

Scarborough Ramblers' Newsletter

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Member's News

Congratulations to Harry Whitehouse who has just completed a solo, unsupported Pennine Way - a wonderful achievement as I'm sure you will agree. This follows last year's successful solo Coast to Coast walk . What's next Harry?

I know you will be pleased to hear that **Bob Clutson** is on the mend after his accident on a group walk back in July which left him with a broken ankle. I have almost forgiven him for the stress and paperwork caused by his carelessness. *(Only joking Bob!)*

Scarborough Group Dales Weekend

On May 25th -27th ten members of Scarborough group enjoyed three days of glorious sunshine and walking in the Dales. We were based in Reeth, staying at various bed and breakfasts, all of which were superb. On Friday afternoon we met for a 6 mile walk along the river via Marrick Priory and up to the hamlet of Marrick returning by High Fremington. Saturday's 11 mile walk, in blazing sunshine, took us past Maiden Castle, up onto Whitaside Moor and down into isolated Apedale returning via Height of Greets and down to Grinton for a welcome drink at the Bridge Inn. We ate both evenings at the Bridge Inn which welcomes walkers, even with muddy boots, and also serves excellent meals. On Sunday the 9 mile walk took us high above Arkle Beck to Langthwaite then along Fore Gill Beck, returning across the southern slopes of Calver Hill with stunning views along Swaledale.

The weather was beautiful - blue skies and sunshine every day. How lucky was that? Thank you to everyone who joined us and made it such an enjoyable weekend for all concerned.

This year members of the Group have organised two short walking breaks, one in the Dales and one in Scotland. There are reports on both in this newsletter and we hope to get photos up on the website in the near future. Les and I hope to arrange another weekend in the Dales in 2013, probably based at Hawes. More information in the next newsletter in January so keep your eyes open if you are interested.

Forthcoming Events

The AGM will be held on **Thursday 29th November 2012 at 7:30** at the **Friend's Meeting House** in Scarborough. We hope to see lots of you there. The meeting is usually short and informal and is normally followed by refreshments and a slide presentation.

Social Evenings/meals

- Sat. 15th September - Claudio's, Bar Street (Italian)
- Sat. 3rd November - Gold River, Mitford Street, Filey (Chinese)
- Sat. 8th December - Christmas meal
(possibly at The Copper Horse again)

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The Famous Five in Scotland report by Richard Bedford

On August 17th, 5 members of Scarborough group arrived in the picturesque Scottish town of Callander, in the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. Our party consisted of Les and Margaret Atkinson, Pam and Dave Grimwood and Richard Bedford, who has local contacts and suggested the venture a couple of months ago. Our objective was to join the Callander Rambling Club in their ascent of Buachaille Etive Mor, a classic (some say iconic) 1022m Munro at the head of the Pass of Glencoe.

We put part of Friday to good use with a 5 mile local walk which, in spite of the rainy and humid conditions, gave an interesting visit to the spectacular Bracklinn Falls which thunder through a deep gorge high above the town. It was here in 2004 that continual, torrential rain led to mudslides and the destruction of the original bridge over the falls by surging flood waters up to 30ft deep. A new, higher, stronger bridge has now restored access over the gorge.

On Saturday, an early start and an hour's drive took us to Glencoe to begin the demanding climb up "The Buachaille". We were made very welcome by the local group and our 17-strong party set off in good spirits. The mountain consists of three substantial, rocky peaks on a long, steep-sided ridge. Our contingent completed two of these over a 7 hour period. (Only 3 went on to climb the third) Although conditions were dry, low cloud above 2500ft hampered visibility, but occasional gaps afforded tantalising views over the surrounding area and allowed us to see just how precipitous the slopes on either side of us actually were! It was a good day with a strong sense of challenge and satisfaction. Even the descent was not without its hazards and scrambling down trackless areas of bare rock led to some bumps and bruises!

Sunday brought a beautiful sunny morning's exploration around Callander and district, including the well-preserved Doune Castle, originally the seat of the Dukes of Albany, mediaeval Governors of Scotland. (also the location for a certain Monty Python film!) And it was there that one of our group purchased a delightful novelty hat which will make its debut before long on a ramble near you- but no more of that for the time being.

I would like to add our sincere thanks to Richard for organising the trip for us. The accommodation and food was excellent and the walking superb. Next year Richard? Hopefully there will soon be some photos on the group website to whet your appetite.

Group website

Please do take a look at the **group website** which is excellent and kept up to date by our Publicity Officer, Harry Whitehouse. He will be very pleased to receive items to put on it, including photographs of walks. www.scarboroughramblers.co.uk