

HARROGATE RAMBLING CLUB

President's Newsletter

Autumn 2023

Once again we had a stand at the Great Yorkshire Show, a little more lively this year, expertly planned by John Hopkins and designed by Nick and Ros Kemp, who also had the unenviable task of taking the stall down in the pouring rain on the Friday, I am very grateful to them for the time and effort they put in, not to mention all those who staffed the stand, some missing their Wednesday walk to do so.



Steve and Kate Tanner staffing on Tuesday afternoon, before the rain

There were several expressions of interest in joining the club, and people filling in the competition forms. When I was there a potential couple asked about bringing dogs and we had to make it very clear that both the programme booklet and website state dogs are not allowed on walks, not also because they might be a hazard on a walk and we couldn't cope with several dogs, but also the club would not be covered by its insurance if the dog did any damage. It is also an unnecessary task for leaders, who have enough to do without worrying about dogs on walks, so please do not put leaders in that unenviable position of having to turn potential walkers away who have brought dogs, for they cannot be responsible for the dog bringers.

August the second, the day of the summer social, was an awful day until about 4.00pm, when all those fair-weather walkers (the majority) met up at the Devonshire Arms in Grassington with the hardy few who had walked that day. The chat took over the room, everybody catching up and enjoying a drink. The hardest arrived about 5.00 and looked very happy after having been fed and watered.



The cheery A group

Linda Becroft Saville took several pictures and everyone else at every other table looked as cheerful as the A group. Rod Carpenter had spent months organizing this event and what a success it turned out to be. The room was filled to capacity.



Diners seriously wading through their puddings

Rod had worked at getting a suitable menu, keeping the price down and ensuring a super venue. He was of course aided by Shirley who worked quietly in the background as she has for many years. Despite any organizational anxiety, I understand he was still able to finish his ribs! A wonderful evening, who is going to organize the next one for our very sociable club?

Just a reminder that bookings are open for the December to March programme, so please offer to lead a work in the group in which you feel most comfortable, you will get as much support as you want. There are still quite a few gaps in certain groups so please submit a walk as soon as possible.

There is an opportunity (always a worrying phrase) to have a club badge emblazoned on a garment of your choice for £2.00 and the committee would like to know how many people would be interested in obtaining such a badge. It would involve the member submitting the clothing item/s of their choice for badge application/s. If you have any interest, please email me.

The next meeting at Starling is on 29th September, hope to see you there. Again, please make a note of our next AGM on Thursday 19th October 2023 at the Oatlands Club on Hookstone Road (same as last year) at 7.00pm, meet at 6.30 for a drink. The club intend to provide a free buffet at the AGM, which will hopefully make for an enjoyable evening, but you will have to pay your own bar bills.

Greg Richardson