



Chairman's Comments

I am very sorry to have to inform members of the death of Alan Madeley at the beginning of May. Alan was a long-standing supporter of walkers. He led walks for ourselves and for the Ramblers, and, as well as reporting on footpath problems, he did a lot of work on path clearance. He will be greatly missed.

The 40th Anniversary Walk will be held on Sunday 11th June from Christ Church, Aughton and will include a visit to the 20th anniversary seat on Clieves Hill and Devil's Wall. Ann has arranged for light refreshments to be provided by the volunteers at Gaw Hill Nature Reserve. The group will cover the cost of this but there will be an opportunity for you to make a donation towards the cost.

Please note that the AGM will be held at the Bowling Club, Sandy Lane, Old Skelmersdale, on Thursday 7th September. Following the successful pattern of the last two years the evening will commence with a walk at 6pm, which can be a little longer this year because the light should be better earlier in September. This will be followed by refreshments and the formal meeting at 7.30 pm.

I would like to thank John Partington and his daughter Gillian for the considerable time and effort they have put into improving the website which is now operational. John will highlight some of the changes later in this newsletter.

Finally can I remind you of the Green Fayre at Beacon Park, Dalton on 22nd and 23rd June. WLFG and West Lancashire Ramblers will have a joint stall. We will be particularly responsible for manning the stall on Sunday. If you are in the area do come along: there will be a lot happening.

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Footpath news

Nothing of consequence to report this month.

Peter.

Membership Matters

On behalf of the Committee, thank you to all of you who have renewed your membership. So far, I have received 75 subscription forms for this year, representing 97 paid-up members. Last year, our membership total was 128, so we are three quarters the way there. We still need to increase our numbers if we are to continue to operate successfully. We hope members will encourage friends and neighbours to come and try our walks. If you have friends nearing retirement perhaps you could draw attention to the health benefits membership brings.

John.

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NOTES ON OUR NEWLY UPDATED RESPONSIVE WEBSITE.

At Easter, our website was updated to be easier to use and navigate. All the previous information is still there, but hopefully in a more user friendly way.

Points of note:

- As you will see, the Home page contains the same photos as before. **It would be refreshing to have pictures of more recent walks.** If you have some, or take some in future, please send an original copy to John. (having got the permission of any person featured, of course.)
- The righthand sidebar on all pages lists links to our upcoming walks, (which can also be found on the Walks page). You can find full details by clicking on the location.
- The details page for each walk shows the meet point address and grid reference and has a useful link to Google Maps. Please be aware the Google pin will mark the centre of the postcode not the precise grid reference.
- The Newsletters' page shows the current and three previous issues.
- The Reported Problems page can be updated anytime. Again, photos and details of current issues should be sent to a Committee member.

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For details of West Lancashire Ramblers local walks please visit :-

www.ramblers.org.uk/west-lancashire
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