moves of her own.

Thursday 24th January, the walks today focus on Portland's coastal paths and finish at the hotel. There is plenty to see, lighthouses, quarry workings, a sculpture park, there are also sightings of dolphins, seals and wallabies on the way. It is planned for the non-walkers to spend some time at Portland Bill, only to find that the cafe and facilities are closed for refurbishment, so arrangements are made to move on and take in the delights of Weymouth instead.

On the final evening there is an Elvis impersonator, he has a very good voice and is thoroughly entertaining. His Elvis repertoire is from different eras, the 50's,60's and 70's and he makes a change of costume to suit each one, all part of the fun.

Friday comes and we bid a fond farewell to The Heights. The hotel, the food and the staff had been excellent and we are sad to go, hotel representatives board the coaches and dish out little goody bags of sweets to us all and then wave us goodbye from the hotel steps, a nice touch. The end of a very enjoyable stay, many thanks go to Alan Whitcroft for all his work arranging this holiday and the walk leaders George Henderson, Brian Keates, Ben Mathias and Mike Ledbrook. A great time was had by all.



Must mention our two great drivers; Tracey and Danielle. They really did become part of us - As the Club's motto says - More a family than a Club.