

# THE ROBIN HOOD WAY ASSOCIATION

Official Newsletter  
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## PROPOSED WIND FARM NEAR EAKRING

A scheme to site a wind farm close to the Robin Hood Way, near Eakring, has recently been announced by Harworth Power Ltd (a part of UK Coal) and Eakring Farming Ltd. The plan is for four turbines, of approximately 105m high, to be located on part of the former Bilsthorpe Collier site and near Chestnut Farm. Obviously these eight turbines would be visible for miles around since Eakring is the highest point on the Robin Hood Way.

According to reports in the local press a public meeting was held in Eakring and an action committee was formed to oppose this scheme.

At the time of writing Newark and Sherwood District Council has not yet received a planning application but our Association has already been contacted by RPS Planning, Transport and Environment with regard to finding out the number of walkers using the RHW between Eakring and Kirklington. Needless to say the RHW Association Committee was not happy with this proposal due to the visual impact on the surrounding countryside. We will keep you informed when more information is available.

## THE LINBY WALK AND LUNCH

On Sunday 3 April thirty seven members and their guests took part in our event at Linby near Hucknall. In the morning Graham and Barbara Horlington, from Watnall, led a five and a half mile walk along the Linby Trail and into the grounds of Newstead Abbey where a short coffee break was taken. The return route was along the Robin Hood Way via Papplewick. Here Graham had arranged with Mr Wheatley, the owner of the Hermitage on Blidworth Way, for the group to visit Robin Hood's Stables, a large cave in a sandstone outcrop which is situated in a corner of his house garden.

After the walk the group adjourned to the Horse and Groom Inn, on Main Street, Linby for an excellent, traditional, two course Sunday roast lunch.

## IN MEMORIAM - CLIVE DALE

It is with deep sadness that we have to announce that one of the Association's long serving members, Clive Dale – from Newark – died at home earlier on this year after a long illness. Clive (74) had been a member of the Association since the early 1990s (when he completed the RHW) and had served on the Committee for the past ten years. He combined this position with one as path warden with responsibilities for the Robin Hood Way section from Kirklington Station to Eakring. He also led walks for the Association as well as for the Newark group of the Ramblers' Association for whom he held the position of Footpath Secretary.

Apart of walking Clive's other hobby was bowling and he was a member of Newark Town Bowling Club.

## THE WINSTER WALK

On Sunday 29 May Graham and Barbara Horlington, from Watnall, led ten members and Maisie (a Jack Russell dog) on a lovely seven and a half-mile walk between Winster and Grangemill in Derbyshire. Despite the recent changeable weather the walk was blessed with sunshine nearly the whole time and the good visibility made the views, from the Limestone Way above Winster, superb. The lunch stop was taken in the garden of the Hollybush Inn at Grangemill mid way through the walk. The low turnout was particularly disappointing since this was the first time that the Association had organised an event outside Nottinghamshire but the fact that it was a Bank Holiday Sunday may have contributed to the low numbers. Nevertheless it was an excellent walk and everyone who participated thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

## NEW MEMBERS

Since the last edition the following new member(s) have joined the Association. We extend a warm welcome to everyone and look forward to seeing him or her on one our forthcoming social events.

**Jenny Mees** (Balderton) and **Lilian Krakiewicz** (Lambley),

## WEBSITE OFFICER'S REPORT

Since the spring newsletter was published 612 visitors reached the RHW website. We are receiving on average 45 visits a week, a total of 5,812. Some of these have been received from Hungary, Belgium and Australia. The number of visitors to the website has remained the same during the February-July period than the September to February period (615). Hopefully this figure will remain high during the traditionally slack summer period.

It is pleasing to note that the website order form was used to obtain copies of the RHW guidebook. The events list for 2005 has been added to the website. The membership page has been updated to reflect the current membership of the Association. The spring newsletter is now available to view online.

If members have any material or walks they would like added to the website, then please contact me at:  
[paul@robinhoodway.co.uk](mailto:paul@robinhoodway.co.uk) **Paul Walden**

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## SOME OF THE FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR 2005

**Saturday 9 July**

### **SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL**

Come along and support this new social occasion for the RHW Association and enjoy a long alley skittles evening followed by a BBQ at the Little John PH on Main Road, Ravenshead (SK 576553). Start at **7.30 pm**. No experience is needed just come along and bowl. Further details will be available from Janet nearer the date since the meal must be ordered and paid for in advance.

**Sunday 7 August**

### **THE WELBECK CIRCULAR AND AFTERNOON TEA**

5.5 miles

Meet: The Dukeries Garden Centre car park off the A60, near Holbeck (SK 546741) at **1.15pm**

This will be an easy afternoon walk on the northern section of the Robin Hood Way, visiting St Winifred's Church at Holbeck Woodhouse and Creswell Crags with its new Visitor Centre. After the walk afternoon tea will be available in the Garden Centre Café consisting of scones, cakes and tea/coffee at **4.30pm**. This will cost £3.25 per person. Further details will be available from Janet nearer the date since the afternoon tea must be ordered and paid for in advance.

**Saturday 10 September**

### **THE COTGRAVE CIRCULAR**

6 miles

An easy walk in the Cotgrave area, led by Diana MacIntosh, followed by lunch at the Shepherd's Restaurant. Further details will be available from Janet nearer the date since the lunch must be ordered and paid for in advance.

**Friday 21 to Sunday 23 October**

### **ROBIN'S RAMBLES AND RUMPUS WEEKEND AT GLENBROOK, HOPE ROAD, BAMFORD**

Be as active or as lazy as you wish – nothing is compulsory.

#### **Itinerary**

As we have quite a few surprises we do not want to give too much away but we are sure you would like to know a little more about Robin's Rambles and Rumpus.

The weekend will start on Friday, arriving from 6.30pm onwards. A supper meal will be served at 7.30pm and kept for anyone arriving later. Entertainment in the evening with hot drinks before bedtime.

After a full English breakfast served at 8.15am you will be off for the day on your chosen activities, taking a packed lunch. About 4.30 to 5.00 pm an afternoon tea and surprise will await.

For the Saturday Celebration Meal it would be rather nice to see you all dressed up in appropriate costume. You could be Robin Hood, Friar Tuck, Will Scarlett, Little John, King Richard/John, Maid Marion, Squire, a medieval Lady, a poor serving wench, vagabond, ruffian of the greenwoods or ??

When suitably attired, the Sheriff will expect your presence at 7.00 pm at a Sherry reception (you will have to pretend it's strong ale or mead). Dinner at approximately 7.30 pm and for anyone still left standing at the end, entertainment for the latter part of the evening. We cannot provide wines/beers for our evening meal so if you would like to bring your own bottles/cans, we can at least provide the corkscrew.

After breakfast on Sunday, at 8.15 am, it's off for another day of activities, another packed lunch and arriving back at about 3.00 pm for an 'Eats What's left' meal.

We have to leave at 4.00 pm having cleaned our rooms (make the bed and Hoover). All the times are a guide, but if something better turns up or if the weather is inclement, things can always be altered.

#### **Some of the Events on Offer:**

- An adventurous walk to blow away the cobwebs on Kinder Scout, guided – Saturday only.
- A 9 mile walk up to the top of Win Hill straight from the door, guided – Saturday only.
- A drive to see the owls and otters (half a day).
- Speedwell Cavern – Underground and on a boat.
- Brass rubbing in Hathersage Church (half day), all equipment provided.
- A short walk up part of Win Hill and onto the Garden Centre, 'Hitch and Hike' for all your walking needs (and ice creams).

***COST £34 PER PERSON (ALL INCLUSIVE). PLACES ARE LIMITED TO 36 SO PLEASE BOOK NOW!***

**DON'T FORGET THAT IF YOU PAID A £10 DEPOSIT THE BALANCE OF £24 PER PERSON MUST BE PAID TO ELIZABETH BEFORE 31 AUGUST 2005**

**Saturday 3 December**

### **WINTER WALK, LUNCH AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

A morning walk followed by lunch and the Association's Annual General Meeting at Ma Hubbard's Eating House, Main Street, Edwinstowe at **2.00 pm**.

Please come along and stay for the AGM since we welcome all contributions in the form of suggestions/ideas for future events. And who knows you might like to volunteer to take up a position on the Committee!

Full details of the days proceedings will be made available nearer the date.

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