



FOREST NEWS

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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 203. (We lost 1 member)

PROGRAMME DEADLINE

- **July 2019 to October 2019 programme.**
E-mail: walks@fodramblers.org.uk

Details of walks for the next programme should be submitted no later than 8th 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 2018 AGM report

The Forest of Dean Ramblers held its 40th Annual General Meeting on Friday 9th November 2018.

The meeting went well. All officers were re-elected.

Lynn Stockley – membership officer is standing down at the 2019 AGM. Volunteer to take on the role most welcome. It could be you!

The shared supper went down a treat too.

Since the meeting Mike Ingleby has volunteered to be our Area Representative, we look forward to a report or two during the year ahead.

Jackie Huck,
Secretary

Grange-Over-Sands 2019

There is only one room left on this holiday (twin/double) so if you fancy joining us on this Lake District ramble where there will be a choice of two walks daily then contact Sue Marshall at soozie1946@outlook.com for further details.

Dates confirmed for the trip is the 28th April 2019 to 5th May 2019.

It may be too late to book this one, but:-

Holiday in June 2020 based in Keswick.

We are proud to announce a very advanced notice for your diary of a holiday in 2020. Yes, 2020, it is not a typo! More details in our next newsletter.

Good luck to those going to the Lake Districts.

The editor,
Ronnie

LLyn Peninsula 2019

The trip will take place from Wednesday 8th May 2019 to Sunday 12th May 2019

Based at Nefyn, Gwynedd at the Nanhoron Arms Hotel.

The three planned rambles will take us from Trefor to Nefyn, Nefyn to Pont-yr-Fawr and Pont-yr-Fawr to Aberdarron. A total of some 30 miles along the northwest coastline of the Llyn Peninsula.

You may get full details from Ronnie Walker.

Please check the website

It is rare for a walk to be cancelled but it can happen. For instance adverse weather makes the walk or travelling to it unsafe or perhaps there is a road closure affecting the start point so it is always worth checking our website before a walk as any changes will be posted there.

Pathwatch.

Ramblers have built an entire application which allows you to report a problem via a smart phone whilst out walking. There is also an online version which may be used from the comfort of your home. Reported problems do get sent through to the relevant Highways Authority. The app can also be used to post other things like interesting flora and fauna or an impressive view. Go to the Ramblers national website (www.ramblers.org.uk) for more information and how to download the app.

<https://www.fodramblers.org.uk/>

Dogs on walks

Our group welcomes well behaved dogs on our walks and has done so for many years. We want to do so for many years to come. Following an incident on a recent walk, members who bring dogs along are reminded of the Ramblers Dog Walking Code for safe and happy walks with dogs and how to avoid causing problems for others.

It can be found at

www.ramblers.org.uk/advice/safety/dog-walkers.aspx .
In line with this code our Group is asking for dogs to be on short leads (ie not extendable) when on narrow footpaths, around livestock (legal requirement), in open access areas between 1st March and 31st July (legal requirement), where signage requests it or when the walk leader asks.

Also, please prevent your dog from approaching horse riders, cyclists or other people and their dogs uninvited. It is all sensible stuff and we thank you for your continued cooperation.

Notice issued by the Secretary
Jackie Huck

Gallery



Chepstow Castle pictured from across the river Wye. The Chepstow Castle foundations were started in 1067 and completed in 1188, it was expanded to its present size during the period 1189 to 1300. The first builder in charge was William FitzOsbern. King Edward I visited the castle in 1284.

The Wye Bridge was opened on 24th July 1816. So walk or drive carefully over it when you next do so.

The Editor,
Ronnie

Here is a reminder that our website is as above.

Please renew your favourite with it. Our site holds details of our current program and some details of previous programs.

Any suggestions for improvements are welcomed.

Regards
The Editor

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.

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Late News :-

Restoration of the footbridge re-connects the footpaths between the 12th century St. Mary's Church and Lydney Lake and offers a unique viewpoint of the Dean Forest Heritage Railway running below. The formal opening ceremony takes place on Saturday March 9th.

Even later news :-

Editor is going to Woodstock to celebrate 50 years since the original Woodstock. Keep on rocking man!

Upcoming anniversary :- 50 years ago too.

*Neil Armstrong became the first person to step onto the lunar surface six hours later on **July 21** at 02:56:15 UTC; Buzz Aldrin joined him 19 minutes later.*

Footnote:-

A walk in the park is something that is very easy to do, and usually pleasant. A Ramble is a walk in the countryside (usually) not so easy but usually pleasant.