



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 200. (Down by 3)

PROGRAMME DEADLINE

- **November 2018 to February 2019 programme.**
E-mail: walks@fodramblers.org.uk

Details of walks for the next programme should be submitted no later than 3rd October, 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 Meeting:-

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

SKIPTON 2018 REPORT

39 ramblers stayed at the Rendezvous Hotel, Skipton.

Every walk day there was a choice of walks, hard/moderate and moderate/easy. The highlight of our walks was Pen Y Gent from Horton to Settle, Ingleborough from Clapham village and the Ingleton Waterfalls, Malham and Malham Cove, Grassington and Bolton Abbey.

I can't comment on the long walks as I did all the shorter walks. Malham Cove stones were incredible on the Monday, Tuesday along the Wharfedale river at Bolton Abbey was very pretty, Thursday saw us up and down the Ingleborough waterfalls and up and down the valley beyond it, Friday saw me leading from Grassington to Burnsall along another stretch of the pretty Wharfedale river and then across farm land crossing many stone wall stiles to Linton and back into Grassington. Saturday saw a group tackle Pen-Y-Ghent whilst the short walkers tackled a Ribbleshead Viaduct

route mingling with the three peaks challenge participants.

All transport needs were met by Grindles 49 seater coach. All seemed to have a reasonable good time.

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IMPORTANT CHANGES REGARDS PROGRAMMES AND NEWSLETTERS

“The Ramblers Association (RA), like many other organisations, is starting to implement the General Data Protection Regulations. The FoDR Committee has agreed that a small number of Committee members will work to clarify what the implications are for us at in FoDR. We'll try to keep bureaucracy to a minimum, and also minimise any effects on you, our members. We'll also be sharing what we're doing to ensure your privacy and security.

Although the regulations officially came into effect on the 25th May, RA has made it clear that there will undoubtedly be a learning period for us all!

If you have any queries or concerns, contact the Membership Secretary at membership@fodramblers.org.uk"

ST. ANTHONY'S WELL

We visited the well on 22nd May 2018, since then I have found this out about it.

St Anthony's Well is an ancient spring whose name dates from the medieval period. However, prehistoric flint implements have been found in the springs vicinity as well as Iron Age and Roman artefacts and it seems likely that the well was a ritual site for a long period of time. Saint Anthony's Well water is always extremely cold and for generations local people have bathed in it for the treatment of rheumatism and arthritis.

The current stone bathing pool constructed in the early 20th century.

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Gallery



Bolton Abbey, Near Skipton May 2018

Exploring Historic Dean.

Books sold so far this year 61 (6 sold on-line), we have 781 books to sell!

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Navigation Course: 27th and 28th October - Last 3 places

Fed up with getting lost? Don't have the confidence to read a map or steering a bearing? Well, this course might just be what you need. Led by Mike Ingleby, on day one you will learn about map interpretation (this is a theory day based at Yorkley Community Centre) whilst on day two, you will practice what you have learnt in a practical session on and around Cleeve Hill. The group will be limited to 8 so you will get plenty of attention and we have just three places left.....if you snooze you lose!

Contact: Jackie at secretary@fodramblers.org.uk to book a place.

40th Anniversary Event: 22nd September

Join us at Yorkley Community Centre to celebrate 40 years of Rambling for the Forest of Dean Group.

Former members who have had a significant role in the establishment and running of our group have been invited. We have an optional short walk planned followed by tea and cake and a display of memorabilia. If you have any photos to share or know of someone who ought to be invited, please contact Jackie at secretary@fodramblers.org.uk

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

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.

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Hard copies from me... £8 a book.

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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.