



**Wishing all our readers
a very Happy New Year**



Monday walkers, pictured right in Drewton Dale, came across these festive decorations on the gates of Hotham Hall on a pre-Christmas walk from North Cave.

Photos: Dany Wlodarczyk



Area Camping Weekend June 12th -15th 2015

The next area camp will be held from June 12th -15th at the foot of Kinder Scout, Derbyshire, site of the mass trespass by ramblers in 1932 that eventually led to the creation of national parks, long distance paths and, with the 2000 CRoW Act, open access.

All are welcome. Tent campers and caravanners will pitch at Green Acres Campsite, Nether Booth. There are B&Bs in Edale and hotels in nearby Castleton. Edale Youth Hostel is close to the campsite.

There will be a short early-bird walk to Win Hill on the Friday afternoon; on the Saturday and Sunday we will have full-day walks to Kinder Downfall and the Mam Tor respectively, with shorter alternatives; there will be a final day short walk on Monday morning.

Please register your interest by email to Harry Whitehouse at hltw@peaksoft.co.uk, or phone him on **01723 375770**.

Harry Whitehouse

Notice of 2015 Area Annual General Meeting

EYDA Ramblers members and representatives of affiliated organisations are invited to attend the **Annual General Meeting** at 2.00 pm on Saturday Jan. 24th 2015 in Clements Hall, Nunthorpe Road, York YO23 1BW

There will be a two hour walk before the meeting starting from the hall at 10.45. Prospective members may be introduced and are welcome (non-voting).

After the formal meeting and a short break, Maria Castellina, Ramblers Engagement Manager, will give a presentation on the work being done at national level.

VACANT POSTS

Nominations for all posts are invited. No nominations have so far been received for the posts of

Area Chair, Area Secretary, Publicity Officer and Area News Editor.



Photos of last summer's area camping weekend Courtesy of Harry Whitehouse

Emergency Information Capsules



Thanks to Tony Corrigan for providing group secretaries with an insert for key tags to attach to a rucksack to show that walkers are carrying a plastic *Message in a Bottle* capsule as recommended.

The personal information contained in standard form in the capsule can quickly be located if required in the event of an accident or other emergency.

Please add your Ramblers membership number and car registration to the details on the form if applicable.

Capsules are provided free by local Lions clubs, but they would welcome donations.



Obituaries



Betty Hood Founder Member and Secretary of Ryedale Group

Those of us who went rambling with Ryedale group in the 70's and 80's will have fond memories of Betty and her husband Colin and their friendly welcome to new members on walks. In November, the Malton Gazette announced Betty's death at the age of 83.

Betty was secretary of Ryedale group from its inauguration in 1975 until 1987. During this time, Ryedale group incorporated Scarborough. She worked with dogged determination to improve access to the local countryside and to change the attitude of local landowners towards walkers. Clive Inman writes:

'I recall having discussions with Betty when she resided in Norton and represented rambling interests locally. Her work for walkers and their interests involved difficult discussions with influential landowners and farmers who, at that time, held strong views against public access.

This was also the time when the call for long distance walking routes such as the Wolds Way, was emerging. Both Betty and her husband Colin were enthusiastic ramblers themselves and Colin served as Area Treasurer for several years.

Access to routes locally is now accepted but the difficulties encountered by Betty should be recognised. Her contribution to securing the access we now enjoy should not be forgotten, as it occurred at a time when opposition was very entrenched.'

After moving to Pickering, Betty became a trustee of Pickering Memorial Hall and was one of the team who oversaw its transformation into a community facility. She was described as a tireless member of the fund-raising group. "She never sought the limelight for herself but was always willing to take on the less popular jobs, washing up, cleaning equipment, turning up before time for the Hall's activities and staying to the very end to make sure that everything was 'done and dusted' to her satisfaction."

Those who use unobstructed footpaths and bridleways in Ryedale today owe a great debt of gratitude to Betty and other founder members of the group.

Editor

Sheila Johnson Former Scarborough Group Secretary

Scarborough Group members were shocked and saddened to hear of the death of Sheila Johnson, who was our secretary for many years, in a road traffic accident on 27th October.

Our sympathies go out to Ray, her husband of eighteen years, also a stalwart of the group, It was evident to those from the group and area, who attended Sheila's funeral, what a wide circle of interest she had and how liked and respected she was.

For many of us, it was standing room only outside the chapel entrance. We heard Ray bravely give his own tribute to his wife and best friend. There were also eulogies from her brother and her daughter, Janine, who had flown over from Australia. Janine also read out "goodbye letters" from her two daughters to their grandmother.

As Christmas draws near, our thoughts are with Ray and his family, who will inevitably find it a very sad time.

Phil Trafford

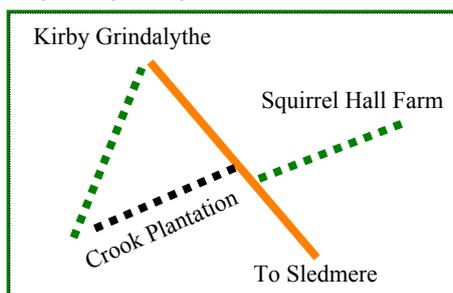
Matt and Alice Milner Founder Members of Ryedale Group

Alice Milner died on 12 October, aged 92. Sadly her husband Matt, aged 95, only survived her until early December. They were among the founder members of Ryedale Group, many years ago! Those who knew them will remember fondly their enthusiasm for life, and their sense of fun. They will be sadly missed by their many friends.

Jan McGrory

Useful Link Track

While out recce-ing a walk from West Lutton, I asked a local resident whether he thought anyone would object to our party using the track along the north side of Crook Plantation to avoid some road walking into Kirby Grindalythe. (It does not appear as a right of way on the OS map). He told us that "everyone goes that way - they always have". DCW



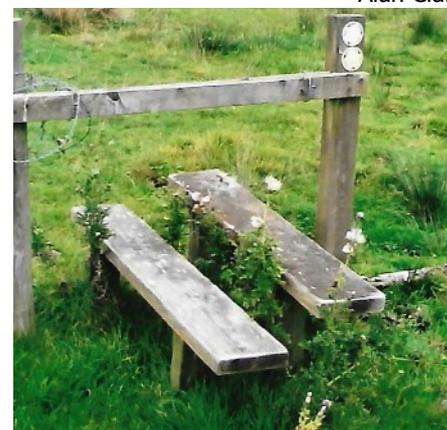
Incidental respite

Walk D on the York group coach ramble to Sedbergh on 28th September was described as "a short seven mile riverside walk including the Sedgwick Trail with a variety of terrain and many stiles with gates on top of walls and wall ladders".

Undeterred by the leader repeating the issue of the difficult stiles, I, along with seven colleagues opted to join walk D and were rewarded with a most enjoyable walk in beautiful countryside. Some respite was afforded by the leader permitting us to go round a certain isolated stile encountered en route (see photograph).

A big thank you to Judith for a memorable day and allowing us time on the walk to appreciate the many features encountered especially the riverside and the geological trail, and, of course, the selected tea room - all part of the leader's recy.

Alan Clark



Redundant stile in the reed beds by the River Rawthey at Sedbergh

Photo courtesy of Alan Clark

Photographs on Walks

Photographs are sometimes taken on led walks which may appear in a Ramblers publication. Some members may not wish to be included. In a group photograph they should be asked to move out of shot. Further advice can be found at www.eastyorkshireramblers.org.uk

Area Mailshots

If you would prefer to receive mailshots electronically (i.e. Area News, your Group Newsletter, the Annual Report and the Rambles Programmes) please inform the Membership Secretary by emailing areamembers@hotmail.co.uk

112 SOS

Many of our walking areas have poor mobile phone coverage or you might have a low battery. Register your phone with **112 SOS** and if you ever have the need in an emergency you can send an SMS text message to 112 or 999 when you can't telephone. It will find the best available network to send the emergency message.

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