

YORK H F RAMBLING CLUB



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Dear Member,

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On Tuesday 14th July, the General Committee conducted a 'virtual' meeting using Zoom technology, here is a summary of the topics discussed.

Note from your President, Norman Dixon: - The committee are very conscious of the affects that the Coronavirus has had on our club and its activities. Our last coach ramble was on 8/03/20 and for your information, between that date and the end of August we have had to cancel 9 rambles, 3 social events, 3 committee meetings and the spring weekend. As you can see from Ivan's summary below, we are promoting short local rambles, in an attempt to keep the club as active as possible and its members in contact with each other. We will hopefully be able to report some positive news from the special meeting in September.

Stay safe. Norman Dixon, President.

- The Committee meeting was well attended and chaired by the Club's President Norman Dixon.
- The meeting learnt that leaders had been found for nearly all future rambles.
- The committee were concerned to return to coach rambles as soon as practically possible. Currently Ingleby's are operating their coaches at 40 to 50% capacity to comply with 'social distancing' requirements. This not only restricts the number who can travel on the coach, but also the financial viability of hire with reduced numbers is not acceptable. With the current restrictions likely to be eased in the future, your committee will continue to monitor the situation.
- In the meanwhile, more short local rambles will be held. The arrangements for these will advertised on the Club's website. One has already taken place, organised by Tony Anderson, it attracted 15 members who all enjoyed being out in the countryside together again.
- The meeting was also concerned about the planned Christmas meal after the scheduled Crayke ramble on the 6th December. The venue for the meal has been provisionally booked with the Durham Ox in Crayke, but doubt about the use of a coach for the ramble and some uncertainty about the venues ability to host our usual numbers (again due to 'social distancing'), may mean that our plans will have to be revised.
- Because of the uncertainty about coach rambles and the Christmas meal and the ever-changing restrictions regarding 'social distancing', your committee will meet again via 'Zoom' in September to review both situations.
- It was pleasing to hear positive news, this time about the Spring weekend 2021 at Sedburgh. All members that were due to go to Monk Coniston earlier this year and wished to go to Sedburgh have been accommodated. Some degree of normality should have returned for this enjoyable weekend.
- At the previous committee meeting we learnt that Roger Dunning was extremely ill. Roger passed away between the meetings and his funeral was on the Monday prior to our meeting on the Tuesday. Attendance at the funeral was limited, but we were pleased that Ken Wells and Roy Little were able to attend as representatives of the Club. Roger had been a member of the Club for 50 years, during which time he loyally served in most capacities; both Ken and Roy had known Roger throughout his membership. Roger was a 'gentle' man in all senses, a friend of many, he will be sorely missed.
- The visit to the Early Warning Station at Fylingdales has been cancelled by the RAF, another victim of the epidemic. We have been told that we will be considered for a tour next year, so we wait again for a visit. In the meanwhile, our planned social programme will re-commence in September.
- The Committee wish everyone to stay safe during these difficult times and look forward to enjoyable days rambling again with friends.

Ivan Martin, General Secretary