



Coventry CHA Rambling Club Newsletter September 2023

AGM

The 2023 AGM will be held on Friday 20th October at the Friends' Meeting House in Hill Street, Coventry. The meeting will start at 7.30pm prompt. Any members willing to stand for election onto the committee should notify the secretary no later than 14 days prior to the meeting.

January holiday 2024

Just to let you know that the January holiday is now full and no further deposits can be accepted. A small group of Thursday walkers will be travelling down to Eastbourne at the end of September to check out some suitable walks in the area. Final payment for the holiday is required by Friday 10th November.

Membership cards

At the AGM you can renew your subscription, which this year is £15. (It costs an extra £3.50 for the few members that receive communications by post).

Membership cards will be given to you at the AGM or via a Walks Organiser at a later date. You can send your subscription by online bank transfer to the Coventry CHA Rambling Club account.

If paying by bank transfer, please ensure that you include your name and what it is for.

Annual Lunch

Unfortunately the annual lunch trip planned to Draycote Water on 22nd October has been cancelled due to lack of numbers. Everyone who has paid a deposit will have it refunded. Thanks to Richard for his efforts, but there was not sufficient take up to make the meal viable.



Christmas Party 2023

After an absence of one year our annual Christmas get together is to be reinstated and Terry Stamper has arranged for it to take place at the Massey Ferguson Social Club on Broad Lane, Coventry CV5 7NL.

The date for your diary is Saturday 2nd December and it will run from 12 noon till 4pm. Terry has organised party games, music and food for the afternoon. The buffet will cost £15 per head and last orders for food will be 5th November.

Coffee mornings



The coffee morning season has come to an end. A big thank you to all those who opened their gardens and homes for another successful charity fund raising year. Much enjoyment was had by all !

Monies raised for charities were as follows:

- Angela £210 for 'Tools for Self Reliance'
- Terry £260 for 'Air Ambulance'
- Pauline £200 for 'Mary's Meals'

Our last coffee morning was held by Dieshy who hoped her planned day would be a dry one, but it was not to be. So a date a week later was arranged in the hope of a better day. The morning started out cloudy but dry and a large crowd of walkers and Dieshy's friends and family gathered. We had great music once again from Dave, Ben and Mary.



Some of our retired walkers came along and it was great to see Brian and Mo Keates. Raffle prizes were won and then Haylie gave us a talk about her life experiences and her voluntary role with the UHCW and how the funds raised by the coffee morning would buy equipment and facilities which the NHS would not be able to buy for the hospital. It was an interesting and emotional talk that gave everyone an understanding of how important fund raising has become.

It was about 12.30pm when the cloud became rain and we scurried to clear the garden. Well done to Dieshy who made £425.75 and to those who helped and supported a lovely social occasion!!

Social Gatherings



Coventry CHA Games Night
Friday 10th November 2023,
Beechwood Tennis Club
Beechwood Avenue, Coventry CV5 6FQ
£10 including Buffet
(Tickets non-refundable)
Last food orders – Friday 3rd November
Arrive at 7pm for a pre-games drink





Thanks again to the efforts of Terry Stamper there is another social event in the pipeline.

Terry has arranged a Games Night which will be held on Friday 10th November.

Terry has been making connections with Beechwood Tennis Club, in Beechwood Avenue as you can see, and they have invited any of our members to join them, if they wish, on some of their social occasions at the club. Coming up, and you may have already spotted it on our whatsapp site, is a Quiz night on Saturday 9th September. The cost is £10 which includes a ploughman's. They will also be organising a walk between Christmas and the New Year which we have been invited to join. The walk will be around the Warwick University site, and no doubt Terry will have more information nearer the time.

Cambridge day trip



On Saturday 8th July 28 club members and friends joined the coach on Upper Well Street. This year we were off to Cambridge for the day. The weather forecast was not looking favourable, but on arrival it turned out to be a lovely, sunny (not too hot), dry day. We were dropped off on Queens Road just a short walk from the city centre. There was plenty of choice of things to do during our stay, including the colleges, museums, shops a plenty, numerous tea rooms and other sometimes more quirky watering holes. It was possible to take a picnic and sit by the river, and our group decided to go for a punt along the river which proved to be an excellent choice. While gliding along seeing the various colleges and bridges, we had a

running commentary which gave a brief history and some stories about them all, from our crew person (are they called punters?) which was really interesting. Then we chose a walk around the busy and lively streets, browsing in the street markets, and admiring the fine architecture. After lunch we soaked up yet more culture in the Fitzwilliam Museum. There were thousands of exhibits on display, and it's a stunning building in its own right. We thank all who helped organise a lovely day with great company and look forward to next year's outing!