



Autumn Newsletter - October 2022

Editorial - Jane Berry

A work of art or an eyesore? You decide!



Many of us will have been away during the summer months and I have spent several separate weeks up in Northumberland and on two occasions this took my eye from miles away. The first time I was with a group of 15 and they all hated it - tacky the least insulting view expressed. The next time I was on my own with time to explore and climb up inside with wonderful views and I loved it: community groups had painted their ideas of the fort to celebrate the 900th anniversary of Hadrian's Wall. It will be

dismantled before the winter weather destroys it.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter.

Please be thinking about what you could add to the winter edition, due at the end of January.

Dates for our diaries:

AGM 2022

Next AGM meeting is on Wednesday 16 November 2022 at 7.00pm for 7.30 start at the Royal Victoria Hotel, Llanberis.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Christmas lunch is on Sunday 11 December 2022 at 12.30pm for 1.00pm start at Royal Victoria Hotel in Llanberis. Please come and join us for our annual celebration which is open to all Ramblers from near and far to meet up in a light-hearted manner. Courtesy of the Hotel it is great value - four courses for £20, pay after the meal.

Please book via Website to enable the Hotel to have numbers. Cost is £20.00.

Chairman - Dafydd Jones

Greetings to all of you. Time seems to be racing by these days and we need to make the best of it. It is Sunday morning and it's pouring down once again so here is a brief addition to the newsletter.

Jane, our very able editor, continues to produce this newsy publication for the pleasure of you all. Thank you Jane and to those that contribute articles. Can I ask you all to think outside the box and create short newsy items for future publications.

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Despite Covid and all other frustrations you have all enjoyed a full programme of walks. Thanks to Roy and all the walk leaders we still achieve a great and varied set of walks that continue to be well attended. The booking system is here to stay so if unsure of how to book a walk please ask.

To Graham I wish you the best of luck in getting TTL up and running again. Maybe you will succeed in the next few months after three frustrating years of trying to get Gwynedd moving.

Don't forget the AGM on 16 November at the Royal Victoria Hotel in Llanberis all are welcome. Also you Christmas lunch at the same venue on Sunday 11 December.

To make sure we continue with the thriving Group we are could you please think seriously about putting your name forward at the AGM for the committee. Thank you.

Dafydd

Walks - Roy Milnes, Walks Secretary walkeryriramblers@gmail.com

So far this year we have put on seventy walks (a record) with more upcoming walks and events:

- 01 Nov Wed Mawddach trail linear walk D 8 by John B
- 12 Nov Sat Rachel's Famous Short Walks: Top of Cilgwyn circular D 3
- 16 Nov Wed Eryri Annual General Meeting 16 November 19:00
- 25 Nov Fri Rachels Famous Short Walks: Disused Tip Circular D 4
- 09 Dec Fri Rachels Famous Short Walks: Ice Age Pebble D 4
- 11 Dec Sun Ramblers Christmas Lunch 11 December 12:30

Please keep an eye on Facebook and our website for more pop-up good weather walks.

I'm very grateful to all our leaders who have contributed this year: Dianne, Di, Graham, Jane, Jo-Anne, Susan, and Nigel. Mieko and Rachel have been stalwarts and thanks to Richard, Matt, and Ann we have had some cracking A walks enjoyed by members from a wide area.

To ensure walkers are covered by insurance, we (and Ramblers HQ) require a list of all walk participants. To make things easier for our walk leaders, we are retaining the booking system so they don't have to compile a list of names and contact info at the start of a walk.

We are down to sixteen Walk Leaders, if you feel that you can give pleasure to other members by sharing a favourite walk, please let me know via eryriramblers@gmail.org We will ensure that you are supported by an experienced walk leader.

Tales from a Rambler

Canal Cruising

Lots of Ramblers have other interests and hobbies. One that comes to mind is the canals. Many people hire a Narrowboat for a couple of weeks and will do a preset ring. The Cheshire Ring is one. Many own a boat and spend months travelling the canals. What could be a better holiday lazily cruising on a canal, gently gliding through beautiful countryside.

In reality it can be quite different. There is an etiquette on the canal that regular boaters follow. Unfortunately, hire boaters don't always know that etiquette. Locks are one of the areas canal etiquette comes into play. You reach a lock. You are there 'first'. If the lock is full of water, lock gates are opened, in you glide and after closing gates, opening the sluices, empties the lock, down you go, gates opened, and your journey continues. Simple! If the lock is empty when you arrive, you check if another boat is coming towards the lock from the opposite direction. If there is and you are the helpful sort, open the gates for them so it speeds up the process. Up they come, gates opened out they go and in you

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go. This helps save water. I remember arriving at locks at Audlem. A very popular place on the canal. Very busy. There was a regular boat already in front of me. I went up to the lock to help only to find angry, red faces and raised voices. Oh, dear a problem. As the lock was empty of water the regular boater expected to go in first and come up with the water as the lock was being filled, to save water. The holiday boater at the top lock was adamant they were there 'first' so was in the process of filling the lock to go down! Before it came to blows, I disappeared back to my boat. The regular boater in front lost and the triumphant holiday boat eventually came through the lock and on his merry way. Leaving me to face the regular boater ranting on about inconsiderate holiday makers! So much for lazy, calm boating.



Another area is mooring. At official moorings, boaters moor up very close to each other so there's plenty of room for everyone. An example is Nantwich. Very popular and busy. It's a different tale if you are mooring in the countryside. Usually in the middle of nowhere. Etiquette dictates you don't moor close up and personal, as these boaters want to be 'alone'. Imagine. Peace and quiet. Away from busy popular places. Your afternoon nap is rudely disturbed by loud revving noises, my boat wildly rocking from side to side as another boat is trying to catch up close on a bend in the

rushes in front you! You go out and politely as possible explain you run your generator at night that's why you are in the middle of nowhere. Hint, hint. The cheerful boater answers that's OK they have one too. You try again. They are near the bend and because the rushes are there it might be better to go further on. No is OK says Mr. Cheerful, we can get in. The next two words did the trick. They moved on in a huff! Also being aware helps save problems on the canal. There is a very narrow, twisty section on the Llangollen canal heading towards Llangollen. Only one boat can get through at a time. You are advised to get off the boat to check no one is already in the channel coming towards you. This can mean a walk to see round the 'bends. Unfortunately, holiday boaters don't see the need. This leads to two boaters facing each other and no one wants back up! When it's in the summer this can involve fisticuffs and long delays especially if there are a number of boats involved. Time for a moor up with a large glass of wine whilst it's being sorted out. Canal boating, nothing like it. Go on have a go and enjoy.

Menter Fachwen Walks - The website is being upgraded so please contact Gareth Roberts directly for details of walks, exhibitions etc: garethroberts754@yahoo.co.uk

Finally do you ever feel that you have had a bad day Juvenile Great Cormorant on the roof of a car at Fron Gogh after a storm! *Thank you Roy for this - Ed.*

