



Coventry CHA Rambling Club Newsletter June 2022



Annual Outing to Bristol

The annual outing this year will be to Clifton Suspension Bridge and Bristol on Saturday 2nd July, The coach will depart at 8am from outside the Salvation Army, Upper Well Street, Coventry. The cost will be £17 per person. To reserve your seat on the coach email, text, or telephone Brian Keates Mob. 07733 034784 briankeates67@gmail.com Fares will be collected on the journey, please have the correct payment. Important **Note**: If you cancel after putting your name down you will still have to pay the full amount.

Coffee and Cake 2022



We have 5 volunteers who have offered to kindly open up their homes to host this year's coffee and cake mornings. There will be a charge of £3.00 per head for those attending, with profits going to the charities chosen by the hosts. Any of your own cakes, homemade or otherwise will of course be most welcome on the day by our volunteers. Any uneaten cakes will be auctioned/raffled off and the proceeds added to the total. Thank you to all those who have responded so far, if anyone else would like to do a coffee morning please contact Terry on 07940544606.

Here are the dates for your calendar

Wednesday 29 th June. 10.30-12am Terry Charity: The Air Ambulance	Wednesday 13 rd July. 10.30-12am Rebecca Charity: The Air Ambulance
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Wednesday 20 th July. 10.30-12am Pauline Charity: TBC	Wednesday 3 rd August. 10.30-12am Angela Charity: Tools for Self-Reliance
Wednesday 10 August. 10.30-12am Dieshy Charity: Support our local hospital UHCW.	

Skittles evenings



We are pleased to report on a very successful skittles evening arranged by Terry on 25th March. It was well attended and all the monies raised were donated to the Disasters Emergency Committees, [Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal](#), a magnificent total of £327.00. Well done to one and all.

Although Bulkington Working Men's Club is now extremely busy due to them taking over the commitments of another club nearby, which has closed, Terry has managed to secure a date to hold another skittles evening, later this year. The new date is **Friday 12 August 2022**, Bulkington WMC, 7b Chequer Street, Bulkington, CV12 9NH, start time is 7.30 and ticket price is £10 per person which include a buffet. If anyone has any raffles prizes they would like to donate please bring them, they will be much appreciated.

Slovenia holiday in September

You will find a itinerary and booking form in with this newsletter or attached to your email confirming the cost of the holiday, departure dates and flight times. The walks will be remaining as originally advised. Unfortunately, the cost of the holiday has increased since we advertised the holiday 18 months ago, but it is still very competitively priced. There are a few seats left if you are interested in going. Please fill in the booking form ASAP.

Annual Lunch 16th October

Richard P has agreed to arrange this year's Annual lunch on the 16th October, at Nuneaton Golf Club, Golf Drive, Nuneaton CV11 6QF. You will find a itinerary/booking form in with the newsletter or an attachment to your email with more details and a return address should you wish to attend.

Barn Dance 4th November

Dust off your dancing shoes, Terry has arranged a Barn Dance for Friday 4th November at the Hare and Hounds, Watery Lane, Keresley, Coventry, CV7 8JA . Start time is 7.30pm, ticket price £10 which includes a buffet.

As usual Julian is your caller but this time we will be dancing to a live band "Runaway Mop" featuring club member Dave R on fiddle.

Coach fares for new members

In the past it was the practise to offer new members free coach travel for their first Sunday walk with us. You may or may not be aware that this was revoked some-time ago, all new members will be required to pay the standard fare on all trips.

Obituary

Sad to report that John Mills, who was a club member before moving to Worcester, passed away recently. Some of you may have fond memories of him. The club has sent a condolence card to his sister in Worcester.

What3words

Here is an app that may possibly be useful for anyone leading a walk and really anyone who has access to a Smartphone. This app can supplement or indeed replace the need to use map grid references. The developers of what3words app have given every 3m square in the world a unique 3 word address, the words are randomly assigned to each square and will always remain the same. For instance my front garden is "vocal.live.urgent". The app is free to download and appears easy to use, it works off your phones GPS and can pinpoint where you are very accurately, this can then be communicated to a third party such as the emergency services if you need assistance. Note: what3words is accepted by over 80% of UK emergency services. While it is used by some services in other countries, use is not yet widespread outside of the UK. In an emergency, you should always call 999, you can then give the call handler the what3words address which could help them pinpoint your exact location.

January holiday 2022 report continued

Day 2. Monday, a good breakfast had, then those who wished boarded the coach at 10am. We drove up the coast to Fleetwood via Blackpool. The weather was cool but sunny, the A walk was 5.5 miles led by George along the North Promenade to Cleveleys and the B walk led by Brian was 3.5 miles starting at Fleetwood Boating lake. All easy flat walking. A few even decided to continue the A walk through Blackpool and back to the hotel in St Annes some 15 miles. Non walkers had a good look around Fleetwood and Cleveleys before returning.

Evening entertainment was a Quiz in the Indigo Bar. It was specially devised for us, and the questions were themed around walking, geography and mountaineering which was very thoughtful, but I hope they don't think us rambles go around roped together!

Day 3. Tuesday, misty 9am start and a trip to Whalley. Two walks on offer, the A walk being 7 miles led by George and the B walk 3.5 miles led by Brian. Both walks were quite hilly, but with a now clear blue sky the views were well worth it. Non walkers had the pleasure of looking around the village with its ruined 14th century Cistercian abbey. Evening entertainment was Glen Franklin, a singer from Birmingham who got everyone dancing with Motown and reggae hits.



Day 4. Wednesday, Lovely weather, blue skies, sunny and Neville's 81st birthday. The coach dropped the A walkers off at Bull Beck Bridge for a 7.5 mile riverside walk, led by George along the Lune into Lancaster and finishing at Lancaster Castle. Brian led a shortened version of the same walk 3.5 miles. Walkers and non-walkers had plenty of time to explore the very interesting city of Lancaster before the coach returned to the hotel.

A quieter evening, movie night with the film "Touching the void" and popcorn laid on.

Day 5. Thursday. Two more riverside walks, this time along the River Ribble. George led a 7 mile walk ending at the "Riversway" dockland marina, Preston. Brian's walk was 3.5 miles also ending at the marina in Preston. Again we were blessed with some wonderful weather, and had time to have a look around the docks and have a bite to eat before boarding the coach back. Our last night and we are entertained by Roy Acton a good singer and musician and a last chance to get up and boogie.



Familiar name spotted on walk into Preston

Day 6. Friday homeward bound, after a quick stop at the services and causing chaos unloading outside the Sally Army back in Coventry it's all over. It's been very nice, the hotel, the food and entertainment laid on, the walks, the weather and the company. Big thanks particularly to Alan, George and Brian for all their hard work, roll on next year can't wait!