

WARRINGTON H.F. RAMBLING CLUB

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26 March 2021 Newsletter



2021 Bulletin Board (Hopefully)

- * Freedom Festival – Saturday 31st July at the Grange
- * Bulgaria (2 Separate Weeks) 1 - 15th September
- * Autumn Supper - Wednesday 22nd September Venue to be advised
- Autumn Weekend – Barmouth 8 - 11th October

A Great Scattergories Evening

On Wednesday, 17 of us gathered on Zoom to play Scattergories.
Thank you to Kerry for a very enjoyable evening.
Something I hope
we can do again before we can meet up indoors.



Club Update - subject, of course, to government guidelines

29 March: Walks for 6

So from Monday (29 March) we can do Walks for 6. We are not formally organising these as a club, but please get together and get walking as we hit (hopefully) the spring weather. I have a couple of walks for 6 arranged for next week, including one that is a confirmatory recce for our opening group walk on 14 April. So if you are thinking of leading a walk later in the programme this is a good time to try it out.

14 April: Restarting Group Walks

The really good news is that we have a full programme of walks starting on 14 April (draft plan attached). We have reasonable detail for April, May and June. We have to stay local, so some of the HG walks will be longer rather than into the mountains. We will be using some of our favourite local routes, whilst trying to avoid crowds. We will need to limit numbers in line with government and Ramblers Association guidance, but there will be an extra Wednesday walk on 21 April so everyone can get on a walk. If demand proves to be high we will see if we can fit in extra walks.

To comply with guidelines, walk leaders will be carrying out a risk assessment in advance of each walk and controlling numbers. I do not want to sound like a government lecture, but it is important that we also maintain appropriate social distancing on the walks and especially at the start and finish – and don't forget to take a mask and hand-gel.

Look out for e-mails from Cathy giving the details of each walk and how to book yourself on. The paths are drying up and I am really looking forward to getting out together.

Navigation Course in Derbyshire

Jayne and Cathy will be getting in touch with the people who previously put their name down for the navigation course so we can get a slot booked, as soon as the Company organising the courses are able to resume the training, and we can see what gaps we have. Assuming this goes well we will be rerunning the programme, so do not worry if you cannot get onto the first programme.

Website

If you haven't yet seen it, don't forget to look at the new Website:

The website address is www.warrington-hf-ramblers.co.uk

The URL is <https://warringtonwalkers.wixsite.com/warringtonhf>

As mentioned in the last newsletter, it is intended that the site provides you with current information, as well as hosting the Club's archive material and photos of walks.

The draft Programme will be uploaded to the site and kept up to date as things change.

You might also be interested to see the latest newsletter of the PNFS (Peak and Northern Footpath Society). These newsletters are received by the Club and are now stored in the Members Only Section of the Website for you to view.

Subscriptions

Finally, since we will be resuming walking next month, the committee decided that it was time to ask for subscriptions. For this year, it is £10 for walking members and £5 for social members. Hopefully you will feel that this annual cost is great value for all that is offered.

Thanks to those who have already paid, for the remainder, could we please ask you to pay either on line or by telling Diane by email that you wish to pay by cheque: treasurerwarringtonhf@gmail.com

Very much looking forward to seeing you out walking again soon

Peter and all of your Committee (Cathy, Diane, Jayne, Kerry, Peter, Peter, Simon, Wendy)