

WELLINGBOROUGH RAMBLES !

Welcome to my first and perhaps only edition of "Wellingborough Rambles" the online eNewsletter for Wellingborough Ramblers.

It was started last year to keep our membership informed of what was happening within the group more often than the thrice yearly hard copy newsletter published with each programme. The hard copy version will still be published and distributed as at present but we hope that this eNewsletter will be more up to date and relevant. Registration is via our website at www.wellingboroughramblers.co.uk so please tell you friends to sign up. JB

PLEASE NOTE THE WALK PLANNED FOR THURSDAY 8TH MARCH HAS HAD TO BE POSTPONED AND WILL NOW APPEAR IN THE NEXT PROGRAMME JB

COMMITTEE MATTERS

At the AGM held in November a number of changes were made to the committee. New members elected were Jane Stuart and John and Dianne Mann. Maxine Byrom succeeded Jim Timpson as Group Secretary and will do this as well as Social Secretary which she has done very successfully over the last 12 months. Stuart Roberts has taken over the Footpath Secretary job from Gwilym Thomas, a position that Gwilym has filled with much success over many years. The map library is now being looked after by Margaret Higgins and contains some new maps of our area, centred differently to standard OS maps allowing walks to be on one map only. Contact Margaret on 01933 441270 for more details.

To recognise your committee go to www.wellingboroughramblers.co.uk/committee

WALKS COORDINATORS

There have been changes to our walks coordinators with Diane Mann taking over Wednesdays from Gwilym Thomas and Pam Barrett Thursdays from Paul Waterton. Margaret Higgins continues with Tuesdays and assists Rose Hunt for Saturdays. I am still covering Sundays but would appreciate someone else taking on this role as it can clash with the publishing of the programme. I am sure that all of our leaders will continue to give their support to these new officers. We are always looking for new leaders especially for Sundays and the longer walks on Thursdays. Please contact myself, John Bedford or Pam Barrett if you fancy having a go.

AWAYDAY

Our 2012 awayday will be to Derbyshire but because of a very busy spring it has been very difficult to find a suitable date, the earliest being Saturday 23rd June.

The provisional itinerary will be for the coach to pick up at Higham Ferrers Market Square at 8.00am and Wellingborough High Street at 8.30am. It will drop off the long walkers around 11.00am and those doing the shorter walks soon after. The coach will continue on to Hardwick Hall, a National Trust property, arriving at approximately 12.30pm. It will leave around 4.00pm and return to meet the walkers at a suitable Inn or public house where refreshment may be taken before leaving for home at around 6.00pm. We anticipate that we should arrive at Wellingborough at 8.00pm and Higham Ferrers at 8.30pm. Final details will be available on the web site shortly and a booking slip will be included in the next newsletter due to be published in the middle of April.

SITS VAC

Listed below are a number of positions that are vacant at both Area and within the Wellingborough group. The Ramblers in this area are very successful in arranging a diverse range of walks and activities for its members and to ensure that we can continue to do this new members for the committees are always needed.

WELLINGBOROUGH require a **NEWSLETTER EDITOR** preferably to produce both the three, four monthly paper newsletter and the monthly or bi-monthly eNewsletter. A computer is essential but attendance at committee meetings may not be.

The impressive website designed by Paul Waterton is at this time being maintained by Martin Alcock on a temporary basis and so as not to loose this, a new **WEBMASTER** is needed. Again a computer is essential plus a degree of artistic flare and willingness to have ago.

A **COORDINATOR** for Sunday walk would also be an asset as, whilst I am doing it at this time, it does clash with the production of the programme which obviously takes priority. I believe that Sunday walks are important as they can attract new members who are still at work and cannot make mid-week.

AREA are looking for a **MINUTE SECRETARY** and a **PUBLICITY OFFICER** both of which also require computer skills. Please see their website for more details. www.northantsramblers.org.uk

QUIZ NIGHT

The area quiz night will this year be held at 7.30pm on Saturday May 23rd in the Village Hall, Pound Lane, Moulton where there is a licensed bar and good parking.

Entry to the Quiz is free but it would be greatly appreciated if each team entered would kindly donate a suitable prize for the raffle.

Graham Edmonds has again kindly volunteered to be the Quiz Master, those of you who took part last year will recall he offered a wide range of intriguing and stimulating questions which resulted in a very close finish and a new Group as champions!

Wellingborough have been getting closer to success in recent years and we are hoping to again enter the maximum of three teams. Anyone who is interested should contact Maxine before March 26th when final entries are required.

WALKING AROUND SWANAGE

Doreen & David Stringer have offered to organise a series of circular walks starting in the Swanage area from Monday 11th June to Friday 15th June 2012 It will consist of two half day walks on the first and last days and longer day walks on each of the other 3 days. Walkers need to provide their own transport to the area and arrange overnight accommodation. There are a few caravans to rent on the site that Doreen & David use but early booking is essential.

If you are interested in this trip please contact David or Doreen on 01604 459156 for more details, or visit our website.

WAENDAL WALK WEEKEND

This is to take place on the weekend 11th to 13th May and I have always believed that as a major "walking club" we should be involved. I hope that we can all discuss this in the coming weeks and at our next meeting. If you have any thoughts on this please let us know.

IF YOU HAVE ANY PHOTOS, ARTICLES OR ANECDOTES YOU WANT TO SHARE WITH OUR MEMBERS PLEASE SEND THEM TO :- editor@wellingboroughramblers.co.uk