

# **Coventry CHA Rambling Club Newsletter September 2022**



Enjoying the weather in Bristol

## Annual outing day trip to Bristol Saturday 2nd July

We all thought the weather was looking ok when we left Coventry at 8am. However, by the time we arrived in Bristol it was looking decidedly dodgy. Our first port of call was the Clifton Suspension Bridge, the coach duly dropped part of the coach party off on Clifton Down near the bridge, the rest of the party were to go on to the city centre. As soon as we stepped down from the coach the heavens opened, with the roadways turning into small rivers we were soon to be found in a very nice brassiere sampling their wares and waiting for the rain to subside.

The rain never completely stopped but we braved the drizzle and went for a soggy walk over the Suspension bridge to admire the somewhat murky but impressive views of the Avon gorge.

The coach returned to whisk us away to re-join the rest of the party in the coach park near the docks where they had been taking in the delights of Bristol including the Cathedral and the fascinating SS Great Britain. By now the weather had changed for the better and there was still time to take in a tour of the nearby SS Great Britain and enjoy a sunny dockside break before re-joining the coach for our return home.

A lovely day out, much appreciated by those who went, many thanks to all who made it possible.

## Annual General Meeting 2022

Just a reminder the Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October starting at 7.30 pm at the Friends Meeting House, Hill Street, Coventry. Any member who would like to raise an issue for discussion or would like to stand for election to the committee should notify the Club Secretary no later than 14 days prior to the meeting.

## Donations to Charity 2021/22

Details below of charity donations made by the club so far this year.

Date	Event / Activity	Myton Hospice	Air Ambulance	Zoe's Place
Sep21 / Oct21	2 Sales of Terry Stamper's Vegetables	-	£196.00	-
Sep21 / Apr 22	M. Ledbrook Sale of Walking Gear	£60.33	£60.33	£60.33
Sep 21	Skittles Evening Raffle	£26.00	£26.00	£26.00
Oct21 / Jul 22	2 Terry Stamper's Coffee Mornings	-	£476.20	-
Feb 22	Sunset Strolls Dinner donation	£28.33	£28.33	£28.33
May 22	B. Keates - 4 First Aid Kits	£6.67	£6.67	£6.67
	Total:	£121.33	£793.53	£121.33

Monies have also been raised for the "Tools for the Self Reliance Charity" (£560) at Angela Whelan's coffee morning, and Dieshy Purewal's coffee morning and curry afternoon raised £1,021 for University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire.

Terry would like to thank everyone who kindly opened their homes and gardens to raise funds for all of these worthwhile causes.

#### Ramblers celebrate 70th birthdays



At our recent Thursday Ramble we concluded the walk with a shared picnic in Hockley Heath recreation ground. Twenty-five fellow ramblers sang Birthday wishes whilst those celebrating enjoyed prosecco and birthday cake. Well done to you all!

In the picture - looking from left to right is Margaret McCarney, Nick Darlington, Aileen Cox, Dieshy Purewal and Carol McGettigan

#### Angela Whelan

#### Sunset Strolls B-Walks Introduction

From July 2022 we have decided to trial a Sunset Stroll B-walk. Although the Sunset Strolls are very leisurely in pace, there are some club members who may like to take part in a fairly short walk of no more than 2 miles.

Anyone wishing to do a "B" walk should meet up with the "A" walkers at the usual time. They can walk along with the "A" walkers and turn back after about a mile or so.

One of the "B" walkers will guide the other "B" walkers back to the pub where they are very welcome to join the "A" walkers for a meal.

The Committee at their meeting in July agreed to a suggestion to introduce B walks on the Sunset Strolls. So, if any member on the evening wishes to lead a short stroll, they would be most welcome to do so.

#### Dave Roper

#### **Obituary**

Most of you will probably know that sadly Hazel Hancock died on the  $21^{st}$  June. She was a real stalwart of the Club and held the post of Rambles Secretary for 15 years at the time when the Rambles Secretary was responsible for organising both the Saturday and Sunday rambles. A Requiem Mass was held on Friday the  $15^{th}$  July at St Patrick's RC Church in Deedmore Road. The family had requested seasonal flowers so the Club arranged for a bouquet to be sent on our behalf in memory of a loyal, long serving Life Member of the Rambling Club.



Picture courtesy of Ann Whelan