

# HARROGATE RAMBLING CLUB

## President's Newsletter

### Summer 2022

Let's start with many congratulations to honorary member Olive Pope, who has her one hundredth birthday on 17<sup>th</sup> June, what a testament to what walking does for you. We all hope you have a wonderful day Olive and carry with you many happy memories of the club. I'm sure Olive will remember the welcome rest and lunch in the middle of a walk and the tough job walk leaders have in getting us going again, just like this.



And now for more mundane matters, I know you will be desperate to understand the ins and outs of our last committee meeting, after all we are ruminating for 330 people, and I have to say being president with such a hard-working committee does make my life a lot easier. As always, the vexed question of **walk start times** arose, so I will try and clarify again. The start time is the time cars will leave Park Road, and if you are not leaving from Park Road, it is up to you to calculate when you need to leave home to coincide with the time you calculate those leaving from Park Road will reach the start. The start time of the walk can now be registered by the walk leader when registering the walk and will be the time the walk starts. It is clear club guidance that all prospective walkers notify the walk leader of their attendance, which sets up a phone or text channel between the walker and the leader. Indeed, if a member has not registered for a walk with the walk leader, they may be turned away if the walk leader has set a maximum number for their walk, which they are perfectly entitled to do. The walk leader will then know exactly who is coming on their walk and can contact them if there is a problem with safety, bad weather, delayed start etc. (phone signal permitting). I hope that is clear. I hope people are now gaining the confidence to **car share** and meet so to do, even if not at Park Road. Contacting local car drivers in your area may facilitate fewer cars being needed for each walk. In view of the rising cost of travel it is recommended that 40p a mile be the standard rate for car usage, being shared by all those travelling.

Please make a note of our next **AGM** on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022. As members continued their subscriptions through lock down, the club intend to provide a free buffet at the AGM, which will hopefully make for a more sociable evening. Sorry you will have to pay your own bar bills. Our Bulletin provider and administrator, Stella, who is constantly monitoring activities relevant to members is not standing at the AGM and we therefore need a **new administrator**, let us be overwhelmed by the rush of volunteers please.

As **HSBC** has at last recognized our treasurer, he has been able to make the donations to the charities that were agreed at the AGM. We are staying with HSBC at present so any fees should be payable to the club at that bank.

Some of you may be aware that the club had a bench at Cowhouse Bank on the Yorkshire Moors in memory of **Leslie Seed** a previous president who made an enormous contribution to the club. Sadly, over the years the bench had deteriorated and for safety reasons was removed by Forestry England. The plaque from the bench has been saved and we hope to find a member of the family to pass it on to.

Many thanks to those of you who managed to complete the **Green Lanes Alliance** questionnaire, let's hope it makes for some quieter walks.

**The Great Yorkshire Show** has asked if the club would like a stand at the show on the four days, 12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> July. They will allocate us four free entry tickets per day, so again please let John Hopkins, the general secretary know if you would like to volunteer for a shift and spend some time at the show.

Stan Robertson can't stop arranging things, and if it wasn't for people like him, we would have a rather dull club. The Friday evenings he has arranged at **Starlings Bar** in Harrogate have become a regular event, particularly among beer and pizza lovers. The trip he organized to **Alnmouth** at the beginning of May was a great success and he is already looking at arranging a holiday to the lake district in 2023

Richard Cyster, despite all his other commitments, is arranging a **coach trip to Whitby** to compensate for the one that was cancelled because of Covid. Many members have already paid and will have priority on the trip, which will be on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Please contact Richard if you would like to go or are willing to offer a Whitby based walk as leader. He has also kindly agreed to arrange an evening **treasure hunt in Harrogate** for July 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a small entry fee to pay for the prizes so watch the website and bulletins for details.

As always Julia keeps our website up to date and arranges all sorts of IT activities which are beyond the rest of the committee, what would we do without her?

I look forward to seeing everyone at the **Club social** on July 20<sup>th</sup> at the Craven Arms, Appletreewick organized by David Riley, and he isn't even on the committee.

Greg Richardson