

YORK H F RAMBLING CLUB



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Dear Member,

On Tuesday 1st September, the General Committee held a special 'virtual' meeting to discuss the resumption of coach rambles and the proposed Christmas meal or alternative celebrations. Here is a summary of the discussions and agreed actions emanating from that meeting.

- The Committee meeting was well attended and chaired by the Club's President Norman Dixon, who expressed thanks to Tony Anderson for organising and hosting the 'Zoom' meeting.
- The committee were advised that the survey of members overwhelmingly indicated that there was no support for a Christmas meal at Crayke (6th December) after the ramble; and that there was no support for a Christmas meal locally or a festive event at St Olave's church hall. It was therefore decided to cancel the Christmas meal and festive event in line with the wishes of the membership.
- The committee were advised that the Ramblers had introduced a 'risk assessment' guidance sheet for ramble leaders which included risks associated with Covid-19. It was decided that a letter would be sent to all members advising them of the risks and precautionary measures relating to Covid-19 that may be experienced by members during the club's rambles.
- It was agreed that coach rambles would resume with the rambles at Fountain's Abbey on 4th October and continue until the end of the year, when the situation would be reviewed.
- It was also agreed that because the number of members on board the coach would be 25 (50% from normal for social distancing), some members would be allowed to travel by private car to the ramble venue.
- In order to restrict the number of members gathering to a maximum of 30, as required by Government guidelines, the Booking Secretary Rita Rawnsley agreed to register all members wishing to attend the rambles. This register is to include those traveling by private car as well as those on the coach. Those wishing to participate on the rambles at Fountain's Abbey are requested to contact Rita at least a week before the 4th October to register, her contact details are on the current programme.
- Should the number of members requesting coach travel exceed the seating capacity of the coach (normal seating capacity reduced by 50%) a ballot will be held to allocate the seats available. Those members who are un-successful at the ballot and cannot be accommodated on the coach will be guaranteed a seat on the next coach ramble to Thixendale on the 25th October.
- It was agreed that the cost of the coach travel would be maintained at £10.00 and it was further agreed that those members travelling by private car would pay £5.00 per person towards the cost of the coach. Coach members are requested to pay at the commencement of the day by putting their fee (cheque or money) in a sealed envelope with their name on it. The committee were aware that the use of the coach would incur a financial loss but agreed that any such losses would be met by the club's current funds.
- The committee agreed that whilst on the coach, gloves and face masks are to be worn and members are requested to bring hand sanitiser. Ingleby's have their own method of sanitising the whole coach and we are advised that the driver will sanitise used areas (seat handles etc.) after the coach is vacated.
- In order to maintain 'social distancing'. Ingleby's have requested that those first on the coach sit at the back whilst those at the front are to be first off. To manage this, it was agreed that only one stop would be made after the Depot and that stop would be Clarence Street.
- In the meanwhile, more short local rambles will be held the arrangements for these will advertised on the Club's website.
- The meeting also decided in the light of the recent survey to cancel all social events until the 2021 AGM.

Ivan Martin, General Secretary