

# **SCARBOROUGH RAMBLERS AGM 17TH NOVEMBER 2016**

## **RAMBLES ORGANISER'S REPORT**

We have had another very successful year with an extensive programme of walks, mostly in The North York Moors and coast, Howardian Hills and Yorkshire Wolds. We have welcomed walkers not only from our own group but from other parts of Yorkshire and beyond, including members and guests on holiday in our area and day visitors from as far away as Grantham. We have extended a warm welcome to all!

Every year we have a Winter Programme from October to March and a Summer Programme from April to September mainly comprising Sunday walks of 8 to 12 miles and midweek walks of 4 to 7 miles.

### **Winter Programme 2015/2016**

#### **Sunday Walks**

There was a walk every Sunday except 27<sup>th</sup> December, 3<sup>rd</sup> January and 27<sup>th</sup> March (Easter Sunday). There was also a walk on New Year's Day which was included in the Sunday programme. The walk planned for 29<sup>th</sup> November had to be cancelled due to adverse weather, otherwise all walks went ahead as planned. There was a total of 23 walks, 21 were between 8 and 12 miles and 2 were special, shorter walks; on 20<sup>th</sup> December a 5.7 mile walk followed by mince pies and mulled wine chez Atkinson and on 24<sup>th</sup> January a 5.6 mile walk followed by Sunday Lunch at the Three Jolly Sailors pub in Burniston. Excluding these 2 shorter walks the average distance was 10.8 miles and the walks were led by 11 different leaders. The number of participants on each walk varied between 10 and 37, the average number of walkers was 17

#### **Midweek walks**

Last winter there were 7 midweek walks led by 4 different leaders. A moonlight walk planned for 28<sup>th</sup> October was cancelled due to bad weather. These shorter walks averaged 5.9 miles and were often followed by a visit to a cafe. Some were of special interest including seal spotting, viewing the Flying Scotsman steam past and learning all about Plantagenets. The number of participants varied from 6 to 14, average 10, and these walkers tended to be different people from those who enjoyed Sunday walks.

Also, Phil Trafford led a 6 mile walk from Throxenby Mere on 23<sup>rd</sup> January before the Area AGM.

### **Summer Programme 2016**

#### **Sunday Walks**

There was a walk every Sunday except for 12<sup>th</sup> June which was the weekend of the Area Camp. There was a total of 25 walks, between 7.7 and 14.1 miles, the average was 10.3 miles and they were led by 12 different leaders. Walks with special interest included those led by Harry and Maureen Whitehouse to the Malton Food Lovers' Festival and Muston Scarecrow festival, and Tom Rhodes' walk from Egton Bridge which included exciting views of the Tour de Yorkshire. The

number of participants on each walk varied from 4 to 22, the average was 14.

### **Midweek Walks**

During the Summer there were day time and evening midweek walks

#### **Day time walks**

There were 7 day time midweek walks led by 3 different leaders averaging 5.5 miles. The number of participants varied between 2 and 9, average 7. Some walks were followed by a visit to a cafe and Dave Grimwood's walking tour of York was of special interest.

#### **Evening Walks**

The programme was curtailed this year due to a shortage of walk leaders but nevertheless was enjoyed by participants, some of whom do not walk with our group at other times. There were 7 walks on Tuesday evenings from 14<sup>th</sup> June to 26<sup>th</sup> July. Chris Bibby's walk on 28<sup>th</sup> June took place in heavy rain and Chris kindly repeated this walk on 26<sup>th</sup> July in better conditions. There were 3 leaders of evening walks, the average distance was 5 miles and the average number of participants was 7. Hopefully we can offer more evening walks next year.

On 14<sup>th</sup> September 3 members led walks for a visiting Ramblers Group from Medway.

We have a full programme of walks to look forward to over the winter, and in the New Year I shall be asking for offers of walks for next summer's programme.

I should like to thank all the leaders for their enthusiasm and expertise, also to everyone who has participated in walks especially those who have helped by back marking, giving lifts, recording routes and taking photos.

Finally, thanks to our webmaster for publishing information about all our walks which can be found on the walks/events page at [www.scarboroughramblers.co.uk](http://www.scarboroughramblers.co.uk)

### **Sunday walks statistics**

	Winter 2014-2015	Winter 2015-2016
Average distance	10.2 miles	10.8 miles
Average walkers	18	17
Different leaders	8	11

	Summer 2015	Summer 2016
Average distance	10.3 miles	10.3 miles
Average walkers	16	14
Different leaders	10	12

Patricia Mumford 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016