

# THE ROBIN HOOD WAY ASSOCIATION

**Official Newsletter**  
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## WELCOME

I hope that all the association members have had a very pleasant spring and had enjoyed plenty of walks in the pretty Nottinghamshire countryside. Numbers on walks have varied considerably from 26 to 6. I must admit that the numbers on the Roughbreck event and especially the Wilford walk were very disappointing. Please remember that walks and events are organised for the benefit of members. We cannot carry on organising events such as the aforementioned. If numbers on walks remain poor during the summer/autumn period we will have no option but to reduce the number of events available. Please support the next events. On a more positive notice, I hope you have a pleasant summer. See you soon.

## BINGHAM AND EAST BRIDGFORD

I am reliably informed that in many countries they hold a "Family Day" each year. Nothing so special in that you may think, but it is where they hold it that is the thing. A large picnic is prepared and all the family members collected, and then off to the church graveyard to have the picnic and remember friends and family. I am broad minded and although at first I thought this a little odd, when I really thought about it, I think it is quite a nice idea. So, it was quite a surprise when on our first walk of the year, lead by Diana MacIntosh, that is exactly where we all ended up for lunch, and a nicer place you could not have wished for, especially with all the spring flowers and snow drops.

After crossing the very busy Roman Road - The Fosse Way - the route took us through a disused air base, along another Roman Road, a salt road. Boats would unload their cargo of salt at Gunthorpe Bridge and use the "salt road" to bring their cargo of salt further inland. We carried up to the church on the hill and again another mystery - a group of War Graves. This revelation has now got three of us trying to find out more about these young service men.

The route finally brought us back into the market place of Bingham, where some of the walkers had a carvery meal at one of the local pubs. This was a delightful day and the weather could not have been better for all 33 walkers. Thanks Diana. Elizabeth.

## WALESBY WANDER

Another sunny day saw 18 walkers set off along the river Maun to find the little ruin of St. John's Chapel. All of you will have passed this spot when you walked the R.H.W. but may not have done the little detour to see it. I admit to being one of those who was so tired that even the smallest detour can seem like a further 10 miles.

On this Sunday we were very fortunate to have a few historians with us who were able to tell us all about the chapel and other things en route. Through the fields and along tracks near to Walesby, we had lunch above the river Maun and tried to find Robin Hoods Cave. It was so warm for early spring - coats were left in cars, and very soon fleeces and jumpers were off too. We followed the river to the confluence with the river Meden, on through the trees and into Bothamsall where we rejoined the R.H.W. back to our cars. Elizabeth.

## EASTER EXTRAVAGANZER

Sunday, 5th April and the Easter Extravaganzer, must have been the busiest walking day of the year so far for everyone.

I have to admit to being just a little disappointed as so few people were able to join us at Roughbreck. However, I think those who came along enjoyed the day. Thanks to Richard Gunn the first group of people enjoyed a lovely walk in beautiful sunshine, round Clumber Park. The third of our walks this year and once again the weather could

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not have been better. Upon returning to Roughbreck, the walkers were joined by four more for the buffet lunch, eaten outside in the warmth.

I must say thank you to everyone who donated books and plants - I still have quite a lot left over, so if you join us on the next few walks, don't be surprised to see me trying to sell a few more out of the boot of my car. Another BIG THANK YOU goes out to Diane Walden for the splendid array of cakes and buns for sale - what a star! Another star was Sharon Gunn in charge of a production line of sandwiches and to Marion and Rosemary - tea and coffee makers, and the best cleaner-uppers.

The best Easter bonnet competition was won by Sharon, with the two runner-ups Marion and Diane Smith. All were delightful creations of materials, colours and livestock. Great. Ivy Gibbon's granddaughter won the "hunt the golden egg" competition (sorry I didn't get your name) but well done. She won the large Easter egg.

But the BIGGEST STAR's of all are the fourteen of you R.H.W. members who spent - spent - spent, and donations - donations. THANK YOU MOST OF ALL for your generosity, you made a huge £54.36 profit, which I think is excellent. I hope you enjoyed the surroundings of Roughbreck, if you did; we could maybe do another fun event there some time. Thank you all once again. Elizabeth

### **PERLETHORPE CHURCH**

How is your memory? Can you remember as far back as the 15th April, 2007? Maybe if I say a walk through the grounds of Thoresby Park - the church yard and in particular a little area in the corner of the church yard. Perhaps it is now coming back to you - Monkey Graves. Never let it be said that I don't follow things up for you. I have hunted and resourced all over, spoken to people and tried the Internet at some length, but I cannot get anyone to actually confirm these graves.

From knowledge and research I know fighting monkey's were and still are a part of life. Even today, in Asia, they still exist. The only piece of information I could get was a word, I do not know how this is spelt as it was given me over the telephone, and the caller would not enlighten me further, "Zozimus". That is the pronunciation - if anyone can track anything further I would certainly like to know. Good hunting. Elizabeth

### **2009 SUMMER EVENTS**

Sunday, 5th July, 2009 - A walk starting from Farnsfield Station car park (SK 644573) with Geoff is bound to be a good one not to be missed. The walk is 6 miles long and starts at 10am. Pub meals will be available after the walk from the Plough or the Red Lion.

Saturday, 1st August, 2009 - Thanks to Graham and Barbara we have a super walk of 7 miles, starting at 10.30 a.m. in the Kimberley and Greasley area. The walk takes us on tracks and footpaths with three short steep climbs. Meet at the Kimberley War Memorial, next to Sainsbury's - Grid Ref. SK501444. There are several free car parks in Kimberley. Remember to take a packed lunch.

### **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.

**George Wood, Mapperley Plain; Ivan and Eileen Taylor, Mansfield; Norma Moorhouse, Balderton, Newark**

### **.FINALLY**

Articles and photographs for future newsletters are always welcome. Letters to be published in the newsletter are welcomed. The next edition of the newsletter will be published in late October.

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