

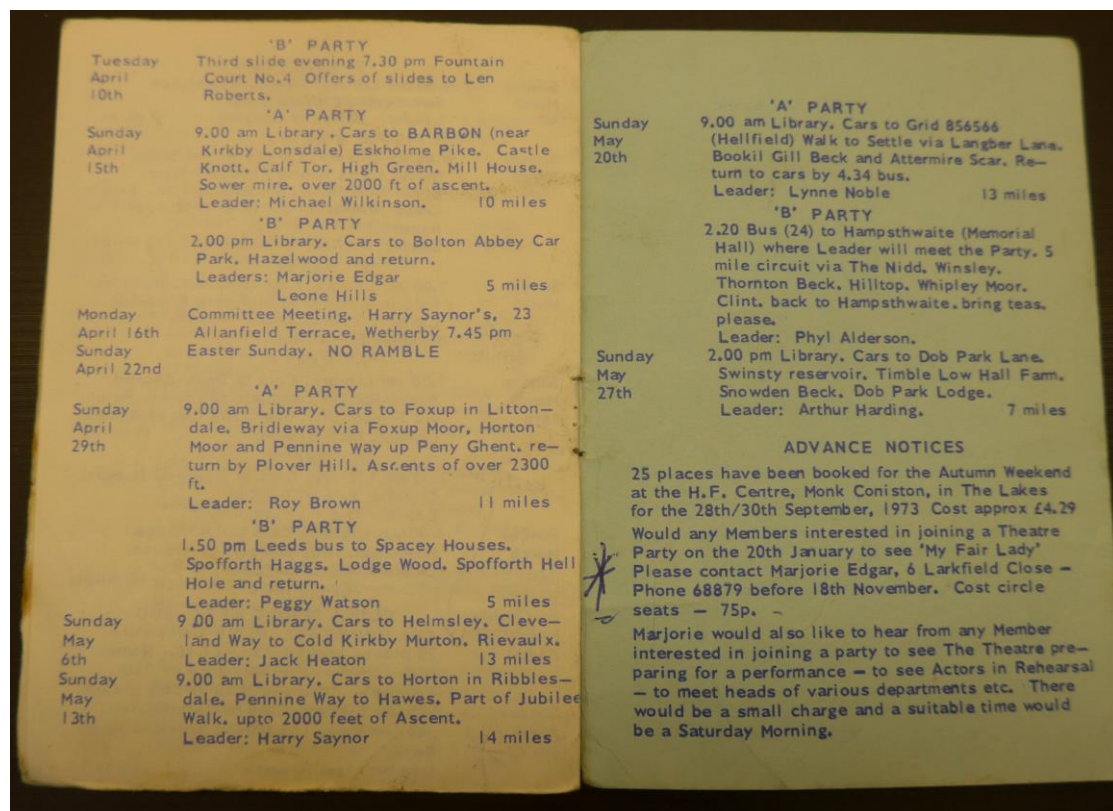
HARROGATE RAMBLING CLUB

President's Newsletter

February 2022

A belated happy new year to all our members, I do hope you have been enjoying the good walking weather we have had to begin the new year, even if a bit muddy underfoot. I'm sure the walking is contributing to our new year good intentions to be healthier and less indulgent people.

As those of you who have been good enough to join me on my walks already know, I always try and incorporate an historical aspect. So, I was interested in what was happening with the club fifty years ago (alright 49 if you look closely).



What we now know as the Programme Booklet was called the "Syllabus", very educational and presumably dropped as soon as Ofsted came into being. A walk was called a "PARTY", very liberating, but there were only two an "A" and a "B" and they all took place on Sundays, presumably there were fewer retired members in those days. They started at Harrogate library, quite often then using public transport. "A"s did 10 - 14 miles and "B"s 3.5 - 10 miles and certain Sundays there was no choice, 14 miles and 2000 feet of ascent or nowt! The programme included evening slide shows, so our Zoom meetings are nothing new, other than in the technology. There was even an opportunity to go backstage before rehearsals of "My Fair Lady". An away weekend was arranged in Derbyshire, so Stan's organization of the May weekend in Alnmouth is following in a long tradition, perhaps the major difference

being the price for the weekend in 1973 was £3.40! The President was Mr Harry Saynor and all the committee were listed with their title of Mr, Mrs or Miss, and five out of the eleven committee were women, something to which we still aspire. What is familiar is the places they walked, places we are still fortunate to be able to visit and enjoy.

Enough of the past, what of the future, in addition to our wide range of walks? As always with thanks to our walk leaders and walk leaders' collectors for ensuring a pretty full upcoming programme.

The club will be changing its bank shortly as HSBC don't seem to want us. Apologies in advance to members who will have to transfer their subscription arrangements. Don't worry if you have paid already this year, the money will be transferred to the new account. As you may imagine this is going to be a real hassle for Allan, the treasurer and Nick, the membership secretary, our thanks to them for coping with this workload which they did not bring on themselves.

More cheerfully, on Friday **4th March** from 7.00pm Stan Robertson has kindly arranged one of his club social evenings in Starlings Bar in Harrogate, not the easiest place to find, but well worth it once you get there. It's a good place to meet up with other members of the club you might not otherwise see. Pizzas with your drink are optional.

As mentioned above Stan Robertson has industriously arranged a three-night walking holiday for members from **Friday 6th May** with HF at Alnmouth on the lovely Northumbrian coast for £401 per person. 13 people have booked and there is a waiting list for single rooms, but rooms for sharing are available.

On **Wednesday 20th July** all walks lead to the Craven Arms at Appletreewick for a post walk social evening and meal kindly arranged by David Riley. Book early as only limited numbers will fit in the Cruck barn.

We are still short of a committee member, so don't be surprised if you get a tap on the shoulder to be coerced into being co-opted. Volunteers would be appreciated.

This newsletter is intended to go out with our Programme Booklet, so it might get to the 18 members who do not have email and may not have access to our website. Although I must apologise if this so-called newsletter is more of a ramble than being full of news, but we are a rambling club.

Good rambling to all.

Greg Richardson