

YORK H F RAMBLING CLUB



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Dear Member,

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Because of the Social Distancing restrictions imposed because of the coronavirus, the Club's General Committee has not met since last February. Last Tuesday (19th May) the General Committee conducted a 'virtual' meeting using Zoom technology. Here is a summary of the topics discussed.

- It was the concern of all committee members that because of the Club's inability to provide the usual coach rambles, it might appear that the Club had ceased to operate. There has been much work done behind the scenes, so that rambles may again be presented when restrictions allow.
- The meeting learnt that the Interim Treasurer, Norman Dixon, had now reconciled the Club's financial accounts for 2019, which showed that the Club was in a healthy financial state.
- The President informed the meeting that Tony Anderson had agreed to take over the role as Treasurer of the Club. In the current climate it has proved difficult to meet at the Club's bank (Barclays) to complete the required registration documents. But this will be done soon.
- The meeting received reports from all Officers of the Committee.
- It was reported that members affected by the cancellation of the Spring Weekend 2020, had received a credit note from HF and a balancing cheque from the Club. The next Spring Weekend will be at Sedbergh, the weekend commencing 23rd April 2021 being the date favoured.
- Lengthy discussions were held about the way back to normal coach rambles. No decisions can be taken until the current 'Social Distancing' restrictions are eased. But it was thought that short local rambles, using own cars or public transport, may be able to be introduced prior to coach use. The committee next meets in July when hopefully we can take some positive steps toward 'normality'.
- The meeting learnt that the Club's Christmas Meal has been provisionally booked for Sunday 6th December 2020 at the Durham Ox, Crayke, after rambles in that area.
- At the AGM it was agreed that the membership subscription would be £5.00 for existing members and £10.00 for those joining after 1st June. In view of the current lack of rambles being offered, it was agreed that the membership subscription should also be £5.00 for those joining the Club after 1st June 2020.
- A victim of the coronavirus was the planned visit to our printers, Fulprint, which will be scheduled for another time. The visit to the Early Warning Station at Fylingdales is in doubt, we are awaiting confirmation that the visit is still on before making further arrangements. The evening talks due to recommence in September are planned to resume as stated in your programme.
- To keep the membership informed of developments monthly news updates are to be posted on the website. If you are friends with a member who cannot access our website, please keep them informed. In addition, it is proposed that the next Programme and Newsletter be printed early to contain the 'back-to-normal' route.
- The Committee wish everyone to stay safe during these difficult times and look forward to rambling again with friends.

I hope you find the above of interest.
Ivan Martin, General Secretary