

THE ROBIN HOOD WAY ASSOCIATION

Official Newsletter
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THE HARDWICK WALK AND LUNCH

On Saturday 22nd April Mick and Chris Wain, from Mansfield, led twenty four members and their guests on a five and a half mile walk from the Hardwick Inn car park. After reaching the old Hall, on top of the hill, Mick gave an informative talk about the original owner, Elizabeth Shrewsbury, better known as Bess of Hardwick. He then pointed out the intricate wall plastering on the old Hall walls that had been exposed for the summer months. From here the group walked through Lady Spencer's wood and glimpsed the occasional bluebell which was something of a surprise when you considered how cold spring has been this year. Further clumps of bluebells were seen in Norwood before the party re-entered the parkland passing the chain of five small lakes before returning to the Inn.

Alan Brittain and Joan Mankelow joined the group for the excellent carvery lunch after which some members even found room for one of the delicious looking desserts, which were on offer.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY AND WOLLATON PARKS WALK

On Sunday 11th June nineteen members and their guests enjoyed a beautiful five and a half mile walk through the grounds of Nottingham University and Wollaton Park. The walk was jointly lead by Diana MacIntosh and Geoff Rix and the participants were able to enjoy the numerous small gardens within the university Campus including the Millennium Garden, the Dry Garden and the Jekyll Garden that was especially beautiful, at this time of year, due to the impressive collection of rhododendron bushes. Deer were in abundance in Wollaton Park, especially on the golf course, but the only disappointment was that the Hall was still under wraps being in the process of renovation.

A lot of people had never walked in the University grounds previously and were surprised how beautiful it was in the area next to the boating lake. The walk also marked the debut of Reg and Jane Simpson on an Association event. If anyone would like a route description for a future occasion then please contact Geoff.

NEW SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIATION REQUIRED FOR 2007

At the next Annual General Meeting in December Geoff Rix will be relinquishing the position of the Association's Honorary Secretary after five years service and he thought that this would be an appropriate time to step down. Now is the time for someone to consider taking over and although computer skills are not absolutely necessary it, clearly, would be an advantage to have them. Basically you would need to have an organised approach to administration work and be enthusiastic in promoting the aims of the Association. So if anyone out there is interested please have a word with Geoff if you would like more information.

NEW VENUE FOR THIS YEAR'S AGM

At the Committee meeting in June it was decided to have a change of scenery for this year's Annual General Meeting. It will now be held at the Vicar Water Visitor Centre, off Mansfield Road, Clipstone near Mansfield. The catering is undertaken by Rumbles Catering Project Ltd, a non-profit making organisation who specialise in employing young people with learning disabilities. By doing this it offers a learning experience in a real working environment and hopefully will enhance their employment opportunities by providing career advice and information.

A two or three course meal will be available with options for a Christmas meal or a traditional roast. Full detail will be made available later nearer the date.

WEBSITE NEWS

Up to 18th June the website has received the following 'hits'.

Total visits: - 7,308; Average per day: - 5; During the week commencing 11 June - 36;

From the last report dated the 7th February we have received 673 hits (visits). We passed the seven thousand visit point in April. I think it is an achievement for the Association that over 7,000 visitors have visited the website. Considering the recent warm weather visits to the website have increased. More people have visited the website in the February-June period than October-February.

Visits from outside the UK are from Australia, Italy and Norway.

Paul Walden

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.

Joan Alton (Newark) and **Mrs P Hackney** (Waddington, Lincs).

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Designed by John Gurnhill and Maintained by Paul Walden

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR 2006

Saturday 8 July

QUIZ AND EVENING SOCIAL WITH A FISH & CHIP FEAST AT THE SOUTHWELL WI HALL AT 7.15pm

Come along with your friends and enjoy an easy general knowledge quiz with Chris 'Tarrant' Thompson as your quizmaster. Who knows but you might become a millionaire! After all of your mental exertions you can sit down and feast yourselves on local Fish & Chips with bread and butter and a cup of tea to follow.

Note! The meal must be booked and paid for in advance with Janet. Full details will be made available later.

Saturday 22 July

ON THE EDGE – A WALK IN THE BOLSOVER AREA TAKING IN PALTERTON AND SCARCLIFFE 7 miles

Meet: Roadside parking near Glapwell Nurseries on Bolsover Road, Glapwell (SK 478661). **10.30am**

Join Graham and Barbara Horlington on an interesting walk on the Nottinghamshire/Derbyshire border close to Bolsover and its Castle with fantastic views across to Sutton Scarsdale Hall. Please bring your own picnic lunch.

Sunday 27 August

OLLERTON AND RUFFORD

5½ miles

Start: Sherwood Heath TIC car park, Ollerton Roundabout (SK 651676). **10.00 am**

Coffee Stop

The town of Ollerton is perhaps best known nowadays for its association with the coal mining industry; however Old Ollerton still retains some charm, notably the old watermill and the picturesque pocket park opposite. Rufford Country Park, a popular tourist attraction, includes the remains of a 16th century Abbey and a lake, which is home to a large number of wildfowl. So come out on this Bank Holiday Sunday and get away from the crowds.

Friday 22 – Sunday 24 September

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. Booking forms are available from either Elizabeth or Geoff. We strongly advise that you book straight away to avoid any disappointment. **Be as active or as lazy as you wish – nothing is compulsory.**

Itinerary

The weekend will start on Friday, arriving from 5.30 pm onwards. A supper meal will be served at 7.30 pm and kept for anyone arriving later. There will be entertainment in the evening with hot drinks before bedtime.

After a full English breakfast served at 8.15 am 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. This year's theme will be announced later.

When suitably attired, we will expect your presence at 7.00 pm for a Sherry reception (you will have to pretend that 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. Much as we would like to, 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 'Eat 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. We look forward to seeing you.

ARE YOU TEMPTED YET? If so:-

This full, fun packed weekend is from Friday evening (meal provided) until Sunday teatime. Accommodation is in small shared rooms. All meals provided including a celebration meal on Saturday evening. **Cost £36 per person (all inclusive).**

Places are unfortunately limited to 36.

Sunday 22 October

WALK IN THE WATNALL AREA FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT WATNALL WI HALL

Come along and join Committee Member Richard Gunn on a lovely 7 mile walk in the heart of DH Lawrence country followed by a delicious two course lunch freshly prepared by the ladies of the Watnall WI.

Note! The meal must be booked and paid for in advance with Janet. Full details will be made available later.

Saturday 2 December

MORNING WALK FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AND THE AGM

Join Website Officer Paul Walden on a 5 mile morning walk in the Maun Valley and through Vicar Water Country Park then enjoy a two or three course lunch in the Vicar Water Visitor Centre at **1.00pm**. *Note! The meal must be booked and paid for in advance with Janet. As there is a limit of 36 for the meal, bookings will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.* The AGM will follow at approximately **2.15pm**. Full details will be available later.