

Stoke Lodge Ramblers AGM Saturday 27th October 2018.

Welcome to new members Phil Quartley, Deirdre O'Doherty, David and Debra Palczynski, Keith and Dianne Yeandel

Sadly the year has been diminished by the deaths of several members of the club. Helen has given some details in the latest newsletter but would like you to share a few moments with me remembering:

Toby O'Hara, Derek Klemperer, Ian Hopley, Pat Teesdale

Many of us have attended their funerals and heard of their remarkable lives but today I hope you will join with me in a round of applause for the loyal club members who gave so much to Stoke Lodge Ramblers.

Chairman's report

First a massive thank you to the committee members and walks leaders who have worked so hard to keep the club as an effective walking and social community.

MEMBERSHIP: Numbers for last year were around the 80 mark and we have started taking renewals for this year. I remind all of the request I made last year for every member to make it a personal target to introduce at least one new member in the coming year.

WALKS LEADERS: Margaret will thank you in her report but the heart of the club is its leaders who tirelessly walk out routes and lead us to places new. The Committee and walks leaders have discussed a guide for new walks leaders and that is now available. On the website we have published a list of suggestions for those new to membership to remind us all of how we should prepare for walks and therefore support our valiant band of leaders.

ADMIN – GDPR: thanks to Sue and Paul for keeping us on the straight and narrow and thanks to all for completion of permission slips to use your email.

INSURANCE: via HF is limited to public liability Claims up to £2.5M and professional indemnity of members up to £250k. Reminder that all are advised to have their own insurance for personal injury, loss of equipment and if going on our holidays for cancellation of bookings. Club does not cover these.

WEBSITE: thanks to Sue and Sue for maintaining this vital communication, particularly for uploading photos and advise on walks.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PAST YEAR

The Christmas Meal Cameley Lodge – superbly organised by Liz Hall.

New Year's Walk – after a good walk found pub closed and very grateful for Swan at Tytherington rescuing day and to Gordon and Wendy for their Leadership

Spring Social – Astrid Domingo-Molyneux Cycling Round the World 24 March. A friend of Gill Dunphy and outstanding speaker.

23 June Exeter Trip by Train where some 20 members had great day lout thanks to Andy's leadership supported by Dave Memery

Training events – Training walk in August with 7 participants one of whom, Phil, has already led excellent walk around Sand Point. Maps, compasses, Etrex available.

Willersley Castle at end September – Derbyshire Dales with 28 participants and superb walks around Youlgrave, Chatsworth and the Derbyshire Dales around Matlock. The hotel was Richard Arkwright's castle (Spinning mill fame) with superb views and solid food, though some of the accommodation was less than perfect. Great weekend walking with excellent walk leaders.

Monthly Lunches in Hunters-Thanks to Pat and Lilo

Future Events

Xmas meal and walk – 17th December Long Ashton Golf Course thanks to Hilda's strenuous efforts we have 36 booked in and a waiting list started.

New Years Day Swan at Tockington still needs walk leader

Spring Talk Michael Danson 6 April Travels in Antarctica

Summer Outing proposed as OXFORD – Train / cars 29/6 or 6/7, walking tour or walk along Thames sampling Beer at Inspector Morse's haunts tbc

Weekend 27-30 September - The Lion, Shrewsbury with Alan of Secret Hills

2019 AGM in October 2019

2019 Christmas Lunch Venue and volunteers to plan...

Ideas welcome for 2020 weekend away.

AND FINALLY

THANK YOU all for the support you have offered the club over the last year

Do Not FORGET – Sign up walks leaders – Margaret

Christmas Lunch list from Hilda to check meals, and booking

Renew Membership Lorna request for you to add emails and mobile phone numbers and seek permission to share these with other members to allow communication around walks.

SLIDES showing during meal thanks to Gordon to remind us of walks over the last year.

Enjoy the meal and thanks to all for bringing food.