



# Coventry CHA Rambling Club Newsletter September 2021



Sunday walkers near Hartington 15th August

## Annual General Meeting 2021

We have now had confirmation from the Friends for our AGM to go ahead on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, commencing at 7.30pm at the Friends Meeting House in Hill Street, Coventry, CV1 4AN. If there are any members who wish to stand for election to any of the positions on the committee, please contact Brian Keates for a nomination form; note any nominations or rule/constitution changes have to be submitted in writing to the Hon. Secretary no later than 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

## January holiday update

We are pleased to advise you that the January holiday to the 3\* Delmeny Resort Hotel, in Lytham St Annes is set to go ahead, Alan has confirmed the new dates as being from Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022. Those of you who paid a deposit for last year's failed attempt, will have already received your cash back or had your deposit cheques destroyed.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a new booking form for the January holiday, any of our members who now wish to go on this holiday in 2022 will need to complete the form and return it, together with the **full payment** to Alan, by the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

## September Holiday update



Alan recently sent out voting slips with regard to the fate of the much delayed holiday to Slovenia, the overwhelming response was to postpone the holiday to 2022. The new dates are, departure to Ljubljana on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> **September** 2022, returning to Heathrow on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> **September** 2022. Same hotel and same airline to be used, further details to follow in due course.

If there are any members who have not previously booked on this holiday and are now interested in going, please contact Alan in writing or call him on 02476 315275.

## Barn Dance update



The Barn dance will now be held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at the Hare and Hounds Public House, Watery Lane, Coventry CV7 8JA. The start time is 7.30 pm. Tickets are £10 per person, which includes a buffet. Caller is Julian Stanley. There will be a raffle, if you have any raffle prizes you would care to donate, please bring them with you. Contact Terry Stamper for more details and tickets. Tel. 02476 697083.

## Christmas Party 2021

The Friends have also confirmed the date for the Christmas Party at the Friends Meeting House as Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December starting at 2pm. Donations of food will be gratefully received. We are looking for some volunteers to help set up the buffet and to clear up afterwards, if you can possibly help please contact Ann Bottrill on the club phone 079 5036 3203.

## Sunset Strollers Christmas Party

This years Christmas Party will be on 18<sup>th</sup> December at the Ansty Club, Grove Road, Ansty, nr Coventry, CV7 9JD. Cost will be £20-25 per head, all club members are welcome to join in. Please contact Dave Roper 07852 851 938 if you wish to attend.

## Sunday walks

The Sunday walks by coach have been going for a number of weeks now and although they have proved very enjoyable, the numbers attending have been somewhat disappointing and consequently monies taken for coach fares have fallen well short of the break even cost for the coach hire. We are probably suffering the knock on effects of the pandemic and maybe the extremely high temperatures experienced a few weeks ago will not have helped.

That said, obviously the committee needed to address the situation, and the upshot is that it has been decided regrettably to reduce the number of Sunday rambles to two per month.

There will now be programmed walks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the month (note there could be an additional walk laid on where there are five Sundays in the month). We hope this will only be a temporary situation, and that the coach will start to fill again, getting us back to pre pandemic levels. Once the numbers have improved sufficiently, more walks will then be added to fill the vacant Sundays.

## Changes to the walks programme

Changes to the rambles programme for July to September. The walk on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August in Derbyshire was unfortunately cancelled due to lack of numbers, but two others have been added as late additions and are as follows: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Chacombe, Thorpe Manderville, Northamptonshire. Leaders: Brian Keates & Julian Denney, A walk 5 + 4.75 miles and B walk 3 miles, 9am start. Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September, Stow on the Wold. Leaders: George and Carolyn. A walk total 10 miles, also a B walk planned, 9am start.

## Club Communications

Depending on the print date and distribution of this newsletter, the walks above may have already been completed and unfortunately you may have missed the opportunity to join them. When such changes happen at relatively short notice it is proving difficult to communicate the changes to our members quickly and cost effectively. The cost of postage for a mail shot is approximately £120, add to that, printing costs and the provision of envelopes. There is also the time delay in waiting for the printers and for the mail shot to be collated and posted out. It has however been possible to advise those of you who are on the emailing list or in the 'WhatsApp' group of these changes practically instantly.

Changes effecting rambles is one instance, but there are other pieces of information that do come to the club's attention at very short notice, and it would be nice to get these out to you quickly. We know that for some member post is the best and preferred way to receive club communications, which is fine. But if you are interested in changing your preferred method of communication from post to email, please contact Secretary Brian Keates or Membership Secretary Debbie Brown to implement this. There is another quick form of communication which you can use in addition to the post to help keep you bang up to date, and that is to join in with the 'WhatsApp' group. If you wish to do this, you can do by contacting Dave Roper on 07 852 851 938.

## Ad hoc walks

During lockdown, members have been arranging ad hoc walks between themselves, which is good. The club has no problem with these walks, members just need to be aware that the



walks are not under the club's supervision e.g. the walks have not been sanctioned by the club itself and do not appear on the rambles programme. So, members taking part are not covered by the club's insurance should things go wrong, unfortunately. We are sure most of you will realize this, it is just to clarify the club's position. If you are planning any ad hoc walks Dave Roper is happy to put it on the 'WhatsApp' site for you, should you wish.

## Thank you message from Angie Evans

We thought you would like to see a message sent to Hon sec. Brian Keates from Angie following the funeral of her step father Glyn Thomas, which took place on the 10th August. "Brian, the next time you send information to CHA members, would you please add my sincere and heart-felt appreciation for the love and support you have all shown due to the news of Glyn's passing, attendance at his Funeral and Wake, as well as the cards, flowers and generous donations. We have been overwhelmed by your kindness!

My son, Carl and I have wonderful memories of Glyn, but can now add to those, not only the wonderful stories shared at the Wake, but also the amazing sight and sound of 'his mates' Dave Thomas, Neville Russell and Julian Stanley, singing 'Heart of my Heart' for us all. I will carry that memory with me always!

To the wonderful members of the CHA I thank you again, send you love, and hope to see you all again soon."

## Coffee mornings

At time of going to press the Coffee mornings have been well attended, and have raised considerable sums for charity this year. Many thanks to, Terry Stamper, our members who hosted the events, and to those who have supported them, well done to all concerned.

## Donations to Charity 2021

Date	Event / Activity	Myton Hospice	Air Ambulance	Zoe's Place
Sep20 / Aug21	Sale of T.Stamper Vegetables	-	£196.00	-
Dec20 / Jul 21	M. Ledbrook Sale of Walking Gear	£21.00	£21.00	£21.00
June2021	Beckie Kalnins Coffee Morning	-	£123.00	-
August 2021	Janet Foot's Coffee Morning	£125.00	-	-
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>£146.00</b>	<b>£340.00</b>	<b>£21.00</b>

## Walking gear donations



Do you have any spare walking gear in good condition? Would you be happy to donate it to the club? Then Mike Ledbrook would be happy to take it off your hands, please contact him on 02476 418198 to make arrangements.