



FOREST NEWS

Editor: Ronnie Walker

Forest of Dean
Group



NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome is extended to new members who have joined the Group since the last Forest News.

Membership is now 204. (Down by 5)

PROGRAMME DEADLINE

- **July 2018 to October 2018 programme.**
e-mail: walks@fodramblers.org.uk

Details of walks for the next programme should be submitted no later than 3rd June, directly onto the Group website if possible (www.fodramblers.org.uk), or to the walks co-ordinator. Any member, whether old or new, is welcome to lead a walk. Anyone who wants to borrow books of walks or who needs help to organise a walk, please contact any Committee member.

A big thank you goes to everyone who has led a walk since the last newsletter was published.

The 2017 AGM Meeting:-

The Forest of Dean Ramblers held its 39th Annual General Meeting on Friday 10th November 2017.

Here is a brief rundown of what took place at the meeting.

Reports from the Chairman, Secretary, the auditor on behalf of Treasurer, Footpath Officer, Walks co-ordinator, Membership secretary were all well received.

Election of officers, most were willing to continue with the exception of the Treasurer.

A new Treasurer was voted in:-Ronnie Walker.
The evening concluded with drinks and shared supper.

Editor, Ronnie Walker

HOLIDAY FOR FOD RAMBLERS

We will be staying at the Rendezvous Hotel, situated on the canal side a short distance outside Skipton. We will be staying on a dinner bed and breakfast deal. The hotel has its own pool and gym. Across the road is the local Aldi for any essentials you may need. Skipton is about 15 mins walk along the canal.

Every walk day there will be a choice of walks, hard/moderate and moderate/easy. The walks are all planned, and will be allocated to leaders accordingly. Leaders are still required please. The highlight of our walks so far will be Pen Y Gent from Horton to Settle, Ingleborough from Clapham village and the Ingleton Waterfalls. We will have one free day to allow our driver a day off.

But I am sure someone will lead a walk that day too.

All transport is by our coach, to and from walks and from our home base. Pick up points are still to be agreed.

There are still places available please contact Sue Marshall on mobile :- 07808150741 or by email soozie1946@outlook.com or post Sue Marshall, FOD Ramblers, 18 Trafalgar Close, Monmouth, NP25 5DR

IMPORTANT – READ THIS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE RECEIVING PRINTED PROGRAMMES AND NEWSLETTERS

It's a long time since we assessed who needs me to send them a printed programme and newsletter.

I know that some of you have acquired an e-mail address and it would be great if we could use this to send you information, rather than the post. If this is the case please could let me know by emailing me at membership@fodramblers.org.uk

You may have someone else from the group who prints off the programme and newsletter for you, and so you don't need me to send them.

However, if you do need me to continue sending you printed communications, please can you give me a ring on **01291 689954** – and everything will carry on as usual.

Thank you, Lynn
Forest of Dean Ramblers, Membership Secretary

40 years of Rambling for the FoD Group

August 2018 will mark 40 years of rambling for our group. We are planning to offer the very first walk followed by a get together and, hopefully, we will also have a range of memorabilia on display.

We want to invite as many previous members as possible and you can help us with this celebration by:

- 1) Giving names and contact details of any previous member you are still in touch with, or know of, to secretary@fodramblers.org.uk or telephone 01594 564417
- 2) Letting us have any early walking programmes or any photos from early days to the present. These can be given to any committee member or emailed to secretary@fodramblers.org.uk as convenient.

Thank you
Secretary (Jackie Huck)

Coleford Area Walking Festival

Running from Monday 15th May to Sunday 21st May, this walking festival offers 25 great walks for all abilities and interests. These range from a one mile accessible route to more strenuous 8 mile walks. The walks programme offers night wildlife or wild flower walks, walks showcasing the FoD's rich heritage and even a chance to try out geocaching. For full information visit www.colefordareawalking

Thank you
Secretary (Jackie Huck)

This year we are 40 years old! **We need your help to celebrate:**

September 2018 will be quite a milestone in the history of our Group; it will mark 40 years since our inauguration. To mark the occasion we are planning to invite previous and current members to join a short 2.5 mile walk followed by tea and cake at Yorkley Community Centre on **Saturday 22nd September**. There will be an opportunity to meet up with old friends or to hear from those who were members long before some of us even thought of being a Rambler. There will also be a display of photos and other memorabilia.

THE HELP WE NEED IS: are you in contact with a previous member? If so, would you give us their contact details so we can send them an invitation?

Do you have any photos, items of interest (perhaps badges, details of holidays organised by the Group) or any interesting facts to share?

We would love to hear from you so please contact Jackie at secretary@fodramblers.org.uk or 01594 564417

Gallery



Last year's Daffs – we await this year's arrival.

GO Outdoors: Extra Discount

GO Outdoors are offering members of Ramblers a further 10% discount off the 10% discount card. That means a minimum of 10% off the RRP with the discount card plus another 10% off for members of "Ramblers". All you need to do is show your Ramblers membership card as proof of membership at the payment desk in store.

FROM THE EDITOR

I will endeavour to keep it simple. Any News for future publication gratefully received. More stories welcome.

EXPLORING HISTORIC DEAN

Hard copies from me... £8 a book.

Editor (*Ronnie Walker*)

EDITORIAL CONTACT DETAILS

Telephone: 01594 845225
e-mail: ronaldwalker335@btinternet.com

Footnote:-

It is always good to have a reminder of what has happened in the past to help one be prepared for future possible reoccurrences.