



# 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 7)

## PROGRAMME DEADLINE

- **November 2017 to February 2018 programme.**  
e-mail: [walks@fodramblers.org.uk](mailto:walks@fodramblers.org.uk)

Details of walks for the next programme should be submitted no later than 3<sup>rd</sup> October, directly onto the Group website if possible ([www.fodramblers.org.uk](http://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.

## Annual General Meeting 2017

The Forest of Dean AGM will be held on the Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7pm – meeting starting at 7:30pm, venue to be announced later.

The group is still looking for a New Treasurer!!!

You are most welcome to come along.

Editor

*(Ronnie Walker)*

## HOLIDAY FOR FOD RAMBLERS

Rendezvous Hotel Skipton 6th May - 13th May 2018 (inc Bank Holiday)  
Full English breakfast & Three course dinner &  
Free wifi & Use of hotel leisure facilities including swimming pool & jacuzzi  
Choice of walks daily!

**Twin and double rooms (all ensuite) £495 per person :Singles (all ensuite) maximum of 6 (first come first served) £575**

Coach transport to/from Skipton and throughout the walking holiday.

Further details contact:-

Sue Marshall at [soozie1946@outlook.com](mailto:soozie1946@outlook.com)

## NORTH WALES WAY 2017

This is a report on the completion of the North Wales Way which took place from 23<sup>rd</sup> April to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Despite the northerly wind and a different running order (day 3 done first and day 1 last), the rain was only on the first day and the wind abated on day 2 and 3. The rambles were long and quite varied – day 1 mainly tarmac cycle/walk way. Day 2 along the sea shore with a 3 to 4 mile inland twist. Day 3 – bus ride followed by two ORMES the Great and Little. The picture is of us on the Little Orme taken by a passer-by. The Great Orme is above us. My thanks goes to all who took part. It was good fun with excellent rambling.



**Ronnie Walker.**

## The Eve Appeal: protecting women from gynaecological cancers

The Eve Appeal is organising a “walk to remember” event on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017 offering participants both a 26 mile and 13 mile route. The circular 26 mile route begins in Bourton-on-the-Water, before heading out onto the Oxfordshire Way and then joining the Diamond Way, through Daylesford, Adlestrop and then into Lower Oddington – the location of the lunch stop and the start of the 13 mile route. The walk continues along the Macmillan Way and then onto the Gloucestershire Way and Warden's Way. The final part of the challenge will join the path along the River Windrush, before heading back to Bourton-on-the-Water to the finish.

If you are interested in finding out more go to [www.eveappeal.org.uk/walk](http://www.eveappeal.org.uk/walk) or phone on 020 7605 0100. There is a registration fee of £25 and a minimum sponsorship of £300.

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### Our varied walks programme

Thanks to a great bunch of walk leaders, our group continues to offer a varied and interesting walks programme. Over the last 4 months we have had the choice of 37 walks (not including the walks during our North Wales trip) ranging from 4 miles to 14 miles. Seven have been between 4 and 6 miles, 20 between 7 and 10 miles whilst there were 10 walks of over 10 miles. Most have been in the Forest of Dean (15) or the Black Mountains/Brecon Beacons (12).

If there is a walk, either of a particular length or in an area you would like to do, why not put one on the next programme? Nothing is too long/too short or too near/too far so just give it a go! If you want some help have a chat with one of current walk leaders and they will be pleased to give you all the support you want.

Ian Walding,  
Walks co-ordinator.

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### Email addresses

If you haven't wanted to let Ramblers at a national level have your email address but would be happy to give it to your local group, please send it through to [membership@fodramblers.org.uk](mailto:membership@fodramblers.org.uk). We use email to notify members that a new programme has been published, send out information about special events and holidays and issue notifications of unavoidable and unexpected changes to walks, for example a road closure near the start point.

Have you changed your email? Please let the membership secretary know. We can't change the national database, or even request a change on your behalf, but we can alter things at a local level.

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### 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% of 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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## Dawn Chorus walk Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017 At 5.30am

### Birds heard:

Blue Tit, Tree Pipette, Black Cap, Blackbird, Tawny Owl, Wren, Wood Pigeon, Great Tit, Song Thrush, Crow, Pheasant, Gold Crest, Robin, Willow Warbler, Chiff Chaff, Dunnuck  
Total: 16

### Birds seen:

Mallard, Mandarin Duck, Swallow, Grey Wag Tail, Grey Heron, Raven, Jay, Moorhen Total: 8

### Other Wildlife:

Boar, Deer, Rabbit and Squirrel

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### FROM THE EDITOR

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

More stories welcome.

### EXPLORING HISTORIC DEAN

Copies from me... £8 a book.

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(Ronnie Walker)

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*Footnote:-*

*Walk down the lane, then continue on a grassy track (follow footpath sign), passing a house with yappy dogs and go over a stile. From here, bear right across the field towards the far corner of the field, ignoring the stile on your right but following the two-way footpath sign perched in the middle of the field; head for the far corner to cross a stile and a small bridge. Follow the path through the woods and above the river. When you emerge from the trees and the path levels out, you come to a signpost with three blank arms where you turn right through a gate.*