



Coventry C.H.A. Rambling Club Newsletter May 2021



The way forward

We hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well. It's now been over a year since we were hit by the Covid Pandemic, and all our club activities were suspended. Normal life as we knew it was placed on the back burner, with little happening, just venturing out when allowed, wearing masks, and watching the awful toll Coronavirus was to wreak on the world each day on our TV screens.

Thankfully the fight back against the virus is now well underway, there is light at the end of the tunnel and we can proceed carefully on our way out from the present restrictions.

.....**We have a road map**.....

In light of the Government announcement of the road map out of lockdown, the committee have held a meeting to discuss its implications for the club. Although the committee have kept in touch via phone and email there has been little, in fact, no scope to move forward until this announcement. The last proper meeting held was in the Memorial Park in July 2020, but under the current guidelines there was not an option to do that again, so it was decided to take the plunge and zoom...a practice session was held before diving in at the deep end, many thanks to Dave Roper for his help and patience in facilitating the meetings.

The committee has decided on what they hope is a clear pathway forward to the opening up of club activities and getting back to something approaching normal life. Note of caution, obviously we will need to comply with all the current and any possible new guidelines should they arise at every stage as the country opens up.

Path out of lockdown

After 17th May the Sunset Stroll Programme will commence. A maximum of 30 persons on each walk. Note, social distancing will still apply unless you are part of the same household or in a support bubble. Hospitality venues: Group of up to 30 outdoors (i.e. pub gardens) and a maximum 6 seated together indoors.

Wednesday Sunset Strolls.....Dave Roper. Walks organiser

19/05/2021	Julian Stanley	Clarendon Arms, Kenilworth. CV8 1NB	01926 852 017
26/05/2021	Dieshy Purewal	Burnt Post, Coventry. CV3 6AW	02476 692 671
02/06/2021	Neville Russell	The Boat Inn, Shilton Lane, CV2 2AB	02476 612 191
09/06/2021	Dianne Tibblts	Elms Harvester, Coventry. CV5 9TZ	02476 407 550
16/06/2021	Dave Thomas	Red Lion, Walsgrave. CV2 2EY	02476 612 168
23/06/2021	Brenda & Angela	Malt Shovel, Bubbenhall. CV8 3BW	02476 301 141
30/06/2021	Dave & Moira Roper	White Hart, Uffton. CV33 9PJ	01926 612 976
07/07/2021	Marion Kendrick	Pheasant, Withybrook. CV7 9LT	01455 220 480
14/07/2021	Doug Shelton	Queen's Head, Bretford. CV23 0JY	02476 542 671
21/07/2021	Sandra Hobley	Blue Lias, Stockton. CV47 8LD	01926 812 249
28/07/2021	Alan Whitcroft	Old Lion, Harborough Magna. CV23 0HQ	01788 833 238
04/08/2021	Dianne Bickerton & Dave Gilbert	Barston Lakes Golf Club. B92 0LB	01675 444 890
11/08/2021	Malcolm & Sue Smith	Millpool, Hipswell Highway. CV2 5FR	02476 459 928
18/08/2021	Sue Rees	Malt Shovel, Bubbenhall. CV8 3BW	02476 301 141
25/08/2021	Ron Hodgkins & Penny Wigley	Abbey Fields, Kenilworth. CV8 1BP (Eating at Clarendon Arms. CV8 1NB)	01926 852 017

Sunset Stroll Walk Leaders

Contact the pub a couple weeks or so before the walk is due to take place to determine the current situation.

Find out if the pub will be open and entry requirements (i.e. will users need to register via the NHS Covid app). If the pub is closed, find out if we can use the car park.

If we can't use the car park, check if there is a suitable alternative car parking close to the pub.

Communicate the situation on the CHA Sunset Strolls WhatsApp group. If you're not in the WhatsApp group, inform David Roper of the arrangements, who will put it on the WhatsApp group.

If the pub is closed and there is no suitable alternative parking, are you able to lead a walk from a different place.

Inform the pub that some walkers will be having a meal afterwards, and that the walkers themselves will ring the pub to book their own meal(s)

Sunset Strollers

Check WhatsApp for walk information. If you are not on the WhatsApp group, ring Dave Roper for the latest walk information. Please note that it is the individual's responsibility to do so.

If you intend to have a meal at the pub after the walk, ring the pub to book a table yourselves and let the pub know that you are with the walking group.

Anyone wishing to join/re-join the WhatsApp group, text your name and number to Dave Roper's mobile. 078 5285 1938

After 21st June the Thursday, Saturday and Sunday walks commence.

Thursday walks..... Neville Russell. Walks organiser. Tel 079 5242 3175

Saturday walks..... Theresa Westwood. Walks organiser. Tel. 024 7633 7137

Sunday walks..... Mike Cummings. Rambles Secretary. Tel. 079 8457 2741

The Committee plans are to have our first ramble on the 1st July if all has gone well according to the road map, by then practically all restrictions will have been lifted. You will see in the Saturday and Sunday walks programmes there are a number of weeks where no walks are planned, or details are missing at the time of going to press. If there are any volunteers who would like to put on a walk and fill the gaps could you please contact the relevant walks organiser to arrange.

New Saturday Walks Secretary

Our grateful thanks go to Theresa Westwood who has kindly stepped up to take over as Saturday Walks organiser from Jean Bocock.

A.G.M 2021

This year's A.G.M. will take place at The Friends Meeting House, Hill Street, Coventry CV1 4AN. To commence at 7.30pm on Friday 22nd October. Please note at time of going to press we are still awaiting final confirmation details from the venue, should things change you will be informed.

Annual Outing Saturday 26thJune 2021

This year's trip will be to Clifton Suspension Bridge and Bristol Docks. Firstly, we will stop for a couple of hours by the suspension bridge. This should give you enough time to visit the bridge and its dedicated museum. There are nearby cafes, hotels and toilets. From there you will have a choice to make - take the coach down to the docks if you want more time to explore Bristol, or you can follow Brian Keates on a 3 mile walk from the bridge to the docks, taking in Clifton's classical Georgian architecture, Birdcage Walk and Cabot Tower. Bristol is a lively city with lots of independent shops and a thriving arts scene; Cathedral, Art Galleries, Docks, and the SS Great Britain. Depart Coventry 8.00am. We will take everyone that wants to go, but if you put your name down to go and subsequently cancel you will still have to pay the full fare.

Christmas Party



We could all do with a party, and this year's Christmas Party will be at The Friends Meeting House, Coventry on Saturday 11th December. The start time is 2pm, there will be the usual buffet supplied by yourselves, cakes, savouries, etc all gratefully received.

Obituary

Sadly, Alan Swinscoe died aged 82 on 16th April 2021 after a short illness. One of the Club's greatest characters without a doubt. He first led a ramble for the Club in 1974 and went on to become Rambles Secretary in 1979, YHA Booking Secretary 1978-1979, as well as being the Coach Booking Secretary at the same time.

Slovenia Holiday 6th-13th September update

Unfortunately, Alan has had to make a late change to the holiday dates by bringing the holiday forward by a week. The plane is due to leave Heathrow at 14.40hrs on Monday 6th September, and arrives at Ljubljana at 17.50hrs local time. The return will be from Ljubljana on Monday 13th September, arriving at Heathrow at 20.11hrs.

There is a note of caution however, the Government announcement on Monday 17th May with regard to foreign travel and any restrictions (covid tests, quarantine!) deemed necessary, may lead to some deciding to cancel their bookings! Alan needs to firm up numbers with the airline promptly and has asked those who do wish to cancel to contact him the following day Tuesday 18th May. The balance of the holiday is due no later than Sunday 11th July.

Charity Coffee mornings



Currently six members have kindly volunteered to host coffee and cake mornings this year, please support their efforts by attending if possible. There will be a charge of £2.50 per head with profits going to charity. Any of your own cakes, homemade or otherwise will be most welcome on the day by the volunteers. Any uneaten cakes will be sold off and monies added to the total. Thank you for all the responses so far; if anyone has any queries or would like to do a Coffee morning please contact Terry Stamper on ...079 4054 4606.

Here are the dates for your calendars.

Wednesday 30th June. 10.30-12am.

Beckie Kalnins
137 Weston lane
Bulkington. CV12 9RX

Wednesday 4th August. 10.30-12am

Angela Whelan
33 St Helens Way
Allesley. CV5 9DX

Wednesday 18th August. 10.30-12am

Janet Foot
611 Henley Road
Coventry. CV2 2FZ

Wednesday 21st July. 10.30-12am.

Pauline Johnston
1 Rectory Close
Allesley. CV5 9AE

Wednesday 11th August. 10.30-12am

Dieshy Purewal
6 Chancellors Close
Cannon Park. CV4 7ED

Wednesday 15th September. 10.30-12am

Terry Stamper
22 Erithway Road
Finham. CV3 6JT

Stop press

Please note Terry Stamper is also looking to rearrange the much-delayed skittles night which he now hopes will be go ahead sometime around November.