

The Ramblers' Association

DONCASTER GROUP NEWSLETTER

Winter 2007

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on 15th October at The Wheatley Hotel. The Annual Report was distributed and questions were taken. The Annual Accounts were then presented; the Group has moved into a healthy financial situation in the past couple of years, following the introduction of budgets.

The proposition 'That officers of the committee of the Doncaster Group of the Ramblers' Association serve for no more than four years at a time' was discussed. The need for experience and knowledge in some positions (Treasurer, Footpath Officer) was accepted, but the need for committees to be open to new ideas and change was also stressed. The proposal was accepted in principle.

The following members were elected to the committee for 2007/08:

Chairman	No nominations recd
Secretary	David Gadd
Treasurer	David Horne
Membership Sec	Catherine Palmer
Publicity Officer	Joyce Gubbins
Footpath Officer	Peter Haines
Walks Prog Dist	Wendy Atkinson
Social Secretary	Darryl Coy
Walks Prog Compiler	Alan Elvidge
Member	Jim Elvidge
Member	Michael Farka
Member	Marion Thompson
Member	Dave Ward
Member	Kay Ward

After the AGM John Coombs, a member of the Edale Mountain Rescue

Team, gave a powerpoint presentation. He brought his search and rescue dog. John's enthusiasm for search and rescue work was very evident; he gets a buzz from being called out at all hours!

He told us about MRT training, including training for the dogs, and told us stories of various rescues, some successful and some not. The presentation was supported by excellent photos.

At the committee meeting on 19th November Wendy Atkinson became Acting Chair.

Annual Report

An edited version of our Annual Report is included in the Area Newsletter. The full report is included with this newsletter.



Ladies who lunch?
Brantingham, 13th November.

Barn Dance

We are organising a barn dance for early in 2008. Watch for details!

Diary Date

The next coach trip will be on Saturday, 5th April. The destination is

Helmsley and there will be a choice of a 5 or a 10 mile walk.

With fuel prices rising rapidly an increase in the cost to members is possible in the near future.



Late afternoon in the Wolds

The Moon Walk

Anyone interested in doing the 26-mile Moon walk in London next May/June in aid of Breast Cancer please see Wendy Atkinson.



Late afternoon sun in Derbyshire

The Walks Programme

The committee is considering changing the pattern of the programme from the current April-September and October-March to January-June and July-December. Committee members would welcome your thoughts.

We are also changing the definition of the walk categories. We are aligning ourselves with the RA and with other local groups.

The categories are:

Easy Access: Slow pace/easy paths for everyone including pushchair and wheelchair users. No more than 5 miles.

Easy: Easy pace/easy terrain/gentle climbs - shorter walks, suitable for everyone without mobility difficulties or a specific health or fitness problems. 4-8 miles.

Leisurely: Easy/moderate pace, some hill climbs and descents, easy to moderate terrain. Reasonable fitness required. 9-10 miles maximum.

Moderate: moderate to quick pace, some sustained hill climbs/descents, rough terrain, possibility some open moorland or hills. Good level of fitness. 10-12+ miles.

Strenuous: Brisk pace, heavy, rough hill/moorland and mountain terrain. Experienced walkers with above average fitness. 10-15 miles and over.



Admiring the Mam Tor ridge

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Come and enjoy Eve and Stan's 14th season (Oct-March) of warm winter guided walks in the Anaga and Tano mountains (Mascar Gorge) and Teide National Park.

Private coach to/from mountains with professional driver.

Individuals, couples and small groups. Luxury hotel option with discount for our walkers.

See website above or phone 0115 9273801 (April-Oct) for further details.