

THE ROBIN HOOD WAY ASSOCIATION

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ROBIN'S RUMPUS WEEKEND AT GLENBROOK



Rita Rippin, Joan Hallam, Elizabeth Goldthorp and Ivy Gibbons are on the front row but can you identify the rest of Robin's merry men and women?

Poetry Competition Winner

During the weekend a poetry competition was held with a bottle of champagne as first prize. The winner was Janet Rix with the following verse:

In days of old
When knights were bold
And TV wasn't invented
They chased the maidens round and round
Until they all relented

Their joy, however, was short lived
The maidens were complaining
For every morning they were sick
And weight they all were gaining.

And soon proud parents all were they
Though life became a bore
Changing nappies by the ton
Instead of going to war

The moral of this story folks
Is never play with fire
And should temptation come your way
Then dampen your desire.

As 2005 was the 20th birthday of the RHW Association it was decided that we should do something special to mark the occasion. Elizabeth Goldthorp, a committee member, came up with the suggestion of a fun weekend away at Glenbrook House in Derbyshire. And so Robin's Rambles and Rumpus Weekend was born. Glenbrook House is a large, double-fronted, bay windowed house owned by the Guides Association. It stands at the end of a long curving drive, set amongst trees. A beautiful sight in October. Elizabeth did all the planning and preparation herself – a mammoth task – and the whole weekend went very smoothly.

Nineteen of us arrived on the Friday evening and after having unpacked and settled in we had a very welcome three course meal. Afterwards we spent a pleasant couple of hours in the lounge with games and quizzes, and a lot of laughing, before retiring to bed.

Saturday morning, after a full English breakfast, we collected our flasks and packed lunches and departed on our chosen activity of the day. The more energetic went on a 9½ mile walk, taking them up Win Hill, whilst the rest of us either went to the Apple Day at Chatsworth, the Owl & Otter Reserve at Chapel-en-le-Frith or the Speedwell and Blue John Caverns. In case of bad weather there were plenty of indoor alternatives, but on this occasion they were not needed.

We arrived back, about 4.00pm, tired and happy, to be greeted with mulled wine and hot mince pies and pikelets. After a leisurely hour or so spent discussing our day's activities, we retired to get dressed in our costumes before returning to the lounge at 7.00pm for a pre-prandial glass of sherry. Everyone looked splendid in their outfits and is to be congratulated on their ingenuity and skill in creating them.

The highlight of the evening was a sumptuous five course, candlelit banquet, prepared and cooked by Elizabeth. The grand finale of this was a delicious birthday cake, aglow with 20 candles, baked for us by Elizabeth's mother and decorated by Elizabeth herself. After the meal we retired to the lounge, replete and happy, where a great deal of good natured leg pulling and hilarity, some of it slightly risqué, went on, before we took to our beds.

Sunday dawned misty and damp, but improved as the day went on. After another huge breakfast we once again set off to do our chosen thing. We were due to leave at 4.00pm so the plan was to arrive back at 2.00pm for Archery and then eat up any thing that was left. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, it was not possible at the last minute to have the Archery session. So, undaunted, we bravely tucked into the gateaux etc. just to help Elizabeth out, you understand.

Joking aside the whole weekend was a resounding success. We had a lot of fun, superb food, great company, and every one joined in with the chores. We can never thank Elizabeth enough for all the hard work and effort she put into making this a memorable 20th birthday celebration. Just in case you are wishing that you had taken part we are intending to do the same again in 2006. Details will be sent to all members in due course.

Janet Rix

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NOTTS COUPLE RAISE £447

A Nottinghamshire couple raised £447 for the Ollerton and Boughton Scout and Guide's Activity Centre by completing the Robin Hood Way in just four days at the end of July. Mrs Elizabeth Tilstone (53) and her brother-in-law Mr David Tilstone (55), both from Boughton near Ollerton, will put the money towards the £9,000 needed for security shutters for three windows at the Centre which is currently being built.

ROB LANE - LATEST NEWS

Rob Lane, a beautiful sunken hollow, which runs from Combs Wood, SW of Farnsfield to Greaves Lane, between Farnsfield and Oxton, has been the cause for concern now for some time. Its surface has regularly been destroyed due to the activities of four x four motorised vehicles and motor cyclists. After several previous unsuccessful attempts to improve matters Nottinghamshire County Council would appear to have finally come up with a practical solution. During the summer a Traffic Regulation Order was taken out to ban these vehicles and gates installed across both ends i.e. on Greaves Lane and near Combs Farm off the A614. During this period major resurfacing work was carried out to level the track and then lay down crushed stone to improve drainage. In October it had returned to its former glory but whether it will remain so only time will tell.

RAVENSHEAD BBQ AND LONG ALLEY SKITTLES EVENING

On Saturday 9 July 30 members of the Association and their guests enjoyed a pleasant evening at the Little John Inn in Ravenshead. Despite Paul Walden discovering the rules for long alley skittles no one really understood them. However it was soon apparent that everyone was a novice but nevertheless they had a go and a winning team was declared.

THE WELBECK AFTERNOON TEA WALK

Sunday 7 August saw 27 members and guests participate in this event which was almost a repeat of one we did in 2003. This time Elizabeth Goldthorp led us on a pleasant six mile walk along the Notts/Derbyshire border to Belp and along Broad Lane and into the Welbeck estate where we picked up the Robin Hood Way back to our starting point at the Dukeries Garden Centre. Here the group enjoyed an assortment of cakes and tea/coffee in the Vinery. Elizabeth provided us with snippets of information along the route which served to make the walk more enjoyable as well as interesting.

THE COTGRAVE EVENT

Seventeen hardy members and their guests turned out on a very wet Saturday morning on 10 September to take part in a six mile walk, starting at the Shepherd's Restaurant near Radcliffe-on-Trent and going onto Bassingfield and Cotgrave Country Park. The walk was ably led by Whatton based Diana MacIntosh, who was a first time leader for our Association. The highlight of the ramble was the opportunity to view the inside of the restored Cotgrave Church, which had suffered an arson attack in 1996. After the walk had finished a further six members joined the party for lunch in the restaurant. Overall a total turnout of twenty three, including a contingent from the Lincoln area, was very satisfying when you take into account the inclement weather conditions.

After the lunch Janet was presented with two '£5 off a meal for two' vouchers by the manageress of the Shepherd's. Consequently it was decided, at the October Committee meeting, that these should be given to people who attended the event. So a draw took place and Freda Kirby from Southwell and Dave Walden from Redmile were the two successful recipients.

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 of our forthcoming social events.

Peter Dawson (Nottingham), **Lilian Krakiewicz** (Lambley), **Rodney Bayes** (Collingham), **Wynne Thompson** (Bingham) and **Mark Beecham** (Grantham),

SOME OF THE FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR 2006

Saturday 22 April 2006

SPRING BLUEBELL WALK AROUND HARDWICK FOLLOWED BY LUNCH

5½ miles

Meet: The overspill car park next to the Hardwick Inn on the SW corner of the Park (SK 633457). **10.00 am**

A lovely walk in the parkland and countryside surrounding historic Hardwick Hall, home of the legendary Bess of Hardwick, along easy paths and trails and through beautiful bluebell woods which, hopefully, will be at their best. This walk is definitely not to be missed.

After the walk a carvery lunch will be served at approximately **1.15 pm** at the Hardwick Inn. Vegetarian options together with starters and/or puddings will be available on the day. Members will be contacted, in the usual manner, nearer the date with full details. Please note that there will be a maximum of 30 seats available for lunch so booking, via Janet, will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Friday 22 – Sunday 24 September 2006

ROBIN'S RUMPUS WEEKEND AT GLENBROOK - RETURN VISIT

This event was so popular that we have decided to repeat it in 2006 so please make a note in your diaries of these dates. Full details regarding booking will be available in the new year. Since it is anticipated that demand will be heavy we strongly advise that you book straight away to avoid any disappointment.

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