



# Coventry CHA Rambling Club Newsletter December 2022

## January holiday 2023

Geoff has advised us that there are 72 members going on the January holiday to The Anchorage Hotel, Babbacombe on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. The coach from Dunwoods will pick us up at Pool Meadow Bus Station from the far end where the National Express coaches come in, it is under cover and there are toilets available. The coaches will **depart at 9am** can you please ensure you arrive in good time for loading, and can you attach a luggage label on your cases with your name on it, this will help hotel staff deliver them to the correct rooms. **Please note the information above is the only communication about the holiday you will receive.**

## Report on the Annual General Meeting 2022

The AGM held at the Friends Meeting House on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October was very well attended.

After the Presidents (Brian Keates) review and the reports from each of the clubs' officers, the main item on the agenda was reached, the election of officers and committee members. This year there were several existing committee members either standing down or moving over into different roles.

Angela Whelan has left the Thursday Walks Organiser post to take over the Club Secretary's role from George Henderson, Alan Whitcroft stood down as Holiday Organiser but still retains a role as a committee member. Dave Roper has relinquished the role of Sunset Stroll Organiser; Dave is now in the process of taking over as Club Treasurer from Richard Satchwell.

The meeting also had new faces volunteering to serve on the committee. Nick Hames President, Dieshy Purwal Committee member, Geoff Roberts Holiday Organiser, Steph Rusmore Sunset Strolls Organiser, Malcolm Smith Thursday Walks Organiser and Diane Tibbitts Committee member. There was one role still left vacant, that of Coach Booking Secretary, this has since been filled by Pauline Semple who kindly volunteered to take over from Ann Bottrill.

Lastly, we come to the Committee members who have stepped down this year. Brian Keates, Richard Satchwell, Dave Thomas, Ann Bottrill, Mike Ledbrook, Peter Button and George Henderson. George did a sterling job in his year in office, however we must acknowledge the **many, many** years of dedicated service of his fellow departing committee members, they have served the club (sometimes in more than one role) and have guided the club through

good and some not so good times, they have handed over the helm now for our new committee to steer the good ship Coventry CHA into the future. **Our heartfelt thanks to them all.**

Before the meeting was wound up there was some time for a general discussion on club matters open to all attendees. Topics that were brought forward were round the appointment of auditors and the time and money saving benefits of communicating electronically as opposed to postage, both these items to be taken on and further discussed at the next committee meeting.

## Introducing the new committee 2022



Just so you can all put names to faces, from left to right Nick Hames (President), Richard Satchwell ( Former treasurer guesting until transfer to the new treasurer is completed), Malcolm Smith (Thursday walks organiser), Steph Rushmore (Sunset Strolls), Geoff Roberts (Holiday organiser), Terry Stamper (Social Events organiser), Pauline Semple (Coach booking Secretary), Diane Tibbitts (Committee member), Alan Whitcroft (Committee member), Dave Roper (Treasurer and data controller ), Theresa Westwood (Saturday walks organiser), Richard Price (Sunday walks organiser), Chris Buchanan (Newsletter editor) and Angela Whelan ( Club Secretary). There are two more member to add Dieshy Purewal (Committee member) and Debbie Brown (Membership secretary).

## Skittles Evening

The skittles evening was staged on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at a new location for us, The Brandon Club. 44 tickets were sold and all those attending said they had a great night, there was a fish and chip supper at halftime which went down well. There was also a raffle which raised £125.60 added to this there was a surplus of £170.00 from ticket sales, giving a grand total of £295.60 which was donated to the Ukrainian Appeal.

## Barn Dance



The Barn dance was again held at the Hare and Hounds in Keresley on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Another Terry Stamper production and a very enjoyable night was had by all. The caller was as usual club member Julian Stanley, however this time he was accompanied by live musicians, courtesy of club member Dave Ropers band "Runaway Mop" with guest accordionist Ben Mathers also a club member. It was noted that the car park had been improved as it has now fully tarmacked so no more potholes. 82 people attended, there was a buffet, and a raffle was held which raised £150.00 for Cancer Care.

Terry would like to thank all those who donated items for the raffle for the skittles evening and the Barn dance and to everyone who came for their support.

## Club Correspondence

During the new committees first meeting, one of the topics that had been raised at the AGM was discussed, how the club interacts with its members. The feeling was that we must move with the times and embrace the technology available and use it to our advantage. Firstly, a quick and cost-effective way of communicating information to our members. The obvious first step is to use email for items such as the newsletter, walks programme, holiday booking forms etc. **THEREFORE, THIS WILL BE THE LAST PRINTED NEWSLETTER.**

**IN 2023 IT WILL BE AVAILIABLE ON WEB SITE OR TO YOUR E MAIL** There will of course be members who do not have the facilities to receive emails or to print off the relative documents should ring Debbie Brown to be accommodated in some way.

The reason for this changed is that each quarter the club posts out the newsletter and walks programme, this incurs the costs of printing the documents, stamps (68p now for 2<sup>nd</sup> class postage) and the cost of the envelopes which are printed off with the club's logo and each individual member's name and address. There is also the time factor of doing this to consider, printing the envelopes then folding and stuffing the documents into envelopes, attaching stamps, and finally physically posting them all out. Currently we have around 100+ members and growing who receive their correspondence via email, the cost to send out emails is nil, and the time taken to do this is negligible.

A possible future development touched on was using card reader machines to collect fares on the Sunday coach, this obviously needs looking into and further discussion.

## Annual Lunch

The annual lunch took place at The Nuneaton Golf Club on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of October, which turned out to be a very pleasant dry day ideal for the walks that Richard had planned for us. It was so pleasant that we were able to sit out with our pre-lunch drinks on the club's balcony overlooking the golf course. The food was very good, and the staff were helpful and friendly. All and all an excellent day, many thanks to Richard Price for arranging this outing for us.

## Children in need

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, Rita Heal lead a walk around Potters Green, she invited the walkers to her home for drinks and biscuits and raised £46 for 'Children in Need'. She would like to thank everyone for their kind donations

.N.B.: Due to insufficient room this newsletter the review of the September holiday to Slovenia will be in the March newsletter.