

Ramblins - May 2015

Walk Leader Awards 2015 - Winners

Thank you to everyone who came along to the excellent pie and pea evening at Harland Café and then a bop at The Old Crown, where Mahogany Newt were playing a great rock music set.

The winners of our 2015 Walk Leader awards are:

- Most Walks Led: Jim Conibear and James Scott - tied on 20 walks each
- Longest Walk Led: James Scott - Woodhead Skyline, 27 miles and 3000 ft.
- Shortest Walk Led: Raj Joshi - 0.01 miles - Start Point to adjacent pub, due to rain (softies)
- Most People on a Walk - Kath & Pete - 38+ on the Hens & Stags walk
- Muddiest Walk - Sue Killeen's Linacre Reservoir mud bath
- Wettest Walk - Russell's Bamford Moor drenching
- Best Hat / Costume - Martin Wistrow for his Easyjet Hat
- Above and Beyond - Liz & Martin - for the extra recce the evening before their walk, leaving Easter Eggs for the walk the following day.
- Best Scenic Photo - Rachel's beautiful Scafell orange grass and clouds
- Best Pretty Photo - Kevin's meander through the heather in full flower
- Best Quirky Photo - Jim Conibear's cricket match through the spokes of a yellow bike

Congratulations to our winners and a big thank you for all your efforts, and to all our walk leaders, who dream up walk after walk for us.

Upcoming Socials (details on website, www.s40wg.org)

Friday 5th June, 8pm - Pub Crawl and a Dance - Meet Shakespeare Pub 146-148 Gibraltar Street, West Bar, Sheffield, S3 8UB, moving onto Brooklyn Bar, Ball Street S3 8BR, then Fat Cat and afterwards The Riverside for a dance. Contact Jean 07795 203 867 for further information.

Friday 3rd July, evening - Race Night - Godfrey is raising money for Oxfam (Trailtrekker Challenge 2015) - and there is a Race Night fundraiser at the Angel Inn, Grenoside. Pie, Peas & Chips is £3.50. All proceeds to Oxfam. More details here: [Details](#)

Upcoming Weekends Away (details on website, www.s40wg.org)

22-25 May - Seahouses Weekend - There is 1 place left for a man (gosh, that is something that could have a double meaning...). If you are interested in a fab walking weekend by the sea, please email us at swg40s@hotmail.co.uk

26-28 June, Dentsdale Music & Beer Festival - We are heading back to High Laning Camp site for our annual pilgrimage to Dent. This is where we can hang up our walking boots and enjoy the festival – Don't worry though – there's plenty of good walking here too if you want it! We are now taking booking for the camping - booking details on website, www.s40wg.org

28-31 August - The 40s Summer Getaway - Details to be confirmed.

2-4 October, Walking weekend at Chamois Centre, Llanberis - Accommodation at the centre is hostel / bunkhouse style. There will be 20 -24 places available for 2 nights in the centre costing approx £40 each. Please note – Due to location and limited number of places available on walks, it is unlikely booking alternative accommodation is suitable for this weekend.

Walks and Walking Events

Navigation Course - Saturday 12th September - There are two places left for the navigation course. The cost is £10 and the closing date for applications is 29th May. Please email swg40s@hotmail.co.uk for details.

9-17 May - Chesterfield Walking Festival - A week of walks from 2 to 34 miles. 10th May is the 10th anniversary of the Chesterfield round walk - full distance is 34 miles at quite a speed but you can just do part of it. More details: [Chesterfield Walking Festival](#)

13th, 14th June - James's Long distance Dales 3 Peaks and Alternate 3 Peaks Walks - James is offering two walks in the Dales of 23 miles each. For more details please see the walks programme for June. Those wishing to walk on both Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th, to do 6 peaks in one weekend, will be able to find a variety of suitable accommodation in or around Horton and Kettlewell.

We continue to put on three walks per weekend and also some mid week walks for the summer months (usually 6-10 miles on Saturday and Sunday, and a 12+ miles on Sunday), thanks to our hard working walk leaders - full details here: [Walks Programme](#). Please always take the time to thank your walk leader after a walk - without their dedication we would not exist as a group.

Ramblers News

Ramblers General Council, 28th and 29th March 2015

Raj Joshi and Jez Kenyon attended the General Council in Cambridge. It was an interesting experience - the highlight was a talk between Kate Ashbrook, President of Ramblers, and Fiona Reynolds, previous President of the National Trust.

Jez Kenyon, our web editor, was elected as a Ramblers trustee for the next 3 years - please feel free to drop him an email about anything Ramblers related that is exercising you (jez@jez.cc). A note from Jez, following his first Board Meeting last week:

"This weekend I attended my first Ramblers board meeting (note that these meetings include our CEO, Central Office Management and our President) and I wanted to share my impressions with you.

I had no idea what to expect, but in a word it was brilliant.

The first thing was to see at first hand just how passionate both my fellow trustees and the central office staff are, about Ramblers. Put simply, they love this organisation and work their socks off for it.

We had of course to go through a fair bit of boring business but we kept getting onto subjects where people's passion and enthusiasm really showed through. As soon as we got away from the business stuff in the sessions, and whenever we had chats between sessions and in the evenings it was one long enthusiastic conversation about what we could do and how to improve things and achieve Ramblers goals.

There was an energy and a desire to further Ramblers that was utterly refreshing. It's sad when sometimes everything seems to be about governance or problems, because that hides that passion. I wish I could have canned some of it and put it on YouTube for you all to see.

The second thing was to see how much more of a long term and strategic view is taken of things than I had previously understood. There is a plan, a big plan, and it's a good plan, a very good plan indeed. I have seen plenty of businesses and their plans and visions, and they vary a lot - but the goals and ambitions this plan has are spot on.

Central Office have a clear sense of what they want Ramblers to achieve and how - whether just by someone being a member and going walking, or by getting stuck in with footpath work, or a whole host of national things we see much less of - it's great. The Board are fully behind those goals and ambitions and everyone is working together to achieve that, using a large variety of skills."

The Big Pathwatch

This project aims to survey every right of way in England and Wales by gathering valuable data about the state of our path network. The project is planned to launch in July 2015.

An app for smartphones is being produced. This will let you quickly and easily report a problem with a path, such as a broken stile, blocked path, overgrown path or missing signage. The app will automatically log the location for the report and attach a photo.

You can read more about the project here: [The Big Pathwatch](#)

Committee News

If you would like to get involved in organising walks or socials or helping the committee please speak to a committee member or email the Group email (swg40s@hotmail.co.uk).

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Happy Walking,

Your Committee

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