



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. (Up by 4)

PROGRAMME DEADLINE

- **March 2019 to June 2019 programme.**
E-mail: walks@fodramblers.org.uk

Details of walks for the next programme should be submitted no later than 1st March, 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 notice

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

It will be held at Yorkley Community Centre doors open at 7:30pm. Please bring and share a supper.

New committee members always welcome.

Jackie Huck,
Secretary

Grange-Over-Sands 2019

Dates:- Sunday 28th April 2019 to Sunday 4th May 2019

Base:- The Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange-Over-Sands

Transport by coach to the hotel and to the rambles.

Rambles:- A choice of two per day except Wednesday.

35 members have paid deposits, a few more very welcome. Volunteer walk leaders most welcome too.

Full details from Sue Marshall

LLyn Peninsula 2019

Dates:- Wednesday 8th May 2019 to Sunday 12th May 2019

Base:- Nefyn, Gwynedd at the Nanhoron Arms Hotel.

Rambles:- 1. Trefor to Nefyn 2. Nefyn to Pont-yr-Fawr
3. Pont-yr-Fawr to Aberdarron.

You may get full details from the editor Ronnie Walker.

Gloucestershire Area AGM

Our group will be hosting the Area AGM on Saturday 19th January 2019, door open at 10am for a 10:30am start. The Catholic Hall in Coleford will be the venue for this event. You can help make it a wonderful event, so please join in. Bring and share a lunch, with a short ramble after lunch (weather permitting).

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EITHER OR BOTH
WINTER STROLL (6 MILES) & CHRISTMAS LUNCH
Friday 30th November 2018



Park at Whitemead Forest Park, Parkend GL15 4LA
10am - A Winter Stroll - 6 miles
1.30pm - Festive Christmas Lunch
The new Restaurant overlooking the park.



Choice of 3 starters
Traditional Roast Turkey, Pigs in Blankets, Stuffing
OR
Mushroom, Brie, Hazelnut and Cranberry Wellington
Choice of 3 desserts
Freshly brewed Coffee and Mince Pies



£15 including tips

Please give payment to Ronnie Walker or Peter Robbins, or post a cheque payable to Forest of Dean Ramblers, c/o 41 Cornpoppy Avenue, Monmouth, NP25 5SD as soon as possible so we can confirm the booking. In the event of illness we will endeavour to obtain a refund.

***** BOOK NOW OR BEFORE OCTOBER
20TH TO GET A PLACE *****

40th Anniversary Forest of Dean Ramblers

The Forest of Dean Ramblers was inaugurated on the 27th September 1978 and on Saturday 70 members and former members of the Forest of Dean Ramblers met at Yorkley Community Centre to celebrate the Group's 40th Anniversary with a circular walk in the forest followed by refreshments and the opportunity to browse through displays of memorabilia that included log books, newsletters and photographs.

The current Chairman Peter Robbins welcomed Kate Ashbrook, Chair of the Ramblers' Board of Trustees, and Bernie Gill, Chairman of Gloucestershire Area Ramblers. Both Kate and Bernie have often visited the Forest of Dean, and Kate officially opened the Upper Forge Bridge that was financed and rebuilt by members.

Roger Cox and Susan Warren, walk leaders who have both led walks throughout the Group's 40 years and continue to do so today, were each presented with a gift by Kate Ashbrook to mark this remarkable achievement.

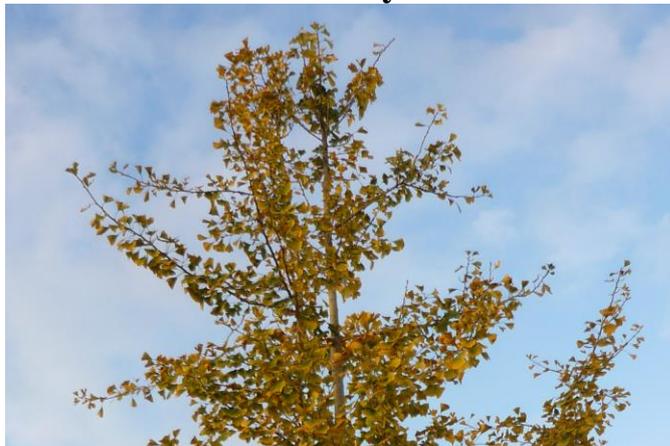
Founder Members, Robin Warren, his wife Susan and Ray Short who were the Group's first Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, cut the beautifully iced 40th Anniversary cake which was then handed round to those present.

For details of the walk programme:
www.fodramblers.org.uk
New members are always welcome.

Report supplied by Jenny Robbins.



Gallery



September Morn, Ginkgo Biloba, autumn colours

"The wonder of the world, the beauty and the power, the shape of things, their colour light and shades, these I saw – look you also while life lasts"
Katy Deer, died June 1977

Could you lead a walk?

More walk leaders are required by our group. Could you lead a local walk? Could you lead one further afield? There are plenty of old worn out leaders to assist you, if required.

Ronnie,
Worn out leader, second class with no medals.

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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Footnote:-

When it began, I can't say, but I know I'm growing older every day. The summer became autumn one September morn and I was happy just to be there.