

WARRINGTON H.F. RAMBLING CLUB

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May 2021 Newsletter



2021 Bulletin Board (Hopefully)

- * Freedom Festival – Saturday 31st July at the Grange
- * Autumn Supper - Wednesday 22nd September Venue to be advised
- Autumn Weekend – Barmouth 8 - 11th October

Now walking

We are now up and walking, so please join us.

The first walk together was 19 of us on 14 April from Marbury Park, on one of my favourite very local walks to get us started. The walk took us through Anderton Northwich (salt Museum) and Great Budworth.

Great weather and much enjoyed by all....we all got very settled during our lunch stop at Great Budworth churchyard; positively sunbathing weather....and of course the ground is very dry at present.



Then we had 12 for Kerry's walk on 17 April, centred on Moore and Walton. With some extensions this was a little over 13 miles. It is not easy to get to a high grade walk whilst staying local and this was a good substitute. We will be going gradually further afield as we go forward and finding some hills again.

Two further Wednesday walks have followed, introducing members to some areas around Warrington which they may not have previously known. Wendy and Jayne led a walk of 19 members near Culcheth taking in Woolden Moss, a reclaimed nature reserve aiming to return the area to its original habitat. Craig claims the record for the highest number on a walk so far with 20 when he visited Colliers Moss and Clockface Country Parks near Burtonwood.



Woolden Moss - Wendy and Jayne's Walk

Viewpoint on Craig's Walk



Jane Burton led the first walk on the programme with real ascent, 12 miles and 2,800 at Dovestones Reservoir. 12 members enjoyed the brilliant sunshine and spectacular views.



An inspiration to all of us,
Barbara Thorpe-Smith
completed the walk.
Hard to believe she is 78, since
she certainly doesn't look it.
She puts us all to shame.
Well done Barbara!



The programme is now getting fleshed out with a full set of walks planned, including Simon's Wednesday evening walks starting on 5 May. We are also planning some social events to celebrate the escape from lockdown - please see the bulletin board for dates and put them in your diary.

Membership - Now open to new members

With all this year's subs in we have 124 members. This is a little down from previous years, but still a great number to move forward. Plus there are additional social members. It also means financially we are in a healthy position.

New Members now welcome

The Committee took the decision not to take on new members during lockdown, since we felt that when restricting numbers on walks, we wanted to ensure existing members gained access to the walks, however, having monitored the first 5 walks, we have not approached capacity, therefore are now happy to welcome new members.

Please remember though, numbers are still restricted and anyone wishing to go on a walk must let the leader know for track and trace purposes.

So if you have anyone who would like to join, please encourage them to come along. There is lots of information about the Club on the website and if you notify Cathy on secretarywarringtonhf@gmail.com she will be happy to ensure they receive information about the walks.

If you are not coming with them on their first walk, please ask them to let the leader know that they are new to the club and we can be sure to introduce them and make them feel welcome.



Facebook

You will have seen Peter Hough's email re the face book site and Diane's regarding the website.

Do get onto these for lots of info about your club, including the latest programme. We will not be sending out a hard copy of the programme for several months yet as, due to Covid, we may have changes to accommodate on the way.



Website

We recognise that some members may not choose to use Facebook, but rest assured that all information is on the 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.

Barmouth Autumn Weekend 8 - 11th October

26 have already booked in to stay at the Min y Mor hotel and a further 6 have indicated they will be joining us, but staying nearby.

There are still rooms available, although all single rooms have been allocated, so if you wish to join us, just let me know. The walking in the area is spectacular.

Just email: secretarywarringtonhf@gmail.com

or ring on 07947 817755



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)