

# THE ROBIN HOOD WAY ASSOCIATION

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Only four months into 2010 and what a remarkable year this is turning out to be! You will have already noticed from the last newsletter that Girlguiding UK is 100 years old this year and we are looking for anyone who will be available on 3rd October to join the Committee Members in welcoming these young ladies at the end of their journey. One of the halls has been booked for them in Edwinstowe just in case the weather is bad but they hope to get to the church at about 12.00pm. They are averaging 25 walkers each section so if you can spare a little time to welcome these walkers back, join us on the day – I have heard there is tea and cakes – I will let you have exact times nearer the date. This will be good publicity for us and we may have the next generation of RHWA members right here.

This weekend I have just returned from celebrating 75 years of Cave Diving. Part of this celebration took place in the Show Cave down at Wookey Hole with beer and cheese (matured in the caves). I am also reminded that 2010 is 75 years for the Ramblers' Association. The most important celebration though has still got to be 25 years of the ROBIN HOOD WAY ASSOCIATION. We are not exactly sure of the date but we do know that it was definitely at the end of May so we are starting our celebrations and fun on 28th May. If you have any ideas for making this a year to remember please get in touch with me – telephone or better still drop me a line with details and I will set things off. My contribution is to arrange a celebration dinner for all members and their guests, friends past and present and for anyone who has had any connection with us. All are welcome. Further details will be sent out very soon but I am hoping for a date in September in the Newark/Southwell area. Posh frocks a must and the ladies can wear them also!

*Elizabeth*

## THE TWO CANALS WALK ON SUNDAY 7th FEBRUARY

We were guided on this occasion, by Richard, well known for his lovely walks. Although quite cold it was a sunny day and once we got walking it was fine. We started off the walk with a quick game in the Bramcote Hills park. This was great fun – you have to go round the 'clock' but you are not allowed to cross over the bricks. You must go along each route, so starting at 1 o'clock to get to two o'clock you may have to travel round and through the maze a number of times to get there. Well, the eight of us out that day were children at heart! Once finished with the game then onto the Ice House, hidden away in the bank side, and onto the Holocaust Memorial and wall, then through the gardens. All this before we started the walk. A quick start in the right direction and up to the Hemlock Stone for more discussion on what – when – how etc. Finally on to the walk part of the walk. Over fields and along the canal, over more countryside, up a mountain (well it felt like it and it was the only one), along another well used canal and great lunch and break stops. Although in some places a little damp underfoot this was a great walk. As we journeyed round we could not help but notice so much litter about, everyone commented on this sad scene. Probably the brightest event of the day was the kingfisher flying up and down the canal. Two of us also saw a second one further along the Erewash river. There is a walk leaflet available for this walk so if you missed it never fear, you can get a copy from me when we next meet. Many thanks to Richard for this lovely walk.

*Elizabeth*

## THE DAFFODIL DAWDLE ON SUNDAY 7th MARCH

We started with 18 walkers or was that a further 20 walkers? Unfortunately the car park at Kirklington Station is rather small so when our walkers arrived only to find another group had also chosen the same day for their charity walk. I was not quite sure who was who, especially as we had some new walkers with us. In the end I started out with 18 along the fields and over various streams on towards the Southwell Trail for a quick refuelling stop and to find our first daffodils in Farnsfield. They may have only been a few inches tall but they were there. Through the village and here Geoff Rix took over our walk. We had decided to alter the route a little as only a week before the original route took us over onto Rob Lane – VERY deep in wet, thick mud which we could hardly keep our feet in places. Geoff took us through fields towards Meadow Farm and the point of our walk, to see if the bulbs planted by the RHWA members had grown. Carefully we climbed up and yes, not many, but yes there were some coming through. At the top we stopped for lunch, next to the cairn and our seat. This was new for quite a few people and the views from the lunch spot were at their best, covered with sunshine. Although a bit early, out came the little Easter Eggs – well I had to think of something as we were treated to Gingerbread People on the last walk with Richard. Refreshed, off we went in the sun, back to Farnsfield and along the river back to the station. A good day and surprisingly warm by the time we got back.

Many thanks to Geoff and Janet for walking this with me to keep me company whilst I found the route and to Geoff for finding the alternative section and keeping our feet drier. Thank you very much!

*Elizabeth*

### **GOOD FRIDAY 2nd APRIL WALK**

We started a little bit cold and damp but that could not dampen our spirits. Diana led us off along the river Trent, through the houses and onto the canal. We had done some of this walk, last year with Diana, but this year we started at the 'end' and walked in the opposite direction. After a quick stop for coffee and a master class in how narrow boats can turn into such a tight space to travel in and out of the basin we were off, following the canal, towards Beeston Lock. In the area of Lenton 11 of the group left us to walk back along the embankment, choosing to walk the 5½ miles (and staying drier).

The rest of the 20 walkers headed off for lunch at the lock. Our way back was slightly altered due to work being done to the flood defence system so we had to 'double back' a little before crossing over a large field and back along the side of the Trent. It was only as we climbed up to the A52(T) that we realised how quiet it was along the river. Once up on the bridge it was so noisy and very busy with traffic. Following the river and into the lovely section of Wilford village, a dream of a village green, many of us decided which property we would like to have, before entering the church to see the old mortuary. Off now to the old Wilford bridge crossing and to again smile at the board with the toll charges - I just love this old board. Then back along the river to our cars. Only at the last did we encounter the rain but this could not dampen our spirits after a lovely walk. Thank you Diana.

This walk was also open to the Gedling walking group and on the Guided Walks Programme and I am pleased to say that we now have another walker who would like to join the RHWA walks as a result.

*Elizabeth*

### **THE DERBYSHIRE WALK**

You could perhaps be forgiven for thinking that spring had finally sprung on Saturday 17th April as the weather, although chilly at first, lead into a very warm day and by the afternoon it was positively hot whilst walking. The sun shone the whole way round Big Moor, Frogatt Edge, Curbar Edge and Baslow Edge. One of the highlights of the day had to be the highland cattle with their lovely faces. They were right across our path - such gentle giants and their little calves were a delight to see. Fortunately for me we did not encounter any of the vipers and in over forty years I have never seen one – long may that remain!

We had a very good carvery meal with lots of chatter and most important on such a hot day, a chance to have a cold drink. I hope you all found your way safely home afterwards. Thanks to Jenny and Rod for their help and hope to see you on the next walk with them in July.

*Elizabeth*

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Chris will lead a walk for us in June – all details to follow shortly.

A quick reminder of our walk on Saturday 3rd July round Tuxford with Rod and Jenny. This is six miles, meeting at 10.30am from the village car park on Newark Road, Tuxford. Please bring a packed lunch. Also there will be a visit to the Windmill Tea Rooms at the end.

In September there will be a walk with me – Elizabeth – Starting in Ranby and taking in the Chesterfield Canal and Osberton Hall. A walk sheet will be sent to everyone.

Alan Rogers will be doing one walk in October and Aubrey is arranging one for November 7th. Walk sheets will be sent out when I receive all the details from our leaders.

Confirmation of Saturday 4th December for our Walk/AGM/Dinner.

*Elizabeth*

On Friday 18th June at 4.00pm through until 6.00pm Saturday 19th June a very remarkable man called Stephen Turner will be running the whole 105 miles of the Robin Hood Way. He is running for a Cancer Charity and will be sponsored. To mark this magnificent event the Committee has decided to present Stephen with his Certificate in a frame at the end of the run. It is also hoped that as he comes over the finish line he will be holding our new guide book high for all to see. This way we can help publicise him and his cause and we can share with launching the book. If any one would like to be there at the event please let me know and I can pass on all the details and times.

*Elizabeth*